



PATRIOTS GAME NOTES



Portland Sea Dogs (0-0) @ Somerset Patriots (0-0)

Friday, April 3, 2026 | 6:35 p.m.

Game #1 | Home Game #1

TD Bank Ballpark - Bridgewater, NJ

POR: RHP Blake Wehunt (Season debut)

SOM: RHP Ben Hess (Season debut)



NEW YORK YANKEES DOUBLE-A AFFILIATE



2026 SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
APRIL				1	2	3 6:35	4 5:05
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SEPTEMBER							

BY GEORGE, HE'S BACK! Yankees top prospect George Lombard Jr. returns to Somerset, after spending 108 games with the Patriots in 2025. During his first Double-A season, Lombard Jr. led all Yankees minor leaguers with 87 BB, ranked 2nd with 90 R and T-2nd with 32 2B.

THE FUTURE FIVE: The Somerset Patriots' starting rotation includes four top-30 Yankees prospects: RHP Ben Hess (No. 5), LHP Kyle Carr (No. 11), RHP Cade Smith (No. 16) and LHP Xavier Rivas (No. 24).

FAMILIAR FACES: The Somerset Patriots' 2026 break camp roster includes 23 players who have prior experience at Double-A and 17 players who have prior experience in Somerset. Five players will be making their Double-A debuts throughout Opening Week: INF Owen Cobb, RHP Chris Kean, RHP Matt Keating, LHP Xavier Rivas and RHP Cade Smith.

NEW TO THE PINSTRIPE: Among the Patriots' Opening Day roster, six players will be making their regular season Yankees organizational debuts, after signing as minor league free agents during the off-season: RHP Chase Chaney, OF Kenedy Corona, INF Marco Luciano, OF DJ Gladney, C Miguel Palma and OF Nick Torres.

TOP OF THE HEAP: In five seasons since becoming the Yankees' Double-A affiliate beginning with the 2021 season, the Somerset Patriots have a record of 387-280. Their 387 wins lead all Double-A teams (ERI, 2nd, 380) and rank 6th in all of Minor League Baseball. Over that span, Somerset's 3.67 ERA as a pitching staff ranks 4th in MiLB, and is the lowest of any team in Double-A or Triple-A. Their 6,587 strikeouts also lead all Double-A teams (CHS, 2nd, 6,443). Offensively, in their tenure as the Yankees' Double-A affiliate, the Patriots lead all Double-A teams with 853 HR.

HARDMAN'S HAMMER: The 2026 season will mark Tyler Hardman's fifth straight year spending time with the Somerset Patriots. In 2025, he became Somerset's all-time Double-A franchise leader in HR (54) and RBI (155). After leading the Patriots with 20 HR in 2025, Hardman has now passed the 20 HR mark in three of his last five minor league seasons. Since Hardman debuted in the Yankees organization on 7/29/21, he leads all Yankee minor leaguers with 82 HR and 263 RBI.

DEE STRIKEOUT KING: Bailey Dees returns to Somerset to start the season, after ending last season in Triple-A SWB and having posted a 2.76 ERA in 17 games of relief for the Railriders. In Dees' Double-A career, which dates back to 2023, he is the Somerset Patriots' all-time Double-A franchise leader with 220.2 IP and 234 K.

T.J. TIME: Former Patriots infielder T.J. Rumfield (2023-24) became the 51st former Somerset player to make his MLB debut last week when he started at first base for the Colorado Rockies. Rumfield led all Yankees minor leaguers in hits in both 2024 and 2025 and won a Minor League Gold Glove at first base suiting up for Somerset in 2023. He was traded to the Rockies during the off-season on 1/28/26 in exchange for RHP Angel Chivilli. Rumfield's first big league home run came in his second career game (3/28/26) vs. the Marlins off Eury Perez.

SCOUTING REPORT

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

51 MLB DEBUTS (1 in 2026)

MOST RECENT:

- INF, T.J. Rumfield, COL, 3/27/26
- C, Rafael Flores, NYY, 9/17/25
- RHP, Cam Schlittler, NYY, 7/9/25
- INF/C, Anthony Seigler, MIL, 7/2/25

New York Yankees ON THE FARM

- (MLB) New York Yankees**
5-1 | Home opener today vs. MIA (5-1)
Will Warren vs. Eury Perez
- (Triple-A) Scranton/Wilkes-Barre**
2-3 | Last game: 3-1 L @ROC
Elmer Rodriguez: 5IP, 4H, R, 2BB, 2K
- (High-A) Hudson Valley**
0-0 | Opening Night @BRK (6:40 PM)
LHP Pico Kohn vs. RHP Noah Hall
- (Single-A) Tampa**
0-0 | Opening Night vs. LAK (6:30PM)
Manager: Zak Wasserman (1st year)
- Rookie-Level Affiliates**
FCL YNK: 0-0
DSL NYY: 0-0 | DSL BMB: 0-0

PROBABLE STARTERS

Date	Time	Opponent Starters	Somerset Starters
Fri. 4/3 vs. POR	6:35	RHP Blake Wehunt (Season debut)	RHP Ben Hess (Season debut)
Sat. 4/4 vs. POR	5:05	RHP John Holobetz (Season debut)	LHP Kyle Carr (Season debut)
Sun. 4/5 vs. POR	1:05	LHP Hayden Mullins (Season debut)	RHP Trent Sellers (Season debut)
Tue. 4/7 @BNG	6:07	TBD	TBD
Wed. 4/8 @BNG	6:07	TBD	TBD
Thu. 4/9 @BNG	1:00	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 and for free on the Bally Sports Live app



PATRIOTS GAME NOTES



MLB PIPELINE NYY TOP 30 (7)

- No. 1: INF George Lombard Jr.
- No. 5: RHP Ben Hess
- No. 11: LHP Kyle Carr
- No. 16: RHP Cade Smith
- No. 20: OF Jace Avina
- No. 24: LHP Xavier Rivas
- No. 29: RHP Eric Reyzelman
- *inactive

2026 Series Record: 0-0-0

6-GAME SERIES 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

WINS

TEAM PITCHING LEADERS

STAT	PLAYER	#	LEAGUE RK
ERA	-	-	-
WHIP	-	-	-
IP	-	-	-
K	-	-	-
K/9IP	-	-	-
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	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
BINGHAMTON	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
HARTFORD	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
PORTLAND	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
READING	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	

Southwest Division									
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	STREAK	RS	RA	DIFF.	
ERIE	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
AKRON	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
ALTOONA	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
HARRISBURG	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
CHESAPEAKE	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	
RICHMOND	0	0	.000	-	-	-	-	-	

* First Half Winner | ** Second Half Winner | (E) Eliminated

MILB HONORS

PLAYER AWARD

VS. PORTLAND THIS SEASON

GAME	FINAL	NOTES
Fri. 4/3 vs. POR		
Sat. 4/4 vs. POR		
Sun. 4/5 vs. POR		
Tue. 4/28 vs. POR		
Wed. 4/29 vs. POR		
Thu. 4/30 vs. POR		
Fri. 5/1 vs. POR		
Sat. 5/2 vs. POR		
Sun. 5/3 vs. POR		
Tue. 6/16 @POR		
Wed. 6/17 @POR		
Thu. 6/18 @POR		
Fri. 6/19 @POR		
Sat. 6/20 @POR		
Sun. 6/21 @POR		
Fri. 7/17 @POR		
Sat. 7/18 @POR		
Sun. 7/19 @POR		

