



PATRIOTS GAME NOTES



Somerset Patriots (13-15) @ Altoona Curve (7-22)

Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 12:05 p.m.

Game #29 | Road Game #15

People's Natural Gas Field - Altoona, PA

ALT: RHP Po-Yu Chen (0-2, 6.30 ERA)

SOM: RHP Blane Abeyta (1-3, 5.47 ERA)



NEW YORK YANKEES DOUBLE-A AFFILIATE



2024 SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
APRIL	HOME	ROAD	2	3	4	6:35	6:05
	1:05	7	8	6:35	9	6:35	10
	1:35	14	15	6:35	16	6:35	17
	1:05	21	22	6:45	23	1:00	24
	3:15	28	29	6:35	30		
MAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1:05	5	6	11:00	7	6:00	10
	1:00	12	13	6:05	14	11:05	15
	1:05	19	20	6:05	21	11:05	22
	1:35	26	27	6:05	28	11:05	29
JUNE	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1:05	2	3	6:35	4	6:35	5
	1:05	9	10	6:35	11	6:35	12
	1:05	16	17	6:35	18	6:35	19
	1:05	23	24	6:35	25	6:35	26
JULY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	7:05	1	7:05	2	7:05	3	7:00
	1:35	14	15	16	17	18	7:05
	5:05	21	22	6:05	23	11:05	24
	5:05	28	29	6:35	30	12:05	31
AUGUST	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	5:05	4	5	12:05	6	7:05	7
	5:05	11	12	7:10	13	7:10	14
	1:10	18	19	6:00	20	6:00	21
	1:00	25	26	6:35	27	6:35	28
SEPTEMBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1:05	1	6:35	2	3	6:35	4
	6:35	8	9	6:35	10	6:35	11
	1:05	15	16	17	18	19	20
		22	23	24	25	26	27

BLANE TRAIN: In his first three starts of the season, Blane Abeyta began the year 0-3 with a 9.64 ERA (14.0 IP: 15 ER, 25 H, 4 BB, 8 K). Over his last two starts, Abeyta is 1-0 with a 0.72 ERA (12.1 IP, 1 ER, 12 H, 3 BB, 12 K).

SOMERSET SUPPORT: Following Wednesday's 3-0 loss, the only three games the Patriots have been shut out in this season have been each of Trystan Vrieling's last three starts. Additionally, the Patriots did not score a run behind Vrieling's 7.2 hitless innings on 4/19, when they went on to secure a 1-0 walk-off win, making it so that the Patriots have scored zero runs over Vrieling's last 24.0 IP, spanning four starts. Contrastly, the Patriots have scored 8+ runs in each of Blane Abeyta's last four starts. Somerset has also shut out the opposition three times this season, two games of which were started by Vrieling, so five of Vrieling's six starts have resulted in shutouts.

THE WHOLE PACKAGE: Entering today, Agustin Ramirez leads the Eastern League with 10 HR, 22 R and 21 BB. He ranks 2nd in RBI (22), TB (55), 3rd in SLG (.591) and 4th in .982 (4th). Ben Cowles leads the league with 55 TB, 34 H and 15 XBH. Ben Rice ranks 2nd in the league in BB (18) and 3rd in R (20).

SPRING SWEEP: For the second time in Somerset franchise history, the Patriots have swept Player of the Month honors with Benjamin Cowles being named the Eastern League's first Player of the Month and Trystan Vrieling being named the league's first Pitcher of the Month. Cowles and Vrieling join INF Diego Castillo and RHP Janson Junk, who were both selected given the honors in June of 2021. They become the 7th and 8th Patriots to receive Player of the Month honors, and the first since Ben Rice in August of 2023.

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT: With two doubles on Tuesday, Grant Richardson tied the Eastern League lead with his 10th double of the season, matching the mark set by his teammate Ben Cowles. It was also Richardson's 12th extra-base hit, marching the 12 by his teammate Agustin Ramirez to tie for third in the Eastern League. Cowles leads the league with 15 XBH. Entering today the Patriots boast three of the league's top four batters in XBH and TB (Cowles and Ramirez, 55-1st and Ben Rice, 50-4th). As a team, Somerset's .439 SLG and .791 OPS continue to lead the league, along with the Patriots' 32 HR.

SCOUTING REPORT

ALT	BATTING	SOM
.217 (10th)	AVG	.245 (4th)
98 (T-11th)	R	137 (T-2nd)
16 (12th)	HR	32 (T-1st)
16 (12th)	SB	42 (2nd)
258 (6th)	SO	244 (8th)
103 (10th)	BB	128 (1st)
.305 (11th)	OBP	.348 (2nd)
.621 (11th)	OPS	.778 (2nd)
	PITCHING	
5.00 (11th)	ERA (LOW)	4.14 (8th)
32 (1st)	HR (MOST)	22 (T-4th)
112 (6th)	BB (MOST)	92 (11th)
226 (12th)	K (MOST)	253 (T-7th)
.262 (12th)	BAA (LOW)	.237 (9th)

32 MLB DEBUTS

MOST RECENT:

- RHP Emmanuel Ramirez, MIA, 4/28/24
- LHP Josh Maciejewski, 4/8/24
- RHP Matt Sauer, KC, 3/31/24
- INF Oliver Dunn, MIL, 3/30/24

New York Yankees ON THE FARM



(MLB) New York Yankees

24-13 | Last game: 10-3 W vs. HOU
3 HRs off Verlander | Gil 6IP, 1R, 5K, W



(AAA) Scranton/Wilkes-Barre

24-10 | Last game: 5-3 W vs. ROC
Pereira HR (9) | Beeter 5IP, 2R, 6 K



(High-A) Hudson Valley

14-12 | Last game: 6-5 L @ABD
K. Romero HR (3) | R. Riggio HR (2)



(Single-A) Tampa

10-20 | Last game: 9-8 W vs. CLR
Tyler Hardman: 3-for-5, 4 RBI, HR, 2 R



Florida Complex League

1-2 | Last game: 4-3 L @PHI
Josue Gonzalez HR (1)

PROBABLE STARTERS

Date	Time	Opponent Starters	Somerset Starters
Tue. 5/7 @ALT	11:00	RHP Sean Sullivan (0-3, 2.78 ERA)	RHP Bailey Dees (1-2, 5.70 ERA)
Wed. 5/8 @ALT	6:00	RHP Braxton Ashcraft (0-2, 6.64 ERA)	RHP Trystan Vrieling (2-2, 3.41 ERA)
Thu. 5/9 @ALT	12:05	RHP Po-Yu Chen (0-2, 6.30 ERA)	RHP Blane Abeyta (1-3, 5.47 ERA)
Fri. 5/10 @ALT	6:00	RHP Drake Fellows (0-0, 2.25 ERA)	LHP Brock Selvidge (2-1, 1.73 ERA)
Sat. 5/11 @ALT	4:00	RHP Bubba Chandler (1-1, 3.10 ERA)	RHP Zach Messinger (0-2, 4.28 ERA)
Sun. 5/12 @ALT	1:00	TBD	RHP Bailey Dees (1-2, 5.70 ERA)

BROADCAST INFORMATION

LIVE AUDIO BROADCAST: FOX SPORTS RADIO NEW JERSEY (93.5 FM), FOXSPORTSRADIONEWJERSEY.COM
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PATRIOTS GAME NOTES



MLB PIPELINE NYY TOP 30 (11)

- No. 2: OF Spencer Jones (#81 on Top 100)
 - No. 4: RHP Chase Hampton*
 - No. 10: LHP Brock Selvidge
 - No. 12: C Ben Rice
 - No. 20: C Agustin Ramirez
 - No. 21: RHP Zach Messinger
 - No. 22: RHP Trystan Vrieling
 - No. 24: RHP Jack Neely
 - No. 25: INF Tyler Hardman*
 - No. 27: RHP Danny Watson*
 - No. 29: INF Ben Cowles
- *inactive

2024 Series Record: 1-2-1

6-GAME SERIES	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
WINS			2	2			

TEAM PITCHING LEADERS

STAT	PLAYER	#	LEAGUE RK
ERA	Brock Selvidge	1.73	5th
WHIP	Trystan Vrieling	0.97	6th
IP	Trystan Vrieling	35.0	1st
K	Zach Messinger	37	2nd
K/9IP	Zach Messinger	9.89	9th
K/BB	Trystan Vrieling	4.38	4th
HR	Bailey Dees	5	T-2nd
SV	Jack Neely	3	-
G	Jack Neely	9	-

TEAM HITTING LEADERS

STAT	PLAYER	#	LEAGUE RK
AVG	Ben Cowles	.337	2nd
OBP	Ben Cowles	.414	8th
SLG	Agustin Ramirez	.591	3rd
OPS	Agustin Ramirez	.982	4th
RBI	Agustin Ramirez	22	T-2nd
R	Agustin Ramirez	22	1st
HR	Agustin Ramirez	10	1st
XBH	Ben Cowles	15	1st
TB	Ben Cowles	57	1st
BB	Agustin Ramirez	21	1st
SB	Agustin Ramirez	6	-

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

Northeast Division								
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	STREAK	RS	RA	DIFF.
PORTLAND	16	11	.593	-	L2	136	116	+20
BINGHAMTON	15	12	.556	1	W5	116	106	+10
HARTFORD	14	12	.538	1.5	L5	120	109	+11
SOMERSET	13	15	.464	3.5	L1	137	137	0
READING	13	16	.448	4	W2	124	161	-27
NEW HAMPSHIRE	12	16	.429	4.5	W1	137	134	+3

Southwest Division								
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	STREAK	RS	RA	DIFF.
AKRON	19	10	.655	-	W1	113	102	+11
ERIE	15	11	.577	2.5	W3	114	93	+21
HARRISBURG	16	12	.571	2.5	L1	114	108	+6
BOWIE	15	13	.536	3.5	L1	155	135	+20
RICHMOND	12	17	.414	7.0	L4	98	109	-11
ALTOONA P	7	22	.241	12	W1	98	152	-54

* First Half Winner | (e) Eliminated

SOMERSET VS. THE EASTERN LEAGUE

Northeast Division					
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2024	ALL-TIME W-L (SERIES)	
BNG (NYM)	-	-	-	21-17 (3-1-3)	
HFD (COL)	3-3	-	3-3	44-15 (7-0-3)	
NH (TOR)	3-2	2-4	5-6	34-24 (5-1-3)	
POR (BOS)	-	-	-	30-24 (4-2-3)	
REA (PHI)	-	2-4	2-4	31-23 (6-3-1)	
VS. NE	6-5	4-8	10-13	160-103 (25-7-13)	

Southwest Division					
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2024	ALL-TIME W-L (SERIES)	
AKR (CLE)	-	-	-	11-13 (0-1-3)	
ALT (PIT)	-	1-1	1-1	16-10 (2-0-2)	
BOW (BAL)	-	-	-	23-13 (4-0-2)	
ERI (DET)	-	-	-	14-16 (1-2-2)	
HBG (WSH)	-	-	-	15-5 (4-0-0)	
RIC (SFG)	2-1	-	2-1	13-7 (3-1-0)	
VS. SW	2-1	1-1	3-2	92-64 (14-4-9)	

MILB HONORS

PLAYER	AWARD
RHP Trystan Vrieling	Pitcher of the Week 4/16-4/21
	7.2 no-hit innings, 2 walks vs. HFD on Fri. 4/19
RHP Trystan Vrieling	Pitcher of the Month: April
4g: 1.88 ERA (4th in EL), 0.75 WHIP (1st), .145 BAA (3rd)	
INF Ben Cowles	Player of the Month: April
21g: .351 AVG(1st) .433 OBP(2nd), 48 TB(1st), 13 XBH(1st)	

VS. ALTOONA THIS SEASON

GAME	FINAL	NOTES
Tue. 5/7 @ALT	8-1 W	Dees 6 IP, 0 R; Ramirez, Escarra HRs
Wed. 5/8 @ALT	3-0 L	Shut out for 3rd straight Vrieling GS
Thu. 5/9 @ALT		
Fri. 5/10 @ALT		
Sat. 5/11 @ALT		
Sun. 5/12 @ALT		
Fri. 7/19 vs. ALT		
Sat. 7/20 vs. ALT		
Sun. 7/21 vs. ALT		

LEARNING THE CURVE

This week, Somerset makes its third ever trip to Altoona, and its first to since May of 2022, when the Patriots won four out of six. The Patriots first visited the Curve in August of 2021, when they split a six-game series. The Patriots and Curve had only one series against each other in 2023, when Somerset took five of six at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. In four all-time meetings, the Patriots have yet to lose a series to the Curve (15-9, 2-0-2). Somerset will meet for the final time this season at TD Bank Ballpark, when the Curve visit for a three-game set July 19-21.

