



# PATRIOTS GAME NOTES



## Richmond Flying Squirrels (0-0) @ Somerset Patriots (0-0)

Friday, April 5, 2024 | 6:35 p.m.

Game #1 | Home Game #1

TD Bank Ballpark - Bridgewater, NJ

RIC: LHP John Michael Bertrand (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

SOM: RHP Zach Messinger (0-0, 0.00 ERA)



## NEW YORK YANKEES DOUBLE-A AFFILIATE



### 2024 SCHEDULE

	2024 SCHEDULE						
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
APRIL	HOME	ROAD	2	3	4	6:35 5	6:05 6
	1:05 7	8	6:35 9	6:35 10	6:35 11	6:35 12	4:05 13
	1:35 14	15	6:35 16	6:35 17	6:35 18	6:35 19	6:05 20
	1:05 21	22	6:45 23	1:00 24	6:45 25	6:45 26	6:45 27
	3:15 28	29	6:35 30				
MAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1:05 5	6	11:00 7	6:00 8	12:05 9	6:00 10	4:00 11
	1:00 12	13	6:05 14	11:05 15	6:35 16	6:35 17	6:05 18
	1:05 19	20	6:05 21	11:05 22	6:35 23	6:35 24	4:05 25
	1:35 26	27	6:05 28	11:05 29	6:35 30	6:35 31	
JUNE	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1:05 2	3	6:35 4	6:35 5	6:35 6	7:05 7	7:05 8
	1:05 9	10	6:35 11	6:35 12	6:35 13	7:05 14	6:07 15
	1:05 16	17	6:35 18	6:35 19	6:35 20	7:05 21	7:05 22
	1:05 23	24	6:35 25	6:35 26	6:35 27	6:35 28	6:05 29
JULY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	7:05 1	7:05 2	7:05 3	7:05 4	7:00 5	7:00 6	6:45 7
	7	8	6:05 9	1:05 10	6:05 11	6:35 12	6:05 13
	1:35 14	15	16	17	18	7:05 19	7:05 20
	5:05 21	22	6:05 23	11:05 24	7:05 25	7:05 26	7:05 27
AUGUST	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	5:05 4	5	12:05 6	7:05 7	7:05 8	7:05 9	7:05 10
	5:05 11	12	7:10 13	7:10 14	7:10 15	7:10 16	6:10 17
	1:10 18	19	6:00 20	6:00 21	6:00 22	6:00 23	6:00 24
	1:00 25	26	6:35 27	6:35 28	6:35 29	6:35 30	6:35 31
SEPTEMBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1:05 1	6:35 2	3	6:35 4	6:35 5	7:05 6	6:07 7
	6:35 8	9	6:35 10	6:35 11	6:35 12	6:35 13	6:35 14
	1:05 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN:** In three seasons since becoming the Yankees' Double-A affiliate, the Somerset Patriots lead all MiLB teams with a 3.52 staff ERA, while leading all Double-A teams with 239 wins (4th overall in MiLB). Offensively over this span, the Patriots' 577 home runs are 45 more than any other Double-A club (Amarillo) and their 647 stolen bases are 143 more than any other Double-A club (Wichita).

**FAMILIAR FACES:** The Somerset Patriots' 2024 Break Camp roster features 18 active players returning from last season: Blane Abeyta, Ryan Anderson, Bailey Dees, Carlos Gomez, Alex Mauricio, Zach Messinger, Tanner Myatt, Jack Neely, Danny Watson, Agustin Ramirez, Ben Rice, Max Burt, T.J. Rumfield, Anthony Seigler, Elijah Dunham, Spencer Jones, Aaron Palensky and Grant Richardson.

**OPENING DAY SLAY:** In three seasons as the Yankees' Double-A affiliate, the Patriots are a perfect 3-0 on Opening Day with wins over Harrisburg (2021 and 2023) Reading (2022).

**SIZING UP THE SQUIRRELS:** Somerset and Richmond meet today for the first time since 7/30/22, when the Patriots took 4/5 games from the Flying Squirrels at The Diamond in Richmond. The Flying Squirrels were the only Eastern League team that the Patriots did not face in 2023. The Flying Squirrels are visiting the Patriots for the first time since 6/8/21-6/13/21, when Somerset won 5/6 games and outscored Richmond 43-24.

**MAJOR LEAGUE PATRIOTS:** Since the start of the 2024 MLB season, four former Patriots have made their MLB debuts: Mitch Spence (3/29, OAK, 1st overall pick in 2023 MLB Rule 5 Draft), Clayton Beeter (3/29, SOM 2022-23), Oliver Dunn (3/30, MIL, selected by PHI in 2022 MiLB Rule 5, traded to MIL in 2023 off-season) and Matt Sauer (3/31, KC, 2nd overall pick in 2023 MLB Rule 5 Draft).

**VRIELLY NEW TO THE PROS:** Somerset's Sunday starter RHP Trystan Vrieling was drafted by the Yankees in the third round of the 2022 MLB Draft. When he pitches on Sunday, he will be making his professional baseball debut for the Yankees, making him the second draftee in Somerset Patriots Double-A franchise history to make his professional debut at Double-A Somerset (Aaron Palensky, 2021).

**SWAGNER:** The Yankees' 9th round pick in the 2023 MLB Draft out of Arkansas, Jared Wegner will become the first member of the organization's 2023 draft class to make his Double-A debut, as he was named to Somerset's Break Camp roster.

**TALL-KING SPRING:** After earning a non-roster invite to Yankees Spring Training, Yankees 2022 first round pick Spencer Jones was named the Yankees' 2024 James P. Dawson Award winner, given to the team's most outstanding rookie during the spring. In his first Spring Training game, Jones went 3-for-3 with a 470-foot home run and went on to hit safely in each of his first five Spring ABs, overall slashing .444/.565/.722 with 4 RBI, 7 R and a 1.287 OPS in 12 games. He started in center field for the Yankees in their inaugural Spring Breakout game vs. TOR and went 3-for-4 with 2 HR and 4 RBI en route to being named to MLB Pipeline's All-Spring Breakout First Team.

### SCOUTING REPORT

RIC	BATTING	SOM
-	AVG	-
-	R	-
-	HR	-
-	SB	-
-	SO	-
-	BB	-
-	OBP	-
-	OPS	-
-	PITCHING	-
-	ERA (LOW)	-
-	HR (MOST)	-
-	BB (MOST)	-
-	K (MOST)	-
-	WHIP (LOW)	-
-	BAA (LOW)	-

### 30 MLB DEBUTS

#### MOST RECENT:

- RHP Matt Sauer, KC, 3/31/24
- INF Oliver Dunn, MIL, 3/30/24
- RHP Clayton Beeter, NYY, 3/29/24

	<b>(MLB) New York Yankees</b> 6-1   Last game: 6-5 W @ARI Home Opener vs. TOR today, 1:05 ET
	<b>(AAA) Scranton/Wilkes-Barre</b> 2-2   Last game: 5-4 L @SYR Durbin 4-for-5 (batting .471)
	<b>(High-A) Hudson Valley</b> Opening Day tonight @BG, 7:35 ET RHP Sebastian Keane starting
	<b>(Single-A) Tampa</b> Opening Day tonight 4/5 @FTM, 7:05 ET
	<b>Florida Complex League</b> FCL season begins in May

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

Date	Time	Opponent Starters	Somerset Starters
Fri. 4/5 vs. RIC	6:35	LHP John Michael Bertrand (0.00 ERA)	RHP Zach Messinger (0-0, 0.00 ERA)
Sat. 4/6 vs. RIC	6:05	RHP Carson Ragsdale (0-0, 0.00 ERA)	RHP Bailey Dees (0-0, 0.00 ERA)
Sun. 4/7 vs. RIC	1:05	RHP Ryan Murphy (0-0, 0.00 ERA)	RHP Trystan Vrieling (0-0, 0.00 ERA)
Mon. 4/8	OFF		
Tue. 4/9 @NH	6:35	TBD	TBD
Wed. 4/10 @NH	6:35	TBD	TBD

### BROADCAST INFORMATION

LIVE AUDIO BROADCAST: FOX SPORTS RADIO NEW JERSEY (93.5 FM), FOXSPORTSRADIONEWJERSEY.COM  
LIVE VIDEO BROADCAST: MLB.tv via the MLB At Bat app, Bally Live app



# PATRIOTS GAME NOTES



## MLB PIPELINE NYY TOP 30 (10)

- No. 2: OF Spencer Jones (#81 on Top 100)
- No. 4: RHP Chase Hampton\*
- No. 11: LHP Brock Selvidge
- No. 13: C Ben Rice
- No. 22: C Agustin Ramirez
- No. 23: RHP Zach Messinger
- No. 24: RHP Trystan Vrieling
- No. 26: RHP Jack Neely
- No. 27: INF Tyler Hardman\*
- No. 29: RHP Danny Watson
- \*inactive

## 2024 Series Record: 0-0-0

6-GAME SERIES	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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WINS

## TEAM PITCHING LEADERS

STAT	PLAYER	#	LEAGUE RK
ERA			
WHIP			
IP			
K			
BB			
K/BB			
HR			
SV			
G			

## TEAM HITTING LEADERS

STAT	PLAYER	#	LEAGUE RK
AVG			
OBP			
SLG			
OPS			
RBI			
R			
HR			
XBH			
TB			
BB			
SB			

## EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

Northeast Division								
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	STREAK	RS	RA	DIFF.
SOMERSET	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
BINGHAMTON	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
HARTFORD	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
PORTLAND	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
READING	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Southwest Division								
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	STREAK	RS	RA	DIFF.
ERIE	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
AKRON	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALTOONA	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
HARRISBURG	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOWIE	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
RICHMOND	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* First Half Winner | (e) Eliminated

## SOMERSET VS. THE EASTERN LEAGUE

Northeast Division				
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2024	ALL-TIME W-L (SERIES)
BNG (NYM)	-	-	-	21-17 (3-1-3)
HFD (COL)	-	-	-	41-13 (7-0-2)
NH (TOR)	-	-	-	29-18 (5-1-2)
POR (BOS)	-	-	-	30-24 (4-2-3)
REA (PHI)	-	-	-	29-19 (6-2-1)
<b>VS. NE</b>	-	-	-	<b>150-91 (25-6-11)</b>

Southwest Division				
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2024	ALL-TIME W-L (SERIES)
AKR (CLE)	-	-	-	11-13 (0-1-3)
ALT (PIT)	-	-	-	15-9 (2-0-2)
BOW (BAL)	-	-	-	23-13 (4-0-2)
ERI (DET)	-	-	-	14-16 (1-2-2)
HBG (WSH)	-	-	-	15-5 (4-0-0)
RIC (SFG)	-	-	-	11-6 (2-1-0)
<b>VS. SW</b>	-	-	-	<b>89-62 (13-4-9)</b>

