

2026

PORTLAND SEA DOGS GAME NOTES



Portland Sea Dogs (0-1) at Somerset Patriots (1-0)

RHP John Holobetz vs. LHP Kyle Carr

TD Bank Ballpark | Bridgewater Township, New Jersey

Saturday, April 4th, 2026 - 5:05pm

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Overall Record	0-1
First Half	0-1
Second Half	
Current Streak	1L
Longest Win Streak	
Standing	T2nd
Last 5 Games	0-1
Last 10 Games	0-1
Record H/R	NR/ 0-1
Series Sweeps by Dogs H/R	
Series Sweeps by Opp. H/R	
Series Finales H/R	
Extra Innings H/R	
Postponements	
DH Record W-L-S	
All-Time Record	2,115-2,115
All-Time Record at Home	1,103-1,014
All-Time Record on Road	1,017-1,107
Red Sox Affiliate	1,469-1,498
Transactions	
Players Used	14

ON THE SERIES

Games	0-1
Postponements	0
Record	0-1
Average	.107
Runs-Per-Game	2
Home Runs	1
Fielding Errors	2
SP W-L, ERA	0-1, 81.00
RP W-L-SV, ERA	0-0-0, 15.00
Save Opportunities	0-0

DELTA DENTAL PARK AT HADLOCK FIELD	
2026 Home Attendance	
Home Openings	
Average Attendance	
Sell Outs	
Openings Lost	



SEA DOGS DROP OPENING NIGHT GAME IN SOMERSET The Sea Dogs fell to the Somerset Patriots, 18-2 on Friday night. Max Ferguson blasted Portland's first homer of the season in the top of the fourth inning, a solo shot with two outs. The Sea Dogs' other run came in the third inning after Tyler McDonough drew a one out walk and Arias drove him home with an RBI single.

ARIAS STARTS SEASON WITH A MULTI-HIT GAME Franklin Arias recorded a pair of hits and an RBI on Opening Night. The top hitting prospect in the Red Sox organization had two four-hit games, eight three-hit games and 28 two-hit games in 116 games in 2025.

YOU WANT PROSPECTS? At just 20 years old, standout shortstop Franklin Arias enters 2026 as Portland's highest ranked prospect, number two overall in the Red Sox system. Portland's pitching staff is anchored by four Top-30 prospects, including o. 14 John Holobetz, no. 16 Hayden Mullins, no. 21 Gage Ziehl, and no. 26 Eduardo Rivera. Outfielders Miguel Bleis and Nelly Taylor join Arias as the only Portland position players featured on MLB.com's top-30 Prospects list, coming in at no. 17 and no. 22 respectively.

SOME FAMILIAR FACES Portland returns 17 players from past seasons: Pitchers Cooper Adams, Isaac Coffey, John Holobetz, Jorge Juan, Hayden Mullins, Eduardo Rivera, Dalton Rogers, Michael Sansone and Blake Wehunt, along with catchers Drew Ehrhard and Ronald Rosario. Returning infielders include Baseball America's Best Defensive Infielder Marvin Alcantara, Franklin Arias, Max Ferguson, Baseball America's Best Infield Arm Ahbram Lindo and Tyler McDonough while the outfield returns Miguel Bleis.

COMING FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE TO MAINE This season's roster consists of 18 American players from 15 different states with nine international players from four countries or territories. Four players hail from Venezuela (Rosario, Alcantara, Arias and Liendo), two from the Dominican Republic (Juan and Bleis), two from Puerto Rico (Eduardo and Erik Rivera, not related), and one from Cuba (Martinez).

JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU? At 20 years old, Franklin Arias is the youngest player on the roster, while 27-year-old Drew Ehrhard is the oldest. The average age of the team is 24 years old.

THIS DAY IN SEA DOGS HISTORY April 4, 2025 - Corey Rosier blasted a go-ahead grand slam in the sixth inning to put Portland ahead, 7-5 in Reading. It was the first grand slam hit by a Sea Dog on Opening Day since David Hamilton in 2022. Portland held on to win 14-6.

ON THE MOUND RHP John Holobetz gets the ball tonight for the Sea Dogs. Holobetz appeared in six games (five starts) for Portland in 2025 and went 1-2 with a 2.39 ERA. He went 6.0+ innings in each appearance.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE STARTERS

DATE	OPPONENT	SEA DOGS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER	TIME
Sunday, April 5th	at Somerset Patriots	LHP Hayden Mullins	RHP Trent Sellers	1:05pm
Off Day				
Tuesday, April 7th	vs New Hampshire Fisher Cats	TBA	TBA	4:00pm
Wednesday, April 8th	vs New Hampshire Fisher Cats	TBA	TBA	6:00pm
Thursday, April 9th	vs New Hampshire Fisher Cats	TBA	TBA	6:00pm

Leading the Sea Dogs

Manager - Chad Epperson

Manager Chad Epperson will lead the team in his fourth season in Portland. In 2024, he led the Sea Dogs to a 78-60 record, the best record in the Northeast Division of the Eastern League, and third best in the league. In his fourth season with the team, he is tied for the longest serving manager in Sea Dogs history with Arnie Beyeler who managed Portland for four seasons from 2007 to 2010. Before managing the Sea Dogs, Epperson spent 12 seasons as the Red Sox Catching Coordinator.

