



2026 RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS GAME INFORMATION



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Akron RubberDucks (36-36, 1-3) vs. Richmond Flying Squirrels (46-26, 3-1)

LHP Caden Favors (2-5, 5.51) vs. LHP Greg Farone (1-7, 6.35)

Saturday, June 27, 2026 | Game #73 | Home Game #41

7:05 p.m. | CarMax Park | Richmond, Va.

Radio: Sports Radio 910 The Fan & 105.1 FM | TV: MiLB.TV/Bally Sports Live



UPCOMING GAMES & PROBABLE PITCHERS

Sun., June 28	vs. Akron	5:05 p.m.	RHP Dylan DeLucia (1-4, 5.83) vs. LHP Charlie McDaniel (2-0, 3.86)
Mon., June 29	OFF DAY		
Tues., June 30	at Harrisburg	6:30 p.m.	RHP Trystan Vrieling (2-1, 4.76) vs. TBD
Wed., July 1	at Harrisburg	6:30 p.m.	RHP Yunior Marte (0-1, 4.75) vs. TBD

YESTERDAY: The Flying Squirrels beat the RubberDucks, 6-5. Akron took a 1-0 lead in the second on an single by Maick Collado. Richmond tied the game with an RBI double by **Ty Hanchey** in the fourth. Akron moved ahead, 2-1, in the top of the sixth with a run scoring on a wild pitch. Richmond starter **Yunior Marte** threw 5.2 innings and allowed two runs, setting a career high with 10 strikeouts. Richmond tied the score, 2-2, in the bottom of the ninth with a passed ball. In the top of the 10th, the RubberDucks jumped out to a 5-2 lead with a bases-loaded walk, a run-scoring fielder's choice and an RBI single by Collado. Richmond scored four runs in the bottom of the 10th to walk off. **Jean Carlos Sio** brought in a run with a sacrifice fly. **Jack Payton** hit an RBI double to close the score to 5-4. **Diego Velasquez** won the game with a two-run double.

POSTSEASON BOUND: The June 12 win clinched the Eastern League Southwest Division title for the Flying Squirrels, locking in a postseason berth. The Flying Squirrels will play the second-half division champion in the Division Series. Game 1 will be at the home of the second-half champion on Tues., Sept. 15. Game 2 and, if necessary, Game 3 will be at CarMax Park on Thurs., Sept. 17 and Sat., Sept. 18. If Richmond advances to the EL Championship Series, Game 1 will be at CarMax Park on Sun., Sept. 20. This year marks the fifth postseason appearance in franchise history and the first since 2023.

TODAY'S GAME: The Flying Squirrels play the third of a six-game series against the Akron RubberDucks, Double-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians. This is the third series between these two teams this year and the RubberDucks' second trip to Richmond. The Flying Squirrels have thrown seven shutouts this season, including four against the RubberDucks.

STRONG START: The Flying Squirrels' 10-game win streak from April 4-15 was the longest in franchise history, surpassing an eight-game win streak from May 5-13, 2021, also beginning with the second game of the season. The 45-25 start is the best in team history through 71 games, passing a 40-31 start in 2014 and 2022. Richmond has won six series, split four and lost one so far this year. After opening the season with a 27-7 record through May 13, the Flying Squirrels are 19-18 in their last 37 games since.

RELENTLESS: In their 46 wins this year, the Flying Squirrels have come from behind in 22 of them. In 16 of the wins, Richmond has taken the lead in the eighth inning or later. The Flying Squirrels have nine walk-off wins at CarMax Park this season, including at least one in each home series. **Drew Cavanaugh**, **Parks Harber**, **Dayson Croes** and **Diego Velasquez** each have two walk-off winners this year.

THE FLYING SQUIRRELS won the Southwest Division first-half title by seven games over second-place Erie. Richmond leads all 30 Double-A teams in doubles (135) and triples (21) and are second in batting average (.271) and second in hits (669). Over the last six games since Friday, the Flying Squirrels are batting .180 (34-for-189). Over the last 11 games since June 14, the Flying Squirrels are hitting .143 (13-for-91) with runners in scoring position. The Richmond pitching staff has thrown seven shutouts this season, which leads the Eastern League and ranks second in Double-A.

THE RUBBERDUCKS finished the Eastern League's first half in third place in the Southwest Division, eight games behind Richmond and one game behind Erie. Akron is 2-7 since June 18. The Akron roster features five players ranked in Baseball America's top-30 Guardians prospects list, including OF Jaison Chourio (No. 9), C Jacob Cozart (No. 14), OF Alfonso Rosario (No. 24), LHP Josh Hartle (No. 25) and LHP Rafe Schlesinger (No. 29). MLB.com's top-30 Guardians prospects list features seven Akron players, including Chourio (No. 9), Rosario (No. 13), Cozart (No. 17), RHP Justin Campbell (No. 21), Hartle (No. 25), Schlesinger (No. 26) and INF Luke Hill (No. 30).