On Sunday, Altoona snapped a 15-game losing streak with a 6-2 win over Harrisburg, signaling the end of the team's longest losing streak in franchise history and the longest in the Eastern League since 2005 (Richmond).

The Curve's roster features five players ranked in the top-10 of MLB Pipeline's top-30 Pirates prospects: No. 4 LHP Anthony Solometo, No. 5 RHP Bubba Chandler, No. 6 RHP Thomas Harrington, No. 7 RHP Braxton Ashcraft and SS Tsung-Che Cheng. Additionally, the roster includes top-30 outfielders Jase Bowen (No. 20) and Tres Gonzalez (No. 28). Last week, the Yankees traded rookie-level INF Keiner Delgado to the Pirates as the PTBNL in the team's trade for RHP JT Brubaker. Brubaker is working toward a mid-season return for the Yankees, after undergoing Tommy John Surgery last April.

2024 SOMERSET PATRIOTS COACHING STAFF

RAUL DOMINGUEZ: Manager (2nd year)

Raul Dominguez enters his second consecutive season as manager for the Somerset Patriots, 10th overall as a manager and 18th coaching in the Yankees organization. He led the 2023 Patriots to a Double-A best record of 84-53 and a +211 run differential, which ranked first among all MiLB teams. Under his leadership, the Patriots finished with the Eastern League's top record in both halves of the season and clinched their second straight playoff berth. In 2023, Dominguez became the third manager in Somerset Patriots Double-A franchise history and in 2024 he will become the first to serve as manager for more than one season. Before joining Somerset, Dominguez spent the prior two seasons (2021-2022) as a defensive coach for Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. He previously served as defensive coach for Trenton (2018-2019) and Tampa (2017). The Panama City, Panama native gained prior managerial experience with the GCL Yankees East (2016), DSL Yankees 1 (2011-15) and DSL Yankees 2 (2009-10). From 2012-2015, his teams finished at least 10 games over .500, including reaching the DSL semifinals in 2012 and 2015.

KEVIN MARTIR: Hitting Coach (1st year)

Hitting coach Kevin Martir begins his first season in Somerset and fourth in the Yankees organization, after serving in the same position for High-A Hudson Valley in 2023 and Single-A Tampa for two seasons in 2021-22. He joined the Yankees organization in 2020 and had been scheduled to serve as hitting coach for former Rookie-Advanced level Pulaski, prior to the cancellation of the minor league season. Martir began his coaching career in 2019 as a development coach for the GCL Phillies East. Martir starred at catcher during his playing career at the University of Maryland (2013-15), where he was a semi-finalist for the Johnny Bench Award in 2015. Martir was drafted by the Houston Astros in the 18th round of the 2015 MLB Draft. He played two professional seasons for the Astros with Rookie-Advanced Greeneville in 2015 and Short-Season Class-A Tri-City in 2016. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Martir graduated from the Grand Street Campus in 2012, after transferring from Xaverian High School in Brooklyn prior to his senior year.

BRETT DeGAGNE: Pitching Coach (1st year)

Pitching coach Brett DeGagne begins his first season with Somerset and fourth year in the Yankees organization. After making his organizational coaching debut as the Single-A Tampa Tarpons' pitching coach in 2021, DeGagne most recently served as the FCL Yankees pitching coach in 2022 and 2023. In 2023, his staff led the Florida Complex League in strikeouts (587) and finished fourth in ERA (4.47). DeGagne was initially tabbed to be the DSL Yankees pitching coach in 2020, before the cancellation of the minor league season. DeGagne played college ball at the University of North Dakota from 2012-2016. He moved on to grad school at St. Cloud State University, where DeGagne also began his baseball coaching career. He served as the Huskies' pitching coach during the 2017-2018 seasons. He gained additional coaching experience in 2018 as the pitching coach for the Bismarck Larks of the Northwoods League. One year prior to joining the Yankees, in 2019 DeGagne took over as pitching coach for North Iowa Area Community College.

AARON BOSSI: Defensive Coach (3rd year)

Aaron Bossi returns for his third consecutive season as the Patriots' defensive coach. Under Bossi's leadership in each of the past two seasons, infielders Jesus Bastidas (2B, 2022) and T.J. Rumfield (1B, 2023) were each awarded Rawlings Minor League Gold Gloves for their work in the field. Bossi has also overseen Somerset's baserunning program each of the last two seasons, leading the team to an Eastern League-best 205 stolen bases in 2022 and a Double-A-best 256 stolen bases in 2023. Bossi made his coaching debut as Hudson Valley's defensive coach in 2021. Prior to his coaching experience with the Yankees, he spent 2017-2019 assisting rehabbing players at the organization's minor league complex in Tampa. The St. Louis, Missouri native was signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Yankees on June 24, 2016 as a catcher/infielder. He played in 22 games for the GCL Yankees East in 2016.

TONIGHT'S PATRIOTS STARTER

#18 RHP BLANE ABEYTA | 6'3" / 220

Pitch Selection: 4-seam Fastball (90-92), Cutter (86-90), Changeup (85-86), Slider (80-82)

Born: September 4, 1998 (25) | Hometown: Martinez, CA | Acquired: Non-drafted free agent on 6/20/20

★ Low-A Southeast League Pitcher of the Week: 9/5/21 (TAM) ★



2023: Spent the entire 2023 season with Double-A Somerset, pitching to season-long career-highs in GS (23), IP (127.0) and K (126). During back-to-back starts on 6/8 @HFD and 6/14 vs. ALT, Abeyta set and matched his now career-high of 6.2 IP. On 6/8, he struck out a career-high 11 batters @ HFD. He started Game 1 of the 2023 Eastern League Division Series for Somerset in Binghamton.

2022: Spent all of 2022 with High-A Hudson Valley, tying for second on the team with 20 GS, ranking third on the team with 104.2 IP and fourth on the team with 88 K. Over his final 12 games of the season (nine starts) dating back to 6/28, he went 5-2 with a 2.93 ERA (58.1 IP, 53 H, 44 K, 30 BB).

2021: Split his professional debut season between Single-A Tampa and the FCL Yankees, combining to go 5-3 with a 5.37 ERA (55.1 IP, 43 H, 71 K, 35 BB, 4 HR) in 17 games (10 starts)... Was named the Low-A Southeast League Pitcher of the Week on 9/5/21, after tossing six scoreless innings in his start on 9/3 at Bradenton (W, 6.0 IP, H, BB, 9 K). Across three starts from 8/20 - 9/3, Abeyta went 2-0 with a 0.57 ERA (15.2 IP, 4 H, 20 K, 6 BB, 0 HR). Following the season, he played for Surprise in the Arizona Fall League and went 1-1 with a 10.13 ERA (10.2 IP, 12 ER) in eight appearances.

College: Coming out of high school as a catcher, Abeyta transitioned to pitching upon beginning his college career at Modesto Junior College (CA) in 2018. Working as the team's closer during his freshman season, he went 1-0 with a 1.62 ERA and five saves over 16 appearances (16.2 IP, 15 H, 22 K, 14 BB). During his second season as a pitcher, he went 5-4 over 17 games (10 GS) with one save and a 4.55 ERA (65.1 IP, 70 H, 60 K, 27 BB). Following two seasons at Modesto, Abeyta transferred to the University of Nevada in 2020, leading the Wolfpack with two saves, closing out both of the team's wins in the COVID-19 shortened season.

Personal Notes: Lettered in both baseball and basketball at Ceres High School (CA) and was named an All-League performer at catcher and was Team MVP, batting .354.

Career Notes: Signed with the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent on June 20, 2020, following the COVID-19 shortened college season and MLB Draft.

CAREER VS. PIT ORGANIZATION

DATE	GAME	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K
6/14/23	SOM @ALT	W	6.2	7	2	2	0	1	3
6/14/22	HV @GBO	ND	5.2	8	5	5	0	2	2
9/3/22	TAM @BRD	W	6.0	1	0	0	0	1	9
TOTAL	3g:	3.44 ERA	2-0	18.1	16	7	7	0	4 14

ALT BATTERS VS. ABEYTA

BATTER	AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	K
Connor Scott	.333	1	3	0	0	0
TOTAL	.333	1	3	0	0	0

2024 GAME LOG

GAME	FINAL	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	NP (S)	NOTES
4/9 @NH	8-2 L	L	4.0	9	5	4	2	3	0	80 (48)	NH first 6 batters of the game had hits (5 runs)
4/14 @NH	13-9 L	L	4.0	6	8	6	2	2	2	76 (50)	Allowed 1 R in first two IP, 7 R (5 ER) in next two IP
4/20 vs. HFD	10-8 L	L	6.0	10	5	5	0	3	2	92 (65)	All 10 runs in game and 9/10 hits came with 2 outs
4/26 @REA	13-2 W	W	7.1	3	1	0	1	9	0	93 (68)	Longest career outing, snapped 3-game losing streak
5/2 vs. NH	10-9 L	ND	5.0	9	6	1	2	3	0	78 (51)	All 9 hits allowed were singles, 5 unearned R in 2nd

CAREER LONGEST SCORELESS STREAK

15.1 IP (4 games, 6/28-7/15/22)

SEASON LONGEST SCORELESS STREAK (ER)

13.2 IP, 12 H, 3 BB, 12 K (3g from 4/20-5/2)

ACTIVE SCORELESS STREAK (ER)

1.1 IP, 1 H, 1 K (1g since 5/2)

CATCHER DEFENSE

CATCHER	(GS) RECORD	ER/INN.	CS/SB	CS%	E	ERA
Ramirez	8-4	27 / 104	2 / 21	8.7	3	2.34
Rice	3-9	71 / 103	0 / 17	.000	0	6.20
Escarra	2-2	11 / 32	0 / 6	.000	1	3.09

CAREER HIGH

IP 7.1, 4/26/24 @REA (AA)

H 10, 4/20/24 vs. HFD (AA)

R 8, 5/27/23 @ERI (AA)

BB 6, 8/28/22 vs. HIC (A+)

K 11, 6/8/23 @HFD (AA)

HR 3, 5/27/23 @ERI (AA)

NP 101, 5/27/23 @ERI (AA)

SEASON-HIGHS HIGHLIGHTED

CAREER-HIGHS OUTLINED

PATS FACTS

TEAM OFFENSIVE HIGHS

MOST RUNS SCORED, GAME: 13 (4/26 @REA, 13-2 W)
 MOST RUNS SCORED, INNING: 7 (7th inning, 4/7 vs. RIC, 8-0 W)
 FEWEST HITS, GAME: 3 (5/1 vs. NH, 7-0 L)
 MOST HITS, GAME: 16 (4/26 @REA, 13-2 W)
MOST DOUBLES, GAME: 7 (4/26 @REA, 13-2 W)
MOST TRIPLES, GAME: 3 (4/27 @REA, 9-0 W)
 MOST HOME RUNS, GAME: 4 (4/12 @NH, 10-8 L)
MOST XBH, GAME: 10 (4/26 @REA, 13-2 W)*
 MOST RUNNERS LOB, GAME: 14 (4/24 @REA, 4-3 L)
 MOST WALKS, GAME: 11 (4/24 @REA, 4-3 L)
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: 18 (4/9 @NH, 8-2 L)
 MOST STOLEN BASES, GAME: 6 (4/16 vs. HFD, 5-1 L)
 MOST DOUBLE PLAYS HIT INTO, GAME: 3 (4/25 @REA, 5-0 L)

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE HIGHS

MOST RUNS, GAME: 3 (6x, last: Agustin Ramirez on 5/7 @ALT & 4/27 @REA)
 MOST RBI, GAME: 4, Grant Richardson (5/2 vs. NH)
 MOST HITS, GAME: 4, Grant Richardson (5/2 vs. NH)
 MOST DOUBLES, GAME: 2 (4x, last: Ben Cowles & Grant Richardson, 5/2 vs. NH)
 MOST TRIPLES, GAME: 1
 MOST HOME RUNS, GAME: 1
 MOST WALKS, GAME: 3 (4x, last: Agustin Ramirez, 5/2 vs. NH)
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: 4 (2x, last: Spencer Jones, 5/3 vs. NH)
 MOST STOLEN BASES, GAME: 2, (3x, last: Agustin Ramirez, 4/23 @REA)
 MOST TOTAL BASES, GAME: 7 (2x, last: Agustin Ramirez, Grant Richardson, 4/26 @REA)
 LAST PATRIOT TO HIT FOR CYCLE: Jeisson Rosario, 7/17/22 @POR

