



POSTGAME NOTES

RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS (58-38, 15-13) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (51-47, 14-15)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026



GAME 1	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
RICHMOND	4	9	0	6	0
SOMERSET	7	11	1	6	1

STARTING TIME: 12:06 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 77 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Tony Rossi (2-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Marques Johnson (0-1)

SAVE: Kevin Stevens (1)

TIME OF GAME: 2:11

ATTENDANCE: 6,005

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Cade Smith (82/51)

Flying Squirrels: Trystan Vrieling (89/62)

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

RICHMOND

Maui Ahuna (#6 / 6th / 0 on / 0 out / 3-2 / Rossi / RIC 4 – SOM 3)

SOMERSET

Miguel Palma (#9 / 2nd / 1 on / 0 out / 3-1 / Vrieling / RIC 3 – SOM 2)

Coby Morales (#18 / 6th / 1 on / 2 out / 0-2 / Johnson / RIC 4 – SOM 7)

GAME 2	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
RICHMOND	6	7	0	1	1
SOMERSET	2	5	0	6	1

STARTING TIME: 2:56

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 82 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Greg Farone (4-8)

LOSING PITCHER: Hayden Merda (2-3)

SAVE: None

TIME OF GAME: 2:00

ATTENDANCE: 6,005

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Kelly Austin (35/20)

Flying Squirrels: Greg Farone (81/52)

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

RICHMOND

Jean Carlos Sio (#11 / 5th / 0 on / 2 out / 1-2 / Gilbert / RIC 6 – SOM 0)

SOMERSET

Jace Avina (#19 / 6th / 1 on / 2 out / 1-0 / Farone / RIC 6 – SOM 2)



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SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots split a series-opening doubleheader with the Richmond Flying Squirrels at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ on Wednesday. Somerset won 7-4 in Game 1 before a 6-2 loss in Game 2.
 - Somerset has won six of its last seven games to climb within 3.0 games of first-place Reading in the Northeast Division. Prior to dropping Game 2 of the doubleheader, Somerset's six-game win streak marked its longest since winning seven straight from 9/2/25 to 9/9/25 last season.
 - The split moved the Patriots to 5-5 across five doubleheaders this season and 2-6 in eight matchups with Richmond this year.
 - In Game 1, Somerset used a four-run sixth inning to erase a 4-3 deficit. The Patriots recorded four hits in the frame, including three consecutive to begin the inning.
 - In the seventh inning, the Patriots took their first lead of the game on an Owen Cobb RBI single before Coby Morales' two-run homer three batters later added a pair of insurance runs heading into the seventh inning.
 - In Game 2, Jace Avina smacked a two-run homer in the sixth inning to extend Somerset's streak to nine consecutive games with a home run.
 - Somerset has homered in nine straight games for the first time since homering in nine straight games from June 4 – June 13. Somerset's active nine-game streak with a home run leads the Eastern League.
 - With multiple homers in Game 1 of the doubleheader, Somerset has smashed multiple homers in five of its last eight games and have recorded multiple homers in 42 of 98 (42.9%) games this season. That surpasses Somerset's multiple homers in 35 of 138 (25.4%) games in 2025.
 - Somerset's 143 homers lead Double-A and rank sixth in MiLB at the time of the game's conclusion.
 - Dating back to July 12 vs. Reading, Somerset starting pitching has combined to allow 13 earned runs for a 2.26 ERA, 1.08 WHIP and .185 BAA with 67 K to 22 BB in 51.2 IP across the last 12 games.
- **RHP Cade Smith (4.0 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 2 BB, 2 K)** tossed 82 pitches in his 16th start of the season in Game 1.
 - Across his last nine outings, Smith has recorded a 3.70 ERA, 3-3 record with 40 K in 48.2 IP.
- **RHP Kevin Stevens (1.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 K)** pitched a scoreless seventh inning in Game 1 to earn his first Double-A save since August 1, 2024 at Bowie (728 days).
- **RHP Kelly Austin (2.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 1 K)** tossed two scoreless innings in his first career start in Game 2.
 - Across his last 14 outings since June 7 at Harrisburg, Austin has posted a 2.95 ERA, 1-0 record, 1.04 WHIP and .188 BAA with 18 K to 6 BB in 18.1 IP.



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- **2B Connor McGinnis (3-for-6, R, BB)** notched his third three-hit game and 12th multi-hit game with Somerset this season with three singles in Game 2.
 - Across his last 35 games dating back to his first Double-A homer on June 16 at Portland, McGinnis is slashing .278/.345/.508. McGinnis' 35 hits in that span rank second among all Patriots.
 - Somerset is 4-1 since McGinnis moved into the lineup's leadoff spot on July 24 at New Hampshire.
- **CF Jace Avina (2-for-7, HR, 2 RBI, R)** belted his 19th home run of the season in the sixth inning of Game 2.
 - Avina's 19 homers lead all active Patriots and rank second among all active Eastern League batters.
 - Avina was the only Patriot to hit safely in both halves of the doubleheader.
- **3B Coby Morales (1-for-7, HR, 2 RBI, R)** smashed his 18th home run of the season in the sixth inning of Game 1.
 - Morales joined DJ Gladney, Garrett Martin and Avina as the fourth Patriot to hit 18 home runs this season.
 - Morales' 70 RBI lead the Eastern League, while his 18 HR rank third among active hitters.
 - Morales has reached base safely in 16 of his last 17 games after snapping a season-best 16-game on-base streak in Game 2.
 - Morales' 16-game on-base streak was tied for the third-longest by a Patriot this season. During the stretch, he batted .277/.351/.462 with 3 HR, 10 RBI, 5 XBH and 8 BB.
- **LF Jackson Castillo (2-for-7, R)** picked up his 19th multi-hit game of the year with two singles in Game 1.
- **DH Miguel Palma (2-for-6, HR, RBI, R)** powered his ninth home run of the season in Game 1 of the doubleheader.
 - Palma recorded homers in back-to-back games for the second time this season after belting two homers in the series finale at New Hampshire.
 - Palma's two-hit effort in Game 1 marked his seventh multi-hit game this season.
 - Across his last 14 games, Palma is slashing .353/.411/.686 with 5 HR and 14 RBI.
- **RF Luis Durango (2-for-5, 3B, RBI, R)** notched a pair of hits in his Double-A debut in Game 1.
 - In Game 1, Durango rocked a single to right field for his first Double-A hit in the fourth inning.
 - In the sixth inning, he poked an RBI triple down the left field line to tie the game 4-4, before scoring the game winning run from third base on an Owen Cobb RBI single.
- **SS Owen Cobb (2-for-5, 2 RBI, R, SB)** posted his 15th multi-hit game with Somerset this season with two RBI singles in Game 1.
 - Across his last seven games, Cobb is 11-for-23 with five RBI and five multi-hit games.