FOR RICHMOND: Left-hander **Greg Farone** makes his 15th Double-A start and his third against the RubberDucks. In his last start, Farone allowed four runs in four innings against the Baysox on the road last Sunday. Farone was Richmond's Opening Day starter on April 4 at Erie in his Double-A debut and allowed one run over 4.2 innings. He had eight strikeouts, tying the franchise record for the most strikeouts on Opening Day. He pitched his first professional season in 2025 and split the year between Low-A San Jose and High-A Eugene. He made 12 starts for San Jose, going 2-1 with a 3.73 ERA. At the time of his promotion in June, he ranked third in the California League in strikeouts (73). Farone closed the year with 11 starts at High-A, going 4-2 with a 4.25 ERA. Farone began his college career at Herkimer College in New York, where he led the team to the program's first NJCAA national title in 2022, going 7-0 with a 1.65 ERA and was named the NJCAA Division III Player of the Year and MVP of the World Series. He transferred to the University of Louisville for the 2023 season and pitched at the University of Alabama in 2024 before being selected by the Giants in the seventh round of that year's MLB Draft. **For more on Farone, see page two.**

FOR AKRON: Left-hander Caden Favors makes his 15th start of the season and his third against the Flying Squirrels. He last pitched on Sunday against the Curve and allowed two runs over 4.2 innings. He pitched in Richmond on May 5 and surrendered a then-season-high five runs over five innings in a loss. On May 29 in Akron, he faced the Flying Squirrels and allowed three runs over six innings, tied for his longest outing of the season. For the month of April, he led the minors in BAA (.112). Favors was selected by the Guardians in the sixth round of the 2024 MLB Draft out of Wichita State. Last year, he made 25 starts for High-A Lake County, going 8-9 with a 4.08 ERA.

IT'S BO TIME! **Bo Davidson** is batting .357 (5-for-14) with a homer, two RBIs, three runs scored and five walks in the first four games of this week's series against Akron after going 0-for-12 in the final three games of last week's road series against the Baysox. In his last 21 games since June 2, Davidson is batting .321 (27-for-84) with nine homers, two doubles and 20 RBIs, adding 11 walks. From June 4-7, he homered in four consecutive games, a new Flying Squirrels franchise record. From June 2-June 7, he picked up at least one RBI in six consecutive games, one shy of the franchise record. Davidson hit a two-run homer in the ninth on June 6, part of a team-record five-run comeback in the final inning. His nine homers in June are the most in a calendar month in franchise history, passing eight by Jarrett Parker (May 2013) and Sean Roby (April 2022). He is the 13th player in Flying Squirrels franchise history to reach 15 homers in a season, which leads the Giants minor leagues this year.

SECOND-HALF SABIN: In the first four games of the Eastern League's second half, **Sabin Ceballos** is batting .353 (6-for-17) with two homers, a double, five RBIs and a walk. He homered and drove in four runs on Tuesday and added a solo homer on Friday. In the first half, Ceballos batted .223 (46-for-206) with seven homers, 11 doubles and 22 RBIs in 59 games. In the first half in 2025, Ceballos hit .184 (36-for-196) with one homer and 18 RBIs in 48 games but batted .290 (47-for-162) with five homers and 29 RBIs in the second half. In his first full professional season in 2024, Ceballos hit .267 (58-for-217) with a homer and 16 RBIs in the first-half with High-A Rome before batting .270 (63-for-233) with nine homers and 44 RBIs in the second half with Rome and High-A Eugene after being traded to the Giants.

SIO LATER: **Jean Carlos Sio** has five homers and 13 RBIs in his last 12 starts since June 10. He began the stretch with his first Double-A homer on June 10 at CarMax Park against Harrisburg, a solo shot. The following game on June 11, he went 2-for-5 with a solo homer and a two-run triple. In the division-clinching win on June 12, he drove a two-run single in the first inning. On June 14, he hit a game-tying, two-run homer in a comeback win. On June 17, Sio drove a two-run, go-ahead homer in the eighth in Bowie. He hit a solo homer on June 19 in Bowie.

JACK ATTACK: In his last 16 games since June 5, **Jack Payton** is batting .393 (22-for-56) with a homer, four doubles, a triple, eight RBIs, six walks and 10 runs scored. He has seven multi-hit performances in his last 14 games dating back to June 9, including five two-hit games and two three-hit games. He drove a two-run double on Tuesday night in a 3-0 win, added an RBI single Wednesday night and had an RBI double in Thursday's 10th-inning rally.

TOP SKIPPER: Flying Squirrels manager **Dennis Pelfrey** has led the team to 306 wins in his career, which is a franchise record all-time wins record for a manager. He passed the record with Richmond's 6-1 win at Binghamton on May 23, 2025. From 2011-2013, **Dave Machemer** won 216 games as Richmond's manager, leading the team to the Eastern League postseason for in 2011. Pelfrey, who has been with Richmond since the 2022 season, led the team to back-to-back postseason appearances for the first time in franchise history in 2022 and 2023. He also managed the 2021 Eugene Emeralds to the High-A West championship. Of Richmond managers since 1954, Pelfrey is second in wins behind Eddie Haas (1968, 1981-84), who had 351 wins.