SOMERSET VS. THE EASTERN LEAGUE

Northeast Division					
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2026	ALL-TIME W-L (SERIES)	
BNG (NYM)	0-0	0-0	0-0	36-38 (4-4-5)	
HFD (COL)	0-0	0-0	0-0	57-31 (8-3-5)	
NH (TOR)	0-0	0-0	0-0	63-31 (10-2-4)	
POR (BOS)	0-0	0-0	0-0	48-41 (7-3-5)	
REA (PHI)	0-0	0-0	0-0	50-34 (9-3-3)	
VS. NE	0-0	0-0	0-0	254-175 (38-15-22)	

Southwest Division					
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2026	ALL-TIME W-L (SERIES)	
AKR (CLE)	0-0	0-0	0-0	15-21 (0-3-3)	
ALT (PIT)	0-0	0-0	0-0	34-15 (4-1-2)	
CHS (BAL)	0-0	0-0	0-0	30-18 (5-0-3)	
ERI (DET)	0-0	0-0	0-0	22-31 (1-5-3)	
HBG (WSH)	0-0	0-0	0-0	15-5 (4-0-0)	
RIC (SFG)	0-0	0-0	0-0	25-13 (5-1-1)	
VS. SW	0-0	0-0	0-0	131-104 (19-10-12)	

2026 SOMERSET PATRIOTS COACHING STAFF

JAMES COOPER: Manager (1st year)

James Cooper enters his first season as manager of the Somerset Patriots, his fifth overall year in the Yankees organization and his fourth consecutive as a minor league manager. He spent the 2025 season as the manager of the High-A Hudson Valley Renegades, after serving as manager of the Single-A Tampa Tarpons in 2024 and beginning his minor league managerial career with the FCL Yankees in 2023. Under Cooper's leadership in 2025, Hudson Valley finished with a franchise-record 79 wins (79-50), being eliminated from playoff contention on the final day of the regular season. During the season, the Renegades finished second in AVG (.235), H (970), OBP (.336), SLG (.363), OPS (.699), third in R (598) and HR (547). In 2024 at the helm for Tampa, the Tarpons led the FSL in SB, while ranking second in AVG, H and 2B, and fourth in OPS. During Cooper's first assignment with the Yankees organization in 2022, he served as defensive coach for the FCL Yankees, where he helped the team with the 2022 FCL Championship. The following season, Cooper made his managerial debut with the FCL Yankees and was named the Florida Complex League Manager of the Year in 2023, when his team led the FCL in runs, hits, triples, RBIs, AVG, OBP, SLG and OPS.

MIKE FRANSOSO: Hitting Coach (2nd year)

Mike Fransoso enters his second season as a coach in Somerset and within the Yankees organization. Under Fransoso's leadership during the 2025 season, the Patriots' offense ranked among the Eastern League leaders with 129 HR (2nd), a .691 OPS (4th) and 600 R (5th). Fransoso played for the Somerset Patriots (2018-2019) during the team's run as an independent team and also the Pittsburgh Pirates organization (2013-2015). He previously coached in the Seattle Mariners organization (2021-2024), serving as the hitting coach and interim manager for the Double-A Arkansas Travelers in 2024, when he helped manage the team to a Southern League Championship.

DEMETRE KOKORIS: Pitching Coach (1st year)

Demetre Kokoris enters his first season in Somerset and second with the Yankees. He served as the pitching coach in Hudson Valley in 2025 and guided the team to a league-best 2.82 ERA and 20 shutouts. Prior to joining the Yankees, Kokoris, coached in the Texas Rangers (2022-2024) and Toronto Blue Jays (2019-2021) organizations. He spent the 2023 and 2024 seasons as the bullpen coach for the Triple-A Round Rock Express, and was the pitching coach for the Single-A Down East Wood Ducks in 2022. Prior to joining the Rangers, he was the pitching coach for the Short-Season Class-A Vancouver Canadians (2019-20) and was a rehab pitching coach (2021) with the Blue Jays. Before entering the professional coaching ranks, Kokoris was a college pitching coach at Chemeketa Community College, Point Loma Nazarene University, and Santa Barbara City College. He has also served as the pitching coach for the Greek National Team since 2021.

UZIEL VILORIA: Defensive Coach (1st year)

Uziel Viloria enters his second consecutive season as a defensive coach in Somerset and his second season with the Yankees organization. Under his leadership in 2025, the Patriots posted a franchise record .983 fielding percentage. Viloria began his coaching career in 2024 as a coach in the Phillies organization. During his playing career, Viloria signed with the Phillies as an international free agent in 2019 and went on to play 112 games in four seasons as an infielder in the organization (2019-2023), reaching High-A Jersey Shore in 2022 and 2023.

CALEB HAMILTON: Defensive Coach (2nd year)

Caleb Hamilton enters his first season in Somerset and second with the Yankees organization. After a playing career that included MLB experience with the Minnesota Twins (2022) and Boston Red Sox (2023), Hamilton completed his first year in coaching as the defensive coach for High-A Hudson Valley in 2025. During his final season playing in 2024, Hamilton saw time in 39 games for the Rocket City Trash Pandas, the Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. He was drafted by Minnesota in the 23rd round of the 2016 MLB Draft out of Oregon State University, where he was an All-Pac-12 performer for the Beavers. Despite not catching in college, Hamilton made 323 of his 574 professional appearances as a catcher, and he played at least one game at all nine positions.

BATTERS VS PROBABLE PITCHERS

SEA DOGS BATTERS VS BEN HESS (CAREER)

PLAYER	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	2B	3B	SO	BB	IBB	AVG	OBP	SLG
Marvin Alcantara	2	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.200	.167	.200
Miguel Bleis	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Drew Ehrhard	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Max Ferguson	2	6	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	.167	.167	.167
Ahbram Liendo	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	.250	.000
Ronald Rosario	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.500	.500	.500
Caden Rose	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	.000	.500	.000

PATRIOTS BATTERS VS BLAKE WEHUNT (CAREER)

PLAYER	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	2B	3B	SO	BB	IBB	AVG	OBP	SLG
Jace Avina	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Tyler Hardman	2	3	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	.667	.667	2.333
George Lombard Jr.	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	.167	.375	.167
Garrett Martin	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.250	.250	.250
Coby Morales	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Manuel Palencia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000

PATRIOTS STARTERS VS RELIEVERS SEASON

PITCHING AS	W	L	ERA	IP	R	ER	SO	BB
Starters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Relievers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PATRIOTS PITCHERS VS SEA DOGS

PLAYER	2026									CAREER							
	W	L	SV	G	IP	ERA	BB	SO		W	L	SV	G	IP	ERA	BB	SO
Michael Arias	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	2	3.0	3.00	1	3
Kelly Austin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	5	4.1	2.08	3	4
Will Brian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	5	4.2	1.93	4	5
Bailey Dees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	3	1	7	29.1	3.07	8	35
Ben Hess	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	2	10.2	2.53	5	11
Hayden Merda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	2	2.0	0.00	1	3
Eric Reyzelman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	4	4.0	2.25	3	8
Trent Sellers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	2	0	3	15.0	4.80	6	14

PATRIOTS BULLPEN

#83 | Michael Arias (AH-ree-ahs) | RHP | DOB: 11-15-01 (24y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

After being traded to the Yankees from the Cubs entering the 2025 season, Arias spent the year on the Yankees' 40-man roster. He broke camp on the 7-day IL for Triple-A SWB, before being reinstated following a minor league rehab assignment on 7/19 and having his option transferred to Double-A Somerset. Ended the season in Somerset with 17 relief appearances in which he went 3-0 with a 2.57 ERA, 2 HLD, 1/3 SV, 15 BB and 29 K in 21.0 IP.