## MILB HONORS

PLAYER	AWARD

## VS. RICHMOND THIS SEASON

GAME	FINAL	NOTES
Fri. 4/5 vs. RIC		
Sat. 4/6 vs. RIC		
Sun. 4/7 vs. RIC		
Tue. 6/25 @RIC		
Wed. 6/26 @RIC		
Thu. 6/27 @RIC		
Fri. 6/28 @RIC		
Sat. 6/29 @RIC		
Sun. 6/30 @RIC		

## READING UP ON RICHMOND

- Somerset and Richmond meet today for the first time since 7/30/22, when the Patriots took 4/5 games from the Flying Squirrels at The Diamond in Richmond. The final game of the series was canceled due to rain. The Flying Squirrels were the only Eastern League team that the Patriots did not face in 2023. The Flying Squirrels are visiting the Patriots for the first time since 6/8/21-6/13/21, when Somerset won 5/6 games and outscored Richmond 43-24.
- Both the Somerset Patriots and Richmond Flying Squirrels have won the first half in each of their respective divisions each of the last two seasons (2022-23), with Somerset winning the Eastern League Championship in 2022 and Richmond being eliminated in the first round both times.
- Eighteen players return from last year's Flying Squirrels team: Brett Auerbach, Victor Bericoto, John Michael Bertrand, Hayden Birdsong, Vaun Brown, José Cruz, Matt Frisbee, Evan Gates, Jimmy Glowenke, Clay Helvey, Wil Jensen, Ryan Murphy, Tyler Myrick, Mat Olsen, Nick Swiney, Andy Thomas, Will Wilson & Logan Wyatt.
- Richmond's roster features six of Baseball America's top-30 Giants prospects, including Hayden Birdsong (6), Grant McCray (10), Vaun Brown (11), Eric Silva (22), Adrián Sugastey (25), Ryan Murphy (28).

## 2024 SOMERSET PATRIOTS COACHING STAFF

### RAUL DOMINGUEZ: Manager (2nd year)

Raul Dominguez enters his second consecutive season as manager for the Somerset Patriots, 10th overall as a manager and 18th coaching in the Yankees organization. He led the 2023 Patriots to a Double-A best record of 84-53 and a +211 run differential, which ranked first among all MiLB teams. Under his leadership, the Patriots finished with the Eastern League's top record in both halves of the season and clinched their second straight playoff berth. In 2023, Dominguez became the third manager in Somerset Patriots Double-A franchise history and in 2024 he will become the first to serve as manager for more than one season. Before joining Somerset, Dominguez spent the prior two seasons (2021-2022) as a defensive coach for Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. He previously served as defensive coach for Trenton (2018-2019) and Tampa (2017). The Panama City, Panama native gained prior managerial experience with the GCL Yankees East (2016), DSL Yankees 1 (2011-15) and DSL Yankees 2 (2009-10). From 2012-2015, his teams finished at least 10 games over .500, including reaching the DSL semifinals in 2012 and 2015.

### KEVIN MARTIR: Hitting Coach (1st year)

Hitting coach Kevin Martir begins his first season in Somerset and fourth in the Yankees organization, after serving in the same position for High-A Hudson Valley in 2023 and Single-A Tampa for two seasons in 2021-22. He joined the Yankees organization in 2020 and had been scheduled to serve as hitting coach for former Rookie-Advanced level Pulaski, prior to the cancellation of the minor league season. Martir began his coaching career in 2019 as a development coach for the GCL Phillies East. Martir starred at catcher during his playing career at the University of Maryland (2013-15), where he was a semi-finalist for the Johnny Bench Award in 2015. Martir was drafted by the Houston Astros in the 18th round of the 2015 MLB Draft. He played two professional seasons for the Astros with Rookie-Advanced Greeneville in 2015 and Short-Season Class-A Tri-City in 2016. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Martir graduated from the Grand Street Campus in 2012, after transferring from Xaverian High School in Brooklyn prior to his senior year.

### BRETT DeGAGNE: Pitching Coach (1st year)

Pitching coach Brett DeGagne begins his first season with Somerset and fourth year in the Yankees organization. After making his organizational coaching debut as the Single-A Tampa Tarpons' pitching coach in 2021, DeGagne most recently served as the FCL Yankees pitching coach in 2022 and 2023. In 2023, his staff led the Florida Complex League in strikeouts (587) and finished fourth in ERA (4.47). DeGagne was initially tabbed to be the DSL Yankees pitching coach in 2020, before the cancellation of the minor league season. DeGagne played college ball at the University of North Dakota from 2012-2016. He moved on to grad school at St. Cloud State University, where DeGagne also began his baseball coaching career. He served as the Huskies' pitching coach during the 2017-2018 seasons. He gained additional coaching experience in 2018 as the pitching coach for the Bismarck Larks of the Northwoods League. One year prior to joining the Yankees, in 2019 DeGagne took over as pitching coach for North Iowa Area Community College.

### AARON BOSSI: Defensive Coach (3rd year)

Aaron Bossi returns for his third consecutive season as the Patriots' defensive coach. Under Bossi's leadership in each of the past two seasons, infielders Jesus Bastidas (2B, 2022) and T.J. Rumfield (1B, 2023) were each awarded Rawlings Minor League Gold Gloves for their work in the field. Bossi has also overseen Somerset's baserunning program each of the last two seasons, leading the team to an Eastern League-best 205 stolen bases in 2022 and a Double-A-best 256 stolen bases in 2023. Bossi made his coaching debut as Hudson Valley's defensive coach in 2021. Prior to his coaching experience with the Yankees, he spent 2017-2019 assisting rehabbing players at the organization's minor league complex in Tampa. The St. Louis, Missouri native was signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Yankees on June 24, 2016 as a catcher/infielder. He played in 22 games for the GCL Yankees East in 2016.

# TONIGHT'S PATRIOTS STARTER

## #29 RHP ZACH MESSINGER | 6'6" / 225

Chandler, IN | Pitch Selection: 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Changeup, Slider, Curveball

2021 MLB Draft (13th round, pick 176) | MLB Pipeline: NYY #23



**2023:** Messinger spent all but one game in 2023 pitching for High-A Hudson Valley, posting a 1-10 record and 4.36 ERA over 21 appearances (20 starts). Following the conclusion of the 2023 South Atlantic League regular season, Messinger was promoted to Double-A Somerset on 9/12, during the final week of the Eastern League regular season. He made his Double-A debut on 9/14 @NH, pitching to a no-decision while allowing 2 ER over 4.1 IP with 7 K. Among Yankees farmhands, Messinger ended the season ranked tied for ninth in games started (21) and 10th in both strikeouts (120) and innings pitched (101.1).

**2022:** Spent all of his first professional season with the Single-A Tampa Tarpons, pitching in 31 games (16 starts) and compiling a 4.30 ERA with 112 K in 83.2 IP.

**College:** Pitched three seasons at the University of Virginia (2019-21), working primarily as a reliever in 51 appearances (11 starts). During his junior season in 2021, he appeared in a team-high 28 games (four starts). Messinger led Virginia to the 2021 College World Series, where he pitched .2 IP across two appearances against Mississippi State and Texas where he allowed 4 R. Across his three seasons at Virginia, Messinger went 5-3 with a 4.42 ERA and 112 K over 99.2 IP.

**Personal Notes:** Attended Castle High School (IN), where he served as team captain for both the baseball and basketball teams. As a senior in 2018, he posted a 7-1 record and 1.66 ERA, while being named an Indiana South All-Star. He was also awarded First Team All-State honors and was named Castle's 2018 Lonnie Fisher Male Athlete of the Year. Father, Dennis, played basketball at Olney Central College, and his mother, Lisa, played volleyball at the University of Evansville.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 13th round of the 2021 MLB Draft for \$225,000.

### CAREER VS. SFG ORGANIZATION

DATE	GAME	DEC.	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	HR
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### CATCHER DEFENSE

CATCHER	(GS)RECORD	ER/INN.	CS/SB	CS%	E	ERA
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### SEASON HIGH

### CAREER HIGH

-	IP	6 (7/27/23, A+)
-	R	7 (7/14/23, A+)
-	ER	6, 2x (8/19/23, A+)
-	BB	5, 3x (6/23/23, A+)
-	K	9, 2x (7/1/23, A+)
-	HR	4 (7/7/23, A+)
-	NP	97 (7/1/23, A+)

### 2024 GAME LOG

GAME	FINAL	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	NP(S)	NOTES
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### CAREER LONGEST SCORELESS STREAK

10.2 IP (3g, 5/11-6/5): 5 H, 5 BB, 21 K

### ACTIVE SCORELESS STREAK

1.2 IP (1g): 1 H, 1 BB, 4 K

### MESSINGER VS. RIC

0-0, 0.00 ERA

GAME	DEC.	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB	HR
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### RIC VS. MESSINGER

.000 AVG (0/0)

BATTER	AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	K	OPS
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# PATS FACTS

## TEAM OFFENSIVE HIGHS

MOST RUNS SCORED, GAME: -  
 MOST RUNS SCORED, INNING: -  
 FEWEST HITS, GAME: -  
 MOST HITS, GAME: -  
 MOST DOUBLES, GAME: -  
 MOST TRIPLES, GAME: -  
 MOST HOME RUNS, GAME: -  
 MOST XBH, GAME: -  
 MOST RUNNERS LOB, GAME: -  
 MOST WALKS, GAME: -  
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: -  
 MOST STOLEN BASES, GAME: -  
 MOST DOUBLE PLAYS HIT INTO, GAME: -

## INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE HIGHS

MOST RUNS, GAME: -  
 MOST RBI, GAME: -  
 MOST HITS, GAME: -  
 MOST DOUBLES, GAME: -  
 MOST TRIPLES, GAME: -  
 MOST HOME RUNS, GAME: -  
 MOST WALKS, GAME: -  
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: -  
 MOST LOB, GAME: -  
 MOST STOLEN BASES, GAME: -  
 MOST TOTAL BASES, GAME: -  
 LAST PATRIOT TO HIT FOR CYCLE: Jeisson Rosario, 7/17/22 @PDR

## TEAM PITCHING HIGHS

MOST RUNS ALLOWED, GAME: -  
 MOST RUNS ALLOWED, INNING: -  
 MOST HITS ALLOWED, GAME: -  
 FEWEST HITS ALLOWED, GAME: -  
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: -  
 MOST WALKS ISSUED, GAME: -  
 MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, GAME: -  
 MOST STOLEN BASES ALLOWED, GAME: -  
 MOST CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS INNINGS: -  
 MOST PITCHERS USED, GAME: -

