



POSTGAME NOTES

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS (52-82) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (75-62)
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	3	1	7	1
SOMERSET	5	8	1	5	5

STARTING TIME: 1:12 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 78 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Trystan Vrieling (13-7)

LOSING PITCHER: Kevin Miranda (1-1)

SAVE: N/A

TIME OF GAME: 2:26

ATTENDANCE: 5,687

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Trystan Vrieling (89/58)

Fisher Cats: Kevin Miranda (73/47)

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

New Hampshire

N/A

SOMERSET

Spencer Jones (#17 / 1st / 0 on / 0 out / 0-1 / Miranda / SOM 1 – NH 0)

Elijah Dunham (#15 / 4th / 0 on / 0 out / 1-1 / Miranda / SOM 3 – NH 0)

Grant Richardson (#9 / 6th / 0 on / 0 out / 3-2 / Tolhurst / SOM 5 – NH 1)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots clinched an Eastern League playoff berth with a 5-1 victory over the New Hampshire Fisher Cats on Sunday afternoon at TD Bank Ballpark in the 2024 regular season finale.
 - Somerset concludes the second half with a Northeast Division best 43-25 mark, the Patriots best second half record since joining the Eastern League in 2021.
 - As recently as 8/18, Somerset was 6.0 games out of first place.
 - The Patriots took five of six games in the series vs. New Hampshire, clinching their fifth consecutive series victory after entering the stretch having won no more than back-to-back sets.
 - Over their final 30 games of the 2024 season, the Patriots went 22-8 outscoring opponents 142-80 (+58), an Eastern League best record and run differential during that span.
 - Patriots' pitchers fanned 12 Fisher Cats on Sunday, their second straight double digit strikeout performance and sixth over their last nine games.
 - Over the final three games of the series vs. New Hampshire, Patriots pitchers allowed 1 ER in 27 IP (0.33 ERA) with 35 K and opponents' batting .149.
 - In the regular season's final 30 games since 8/13, Somerset's pitching staff threw to an Eastern League best 2.57 ERA and Double-A best 0.99 WHIP.
 - In the regular season's final 30 games since 8/13, the Patriots bullpen threw to a Double-A best 2.16 ERA, 0.88 WHIP, and 3.24 K/BB.
 - With a pair of stolen bases on Sunday, Somerset takes the Eastern League stolen base lead with 204 on the season. Somerset has surpassed 200+ stolen bases in three consecutive seasons and the Patriots will vie to lead the Eastern League in steals for a fourth straight season.
 - Somerset will square off with Hartford in the Northeast Division Championship beginning Tuesday night at TD Bank Ballpark.
 - Since joining the Eastern League in 2021, Somerset has not lost a series to the Yard Goats and are 51-20 all-time vs. Hartford and 9-7 this season.
- RHP Trystan Vrieling** (5.2 IP, 0 ER, 1 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 6 K) hurled 5.2 IP without an earned run to lock down his Eastern League leading 13th win of the season.
 - Over his last seven appearances (six starts), Vrieling is 6-0 with a 2.23 ERA in 40.1 IP with 35 K and a 0.89 ERA.
 - The Yankees No. 28 prospect has allowed 2 ER or less in six of his last seven starts.
 - Sunday marked Vrieling's 13th 6+ strikeout performance over 27 regular season outings.
 - Vrieling was perfect over his first 4 IP on Sunday.
 - Vrieling ranks among Eastern League leaders with 132 K (6th), 147.1 IP (2nd), .248 BA (T-9th), and a 1.26 WHIP (9th).
 - Vrieling's 132 K this season mark the 5th most this season among Yankees minor leaguers.
 - Over his last 12 outings since the start of July, Vrieling has posted a 2.92 ERA with 51 K in 64.2 IP.

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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.