Career Notes

Re-signed with the Yankees as a minor league free agent on 11/26/25 and was extended a non-roster invite to Major League Spring Training. Arias was originally acquired by the Yankees from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for cash considerations on 1/15/25, after he was designated for assignment by the Cubs on 1/12/25. Initially signed an international free agent contract with Blue Jays in 2018, but did not appear in a game before his release in 2020. Signed with the Cubs in 2021 and spent the first four seasons of his career in the Cubs minor league system.

#86 | Kelly Austin | RHP | DOB: 12-17-00 (25y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

Spent the entire 2025 season with Double-A Somerset, primarily working in a closer role. Austin tied for the team lead with 43 relief appearances and posted a 3-2 record, 2.95 ERA, 28 BB, 37 K and 7 SV in 42.2 IP. Austin's seven saves led the Patriots and tied for second in the Yankees minor league system.

2024

Began his first full season with Single-A Fayetteville in the Astros organization. After allowing 1 ER in 10.0 IP (0.90 ERA) with 14 K and 1 BB, he was transferred to High-A Asheville on May 11. In 18 relief appearances for Asheville, Austin went 2-0 with a 2.70 ERA, 3 SV, 32 K and 6 BB. On July 30, he was traded to the Yankees and assigned to High-A Hudson Valley. In 10 games to end the regular season with the Renegades, he went 3-0 with a 1.29 ERA over 14.0 IP with 19 K and 2 BB.

Career Notes

Made his professional debut on 7/8/23 with the FCL Astros in the Astros organization. Acquired by the Yankees in a trade with the Astros on July 30, 2024 alongside international signing bonus pool money in exchange for LHP Caleb Ferguson. Austin began his professional career with the Astros, whom he signed with as a non-drafted free agent on July 19, 2023.

#27 | Will Brian | LHP | DOB: 04-25-99 (26y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

Broke camp with High-A Hudson Valley and made four scoreless appearances over 7.0 IP with 1 SV, 12 K, 1 BB and 4 H. Transferred to Double-A Somerset on 4/25, made 17 appearances and posted a 2-0 record and 2.42 ERA with 30 K and 11 BB in 26.0 IP, before being placed on the 7-day IL on 7/5. Reinstated off the IL on 8/3 and made his third career start (first since 2023) on that day vs. RIC. Overall between both levels, he set career-highs in every category, making 33 appearances with 19 BB and 30 K over 43.1 IP with a 2.08 ERA.

2024

Started season on TAM 60-day IL, pitched in one rehab game on 7/20 for the FCL Yankees, then was reinstated of TAM IL. Pitched in one game for TAM on 8/2, then was shut down for the remainder of the season

Career Notes

Selected by the Yankees in the 10th round of the 2022 MLB Draft. Pitched three seasons at Eastern Kentucky University (2019, 2021, 2022) and combined to make 71 appearances (5 starts) with a 3.22 ERA, 135 K and 47 BB in 106.1 IP.

#44 | Bailey Dees | RHP | DOB: 02-05-99 (27y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

Broke camp with Double-A Somerset, continuing to work as a starter for the beginning of the season, through 5/31. Dees opened the season with nine starts, over which he went 1-4 with a 5.02 ERA, 25 BB and 52 K over 43.0 IP. He made one spot start for High-A HV on 6/6 and pitched 7.0 shutout innings with 1 H, 1 HB, 0 BB and 9 K. Upon his return to Somerset, Dees transitioned back into a (long) relief role from 6/12 - 7/10. In eight relief appearances for the Patriots, Dees went 4-0 (three straight winning decisions from 6/18-6/26) with a 2.37 ERA, 6 BB and 19 K in 19.0 IP. Transferred to Triple-A SWB on 7/19, where he ended the season with 17 relief appearances. Ending the season with the Railriders, Dees made 17 relief appearances and went 2-1 with a 2.76 ERA, 14 BB and 19 K in 16.1 IP.

College

Played four seasons at Penn State University, appearing in 43 career games (33 starts) and going 8-9 with a 4.52 ERA with 64 BB and 176 K. He earned Academic All-Big Ten honors his sophomore, junior and senior seasons (2019-21).

Career Notes

Selected by the Yankees in the 18th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

#20 | Geoffrey Gilbert | LHP | DOB: 05-03-01 (24y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

Broke with High-A Hudson Valley, made 25 appearances (one start) and went 3-0 with 2 SV and a 2.55 ERA over 35.1 IP, totaling 51 K, 17 BB, a 1.13 WHIP and .180 BAA. Transferred to SOM on 8/20. Spending the remainder of his season with the Patriots, Gilbert made six appearances and posted a 2.16 ERA with 5 BB and 12 K over 8.1 IP. Between both levels in 2025, Gilbert totaled a 2.47 ERA in 31 appearances with a 1.19 WHIP and .190 BAA.

College

In three seasons at Clemson University, Gilbert was a three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll member. After working in the Tigers' bullpen his first two seasons, he joined the team's weekend rotation late during the 2022 season. In 102.0 innings overall, Gilbert made 55 appearances (five starts) and had a 9-8 record with three saves. He posted a 3.35 ERA, while allowing 93 H and 39 BB with 122 K. He ended his time at Clemson with a 10.76 K/9 IP ratio, which ranked fourth in program history.

Personal Notes

Attended Bishop England High School (SC), where he was a two-sport athlete who also competed in swim. Gilbert led the Bishop England baseball team to state titles as a sophomore, junior and senior. As a junior, he was named the Gatorade Player-of-the-Year in South Carolina and as a senior, he was named Mr. Baseball in South Carolina.

Career Notes

Selected by the Yankees in the 13th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

#22 | Chris Kean | RHP | DOB: 06-12-02 (23y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2026

Named to the Yankees' Spring Breakout roster and was one of four pitchers to appear in the game. As the final pitcher the Yankees used, Kean pitched a perfect ninth inning.

2025

Spent the entire season with High-A Hudson Valley. In 33 relief appearances, Kean went 6-2 with a 3.48 ERA, 5 HLD, 35 H, 16 BB and 37 K over 41.1 IP.

College

Spent his first two college seasons (2021-22) at Ranger College (Ranger, TX), working as a two-way player, but primarily catching. He transferred to the University of Louisiana Monroe for his junior season (2023) and became exclusively a relief pitcher, appearing four times on the mound and going 1-0 with a 1.93 ERA, having allowed 3 H, 0 BB and 7 K.

Career Notes

Signed with the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent on 7/14/23.

#7 | Matt Keating | RHP | DOB: 12-07-00 (25y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

Returned to High-A Hudson Valley for the entire 2025 season and posted a 3-1 record, 2.57 ERA, 4 HLD, 2 SV, 26 BB and 58 K over 49.0 IP.

2024

Spent all of his second season in the bullpen for High-A Hudson Valley, when he set the team's franchise record by making 40 appearances during the 2024 season, ranking sixth among Yankees minor leaguers. Overall in the regular season, he went 5-4 with a 3.89 ERA over 69.1 IP with 32 BB, 83 K and a .181 BAA.

College

Began his college career at Southeastern Community College (Lincoln, NE), when he became a two-way player for the first time in his baseball career after never attempting pitching in high school. Following his lone JUCO season, Keating transferred to the University of Southern California, where he continued to work as a two-way player and was teammates with fellow Yankees farmhand OF Cole Gabrielson. As a pitcher, he posted a 3.60 ERA with a 2-3 record and a team-high 7 SV, posting a 13.2 K/9 IP rate.

Career Notes

Selected by the Yankees No. 280 overall in the ninth round of the 2022 MLB Draft.