## INDIVIDUAL PITCHING HIGHS

MOST EARNED RUNS, GAME: -  
 MOST HITS ALLOWED, GAME: -  
 MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, GAME: -  
 MOST STRIKEOUTS, GAME: -  
 MOST WALKS ISSUED, GAME: -  
 MOST INNINGS PITCHED, RELIEVER: -  
 MOST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER: -  
 FEWEST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER: -  
 MOST CONSECUTIVE STRIKEOUTS: -

## MISCELLANEOUS TEAM HIGHS

LONGEST WIN STREAK: -  
 LONGEST LOSING STREAK: -  
 LONGEST HOME WIN STREAK: -  
 LONGEST HOME LOSING STREAK: -  
 LONGEST ROAD WINNING STREAK: -  
 LONGEST ROAD LOSING STREAK: -  
 CONSECUTIVE SERIES WINS: -  
 CONSECUTIVE SERIES LOSSES: -  
 LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY: -  
 LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT: -  
 LARGEST LEAD GIVEN UP IN LOSS: -  
 LARGEST DEFICIT OVERCOME: -  
 LONGEST GAME, INNINGS: -  
 LONGEST GAME, TIME: -  
 LONGEST 9-INNING GAME, TIME: -  
 SHORTEST 9-INNING GAME, TIME: -  
 LARGEST HOME CROWD: -  
 SMALLEST HOME CROWD: -

**BOLD DENOTES SOMERSET PATRIOTS DOUBLE-A RECORD, \* denotes tie**

## EJECTIONS

GAME	PLAYER / COACH	UMPIRE	DESCRIPTION
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## ERRORS

MOST TEAM ERRORS, GAME: -  
 MOST PLAYER ERRORS, GAME: -

## SHUTOUTS

(#) GAME	SCORE	HITS	K	PITCHERS (# of shutouts pitched)
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Notes:

## HOME RUNS

INNINGS SINCE LAST HOME RUN / SEASON LONG: - / -

### MULTI-HOME RUN GAMES (0)

GAME	BATTER	#	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-	-

### WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (0)

GAME	BATTER	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-

### GRAND SLAMS (0)

GAME	BATTER	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-

### BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (0)

GAME	BATTERS	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-

### INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0)

GAME	BATTER	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-

### FIRST INNING LEADOFF HOME RUNS (0)

GAME	BATTER	INN.	FINAL
-	-	-	-



# PATRIOTS 2024 TRANSACTIONS

**27 TOTAL PLAYERS USED** (including 0 rehab)

## APRIL TRANSACTIONS (7)

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
April 5	Michael Giacone, Anderson Muñoz	Added to Full-Season IL
April 5	Ryler Gilliam	Added to 60-day IL
April 5	Chase Hampton, Tyler Hardman, Jesus Liranzo	Added to 7-day IL
April 1		Break Camp Roster assigned

## MLB REHAB ASSIGNMENTS (2023)

# PLAYER	INJURY	DATES	NOTES
1 (23) Josh Donaldson	Right Hamstring Strain	4/18	Batted 2nd, started at 3B, went 1-for-3, SOM won 17-9
2 (24) Harrison Bader	Left Oblique Strain	4/21	Game-winning RBI-double in 5th inn. of 3-2 win
		4/23	Batted 2nd, started at CF again, went 0-for-3 in 7-3 W
3 (25) Ben Rortved	Left Shoulder Aneurysm	4/28	1st game of DH, RBI double in 1st AB, 1-for-3 in 3-2 W
4 (26) Luis Severino	Right Lat Strain	5/16	Started with 3.1 IP, 2 ER, K; SOM won 14-10
<b>5 (27) Josh Donaldson</b>	<b>Right Hamstring Strain</b>	<b>5/30</b>	<b>Went 1-for-4, then homered 2x in 1st game back for NYY</b>
6 (28) Tommy Kahnle	Right Biceps Tendonitis	5/30	Pitched 7th inning, allowed 1 ER on 17 pitches, 1 K
7 (29) Giancarlo Stanton	Left Hamstring Strain	5/30	Went 0-for-3, homered in 1st game back for NYY
<b>8 (30) Harrison Bader</b>	<b>Right Hamstring Strain</b>	<b>6/14</b>	<b>Went 0-for-4 in 7 innings, commencing 3rd rehab stint with SOM</b>
		<b>6/16</b>	<b>Went 1-for-4 with 108.3 mph single off LF wall in first inning</b>
		<b>6/17</b>	<b>Went 1-for-4 in 11th career game for SOM</b>
9 (31) Ian Hamilton	Right Groin Strain	6/18	Pitched scoreless 7th inning, was WP in 4-3 W
		6/21	Threw 17 pitches to 3 batters, 2 BB, K, ER, LP in 2-1 L
		6/24	Pitched 1.1 scoreless innings, was WP in 3-1 W
10 (32) Carlos Rodon	Left Forearm Strain, Back	6/20	Started in NYY Organizational debut, 3 IP, 1 ER, 5 K
		6/25	Started in final game of 1st half: 4 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 4 K
11 (33) Willie Calhoun	Left Quad Strain	7/20-27	Started 6 games, including 2g @HFD, 4g at home, overall went 5-for-22 with HR on 7/22 @HFD, DFA'd by NYY on 7/28
12 (34) Nestor Cortes	Left Rotator Cuff Strain	7/23	Started @HFD: 2.1 IP, 12 batters, 42 pitches, 4 H, 1 ER, 4 K, HR allowed to Kyle Datres
		7/28	Started SOM's 7th shutout of season with 4.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 5 K on 49 pitches (36 strikes) in 10-0 win

**bold denotes second rehab assignment in Somerset of the season**



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Pitcher	Last Outing	Dec.	IP	H	R/ER	BB	K	SCORELESS STREAKS
Aguilar								Active: -   Longest -
Anderson								Active: -   Longest -
Dees								Active: -   Longest -
Gomez								Active: -   Longest -
Mauricio								Active: -   Longest -
Myatt								Active: -   Longest -
Neely								Active: -   Longest -
Stevens								Active: -   Longest -
Velasquez								Active: -   Longest -
Watson								Active: -   Longest -

**21 CLAY AGUILAR** LHP 6'1" / 210  
 DOB: 3/26/99 (25) HOMETOWN: Houston, TX ACQ: Non-drafted FA (2020)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** Fastball (low 90s), Changeup, Slider, Curveball  
**Season-Highs:** -  
**Career-Highs:** 6.0 IP (9/16/21, A+), 4 H (7/16/21, A), 6 R (9/20/23, AAA), 4 BB (9/1/23, A+), 8 K (9/2/21, A)  
**2023:** Spent the entire High-A South Atlantic League regular season with Hudson Valley, prior to earning a call-up to Double-A Somerset on 9/12, but not pitching in a game for the Patriots. In 32 appearances for Hudson Valley (one start), Aguilar went 3-3 with a 2.25 ERA, 63 K and 24 BB in 44.0 IP. He had a streak of 11 straight scoreless appearances from 5/16-7/7: 2-0, 7.1 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 12 K. Before pitching in a game for Somerset, Aguilar was sent to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, where he ended the season with four appearances.  
**2022:** Spent the entire 2022 season on the FCL Yankees' 60-day injured list.  
**2021:** Made 21 appearances with Single-A Tampa in 2021, before earning a call-up to High-A Hudson Valley in the final week of the regular season. During a spot start in HV, Aguilar struck out five in a career-high 6.0 shutout IP vs GBO (9/16/21). Following the season, he pitched in the Arizona Fall League, going 1-1 with a 10.24 ERA (9.2 IP, 11 ER) in 6 G (1 GS).  
**College:** Played three seasons (2018-20) at the University of Houston. During his sophomore year in 2019, he was an American Athletic Conference First Team performer, going 6-4 with a 3.06 ERA (67.2 IP, 23 BB, 73 K) in 16 games (13 GS). During four starts in the Covid-shortened 2020 season, Aguilar led the AAC with a 1.59 ERA.  
**Career Notes:** Signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent in 2020, following the Covid-shortened college season and MLB Draft.  
**Personal Notes:** Attended Deer Park High School (TX), which also produced former Yankee LHP Andy Pettitte. Aguilar was the winning pitcher in his 2017 State Championship game for Deer Park.

**17 ALEX MAURICIO** RHP 6'0" / 180  
 DOB: 9/24/96 (27) HOMETOWN: Midlothian, VA ACQ: MLB Draft (2017 (27 | 812))  
**PITCH SELECTION:** Fastball (95-98), Cutter (88-91), Slider (83-86)  
**Season-Highs:** -  
**Career-Highs:** 6.1 IP (8/24/18, A), 9 H (7/15/18, A), 8 R (7/22/18, A), 4 BB (9/9/23, AA), 8 K (6/30/18, SS-A)  
**2023:** Appeared in four games during Yankees MLB Spring Training, totaling 2.2 scoreless IP with 5 K. Mauricio spent the entire 2023 season with Somerset, going 2-2 over a career-high 36 appearances with a career-best 3.14 ERA (48.2 IP, 45 K, 19 BB, 5 SV, 4 HLD).  
**2022:** After being reinstated for return by the Yankees following his voluntary retirement, 1,047 days after his last appearance, Mauricio earned the win in his first game back with High-A Hudson Valley. After having not played from 2020-21, Mauricio spent the full year with High-A Hudson Valley, going 4-0 over 26 games in which he posted a 4.78 ERA and led the Renegades with six saves.  
**2019-2021:** Pitched one game on 4/7/19 for Single-A Charleston, allowing 7 ER in 1.1 IP. Following the game, he learned that had torn his UCL and had to get elbow surgery. As Mauricio was rehabbing at home in Virginia, he decided to voluntarily retire. He began working for a landscaping company in the Richmond, VA area, working 10+ hour days. He then started working in retail for a cycling store, selling motorcycle gear. Mauricio's third job after deciding to retire was as a baseball coach for Vertex Performance in Richmond, VA. Mauricio was constantly questioned by his students as to why he quit baseball, which motivated him to return to his professional career with the Yankees. After making the decision to return to professional baseball, in 2021 Mauricio prepped himself for a return by playing in an adult baseball league in Virginia, leading his team to the national championship as a two-way player at pitcher and shortstop.  
**2017-2018:** Mauricio made his pro debut across nine relief appearances for the GCL Yankees West in 2017, going 2-1 with a 3.24 ERA and 1.38 WHIP. He split the 2018 season between Short-Season Staten Island and Single-A Charleston, before a suspension ended his season. Over 11 total starts, he went 1-3 with a 3.86 ERA.  
**College:** Spent three seasons (2015-17) as a two-way player at Norfolk State University. As a junior, he became the first player in Norfolk State history to be named MEAC Player of the Year, when he was also one of nine semifinalists for the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award. In addition to his 11 games on the mound, Mauricio played 17 games at 2B, 12 games at 1B, eight at DH, two at SS and one in RF. His pitching career at Norfolk State consisted of 29 appearances (11 starts) in which he went 7-5 with a 3.79 ERA. Offensively, over 122 career college games, he slashed .299/.391/.429 with 75 R, 72 RBI & 6 HR.  
**Personal Notes:** Attended Manchester High School (VA), playing baseball for three years and volleyball for two years. As a senior, Mauricio posted a 2.13 ERA on the mound, while hitting .333 at the plate.  
**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 27th round of the 2017 MLB Draft.

