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# A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

On Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, OF Estevan Florial became the first MLB call up for the Patriots as the Yankees Double-A affiliate.

Photo: Sarah Stier/ Getty Images

# **A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT**

When the New York Yankees announced they recalled outfielder **Estevan Florial** to their Major League roster on May 27<sup>th</sup>, he became the first Patriots player to get called up to the Major League level as a part of the team's new affiliation.

"I'm very happy to see Florial get called up to the big leagues," said Patriots manager **Julio Mosquera**. "He has been working to get better each and every day. It's good to see him get the opportunity. He's got an amazing talent."

Florial looked the part, starting in center field in game 2 of that evening's double header. He showed off many reasons he is so highly regarded by the organization, including a hard-hit double in his last at bat.

The Yankees No. 10 prospect (*Baseball America*) started the 2021 season in Somerset. He hit .229 with four home runs and six RBI through 10 games.

Three of his four home runs led off the ballgame in the bottom of the first inning, including his solo shot in the first inning on May 4th against Harrisburg.





It marked the first hit and first home run for the Patriots as a Double-A affiliate of the Yankees.

Florial made his major league debut during the Yankees shortened 2020 season. He played in game one of a doubleheader against the Mets that season.

The Dominican Republic native hit .176 with two home runs and three RBI across eight games in Scranton prior to his call up.

"He's going to go out there and compete," Mosquera added. "He's going to give you the best he can, and something that 'Flo' has is that he's got a lot of power."

Florial's power from the left side will be welcomed in the right-handed heavy Yankees lineup. Yankees manager **Aaron Boone** has expressed his excitement about the outfielder calling him a "five-tool prospect" who can be a force on both sides of the ball.

In addition, Florial becomes the 22nd player in Patriots history to go to MLB after time in Somerset. 21 big leaguers had their contracts purchased while the team was a member of the Atlantic League.



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#### **Upcoming Promotions**

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Sat 6/5	FIREWORKS presented by RWJBarnabas Health
Sun 6/6	Baseball Card Strips (1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000) presented by RWJBarnabas Health/ Kelsey Grammer Appearance
Tue 6/15	RWJBarnabas Health Baseball Bingo
Thu 6/17	Heineken Premium Light Win \$10,000
Fri 6/18	FIREWORKS presented by Toyota World of Clinton
Sat 6/19	T-Shirts (1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000) presented by Bill Leary AC & Heating
Sun 6/20	Father's Day BBQ Aprons (1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000 Men) presented by Somerset Health Care Foundation
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# LAST SERIES RECAP



The Patriots were able to take this week's series from the New Hampshire Fisher Cats 3-2 with the help of solid pitching and offensive force. Somerset now leads the Northeast Division with a 16-7 record.

Matt Pita led the offense as he managed a .307 average with five RBI and two doubles. Additionally, the Patriots knocked a handful of long balls to power through past the Cats. Over the five games, Michael Beltre (3) and Isiah Gilliam (1) both hit solo home runs, Oswaldo Cabrera (3) had a two-run shot and Dermis Garcia blasted his team-leading seventh trip around the bases.

Every Patriot who stepped up to the plate pushed a run across to contribute to the 25 total runs that the team scored. The headline of the series was the appearance of two-time All-Star reliever **Zack Britton**. On his rehabilitation assignment back from elbow surgery, the lefty tossed one inning on 18 pitches.



Janson Junk started the series with four scoreless innings and seven strikeouts. He was relieved by JP Sears, who collected his season-high eight strikeouts over 4.2 innings of work. Luis Gil continued his dominance as he allowed one run on two hits with eight strikeouts. Gil is currently handling a 1.69 ERA with 36 strikeouts over five appearances. Michael Gomez collected his third win of the

**Gomez** collected his third win of the season after **Matt Krook** threw five strikeouts over three innings.



OF Michael Beltre hit .313 with three runs scored, two runs scored, two home runs, and two RBI in the series against the River Cats from 5/25 – 5/30





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# WORKING HIS WAY BACK

Zack Britton is rehabbing in Somerset this week.

# **WORKING HIS WAY BACK**



**Zack Britton** began his journey back to the Bronx on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in Somerset. The two-time All-Star lefthanded reliever had arthroscopic surgery to repair a bone chip in his left elbow during Spring Training.