#41 | Hayden Merda | RHP | DOB: 03-21-00 (26y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

After making his professional debut in 2023, Merda missed the entire 2024 recovering from Tommy John Surgery. Made his 2025 season debut on 4/5/25, signaling his first game since 9/1/23. Beginning the season with High-A Hudson Valley, Merda made 22 appearances and posted a 3.68 ERA with 43 K and 13 BB over 29.1 IP with a 1.19 WHIP. Transferred to Somerset on 6/24.

College

As a relief pitcher in college at Azusa Pacific University, a Division II school in California, and was named an All-PacWest conference performer. Azusa Pacific baseball alumni include former Cleveland Guardians manager Stephen Vogt.

Career Notes

Selected by the Yankees in the 17th round of the 2022 MLB Draft. Merda was playing Fortnite at the 2025 trade deadline, alongside Mason Vinyard and Trystan Vrieling at the time Vrieling got the call that the Yankees had traded him to the Giants for Camilo Doval.

#18 | Eric Reyzelman (RAY-zil-man) | RHP | DOB: 06-27-01 (24y)

0-0 | ERA: - | WHIP: -

Games: - Saves / Opp: - / - Holds: - 1st Batter / Retired: - / - IR / RS: - / - vs ALL: - vs LHB: - vs RHB: -

Last 5 Outings	Result	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	--	-	-	-	-	-	-

2025

Earned a non-roster invite to Yankees MLB Spring Training, appeared in seven games. Broke camp with Triple-A SWB and spent the entire season in the Railriders bullpen, where he made 34 relief appearances and posted a 1-2 record, 4.29 ERA, 7 HLD, 1/2 SV over 42.0 IP with 26 H, 20 R, 5 HR, 42 BB and 45 K. Last appeared on 8/3, before being placed on the 7-day IL on 8/6, ending his season.

College

Pitched two seasons at the University of San Francisco (2020-21) before transferring to LSU for his junior year (2022). Freshman year (2020) at San Francisco, he pitched in five games before undergoing Tommy John Surgery in March of 2020 during pandemic. Sophomore year (2021): returned to the mound ten months later, went 3-3 with a 6.17 ERA in 16g (10 GS) with 39 K in 35 IP. Junior year (2022): transferred to LSU, made 29 relief appearances, posted a 4.04 ERA over 42.1 IP with 18 BB, 66 K and 3 SV.

Personal Notes

Grew up in San Ramon, CA as a San Francisco Giants fan, his favorite pitcher to watch was Tim Lincecum. Reyzelman was cut from both his Varsity and JV baseball team at De La Salle High School (Concord, CA), as a sophomore and junior. First-generation American, son of two Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union.

Career Notes

Selected in the 5th round of the 2022 MLB Draft by the Yankees, signing for \$340,700.

PATRIOTS HITTERS

#1 | Jace Avina | LF | B/T : R/R | DOB: 06-06-03 (22y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2026

During Spring Training, started in left field for the Yankees Prospects in the Spring Breakout game and went 0-for-2 in the game with a walk and a run scored.

2025

Broke camp with HV. Across 54 games, slashed .295/.412/.506 with 31 RBI, 37 R, 8 HR, 13 2B, 30 BB and 3 SB. In his final 10 High-A games, Avina went 13-for-35 (.371/.439/.714) with 9 RBI, 8 R and 4 HR before being transferred to SOM on 7/11. . Finishing the season with Somerset, Avina played 46 games and slashed .224/.314/.341 with 18 R, 14 RBI and 3 HR. Following MLB trade deadline, Avina debuted on MLB Pipeline's list of top-30 Yankees prospects at No. 26.

Personal Notes

Attended Spanish Springs High School (NV), where he was a 2021 Perfect Game Preseason All-American selection, as well as Perfect Game's third-ranked outfielder and sixth-ranked overall prospect in Nevada entering the 2021 MLB Draft. He had originally committed to play college baseball at Nevada, before being drafted by the Brewers.

Career Notes

Acquired by the Yankees from the Milwaukee Brewers on 11/17/23 alongside OF Brian Sanchez in exchange for OF Jake Bauers. Avina was initially drafted by the Brewers out of Spanish Springs High School with their 14th round pick of the 2021 MLB Draft.

#5 | Owen Cobb | SS | B/T : R/R | DOB: 06-24-01 (24y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2025

Dominated at Single-A Tampa, hitting .310/.363/.488 with 3 HR and 22 RBI across 40 games. Promoted to High-A Hudson-Valley on 8/6/25 where he finished the season slashing .286/.343/.442 with 3 HR and 23 RBI across all levels.

College

Played five seasons at Stanford, where he finished as a career .305/.353/.458 hitter with 13 HR and 69 RBI. Was named Pac-12 All-Conference and Pac-12 All-Defensive Team in 2024 and Pac-12 All-Conference Honorable Mention in 2023.

Career Notes

Signed by New York Yankees as an undrafted free agent on 7/19/24. Originally drafted in the 37th round, 1103 overall by the San Diego Padres in 2019, but opted to play at Stanford.

#36 | Tyler Hardman | 1B | B/T : R/R | DOB: 01-27-99 (27y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2025

Spent the entire season with Double-A Somerset, playing primarily first base. In a career-high 115 games, Hardman slashed .228/.294/.458 with 57 R, 65 RBI, 20 HR and 12 SB. Hardman's 20 HR led the team in a season where he became Somerset's all-time home runs leader.

2023-24

Spent his entire 2023 season with Double-A Somerset, leading the Eastern League and all Yankees minor leaguers with a career-high 26 HR, despite playing in only 77 games, where he slashed .237/.333/.558 with 56 RBI and 56 R. Hardman hit 15 HR over his final 31 games from 6/17-7/29 prior to a season-ending hand injury that took place on a HBP. Hardman underwent Tommy John Surgery during the off-season entering 2024 and began the season on Somerset's 7-day IL. Following a rehab stint Hardman was transferred to Somerset on 6/13. Hardman ended the season with Somerset over 74 games in which he hit .175/.266/.294 with 8 HR, 32 RBI and 36 R.

College

Four-year starter at first base for the University of Oklahoma from 2018-2021. Redshirt-Junior season (2021): 55g, led Big-12 with a .397 BA (89-for-224), to go along with 49 R, 19 2B, 12 HR, 49 RBI and 34 BB.

Career Notes

Selected by the Yankees in the fifth round of the 2021 MLB Draft. During the final week of the 2022 season, Hardman was called up to Double-A Somerset alongside Jasson Dominguez and helped the Patriots win the 2022 Eastern League Championship. During that 2022 season, Hardman led all Yankees minor leaguers with 22 HR and 81 RBI.

#2 | Kenedy Corona | CF | B/T : R/R | DOB: 03-21-00 (26y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2026

Signed with the Yankees as a minor league free agent during the off-season, with a non-roster invite to Major League Spring Training. In 19 games with the Yankees in MLB Spring Training he slashed .143/.333/.357 with 2 HR and 4 RBI.

2025

Played 121 games with Triple-A Sugar Land slashing .220/.308/.326 with 7 HR and 36 RBI. Called up to Houston Astros for MLB Debut on 7/7/25. Played three games with the Astros in July, going 0-2 with 2 BB and 1 SO. Preseason, ranked as the Best Defensive Outfielder in the Astros' Minor League system, per Baseball America.