**24 RYAN ANDERSON** LHP 6'6" / 205  
 DOB: 9/09/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Reno, NV ACQ: MLB Draft 2019 (12 | 375)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** -  
**Season-Highs:** -  
**Career-Highs:** 5.1 IP (4/12/22), 6 H (5/10/22), 5 R (8/11/22), 5 BB (6/10/21), 5 K, 2x last: 6/23/23)  
**2023:** Began the 2023 season with High-A Hudson Valley, appearing in 18 games and posting a 3.16 ERA over 31.1 IP with 37 K to only 4 BB. He was promoted to Double-A Somerset on 6/23 and in his debut vs. NH, Anderson pitched 2.2 scoreless innings with a season-high five strikeouts and recorded the final out in Somerset's 2023 First Half Championship-clinching 12-1 victory. Overall in Somerset, Anderson appeared in 19 games, going 3-1 with a team-best 1.01 ERA and 27 K over 26.2 IP.  
**2022:** Spent all of 2022 with Single-A Tampa, ranking second on the team with 35 appearances, all of which were out of the bullpen. In total, he went 3-7 with a 4.26 ERA, 25 BB and 32 K.  
**2021:** Split his second pro season between the FCL Yankees (four appearances, one start) and Single-A Tampa (12 appearances, six starts), combining to post a 10.01 ERA with 33 BB and 32 K.  
**2019:** Made his professional debut with Rookie-Advanced Pulaski across 11 appearances (eight starts), posting a 4.78 ERA with 16 BB and 43 K.  
**College:** Played three seasons at the University of Nevada (2017-19), posting a career 5.65 ERA with 58 BB and 122 K over 50 appearances (21 starts). He took over as the school's Friday night starter as a junior in 2019, making 14 starts and leading the team with 70.2 IP.  
**Personal Notes:** Attended Spanish Springs High School (NV), where as a senior he was recognized as the Reno-Gazette Journal Northern Nevada Pitcher of the Year and named First-Team All-State. He was also named the Spanish Springs High School Athlete of the Year his senior season. In total at Spanish Springs, he pitched 134.2 innings with a 2.10 ERA, while lettering three years.  
**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 12th round of the 2019 MLB Draft.

**25 TANNER MYATT** RHP 6'7" / 245  
 DOB: 5/21/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Spring Lake, NC ACQ: MLB Draft 2018 (11 | 337)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** Fastball (mid-90s), Changeup (90), Cutter (88), Slider (86)  
**Season-Highs:** -  
**Career-Highs:** 4.2 IP (4/12/19, A), 4 H (7/2/19, A), 6 R (2x, last: 5/27/23, AA), 5 BB (5/13/21, A+), 7 K (4/12/19, A)  
**2023:** Myatt spent all but one game in 2023 pitching for Somerset. Overall, he posted a career-best 2.78 ERA over a career-high 44 games, while also setting career-highs with 58.1 IP and 72 K. On 6/11, he was called up to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre for a spot appearance and earned the win with 1.1 scoreless IP and 3 K.  
**2022:** Began the 2022 season with 17 games in High-A Hudson Valley, going 1-0 with a 1.54 ERA and four saves. His 40 K (over 27.1 IP) led all South Atlantic League relievers at the time of his promotion to Somerset on 6/16. Spending the remainder of the season in Somerset, Myatt appeared in 22 games, going 4-2 with a 4.30 ERA en route to winning the Eastern League Championship with the Patriots.  
**2021:** Split the 2021 season between Single-A Tampa and High-A Hudson Valley, combining to go 1-0 with a 5.40 ERA (18.1 IP, 10 H, 16 BB, 25 K) in 15 appearances. Myatt sustained an injury in July that kept him out for the remainder of the regular season, but following the season he pitched in the Arizona Fall League for the Surprise Saguaros (8g: 13.50 ERA, 6.0 IP, 8 H, 13 BB, 9 K, 4 HR, 1 SV).  
**2019:** Spent all of 2019 in Single-A Charleston (19g: 4.24 ERA, 40.1 IP, 40 K). A shoulder inflammation injury cut his 2019 season short.  
**2018:** Spent the majority of his pro debut in the GCL, making nine appearances (five starts) and posting a 6.06 ERA.  
**College:** Selected by the Yankees in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Florence-Darlington Technical College (SC), where he became the highest drafted player in FDTCS school history. He pitched to a 3.76 ERA over two seasons (2017-18). During his sophomore year, he pitched to a 1.80 ERA with 39 K in 30 IP. Following his two seasons at FDTCS, Myatt had committed to play at College of Charleston. Instead, he was drafted by the Yankees in 2018 and opted to sign, going on to play for the Yankees' affiliate in Charleston the next year.  
**Personal Notes:** Graduated from Overhills High School (NC) in 2016.  
**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft.

**26 CARLOS GOMEZ** RHP 6'1" / 175  
 DOB: 6/14/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Esperanza, DR ACQ: Int. FA (2018)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** Fastball, Cutter, Curveball, Slider, Sinkers  
**Season-Highs:** -  
**Career-Highs:** 5.2 IP (8/15/18, DSL), 8 H (8/9/18, DSL), 5 R (3x, last: 8/25/19, A), 5 BB (8/5/21, A), 7 K (2x, last: 8/15/21, A)  
**2023:** Gomez began the 2023 season in High-A Hudson Valley, appearing in 35 games and pitching to a 5.33 ERA. On 8/18, he was promoted to Double-A Somerset and finished the season with 14 relief appearances, posting a 3.86 ERA. In his penultimate appearance of the season on 9/12 @NH, Gomez pitched an immaculate inning, which was one of three for the Patriots during the 2023 season. Overall during the season, Gomez set career-highs in G (42), K (81) and K/9 IP (11.57).  
**2022:** In his fourth pro season, Gomez appeared in 38 games, all as a reliever, posting a 2.84 ERA over 66.2 IP, while posting 78 K and 6 SV, all then-career-best marks. Began the season with nine appearances for Single-A Tampa, posting a 1.42 ERA and 1.00 WHIP with 7 BB, compared to 30 K. Upon earning a promotion to High-A Hudson Valley, Gomez spent the remainder of his season with the Renegades, appearing in 29 games and posting a 3.40 ERA with 4 SV, 48 K and a .198 AVG.  
**2021:** Gomez began his 2021 season in June with the FCL Yankees, allowing only one hit and no runs over 9.0 innings in four appearances, posting a WHIP of 0.56. After a promotion to Single-A Tampa, Gomez made eight appearances out of the bullpen for the Tarpons, posting a 5.12 ERA and 1.71 WHIP.  
**2019:** Spent the majority of his second season with the GCL Yankees East, appearing in nine games (three starts), going 1-0 with a 3.86 ERA. He earned a promotion to High-A Tampa for his final appearance of the season, starting for the Tarpons and allowing five runs (two earned) over 4.0 innings.  
**2018:** Made his professional debut with the DSL NYY. Working exclusively as a starter, Gomez started all 12 games that he appeared in, going 1-3 with a 4.19 ERA and 1.40 WHIP.  
**Personal Notes:** Signed by the Yankees as international free agent on April 12, 2018 out of Esperanza, Dominican Republic.

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**35 JACK NEELY RHP 6'8" / 245**  
 DOB: 6/05/00 (23) HOMETOWN: San Antonio, TX ACQ: MLB Draft 2021 (11 | 333)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** Fastball (94-97), Slider (85-88)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 3 IP (8/22/23, AA), 4 H (9/5/23, AA), 5 R (9/5/23, AA), 3 BB (4x, last: 5/21/23, A+), 7 K (7/2/23, A+)  
 2023 South Atlantic League Post-Season All-Star 2024 Baseball America Yankees No. 32 Prospect  
 2023 MiLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star 2024 MLB Pipeline Yankees No. 26 Prospect

**2024:** Neely was one of three pitchers to see time in the Yankees' inaugural Spring Breakout game vs. TOR on 3/16. He pitched one inning to close out the game, allowing an unearned run and struck out Blue Jays prospects Yhoangel Aponte and Manuel Beltre. After entering the 2023 season as an unranked prospect, Neely enters 2024 ranked by both MLB Pipeline and Baseball America as one of the Yankees' top prospects.

**2023:** Began the season with High-A Hudson Valley, pitching to a 2.03 ERA over 31 relief appearances with six saves and 74 K, compared to 17 BB. On 8/8, Neely was promoted to Somerset, where he finished the season with 11 relief appearances and pitched to a 2.55 ERA, ceding just three walks compared to 17 strikeouts. Following the season, Neely was named a South Atlantic League Post-Season All-Star, as well as an MiLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star. His seven total saves were tied for second among Yankees farmhands.

**2022:** Spent the majority of 2022 with Single-A Tampa, pitching to a 3.94 ERA with 25 BB and 79 K over 34 games. His seven saves for the Tarpons were the third-most of any Yankees farmhand in 2022. He was called up to High-A Hudson Valley in September, where he finished the season with four scoreless and hitless outings, allowing only one baserunner (one walk) in 4.2 IP.

**2021:** Assigned to Single-A Tampa on 9/7 for his pro debut, Neely appeared in two games and logged one perfect inning of relief in both of his appearances. He struck out the side on 13 pitches in his debut and followed that performance up with an 11-pitch, two-strikeout effort.

**College:** Pitched at four different schools in his four college seasons, beginning his collegiate career with the University of Texas at Austin in 2019, before transferring to San Jacinto Junior College (TX) and Iowa Western Community College in 2020. He then transferred to Ohio State University for his junior season in 2021, appearing in 12 games (nine starts) and going 2-3 with a 6.10 ERA, while notching 62 K compared to 24 BB in 41.1 IP.

**Personal Notes:** Lettered in baseball three seasons at Churchill High School (TX) and was named first team All-District and first team academic All-District as a senior. He also played basketball for three seasons, lettering in his sophomore and junior years.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 11th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

**16 LUIS VELASQUEZ RHP 5'10" / 155**  
 DOB: 7/7/01 (22) HOMETOWN: Fantino, DOM. ACQ: International FA (2019)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** Fastball (98-99), Sinker (96-97), Changeup (88-90), Slider (84-86)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 3.2 IP (7/26/23, A+), 3 H (2x, last: 6/2/23, A), 4 R (6/22/23, A+), 4 BB (8/31/21, ROK), 6 (6/2/23, A)

**2023:** Began the season with Single-A Tampa, where he posted a 1.05 ERA over 25.2 IP with 33 K and a .085 BAA prior to being promoted to High-A Hudson Valley on 6/6/23. Went 3-2 with a 2.23 ERA in 21 relief outings for the Renegades, registering a 1.07 WHIP. He was named SAL Pitcher of the Week 7/24-30, after he pitched 5.2 perfect innings out of the bullpen for Hudson Valley over two appearances, picking up the win in both outings vs. HIC. Velasquez had a 20.2 IP scoreless streak spanning from 7/21 to 8/27, a feat which included retiring 19 consecutive batters across three outings from 7/26-8/4.