Britton became the first Major Leaguer in franchise history to join the Patriots on a rehab assignment.

He faced four batters in a scoreless first inning against the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. Britton allowed an infield single and got three groundouts with a total of 18 pitches thrown (10 for strikes).

During a postgame Zoom interview with media, Britton said he was encouraged with how he felt despite the cold and rainy conditions.

On 7/24/18, the Baltimore Orioles traded LHP Zack Britton to the New York Yankees for RHP Cody Carroll, RHP Dillon Tate and LHP Josh Rogers. "Overall, it was pretty good. Obviously not sharp where I want to be, but very similar to where I'd be in a first outing in spring training," said Britton. "My arm feels good, and I was excited to get out there. Today was really just getting used to everything, so I look forward to polishing my pitches up as I move forward."

Britton broke into the big leagues as a starting pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles in 2011 and continued in his starting role through 2013. He then transitioned into the bullpen, and posted a 1.65 ERA over 71 appearances with 37 saves in 2014.

The southpaw was selected as an American League All-Star in both 2015 and 2016. In that 2016 season, Britton went 2-1 with a 0.54 ERA (4 ER over 67.0 IP) and led the American League in saves (47) and games finished (63). He finished fourth in the AL Cy Young Award voting with five first-place votes and 11th in the league's MVP voting.



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# **WORKING HIS WAY BACK**



Britton was traded to the Yankees prior to the 2018 trade deadline and has a combined 5-3 record with a 2.14 ERA, 90 strikeouts and 14 saves in three seasons in the Bronx. That included eight saves as the team's primary closer in the COVIDshortened 2020 season.

"I was excited to get out there, with fans," said Britton, who was put on the 60-day injured list on March 31. "I haven't pitched in front of fans all year, so just getting used to everything, being on the mound, facing a different jersey, things like that. I look forward to polishing up all of my pitches as I move forward in rehab."

Britton spoke about his focus during the rehab being arm speed, velocity, the command of his sinker, and getting back into MLB game shape.

"I feel like there is room in there for me to throw harder and getting my body in the right place to do that," he added. "I think when I was younger I was trying to throw as hard as I can at all times; now I understand that getting a feel for your delivery is more important than throwing hard at this stage for me."



#### HISTORY!

@zbritton today became the first player to make a major league rehab appearance for the Patriots!







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## **A FIGHTIN PREVIEW**



Matt Vierling

Photo: Reading Fightin Phils

The Reading Fightin' Phils (4-19) will come to TD Bank Ballpark to play the redhot Somerset Patriots (16-7).

The Patriots are going to look to continue their offensive dominance they've shown throughout the season. Between the long ball and being able to string together hits, the pinstripes' offense should handle the Phils' pitching well. **Michael Beltre** and **Dermis Garcia** are continuing to rake in runs and lead the offense to

to rake in runs and lead the offense to wins.

The Phils offense doesn't have the same consistency that the Patriots have shown. Centerfielder **Matt Vierling** leads most of the offensive stats for the team. Given that the Patriots continue to play the way they have these past few weeks, he should not come as a huge challenge for the club.

Patriots' pitchers have continued to show dominance in their starts. In their recent series against the Fisher Cats, they have giving up only three runs over the course of the series. Janson Junk will be coming off of one of his best starts where he went four innings with no runs and seven strikeouts. Luis Gil has also fallen into a grove as he threw six innings and allowed one run on two hits with another eight strikeout night.

In contrast, Phils starters gave up 18 runs in their last series. **Zach Warren** has held a 2.92 ERA through his 12 innings of relief this year. **Ethan Lindow**, a left-handed reliever has tallied 20 strikeouts over 15.2 innings of work.

However, the Patriots offense should be able to handle the staff well enough. The team's collective ERA is a 6.76 with opponents swinging a .275 against them. Pair this against the red-hot Patriot bats, and this series should fall in favor of the pinstripes.



