



**POSTGAME NOTES**  
**READING FIGHTIN PHILS (5-8) @ SOMERSET PATRIOTS (6-6)**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**



	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>LOB</b>	<b>SERIES</b>
<b>READING</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SOMERSET</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

**STARTING TIME:** 6:42 p.m.

**GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE:** 76 degrees

**WINNING PITCHER:** Kelly Austin (1-1)

**LOSING PITCHER:** Alex McFarlane (1-1)

**SAVE:**

**TIME OF GAME:** 2:45

**ATTENDANCE:** 7,115

**PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):**

**Patriots:** Gerrit Cole (44/36)

**Fightin Phils:** Chuck King (89/56)

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

**READING**

Bryson Ware (#4 / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 1 on / 2 out / 0-0 / Cole / REA 3 – SOM 5)  
 Kehden Hettiger (#1 / 6<sup>th</sup> / 1 on / 1 out / X-X / Landry / REA 5 – SOM 7)  
 Aroon Escobar (#1 / 7<sup>th</sup> / 1 on / 2 out / X-X / Landry / REA 7 – SOM 7)

**SOMERSET**

**SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES**

- The Somerset Patriots beat the Reading Fightin Phils 9-8 at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ on Friday night in 10 innings.
  - Somerset picked up its first walk-off win since 9/6/25 vs. NH (Jake Gatewood) last year, moving to 1-1 in extra inning games this season.
  - The Patriots pounced with a five-run first inning. It marked the sixth time this season the Patriots have scored five or more runs in an inning.
  - Somerset has won four of its last five games. In that span, the Patriots are averaging 8.4 runs per game and 10.2 hits per contest.
  - The Patriots won back-to-back one run games for the first time this season. Somerset is 2-3 in one run games this season.
- **RHP Gerrit Cole (4.1 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 1 BB, 3 K)** made his first rehab start with Somerset after missing the entirety of the 2025 season with the Yankees due to Tommy John surgery.
  - Cole retired seven of the last eight batters he faced, pitching back-to-back four pitch frames in the third and fourth innings.
  - Across three rehab starts with Somerset dating back to 2024, Cole has fanned 12 batters, allowing just four earned runs in 12.1 IP.
- **3B George Lombard Jr. (1-for-4, 2 R, BB, SB)** made his third start of the season at third base, notching his fifth multi-run game of the season.
  - Lombard Jr. has hits in six of his last seven games.
  - Among Eastern League players, Lombard Jr. ranks third in hits (18), fourth in AVG (.400), tied-for-fifth in runs (13), tied-for-seventh in SLG (.667) and is ninth in OPS (1.138).
  - He ranks second among all Yankees farmhands in AVG, SLG and hits, while ranking third in OBP and OPS. He's also tied-for-first in runs (13).
- **SS Anthony Volpe (1-for-2, BB, 2 R, SB)** played five innings at shortstop in his third major league rehab game for Somerset.
  - Volpe notched his second hit of his rehab stint in the fourth inning, stealing second base and coming around to score.
  - Volpe has hits in back-to-back rehab outings after a single in the fifth inning on Thursday.



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- **2B Marco Luciano (2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2B, R)** tallied his second consecutive multi-hit game for the first time this season.
  - Luciano leads the Yankees minor league system in SLG (.784) and OPS (1.238) and is tied-for-first in XBH (9). Among Yankees farmhands, Luciano is tied-for-third in AVG (.378) and is fourth in OBP (.455). His three home runs are also tied-for-fourth among Yankees minor leaguers.
  - In the Eastern League, Luciano ranks second among all hitters in SLG and is third in OPS.
  - In his last five games, Luciano is slashing .400/.409/1.000 with three home runs, five RBI and six XBH.
- **1B Coby Morales (2-for-5, RBI, 2B, 2 R)** smacked a game-tying RBI double in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning for his team-leading 12<sup>th</sup> RBI.
  - Morales' 12 RBIs this season ranks third in the Yankees minor league system and is tied-for-fourth in the Eastern League.
  - Morales' multi-hit night marked his fourth this season and second in the last three games.
- **LF DJ Gladney (1-for-4, 3 RBI, 2 K)** pelted a sac fly to right field in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning to secure Somerset's first extra inning win of the season.
  - Gladney extended his hit streak to a season-high five games with a two RBI single in the first inning.
  - Gladney has hits in eight of his last nine appearances and is slashing .412/.447/.559 with 10 RBI, four XBH, a team-high 14 hits and 10 runs in that span.