

## POSTGAME NOTES SOMERSET PATRIOTS (41-41)@ ERIE SEAWOLVES (46-34)



TUESDAY JULY 9, 2024

R H E LOB SERIES

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STARTING TIME: 6:09 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 79 degrees WINNING PITCHER: Angel Reyes (3-1)

LOSING PITCHER: Carlos Gomez (3-2)

SAVE: Matt Seelinger (1)

TIME OF GAME: 2:46 ATTENDANCE: 1,672

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Zach Messinger (97/63)

SeaWolves: Garrett Burhenn (89/59)

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

**SOMERSET** 

Erie

Grant Richardson (#5 /  $2^{nd}$  / 1 on / 1 out / 1-2 / Burhenn / SOM 2 – ERI 3) JC Escarra (#4 /  $6^{th}$  / 0 on / 2 out / 1-0 / Higginbotham / SOM 3 – ERI 3)

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## SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots fell to the Erie SeaWolves 5-4 on Tuesday night in game one of a six game series at UPMC Park in Erie, PA
- RHP Zach Messinger (6 IP, 5 R, 7 H, 1 BB, 5 K) did not factor into a decision in his 17<sup>th</sup> outing (15<sup>th</sup> start) of the season.
  - The Yankees No. 21 prospect ranks among the Eastern League leaders with 97 K (1st), 91 IP (1st), .217 AVG (7th), and 1.15 WHIP (6th).
  - Messinger allowed more than 2 ER in an outing for the first time since 6/21 vs. ERI. He's now allowed 10 ER over 10.2 IP in two starts vs. the Seawolves this season.
- 1B JC Escarra (1-for-4, HR, RBI, R) socked a game tying solo homer in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, his fourth long ball of the season.
  - o Escarra has reached base in seven straight games and has a hit in six of his last seven contests.
  - Over his seven-game on-base streak, Escarra is batting .269 with 4 XBH, 6 R, and has only struck out once.
  - On the road this season, Escarra owns a .852 OPS with 3 HR and 23 RBI, compared to a .541 OPS with 1 HR and 5 RBI at home.
- LF Grant Richardson (2-for-4, HR, 2 RBI, R) put Somerset on the board with a two-run shot in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, marking his fifth home run of the season.
  - Over his last eight games, Richardson is batting .303 with 2 HR, 4 RBI, and 6 R.
  - o Richardson tallied his 21st multi-hit game this season, second most on the team.
  - Richardson has recorded six multi-hit games over his last 12 games. He has more multi-hit efforts (21) than single-hit games this season (16).
- **RF Elijah Dunham** (1-for-5, R) extended his season-long hit streak to 16 games, and season-long on-base streak to 20 games.
  - o Both streaks are the longest by any Patriot this season.
  - Dunham's 16 game hit streak is the longest by a Patriot since Austin Wells hit safely in 16 straight games from 7/10/22-8/04/22.
  - Before the hitting streak, Dunham was hitting .233/.344/.411 on the season with Somerset. He's now slashing .270/.356/.495 in 55 total games with the Patriots.
  - Dunham has hit safely in 19 of his last 20 games over the on-base streak over which he's batting .341/.393/.659 with 5 HR, 18 RBI, 15 XBH, and 15 R since 6/13 @BNG.
  - Against the SeaWolves this season, Dunham is batting .348 with 1 HR, 3 RBI, and a .988 OPS.