## 2021 SOMERSET PATRIOTS ROSTER

New York Yankees Double-A Affiliate (As of 6/1/21)



Manager: Julio Mosquera (#25) Coaches: Daniel Moskos (#17, Pitching), Joe Migliaccio (#31, Hitting), Jose Javier (#4, Defense), Jimmy Downam (Athletic Trainer)

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#	PITCHERS (17)	B/T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	ACQUIRED
26	Reid Anderson	R/R	6-0	200	9/6/95	Aledo, TX	Drafted 40th Rd. (2018)
53	Zack Britton #	L/L	6-1	200	12/22/87	Panorama City, CA	Trade with BAL (2018)
	Matthew Bowman *	R/R	6-0	185	5/31/91	Chevy Chase, MD	Free Agent (2020)
16	Keegan Curtis	R/R	6-0	175	9/30/95	Mobile, Ala	Drafted 22nd Rd. (2018)
6	Carlos Espinal	R/R	5-11	175	10/21/96	Santiago, DR	Int'l Free Agent (2015)
32	Kevin Gadea	R/R	6-5	240	12/6/94	Esteli, Nicaragua	Free Agent (2020)
18	Luis Gil ***	R/R	6-2	185	6/3/98	Azua, DR	Trade with MIN (2018)
27	Michael Gomez	R/R	6-3	210	8/15/96	Upland, CA	Free Agent (2021)
9	Janson Junk	R/R	6-1	177	1/15/96	Federal Way, WA	Drafted 22nd Rd. (2017)
22	Matt Krook	L/L	6-4	225	10/21/94	Hillsborough, CA	Triple-A Rule 5 Draft (2020)
8	Ron Marinaccio	R/R	6-2	205	7/1/95	Toms River, NJ	Drafted 19th Rd. (2017)
19	Glenn Otto	R/R	6-3	240	3/11/96	Spring, TX	Drafted 5th Rd. (2017)
35	Stephen Ridings	R/R	6-8	220	8/14/95	Huntington, NY	Free Agent (2021)
14	JP Sears	R/L	5-11	180	2/19/96	Sumter, SC	Trade with SEA (2017)
12	Shawn Semple	R/R	6-1	220	10/9/95	Vorhees, NJ	Drafted 11th Rd. (2017)
11	Jefry Valdez	R/R	6-1	165	8/20/95	Hato Mayor del Rey, DR	Trade with the COL (2018)
33	Greg Weissert	R/R	6-2	215	2/4/95	Bay Shore, NY	Drafted 18th Rd. (2016)
#	CATCHERS (3)	B/T		WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	ACQUIRED
30	Chase Illig	R/R	6-0	210	9/14/96	Frederick, MD	Drafted 29th Rd. (2019)
15	Jason Lopez *	R/R	5-10	160	3/16/98	Valencia, VZ	Int'l Free Agent (2014)
13	Donny Sands	R/R	6-2	190	5/16/96	Tucson, AZ	Drafted 8th Rd. (2015)
#	INFIELDERS (5)	B/T		WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	ACQUIRED
36	Max Burt	R/R	6-2	185	8/28/96	North Andover, MA	Drafted 28th Rd. (2018)
3	Oswaldo Cabrera %	S/R	5-10	145	3/1/99	Guarenas, VZ	Int'l Free Agent (2015)
2	Diego Castillo	R/R	6-0	170	10/28/97	Barquisimeto, VZ	Int'l Free Agent (2014)
7	Oliver Dunn	L/R	5-10	185	9/02/97	Salt Lake City, UT	Drafted 11th Rd. (2019)
20	Dermis Garcia	R/R	6-3	200	1/7/98	Santo Domingo, DR	Int'l Free Agent (2014)
#	OUTFIELDERS (4)	B/T		WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	ACQUIRED
34	Michael Beltre	S/R	6-3	220	7/3/95	Santo Domingo, DR	Free Agent (2020)
24	Isiah Gilliam	S/R	6-3	220	7/23/96	Lilburn, GA	Drafted 20th Rd. (2015)
10	Aaron Palensky	R/R	5-11	190	9/22/98	Omaha, NE	Free Agent (2020)
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5	Matt Pita	R/R	5-10	175	4/21/97	Lithia, FL	Drafted 12th Rd. (2018)



