



POSTGAME NOTES
HARTFORD YARD GOATS (8-4) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (6-8)
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
HARTFORD	10	15	1	7	3
SOMERSET	8	13	1	8	2

START TIME: 6:07 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 63 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Jarrod Cande (2-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Blane Abeyta (0-3)

SAVE: -

TIME OF GAME: 2:45

ATTENDANCE: 6,002

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Blane Abeyta (92/65)

Yard Goats: Jarrod Cande (81/51)

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

SOMERSET

Elijah Dunham (#2 / 1st / 2 on / 0 out / 2-0 / Cande / SOM 3 – HFD 0)
 Ben Rice (#5 / 3rd / 0 on / 0 out / 2-1 / Cande / SOM 4 – HFD 5)

YARD GOATS

Zach Kokoska (#2 / 2nd / 1 on / 2 out / 2-2 / Abeyta / SOM 3 – HFD 2)
 Ryan Ritter (#1 / 1 on / 2 out / 0-0 / Abeyta / SOM 3 – HFD 5)
 Zach Kokoska (#3 / 8th / 1 on / 2 out / 3-2 / Velasquez / SOM 4 – HFD 7)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots were defeated by the Hartford Yard Goats by a score of 10-8 on Saturday night at TD Bank Ballpark.
 - All 10 of Hartford's runs in the game came with two outs, as did 14 out of the Yard Goats' 15 hits and both of their walks.
 - Offensively, Somerset's 13 hits were a season-high, while the pitching staff's 15 hits allowed matched their most in a game this season (April 12 @NH).
 - Five of nine batters in Somerset's order (Spencer Jones, Ben Rice, Elijah Dunham, Ben Cowles, Alexander Vargas) had two hits each, while eight of nine batters had hits overall.
 - Despite trailing by five runs when the bottom of the ninth inning began, the Patriots brought three runs home with two outs and stranded the tying runs on base.
- **RHP Blane Abeyta** (6.0 IP, 10 H, 5 ER, 0 BB, 3 K, 2 HR) pitched a season six innings, but gave up a career-high 10 hits and took the loss.
- **C Ben Rice** (2-for-4, 2 RBI, 3 R, HR, BB, 2 K) secured multiple hits and a home run for the fourth straight day.
 - The occurrence marks the first time in Rice's career that he's homered in four consecutive games. Over the four games, Rice is 9-for-21 with 4 HR, 6 RBI and 7 R.
 - Coming out of the game, Rice's five home runs rank second in the Eastern League, trailing only his teammate and fellow catcher Agustin Ramirez.
 - In 14 career games against the Hartford spanning back to July 19, 2023 (the day of his Double-A debut), Rice is now 26-for-61 (.426 AVG) with 9 HR, 20 RBI and 16 R against the Yard Goats.
- **DH Elijah Dunham** (2-for-5, 3 RBI, R, HR, 2 K) opened up the scoring before an out was recorded in the bottom of the first inning, hitting a three-run homer for his second of the season.
 - Now on a six-game hit streak, Dunham is 8-for-23 with 5 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR, 2 2B and 2 BB.