



POSTGAME NOTES

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS (50-81, 21-42) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (70-62, 35-28)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
NEW HAMPSHIRE	4	6	0	8	0
SOMERSET	9	13	0	10	6

STARTING TIME: 1:10 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 67 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz (4-3)

LOSING PITCHER: Fernando Perez (0-3)

SAVE: Will Brian (2)

TIME OF GAME: 3:03

ATTENDANCE: 6,180

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Fisher Cats: Fernando Perez (38/25)

Patriots: Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz (80/52)

HOME RUNS (2025 TOTAL / INNING / RUNNERS ON BASE / OUTS / COUNT / PITCHER / SCORE AFTER HR)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Eddinson Paulino (#12 / 6th / 2 on / 0 out / 3-2 / Merda / NH 4 – SOM 8)

SOMERSET

Tyler Hardman (#19 / 4th / 0 on / 0 out / 2-0 / Gregory / NH 0 – SOM 8)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots defeated the New Hampshire Fisher Cats in the finale of a six-game set at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, N.J. on Sunday by a score of 3-2.
 - Somerset scored five runs in the first inning, the second-most runs it has scored in a single inning this season.
 - The Patriots their second series sweep of the season, both against New Hampshire (6/17-6/22 @NH).
 - Somerset concluded its season series against New Hampshire with a 22-2 record, setting a franchise record for most wins against an Eastern League team in a single season. Somerset went 4-0-0 in series against New Hampshire this season. Somerset improved to 63-31 all-time against New Hampshire.
 - With six games remaining in the regular season, the Somerset Patriots have a 3.5-game lead over the Hartford Yard Goats for the second half playoff spot in the Northeast Division. The Patriots' magic number to clinch the playoff spot is three.
- RHP Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz** (5.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 8 K) tossed five scoreless innings in his fourth win with Somerset this season.
 - In two starts this week, Rodriguez-Cruz went 1-0 allowing 0 R, 3 H, 2 BB and recording 16 K in 11.0 IP. Rodriguez-Cruz posted a 0.45 WHIP and a .086 against New Hampshire this week.
 - Rodriguez-Cruz became the active Minor League leader with 166 K. Rodriguez-Cruz leads all Yankee minor league pitchers in IP (140.0), BA (.183), tied for the lead in WHIP (1.04) and GS (24), second in ERA (2.38) and third in W (10).
- 1B Tyler Hardman** (2-for-4, 2 R, 2 RBI, HR, 2B, BB) collected two extra-base hits including a solo home run to lead off the fourth inning.
 - Since 8/1 vs. RIC, Hardman is 28-for-106 (.264/.361/.472) with 17 R, 12 XBH (6 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR), 14 RBI, 15 BB, 2 SB and a .833 OPS.
 - Hardman ranks third in the Eastern League in HR (19), fourth in XBH (46), seventh in TB (177), eight in SLG (.449) and ninth in RBI (60).
- LF Jackson Castillo** (3-for-5, 2 R, RBI) paced the team with three hits, highlighted by an RBI single in the first inning.
 - In five games this week, Castillo led the Patriots with eight hits, going 8-for-15 (.533/.611/.800) with 5 R, 12 TB, 1 2B, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 3 BB and a team-best 1.411 OPS.

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- **C Manny Palencia** (2-for-4, 3 RBI, 2B, BB, K) led the team with three RBI, ripping a two-run single in the first and an RBI double in the sixth.
 - Palencia recorded his first multi-RBI game at Double-A and his first three-RBI game since 7/5/25 @BRK with High-A Hudson Valley.
- **3B George Lombard Jr.** (2-for-4, 2 R, 2 2B, RBI, BB, K) slapped an RBI double in the first inning and scored twice.
 - Lombard Jr. collected run-scoring hits in five of the six games this week.
 - In six games this series, Lombard Jr. went 7-for-22 (.318/.375/.636) with 4 R, 14 TB, 4 2B, 1 HR, 6 RBI, 2 BB, 3 SB and a 1.011 OPS.
 - Lombard Jr. leads all Yankee minor leaguers in BB (82), ranks second in R (87), tied for third in 2B (30), sixth in XBH (44), seventh in H (106), eighth in OBP (.368) and TB (173).
- **CF Brendan Jones** (2-for-4, R, 2B, BB, K, 2 SB) recorded a multi-hit game and stole two bases.
 - In six games this week, Jones went 3-for-16 (.188/.458/.250) with 4 R, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 8 BB, 6 SB and a .708 OPS.
 - Jones is tied for the Yankee minor league lead in SB (44), ranks second in BB (79), tied for third in R (81), sixth in RBI (68), tied for eighth in XBH (37), ninth in H (103) and TB (107), and 10th in OPS (.754).