



POSTGAME NOTES

SOMERSET PATRIOTS (2-0) @ HARTFORD YARD GOATS (0-2)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2024



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
SOMERSET	4	6	1	7	2
HARTFORD	3	8	3	7	0

STARTING TIME: 7:10 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 75 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Leonardo Pestana (1-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Juan Mejia (0-1)

SAVE: Jesus Liranzo (1)

TIME OF GAME: 2:49

ATTENDANCE: 5,703

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Zach Messinger (74/51)

Yard Goats: Sean Sullivan (82/50)

HOME RUNS (2024 TOTAL / INNING / RUNNERS ON BASE / OUTS / COUNT / PITCHER / SCORE AFTER HR)

SOMERSET

Adael Amador (#1 / 3rd / 0 on / 1 out / 0-1 / Messinger / SOM 2 – HFD 1)

HARTFORD

Rafael Flores (#1 / 6th / 0 on / 0 out / 1-2 / Sullivan / SOM 3 – HFD 1)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots clinched the Eastern League Northeast Division Championship and a trip to the Eastern League Finals with a 4-3 win over the Hartford Yard Goats to cap off an ELDS sweep.
 - The Patriots will open the best of three Eastern League Championship Series Sunday in either Akron or Erie before returning home Tuesday.
- **RHP Zach Messinger** (6.2 IP, 3 R, 7 H, 0 BB, 6 K) registered a quality start, hurling 6.2 IP with 6 K.
 - Over his last nine starts, including eight regular season starts, Messinger has pitched to a 1.69 ERA with 39 K in 53 IP.
- **RHP Jesus Liranzo** (1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 0 K) earned the save for a no-hit 10th inning.
 - Over his last 16 outings dating back to 6/28, Liranzo has posted a 1.63 ERA with 26 K in 22 IP.
- **CF Spencer Jones** (2-for-5, RBI) laced the go-ahead RBI single in the 10th inning to give Somerset a 4-3 lead.
 - Jones extended his on-base streak to ten games, over which he's 14-for-39 (.358) with 3 HR, 6 RBI, and 7 R.
 - Jones has multiple hits in three straight games dating back to the final day of the regular season.
 - Thursday marked Jones' team leading 38th multi-hit game of the season.
 - The Yankees No. 2 prospect has hit safely in seven of his last eight contests.
- **C Rafael Flores** (2-for-4, HR, RBI, BB) launched a solo homer in the 6th inning to extend Somerset's lead to 3-1.
 - Over 10 career postseason games with the Yankees organization in 2022 with the FCL Yankees, 2023 with Hudson Valley, and 2024 with Somerset, Flores is 13-for-31 (.322) with 3 HR and 6 RBI.
 - Flores finished the regular season with 21 HR, tops among Yankees minor leaguers.

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- **CF Spencer Jones** (2-for-4, HR, RBI, 2 R, 2B) clubbed a leadoff homer to open the scoring in the 1st inning for his fourth leadoff blast of the season.
 - Jones' 17 HR this season are his single-season career high and tops among Patriots batters this season.
 - Jones has hit safely in five of his last six games and reached base in eight straight contests.
 - Over his last eight games, Jones is 9-for-29 (.310) with 2 HR, 5 XBH, 4 RBI, and 6 R.
 - Over his 25 last games since 8/17, Jones is batting .326/.379/.600 with 3 HR, 15 RBI, 17 XBH, and 15 R.
 - Jones ranks among Eastern League leaders with 17 HR (T-7th), 78 RBI (2nd), 125 H (3rd), 30 2B (T-1st), 6 3B (2nd), 52 XBH (T-1st), 218 TB (2nd), 73 R (3rd), and 25 SB (T-9th).
 - Jones ranks among Yankees minor league leaders with 17 HR (6th), 78 RBI (1st), 125 H (2nd), 30 2B (T-2nd), 53 XBH (1st), 218 TB (1st), and 73 R (T-3rd).
 - After batting .205 with 2 HR and a .594 OPS over his first 37 games this season, Jones went on to hit .279 with 15 HR and a .866 OPS over his final 86 games.
- **DH Elijah Dunham** (2-for-4, HR, RBI, R, SB) launched a solo homer in the 4th inning for his 15th homer of the season and fourth of the series.
 - In five games played during the series against New Hampshire, Dunham went 7-for-18 (.389) with 4 HR, 10 RBI, 6 R, and 4 SB.
 - Dunham's 10 RBI are the most he has plated in a single series this season.
 - Dunham has stolen bases in three straight contests.
 - In his last 64 games since 6/13, Dunham ranks among Eastern League leaders with 12 HR (T-4th), 40 RBI (T-9th), 28 XBH (4th), and 115 TB (5th) during that span.
 - Sunday marked Dunham's 20th multi-hit game of the season.
- **1B Tyler Hardman** (2-for-4, RBI) roped an RBI single in the 5th inning as part of a two-hit day.
 - Hardman recorded his 11th multi-hit game for Somerset this season.
 - Hardman has reached safely in four of his last five.
- **RF Grant Richardson** (1-for-3, HR, RBI, R, BB) extended Somerset's lead to 5-1 with a solo homer in the 6th inning, his ninth of the year.
 - Richardson has hit safely in six of his last seven.
 - Richardson concludes the series with New Hampshire having gone 5-for-17 (.294) with HR, 3 RBI, 3 R in five games.
 - In 13 September games, Richardson is batting .283 with 5 RBI and 7 R.
 - Richardson's homer snapped his 20-game homerless drought.