Career Notes

Signed by New York Yankees as a minor league free agent on 12/24/25 after five seasons in the Houston Astros system. Has played with Aguilas de Zulia in the Venezuelan Winter League in five of last six off-seasons. Made MLB Debut on 7/7/25 vs. Cleveland Guardians, going 0-for-2, 1 BB and 1 SO. Traded from the New York Mets to Houston Astros along with LHP Blake Taylor in exchange for OF Jake Marisnick on 12/5/19. Originally signed by the Mets as a 19-year-old international free agent from Venezuela on 4/6/19.

#21 | Diomedes Hernandez | C | B/T : R/R | DOB: 02-06-05 (21y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2025

Broke camp with Double-A Somerset on the Patriots' Development List. Reinstated off development list to make his Double-A debut on 4/17, went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a double. Pitched two scoreless innings on 4/25 vs. Hartford in a 19-4 loss.

Career Notes

Signed with the Yankees as an international free agent on January 15, 2022 out of Cabimas, Venezuela.

#8 | Marco Luciano (lew-see-AH-noh) | OF | B/T : R/R | DOB: 09-10-01 (24y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2026

Out of options entering the 2026 season, Luciano was waived by the Giants in December. After initially being claimed by the Pirates in December 2025 and then the Orioles in January 2026, the Yankees were the third team to claim him off waivers this off-season on 1/22/26. Luciano received a non-roster invite to MLB Spring Training and went 1-for-25 (.040 AVG) with 10 SO in 14 games.

2025

Entering his final season with the Giants organization, Luciano transitioned from the infield to the outfield for the first time in his career. He spent the entire season with Triple-A Sacramento, where he reached career-highs in every offensive category, including 23 HR; overall he hit .214 with a .748 OPS over 125 games.

2023-24

Called up by the Giants to make his MLB debut with only 18 games of Triple-A experience on 7/26/23 vs. the Oakland A's. Between 2023-24, Luciano appeared in 41 MLB games and hit .217 with a .590 OPS. The 2023 season marks Luciano's most recent experience at Double-A, when he was a member of the Richmond Flying Squirrels.

Career Notes

Signed with the San Francisco Giants as an international free agent out of the Dominican Republic for \$2.6 million on 7/2/18 at 16 years old. He was the top-rated middle infielder and the No. 2 overall prospect in that year's international class according to MLB.com. Luciano represented the Giants in the the 2021 All-Star Futures Game at Coors Field in Denver.

#12 | Miguel Palma | C | B/T : R/R | DOB: 01-04-02 (24y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2025

Earning a non-roster invite to Major League Spring Training for a second straight year, Palma went on to split his final season with the Astros organization between the FCL Astros (eight games), Double-A Corpus Christi (18 games) and Triple-A Sugar Land (15 games). He was placed on Corpus Christi's 60-day IL on 5/12. Following his rehab assignment with the FCL Astros, he was reinstated off the IL on 7/18.

2024

Began the season by earning a non-roster invite to Major League Spring Training with the Astros. During the regular season, primarily played for Double-A Corpus Christi before earning a late-season promotion to Triple-A Sugar Land on 9/12. With Corpus Christi, he played 53 games and batted .201 with 16 R, 14 RBI and 3 HR. Ending the season with Sugar Land, Palma hit .412 (7-for-17) in five regular season games with a double, an RBI and two runs scored. Palma was active for all three of the Space Cowboys' postseason games, including starting Game 1 of the Pacific Coast League Championship Series, a 14-2 Sugar Land win. He helped Sugar Land win both the Pacific Coast League Championship and eventually the Triple-A National Championship.

Career Notes

Originally signed with the Houston Astros as an international free agent on 7/2/18. After electing free agency following six seasons with the Astros organization, the Yankees signed Palma as a Minor League free agent on 12/17/25.

#25 | DJ Gladney | OF | B/T : R/R | DOB: 07-14-01 (24y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2025

Spent all of his final season with the White Sox at Double-A Birmingham. In 100 games, Gladney hit .235/.277/.368 with 44 R, 45 RBI and 10 R. In September, Gladney homered five times over his last 12 games, while hitting .300/.314/.680 with 17 RBI.

2024

Broke camp in 2024 with High-A Winston Salem. After 67 games in which he hit .234/.299/.430 with 10 HR, Gladney was transferred to Double-A Birmingham on 8/6. Finishing out the year with Birmingham, Gladney hit .278/.314/.505 with 12 R, 18 RBI and 6 HR across 24 games. Following the season, he represented the White Sox at the Arizona Fall League, playing for the Glendale Desert Dogs. While competing in the AFL, Gladney hit a home run that traveled 468 feet and came off the bat with a 117.2 mph exit velocity. During the 2024 MLB season, only Aaron Judge on 8/2 hit a home run that traveled further and at a comparable speed (477 feet at 117.5 mph).

Personal Notes

Grew up a White Sox fan in Oak Park, IL, 12 miles from Guaranteed Rate Field, home of the Chicago White Sox. Attended Illiana Christian High School (Dyer, IN), 21 miles south of Guaranteed Rate Field. Growing up in the suburbs of South Chicago, Gladney participated in the White Sox's Amateur City Elite (ACE) Program, dedicated to reverse the declining interest and participation in baseball among African American youth.

Career Notes

Originally drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 16th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Illiana Christian High School (Dyer, IN). After six seasons with the White Sox, Gladney elected free agency and signed with the Yankees on December 18, 2025.

#10 | Nicholas Torres | OF | B/T : R/R | DOB: 06-30-93 (32y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2019-2025

Following five affiliated minor league seasons, Torres put together a six-year career in the Mexican League (LMB), where he was a career .321 hitter with a career .955 OPS, along with 178 2B, 13 3B, 128 HR and 501 RBI in 691 games. In his final Mexican League season, Torres was named the 2025 MVP, after leading the LMB with a 1.115 OPS, while adding 27 HR, 82 R and 65 XBH, which tied for the league lead.

2014-2018

After being drafted by the Padres, Torres spent the first four seasons of his career (2014-17) in San Diego's minor league system, making it as high as Triple-A El Paso. After being released entering the 2018 season, Torres signed with the independent Kansas City Monarchs of the American Association. In 55 games, he hit .329/.387/.498 with 43 RBI, 40 R and 5 R. Torres signed with the Texas Rangers on 7/18/18 and spent his most recent affiliated season with Triple-A Round Rock. In 35 games, he batted .195 with 10 RBI and 7 R.

Career Notes

Originally selected in the fourth round of the 2014 MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres. After five seasons in the Padres organization (2014-17), Torres was released on 3/28/18. After spending half of the 2018 season playing for the Kansas City Monarchs of the American Association, Torres then signed with the Texas Rangers on 7/18/18 and was released following one season at Triple-A. He spent six seasons in the Mexican League, as well as five seasons in the Mexican Winter League. He signed with the Yankees as a minor league free agent on 12/26/25. Torres also played five off-seasons in the Mexican Winter League slashing .278/.363/.434 with 22 HR, 100 RBI and 103 R across 189 games between the Algodoneros de Guasave (2019), Naranjeros de Hermosillo (2021, 2022, 2024) and Gigantes del Cibao (2025).

#3 | George Lombard Jr. | SS | B/T : R/R | DOB: 06-02-05 (20y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2026

Earned a non-roster invite to MLB Spring Training with the Yankees and slashed .179/.324/.393 across 12 games with 1 HR, 1 3B, 1 2B, 6 RBI, 5 R, 6 BB and 2 SB. For a third consecutive season, Lombard started at shortstop for the Yankees Prospects in the Spring Breakout game vs. the Braves Prospects on 3/21.