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25	Appel, Mark	R/R	6-5/220 5-10/175	Houston, TX	25 25		1st Round, 2013 (Houston)	Ah-pell
5 41	Carr, Tyler Casar, Jack (III)	R/R	5-11/191	Avon Park, FL	25 25	5-01-96 1-26-96	31st Round, 2018	lee l
41 17	Cesar, Joel <b>(IL)</b> Cestman, Celtan	R/R		Altamira, DR			Trade (PIT), 2020	Joe-L
	Eastman, Colton	R/R	6-3/185	Fresno, CA	24	8-22-96	4th Round, 2018	Cla waaa kaw
40	Glogoski, Kyle	R/R	6-2/183	Auckland, NZ	22	1-6-99	Intl Free Agent, 2018	Glo-goss-key
18	Hennigan, Jonathan	L/L	6-4/193	Nacogdoches, TX	26	8-27-94	21st Round, 2016	
45	Hernandez, Jakob	L/L	6-4/260	Parker, CO	25	5-19-96	21st Round, 2017	1
23	Lehman, Taylor	L/L	6-8/240	Pittsburgh, PA	25	12-30-95	Free Agent, 2018	Lay-men
44	Lindow, Ethan	R/L	6-3/180	Locust Grove, GA	22	10-15-98	5th Round, 2017	Lin-dao
31	Marconi, Brian	R/L	6-3/175	Philadelphia, PA	24	05-09-97	UDFA, 2019	
30	McArthur, James	R/R	6-7/230	New Braunfels, TX	24	12-11-96	12th Round, 2018	
55	Morales, Francisco*	R/R		San Juan de los Morros, VZ	21	10-27-99	Intl Free Agent, 2016	
6	Ross, Austin	R/R	6-1/185	Beaver, PA	26	8-16-94	35th Round, 2018	
28	Sullivan, Billy	R/R	6-2/195	New Castle, DE	22	4-16-99	UDFA, 2020	
33	Warren, Zach	L/L	6-5/205	Vineland, NJ	24	6-9-96	14th Round, 2017	
36	Zarbnisky, Braden	L/R	6-2/191	Marietta, GA	24	12-26-96	UDFA, 2020	
#	CATCHERS (2)	B/T	HT/WT	RESIDES	AGE	DOB	ACQUIRED	PRONUNCIATION
19	Durán, Rodolfo <b>(IL)</b>	R/R	6-1/190	Raleigh, NC	22	1-16-97	27th Round, 2018	
8	Fitch, Colby	L/R	5-11/215	Sacramento, CA	25	7-27-95	13th Round, 2017	
3	Matera, Nick	R/R	6-2/215	Raxbury, NJ	24	8-29-96	34th Round, 2018	Ma-tare-a
#	<b>INFIELDERS</b> (7)	B/T	HT/WT	RESIDES	AGE	DOB	ACQUIRED	PRONUNCIATION
12	Brito, Daniel	L/R	6-1/170	Ciudad Guayana, VZ	23	1-23-98	Intl Free Agent, 2014	bree-toe
7	Gamboa, Arquímedes	S/R	6-0/190	Güiria, VZ	23	9-23-97	Intl Free Agent, 2014	Ar-KEE-me-dees
4	Guthrie, Dalton	R/R	5-11/160	Sarasota, FL	25	12-23-95	6th Round, 2017	
6	Kroon, Matt <b>(IL)</b>	R/R	6-1/195	Scottsdale, AZ	24	12-5-96	18th Round, 2018	
2	Miller, Luke	R/R	6-2/192	Muncie, IN	24	7-17-96	22nd Round, 2018	
5	Stokes, Madison	R/R	6-2/200	Columbia, SC	25	4-25-96	10th Round, 2018	
	Stott, Bryson	L/R	6-3/200	Las Vegas, NV	23	10-06-97	1st Round, 2019	
3	Tatum, McCarthy	R/R	6-6/210	Clovis, CA	25	5-15-96	10th Round, 2019	
#	OUTFIELDERS (3)	B/T	HT/WT	RESIDES	AGE	DOB	ACQUIRED	PRONUNCIATION
29	Bonifacio, Jorge	R/R	6-1/220	Santo Domingo, DR	27	06-04-93	Free Agent, 2021	
0	Stephen, Josh	L/L	6-0/185	Santa Ana, CA	23	9-22-97	11th Round, 2016	Steven
38	Vierling, Matt	R/R	6-3/205	St. Louis, MD	24	9-16-96	5th Round, 2018	VEER-ling
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- 5/9-Potter from High-A JS
- 5-12 -Mezquita to High-A JS
- 5-12 +Glogoski from Triple-A LHV
- 5-13 +Hearn from High-A JS
- 5-13 Kroon to IL (right shoulder contusion)
- 5-14 -Duran to IL (left hamstring strain)
- 5-15 +Zarbnisky from High-A JS
- 5-16 + Marconi from High-A JS