PACKING THE HOUSE: In 2025, the Flying Squirrels led all 30 Double-A teams in total (446,679) and average (6,768) attendance for the fourth consecutive season. The average attendance was the highest in the franchise's history. April 7's inaugural game at CarMax Park had been sold out for more than a month, marking the 16th consecutive home-opener to sell out for the Flying Squirrels. This season, the Flying Squirrels rank fourth among the 120 MiLB teams in average attendance (6,970).

IN THE LEAGUE LEADERS: In the Eastern League, **Jonah Cox** is first in triples (5) and third in stolen bases (27). **Parks Harber** is tied for eighth in doubles (16). **Charlie Szykowny** is tied for fourth in doubles (17) and ninth in extra-base hits (29). **Bo Davidson** is tied for fourth in homers (15) and tied for fourth in RBIs (46). **Tyler Vogel** is first in saves (10) and tied for fourth in wins (6). **Mitch White** is tied for sixth in saves (5). **Trystan Vrieling** is first in shutouts (1) and tied for first in complete games (1). **Cesar Perdomo** is first in WHIP (1.07), second in strikeouts (83), second in BAA (.211), sixth in ERA (3.88) and tied for seventh in innings pitched (67.1).

PROSPECT WATCH: Richmond's roster features four players are ranked in Baseball America's top-30 Giants prospects, including **Bo Davidson** (No. 3), **Parks Harber** (No. 16), **Diego Velasquez** (No. 24) and RHP **Yunior Marte** (No. 29). **Adrián Sugastey** is rated by Baseball America as the top defensive catcher in the Giants organization. MLB.com's top-30 Giants prospects list features three Richmond players, including Davidson (No. 6), Harber (No. 13) and INF **Maui Ahuna** (No. 18) and Marte (No. 25).

ROAD TO THE SHOW: 2025-26 Flying Squirrels catcher **Drew Cavanaugh** was called up by the San Francisco Giants on Friday and made his MLB that night, going 1-for-3 with a single and a walk. He became the 122nd Flying Squirrels alum to reach the majors and the second from this year's Richmond team, joining **Jonah Cox**. Cavanaugh is the sixth Flying Squirrels alum to debut in the majors this year, joining **William Kempner** (2023, Miami Marlins), **Victor Bericoto** (2023-25, Giants), **Bryan Torres** (2021, St. Louis Cardinals), **Tanner Andrews** (2022, Toronto Blue Jays) and Cox (2026, Giants).

2026 FLYING SQUIRRELS

Overall Record	46-26
First Half	43-26
Second Half	3-0
Home	29-11
Road	17-15
Place (EL Southwest)	T-1st/--
Streak	L1
Last 5	3-2
Last 10	5-5

HOME ATTENDANCE INFO

2026 Home Attendance	27,795
Home Openings	40
Average Attendance	6,970

RICHMOND vs. AKRON

2026 vs. Akron	11-5
at Richmond	8-2
at Akron	3-3
All-Time vs. Akron	110-110
at Richmond	64-48
at Akron	46-62

ON THE HOMESTAND

Games	4
Record	3-1

Batters

Batting Average	.242 (31/128)
RISP	.167 (8/48)
Runs/Runs Per Game	21/5.3
Home Runs	3

Pitchers

ERA	3.89 (16 ER/37.0 IP)
Starter W/L	1-1
Starter ERA	4.03 (10 ER/22.1 IP)
Reliever W/L	2-0
Reliever ERA	3.68 (6 ER/14.2 IP)
Saves/Opps	1/1

THIS DATE IN RICHMOND BASEBALL HISTORY

1962: The Richmond Virginians beat the Syracuse Chiefs, 7-6, at Parker Field. Syracuse led, 6-2, entering the bottom of the ninth. Tom Umphlett drove in a run with a groundout, Ben Mateosky singled in a run to cut the score to 6-4 and the tying runs scored on a throwing error. Jake Gibbs hit a triple in the bottom of the 10th and scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Umphlett. **1988:** The Richmond Braves beat the Buffalo Bisons, 3-1, at The Diamond. John Smoltz took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning until a one-out double by Bryan Little. **1989:** The Richmond Braves beat the Oklahoma City 66ers, 3-0, at All Sports Stadium in Oklahoma City. Charlie Puleo and Steve Ziem combined for a no-hitter. **2025:** The Flying Squirrels beat the Fightin' Phils, 6-3, at The Diamond. Reading opened 3-0 lead in the third. In the fifth, Diego Velasquez hit an RBI single and scored on a triple by Carter Howell, who came home on a throwing error to tie the score. With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Thomas Gavello and Justin Wishkoski both singled to put runners on first and third. Pinch-hitter Jairo Pomares belted a three-run, walk-off homer to end the game.

TODAY'S UNIFORM