2025

Non-roster invitee to MLB Spring Training, made it into 12 games, slashed .250/.308/.500 (.808 OPS) with 2 HR. Broke camp with High-A Hudson Valley, where he hit .329/.495/.488 in 24 games prior to being transferred to Somerset on 5/6. At the time of his promotion, Lombard ranked among the South Atlantic League leaders with a .495 OBP (1st), 22 R (T-2nd), 8 doubles (2nd), 23 BB (T-2nd), AVG (T-3rd), 11 SB (T-3rd), 27 H (5th), 10 XBH (T-6th), 40 TB (8th) and .488 SLG (9th). Represented the Yankees at the MLB All-Star Futures Game at Truist Park in Atlanta. In the game, Lombard batted ninth, started at second base and went 1-for-2 with double, run scored and stolen base. Following the performance, Baseball America tabbed Lombard Jr. as the "Best Player" from the 2025 Futures Game. Lombard ended the season by playing 108 games for the Patriots and slashing .215/.337/.358 with 68 R, 36 RBI, 8 HR, 64 BB, 124 SO and 24 SB. By the end of the regular season, Lombard led all Yankees minor leaguers with 87 BB and ranked among the minor league organizational leaders with 90 R (2nd), 32 2B (T-2nd), 5 3B (T-4th), 35 SB (5th), 46 XBH (6th), .367 OBP (7th), 111 H (7th) and 180 TB (8th).

Personal Notes

Son of George Lombard, who played parts of six seasons in the Majors with Atlanta, Detroit, Tampa Bay, and Washington. Lombard currently serves as the bench coach with Detroit. Brother of Jacob Lombard, who was preseason ranked as the No. 4 overall 2026 Draft prospect per MLB.com. Born and raised in Miami, FL, attended Gulliver Prep High School, where he also starred in soccer.

Career Notes

Selected by the Yankees in the 1st round (No. 26 overall) in the 2023 MLB Draft and received an above-slot value signing bonus of \$3.3 million. Lombard Jr. was the first high schooler to be drafted by the Yankees in the first round since Anthony Volpe (30th overall, 2019, Delbarton in Morristown, NJ). He is recognized by Baseball America as the Yankees' Best Hitter for Average, Strike Zone Discipline and Best Defensive Infielder.

#30 | Garrett Martin | OF | B/T : R/R | DOB: 06-28-00 (25y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2026

During Spring Training, Martin started at center field for the Yankees Prospects in the Spring Breakout game vs. the Braves Prospects on 3/21. He also made it into eight Major League Spring Training games for the Yankees and slashed .444/.500/1.111 with 2 HR, 5 RBI, 4 R, 1 BB and 1 SB. After going 0-for-5 in his first four Spring Training games during February, Martin went 4-for-4 with 4 RBI in his final four Spring Training games during March, including back-to-back games with home runs on 3/13 and 3/19. His home run on 3/19 was a game-tying solo shot in the bottom of the ninth inning that traveled 413 feet with an exit velocity of 115.4 mph.

2025

Represented the Yankees in their 2025 Spring Breakout on 3/15 @BAL, walking in his only at-bat of the game. Spent the entire regular season with Double-A Somerset, appearing in 102 games and slashing .222/.292/.389 with 50 R, 48 RBI, 14 HR, 28 BB, 97 SO and 20 SB.

2024

Spent all of his first full professional season with High-A Hudson Valley, when he played in 87 games and slashed .216/.326/.422 with 12 HR, 43 RBI and 50 R. Following the season, Martin represented the Yankees at the Arizona Fall League, playing for the Salt River Rafters. Martin was named an AFL Rising Star, after he hit .225 with 16 RBI, 15 R, 5 HR and 11 BB in 19 AFL games. Martin also won the AFL Home Run Derby, smashing 10 home runs in the 90-second championship round of the event.

Personal Notes

His father, Billy, was drafted in the 34th round of the 1998 MLB Draft out of Texas, and played for seven years in the Mets, Diamondbacks and Nationals systems, in addition to one year with Yakult in the Japan Central League.

Career Notes

Signed with the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent on 7/14/23.

#4 | Coby Morales | OF | B/T : L/R | DOB: 12-05-01 (24y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2026

Named to the Yankees' 2026 Spring Breakout roster, where he started at first base and batted cleanup. After six innings at first base, including two assists at home plate, he moved to left field for the final three innings and earned an outfield assist. He was the only starter in the game to play all nine innings. At the plate, he went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI and 1 SB.

2025

Split the 2025 season between High-A Hudson Valley and Double-A Somerset. Overall in 2025, Morales played a career-high 116 games and slashed .243/.318/.355 with 52 R, 49 RBI, 7 HR and 17 SB. Following the season, he represented the Yankees at the Arizona Fall League. Morales suited up in eight games for the Mesa Solar Sox, and slashed .333/.419/.519 with 4 R, 7 RBI, 1 HR and 2 SB.

Career Notes

Made his professional debut on 8/1/23 with Single-A Tampa. Selected by the Yankees in the 18th round of the 2023 MLB Draft. Played college baseball at Washington.

#17 | Manuel Palencia | C | B/T : R/R | DOB: 09-05-02 (23y)

- / - / - | HR: - | RBI: -

vs ALL: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs LHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI vs RHP: - (---), - HR, - RBI RISP: - (---), - HR, - RBI

2025

Began the season with FCL Yankees. In 29 games, Palencia slashed .312/.380/.422 with 15 R, 7 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 14 RBI and 10 BB. Left FCL Yankees with 13-game on-base streak, going 20-for-50 (.400) with 9 RBIs. Promoted to High-A Hudson Valley on 6/24. In 16 games, he hit a .250/.286/.300 slash line with 11 R, 3 2B, 8 RBI and 3 BB. Earned a promotion to Double-A Somerset on 8/1, and spent the remainder of the season with the Patriots. In 21 games down the stretch for Somerset, Palencia hit .230/.253/.284 with 7 R and 7 RBI. Overall in 2025, Palencia slashed .272/.319/.350 with 33 R and 29 RBI. Following the season, he represented the Yankees at the Arizona Fall League. Palencia suited up in 13 games for the Mesa Solar Sox and hit .217 with 7 R, 7 RBI and 1 HR.

Career Notes

Signed by the Yankees as an international free agent on 8/31/19.

PATRIOTS LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

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INDIVIDUAL BATTING

SPLIT	VALUE	SPLIT	VALUE
Grand Slam	Jesus Rodriguez, 8/13/2024 @ HFD	Grand Slam	Nick Dunn, 9/12/2025 @ REA
Pinch-Hit Home Run	-	Pinch-Hit Home Run	Shawn Ross, 4/20/2025 @ ALT
Pinch-Hit Walk-Off Home Run	-	Pinch-Hit Walk-Off Home Run	-
2 Home Run Game	Roc Riggio, 6/8/2025 @ BNG	2 Home Run Game	Charlie Condon, 8/21/2025 vs. HFD (G2)
3+ Home Run Game	Agustín Ramírez, 3, 6/7/2024 vs. HFD	3+ Home Run Game	-
2 Home Runs, One Inning	-	2 Home Runs, One Inning	-
Leadoff Home Run	Brendan Jones, 7/13/2025 vs. NH	Leadoff Home Run	Zach Ehrhard, 6/13/2025 vs. POR
Walk-Off Home Run	Dylan Jasso, 5/16/2025 vs. POR	Walk-Off Home Run	Nick Dunn, 9/12/2025 @ REA
Walk-Off Grand Slam	Ben Rice, 8/22/2023 vs. HFD	Walk-Off Grand Slam	Nick Dunn, 9/12/2025 @ REA
Walk-Off Win	Jake Gatewood, 9/6/2025 vs. NH	Walk-Off Win	Nick Dunn, 9/12/2025 @ REA
5 Hit Game	-	5 Hit Game	-
6+ Hit Game	-	6+ Hit Game	-
2 Hits, One Inning	Spencer Jones, 6/30/2024 @ RIC	2 Hits, One Inning	Mike Jarvis, 4/20/2025 @ ALT
5 RBI Game	Ben Rice, 8/30/2023 @ POR	5 RBI Game	Cole Carrigg, 4/25/2025 vs. HFD
6 RBI Game	Tyler Hardman, 5/29/2025 vs. AKR	6 RBI Game	Jake Holton, 6/24/2025 vs. ERI
7 RBI Game	Spencer Jones, 6/30/2024 @ RIC	7 RBI Game	-
8 RBI Game	-	8 RBI Game	-
9+ RBI Game	-	9+ RBI Game	-
Steal of Home	Austin Wells, 5/9/2023 @ POR	Steal of Home	Vaun Brown, 5/1/2025 @ RIC
3+ Stolen Base Game	Brendan Jones, 3, 9/11/2025 @ REA	3+ Stolen Base Game	Jett Williams, 3, 8/8/2025 vs. BNG