TEAM PITCHING HIGHS

MOST RUNS ALLOWED, GAME: 13, 2x (4/14 @NH, 13-9 L and 4/6 vs. RIC, 13-3 L)
 MOST RUNS ALLOWED, INNING: 5 (4x, last: 4/12 @NH, 7th inning, 10-8 L)
 MOST HITS ALLOWED, GAME: 17 (5/2 vs. NH, 10-9 L)
 FEWEST HITS ALLOWED, GAME: 1 (4/19 vs. HFD, 1-0 W)
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: 14 (4/27 @REA, 9-0 W)
 MOST WALKS ISSUED, GAME: 9 (4/6 vs. RIC, 13-3 L)
 MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, GAME: 4 (4/14 @NH, 13-9 L)
 MOST STOLEN BASES ALLOWED, GAME: 6 (4/16 vs. HFD, 5-1 L)
 MOST CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS INNINGS: 15.2 (4/18 5th inn. - 4/20 2nd inn.)
 MOST PITCHERS USED, GAME: 4 (5x, last: 5/4 vs. NH)

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING HIGHS

MOST EARNED RUNS, GAME: 8, Bailey Dees (4/6 vs. RIC)
 MOST HITS ALLOWED, GAME: 10, Blane Abeyta (4/20 vs. HFD)
 MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, GAME: 2 (4x, last: Blane Abeyta, 4/20 vs. HFD)
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: 11, Brock Selvidge (4/27 @REA)
 MOST WALKS ISSUED, GAME: 5, Bailey Dees (4/6 vs. RIC)
 MOST INNINGS PITCHED, RELIEVER: 3.0, Matt Givins (4/17 vs. HFD)
 MOST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER: 7.2, Trystan Vrieling (4/19 vs. HFD, no hits allowed)
 FEWEST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER: 3.1, Bailey Dees (4/6 vs. RIC)
 MOST CONSECUTIVE STRIKEOUTS: 4, Trystan Vrieling (4/25 @REA)

MISCELLANEOUS TEAM HIGHS

LONGEST WIN STREAK: 3 (5/4 vs. NH - 5/7 @ALT)
 LONGEST LOSING STREAK: 3 (4/23-25 @REA, 4/14 @NH - 4/17 vs. HFD and 4/9-12 @NH)
 LONGEST HOME WIN STREAK: 2
 LONGEST HOME LOSING STREAK: 2
 LONGEST ROAD WINNING STREAK: 2
 LONGEST ROAD LOSING STREAK: 3 (4/23-25 @REA and 4/9-12 @NH)
 CONSECUTIVE SERIES WINS: -
 CONSECUTIVE SERIES LOSSES: -
 LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY: 11 (4/26 @REA, 13-2 W)
 LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT: 10 (4/6 vs. RIC, 13-3 L)
LARGEST LEAD GIVEN UP IN LOSS: 6 (4/12 @NH, 10-8 L)
 LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME IN WIN: 1
 LONGEST GAME, INNINGS: -
 LONGEST GAME, TIME: 3:07 (5/2 vs. NH)
 LONGEST 9-INNING GAME, TIME: 3:07 (5/2 vs. NH)
 SHORTEST 9-INNING GAME, TIME: 2:02 (5/8 @ALT, 3-0 L)
 LARGEST HOME CROWD: 6,002 (4/20 vs. HFD)
 SMALLEST HOME CROWD: 3,005 (4/30 vs. NH)

BOLD DENOTES SOMERSET PATRIOTS DOUBLE-A RECORD, * denotes tie

EJECTIONS

GAME	PLAYER / COACH	UMPIRE	DESCRIPTION
4/17 vs. HFD	Spencer Jones	Gerrit Griffin	Called out at 2B

ERRORS

MOST TEAM ERRORS, GAME: 4, 5/3 vs. NH
MOST PLAYER ERRORS, GAME: 2, 2x (Rice, 1B, 5/3 vs. NH, Ramirez, C, 4/23 @REA)

SHUTOUTS

(#) GAME	SCORE	H	K	PITCHERS (# of shutouts pitched)
(1) 4/7 vs. RIC	8-0	3	10	Vrieling (1), Myatt (1), Anderson (1), Watson (1)
(2) 4/19 vs. HFD	1-0	1	7	Vrieling (2), Stevens (1)
(3) 4/27 @REA	9-0	2	14	Selvidge (1), Calderon (1), Stevens (2)

Notes: Vrieling started with 5 scoreless in NYY org. debut, scored 7 R in 7th inn.
 Notes: Vrieling 7.2 no-hit inn. on 100 pitches, first BF by Stevens in 8th got a hit
 Notes: Selvidge career-high 11 K, retired final 12 batters he faced

HOME RUNS

INNINGS SINCE LAST HOME RUN / SEASON LONG: **15 / 37**

MULTI-HOME RUN GAMES (0)

GAME	BATTER	#	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-	-

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (0)

GAME	BATTER	INN.	FINAL
4/19 vs. HFD	Ben Rice	9	1-0 W

GRAND SLAMS (0)

GAME	BATTER	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (1)

GAME	BATTERS	INN.	FINAL
4/5 vs. RIC	Ben Rice, Agustin Ramirez	1	5-4 W

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0)

GAME	BATTER	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-

FIRST INNING LEADOFF HOME RUNS (2)

GAME	BATTER	FINAL
4/5 vs. RIC	Ben Rice	5-4 W
4/21 vs. HFD	Spencer Jones	8-2 W
4/28 @REA	Ben Rice	6-3 L

PATRIOTS 2024 TRANSACTIONS

35 TOTAL PLAYERS USED (including 2 rehab)

MAY TRANSACTIONS (5)

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
May 7	RHP Nick Burdi	Transferred MLB rehab to Triple-A SWB
May 5	RHP Nick Burdi	Assigned from NYY to SOM on rehab
May 4	RHP Chase Hampton	Transferred from 7-day IL to 60-day IL
May 4	INF Jon Berti	Returned to NYY from MLB rehab
May 2	RHP Tanner Myatt	Added to 7-day IL

APRIL TRANSACTIONS (29)

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
April 30	LHP Josh Maciejewski	Transferred from Triple-A SWB to SOM
April 30	RHP Leonardo Pestana	Transferred from High-A HV to SOM
April 28	INF Jon Berti	Assigned from NYY to SOM on rehab
April 25	INF DJ LeMahieu	Returned to NYY from MLB rehab
April 23	C Peter Serruto	Transferred from FCL YNK to SOM
April 23	INF DJ Lemahieu	Assigned from NYY to SOM on rehab
April 23	RHP Yorlin Calderon	Transferred from High-A HV to SOM
April 23	RHP Tanner Myatt, INF Jordan Groshans	Transferred from Triple-A SWB to SOM
April 23	RHP Alex Mauricio	Transferred from SOM to Triple-A SWB
April 19	RHP Matt Givin	Added to 7-day IL
April 19	RHP Tanner Myatt	Transferred from SOM to Triple-A SWB
April 18	RHP Yorlin Calderon	Transferred from SOM to High-A HV
April 17	RHP Alex Mauricio	Transferred from Triple-A SWB to SOM
April 17	INF Alexander Vargas	Transferred to SOM from High-A HV
April 16	RHP Yorlin Calderon, RHP Matt Givin	Transferred from SOM to Triple-A SWB
April 16	T.J. Rumfield	Transferred from SOM to Triple-A SWB
April 15	Clay Aguilar	Added to Voluntarily Retired List
April 15	Max Burt	Added to 7-day IL
April 13	Danny Watson	Added to 7-day IL
April 7	Alex Mauricio	Transferred from SOM to Triple-A SWB
April 5	Michael Giacone, Anderson Muñoz	Added to Full-Season IL
April 5	Ryler Gilliam	Added to 60-day IL
April 5	Chase Hampton, Tyler Hardman, Jesus Liranzo	Added to 7-day IL
April 1		Break Camp Roster assigned

MLB REHAB ASSIGNMENTS (2024)

# PLAYER	INJURY	DATES	NOTES
1 (35th in franchise) DJ Lemahieu	Right Foot Contusion	4/23 @REA	Started at 3B, left after one inning with right foot soreness, struck out in only at-bat
2 (36) Jon Berti	Left Groin Strain	4/28 @REA	Started at 3B, played five innings, handled two putouts, went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts
		4/30 vs. NH	Started at 3B, played seven innings, handled two putouts, went 0-for-2, with two walks and a stolen base
		5/2 vs. NH	Started at 3B, played nine innings, went 1-for-4 with 1 R and 1 BB; scored first run of the game after 1st inning walk

PATRIOTS BULLPEN

Pitcher	Last Outing	Dec.	IP	H	R/ER	BB	K	SCORELESS STREAKS
Anderson	Sat. 5/4 vs. NH	ND	0.2	1	0/0	0	1	Active: 0.2 IP, 1 H, 1 K (1g since 5/4) Longest 4.0 IP, 6 H, 1 BB, 3 K (3g since 4/18)
Calderon	Tue. 5/7 @ALT	ND	1.0	1	1/1	1	3	Active: - Longest 7.2 IP, 3 H, 1 BB, 1 HB, 7 K (3g: 4/5-4/14)
Givin	Wed. 4/17 vs. HFD	ND	3.0	2	1/1	1	5	Active: 2.1 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 4 K (1g) Longest 2.1 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 4 K (1g)
Gomez	Fri. 5/3 vs. NH	H (1)	2.0	0	0/0	1	1	Active: 3.1 IP, 1 H, 3 BB, 1 HB, 1 K (2g since 4/30) Longest 9.0 IP, 1 H, 5 BB, 4 HB, 8 K (6g: 4/6 - 4/24)
Maciejewski	Tue. 5/7 @ALT	ND	1.0	1	0/0	0	2	Active: 1.0 IP, 1 H, 2 K Longest 4.1 IP, 3 H, HB, BB, 6 K (2g: 4/21-26)
Myatt	Fri. 4/26 @REA	ND	1.2	2	1/1	1	4	Active: - Longest 5.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB, 8 K (three games: 4/7-4/16)
Neely	Sat. 5/4 vs. NH	SV (3)	1.1	2	1/1	0	3	Active: - Longest 8.0 IP, 5 H, 4 BB, 13 K (6g: 4/5 - 4/24)
Pestana	Wed. 5/8 @ALT	ND	1.0	1	0/0	0	1	Active: 6.2 IP, H, 6 K (4g since 4/27 in High-A) Longest 6.2 IP, H, 6 K (4g since 4/27 in High-A)
Stevens	Tue. 5/7 @ALT	ND	1.0	0	0/0	0	0	Active: 2.2 IP, H, 2 BB, 2 K (2g since 4/27) Longest 2.1 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 3 K (1g)
Velasquez	Wed. 5/8 @ALT	ND	1.0	1	0/0	0	0	Active: 1.0 IP, 1 H (1g since 5/8) Longest 2.0 IP, 1 H, 0 BB, 3 K (1g)
Watson	Thu. 4/11 @NH	L	1.1	4	3/2	1	1	Active: - Longest 1.0 IP, 1 H (1g)

24 RYAN ANDERSON LHP 6'6" / 205
 DOB: 9/09/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Reno, NV ACQ: MLB Draft 2019 (12 | 375)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball (89-90), Changeup (82), Slider (78), Curveball (76-77)

Season-Highs: -
Career-Highs: 4.1 IP (4/12/22), 6 H (2x, last: 4/12/24 @NH, AA), 5 R (8/11/22), 5 BB (6/10/21), 5 K, 2x last: 6/23/23)
2023: Began the 2023 season with High-A Hudson Valley, appearing in 18 games and posting a 3.16 ERA over 31.1 IP with 37 K to only 4 BB. He was promoted to Double-A Somerset on 6/23 and in his debut vs. NH, Anderson pitched 2.2 scoreless innings with a season-high five strikeouts and recorded the final out in Somerset's 2023 First Half Championship-clinching 12-1 victory. Overall in Somerset, Anderson appeared in 19 games, going 3-1 with a team-best 1.01 ERA and 27 K over 26.2 IP.
2022: Spent all of 2022 with Single-A Tampa, ranking second on the team with 35 appearances, all of which were out of the bullpen. In total, he went 3-7 with a 4.26 ERA, 25 BB and 32 K.
2021: Split his second pro season between the FCL Yankees (four appearances, one start) and Single-A Tampa (12 appearances, six starts), combining to post a 10.01 ERA with 33 BB and 32 K.
2019: Made his professional debut with Rookie-Advanced Pulaski across 11 appearances (eight starts), posting a 4.78 ERA with 16 BB and 43 K.
College: Played three seasons at the University of Nevada (2017-19), posting a career 5.65 ERA with 58 BB and 122 K over 50 appearances (21 starts). He took over as the school's Friday night starter as a junior in 2019, making 14 starts and leading the team with 70.2 IP.
Personal Notes: Attended Spanish Springs High School (NV), where as a senior he was recognized as the Reno-Gazette Journal Northern Nevada Pitcher of the Year and named First-Team All-State. He was also named the Spanish Springs High School Athlete of the Year his senior season. In total at Spanish Springs, he pitched 134.2 innings with a 2.10 ERA, while lettering three years.

