



POSTGAME NOTES

HARTFORD YARD GOATS (43-36, 4-7) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (42-38, 5-6)
SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026



	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LOB</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
HARTFORD	6	10	0	7	2
SOMERSET	1	7	1	7	3

STARTING TIME: 7:07 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 97 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Jack Mahoney (4-1)

LOSING PITCHER: Ben Hess (1-1)

SAVE:

TIME OF GAME: 2:30

ATTENDANCE: 5,801

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Ben Hess (68/45)

Yard Goats: Jack Mahoney (86/64)

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

HARTFORD

Andy Perez (#4 / 3rd / 1 on / 0 out / 2-0 / Hess / HFD 2 – SOM 0)

Zach Kososka (#9 / 4th / 0 on / 0 out / 0-0 / Hess / HFD 3 – SOM 0)

Zach Kososka (#10 / 7th / 0 on / 2 out / 3-2 / Arias / HFD 6 – SOM 0)

SOMERSET

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots fell 6-1 against the Hartford Yard Goats at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ on Saturday evening.
 - Somerset's pitching staff posted 11 strikeouts, marking the third time in the last four games Somerset has tallied double-digit punchouts. In that span, the Patriots have fanned 48 batters.
 - Somerset's 837 strikeouts this season lead Double-A and rank sixth in MiLB at the time of the game's conclusion.
- **RHP Ben Hess (4.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 K)** made his 11th start of the season and ninth since returning off the 7-day IL on May 14.
 - Hess punched out both Cole Messina and Jack O'Dowd looking to end the second and third inning.
 - Hess' 68 pitches were the most he's thrown since being reinstated off the injured list.
- **RHP Hayden Merda (2.1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 5 K)** struck out a season-high five batters for the fourth time.
 - It marked the first time Merda recorded five strikeouts since May 23 at Chesapeake.
 - Across his last two outings, Merda has struck out seven of the 12 batters he's faced, while allowing just one walk and one hit across 3.2 IP in that span.
- **CF DJ Gladney (1-for-4, BB)** extended his hit streak to five games with a single in the first inning.
 - With hits in all five games against the Yard Goats this week, Gladney's active five-game hit streak is the longest on the team.
 - Against the Yard Goats this week, Gladney is 7-for-19 with HR, 3 XBH, 4 RBI and two multi-hit games.
- **2B Connor McGinnis (3-for-3)** registered a career-high three hits and his seventh multi-hit game with the Patriots this season.
 - Across his last 10 games, McGinnis is batting .344/.382/.469 with 3 RBI, 4 XBH and three multi-hit games.