TEAM BATTING

SPLIT	VALUE	SPLIT	VALUE
4 Home Run Game	5/29/2025 vs. AKR	4 Home Run Game	5/2/2025 @ RIC
5 Home Run Game	4/29/2025 @ RIC	5 Home Run Game	8/5/2022 vs. BNG
6 Home Run Game	8/29/2021 vs. AKR	6 Home Run Game	5/27/2023 @ ERI
7+ Home Run Game	-	7+ Home Run Game	-
3 Home Runs, One Inning	8/16/2023 @ REA	3 Home Runs, One Inning	5/21/2024 @ NH
4+ Home Runs, One Inning	-	4+ Home Runs, One Inning	-

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

SPLIT	VALUE	SPLIT	VALUE
No-Hitter	-	No-Hitter	-
Complete Game	Ben Hess, 5.0, 9/4/2025 vs. NH	Complete Game	Braeden Fausnaught, 6.0, 8/29/2024 vs. REA
Complete Game, 1-Hitter	Hayden Wesneski, 7.0, 9/11/2021 vs. HFD (G2)	Complete Game, 1-Hitter	-
Complete Game, 2-Hitter	Blane Abeyta, 6.0, 7/25/2023 vs. BOW	Complete Game, 2-Hitter	Adam Kloffenstein, 5.0, 4/22/2023 vs. NH
Complete Game Shutout	Blane Abeyta, 6.0, 7/25/2023 vs. BOW	Complete Game Shutout	-
10+ Strikeout Game	Carlos Lagrange, 10, 9/5/2025 vs. NH	10+ Strikeout Game	Griff McGarry, 10, 9/12/2025 @ REA
15+ Strikeout Game	Matt Sauer, 17, 8/25/2022 vs. NH	15+ Strikeout Game	-
4+ Strikeouts In An Inning	Ben Shields, 4, 7/11/2025 vs. NH	4+ Strikeouts In An Inning	Jose Adames, 4, 6/24/2021 @ POR

PATRIOTS HIGHS & LOWS

TEAM BATTING

Most At-Bats, Game	-
Most Plate Appearances, Game	-
Most Runs, Game	-
Most Runs, Inning	-
Most Hits, Game	-
Most Hits, Inning	-
Fewest Hits, Game	-
Most Doubles, Game	-
Most Triples, Game	-
Most Extra-Base Hits, Game	-
Most Home Runs, Game	-
Most Home Runs, Inning	-
Most Total Bases, Game	-
Most RBI, Game	-
Most Stolen Bases, Game	-
Most Caught Stealing, Game	-
Most Walks, Game	-
Most Hit-By-Pitch, Game	-
Most Strikeouts, Game	-
Most Sac Hits, Game	-
Most Sac Flies, Game	-
Most GDP, Game	-
Most Left On Base, Game	-

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Most At-Bats	-
Most Plate Appearances	-
Most Runs	-
Most Hits	-
Most Doubles	-
Most Triples	-
Most Extra-Base Hits	-
Most Home Runs	-
Most Total Bases	-
Most RBI	-
Most Stolen Bases	-
Most Caught Stealing	-
Most Walks	-
Most Hit-By-Pitch	-
Most Strikeouts	-
Most Sac Hits	-
Most Sac Flies	-
Most GDP	-
Most Left On Base	-

TEAM PITCHING

Most Innings Pitched, Game	-
Most Runs Allowed, Game	-
Most Runs Allowed, Inning	-
Fewest Runs Allowed, Game	-
Most Hits Allowed, Game	-
Most Hits Allowed, Inning	-
Fewest Hits Allowed, Game	-
Most Earned Runs Allowed, Game	-
Most Doubles Allowed, Game	-
Most Triples Allowed, Game	-
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game	-
Most Stolen Bases Allowed, Game	-
Most Walks Allowed, Game	-
Fewest Walks Allowed, Game	-
Most Hit-By-Pitch, Game	-
Most Strikeouts, Game	-

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Most Innings Pitched	-
Most Runs Allowed	-
Most Hits Allowed	-
Fewest Hits Allowed, Complete Game	-
Most Earned Runs Allowed	-
Most Home Runs Allowed	-
Most Walks Allowed	-
Most Hit-By-Pitch	-
Most Strikeouts, Reliever	-
Most Strikeouts	-

TEAM MISC

Longest Game, Innings	-
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings)	-
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings)	-
Shortest Game, Time (9+ Innings)	-
Largest Home Crowd	-
Largest Road Crowd	-
Largest Winning Margin	-
Largest Losing Margin	-
Largest Comeback Win	-
Largest Lead Blown In Loss	-
Most Games Under .500	-
Most Games Over .500	-

TEAM FIELDING

Most Errors, Game	-
Most Double Plays Turned, Game	-

PATRIOTS STREAKS

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

TEAM BATTING

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

TEAM MISC

PATRIOTS RUNS BY INNING

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
Team	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opponents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PATRIOTS INSTANT REPLAY

TEAM	CHALLENGES	WON	LOST	RATE
Patriots	0	0	0	-
Opponents	0	0	0	-

PATRIOTS RECORD BY POSITION

PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
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PATRIOTS RECORD BY BATTING ORDER

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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PATRIOTS EJECTIONS (0)

DATE	PLAYER/COACH	UMPIRE
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PATRIOTS OUTFIELD ASSISTS (0)

PLAYER	TOTAL
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PATRIOTS WALK-OFF WINS (0)

PLAYER	DATE	PLAY RESULT
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PATRIOTS TRANSACTIONS

DATE	NOTE
4/2	Somerset Patriots placed RHP Chase Hampton on the 7-day injured list.
4/2	Somerset Patriots placed RHP Kevin Stevens on the 7-day injured list.
4/2	Somerset Patriots placed OF Jackson Castillo on the 7-day injured list.
4/2	Somerset Patriots placed RHP Yerry Rodríguez on the 7-day injured list.
4/2	Somerset Patriots placed C Tomas Frick on the 7-day injured list.
4/2	Somerset Patriots placed C Abrahan Gutierrez on the 7-day injured list.