17 YORLIN CALDERON RHP 6'3" / 155
 DOB: 8/17/01 (22) HOMETOWN: San Francisco de Macoris, DOM. ACQ: Int. FA (2018)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball (89-91), Changeup (83-85), Curveball (78-79)

Season-Highs: -
Career-Highs: 7.0 IP (5/25/22, A), 8 H (2x, last: 7/7/22, FCL), 9 R (8/9/21, FCL), 4 BB (8/24/22, A), 9 K (6/7/22, FCL)
2024: During the month of April, Calderon has been involved in six transactions, including two separate stints at Triple-A SWB, two separate stints at High-A HV and now two stints with Double-A SOM. He broke camp with SWB, pitched in one game (3/31), was sent to High-A for his next game (4/5) and was returned to SWB for his next two appearances (4/11, 4/14). He was then transferred to SOM on 4/16 and before pitching in a game for the Patriots, sent back to HV for two appearances (4/18, 4/21). On 4/23, he was transferred back to SOM for a second time this season. In six relief appearances overall (three at High-A, three at Triple-A), Calderon posted a 1.93 ERA over 14.0 IP with 12 K and 5 BB.
2023: Spent the majority of 2023 with Single-A Tampa, posting a 6-2 record and 3.07 ERA over 37 games (three starts). Calderon was named Florida State League Pitcher of the Week for 8/21-27 with Tampa after tossing 5.0 shutout innings on 8/25/23 vs. PMB. He was assigned to High-A Hudson Valley on 8/29 and started two regular season games for the Renegades, allowing 3 ER over 8.0 IP. Calderon also pitched in two post-season games for HV, allowing just 1 ER over 8.2 total IP.
2022: Calderon threw a seven-inning no-hitter (2 BB, 7 K) in his 2022 season debut with Single-A Tampa on 5/25, starting the second game of a double header vs. Lakeland. After being named FSL Pitcher of the Week (5/29), he went on to spend most of the 2022 season with the FCL Yankees, going 4-1 with a 4.38 ERA. Following 10 appearances (three starts) in the FCL, Calderon was assigned back to Tampa on 8/23. He made his final three appearances (two starts) with the Tarpons, overall going 2-0 with a 2.84 ERA in Single-A. He was awarded his second FSL Pitcher of the Week honors on 8/27. Following the season, Calderon represented the Yankees in the Arizona Fall League, pitching for the Mesa Solar Sox.
2021: Split the season between the DSL Yankees, FCL Yankees and Single-A Tampa, making a total of 10 appearances (three starts) and posting a 9.49 ERA.
2019: Began his professional career with eight appearances (two starts) in the DSL, going 2-1 with a 6.61 ERA.
Personal Notes: Signed by the Yankees as an international free agent on August 16, 2018.

27 CARLOS GOMEZ RHP 6'1" / 175
 DOB: 6/14/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Esperanza, DOM. ACQ: Int. FA (2018)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball (91-91), Cutter (85-86), Slider (85-86), Curveball (79-80)

Season-Highs: -
Career-Highs: 5.2 IP (8/15/18, DSL), 8 H (8/9/18, DSL), 5 R (3x, last: 8/25/19, A), 5 BB (8/5/21, A), 7 K (2x, last: 8/15/21, A)
2023: Gomez began the 2023 season in High-A Hudson Valley, appearing in 35 games and pitching to a 5.33 ERA. On 8/18, he was promoted to Double-A Somerset and finished the season with 14 relief appearances, posting a 3.86 ERA. In his penultimate appearance of the season on 9/12 @NH, Gomez pitched an immaculate inning, which was one of three for the Patriots during the 2023 season. Overall during the season, Gomez set career-highs in G (42), K (81) and K/9 IP (11.57).
2022: In his fourth pro season, Gomez appeared in 38 games, all as a reliever, posting a 2.84 ERA over 66.2 IP, while posting 78 K and 6 SV, all then-career-best marks. Began the season with nine appearances for Single-A Tampa, posting a 1.42 ERA and 1.00 WHIP with 7 BB, compared to 30 K. Upon earning a promotion to High-A Hudson Valley, Gomez spent the remainder of his season with the Renegades, appearing in 29 games and posting a 3.40 ERA with 4 SV, 48 K and a .198 AVG.
2021: Gomez began his 2021 season in June with the FCL Yankees, allowing only one hit and no runs over 9.0 innings in four appearances, posting a WHIP of 0.56. After a promotion to Single-A Tampa, Gomez made eight appearances out of the bullpen for the Tarpons, posting a 5.12 ERA and 1.71 WHIP.
2019: Spent the majority of his second season with the GCL Yankees East, appearing in nine games (three starts), going 1-0 with a 3.86 ERA. He earned a promotion to High-A Tampa for his final appearance of the season, starting for the Tarpons and allowing five runs (two earned) over 4.0 innings.
2018: Made his professional debut with the DSL NY. Working exclusively as a starter, Gomez started all 12 games that he appeared in, going 1-3 with a 4.19 ERA and 1.40 WHIP.
Personal Notes: Signed by the Yankees as an international free agent on April 12, 2018 out of Esperanza, Dominican Republic.

21 JOSH MACIEJEWSKI RHP 6'3" / 210
 DOB: 8/14/95 (28) HOMETOWN: Morrisville, NC ACQ: MLB Draft 2018 (10 | 307)
PITCH SELECTION: Sinker (90-93), Changeup (80-82), Slider (77-78)

Season-Highs: -
Career-Highs: IP: 8.0 (8/21/19, A), 9 H (4/15/22, AA), 8 R (8/11/21, AAA), 5 BB (2x, last: 7/30/21, AAA), 11 K (9/11/21, A+)
2024: Made his Major League debut on 4/8/24 finishing off of 7-0 shutout win vs. Miami with one perfect inning of relief on four pitches, after Nestor Cortes Jr. started the game 8.0 scoreless. Broke camp with Triple-A SWB, pitching in two games prior to his MLB call-up and three more games following his call-up. Overall in Triple-A Maciejewski posted a 3.86 ERA with 12 K in 9.1 IP, before being transferred to Somerset on 4/30.
2023: Maciejewski began his 2023 season on the IL with the same back injury that ended his 2022 season, before making his season debut with a rehab assignment in High-A Hudson Valley on 5/31. Once reinstated off the IL, Maciejewski pitched the majority of his season in Triple-A SWB (16 appearances: 3.42 ERA, 23.2 IP), while adding 11 appearances in Somerset (3.06 ERA, 17.1 IP).
2022: Maciejewski began the 2022 season with Double-A Somerset, piggybacking Luis Medina in a modified, long relief role, before transitioning to a traditional relief role in June. Between 5/14 - 6/9, Maciejewski had a stretch of four straight winning decisions. Maciejewski was called up to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre for a spot start on 5/27. He made his final appearance of the season on 7/4, before being shut down as the result of a back injury.
2021: Spent most of season with Hudson Valley, where he went 9-4 to lead the Renegades in wins, winning half of his 18 total appearances. His 94 strikeouts ranked second on the team. He earned an August promotion to Triple-A Scranton Wilkes-Barre for four games where posted a 6.50 ERA before returning to Hudson Valley. He set a combined career-high in strikeouts (105) and innings pitched (101.1).
2019: Transitioned to work primarily as a starter and pitched in four different levels of the Yankees farm system. Spent majority of season with Short-season Class-A Staten Island, going 2-2 with a 2.01 ERA in six appearances (five starts). Posted a 1.35 ERA in three starts with Low-A Charleston, 1.80 ERA in two starts with High-A Tampa and 5.25 ERA in three appearances (two starts) at Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
2018: Worked exclusively as a reliever in his pro debut season, spending a majority of his season with the GCL Yankees, posting a 3.81 ERA in 15 appearances, to go with a 5.68 ERA in three appearances with Staten Island.
College: Pitched all four collegiate seasons (2015-18) at University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Posted a career 4.36 ERA in 63 games (55 starts). Had a dominant senior season, putting up career-bests in ERA (2.25), IP (104.0), strikeouts (104) and most other statistical categories. He set the school's all-time record in game started with his 55th career start on 5/24/18—a complete game, three-hit shutout of UAB.
Personal Notes: Attended Panther Creek High School in Cary, NC, leading the Catamounts to the fourth round of the state playoffs with a 17-10 record. Two-sport athlete also played basketball and in baseball was named First Team All-Conference, All-Metro and All-State after striking out 90 hitters in 65 innings as a senior.
Career Notes: Selected by the Yankees in the 10th round of the 2018 MLB Draft.

25 TANNER MYATT RHP 6'7" / 245
 DOB: 5/21/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Spring Lake, NC ACQ: MLB Draft 2018 (11 | 337)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball (91-92), Changeup (90), Cutter (88), Slider (82-84)

Season-Highs: -
Career-Highs: 4.2 IP (4/12/19, A), 4 H (7/2/19, A), 6 R (2x, last: 5/27/23, AA), 5 BB (5/13/21, A+), 7 K (4/12/19, A)
2024: Broke camp with Somerset and did not allow a run over his first three outings (5.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB, 8 K). He was called up to Triple-A SWB for one spot appearance on 4/19 (2.0 IP, 3 ER, 4 H), before returning to Somerset on 4/23.
2023: Myatt spent all but one game in 2023 pitching for Somerset. Overall, he posted a career-best 2.78 ERA over a career-high 44 games, while also setting career-highs with 58.1 IP and 72 K. On 6/11, he was called up to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre for a spot appearance and earned the win with 1.1 scoreless IP and 3 K.
2022: Began the 2022 season with 17 games in High-A Hudson Valley, going 1-0 with a 1.54 ERA and four saves. His 40 K (over 27.1 IP) led all South Atlantic League relievers at the time of his promotion to Somerset on 6/16. Spending the remainder of the season in Somerset, Myatt appeared in 22 games, going 4-2 with a 4.30 ERA en route to winning the Eastern League Championship with the Patriots.
2021: Split the 2021 season between Single-A Tampa and High-A Hudson Valley, combining to go 1-0 with a 5.40 ERA (18.1 IP, 10 H, 16 BB, 25 K) in 15 appearances. Myatt sustained an injury in July that kept him out for the remainder of the regular season, but following the season he pitched in the Arizona Fall League for the Surprise Saguaros (8g: 13.50 ERA, 6.0 IP, 8 H, 13 BB, 9 K, 4 HR, 1 SV).
2018-19: Spent the majority of his pro debut (2018) in the GCL, making nine appearances (five starts) and posting a 6.06 ERA. Spent all of 2019 in Single-A Charleston (19g: 4.24 ERA, 40.1 IP, 40 K). A shoulder inflammation injury cut his 2019 season short.
College: Selected by the Yankees in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Florence-Darlington Technical College (SC), where he became the highest drafted player in FDTC school history. He pitched to a 3.76 ERA over two seasons (2017-18). During his sophomore year, he pitched to a 1.80 ERA with 39 K in 30 IP. Following his two seasons at FDTC, Myatt had committed to play at College of Charleston. Instead, he was drafted by the Yankees in 2018 and opted to sign, going on to play for the Yankees' affiliate in Charleston the next year.
Personal Notes: Graduated from Overhills High School (NC) in 2016.
Career Notes: Selected by the Yankees in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft.

