



POSTGAME NOTES
SOMERSET PATRIOTS (7-11) @ RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS (15-3)
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
SOMERSET	6	8	0	8	1
RICHMOND	7	11	0	6	3

STARTING TIME: 7:05 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 80 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Jack Choate (5-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Chris Kean (0-1)

SAVE: None

TIME OF GAME: 3:06

ATTENDANCE: 8,272

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Xavier Rivas (54/31)

Flying Squirrels: Trystan Vrieling (82/51)

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

SOMERSET

Jace Avina (#3 / 1st / 0 on / 2 out / 0-0 / Vrieling / SOM 1 – RIC 0)
 Jace Avina (#4 / 8th / 0 on / 0 out / 1-1 / Hecht / SOM 5 – RIC 5)
 Coby Morales (#4 / 8th / 0 on / 1 out / 2-2 / Vogel / SOM 6 – RIC 5)

FLYING SQUIRRELS

Scott Bandura (#2 / 5th / 1 on / 2 out / 2-1 / Arias / SOM 2 – RIC 2)
 Drew Cavanaugh (#2 / 9th / 1 on / 2 out / 0-2 / Kean / SOM 6 – RIC 7)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots fell via walk-off to the Richmond Flying Squirrels 7-6 at CarMax Park in Richmond, VA on Friday night.
 - With three home runs, Somerset has hit multiple home runs in four of its last five games, smashing a league-high 12 homers in that span. Somerset’s 28 home runs this season ranks second in the Eastern League.
 - Somerset notched two home runs in the eighth inning or later for the second time this series. It was Somerset’s fourth multi-HR inning this season and first since the ninth on 4/22/26 at Richmond.
 - With 13 strikeouts in the game, Somerset’s pitching staff has recorded eight-plus strikeouts in 13 straight games. Reaching that mark in 17 of 18 games this season, Somerset’s 10.6 K/9 ranks second in the Eastern League.
- **LHP Xavier Rivas (4.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 3 K)** tossed a Double-A career-high 4.0 innings in his second scoreless outing of the season.
 - Through four career Double-A appearances, Rivas has racked up 13 strikeouts in 11.0 IP.
- **RHP Hayden Merda (2.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 5 K)** tossed a season-high tying five strikeouts, including punching out Giants No. 7 Prospect Bo Davidson looking to end the eighth inning.
 - With his fifth straight scoreless outing, Merda retired five of the seven batters he faced via strikeout.
 - Through a team-high seven appearances this season, Merda has a 0.93 WHIP and 0.200 BAA with 17 strikeouts to two walks in 9.2 IP. He’s striking out 45.9% of batters he’s seen this season.
 - Merda’s seven appearances this season are tied for fifth in the Eastern League.
- **CF Jace Avina (2-for-4, 2 HR, 2 RBI, BB, 2 R)** tallied his first multi-hit game of the season with his sixth career multi-HR game.
 - Avina’s two homer game was his first since 7/9/25 vs. Asheville in High-A.
 - It was the first multi-HR game by a Patriot batter since Kenedy Corona on 4/22/26 at Richmond and Somerset’s Eastern League leading fourth multi-HR game by a single batter of the season.
 - With hits in seven of his last eight games, Avina is slashing .286/.417/.750 with four HR and eight RBI in that span. During the stretch, he’s raised his batting average by 89 points.
- **1B Coby Morales (1-for-3, HR, RBI, 2 BB, 2 SB, 3 R)** rocked his fourth HR of the season with a go-ahead solo shot in the eighth inning.
 - Morales’ 17 RBI rank second among Yankees farmhands, are tied for third in the Eastern League and are the most ever by a Patriot through Somerset’s first 18 games.
 - Morales has reached base safely in every start this season and 16 of 17 appearances overall.
 - Across his last seven games, Morales is slashing .375/.444/.750 with five XBH and six RBI.
 - Morales scored a career-high tying three runs for the seventh time in his career and notched his first multi-SB game of the season.



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- **DH Jackson Castillo (3-for-3, 2B, 3 RBI, BB)** tallied a game-high three RBI, securing his first three-hit game of the season with a two-RBI single in the sixth inning.
 - The three-hit game marked Castillo's first since 9/7/25 vs. New Hampshire.
 - Through two games this season, Castillo is 4-for-7 with a double, four RBI and a walk.
 - Dating back to last season, Castillo has a hit and RBI in four straight games with Somerset.
 - With a double in the fourth inning, Castillo extended Somerset's double streak to 18 straight games to start the season. The Patriots 41 doubles this season rank third-most in the Eastern League and are the most ever by a Somerset team through the first 18 games of the season.