**2021-22:** Spent back-to-back seasons in 2021-22 with the FCL Yankees, including in 2022 when he was part of a team that won the FCL Championship. In 2021, he threw 9 IP over seven relief outings (5 R, 5 K). Returning in 2022, Velasquez went 2-0 with a 1.76 ERA over eight appearances (one start). He did not allow a run in six of his eight outings. He had one post-season appearance in which he pitched three shutout innings in the FCL semifinal win vs. the FCL Red Sox.

**2021:** Threw 9 IP over seven relief appearances for the FCL Yankees, striking out five and allowing five earned runs.

**2019:** Made his professional debut with the DSL Yankees and was named a DSL Post-Season All-Star after he posted a 3.38 ERA over 34.2 IP of relief with 39 K.

**Career Notes:** Signed as an international free agent by the Yankees on April 26, 2019 at 18 years old, over two years he was after initially eligible.

**39 DANNY WATSON RHP 6'7" / 235**  
 DOB: 10/6/00 (23) HOMETOWN: Nassau, NY ACQ: MLB Draft 2021 (15 | 453)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** Fastball (89-92), Cutter (84-87), Slider (79-83)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 3 IP (5/13/23, A+), 5 H (7/31/22, A), 5 R (4/26/22, A), 3 BB (3x, last: 9/6/23, A), 7 K (4/30/23, A+)  
 2023 MiLB Awards All-MiLB Prospect Second Team 2024 MLB Pipeline Yankees No. 30 Prospect

**2023:** During Spring Training of 2023, Watson worked with former Yankees RHP Greg Weissert to re-tool his mechanics, completely reinventing his delivery to the plate. He broke camp with High-A Hudson Valley and pitched to a 1.48 ERA over 15 appearances, striking out 39 over 24.1 IP. From 4/23-5/7, he recorded 20 straight outs via strikeouts. After being unranked to start the year, Watson broke on to MLB Pipeline's list of Top-30 Yankees prospects at No. 29 in the mid-season update. Watson was promoted to Somerset on 5/30 and ended his season with 30 appearances out of the bullpen for the Patriots, posting a 4-0 record, 1.64 ERA, 0.89 ERA, 5 SV and 43 K to 16 BB in 38.1 IP. He went on a streak of 18 appearances without allowing a run between 5/4-7/1, including eight appearances for Hudson Valley and 10 for Somerset (26 IP, 8 H, 28 K). Following the season, he earned All-MiLB Prospect Second Team honors.

**2021-22:** Spent his first two pro seasons with Single-A Tampa. In 2021, he made his debut over three games during September (2.2 IP, 5 R, 4 BB, 2 K). In 2022, he spent the entire season with Tampa, leading the team with 38 appearances, while going 5-5 with a 4.01 ERA (58.1 IP, 45 H, 36 BB, 3 HR, 1 SV, 5 HLD).

**College:** Watson had always aimed to graduate from college early in three years and get drafted. He accomplished his goal when he earned his bachelors degree in finance in three years at Virginia Commonwealth University. In three college seasons at VCU, he went 8-5 with three saves and a 3.38 ERA (88.0 IP, 73 H, 29 BB, 92 K) in 40 games (seven starts).

**Personal Notes:** Lifelong Yankee fan who always wanted to be drafted by the organization, grew up idolizing Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera. Per his hometown Albany Times Union Watson's "entire room was decked out in Yankee gear" during his childhood. Attended Columbia High School in East Greenbush, NY where a two-time Times Union all-star and won a Section II title as a senior.

**Career Notes:** Selected in the 15th round of the 2021 MLB Draft by the Yankees.

**19 KEVIN STEVENS RHP 6'2" / 225**  
 DOB: 1/26/98 (26) HOMETOWN: Tuscon, AZ ACQ: Non-drafted FA (2022)  
**PITCH SELECTION:** 4-seam fastball (95-99), slider (84-89)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 1.2 IP (9/10/22, A), 2 H, (2x last: 9/10/22, A), 3 R (8/22/22, A), 2 BB (8/31/22, A), 1 K, (3x last: 9/10/22)

**2023:** Did not pitch in 2023 regular season due to injury. Joined the Mesa Solar Sox for the 2023 Arizona Fall League season, where he posted a 2.45 ERA in 7.1 IP with 10 K / 3 BB over nine appearances.

**2022:** Assigned to FCL Yankees to begin his pro career, where he pitched in 1 G, throwing .1 IP on 8/22/22 vs. FCL BLU, allowing 3 R on 2 H and 2 HB. Stevens was then promoted to Class-A Tampa, where he pitched 4.1 IP over four appearances for the Tarpons, allowing 1 ER with 2 K.

**College:** Pitched three seasons at University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (2020-2022), where he was a two-time All-WAC First -Team selection and earned 2022 WAC Pitcher of the Year honors. In his senior year in 2022 as the Vaqueros Friday night starter, Stevens went 9-2 with a 2.66 ERA. In 81.1 innings, he racked up 100 strikeouts, tied for the 10th-highest single-season total in program history, while walking 29. Stevens finished his career with 228 strikeouts, the sixth-highest total in program history. He played his first two collegiate seasons (2017-2018) at Yavapai Junior College in Arizona, where he did not play as a freshman due to injury and posted a 5.40 ERA over only 13.1 IP as a sophomore with 11 K and a 1-1 record. Stevens did not play collegiate baseball in 2019 after undergoing Tommy John Surgery before walking-on at UTRGV in 2020.

**Career Notes:** Signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Yankees on 7/25/22.

# PATRIOTS BATTERS

BATTER	THIS SERIES	HIT STREAKS	ON-BASE STREAKS
Burt		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Cowles		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Dunham		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Escarra		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Henson		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Jones		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Palensky		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Ramirez		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Rice		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Rumfield		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Seigler		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Richardson		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -
Wegner		Active: -   Longest -	Active: -   Longest -

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**9 MAX BURT** INF 6'2" / 205 B/T: R / R  
 DOB: 8/28/96 (27) HOMETOWN: North Andover, MA ACQ: MLB Draft 2018 (28 | 847)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 4 H (8/18/23, AA), 4 R (4/18/23, AA), 5 RBI (2x, last: 4/12/23, AA), 2 HR (7/16/22, AA), 3 SB (9/15/23, AA)

**2023:** Of 98 games played in his fifth career season, Burt spent all but seven in Somerset. Including a seven-game stint from 6/22-7/14 in Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Burt set season-long career-highs in R (56), TB (127), HR (12), RBI (44), BB (34) SB (21) and SLG (.393). It was the second straight season that Burt set career-highs in home runs and stolen bases. He also set single-game career-highs in H (4), R (4) and SB (3), while matching single-game career-highs in RBI (5) and BB (2). During the month of April for Somerset, Burt slashed .386/.462/.773 with 4 HR, 14 RBI and 12 R.

**2022:** Spending the entire season with Somerset, Burt played in 85 games and set new career-highs in HR (11) and SB (19). On 7/16/22 at Portland, he accomplished the first two-home run game of his career which came in his 313th career minor league game. Burt's 19 stolen bases in 85 games came after he had 16 career stolen bases in 253 career games (his first three seasons). During MLB Spring Training in 2022, he went 2-for-7 with his two hits each being home runs.

**2018-2021:** Spent all of 2018 with Rookie-level Pulaski, hitting a career-high .274. Played the majority of 2019 in Low-A Charleston (71 games), while also splitting 35 games between High-A Tampa and Double-A Trenton. In 2021, Burt again played at three different levels of the Yankees' system, none more than Double-A Somerset (49 games). He earned a late-season promotion to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, where he played in 36 games and hit .187 with 10 RBI.

**College:** Played four seasons at Northeastern University in Boston, MA and helped lead the Huskies to their first NCAA berth in 14 years (2018). In 57 games his senior year, he hit .272 with 33 R and 32 RBI.

**Personal Notes:** Attended high school at St. John's Prep and was captain of the baseball team, which won its league championships in 2013 and 2014, both years where Burt earned the Best Athlete Award. Three-sport athlete played basketball all four years of high school and golf for two years. Grew up a New England sports fan, with David Ortiz as his favorite player growing up. Max's father, Bill has been a longtime sportswriter in the New England area since 1983, covering the Red Sox, (New England Patriots and other New England sports. Spends his offseasons hitting with close friend Anthony Volpe. He spent the 2022 season living at the Volpe household, alongside teammates Blake Perkins and Austin Wells.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 28th round of the 2018 MLB Draft.

**2 BEN COWLES** INF 6'1" / 180 B/T: R / R  
 DOB: 2/15/00 (24) HOMETOWN: Rochester, NY ACQ: MLB Draft 2021 (10 | 303)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 3 H (6x, last: 9/10/23, A+), 3 R (2x, last: 7/23/22, A), 3 RBI (5x, last: 6/17/22, A), 2 HR (2x, last: 7/23/23, A+), 3 SB (8/20/23, A+)

**2023:** Cowles spent the entire High-A South Atlantic League season, including the postseason, with the Hudson Valley Renegades, slashing .254/.356/.393 and setting career-highs with 10 HR, 41 RBI and 62 R. After the season, he was promoted directly to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, where he played in three games for the Railriders to end the season. Cowles represented the Yankees at the Arizona Fall League following the season, when he competed for the Mesa Solar Sox. In 20 AFL games, Cowles slashed .290/.405/.551 with 4 HR, 15 RBI and 9 R.

**2022:** Spent the majority of 2022 with Single-A Tampa (70 games), before an August promotion to High-A Hudson Valley (23 games). Across 93 total games, Cowles slashed .272/.375/.427 with 47 R, 41 RBI and 7 HR in his second pro season.

**2021:** Split his first season with between the FCL Yankees (3 games) and Single-A Tampa (32 games), combining to hit .250 with 14 R, 4 HR and 25 RBI.

**College:** Played three seasons at the University of Maryland and as a junior, earned First Team All-Big Ten and ABCA/Rawlings All-East Region First Team honors. As a junior in 2021, he hit .287 with 42 R, 6 2B, 18 HR, 51 RBI, 20 BB and 9 SB in 48 games.