PATRIOTS BULLPEN

35 JACK NEELY RHP 6'8" / 245
 DOB: 6/05/00 (23) HOMETOWN: San Antonio, TX ACQ: MLB Draft 2021 (11 | 333)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball (91-95), Slider (82-86)
 Season-Highs: -
 Career-Highs: 3 IP (8/22/23, AA), 4 H (9/5/23, AA), 5 R (9/5/23, AA), 3 BB (4x, last: 5/21/23, A+), 7 K (7/2/23, A+)
 2023 South Atlantic League Post-Season All-Star 2024 Baseball America Yankees No. 32 Prospect
 2023 MiLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star 2024 MLB Pipeline Yankees No. 24 Prospect

2024: Neely was one of three pitchers to see time in the Yankees' inaugural Spring Breakout game vs. TOR on 3/16. He pitched one inning to close out the game, allowing an unearned run and struck out Blue Jays prospects Gabriel Martinez and Emmanuel Bonilla. After entering the 2023 season as an unranked prospect, Neely enters 2024 ranked by both MLB Pipeline and Baseball America as one of the Yankees' top prospects.
2023: Began the season with High-A Hudson Valley, pitching to a 2.03 ERA over 31 relief appearances with six saves and 74 K, compared to 17 BB. On 8/8, Neely was promoted to Somerset, where he finished the season with 11 relief appearances and pitched to a 2.55 ERA, ceding just three walks compared to 17 strikeouts. Following the season, Neely was named a South Atlantic League Post-Season All-Star, as well as an MiLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star. His seven total saves were tied for second among Yankees farmhands.
2022: Spent the majority of 2022 with Single-A Tampa, pitching to a 3.94 ERA with 25 BB and 79 K over 34 games. His seven saves for the Tarpons were the third-most of any Yankees farmhand in 2022. He was called up to High-A Hudson Valley in September, where he finished the season with four scoreless and hitless outings, allowing only one baserunner (one walk) in 4.2 IP.
2021: Assigned to Single-A Tampa on 9/7 for his pro debut, Neely appeared in two games and logged one perfect inning of relief in both of his appearances. He struck out the side on 13 pitches in his debut and followed that performance up with an 11-pitch, two-strikeout effort.
College: Pitched at four different schools in his four college seasons, beginning his collegiate career with the University of Texas at Austin in 2019, before transferring to San Jacinto Junior College (TX) and Iowa Western Community College in 2020. He then transferred to Ohio State University for his junior season in 2021, appearing in 12 games (nine starts) and going 2-3 with a 6.10 ERA, while notching 62 K compared to 24 BB in 41.1 IP.
Personal Notes: Lettered in baseball three seasons at Churchill High School (TX) and was named first team All-District and first team academic All-District as a senior. He also played basketball for three seasons, lettering in his sophomore and junior years.

19 KEVIN STEVENS RHP 6'2" / 225
 DOB: 1/26/98 (26) HOMETOWN: Tuscon, AZ ACQ: Non-drafted FA (2022)
PITCH SELECTION: 4-Seam Fastball (95-99), Slider (84-89)
 Season-Highs: -
 Career-Highs: 2.2 IP (4/13/24, AA), 4 H (4/23/24, AA), 5 R (4/23/24, AA), 2 BB (2x, last: 4/23/24, AA), 4 K (4/13/24, AA)
2023: Did not pitch in 2023 regular season due to injury. Joined the Mesa Solar Sox for the 2023 Arizona Fall League season, where he posted a 2.45 ERA in 7.1 IP with 10 K / 3 BB over nine appearances.
2022: Assigned to FCL Yankees to begin his pro career, where he pitched in 1 G, throwing .1 IP on 8/22/22 vs. FCL BLU, allowing 3 R on 2 H and 2 HB. Stevens was then promoted to Class-A Tampa, where he pitched 4.1 IP over four appearances for the Tarpons, allowing 1 ER with 2 K.
College: Pitched three seasons at University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (2020-2022), where he was a two-time All-WAC First-Team selection and earned 2022 WAC Pitcher of the Year honors. In his senior year in 2022 as the Vaqueros Friday night starter, Stevens went 9-2 with a 2.66 ERA. In 81.1 innings, he racked up 100 strikeouts, tied for the 10th-highest single-season total in program history, while walking 29. Stevens finished his career with 228 strikeouts, the sixth-highest total in program history. He played his first two collegiate seasons (2017-2018) at Yavapai Junior College in Arizona, where he did not play as a freshman due to injury and posted a 5.40 ERA over only 13.1 IP as a sophomore with 11 K and a 1-1 record. Stevens did not play collegiate baseball in 2019 after undergoing Tommy John Surgery before walking-on at UTRGV in 2020.
Career Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Yankees on 7/25/22.

30 LEONARDO PESTANA RHP 6'4" / 198
 DOB: 7/30/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Guatire, VEN. ACQ: Int. FA (2018)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball, Cutter, Curveball
 Season-Highs: -
 Career-Highs: 6.0 IP (8/19/19, ROA), 6 R (7/2/19, A), 4 H (7/2/19, A), 5 BB (5/13/21, A+), 7 K (4/12/19, A)
2024: Broke camp with High-A Hudson Valley, working as a reliever for the first time in his career. Pestana appeared in six games, going 1-0 with a 1.86 ERA (9.2 IP, 2 ER, 1 H, 5 BB, 15 K), before being transferred to Somerset on 4/30.
2023: Began the season with Single-A Tampa, starting all 14 of his appearances and going 0-5 with a 6.10 ERA. On 8/2/23, he was assigned to High-A Hudson Valley. Making his final five appearances (four starts) for the Renegades, Pestana posted a 4.15 ERA over 13.0 IP with no decisions.
2018-22: Made his pro debut in 2018, splitting 11 appearances between the DSL Yankees and GCL Yankees West, combining to post a 7.20 ERA. Spent the 2019 season with Rookie-Advanced Pulaski, starting 11 games and pitching to a 1-4 record with a 7.32 ERA. In 2021, he pitched in two GCL games, before a season-ending injury. In 2022, he made one rehab start for the FCL Yankees on 7/7/22 and did not record an out.
Career Notes: Signed by the Yankees as an international free agent on February 25, 2018.

16 LUIS VELASQUEZ RHP 5'10" / 155
 DOB: 7/7/01 (22) HOMETOWN: Fantino, DOM. ACQ: International FA (2019)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball (93-95), Sinker (90-92), Changeup (85-88), Slider (82-85)
 Season-Highs: -
 Career-Highs: 3.2 IP (7/26/23, A+), 3 H (2x, last: 6/2/23, A), 4 R (6/22/23, A+), 4 BB (8/31/21, ROK), 6 K (6/2/23, A)
2023: Began the season with Single-A Tampa, where he posted a 1.05 ERA over 25.2 IP with 33 K and a .085 BAA prior to being promoted to High-A Hudson Valley on 6/6/23. Went 3-2 with a 2.23 ERA in 21 relief outings for the Renegades, registering a 1.07 WHIP. He was named SAL Pitcher of the Week 7/24-30, after he pitched 5.2 perfect innings out of the bullpen for Hudson Valley over two appearances, picking up the win in both outings vs. HIC. Velasquez had a 20.2 IP scoreless streak spanning from 7/21 to 8/27, a feat which included retiring 19 consecutive batters across three outings from 7/26-8/4.
2021-22: Spent back-to-back seasons in 2021-22 with the FCL Yankees, including in 2022 when he was part of a team that won the FCL Championship. In 2021, he threw 9 IP over seven relief outings (5 R, 5 K). Returning in 2022, Velasquez went 2-0 with a 1.76 ERA over eight appearances (one start). He did not allow a run in six of his eight outings. He had one post-season appearance in which he pitched three shutout innings in the FCL semifinal win vs. the FCL Red Sox.
2019: Made his professional debut with the DSL Yankees and was named a DSL Post-Season All-Star after he posted a 3.38 ERA over 34.2 IP of relief with 39 K.
Career Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Yankees on April 26, 2019 at 18 years old, over two years he was after initially eligible.

39 DANNY WATSON RHP 6'7" / 235
 DOB: 10/6/00 (23) HOMETOWN: Nassau, NY ACQ: MLB Draft 2021 (15 | 453)
PITCH SELECTION: Fastball (89-92), Cutter (84-87), Slider (79-83)
 Season-Highs: -
 Career-Highs: 3 IP (5/13/23, A+), 5 H (7/31/22, A), 5 R (4/26/22, A), 3 BB (3x, last: 9/6/23, A), 7 K (4/30/23, A+)
 2023 MiLB Awards All-MiLB Prospect Second Team 2024 MLB Pipeline Yankees No. 28 Prospect
2023: During Spring Training of 2023, Watson worked with former Yankees RHP Greg Weissert to re-tool his mechanics, completely reinventing his delivery to the plate. He broke camp with High-A Hudson Valley and pitched to a 1.48 ERA over 15 appearances, striking out 39 over 24.1 IP. From 4/23-5/7, he recorded 20 straight outs via strikeouts. After being unranked to start the year, Watson broke on to MLB Pipeline's list of Top-30 Yankees prospects in the mid-season update. Watson was promoted to Somerset on 5/30 and ended his season with 30 appearances out of the bullpen for the Patriots, posting a 4-0 record, 1.64 ERA, 0.89 ERA, 5 SV and 43 K to 16 BB in 38.1 IP. He went on a streak of 18 appearances without allowing a run between 5/4-7/1, including eight appearances for Hudson Valley and 10 for Somerset (26 IP, 8 H, 28 K). Following the season, he earned All-MiLB Prospect Second Team honors.
2021-22: Spent his first two pro seasons with Single-A Tampa. In 2021, he made his debut over three games during September (2.2 IP, 5 R, 4 BB, 2 K). In 2022, he spent the entire season with Tampa, leading the team with 38 appearances, while going 5-5 with a 4.01 ERA (58.1 IP, 45 H, 36 BB, 3 HR, 1 SV, 5 HLD).
College: Watson had always aimed to graduate from college early in three years and get drafted. He accomplished his goal when he earned his bachelor's degree in finance in three years at Virginia Commonwealth University. In three college seasons at VCU, he went 8-5 with three saves and a 3.38 ERA (88.0 IP, 73 H, 29 BB, 92 K) in 40 games (seven starts).
Personal Notes: Lifelong Yankee fan who always wanted to be drafted by the organization, grew up idolizing Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera. Per his hometown Albany Times Union Watson's "entire room was decked out in Yankee gear" during his childhood. Attended Columbia High School in East Greenbush, NY where a two-time Times Union all-star and won a Section II title as a senior.
Career Notes: Selected in the 15th round of the 2021 MLB Draft by the Yankees.

PATRIOTS BATTERS

BATTER	THIS SERIES	HIT STREAKS	ON-BASE STREAKS
Cowles	(2g) 2-for-8, BB, 2 K	Active: +1: 2-for-3, BB Longest +8: 12-for-29, 7 RBI, 7 R, 3 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 3 BB, 7 K	Active: +1: 2-for-3, BB Longest +12: 17-for-45, 10 RBI, 9 R, 3 HR, 3B, 4 2B, 4 BB, 9 K, 3 SB
Dunham	(1g) 0-for-2, BB, 2 K	Active: -1: 0-for-2, BB, 2 K Longest +6: 8-for-23, 5 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, 2 BB, 5 K	Active: +7: 4-for-19, 2 RBI, R, 3B, 2 2B, 6 BB, HBP, 8 K, SB Longest +7: 8-for-26, 5 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, 3 BB, 7 K
Escarra	(2g) 1-for-8, 2 RBI, 2 R, HR, K	Active: -1: 0-for-4, K Longest +2: 3-for-8, RBI, 2 R, 3B, 2B	Active: -1: 0-for-4, K Longest +15: 13-for-53, 9 RBI, 7 R, HR, 2 3B, 6 2B, 5 BB, HBP, 11 K
Groshans	(2g) 2-for-7, RBI, 2B, BB, K	Active: -1: 0-for-2, BB Longest +4: 6-for-15, 2 R, 2 BB, 3 K	Active: +3: 3-for-10, RBI, R, 2B, 2 BB, K Longest +3: 5-for-12, R, BB, 3 K
Jones	(2g) 1-for-8, R, 2B, BB, SB, 2 K	Active: -1: 0-for-4, 2 K Longest +3: 8-for-13, 3 RBI, 5 R, 2 HR, 3 SB	Active: -1: 0-for-4, 2 K Longest +3: 8-for-13, 3 RBI, 5 R, 2 HR, BB
Palensky	(1g) 0-for-3, 2 K	Active: -6: 0-for-14, 3 RBI, R, 4 BB, 2 HBP, 6 K Longest +4: 6-for-14, 2 RBI, 2 R, 3 2B, 2 BB, 2 K	Active: -1: 0-for-3, 2 K Longest +8: 7-for-23, 3 RBI, 4 R, 3 2B, 7 BB, 6 K
Ramirez	(2g) 3-for-7, 3 RBI, 2 R, HR, 2B, 2 BB, SB, 2 K	Active: -1: 0-for-4, 2 K Longest +7: 9-for-31, 13 RBI, 6 R, 6 HR, 2 BB, 6 K	Active: -1: 0-for-4, 2 K Longest +11: 11-for-42, 14 RBI, 11 R, 7 HR, 8 BB, HBP, 9 K
Rice	(2g) 0-for-8, BB, 2 K	Active: -3: 0-for-11, 2 K, BB, SB Longest +7: 10-for-24, 3 RBI, 7 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, 8 BB, 8 K, SB	Active: +1: 0-for-3, BB Longest +11: 10-for-36, 4 RBI, 7 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, 12 BB, HBP, 11 K, SB
Seigler	(2g) 1-for-5, 2B, 2 BB	Active: +1: 1-for-3, 2B Longest +6: 8-for-23, 3 RBI, 2 R, 4 2B, BB, 3 K	Active: +2: 1-for-5, 2B, 2 BB Longest +6: 8-for-23, 3 RBI, 2 R, 4 2B, BB, 3 K
Richardson	(1g) 2-for-4, R, 2 2B, K	Active: +4: 8-for-14, 4 RBI, 4 R, 2 2B, 3 BB, 3 K, SB Longest +5: 6-for-19, 3 RBI, 3 R, 3 2B, BB, 2 K	Active: +4: 8-for-14, 4 RBI, 4 R, 2 2B, 3 BB, 3 K, SB Longest +7: 8-for-24, 3 RBI, 4 R, 3 2B, 3 BB, 2 K
Wegner	(1g) 1-for-4, R, 3 K	Active: +1: 1-for-4, R, 3 K Longest +13: 15-for-48, 11 RBI, 8 R, 3 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 5 BB, 7 K, 2 SB	Active: +16: 16-for-58, 11 RBI, 10 R, 3 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 6 BB, HBP, 14 K, 2 SB Longest +16: 16-for-58, 11 RBI, 10 R, 3 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 6 BB, HBP, 14 K, 2 SB

