



**POSTGAME NOTES**  
**READING FIGHTIN PHILS (7-8) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (6-8)**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**



	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>LOB</b>	<b>SERIES</b>
<b>READING</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SOMERSET</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

**STARTING TIME:** 1:33 p.m.  
**GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE:** 47 degrees  
**WINNING PITCHER:** Luke Russo (2-1)  
**LOSING PITCHER:** Kyle Carr (1-2)  
**SAVE:** Andrew Baker (1)

**TIME OF GAME:** 2:55  
**ATTENDANCE:** 5,417  
**PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):**  
**Patriots:** Kyle Carr (91/59)  
**Fightin Phils:** Zack Wheeler (77/48)

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

**READING**

**SOMERSET**

George Lombard Jr. (#3 / 1<sup>st</sup> / 0 on / 0 out / 3-2 / Wheeler / REA 3 – SOM 1)  
 Tyler Hardman (#2 / 4<sup>th</sup> / 2 on / 2 out / 2-1 / Wheeler / REA 7 – SOM 4)

**SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES**

- The Somerset Patriots split their first series of the season, dropping the series finale to the Reading Fightin Phils 7-6 at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ on Sunday afternoon.
  - Eight of Somerset’s starting lineup recorded hits with the Patriots combining for nine total hits for the second straight game.
  - With 12 strikeouts in the game, Somerset’s pitching staff has recorded eight-plus strikeouts in 13 of 14 games this season. At the time of the game ending, Somerset’s 11.0 K/9 leads the Eastern League.
  - Somerset dropped to 2-4 in one run games this season and 4-1 when hitting two or more home runs in a game.
- **LHP Kyle Carr (3.2 IP, 11 H, 7 R, 2 BB, 5 K)** made his third start of the season picking up at least one strikeout in every inning of work.
  - Through three outings, Carr has a team-high 15 strikeouts and 10.1 K/9 in 13.1 IP.
- **RHP Eric Reyzelman (1.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 2 K)** did not allow a baserunner across four batters he pitched to.
  - Through five appearances, Reyzelman has tallied a 1.35 ERA, 0.60 WHIP and 0.091 BAA, striking out 50% of the batters he’s faced across 6.2 IP.
- **RHP Kelly Austin (1.2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 3 K)** retired all five batters he faced across the eighth and ninth innings.
  - Austin notched back-to-back strikeouts to end the eighth inning on six pitches, finishing with a season-high three strikeouts.
  - Through five appearances, Austin has a 0.67 WHIP, .105 BAA and seven strikeouts in 6.0 IP.
- **3B George Lombard Jr. (1-for-4, HR, RBI, BB, R)** hit his third home run of the season in his 13<sup>th</sup> game, taking Zack Wheeler deep in the first inning.
  - Last season, it took Lombard Jr. 63 minor league games to hit three home runs.
  - Hit off the bat at 104.9 mph, Lombard Jr.’s home run traveled 395 to center field. It marked his second first inning leadoff HR of the season and first since 4/3/26 vs. Portland in his first at bat of the season.
  - Among Eastern League players, Lombard Jr. ranks tied-for-third in hits (19), seventh in AVG (.365), tied-for-fifth in runs (14), seventh in SLG (.654) and is ninth in OPS (1.087).
  - With hits in seven of his last eight games, he ranks first among all Yankees farmhands in OPS, is second in SLG, OBP and hits and is tied-for-second in XBH. He is also tied for first in runs (14).



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- **SS Anthony Volpe (2-for-4, SB)** played seven innings at shortstop in his fourth major league rehab game for Somerset.
  - Volpe notched his first multi-hit game of his rehab stint in the seventh inning with his second single of the game. He was the only starter with multiple hits in the lineup.
  - Volpe has hits in three consecutive rehab outings and stolen bases in two consecutive games.
- **LF Jace Avina (1-for-3, 2 BB, 2 R, SB)** reached base a season-high three times.
  - Avina extended his season-high four game hit streak with a one-out single in the fourth inning, before picking up his first stolen base of the season.
  - In the last four games, Avina is slashing .308/.444/.538 with a HR and two RBI.
- **DH Coby Morales (1-for-3, 2B, RBI, BB)** smacked an RBI double in the sixth inning for his team-leading 13<sup>th</sup> RBI.
  - Morales' 13 RBIs this season ranks third in the Yankees minor league system and is tied-for-fourth in the Eastern League.
  - Morales' active 13 game on-base streak ranks second among all Eastern League hitters.
  - The 13-game on-base streak is the longest by a Somerset Patriot since Spencer Jones reached in 15 consecutive games last season (6/10/25 - 6/26/25).
- **1B Tyler Hardman (1-for-3, HR, 3 RBI, HBP)** smashed his second home run of the season off Zack Wheeler in the fourth inning.
  - Hardman's HR left the bat at 108.1 mph and traveled 372 feet to left field.
  - With hits in five of his last seven games, Hardman is slashing .350/.435/.700 with five XBH and six RBI.