



POSTGAME NOTES
SOMERSET PATRIOTS (42-41) @ ERIE SEAWOLVES (46-35)
WEDNESDAY JULY 9, 2024



	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LOB</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
SOMERSET	9	11	1	5	1
ERIE	3	7	0	6	1

STARTING TIME: 1:08 p.m.
GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 81 degrees
WINNING PITCHER: Ben Shields (1-0)
LOSING PITCHER: Carlos Pena (4-4)
SAVE: N/A

TIME OF GAME: 2:33
ATTENDANCE: 1,698
PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):
Patriots: Ben Shields (88/61)
SeaWolves: Carlos Pena (51/30)

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

SOMERSET

Rafael Flores (#3 / 3rd / 2 on / 1 out / 3-2 / Pena / SOM 5 – ERI 0)

Erie

Jake Holton (#10 / 8th / 1 on / 1 out / 0-1 / Gerber / SOM 9 – ERI 3)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots downed the Erie SeaWolves 9-3 on Wednesday afternoon in game two of a six-game series at UPMC Park in Erie, PA.
- **LHP Ben Shields** (7 IP, 1 R, 5 H, 2 BB, 8 K) earned his first Double-A win, hurling a career-long 7 IP of one-run ball.
 - In his first two Double-A starts, Shields has allowed 1 ER over 12.1 IP (0.73 ERA) with 13 K and only 7 H.
 - Over his last six starts between Somerset and High-A Hudson Valley since the start of June, Shields has pitched to a 1.61 ERA over 39 IP with 50 K/10 BB.
 - Shields has struck out 5+ in each of his last seven starts.
- **1B Tyler Hardman** (1-for-4, RBI, R, BB) got the scoring started with an RBI single in the 3rd inning.
 - Hardman extended his season-long hit streak to ten games, over which he's batting .316 with 1 HR, 5 RBI, and 5 R.
- **DH Rafael Flores** (1-for-4, HR, 3 RBI, 2 R, BB) clubbed a three-run homer in the 3rd inning for his third Double-A blast, extending the lead to 5-0.
 - Flores's homer traveled 427 ft on the eighth pitch of his at-bat.
 - Flores has hit safely in four of his last five games with 2 HR over that span.
- **CF Spencer Jones** (2-for-4, R, 3B, BB) tripled and scored, reaching base three times in the contest.
 - The Yankees No. 2 prospect recorded his 17th multi-hit performance of the season.
- **C JC Escarra** (2-for-4, RBI, R, 2B) extended the Patriots lead to 7-1 with an RBI double in the 8th inning.
 - Escarra propelled his on-base streak to eight games and has a hit in seven of his last eight.
 - Over his eight-game on-base streak, Escarra is batting .300 with 2 RBI, 5 XBH, and 6 R.
 - On the road this season, Escarra owns a .864 OPS with 3 HR and 24 RBI, compared to a .541 OPS with 1 HR and 5 RBI at home.
- **RF Elijah Dunham** (2-for-4, 2B, BB) set a Somerset Patriots Double-A era record, hitting safely in his 17th consecutive game.
 - Dunham also extended his on-base streak to 21 games, the longest streak by any Patriot this season.
 - Dunham recorded his 14th multi-hit game of the season and fifth over his last eight games.
 - Dunham has eight multi-hit games over his 21 game on-base streak.
 - Before the hitting streak, Dunham was hitting .233/.344/.411 on the season with Somerset. He's now slashing .275/.358/.500 in 56 total games with the Patriots.
 - Dunham has hit safely in 20 of his last 21 games during the on-base streak over which he's batting .349/.404/.663 with 5 HR, 18 RBI, 15 XBH, and 15 R since 6/13 @BNG.
 - Against the SeaWolves this season, Dunham is batting .370 with 1 HR, 3 RBI, and a 1.045 OPS.