PATRIOTS BATTERS

2 BEN COWLES INF 6'1" / 180 B/T: R / R

DOB: 2/15/00 (24) **HOMETOWN:** Rochester, NY **ACQ:** MLB Draft 2021 (10 | 303)
Season-Highs: 3 H (2x, last: 4/27 @REA), 3 R (2x, last: 4/20 vs. HFD), 3 RBI (4x, last: 4/27 @REA), 1 HR, 2 SB (4/11 @NH)
Career-Highs: 3 H (6x, last: 4/27/24 @REA), 3 R (4x, last: 4/20/24 @HFD), 3 RBI (8x, last: 4/27/24 @REA), 2 HR (2x, last: 7/23/23, A+), 3 SB (8/20/23, A+)

2023: Cowles spent the entire High-A South Atlantic League season, including the postseason, with the Hudson Valley Renegades, slashing .254/.356/.393 and setting career-highs with 10 HR, 41 RBI and 62 R. After the season, he was promoted directly to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, where he played in three games for the Railriders to end the season. Cowles represented the Yankees at the Arizona Fall League following the season, when he competed for the Mesa Solar Sox. In 20 AFL games, Cowles slashed .290/.405/.551 with 4 HR, 15 RBI and 9 R.

2022: Spent the majority of 2022 with Single-A Tampa (70 games), before an August promotion to High-A Hudson Valley (23 games). Across 93 total games, Cowles slashed .272/.375/.427 with 47 R, 41 RBI and 7 HR in his second pro season.

2021: Split his first season with between the FCL Yankees (3 games) and Single-A Tampa (32 games), combining to hit .250 with 14 R, 4 HR and 25 RBI.

College: Played three seasons at the University of Maryland and as a junior, earned First Team All-Big Ten and ABCA/Rawlings All-East Region First Team honors. As a junior in 2021, he hit .287 with 42 R, 6 2B, 18 HR, 51 RBI, 20 BB and 9 SB in 48 games.

Personal Notes: Graduated from Newark High School (NY), where he also played basketball. His sports hero growing up was Derek Jeter.

Career Notes: Selected by the Yankees in the 10th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

8 ELIJAH DUNHAM OF 5'11" / 220 B/T: L / L

DOB: 05/29/98 (25) **HOMETOWN:** Evansville, IN **ACQ:** Non-drafted FA (2020)
Season-Highs: 2 H (3x, last: 4/27 @REA), 2 R (4/27 @REA), 3 RBI (4/20 vs. HFD), 1 HR, 1 SB
Career-Highs: 4 H (2x, last: 5/29/22, AA), 3 R (6x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 5 RBI (6/3/21, A), 2 HR (6/3/21, A), 3 SB (4x last: 7/19/23)

2022 Eastern League All-Star Eastern League Player of the Week: 8/14/22
2021-22 MiLB.com NYY Organization All-Star 2021 AFL Rising Star, Breakout Player of the Year

2023: Began the 2023 season with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, hitting .216 in 69 games with 6 HR and 16 RBI. Transferred to Somerset on 7/4, where Dunham finished the season with the Patriots and in 56 games slashed .240/.331/.447 with 10 HR to end the season.

2022: Spent all of 2022 season with Somerset, helping lead the Patriots to win their first Eastern League Championship. He earned Eastern League All-Star and Yankees Organization All-Star honors after finishing the season hitting .248 with a team-leading 63 RBI and setting career highs in RBI, HR (17), and SB (37). He hit .368 (7-for-19) with 3R, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 BB and 1 SB in five postseason games for the Patriots, including a crucial two-run homer in Game 2 of the Championship Series vs. Erie. During the week of August 8-14, Dunham was awarded Eastern League Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career: vs. HFD went 9-for-20 (.450) with 2 HR, 9 H, and 7 RBI. In the final week of the first half, Dunham dominated during the Patriots' first half clinching series vs. Hartford from 6/21-26. In the six games, he went 11-for-22, slashing .500/.560/.727 (1.287 OPS) with 1 HR, 5 RBI, 5 R and 4 SB, in addition to three game-saving, diving catches over the final two games.

2021: Dunham began his pro debut season with Single-A Tampa (29 games), before earning a promotion to High-A Hudson Valley (64 games). Across both levels, he slashed .263/.362/.463 with 13 HR, 72 R, 57 RBI and 28 SB. Having spent most of his season in Hudson Valley, he led the Renegades in stolen bases (17). Dunham was named a 2021 MiLB.com Yankees Organizational All-Star. Following the season, he played for the Surprise Saguaros of the Arizona Fall League. He was voted the AFL Breakout Player of the Year and an AFL Rising Star, after he hit .357 (ranked 6th in AFL) with a .465 OBP (5th), 2 HR, 14 RBI, 11 SB (1st), 6 2B and 30 H (3rd) in 23 games.

Career Notes: Dunham went undrafted in 2020, when the MLB Draft was shortened to five rounds due to the Covid pandemic, despite being Baseball America's No. 186 Draft Prospect. One week later, he signed with the Yankees. With a significant amount of interest from nearly every big league team, Dunham chose to sign with the Yankees due to the influence of current Yankees Assistant Hitting Coach, Casey Dykes, who was Dunham's hitting coach for one year (2019) at Indiana, and he calls his favorite coach of all time. Dunham was originally drafted in the 40th round of the 2019 MLB Draft by the Pirates and he elected to honor his commitment to Indiana.

College: Played two full seasons at Indiana, plus 2020. In his last full season as a sophomore in 2019, he led the team in batting (.310) and OBP (.434) en route to being named Third-Team All-Big Ten after 43 games. He began his junior season in 2020 hitting .390/.493/.559 in 15 games with 11 walks. His seven doubles and .493 OBP led the Hoosiers. He earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for the week of 2/24/20, before the remainder of the season was cancelled.

Personal Notes: Attended Reitz High School in Evansville, where he hit .386 his senior year with a .541 OBP and 26 stolen bases. Three-sport athlete lettered in baseball, basketball and football. Grew up a Cardinals fan, with Albert Pujols his favorite player. Dunham's family owns a donut shop in Fort Worth, Texas, called "Parlor Donuts." His brother, Isaiah, who is a graduate of Yale, runs the business.

6 J.C. ESCARRA C 6'3" / 205 B/T: L / R

DOB: 4/24/95 (28) **HOMETOWN:** Hialeah, FL **ACQ:** MiLB FA (2024)
Season-Highs: 3 H (4/16 vs. HFD), 2 R (4/26 @REA), 2 RBI (3x, last: 4/26 @REA), 1 HR, 0 SB
Career-Highs: 4 H (2x, last: 8/14/19, A+), 3 R (4x, last: 6/8/21, AA), 2 RBI (2x, last: 5/16/21, AA), 1 HR, 1 SB

2024: Escarra hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the 8th inning of the Yankees' MLB Spring Training game vs. TOR on 3/16. He traveled with the Yankees to Mexico during their two-game exhibition series vs. the Diablos Rojos on 3/24-25. He started at first base in the second game on 3/25 and went 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI-single.

2022-23: The last two seasons, Escarra played 257 total games for five different teams in four leagues. Beginning in 2021, he played for the Kansas City Monarchs of the independent American Association, where he posted a .926 OPS in 70 games. He then started 2022 in the independent Atlantic League with the Gastonia Honey Hunters, where he hit .348 in 41 games with 15 HR, 22 BB, and 17 K. Escarra was named the Atlantic League Player of the Month for both April and May, before having his contract purchased by the Tijuana Toros of the Mexican League. He hit .329 with 6 HR in 21 games with Tijuana, before a trade to Union Laguna for the final 21 games of the regular season. Escarra also played for two teams during his 2023-2024 winter league season, beginning with Ponce in the Puerto Rican Winter League, where he hit .243 with 15 RBI. He also spent 13 games with Guasave in the Mexican Winter League, where he batted .238 with a .778 OPS. Following the 2023-24 winter ball season, Escarra was selected to play for Team Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Series, where he was managed by Yadier Molina and played at his hometown Loan Depot Park in Miami, FL.

2017-21: Escarra was initially drafted in the 15th round by the Baltimore Orioles in the 2017 MLB Draft. Over four seasons with the Orioles organization, he made it as high as Triple-A Norfolk in 2021. He was named a New York-Penn League All-Star in 2018 with the Aberdeen Ironbirds.

College: Played four seasons at Florida International University from 2014-2017. Over 175 career games with the Panthers, Escarra slashed .276/.432/.358 with 20 HR. As a senior in 2017, Escarra was tabbed Second Team All-C-USA Conference, hitting .305 with 15 HR, 49 RBI, and a .999 OPS.

Personal Notes: Attended Mater Academy in Hialeah, where he hit .450 as a senior in 2013. He was initially selected by the New York Mets out of high school in the 32nd round of the 2013 MLB Draft, but opted to honor his commitment to FIU. Nicknamed the "Hialeah Cannon", Escarra is a native of Hialeah, FL, the same hometown of Yankees LHP Nestor Cortes Jr. and Padres 3B Manny Machado. Escarra and Cortes Jr. grew up playing baseball together in their youth. When the Yankees took Escarra into consideration, they approached Cortes Jr., asking if he knew Escarra and whether he recommended him. Cortes Jr. gave the Yankees front office a glowing recommendation, highlighting his bright personality, before the Yankees signed him. Escarra grew up a die-hard Yankees fan, idolizing Timo Martinez. His dad devoted himself to the Yankees after immigrating from Cuba and moving to Yonkers, NY in the late 1980s.

Career Notes: Initially selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the 15th round of the 2017 MLB Draft for \$125,000. After four seasons with the Orioles organization, Escarra played in the independent American Association league in 2022 and in the independent Atlantic League in 2023. The Yankees signed Escarra as a minor league free agent on January 11, 2024.

10 JORDAN GROSHANS INF 6'2" / 200 B/T: R / R

DOB: 11/10/99 (24) **HOMETOWN:** Magnolia, TX **ACQ:** Claimed off Waivers (MIA, 2024)
Season-Highs: 3 H (4/10 @NOR, AAA), 1 R, 2 RBI (3x, last: 4/17 vs. LHV, AAA), 1 HR, 0 SB
Career-Highs: 4 H (7/16/23, AAA), 6 RBI (2x, last: 6/25/21, AA), 3 R (4/19/23, AAA), 2 HR (6/25/21, AA), 1 SB

2024: Broke camp with Triple-A SWB and played 17 games for the Railriders, slashing .228/.302/.316 with 1 HR, 7 RBI and 8 R. Transferred to Somerset on 4/23.

2023: Spent all of his final season with the Marlins organization at Triple-A Jacksonville, playing in 125 games where he hit .243 with 60 R, 20 2B, 6 HR and 60 RBI, starting 41 games at first base and 77 games at third base.

2018-22: Groshans made his MLB debut for the Miami Marlins on 9/13/22, ending his season with 17 big league games at third base in which he hit .262 with 9 R, 1 HR, 2 RBI and 4 BB. Prior to making his MLB debut, Groshans spent parts of five minor league seasons (374 games) in the Blue Jays (2018-19, '21-22) and Marlins (2022-23) organizations, hitting .271 with 185 R, 78 2B, 23 HR, 190 RBI and 183 BB.

