

## **POSTGAME NOTES**

## ALTOONA CURVE (39-51) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (46-44) SUNDAY JULY 21, 2024



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| ALTOONA  | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6   | 0             |
| SOMERSET | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3   | 3             |

STARTING TIME: 5:10 p.m.

**GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE**: 87 degrees **WINNING PITCHER**: Joey Gerber (1-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Bubba Chandler (5-6)

**SAVE**: Kevin Stevens (6)

TIME OF GAME: 2:12 ATTENDANCE: 6,213

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Zach Messinger (82/47) Curve: Hunter Barco (33/23)

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

N/A Ben Cowles (#9 /  $4^{th}$  / 0 on / 1 out / 1-0 / Chandler / SOM 1 - ALT 1)

## SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots downed the Altoona Curve 3-2 on Sunday afternoon at TD Bank Ballpark, clinching a series sweep in their three-game series finale.
  - The Patriots bullpen did not surrender a run for the third straight game, with Joey Gerber (1.1 IP), Matt Sauer (1 IP), and Kevin Stevens (1 IP) combining for 3.1 no-hit innings with 3 K.
  - Over the three-game series vs. Altoona, Patriots pitchers allowed only 3 R in 27 IP (1.00 ERA) and 9 H (.102 AVG) with 21 K.
  - The Patriots bullpen combined to throw 9.1 shutout IP, allowing only one hit over the three games.
  - The series sweep marks the first for Somerset this season.
  - Somerset concludes their season series vs. Altoona besting the Curve by a 7-2 advantage.
- RHP Zach Messinger (5.2 IP, 2 R, 5 H, 3 BB, 3 K) did not factor into a decision in his 19<sup>th</sup> appearance (17<sup>th</sup> start) of the season.
  - Messinger allowed 2 ER or less for the 13th time over his 19 outings this season.
  - The Yankees No. 21 prospect ranks among Eastern League leaders with 103 K (T-1st), 101.2 IP (1st), .222 AVG (4th), and a 1.17 WHIP (5th).
- RHP Joey Gerber (1.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K) earned the win, firing 1.1 perfect IP of relief.
  - Gerber picked up his first professional win since 9/5/20, 1,415 days ago, when he earned the victory for the Seattle Mariners over the Texas Rangers, hurling 1 shutout IP of relief.
  - In 10.2 total IP this season across three levels of the Yankees organization, Gerber has pitched to a 1.69 ERA with 13 K.
- CF Spencer Jones (1-for-4, RBI) tied the ballgame at two with an RBI single in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
  - The Yankees No. 2 prospect hit safely in all three games of the series vs. Altoona with an RBI and R.
- SS Ben Cowles (1-for-4, HR, R, RBI) clubbed his ninth homer of the season, a solo shot in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning to tie the score at one.
  - o Cowles's 9 HR are third among active Patriots.
  - The Yankees No. 29 prospect leads all Yankees minor leaguers in H (93) and 2B (24).
- LF Elijah Dunham (1-for-4) extended his hit streak to five games.
  - Dunham, the winner of Eastern League Player of the Week in back-to-back weeks, has hit safely in 22 of his last 23 games and reached base in 26 of his last 27.
  - Over his last 26 games since 6/13 @BNG, Dunham is slashing .368/.422/.689 with 7 HR, 23 RBI, 19 XBH, and 19 R.
  - Since 6/13, Dunham leads the Eastern League in SLG (.689), OPS (1.111), H (39), 2B (11), XBH (19), and TB (73).
  - o Dunham's .527 SLG and .900 OPS are the most in the Eastern League among active players.