



POSTGAME NOTES

**RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS (35-59, 14-13) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (52-45, 17-11)
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025**



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
RICHMOND	0	2	0	4	0
SOMERSET	1	4	0	3	1

STARTING TIME: 6:07 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 96 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz (1-1)

LOSING PITCHER: Manuel Mercedes (5-12)

SAVE: Danny Watson (4)

TIME OF GAME: 2:07

ATTENDANCE: 4,020

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Flying Squirrels: Joe Whitman (80/50)

Patriots: Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz (89/54)

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

RICHMOND

None

SOMERSET

George Lombard Jr. (5 / 6th / 0 on / 1 out / 1-1 / Mercedes / RIC 0 – SOM 1)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots defeated the Richmond Flying Squirrels in game one of a six-game series at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, N.J. on Tuesday by a score of 1-0.
 - Somerset recorded its seventh shutout of the season and the first since 7/10 vs. NH (also a 1-0 win).
 - The Patriots improved to 41-6 in games in which they out-hit their opponent.
- **RHP Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz** (6.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 5 K) earned his first Double-A win in his third start with Somerset.
 - Through three Double-A starts, Rodriguez-Cruz has thrown 19.0 IP over which he has allowed 15 H, 8 R, 5 ER, 4 BB and recorded 15 K. Rodriguez-Cruz has posted a 2.37 ERA, a 1.00 WHIP and a .211 BA.
 - Rodriguez-Cruz became the first Yankees minor league pitcher to throw 100.0+ IP. Rodriguez-Cruz leads Yankees minor leaguers with 102.2 IP, ranks second in K (114) and BA (.181), tied for second in GS (17), third in ERA (2.28), WHIP (1.05) and tied for third in W (7).
- **RHP Danny Watson** (2.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 2 K) retired all six batters he faced to record his fourth save of the season.
- **SS George Lombard Jr.** (1-for-4, R, RBI, HR) crushed a go-ahead solo home run in the sixth inning.
 - Over his last 14 games dating back to 7/6 vs. NH, Lombard Jr. is 14-for-57 (.246 AVG) with 6 RBI, 8 R and 8 XBH (3 HR, 5 2B) and a .786 OPS.
 - Lombard Jr. ranks third among Yankee minor leaguers in R (66), tied for seventh in OBP (.373), ninth in XBH (30) and tied for ninth in H (79).