Career Notes: The Magnolia, TX native, Groshans was originally selected by the Toronto Blue Jays in the first round (12th overall) of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Magnolia HS (TX). On 8/2/22, Groshans was acquired by Miami from Toronto in exchange for RHP Anthony Bass, RHP Zach Pop and a player to be named later (C Edward Duran). He was designated for assignment by Miami on 2/6/24 and claimed by the Yankees on 2/13/24. After clearing waivers with the Yankees, Groshans was assigned to Triple-A.

33 SPENCER HENSON INF 6'0" / 235 B/T: R / R

DOB: 11/3/97 (26) **HOMETOWN:** Locust Grove, OK **ACQ:** MLB Draft 2019 (9 | 285)
Season-Highs: 4 H (2x, last: 7/30/23, A+), 3 R (5x, last: 7/3/23, A+), 5 RBI (4/11/23, A+), 2 HR (2x, last: 7/30/23, A+), 1 SB

2023: Spent his second consecutive full season with High-A Hudson Valley, playing a new career-high 82 games for the Renegades, while also setting career-highs in HR (14), RBI (48) and R (50), while hitting .252/.327/.453. On 9/10, the final day of Hudson Valley's regular season, Henson hit his 14th home run of the season and his 24th total in two years for the Renegades, becoming the franchise's all-time career leader in home runs.

2022: Spent all of his first full season with High-A Hudson Valley, playing in 71 games and slashing .211/.312/.384 with 10 HR, 37 R and 37 RBI.

2021: Played in four games for Single-A Tampa before a season-ending injury. In his final two games (5/6-5/7) of series vs. Dunedin, he went 4-for-7 with 2 HR and 7 RBI, homering in each game.

2019: Split his professional debut season between Rookie-Advanced Pulaski (10 games) and Short-Season Class-A Staten Island (14 games), combining to hit .256/.378/.573 with 13 R, 17 RBI and 6 HR.

College: Played three seasons (2017-19) at Oral Roberts University (OK), winning the Summit League Triple Crown in each of his final two seasons. He was also named the 2019 Summit League "Player of the Year" after slashing .362/.509/.768 (64-for-177) with 46 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 19 HR, 51 RBI, 51 BB and 2 SB in 50 games.

Personal Notes: Graduated from Pryor High School (OK) in 2016, after earning three Louisville Slugger High School All-America honors. Three-sport athlete also played football and basketball at Pryor.

Career Notes: Selected by the Yankees in the ninth round of the 2019 MLB Draft.

19 SPENCER JONES INF 6'6" / 235 B/T: L / L

DOB: 5/14/01 (22) **HOMETOWN:** Encinitas, CA **ACQ:** MLB Draft 2022 (1 | 25)
Season-Highs: 3 H (2x, last: 4/23 @REA), 3 R (2x, last: 4/21 vs. HFD), 2 RBI (4/23 @REA), 1 HR, 2 SB (4/21 vs. HFD)
Career-Highs: 4 H (4/25/23, A+), 3 R (4x, last: 4/21/24, AA), 5 RBI (4/11/23, A+), 2 HR (2x, last: 4/29/23, A+), 3 SB (9/6/23, AA)

2023 MLB All-Star Futures Game Selection	2024 MLB Pipeline No. 81 Overall Prospect
2023 MiLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star	2024 MLB Pipeline No. 2 Yankees Prospect
2024 Yankees James P. Dawson Award	2024 Baseball America No. 2 Yankees Prospect
2024 MLB Pipeline All-Spring Breakout First Team	2024 FanGraphs No. 1 Yankees Prospect

2024: Jones earned a non-roster invite to MLB Spring Training and saw time in 12 games, slashing .444/.565/.722 with 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 R and a 1.287 OPS. He began the spring by collecting hits in each of his first five at-bats and reaching base in each of his first six plate appearances. He started in the Yankees' first Spring Training game of the season on 2/24 and went 3-for-3 with a 470-foot home run. On 3/16, Jones started in center field for the Yankees in their inaugural Spring Breakout game vs. TOR and went 3-for-4 with 2 HR and 4 RBI en route to being named to MLB Pipeline's All-Spring Breakout First Team. His Spring Training performance earned him the Yankees' 2024 James P. Dawson Award, giving the organization's most outstanding rookie in spring training.

2023: Began his first full season with High-A Hudson Valley, going on to play 100 games for the Renegades and slashing .268/.337/.450 with 13 HR, 56 RBI, 62 R and 35 SB. He was promoted to Double-A Somerset on 8/27 and ended the season playing 17 games for the Patriots, plus the post-season. With Somerset, Jones hit .261 with a .739 OPS, 3 HR, 10 RBI, 9 R and 8 SB. On 8/30 @POR, he hit his first Double-A home run, which was a go-ahead grand slam. In 117 total games, Jones led all Yankees minor leaguers with 43 stolen bases.

2022: Jones made his professional debut in three games for the FCL Yankees and then spent the remainder of his season with Single-A Tampa (22 games). Collectively, in 25 games during his rookie season, Jones slashed .344/.425/.538 with 4 HR, 12 RBI, 21 R and 12 SB.

College: Jones played three seasons at Vanderbilt University, most notably putting together a breakout junior year in 2022 when he batted .370/.460/.643 with 21 2B, 3 3B, 12 HR, 60 RBI and 14 SB in 61 games. He missed part of his sophomore season in 2021 while recovering from arm injuries that included Tommy John surgery. It was during this time that Jones fully converted from being a two-way player to being a full-time hitter. At the 2022 MLB Draft combine in San Diego, Jones had the day's hardest-hit ball at 112.2 mph. During the summer of 2021, he played for the Brewster Whitecaps of the Cape Cod League, the same college summer club that Aaron Judge played for about 10 years earlier.

Personal Notes: Prior to Vanderbilt, Jones served as a two-way player at La Costa Canyon, a prep school where he earned a variety of honors including the 2018 MLB Network/Sirius XM Two-Way Player Award. Jones was the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Home Run Derby Champion, was named a 2018 Under Armour All-American and a 2018 Perfect Game All-American. Overall in high school, he posted a career .367 AVG, .443 OBP and .484 SLG at La Costa Canyon.

Career Notes: Selected by the Yankees in the 1st round (No. 25 overall) of the 2022 MLB Draft. Jones is the first outfielder to be selected by the Yankees with their top pick since Blake Rutherford was picked No. 18 overall in 2016. Jones was previously drafted out of high school by the Angels in the 31st round of the 2019 MLB Draft, but did not sign.

PATRIOTS BATTERS

1 **AARON PALENSKY** **OF** **5'11" / 190** **B/T: R / R**
DOB: 9/22/98 (25) **HOMETOWN:** Omaha, NE **ACQ:** Non-drafted FA (2020)
Season-Highs: 2 H (2x, last: 4/14 @NH), 1 R, 1 RBI, 0 HR, 1 SB
Career-Highs: 4 H (3x last: 6/11/23, AA), 4 R (5/24/23, A+), 7 RBI (4/26/23, A+), 2 HR (4/26/23, A+), 2 SB (4x, last: 4/26/23, A+)
2023: Broke camp by playing in 32 games for High-A Hudson Valley. At the time of his promotion to Somerset on 5/30, Palensky's 12 HR and 34 RBI were both tied for the Yankees MiLB lead, while his .744 SLG and 1.178 OPS led all MiLB players. During his final week with Hudson Valley, Palensky earned South Atlantic League Player of the Week honors, after he slashed .619/.680/1.238 with 9 R, 5 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 7 RBI and 3 SB. Palensky ended his 2023 season with 71 games split between Somerset and Triple-A SVB, where he combined to hit .181 with 10 HR, 34 RBI and 43 R.
2021-22: After signing as a non-drafted free agent, Palensky was assigned to make his professional debut with Double-A Somerset in 2021, where he hit safely in nine of his first 12 games (.342/.432/.605) with 10 RBI. In total, Palensky played in 37 games for the Patriots, slashing .216/.360/.378. He spent the entire 2022 season with Hudson Valley, batting .251/.369/.475 with 46 R, 10 HR, 34 RBI and 34 BB in 77 games.
College: Played one season at Southeast Community College (NE) in 2018, before transferring to his dream school, the University of Nebraska, where he played two seasons (2019-20). During 2019 in his only full season, he led the team in BA (.320), H (71), R (43), HR (7) and TB (107).
Personal Notes: Graduated from Papillion La Vista South High School (NE) in 2017. As a senior, he batted .342 with 23 R, 15 RBI, 8 XBH and a .485 OBP. In addition to playing baseball, Palensky lettered four times in tennis, earning a spot on the honorable-mention all-state tennis list.
Career Notes: After Palensky's 2020 NCAA season at Nebraska was shut down due to the Covid pandemic, the June 10, 2020 MLB Draft was shortened to five rounds and Palensky did not have his name called. In the days following the draft, Palensky was working as an Amazon delivery driver. He was in the middle of his delivery route in Fremont, Nebraska when he received a call from an unknown number. Palensky answered the incoming call to discover it was the New York Yankees on the other end. He pulled over to finish the conversation and was presented with a contract offer, signing on June 18, 2020 as a non-drafted free agent.

23 **AGUSTIN RAMIREZ** **C** **6'0" / 210** **B/T: R / R**
DOB: 09/10/01 (21) **HOMETOWN:** Santo Domingo, DOM. **ACQ:** Int. FA (2018)
Season-Highs: 3 H (2x, last: 5/7 @ALT), 3 R (3x, last: 5/7 @ALT), 3 RBI (2x, last: 5/7 @ALT), 2 HR, 2 SB (2x, last: 4/23 @REA)
Career-Highs: 4 H (7/12/22, ROK), 4 R (8/18/23, AA), 6 RBI (6/14/22, ROK), 1 HR, 2 SB (5x, last: 4/23 @REA)
2023 SAL Player of the Month: July
2022 FCL Post-Season All-Star
2019 DSL Mid-Season All-Star
2024 MLB Pipeline No. 20 Yankees Prospect
2024 Baseball America No. 10 Yankees Prospect

2023: Began season with Single-A Tampa, making his full-season debut in the Yankees organization. Hit .245 with 7 HR, 35 RBI, 43 BB, 41 K in 56 games prior to a promotion to High-A Hudson Valley on 6/29. During his first month at High-A, Ramirez was named South Atlantic League Player of the Month, after he hit .415/.467/.756 for Hudson Valley in July, leading the South Atlantic League in AVG, H (34), 2B (10), TB (62), SLG, and OPS (1.223). He homered six times in 20 July games, including in four straight games from July 23-27 and reached base in 26 of 27 High-A games before he was promoted to SOM on 8/8.
2021-22: Spent 2021 with the FCL Yankees and hit .220 with 4 HR, 15 RBI in 32 games for a roster which included as many as five catchers at once. In 2022, he won a championship with the FCL Yankees and played 44 games for the team, hitting .304/.386/.506 with 34 R, 6 HR, 51 RBI, ranking 3rd among Yankees qualified farmhands in AVG en route to being named an FCL Post-Season All-Star.
2019: Slashed .239/.300/.374 with 4 HR and 26 RBI in 41 games for the DSL Yankees and was named a Mid-Season All-Star in the Dominican Summer League.
Career Notes: Initially signed by Yankees as an International Free Agent on 7/12/18 for \$400K.

4 **BEN RICE** **C** **6'1" / 215** **B/T: L / R**
DOB: 02/22/99 (25) **HOMETOWN:** Cohasset, MA **ACQ:** MLB Draft '21 (12 | 363)
Season-Highs: 3 H (4/17 vs. HFD), 3 R (4/20 vs. HFD), 2 RBI (2x, last: 4/20 vs. HFD), 1 HR, 1 SB
Career-Highs: 4 H (3x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 4 R (2x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 5 RBI (2x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 2 HR (2x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 1 SB
2023 Eastern League Player of the Month: August
2023 Eastern League Player of the Week: 8/13/23
2023 MLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star
2023 MLB Pipeline NYY Hitting Prospect of the Year
2023 Yankees Kevin Lawn Award Winner
2024 MLB Pipeline Yankees No. 12 Prospect
2024 Baseball America Yankees No. 14 Prospect

2023: Began the season with 15 games playing for High-A Hudson Valley. Placed on the 7-day IL on 5/6 with a lower back injury. Following a 10-game rehab assignment in Single-A Tampa, Rice was assigned to Somerset on 7/18. In 25 combined games prior to his promotion, Rice was slashing .341/.559/.523 with 2 HR, 10 RBI, 15 R, 18 BB, 10 BB and a 1.082 OPS. During his first week at Double-A, Rice played in four games, collecting multiple hits in all four, going 10-for-20 with 10 RBI, 6 R and 3 HR. Making his Double-A debut in Hartford, during his third game for Somerset on 7/22, he collected a career-high 4 H in his first career 2 HR game, while adding 4 RBI. During 8/8-13 vs. BNG, Rice was awarded his first career Player of the Week honors for going 12-for-23 with 9 RBI, 7 R, 2 HR, 4 2B, 2 BB, 9BP and 2 SB.
2021-22: Over his first two minor league seasons in 2021-22, Rice combined to play 90 games between the FCL Yankees and Single-Tampa, where he hit .250 with 12 home runs in 326 plate appearances.
College: Attending Dartmouth from 2019-21, Rice played in only 29 college games. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, most of his 2020 season and all of his 2021 college baseball seasons were canceled by the Ivy League. During his summers of 2019-2020, Rice played for the Worcester Bravehearts of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League alongside other players who were bound for the Cape Cod League in 2020, when he was named the league MVP. In anticipation of his 2021 season being canceled, Rice teamed up with his Ivy League peers to organize showcase scrimmages and workouts at local sandlot fields, inviting scouts to watch them. This is where Yankees northeast area scout Matt Hyde learned of Rice, calling these games "the Ben Rice showcases." Rice played for the Cape Cod League's Cotuit Kettlers in 2021 before being drafted by the Yankees. He wound up playing in 75 summer college games, compared to 29 Ivy League games.