Pitching Coach - Juan Rivera

Juan Rivera also returns to the Sea Dogs coaching staff as a pitching coach for his second season. In 2025, Rivera helped guide a Portland pitching staff that recorded 1,435 strikeouts, the second-most in the Eastern League, while posting a 3.65 team ERA, the fourth-best mark in the league. Rivera spent the previous three seasons as the Salem Red Sox' pitching coach, where he led the staff to a 3.61 ERA, the fourth-best in Single-A. A graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, Rivera has been part of the Boston Red Sox organization since 2022, serving as a Development Coach with Salem before joining the Sea Dogs coaching staff.

Hitting Coach - Trevor Burmeister

Trevor Burmeister joins the Sea Dogs coaching staff as hitting coach after spending the previous five seasons in the Colorado Rockies organization. A Wisconsin native from Verona, Burmeister began his coaching career immediately following his collegiate playing career at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he spent two seasons on the coaching staff. He then served one season at the University of Minnesota Duluth, where the offense ranked third nationally in NCAA Division II with a .352 team batting average and second in the nation with 102 home runs. Burmeister later returned to his alma mater, Madison College (NJCAA), spending three seasons under head coach Mike Davenport. During his time there, he was named the 2019 NJCAA Assistant Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association and Baseball America. During the offseason, Burmeister resides in Black Earth, Wisconsin.

Defensive Coach - Kyle Sasala

Kyle Sasala enters his third season on the Portland staff after a highly successful tenure at Grove City College, where he served as Associate Head Coach from 2016 to 2023. During his time with the Wolverines, Sasala played a key role in the program's rise, highlighted by a school-record 30-win season in 2023 and a 16-4 conference mark. He also helped guide Grove City to a then-record 28 victories in 2019 alongside head coach Matt Royer. Sasala later stepped in as interim head coach for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Championship Tournament, leading the Wolverines to a runner-up finish.

Athletic Trainer - Kelsey Branstetter

Kelsey Branstetter joins the staff as Portland's Athletic Trainer, her first year with the Sea Dogs and second season in the Red Sox organization. She spent last season as the Athletic Trainer for the Greenville Drive (High-A) and served in the same role for Triple-A Louisville (Cincinnati Reds) from 2023-2024. Branstetter graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, where she played four years of soccer. Following her undergraduate studies, Branstetter obtained a master's degree from Wichita State University.

Strength and Conditioning Coach - Jonah Mondloch

Strength and Conditioning Coach Jonah Mondloch returns to the staff for his second season in Portland and his third year in the Red Sox organization. He previously served as an Assistant Rehab Strength and Conditioning Coach, where he supported the strength and conditioning programs for players returning to the field. In that role, he collaborated closely with Major League sports performance and on-field staff to ensure the highest level of care for injured athletes.

	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
OVERALL		0-1	0-1
NIGHT		0-1	0-1
DAY			
VS. LHP STARTER			
VS. RHP STARTER		0-1	0-1
'DOGS SCORE FIRST			
OPPONENTS SCORE FIRST		0-1	0-1
SCORING 4+ RUNS			
SCORING <=3 RUNS		0-1	0-1
LEAD AFTER 5TH			
LEAD AFTER 6TH			
TIED AFTER 6TH			
TRAIL AFTER 6TH		0-1	0-1
LEAD AFTER 7TH			
TIED AFTER 7TH			
TRAIL AFTER 7TH		0-1	0-1
LEAD AFTER 8TH			
TIED AFTER 8TH			
TRAIL AFTER 8TH		0-1	0-1
EXTRA INNINGS			
DOUBLEHEADER GAMES			
SHUTOUTS			
ONE-RUN GAMES			
TWO-RUN GAMES			
THREE-RUN GAMES			
GAMES DECIDED LAST AT-BAT			
RECORD BATTING AROUND			
WHEN HITTING A HOME RUN		0-1	0-1
OPPONENT HOME RUN		0-1	0-1
COMMITTING AN ERROR		0-1	0-1
OPPONENT ERROR			
VS. NORTHEAST DIVISION		0-1	0-1
BINGHAMTON			
HARTFORD			
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
READING			
SOMERSET		0-1	0-1
VS. SOUTHWEST DIVISION			
AKRON			
ALTOONA			
CHESAPEAKE			
ERIE			
HARRISBURG			
RICHMOND			
MONDAY			
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY		0-1	0-1
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY			
APRIL		0-1	0-1
MAY			
JUNE			
JULY			
AUGUST			
SEPTEMBER			