**Personal Notes:** Graduated from Newark High School (NY), where he also played basketball. His sports hero growing up was Derek Jeter.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 10th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

**8 ELIJAH DUNHAM** OF 5'11" / 220 B/T: L / L  
 DOB: 05/29/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Evansville, IN ACQ: Non-drafted FA (2020)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 4 H (2x, last: 5/29/22, AA), 3 R (6x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 5 RBI (6/3/21, A), 2 HR (6/3/21, A), 3 SB (4x last: 7/19/23)

2022 Eastern League All-Star Eastern League Player of the Week: 8/14/22  
 2021-22 MLB.com NYY Organization All-Star 2021 AFL Rising Star, Breakout Player of the Year

**2023:** Began the 2023 season with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, hitting .216 in 69 games with 6 HR and 16 RBI. Transferred to Somerset on 7/4, where Dunham finished the season with the Patriots and in 56 games slashed .240/.331/.447 with 10 HR to end the season.

**2022:** Spent all of 2022 season with Somerset, helping lead the Patriots to win their first Eastern League Championship. He earned Eastern League All-Star and Yankees Organization All-Star honors after finishing the season hitting .248 with a team-leading 63 RBI and setting career highs in RBI, HR (17), and SB (37). He hit .368 (7-for-19) with 3R, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 BB and 1 SB in five postseason games for the Patriots, including a crucial two-run homer in Game 2 of the Championship Series vs. Erie. During the week of August 8-14, Dunham was awarded Eastern League Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career: vs. HFD went 9-for-20 (.450) with 2 HR, 9 H, and 7 RBI. In the final week of the first half, Dunham dominated during the Patriots' first half clinching series vs. Hartford from 6/21-26. In the six games, he went 11-for-22, slashing .500/.560/.727 (1.287 OPS) with 1 HR, 5 RBI, 5 R and 4 SB, in addition to three game-saving, diving catches over the final two games.

**2021:** Dunham began his pro debut season with Single-A Tampa (29 games), before earning a promotion to High-A Hudson Valley (64 games). Across both levels, he slashed .263/.362/.463 with 13 HR, 72 R, 57 RBI and 28 SB. Having spent most of his season in Hudson Valley, he led the Renegades in stolen bases (17). Dunham was named a 2021 MLB.com Yankees Organizational All-Star. Following the season, he played for the Surprise Saguaros of the Arizona Fall League. He was voted the AFL Breakout Player of the Year and an AFL Rising Star, after he hit .357 (ranked 6th in AFL) with a .465 OBP (5th), 2 HR, 14 RBI, 11 SB (1st), 6 2B and 30 H (3rd) in 23 games.

**Career Notes:** Dunham went undrafted in 2020, when the MLB Draft was shortened to five rounds due to the Covid pandemic, despite being Baseball America's No. 186 Draft Prospect. One week later, he signed with the Yankees. With a significant amount of interest from nearly every big league team, Dunham chose to sign with the Yankees due to the influence of current Yankees Assistant Hitting Coach, Casey Dykes, who was Dunham's hitting coach for one year (2019) at Indiana, and he calls his favorite coach of all time. Dunham was originally drafted in the 40th round of the 2019 MLB Draft by the Pirates and he elected to honor his commitment to Indiana.

**College:** Played two full seasons at Indiana, plus 2020. In his last full season as a sophomore in 2019, he led the team in batting (.310) and OBP (.434) en route to being named Third-Team All-Big Ten after 43 games. He began his junior season in 2020 hitting .390/.493/.559 in 15 games with 11 walks. His seven doubles and .493 OBP led the Hoosiers. He earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for the week of 2/24/20, before the remainder of the season was cancelled.

**Personal Notes:** Attended Reitz High School in Evansville, where he hit .386 his senior year with a .541 OBP and 26 stolen bases. Three-sport athlete lettered in baseball, basketball and football. Grew up a Cardinals fan, with Albert Pujols his favorite player. Dunham's family owns a donut shop in Fort Worth, Texas, called "Parlor Donuts." His brother, Isaiah, who is a graduate of Yale, runs the business.

**6 J.C. ESCARRA** C 6'3" / 205 B/T: L / R  
 DOB: 4/24/95 (28) HOMETOWN: Hialeah, FL ACQ: MiLB FA (2024)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 4 H (2x, last: 8/14/19, A+), 3 R (4x, last: 6/8/21, AA), 2 RBI (2x, last: 5/16/21, AA), 1 HR, 1 SB

**2024:** Escarra hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the 8th inning of the Yankees' MLB Spring Training game vs. TOR on 3/16. He traveled with the Yankees to Mexico during their two-game exhibition series vs. the Diablos Rojos on 3/24-25. He started at first base in the second game on 3/25 and went 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI-single.

**2022-23:** The last two seasons, Escarra played 169 total games for five different teams in four leagues. Beginning in 2021, he played for the Kansas City Monarchs of the independent American Association, where he posted a .926 OPS in 70 games. He then started 2022 in the independent Atlantic League with the Gastonia Honey Hunters, where he hit .348 in 41 games with 15 HR, 22 BB, and 17 K. Escarra was named the Atlantic League Player of the Month for both April and May, before having his contract purchased by the Tijuana Toros of the Mexican League. He hit .329 with 6 HR in 21 games with Tijuana, before a trade to Union Laguna for the final 21 games of the regular season. Escarra also played for two teams during his 2023-2024 winter league season, beginning with Ponce in the Puerto Rican Winter League, where he hit .243 with 15 RBI. He also spent 13 games with Guasave in the Mexican Winter League, where he batted .238 with a .778 OPS. Following the 2023-24 winter ball season, Escarra was selected to play for Team Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Series, where he was managed by Yadier Molina and played at his hometown Loan Depot Park in Miami, FL.

**2017-21:** Escarra was initially drafted in the 15th round by the Baltimore Orioles in the 2017 MLB Draft. Over four seasons with the Orioles organization, he made it as high as Triple-A Norfolk in 2021. He was named a New York-Penn League All-Star in 2018 with the Aberdeen Ironbirds.

**College:** Played four seasons at Florida International University from 2014-2017. Over 175 career games with the Panthers, Escarra slashed .276/.432/.358 with 20 HR. As a senior in 2017, Escarra was tabbed Second Team All-C-USA Conference, hitting .305 with 15 HR, 49 RBI, and a .999 OPS.

**Personal Notes:** Attended Mater Academy in Hialeah, where he hit .450 as a senior in 2013. He was initially selected by the New York Mets out of high school in the 32nd round of the 2013 MLB Draft, but opted to honor his commitment to FIU. Nicknamed the "Hialeah Cannon", Escarra is a native of Hialeah, FL, the same hometown of Yankees LHP Nestor Cortes Jr. and Padres 3B Manny Machado. Escarra and Cortes Jr. grew up playing baseball together in their youth. When the Yankees took Escarra into consideration, they approached Cortes Jr., asking if he knew Escarra and whether he recommended him. Cortes Jr. gave the Yankees front office a glowing recommendation, highlighting his bright personality, before the Yankees signed him. Escarra grew up a die-hard Yankees fan, idolizing Tino Martinez. His dad devoted himself to the Yankees after immigrating from Cuba and moving to Yonkers, NY in the late 1980s.

**Career Notes:** Initially selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the 15th round of the 2017 MLB Draft for \$125,000. After four seasons with the Orioles organization, Escarra played in the independent American Association league in 2022 and in the independent Atlantic League in 2023. The Yankees signed Escarra as a minor league free agent on January 11, 2024.

**33 SPENCER HENSON** INF 6'0" / 235 B/T: R / R  
 DOB: 11/3/97 (26) HOMETOWN: Locust Grove, OK ACQ: MLB Draft 2019 (9 | 285)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 4 H (2x, last: 7/30/23, A+), 3 R (5x, last: 7/3/23, A+), 5 RBI (4/11/23, A+), 2 HR (2x, last: 7/30/23, A+), 1 SB

**2023:** Spent his second consecutive full season with High-A Hudson Valley, playing a new career-high 82 games for the Renegades, while also setting career-highs in HR (14), RBI (48) and R (50), while hitting .252/.327/.453. On 9/10, the final day of Hudson Valley's regular season, Henson hit his 14th home run of the season and his 24th total in two years for the Renegades, becoming the franchise's all-time career leader in home runs.

**2022:** Spent all of his first full season with High-A Hudson Valley, playing in 71 games and slashing .211/.312/.384 with 10 HR, 37 R and 37 RBI.

**2021:** Played in four games for Single-A Tampa before a season-ending injury. In his final two games (5/6-5/7) of series vs. Dunedin, he went 4-for-7 with 2 HR and 7 RBI, homering in each game.

**2019:** Split his professional debut season between Rookie-Advanced Pulaski (10 games) and Short-Sea-Season Class-A Staten Island (14 games), combining to hit .256/.378/.573 with 13 R, 17 RBI and 6 HR.

**College:** Played three seasons (2017-19) at Oral Roberts University (OK), winning the Summit League Triple Crown in each of his final two seasons. He was also named the 2019 Summit League "Player of the Year" after slashing .362/.509/.768 (64-for-177) with 46 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 19 HR, 51 BB and 2 SB in 50 games.

**Personal Notes:** Graduated from Pryor High School (OK) in 2016, after earning three Louisville Slugger High School All-America honors. Three-sport athlete also played football and basketball at Pryor.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the ninth round of the 2019 MLB Draft.

**19 SPENCER JONES** INF 6'6" / 235 B/T: L / L  
 DOB: 5/14/01 (22) HOMETOWN: Encinitas, CA ACQ: MLB Draft 2022 (1 | 25)  
 Season-Highs: -  
**Career-Highs:** 4 H (4/25/23, A+), 3 R (2x, last: 7/21/23, A+), 5 RBI (4/11/23, A+), 2 HR (2x, last: 4/29/23, A+), 3 SB (9/6/23, AA)

2023 MLB All-Star Futures Game Selection 2024 MLB Pipeline No. 81 Overall Prospect  
 2023 MiLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star 2024 MLB Pipeline No. 2 Yankees Prospect  
 2024 Yankees James P. Dawson Award 2024 Baseball America No. 2 Yankees Prospect  
 2024 MLB Pipeline All-Spring Breakout First Team 2024 FanGraphs No. 1 Yankees Prospect

**2024:** Jones earned a non-roster invite to MLB Spring Training and saw time in 12 games, slashing .444/.565/.722 with 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 R and a 1.287 OPS. He began the spring by collecting hits in each of his first five at-bats and reaching base in each of his first six plate appearances. He started in the Yankees' first Spring Training game of the season on 2/24 and went 3-for-3 with a 470-foot home run. On 3/16, Jones started in center field for the Yankees in their inaugural Spring Breakout game vs. TOR and went 3-for-4 with 2 HR and 4 RBI en route to being named to MLB Pipeline's All-Spring Breakout First Team. His Spring Training performance earned him the Yankees' 2024 James P. Dawson Award, giving the organization's most outstanding rookie in spring training.

