



POSTGAME NOTES

SOMERSET PATRIOTS (45-45, 8-13) @ PORTLAND SEA DOGS (48-41, 13-8)
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
SOMERSET	1	5	0	5	1
PORTLAND	2	5	0	4	2

STARTING TIME: 1:02 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 78 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Gage Ziehl (5-3)

LOSING PITCHER: Ben Hess (2-2)

SAVE: Patrick Halligan (7)

TIME OF GAME: 2:15

ATTENDANCE: 6,868

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Ben Hess (77/49)

Sea Dogs: Gage Ziehl (70/50)

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

SOMERSET

Coby Morales (#16 / 9th / 0 on / 1 out / 2-2 / Halligan / SOM 1 – POR 2)

SEA DOGS

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots fell in the series finale to the Portland Sea Dogs 2-1 at Delta Dental Park at Hadlock Field in Portland, ME on Sunday afternoon.
 - The Patriots ended the season series 9-9 against the Sea Dogs, including a 3-6 mark at Hadlock Field. The season series split marks the sixth consecutive year the Patriots have finished at least .500 against Portland.
 - Coby Morales' ninth inning home run signaled Somerset's Double-A leading 128th home run this season. Somerset's 128 homers rank eighth in MiLB at the time of the game's conclusion.
 - Somerset's pitching staff recorded its seventh consecutive game with double-digit punchouts. With 87 strikeouts across its last seven games, Somerset's active seven-game streak with 10-plus strikeouts leads Double-A and ranks second in MiLB. It is the second-longest such streak by the Patriots this season (eight games 5/7 – 5/15).
 - Dating back to July 12 vs. Reading, Somerset starting pitching has combined to allow four earned runs for a 1.86 ERA, 0.83 WHIP and .123 BAA with 33 K to 8 BB in 19.1 IP across the last four games.
- RHP Ben Hess (5.0 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 BB, 7 K)** opened his day with 4.1 no-hit innings before Mason White singled to center field in the fifth inning.
 - Hess worked a season-high tying 5.0 innings for the second straight start. He tossed 77 pitches in his 13th start of the season and 11th since returning off the 7-day IL on May 14.
 - His seven strikeouts were the most since striking out nine on April 3 vs. Portland.
 - In Hess' last four starts, he's posted a 3.86 ERA, 1.07 WHIP and .200 BAA with 18 K in 18.2 IP.
- RHP Ben Grable (1.2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 4 K)** struck out the side on 13 pitches in the sixth inning, before picking up two outs in the seventh.
 - Grable has allowed just one run across his last 13 outings. In that span he's posted a 0.64 ERA, 1-0 record, 0.64 WHIP, .089 BAA with 22 K to 5 BB in 14.0 IP.
- LF Jackson Castillo (1-for-4)** led off the sixth inning with a single, pushing his on-base streak to seven games.
 - During Castillo's seven-game on-base streak he's reached safely in 12 of 32 plate appearances.
- 3B Coby Morales (2-for-4, HR, RBI, R)** smashed his 16th home run of the season in the ninth inning to right center field.
 - Morales extended his on-base streak to a team-high nine games. During the streak, Morales has recorded a HR, 8 H, 5 BB and 4 RBI in 39 plate appearances.
 - Morales' 64 RBI lead the Eastern League, while his 16 HR are tied for sixth among Yankees minor leaguers. His 85 hits this season are the third most by a Patriot thru Somerset's first 90 games to start a season.
- C Miguel Palma (1-for-4, 2B)** doubled down the left field line in the fifth inning, extending his on-base streak to seven games.
 - Across his last seven games, Palma is 10-for-27 (.370 AVG) with a HR, 3 XBH, 5 RBI, 3 BB and two multi-hit games.
 - Palma is slashing .364/.417/.606 with 2 HR, 4 XBH and 8 RBI in his last nine appearances.