Personal Notes: Older brother, Sam, was a distance swimmer at the University of Tennessee. Younger sister, Sarah is a senior swimmer at William & Mary. Father, Benjamin, pitched at Brown. Mother, Sophie was a figure skater, who now plays in a women's hockey league. Growing up, Rice's primary sport was hockey, before he decided to exclusively pursue baseball late during high school.
Career Notes: Selected in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft by the Yankees.

16 **GRANT RICHARDSON** **OF** **6'0" / 210** **B/T: L / L**
DOB: 07/13/99 (24) **HOMETOWN:** Fishers, IN **ACQ:** MLB Draft '21 (17 | 513)
Season-Highs: 3 H (2x, last: 4/26 @REA), 1 R, 3 RBI (4/26 @REA), 1 HR, 1 SB
Career-Highs: 4 H (2x, last: 5/2/24, AA), 3 R (4x, last: 6/6/23, A+), 5 RBI (8/3/22, A), 2 HR (8/14/22, A+), 3 SB (8/21/21, ROK)
2023: Began this season on the 7-day IL in High-A Hudson Valley, before being reinstated on 4/18 and playing in 77 games for the Renegades, slashing .204/.306/.389 with 13 HR, 37 RBI, 34 R and 14 SB. During his final week in High-A on 8/17, Richardson hit his 23rd career High-A home run, which tied him with Everson Pereira and Spencer Jones for the Hudson Valley Renegades franchise career record, prior to his promotion to Somerset on 8/22.
2022: Began his second pro season with Single-A Tampa, playing in 55 games for the Tarpons and hitting .253/.350/.421 with 6 HR, 32 RBI and 28 R. He was promoted to High-A Hudson Valley alongside teammate Jasson Dominguez on 7/15/22, when he broke the news to Dominguez in a viral social media video on the Yankees' Player Development X account. Finishing the season with the Renegades, Richardson hit .208/.288/.477 over 35 games in which he collected 10 HR, 28 RBI and 19 R.
2021: Made his professional debut across 27 games with the FCL Yankees, slashing .269/.376/.516 with 3 HR, 18 RBI and 24 R.
College: Played three years (2019-21) at the University of Indiana, alongside fellow Yankees farmhand Elijah Dunham for the 2019 and 2020 seasons. One of the unpaid volunteer hitting coaches at Indiana in 2019 was the Yankees' now assistant hitting coach, Casey Dykes. During his final college season in 2021, Richardson hit .320 with 33 RBI, 32 R and 7 HR en route to being named First-Team All-Big Ten.

Personal Notes: Attended Bishop Dwenger High School (IN) as a three-year letterwinner, then transferred to Fishers High School (IN) where he played his senior season. In 2018, he went 5-0 on the mound with a 2.75 ERA, striking out 78 batters in 43.1 innings, winning a state championship.
Career Notes: Selected by the Yankees in the 17th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

9 **ANTHONY SEIGLER** **C** **5'9" / 198** **B/T: S / S**
DOB: 6/20/99 (24) **HOMETOWN:** Cartersville, GA **ACQ:** MLB Draft 2018 (1 | 23)
Season-Highs: 2 H (2x, last: 4/25 @REA), 1 R, 1 RBI, 0 HR, 1 SB
Career-Highs: 3 H (4x, last: 9/6/22, A+), 4 R (6/17/22, A+), 4 RBI (4x, last: 5/5/22, A), 2 HR (7/27/21, A+), 4 SB (7/6/22, A+)
2023: Spent the full 2023 season in Somerset, playing in 67 games and posting a .166/.333/.263 slash line with 5 HR, 27 RBI and 33 R. After catching for his entire professional career, Seigler transitioned to play second base by mid-season and went on to play 15 games at the position. He also appeared at left field in one game.
2022: Put together a career season in every offensive category, spending the majority of the year in High-A Hudson Valley (72 games), after starting out with Single-A Tampa (25). Across 97 total games, Seigler hit .236/.405/.369 with 7 HR, 45 RBI and 61 R.
2018-2021: Spent all of his 2021 season with High-A Hudson Valley, slashing .219/.324/.391 across 41 games. On 7/27/21 vs. Wilmington, he accomplished his first career two-home run game. Seigler was limited to 30 games in his second season (2019), all with Single-A Charleston, when he hit .175 with 10 R and 6 RBI, before his season was cut short in July due to a broken left patella. Split his first pro season (2018) evenly between the GCL Yankees West and Pulaski Yankees. In 24 total games, he slashed .266/.379/.342.

Personal Notes: Attended Cartersville High School (GA), where as a senior he was ranked by Baseball America as the No. 41 prospect in the 2018 MLB draft class. In addition to catching, Seigler was also an ambidextrous pitcher and posted a 1.09 ERA in 25.2 IP as a senior, with 29 K. Seigler graduated from Cartersville with Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback and 2021 No. 1 overall draft pick Trevor Lawrence, whom he played football with during elementary school. During high school, Seigler also played for USA Baseball's U18 National Team, winning the 2017 U18 World Cup. He was committed to play at the University of Auburn prior to signing with the Yankees. Seigler is of Navajo descent and would join Jacoby Ellsbury as the second Navajo to play in the Majors. Named after the late Tony Phillips, an 18-year Major League veteran infielder and friend of his father's. Growing up in Cartersville, GA, Seigler's favorite player was Chipper Jones.
Career Notes: Selected by the Yankees in the 1st round of the 2018 MLB Draft, making him the third catcher to be chosen by the Yankees in the first round of the MLB Draft (David Parrish, 28th overall and Thurman Munson, fourth overall).

16 **JARED WEGNER** **OF** **6'0" / 220** **B/T: R / R**
DOB: 07/25/99 (24) **HOMETOWN:** Kearney, NE **ACQ:** MLB Draft '23 (9 | 282)
Season-Highs: 2 H (2x, last: 4/27 @REA), 2 R (4/12 @NH), 3 RBI (4/13 @NH), 1 HR, 1 SB
Career-Highs: 2 H (3x, last: 4/27 @REA), 2 R (4x, last: 4/12/24, AA), 3 RBI (4/13/24, AA), 1 HR, 1 SB

2023: Began his professional career as a member of FCL Yankees. Wegner homered in his first two professional games on 7/29 and 7/30. After going 4-for-9 with 2 HR and 6 RBI over two games with the FCL Yankees, Wegner was promoted to Single-A Tampa on 8/2. He played three games with Tampa, going 3-for-12 with 2 RBI before being promoted to High-A Hudson Valley. Wegner rounded out his debut campaign with 19 games for the Renegades, over which he hit .254 with 2 HR and 6 RBI.
College: Wegner was a four-year starter at Creighton from 2019-22, before transferring to Arkansas for his fifth year of eligibility. As a freshman, he earned All-Big East 2nd Team honors, batting .264 with 20 RBI and 1 HR, which came in the form of a grand slam in his first collegiate game. As a senior, he slashed .343/.459/.635 with a team-leading 11 HR and 53 RBI, earning All-Big East 1st Team honors. Overall in his four seasons for Creighton, he posted a .306 average and 14 HR. Within 30 minutes of entering the NCAA transfer portal, he was contacted by Arkansas assistant coach Nate Thompson. During his fifth college season at Arkansas in 2023, Wegner played in 43 games, missing 18 games due to a fractured thumb, and hit .313 with an 1.130 OPS, 15 HR, and 51 RBI. In his lone season as a Razor-back, Wegner's team won the 2023 SEC Championship in 2023, the school's fourth in program history, leading Arkansas to the No. 3 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament. He hit home runs in his final two college games in the Fayetteville Regional of the NCAA Tournament and was named a midseason All-American by D1Baseball.
Personal Notes: Three-sport athlete at Kearney High School (Kearney, NE), Wegner was ranked the No. 13 overall prospect in the state of Nebraska by Prep Baseball Report. Prior to high school, he represented Nebraska (Kearney Little League) in the 2012 Little League World Series with his father, Brad, serving as the team's head coach. He went 3-for-4 with a homer and 5 RBI in the state's first ever LLVWS win, coming over Germany. During his graduate year at Arkansas, Wegner earned the nickname "Pops" from his teammates.
Career Notes: Selected in the ninth round of the 2023 MLB Draft by the Yankees, signing for \$72,500 as a senior-sign.

3 **ALEXANDER VARGAS** **INF** **5'11" / 148** **B/T: S / R**
DOB: 10/29/01 (22) **HOMETOWN:** Matanzas, CUB. **ACQ:** Int. FA (2018)
Season-Highs: 2 H (3x, last: 4/21 vs. HFD), 2 R (4/21 vs. HFD), 2 RBI (4/21 vs. HFD), 0 HR, 1 SB
Career-Highs: 4 H (3x, last: 8/11/23, A+), 3 R (9x, last: 7/25/23, A+), 4 RBI (5x, last: 8/11/23, A+), 2 HR (4/30/23, A+), 3 SB (9/4/21, ROK)
2024: Returned to High-A Hudson Valley to start the 2024 season, where he played in five games and went 3-for-15 with 5 RBI. On 4/17, he was assigned to Double-A Somerset.
2023: Played a career-high 103 games for High-A Hudson Valley, batting .206 with 9 HR, 53 RBI, and a .590 OPS. He hit a walk-off home run in 12th inning vs. JS on 8/12 to finish the night with four hits and four RBI. By the end of the season, Vargas led all Yankees farmhands with six triples. During the season, he saw action at second base for the first time in his career, playing in nine games at the position.
2022: Entering the 2022 season ranked as MLB Pipeline's No. 17 Yankees prospect, Vargas spent his first full season with Single-A Tampa, hitting .203 in 100 games with a .583 OPS, 33 RBI, and 8 HR. He led the Tarpons in stolen bases (27) and runs (59).
2021: Ranked as the Yankees' No. 13 prospect by MLB Pipeline, Vargas spent all of 2021 season with FCL Yankees, playing in 42 games, hitting .273 with a .755 OPS, 3 HR, and 26 RBI. Vargas led the FCL in runs (37) and ranked fourth in stolen bases (17).
2019: Made professional debut for the Dominican Summer League Yankees on 6/1, where he played eight games and hit .289, ahead of a promotion to the Gulf Coast League on 6/24. Played in 40 games for the GCL Yankees-East, hitting .219 with 1 HR, 16 RBI and 14 BB to only 22 K. Vargas went a perfect 13-for-13 on the base paths in the GCL and he led the league with five triples. Vargas was promoted to Rookie-Advanced Pulaski for the 2019 Appalachian League Playoffs, appearing in one game: Game Three of the league's semifinals vs. the Burlington Royals, which was a 17-inning, five-hour, 19-minute game that the Royals went to send them to the league championship.
Career Notes: Vargas was expected to sign with the Reds as an international free agent, but Cincinnati was penalized for exceeding their bonus pool money the prior signing period leaving them unable to sign a prospect to a contract above \$300,000. The Yankees swooped in to ink Vargas for \$2.5M on 8/1/18, dishing out the third-highest bonus in the class. The Yankees acquired the extra international pool money they needed for Vargas, the 8th-ranked prospect in the class, by sending Caleb Frare to the White Sox, and both Giovanni Gallegos and Chasen Shreve to the Cardinals. Vargas played for Matanzas in Cuba's 15U national league in 2016, batting .296/.395/.449 with 14 walks and eight strikeouts in 116 plate appearances. In 2017, he jumped to the 18U league as a 15-year-old. Vargas was part of the first signing class which allowed Cuban players to be signed by MLB teams without having to defect.