



POSTGAME NOTES

**BINGHAMTON RUMBLE PONIES (12-24) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (17-19)
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026**



	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LOB</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
BINGHAMTON	3	6	1	5	1
SOMERSET	5	8	0	6	2

STARTING TIME: 2:19 a.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 63 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Xavier Rivas (2-2)

LOSING PITCHER: Jonathan Santucci (0-5)

SAVE: Hayden Merda (2)

TIME OF GAME: 2:19

ATTENDANCE: 4,107

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Ben Hess (25/18)

Rumble Ponies: Jonathan Santucci (84/53)

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

RUMBLE PONIES

Chris Suero (#6 / 5th / 1 on / 1 out / 0-0 / Rivas / BNG 3 – SOM 3)

SOMERSET

Jace Avina (#10 / 7th / 0 on / 0 out / 0-1 / Orellana / BNG 3 – SOM 5)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots beat the Binghamton Rumble Ponies 5-3 at TD Bank Ballpark on Thursday night in Bridgewater, NJ.
 - With 13 strikeouts, Somerset's pitching staff notched double-digit strikeouts for a season-high seventh consecutive game. At the time of the game ending, Somerset's 11.2 SO/9 and 2.8 SO/BB leads Double-A.
 - With four extra base hits in the game, Somerset has an extra base hit in all 36 games this season. At the time of the game ending, Somerset's 36-game XBH streak is the longest in Double-A and is tied for the second-longest in Minor League Baseball.
 - With two first inning runs, Somerset has scored an Eastern League-leading 36 first inning runs this season. Somerset's 36 first inning runs lead Double-A and are tied for third in MiLB. The Patriots are 8-7 in games where they score first.
 - Somerset's bullpen combined for 7.2 innings of two-run ball in relief of Ben Hess. Over the past eight games, Somerset's bullpen has a 1.95 ERA (second in Double-A), 3.73 SO/BB ratio (second in Double-A) and 0.90 WHIP (second in Double-A) across 32.1 IP (fifth in Double-A).
- **RHP Ben Hess (1.1 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 0 BB, 1 SO)** made his first start since April 11 after being reinstated off the 7-day IL Thursday.
 - Across his last eight starts with Somerset dating back to last season, Hess has a 4-0 record, 2.21 ERA, 1.09 WHIP, 0.173 BAA with 50 K to 18 BB in 36.2 IP.
- **LHP Xavier Rivas (5.1 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 BB, 10 K) set Double-A career-highs with 10 strikeouts and 5.1 IP.**
 - Rivas' 10 strikeout performance was the first by a Somerset pitcher since Trent Sellers fanned 10 batters April 28 vs. Portland.
 - Across his last two appearances, Rivas has struck out 17 batters, walking two. He's allowed just two runs across 9.2 innings of work, tallying a 1.86 ERA, 0.52 WHIP and .094 BAA in that span.
- **LF Jace Avina (1-for-3, HR, RBI, BB, 2 R)** hammered his 10th home run of the season with a solo blast in the seventh inning. Avina's double-digit home run season is the fifth consecutive of his MiLB career.
 - Avina extended his hit streak to four games and his on-base streak to a season-high 14 games.
 - The 14-game on-base streak is tied for the third-longest active streak in the Eastern League.
 - During the streak, Avina is slashing .344/.403/.738 with six HR, 17 RBI and 16 runs. He's raised his slash line to .155/.242/.310 to .248/.319/.550 in that span.
- **DH Garrett Martin (1-for-4, 2B, R, SB)** extended his on-base streak to a season-high nine games.
 - With hits in eight of those nine games, Martin is 13-for-40 with five XBH in that stretch and has raised his slash line from .234/.291/.521 to .261/.320/.545.
- **3B Tyler Hardman (2-for-4, RBI, R)** secured his 11th multi-hit game of the year with an RBI single in the fifth.
 - Hardman's 31 RBI this season leads the Eastern League and ranks second in Double-A and the Yankees farm system.
- **C Abraham Gutierrez (2-for-4, 2B)** logged his third multi-hit game of the season. In his last five games, Gutierrez is 7-for-20 (.350) with three doubles.
- **SS Owen Cobb (1-for-3, 2B, RBI)** notched extra base hits in consecutive games for the first time this year.
 - In seven games against Binghamton this year, Cobb is 8-for-23 (.348) with four XBH and nine RBI.