**2023:** Began his first full season with High-A Hudson Valley, going on to play 100 games for the Renegades and slashing .268/.337/.450 with 13 HR, 56 RBI, 62 R and 35 SB. He was promoted to Double-A Somerset on 8/27 and ended the season playing 17 games for the Patriots, plus the post-season. With Somerset, Jones hit .261 with a .739 OPS, 3 HR, 10 RBI, 9 R and 8 SB. On 8/30 @POR, he hit his first Double-A home run, which was a go-ahead grand slam. In 117 total games, Jones led all Yankees minor leaguers with 43 stolen bases.

**2022:** Jones made his professional debut in three games for the FCL Yankees and then spent the remainder of his season with Single-A Tampa (22 games). Collectively, in 25 games during his rookie season, Jones slashed .344/.425/.538 with 4 HR, 12 RBI, 21 R and 12 SB.

**College:** Jones played three seasons at Vanderbilt University, most notably putting together a breakout junior year in 2022 when he batted .370/.460/.643 with 21 2B, 3 3B, 12 HR, 60 RBI and 14 SB in 61 games. He missed part of his sophomore season in 2021 while recovering from arm injuries that included Tommy John surgery. It was during this time that Jones fully converted from being a two-way player to being a full-time hitter. At the 2022 MLB Draft combine in San Diego, Jones had the day's hardest-hit ball at 112.2 mph. During the summer of 2021, he played for the Brewster Whitecaps of the Cape Cod League, the same college summer club that Aaron Judge played for about 10 years earlier.

**Personal Notes:** Prior to Vanderbilt, Jones served as a two-way player at La Costa Canyon, a prep school where he earned a variety of honors including the 2018 MLB Network/Sirius XM Two-Way Player Award. Jones was the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Home Run Derby Champion, was named a 2018 Under Armour All-American and a 2018 Perfect Game All-American. Overall in high school, he posted a career .367 AVG, .443 OBP and .484 SLG at La Costa Canyon.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 1st round (No. 25 overall) of the 2022 MLB Draft. Jones is the first outfielder to be selected by the Yankees with their top pick since Blake Rutherford was picked No. 18 overall in 2016. Jones was previously drafted out of high school by the Angels in the 31st round of the 2019 MLB Draft, but did not sign.

# PATRIOTS BATTERS

**1 AARON PALENSKY** OF **5'11" / 190** B/T: R / R  
 DOB: 9/22/98 (25) HOMETOWN: Omaha, NE ACQ: Non-drafted FA (2020)

Season-Highs: 4 H (3x, last: 6/11/23, AA), 4 R (5/24/23, A+), 7 RBI (4/26/23, A+), 2 HR (4/26/23, A+), 2 SB (4x, last: 4/26/23, A+)  
 Career-Highs: 4 H (3x, last: 6/11/23, AA), 4 R (5/24/23, A+), 7 RBI (4/26/23, A+), 2 HR (4/26/23, A+), 2 SB (4x, last: 4/26/23, A+)

**2023:** Broke camp by playing in 32 games for High-A Hudson Valley. At the time of his promotion to Somerset on 5/30, Palensky's 12 HR and 34 RBI were both tied for the Yankees MiLB lead, while his .744 SLG and 1.178 OPS led all MiLB players. During his final week with Hudson Valley, Palensky earned South Atlantic League Player of the Week honors, the first POW honors of his career, when @WIL he slashed .619/.680/1.238 with 9 R, 5 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 7 RBI and 3 SB. Palensky spent 62 games with Somerset and slashed .183/.327/.383 with 8 HR, 28 RBI and 37 R. On 9/13, he was promoted to Triple-A SWB and the remainder of his season playing for the Railriders. In nine games, he posted a .775 OPS with 2 HR.

**2021-22:** After signing as a non-drafted free agent, Palensky was assigned to make his professional debut with Double-A Somerset in 2021, where he hit safely in nine of his first 12 games (.342/.432/.605) with 10 RBI. In total, Palensky played in 37 games for the Patriots, slashing .216/.360/.378. He spent the entire 2022 season with Hudson Valley, batting .251/.369/.475 with 46 R, 10 HR, 34 RBI and 34 BB in 77 games.

**College:** Played one season at Southeast Community College (NE) in 2018, before transferring to his dream school, the University of Nebraska, where he played two seasons (2019-20). During 2019 in his only full season, he led the team in BA (.320), H (71), R (43), HR (7) and TB (107).

**Personal Notes:** Graduated from Papillion La Vista South High School (NE) in 2017. As a senior, he batted .342 with 23 R, 15 RBI, 8 XBH and a .485 OBP. In addition to playing baseball, Palensky lettered four times in tennis, earning a spot on the honorable-mention all-state tennis list.  
**Career Notes:** After Palensky's 2020 NCAA season at Nebraska was shut down due to the Covid pandemic, the June 10, 2020 MLB Draft was shortened to five rounds and Palensky did not have his name called. In the days following the draft, Palensky was working as an Amazon delivery driver. He was in the middle of his delivery route in Fremont, Nebraska when he received a call from an unknown number. Palensky answered the incoming call to discover it was the New York Yankees on the other end. He pulled over to finish the conversation and was presented with a contract offer, signing on June 18, 2020 as a non-drafted free agent.

**23 AGUSTIN RAMIREZ** C **6'0" / 210** B/T: R / R  
 DOB: 09/10/01 (21) HOMETOWN: Santo Domingo, DOM. ACQ: Int. FA (2018)

Season-Highs: -  
 Career-Highs: 4 H (7/12/22, ROK), 4 R (8/18/23, AA), 6 RBI (6/14/22, ROK), 1 HR, 2 SB (3x, last: 6/23/24)

2023 SAL Player of the Month: July  
 2022 FCL Post-Season All-Star  
 2019 DSL Mid-Season All-Star  
 2024 MLB Pipeline No. 22 Yankees Prospect  
 2024 Baseball America No. 20 Yankees Prospect

**2023:** Began season with Single-A Tampa, making his full-season debut in the Yankees organization. Hit .245 with 7 HR, 35 RBI, 43 BB, 41 K in 56 games prior to a promotion to High-A Hudson Valley on 6/29. During his first month at High-A, Ramirez was named South Atlantic League Player of the Month, after he hit .415/.467/.756 for Hudson Valley in July, leading the South Atlantic League in batting average, hits (34), doubles (10), total bases (62), SLG, and OPS (1.223). He homered six times in 20 July games, including in four straight games from July 23-27 and reached base in 26 of 27 High-A games before he was promoted to Somerset on 8/8.

**2021-22:** Spent 2021 with the FCL Yankees and hit .220 with 4 HR, 15 RBI in 32 games for a roster which included as many as five catchers at once. In 2022, he won a championship with the FCL Yankees and played 44 games for the team, hitting .304/.386/.506 with 34 R, 6 HR, 51 RBI, ranking 3rd among Yankees qualified farmhands in AVG en route to being named an FCL Post-Season All-Star.

**2019:** Slashed .239/.300/.374 with 4 HR and 26 RBI in 41 games for the DSL Yankees and was named a Mid-Season All-Star in the Dominican Summer League.

**Career Notes:** Initially signed by Yankees as an International Free Agent on 7/12/18 for \$400K.

**4 BEN RICE** C **6'1" / 215** B/T: L / R  
 DOB: 02/22/99 (25) HOMETOWN: Cohasset, MA ACQ: MLB Draft '21 (12 | 363)

Season-Highs: -  
 Career-Highs: 4 H (3x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 4 R (2x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 5 RBI (2x, last: 8/30/23, AA), 2 HR (2x, last: 8/30/23, AA)

2023 Eastern League Player of the Month: August  
 2023 Eastern League Player of the Week: 8/13/23  
 2023 MLB.com Yankees Organization All-Star  
 2023 MiLB Pipeline NYY Hitting Prospect of the Year  
 2023 Yankees Kevin Lawn Award Winner  
 2024 MLB Pipeline Yankees No. 13 Prospect  
 2024 Baseball America Yankees No. 12 Prospect

**2023:** Began the season with 15 games playing for High-A Hudson Valley. Placed on the 7-day IL on 5/6 with a lower back injury. Commenced a 10-game rehab assignment in Single-A Tampa from 7/1-7/16, before being assigned to Somerset on 7/18. In 25 combined games prior to his promotion, Rice was slashing .341/.559/.523 with 2 HR, 10 RBI, 15 R, 18 BB, 10 BB and a 1.082 OPS. During his first week at Double-A, Rice played in four games, collecting multiple hits in all four, going 10-for-20 with 10 RBI, 6 R and 3 HR. Making his Double-A debut in Hartford, during his third game for Somerset on 7/22, he collected a career-high 4 H in his first career 2 HR game, while adding 4 RBI. During 8/8-13 vs. BNG, Rice was awarded his first career Player of the Week honors for going 12-for-23 with 9 RBI, 7 R, 2 HR, 4 2B, 2 BB, HBP and 2 SB.

**2021-22:** Spent the entire 2022 season with the Single-A Tampa, batting .267/.368/.442 with 32 R, 9 2B, 9 HR, 36 RBI, 28 BB and 4-for-5 SB in 68 games. Made his professional debut in 2021 across 22 games in Tampa (2 FCL, 20 Single-A), batting .197 with 3 HR, 13 BB, 13 RBI, 8 R and a .709 OPS.

**College:** Attending Dartmouth, Rice played in only 30 college games. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, most of his 2020 season and all of his 2021 college baseball seasons were canceled by the Ivy League. In anticipation of the 2021 being canceled, Rice teamed up with his Ivy League peers to organize showcase scrimmages and workouts at local sandlot fields, inviting scouts to watch them. Rice was playing for the Cape Cod League's Cotuit Kettleers before being drafted by the Yankees.

**Personal Notes:** Brother, Sam, is a distance swimmer at the University of Tennessee. Father, Benjamin, played baseball at Brown. Growing up, Rice's primary sport was hockey, before he decided to exclusively pursue baseball late during high school.

**Career Notes:** Selected in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft by the Yankees.

**16 GRANT RICHARDSON** OF **6'0" / 210** B/T: L / L  
 DOB: 07/13/99 (24) HOMETOWN: Fishers, IN ACQ: MLB Draft '21 (17 | 513)

Season-Highs: -  
 Career-Highs: 4 H (6/6/23, A+), 3 R (4x, last: 6/6/23, A+), 5 RBI (8/3/22, A), 2 HR (8/14/22, A+), 3 SB (8/21/21, ROK)

**2023:** Began this season on the 7-day IL in High-A Hudson Valley, before being reinstated on 4/18 and playing in 77 games for the Renegades, slashing .204/.306/.389 with 13 HR, 37 RBI, 34 R and 14 SB. During his final week in High-A on 8/17, Richardson hit his 23rd career High-A home run, which tied him with Everson Pereira and Spencer Jones for the Hudson Valley Renegades franchise career record, prior to his promotion to Somerset on 8/22.