PATRIOTS PLAYERS ON INJURED LIST (8)

POS	PLAYER	IL	INJURY	DATE ON IL (RETRO)	ELIGIBLE TO RETURN	GAMES MISSED	TEAM RECORD
RHP	Hueston Morrill	60-Day	-	3/17	5/16	0	0-0
RHP	Luis Velasquez	60-Day	-	3/17	5/16	0	0-0
C	Abrahan Gutierrez	7-Day	-	4/2	4/9	0	0-0
RHP	Chase Hampton	7-Day	-	4/2	4/9	0	0-0
OF	Jackson Castillo	7-Day	-	4/2	4/9	0	0-0
RHP	Kevin Stevens	7-Day	-	4/2	4/9	0	0-0
C	Tomas Frick	7-Day	-	4/2	4/9	0	0-0
RHP	Yerry Rodríguez	7-Day	-	4/2	4/9	0	0-0

PATRIOTS' RECORD WHEN...

Overall	0-0	After 6 leading	0-0	Out-hit opponent	0-0
First Half	0-0	..... trailing	0-0	Out-hit by opponent	0-0
Second Half	0-0	..... tied	0-0	Hits are tied	0-0
Northeast Division	0-0	After 7 leading	0-0		
Southwest Division	0-0	..... trailing	0-0	Tuesday	0-0
Home	0-0	..... tied	0-0	Wednesday	0-0
Road	0-0	After 8 leading	0-0	Thursday	0-0
Day	0-0	..... trailing	0-0	Friday	0-0
Night	0-0	..... tied	0-0	Saturday	0-0
1-run games	0-0			Sunday	0-0
2-run games	0-0	Hit 0 home runs	0-0	Monday	0-0
3-runs or less games	0-0	Hit 1+ home run	0-0		
4+ run games	0-0	Hit 2+ home runs	0-0	White Jerseys	0-0
Extra innings	0-0	Hit 3+ home runs	0-0	Blue Jerseys	0-0
Shutouts	0-0	Hit 4+ home runs	0-0	Grey Jerseys	0-0
Double Headers	0-0	Hit 5+ home runs	0-0	Zorros	0-0
Walk-Offs	0-0			Diners	0-0
		Opp. 0 home runs	0-0	Black Yankees	0-0
Scored in the first	0-0	Opp. 1+ home run	0-0	Semiquincentennials	0-0
Opp. scored in first	0-0	Opp. 2+ home runs	0-0		
Scores first	0-0				
Opp. scores first	0-0				

SHUTOUTS

(#) GAME SCORE H K PITCHERS (# of shutouts pitched)

CLUTCH PLAYS

Any offensive play in the 7th inning or later that ties or gives the Patriots a lead, **bold** denotes walk-off, *italic* denotes 7-inning game

GAME INN. PLAYER PLAY FINAL

# PLAYER	INJURY	DATES	NOTES
1 (51st in franchise) Clarke Schmidt	Right Rotator Cuff Tendonitis	4/6 4/10	Started @HFD in SOM 2nd game of the season: 3.1 IP, H, BB, 0 R, 7 K, SOM won its 1st game of the season Started vs. REA in SOM 6th game of the season: 4.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 4 K, SOM won its 2nd game of the season
2 (52) DJ LeMahieu	Left Calf Strain	4/22 4/24 4/26 4/27	Started at 2B, played 5 innings, went 3-for-3 with RBI-double that opened up scoring, solo home run and an infield single Started at 2B, played 5 innings, went 0-for-2 in 2-0 shutout win Started at 2B, played 6 innings, went 2-for-3 with 1 R and 1 RBI in 4-3 win in first Jersey Diners game of the season Started at 2B, played 6 innings, went 1-for-2 with a single in his first AB
3 (53) Clayton Beeter	Right Shoulder Impingement Syndrome	5/2 5/4 4/23	@RIC: started at 2B, played 7 innings, went 0-for-3 with BB, R and ROE in extra innings loss @RIC, started at 2B, played 7 innings, went 1-for-3 with R in 5-4 win in SOM final game @RIC Pitched to 5+ batters in the 7th inning, allowed 3 ER on 3 BB and 1B, was tagged with the loss in a 4-2 game Retired all five batters he faced between the 5th and 6th innings, including 2 strikeouts in first Jersey Diners game
4 (54) Scott Effross	Left Hamstring Strain	4/26 5/10 5/15 5/17	Relieved Sellers in 2nd SOM shutout win of season (5-0), went 1.1 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 2 K and left with 0-2 count on 7th batter Pitched in game one of double header vs. POR, went 1.0 scoreless inning with 1 BB on 11 pitches (7 strikes) Pitched 7th inning, allowed 2 ER on 4 H and 2 K, blew 5-3 lead but earned the win when SOM scored 3R in the bot. 7th
5 (55) JT Brubaker	Left Ribs Fracture	5/23 5/29	Started @NH: went 2.2 IP, allowed 2 R (1 ER) on 1 H and 3 BB, SOM went on to win third straight game 9-6 Started vs. AKR with Chisholm Jr. on rehab, faced the minimum over 4.0 IP with 1 H, 3 K on 48 pitches (30 strikes)
6 (56) Jazz Chisholm Jr.	Right Oblique Strain	5/29 5/31 6/1	Started at 3B, played 5 innings, went 2-for-3 with 2 R, 1 BB and 1 2B in a 12-0 win started by Brubaker on rehab Started at 3B, played 6 innings, went 1-for-3 with a 109 mph single and a stolen base on Sopranos Night Started at DH, went 0-for-3 in three at-bats while suiting up as the Jersey Diners in a 3-1 win
7 (57) Giancarlo Stanton	Right and Left Elbow Epicondylitis	6/10 6/11 6/12	Started at DH, went 2-for-3 in four plate appearances with 3 RBI including a 111.4 mph two-run single in a 8-1 win Started at DH in first game of DH, went 1-for-4 with a first inning RBI double (110.4 mph exit velocity) Started at DH on Margaritaville Night wearing themed jersey, went 0-for-4 with 2 K
8 (58) Marcus Stroman	Left Knee Inflammation	6/11 6/18 6/24	Started first game of DH with Stanton in the lineup, pitched 3.1 IP, allowed 1 ER on 1 H, 2 BB and 4 K on 46 pitches Started first game of DH @NH (his former minor league team in 2012-13), allowed 3 R (2 ER) on 2 H, 1 BB, 4 K on 55 pitches Started vs. ERI in SOM 1st game of second half: 3.2 IP, 10 H, 5 R, 2 BB, 1 K on 65 pitches, tabbed with the loss
9 (59) Luis Gil	Right Lat Strain	7/13 7/18 7/19	Started final game before All-Star break vs. NH, went 3.1 IP, 2 H, 1 ER (McAdoo HR), 1 BB and 6 K, relieved by Lagrange Started first game out of All-Star break @HFD, went 3.1 IP, 2 H, 2 ER (Condon HR), 2 BB and 7 K, left mid-AB in a 1-2 count
10 (60) Yerry De Los Santos	Right Elbow Discomfort	8/2	Pitched sixth inning @HFD, throwing 1.0 IP, allowing 3 H, 2 ER, 1 HR (Zach Kokoska) with 2K on 15 pitches (13 strikes)
11 (61) Mark Leiter Jr.	Left Fibular Head Stress Fracture	8/2	Pitched sixth inning vs. RIC, earned hold by pitching one inning, allowing 0 H, 1 BB with 0 K on 16 pitches (8 strikes)
12 (62) Fernando Cruz	Left Oblique Strain	8/19 8/22	Pitched fifth inning vs. HFD, gave up leadoff double then struck out 3, each with splitter, on 16 pitches (10 strikes) Record final out of 7th inn. and all of 8th inn. in relief of Rodriguez-Cruz, overall went 1.1 IP, allowed 1 ER on 1 H, 1 BB, 2 K

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