- 5-16 -Brown to High-A JS
- 5-18 +Gozzo from Triple-A LHV
- 5-18 Potter to High-A JS
- 5-20 Gozzo to Triple-A
- 5-20 + Williams from Ext ST
- 5-21 Garcia removed
- 5-21 + Sullivan from High-A JS
- 5-22 Williams to Ext ST
- 5-22 + Lackney from Low-A CLW
- 5-25 -Lackney to High-A JS
- 5-25 +Bonifacio Added
- 5-26 Cesar to IL (right elbow strain)
- 6-1 Hearn to Jersey Shore
- 6-1 + Stott from Jersey Shore

# **LEADING PATRIOTS**

### **BATTING:**



Batting Average Michael Beltre OF	.303 AVG
Runs Michael Beltre OF	20 <sub>R</sub>
Home Runs Dermis Garcia IF	<b>7</b> HR
Runs Batted In Dermis Garcia IF	17 RBI
Stolen Bases Isiah Gilliam	6

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#### **LEAGUE BATTING:**

#### <u>HR</u>

1. Johan Mieses (POR) 11

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- T-2. Patrick Dorrian (BOW) 7
- T-2. Dermis Garcia (SOM) 7
- 3. Oscar Gonzalez (AKR) 6

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#### T-1. Michael Beltre (SOM) 20

T-1. Aldey Rutschman (BOW) 20

- T-2. Patrick Dorrian (BOW) 19
- T-2. Josh Lester (ERI) 19

#### <u>3Bs</u>

1. Michael Beltre (SOM) 3

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## PITCHING:

Wins Michael Gomez P	3 w
Saves Greg Weissert P	<b>3</b> sv
Earned Run Average Luis Gil P	1.69 ERA
Strikeouts Luis Gil P	<b>36</b> so
WHIP Matt Krook P	0.93 WHIP

#### **LEAGUE PITCHING:**

#### <u>ERA</u>

- 1. Matt Frisbee (RIC) 1.24
- 2. Josh Winckowski (POR) 1.33
- 3. Elvin Rodriguez (ERI) 1.40
- 4. Kyle Johnston (NH) 1.47
- 5. Luis Gil (SOM) 1.69
- 6. Matt Krook (SOM) 1.86

#### <u>so</u>

Tylor Megill (BNG) 42
DL Hall (BOW) 39
Zach Logue (NH) 39
Luis Gil (SOM) 36
Glenn Otto (SOM) 35



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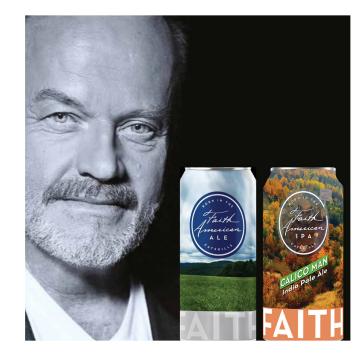


Lou Gehrig Day will take place at TD Bank Ballpark on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lou Gehrig Day will now be recognized throughout Major League Baseball on the date. The Hall of Fame first baseman joins fellow baseball legends Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente as the only players to have their legacies celebrated annually with league-wide days.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> was specifically chosen as it marks the date Gehrig became the Yankees starting first baseman and began his legendary streak of consecutive games played, as well as the day he passed from complications of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

As part of the event, the Patriots will be hosting an online DASH Auction of vintage themed jerseys to look like the ones worn by Gehrig during his playing days. The proceeds will benefit the ALS Association Greater New York Chapter. The auction will begin at 12:00 pm on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and run through Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm.



The Patriots, will host an appearance by actor Kelsey Grammer at the Sunday, June 6th game at TD Bank Ballpark.

The *Cheers* and *Frasier* star will be at the game to promote two beers from his Faith American Brewing Company that are poured at the ballpark. Grammer founded the brewery in 2015.

The Patriots will be serving Faith American Ale and Faith American Calico Man IPA throughout the remainder of the 2021 season.

In addition to throwing out the ceremonial first pitch of the game, Grammer will be stationed behind the first base concession stand to greet fans from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm.

For more information about Faith American Brewing Company, please visit <u>www.faithamericanbrewingcompany.com</u>.

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