**2022:** Began his second pro season with Single-A Tampa, playing in 55 games for the Tarpons and hitting .253/.350/.421 with 6 HR, 32 RBI and 28 R. He was promoted to High-A Hudson Valley alongside teammate Jason Dominguez on 7/15/22, when he broke the news to Dominguez in a viral social media video on the Yankees' Player Development X account. Finishing the season with the Renegades, Richardson hit .208/.288/.477 over 35 games in which he collected 10 HR, 28 RBI and 19 R.

**2021:** Made his professional debut across 27 games with the FCL Yankees, slashing .269/.376/.516 with 3 HR, 18 RBI and 24 R.

**College:** Played three years (2019-21) at the University of Indiana, alongside fellow Yankees farmhand Elijah Dunham for the 2019 and 2020 seasons. One of the unpaid volunteer hitting coaches at Indiana in 2019 was the Yankees' now assistant hitting coach, Casey Dykes. During his final college season in 2021, Richardson hit .320 with 33 RBI, 32 R and 7 HR en route to being named First-Team All-Big Ten and Second-Team ABCA Midwest All-Region.

**Personal Notes:** Attended Bishop Dwenger High School (IN) as a three-year letterwinner, then transferred to Fishers High School (IN) where he played his senior season. In 2018, he went 5-0 on the mound with a 2.75 ERA, striking out 78 batters in 43.1 innings, winning a state championship.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 17th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

**7 T.J. RUMFIELD** INF **6'4" / 225** B/T: L / R  
 DOB: 5/17/00 (23) HOMETOWN: Temple, TX ACQ: Trade (PHI, 2021)

Season-Highs: -  
 Career-Highs: 5 H (4/12/22, A+), 3 R (9/2/22, A+), 4 RBI (4x, last: 4/18/23, AA), 1 HR, 2 SB (5/11/23, AA)

★ 2023 MiLB Rawling Gold Glove: First Base ★ 2022 Arizona Fall League Rising Star

**2024:** Rumfield earned a non-roster invite to MLB Spring Training with the Yankees. On 3/16, he started at first base in the Yankees' inaugural Spring Breakout game and hit a two-run home run vs. TOR en route to being named to MLB Pipeline's All-Spring Breakout First Team.

**2023:** Entered 2023 with a previous career-high of 4 HR over 57 games in 2022, which he shattered only 18 games into this season. Homered in five straight games between 6/9-6/14, becoming one of only five players in MiLB to accomplish the feat this season. Went on a 21-game on-base streak between 4/29 and 5/30, the longest of any Patriot this season. Responsible for the Patriots' first two walk-offs of the season, a 9th inn. sac-fly on 5/19 vs. REA and a 10th inning RBI-single on 6/4 vs. POR. Rumfield was added to the IL on 7/28 and designated for return on 9/5. Rumfield's 86 games played during 2023 were more than twice as many games as he had played in his first two seasons combined. Following the season, Rumfield was awarded the Rawlings Minor League Gold Glove for first base.

**2022:** Limited to 52 games with High-A Hudson Valley after missing 10 weeks with a broken bone in his hand. Slashed .284/.381/.411 over those 52 games with 4 HR and 34 RBI. Rumfield was assigned to the Arizona Fall League's Mesa Solar Sox following the season, where he slashed .400/.477/.582 over 17 games and was named an AFL rising star.

**2021:** Rumfield made his professional debut for the Phillies organization with the Single-A Clearwater Threshers. In 27 games, Rumfield hit .250 with a .426 OBP and 13 R.

**College:** Began collegiate career at Texas Tech (2019-20), playing on the same team as Patriots teammate Clayton Beeter. As a redshirt freshman in 2020, Rumfield went 10-for-24 (.417) in the COVID shortened season. Rumfield entered the transfer portal following the year, landing at Virginia Tech, where he started all 52 games for the Hokies in 2021, hitting .315 with 7 HR.

**Personal Notes:** Rumfield was born in Richmond, Virginia, while his father, Toby, was playing in Triple-A for the Braves, but later relocated to Temple, Texas where he spent the majority of his life growing up. T.J. starred at quarterback for Temple High School (TX), passing for 3,374 yards in 14 games during his senior year with 35 touchdowns. Father, Toby, was a second round pick of the Cincinnati Reds in 1991 and spent 14 years playing professional baseball in the Braves, White Sox, Marlins and Cardinals organizations and coached TJ at Temple HS. His father played alongside Aaron Boone and Mark DeRosa. His mother, Kari, was a general manager in minor league baseball and went on to work for Cal Ripken for the Aberdeen Ironbirds (Orioles Short-Season Class-A) for several years. Rumfield grew up in the clubhouse with his father and going to games at the Ripken complex in Aberdeen. His full name is Toby Joseph Rumfield. Chooses to wear No. 7 because of Mickey Mantle.

**Career Notes:** Acquired in a trade by the Yankees from the Phillies along with LHP Joel Valdez in exchange for RHP Nick Nelson and C Donny Sands on 11/19/21. Originally selected in the 12th round (335th overall) by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 2021 MLB Draft. Rumfield played for the MLB Draft League's Trenton Thunder (former Yankees Double-A affiliate) in the summer of 2021 prior to being drafted. From 2003-2020, Trenton was the Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees. After reaching a top exit velocity of 104 mph during his professional debut season with the Phillies, Rumfield topped out at 110 mph off the bat with High-A Hudson Valley in 2022.

**9 ANTHONY SEIGLER** C **5'9" / 198** B/T: S / S  
 DOB: 6/20/99 (24) HOMETOWN: Cartersville, GA ACQ: MLB Draft 2018 (1 | 23)

Season-Highs: -  
 Career-Highs: 3 H (4x, last: 9/6/22, A+), 4 R (6/17/22, A+), 4 RBI (4x, last: 5/5/22, A), 2 HR (7/27/21, A+), 4 SB (7/6/22, A+)

**2023:** Spent the full 2023 season in Somerset, playing in 67 games and posting a .166/.333/.263 slash line with 5 HR, 27 RBI and 33 R. After catching for his entire professional career, Seigler transitioned to play second base by mid-season and went on to play 15 games at the position. He also appeared at left field in one game.

**2022:** Put together a career season in every offensive category, spending the majority of the year in High-A Hudson Valley (72 games), after starting out with Single-A Tampa (25). Across 97 total games, Seigler hit .236/.405/.369 with 7 HR, 45 RBI and 61 R.

**2018-2021:** Spent all of his 2021 season with High-A Hudson Valley, slashing .219/.324/.391 across 41 games. On 7/27/21 vs. Wilmington, he accomplished his first career two-home run game. Seigler was limited to 30 games in his second season (2019), all with Single-A Charleston, when he hit .175 with 10 R and 6 RBI, before his season was cut short in July due to a broken left patella. Split his first pro season (2018) evenly between the GCL Yankees West and Pulaski Yankees. In 24 total games, he slashed .266/.379/.342.

**Personal Notes:** Attended Cartersville High School (GA), where as a senior he was ranked by Baseball America as the No. 41 prospect in the 2018 MLB draft class. In addition to catching, Seigler was also an ambidextrous pitcher and posted a 1.09 ERA in 25.2 IP as a senior, with 29 K. Seigler graduated from Cartersville with Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback and 2021 No. 1 overall draft pick Trevor Lawrence, whom he played football with during elementary school. During high school, Seigler also played for USA Baseball's U18 National Team, winning the 2017 U18 World Cup. He was committed to play at the University of Auburn prior to signing with the Yankees. Seigler is of Navajo descent and would join Jacoby Ellsbury as the second Navajo to play in the Majors. Named after the late Tony Phillips, an 18-year Major League veteran infielder and friend of his father's. Growing up in Cartersville, GA, Seigler's favorite plater was Chipper Jones.

**Career Notes:** Selected by the Yankees in the 1st round of the 2018 MLB Draft, making him the third catcher to be chosen by the Yankees in the first round of the MLB Draft (David Parrish, 28th overall and Thurman Munson, fourth overall).

**16 JARED WEGNER** OF **6'0" / 220** B/T: R / R  
 DOB: 07/25/99 (24) HOMETOWN: Kearney, NE ACQ: MLB Draft '23 (9 | 282)

Season-Highs: -  
 Career-Highs: 2 H (8/31/23, A), 2 R (3x, last: 8/23/23, A), 2 RBI (2x, last: 8/31/23, A), 1 HR, 1 SB

**2023:** Began his professional career as a member of FCL Yankees. In his first career game vs. the FCL Tigers on 7/29, Wegner hit a solo home run in the 8th inning for his first career hit. The following day, Wegner went 3-for-4 with another homer in addition to 5 RBI. After going 4-for-9 with 2 HR and 6 RBI over two games with the FCL Yankees, Wegner was promoted to Single-A Tampa on 8/2. He played three games with Tampa, going 3-for-12 with 2 RBI before being promoted to High-A Hudson Valley after just six days with Tampa. Wegner rounded out his debut campaign with 19 games for the Renegades, over which he hit .254 with 2 HR and 6 RBI.

**College:** Wegner was a four-year starter at Creighton from 2019-22, before transferring to Arkansas for his fifth year of eligibility. As a freshman, he earned All-Big East 2nd Team honors, batting .264 with 20 RBI and 1 HR, which came in the form of a grand slam in his first collegiate game. As a senior, he slashed .343/.459/.635 with a team-leading 11 HR and 53 RBI, earning All-Big East 1st Team honors. Overall in his four seasons for Creighton, he posted a .306 average and 14 HR. Within 30 minutes of entering the NCAA transfer portal, he was contacted by Arkansas assistant coach Nate Thompson. During his fifth college season at Arkansas in 2023, Wegner played in 43 games, missing 18 games due to a fractured thumb, and hit .313 with an 1.130 OPS, 15 HR, and 51 RBI. In his lone season as a Razorback, Wegner's team won the 2023 SEC Championship in 2023, the school's fourth in program history, leading Arkansas to the No. 3 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament. He hit home runs in his final two college games in the Fayetteville Regional of the NCAA Tournament and was named a midseason All-American by D1Baseball.

**Personal Notes:** Three-sport athlete at Kearney High School (Kearney, NE), Wegner was ranked the No. 13 overall prospect in the state of Nebraska by Prep Baseball Report. Prior to high school, he represented Nebraska (Kearney Little League) in the 2012 Little League World Series with his father, Brad, serving as the team's head coach. He went 3-for-4 with a homer and 5 RBI in the state's first ever LLWS win, coming over Germany. During his graduate year at Arkansas, Wegner earned the nickname "Pops" from his teammates.

**Career Notes:** Selected in the ninth round of the 2023 MLB Draft by the Yankees, signing for \$72,500 as a senior-sign.