



POSTGAME NOTES

SOMERSET PATRIOTS (55-53, 18-21) @ AKRON RUBBERDUCKS (51-56, 16-23)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
SOMERSET	7	8	2	6	2
AKRON	8	7	0	4	4

STARTING TIME: 1:07 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 81 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Carter Rustad (5-4)

LOSING PITCHER: Geoff Gilbert (4-2)

SAVE: None

TIME OF GAME: 2:35

ATTENDANCE: 4,664

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Cade Smith (86/50)

RubberDucks: Izaak Martinez (53/32)

HOME RUNS (2026 TOTAL / INNING / RUNNERS ON BASE / OUTS / COUNT / PITCHER / SCORE AFTER HR)

SOMERSET

Manuel Palencia (#2 / 3rd / 0 on / 0 out / 1-2 / Martinez / SOM 1 – AKR 7)

RUBBERDUCKS

Bennett Thompson (#4 / 1st / 1 on / 1 out / 1-0 / Smith / SOM 0 – AKR 2)
 Aaron Walton (#1 / 1st / 0 on / 1 out / 1-2 / Smith / SOM 0 – AKR 3)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots fell to the Akron RubberDucks 8-7 at 7 17 Credit Union Park in Akron, OH on Sunday afternoon.
 - The loss dropped Somerset to 4.5 games back of first-place Reading in the Northeast Division with 30 games remaining at the time of the game's conclusion.
 - The Patriots slipped to 17-20 in an Eastern League lead-tying 37 one-run games this season.
 - The result handed Somerset a six-game series loss for the first time since dropping four games to Reading before the All-Star Break (July 7 – July 12).
 - Trailing 7-0 after two innings, the Patriots tied the game 7-7 in the fifth with seven unanswered runs, before allowing a go-ahead RBI double to Akron's Aaron Walton in the seventh. The Patriots scored a run in the third inning, before striking for three runs in the fourth and fifth innings to tie the game.
 - With Manny Palencia's homer in the third inning, Somerset has smashed homers in three of its last four games. Somerset's 152 homers this season lead Double-A and rank eighth in MiLB at the time of the game's conclusion.
 - Combining for 3.0 innings allowing just one run in relief of Cade Smith, Somerset's bullpen has allowed one or fewer runs in four of its last five games.
- RHP Cade Smith (5.0 IP, 5 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 4 BB, 3 K)** did not allow a hit or run across his final three innings of work.
 - Smith pitched at least five innings for the 11th time this season.
- RHP Kevin Stevens (1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 2 K)** tossed a perfect eighth inning with two strikeouts.
 - Stevens recorded his fifth consecutive scoreless outing. In that span, he's allowed just two hits, striking out eight batters without a walk in 5.2 IP (0.35 WHIP, .111 BAA).
- 3B Coby Morales (1-for-4, BB, R)** walked and scored in the fifth inning, before singling in the ninth to extend his hit streak to six games and on-base streak to eight games.
 - Morales' six-game hit streak ties a season-high for the third time. It's the first time he's hit safely in six straight games since July 18 – July 24.
 - During Morales' eight-game on-base streak, he's reached safely in 12 of 32 plate appearances (.378 OBP).
 - Morales' 102 hits through Somerset's first 108 games of the season rank second in the franchise's affiliated history.
- RF DJ Gladney (1-for-5, RBI, SB, R)** bounced an RBI single up the middle in the fifth inning.
 - Gladney extended his on-base streak to 12 games. With hits in 11 games during that stretch, Gladney is slashing .360/.396/.680 with 4 HR, 8 XBH and 14 RBI.
 - With an RBI in eight of his last 11 games, Gladney's 68 RBI rank third in the Eastern League and rank fifth in the Yankees farm system.



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- **SS Roderick Arias (1-for-3, RBI, BB, R)** ripped an RBI single to right field in the fifth inning.
 - Arias has hit safely in all six games to start his stint with Somerset. Dating back to his time in Hudson Valley, Arias has hit safely in a season-high 10 straight games. In that span, he's slashing .400/.429/.575 with 6 XBH, 5 RBI and five multi-hit games.
- **LF Jackson Castillo (0-for-3, BB, R)** walked and scored in the fourth inning to extend his on-base streak to 10 games.
 - During Castillo's 10-game on base streak, he's reached safely in 16-of-43 plate appearances (.372 OBP).
- **1B Josh Moylan (1-for-4, 2B, RBI, BB)** brought home his 18th RBI of the season with Somerset on an opposite field double in the fourth inning.
 - Moylan's double extended his hit streak to a season-high seven games during which he is slashing .308/.357/.538 with 4 XBH and 5 RBI.
 - Across his last 18 games, Moylan is batting .328/.356/.522 with 3 HR, 13 RBI, 7 XBH and four multi-hit games.
- **C Manny Palencia (2-for-4, 2B)** blasted his second home run of the season to lead off the third inning.
 - With homers in back-to-back series for the first time in his career, Palencia's two home runs this season are a new career high.
 - Palencia singled in the eighth inning to secure a career-high fourth consecutive multi-hit game and 14th multi-hit game of the season to lead all Somerset catchers.
 - Since the beginning of July, Palencia has eight multi-hit games and is slashing .417/.435/.583 with 2 HR, 8 RBI and 6 XBH in that span. Palencia's .417 AVG leads all Double-A batters with over 60 plate appearances in that stretch.
- **2B Connor McGinnis (1-for-4, RBI)** laced an RBI single to score Moylan in the fourth inning, extending his on-base streak to nine games.
 - McGinnis joins Arias (10 games), Castillo (10 games), Cole Gabrielson (10 games) and Gladney (12 games) as one of five current Patriots with active on-base streaks of nine-plus games across all levels.