



2023 RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS GAME INFORMATION

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ERIE SEAWOLVES (5-5) VS. RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS (6-4)
RHP DYLAN SMITH (0-0, 16.88) VS. RHP CARSON SEYMOUR (0-1, 4.50)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 | GAME #11 | HOME GAME #5
6:35 P.M. | THE DIAMOND | RICHMOND, VA
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UPCOMING GAMES & PROBABLE PITCHERS

Thurs., April 20	vs. Erie	6:35 p.m.	LHP Brant Hurter (0-0, 0.00) vs. LHP Nick Zwack (0-0, 2.16)
Fri., April 21	vs. Erie	6:35 p.m.	RHP Ty Madden (0-0, 1.80) vs. RHP Mason Black (0-0, 4.50)
Sat., April 22	vs. Erie	6:05 p.m.	RHP Sawyer Gipson-Long (2-1, 4.09) vs. RHP Kai-Wei Teng (0-1, 4.70)
Sun., April 23	vs. Erie	1:35 p.m.	RHP Wilmer Flores (0-2, 14.04) vs. RHP Ryan Murphy (1-0, 6.30)

YESTERDAY: The Flying Squirrels beat the SeaWolves, 15-6, to open the series. **Patrick Bailey** tied a franchise record with five hits, going 5-for-5 with a walk and a homer. Bailey gave the Flying Squirrels a 2-1 lead in the first with a two-run homer, his first at Double-A. After the SeaWolves took a 3-2 lead in the third, Bailey drove an RBI single to tie the game in the bottom of the third. **Tyler Fitzgerald**, **Carter Aldrete** and **Riley Mahan** added RBI hits to open a 7-3 lead in the third. In the fourth, **Brett Auerbach** hit a two-run single and Aldrete singled in a run to extend the lead to 10-3. Auerbach hit another RBI single in the fifth for an 11-3 lead. Wenceel Perez hit a two-run homer in the sixth, his second of the game, to close the score to 11-5. **Ismael Munguia** and **Luis Matos** brought in runs in the sixth to open a 14-5 lead. After a solo homer by Erie's Jake Holton in the seventh, **Simon Whiteman** hit a solo homer in the eighth to cap the scoring. **Evan Gates** and **Michael Stryffeler** combined for 2.1 scoreless innings to close out the game. The 15 runs by the Richmond offense was the third-most in a game for an Eastern League team this year.

TODAY'S GAME: The Richmond Flying Squirrels play the second of a six-game series against the Erie SeaWolves, Double-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. Today marks the second of 24 games between the Flying Squirrels and the SeaWolves this season, tied for the most Richmond will play against any opponent. Richmond travels to Erie for a six-game series from May 9-14 and again from September 12-17. The SeaWolves return to The Diamond for a six-game series from May 30-June 4. This series marks a rematch of last year's Southwest Division Series, which Erie swept in two games.

THE FLYING SQUIRRELS have won two-of-the-last-three games and are tied for first in the division with Akron. After starting the season 4-0 for the first time in team history, Richmond dropped four-of-the-next-five games to finish last week's series in Harrisburg. The Flying Squirrels lead the Eastern League in on-base percentage (.363), rank second in walks (54) and third in runs scored (55). The Richmond offense is also tied for the fewest strikeouts in the league (80). The Richmond pitching staff is tied for first in the league with 115 strikeouts, even with Erie.

THE SEAWOLVES split last week's six-game series in Erie against Altoona. They won the final two games of the week. Two of their three wins against the Curve were walk-offs, including a three-run homer in the 10th inning last Thursday by Colt Keith and a 10th-inning single by Mario Feliciano on Saturday. Erie's pitching staff is tied for the league lead with 115 strikeouts, even with Richmond. Erie's roster includes eight of Baseball America's top-30 Tigers prospects, including Wilmer Flores (No. 3), Ty Madden (No. 4), Colt Keith (No. 5), Dylan Smith (No. 17), Wenceel Perez (No. 19), Josh Crouch (No. 22), Brant Hurter (No. 26) and Gage Workman (No. 27). Flores (No. 3), Keith (No. 4), Madden (No. 5), Perez (No. 8), Smith (No. 15), Hurter (No. 21), Crouch (No. 24), Austin Bergner (No. 27) and Workman (No. 29).

FOR RICHMOND: Right-hander **Carson Seymour** takes the mound for his third Double-A start. Last time out, Seymour worked four innings and allowed three runs in a loss at Harrisburg on Thursday. A native of Poway, Calif., Seymour was selected by the New York Mets in the sixth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Kansas State University. After making four appearances in 2021, he began the 2022 season with Low-A St. Lucie, where he went 4-0 with a 1.19 ERA in seven outings (four starts). He was promoted to High-A Brooklyn on May 23 for 11 outings before being traded to the Giants on August 2 as part of the deal that sent Darin Ruf to the Mets. Seymour closed the year with High-A Eugene, going 2-3 with a 3.99 ERA in six starts. Seymour is rated by Baseball America as the No. 12 Giants prospect and No. 17 by MLB.com. **For more on Seymour, see page two.**

FOR ERIE: Right-hander Dylan Smith makes his second start and third overall appearance of the year for the SeaWolves. He last pitched on Thursday against Altoona and allowed three runs over 2.1 innings of work. He made his Double-A debut on April 7 at Akron out of the bullpen and recorded one out, allowing two runs. He played his collegiate career at the University of Alabama, where he was teammates with **Brett Auerbach**. Smith was selected in the third round (74th overall) of the 2021 MLB Draft by the Tigers. He made his professional debut last year with Low-A Lakeland and High-A West Michigan, going 8-6 with a 3.77 ERA between the two stops.

CLOSE CALLS: The Flying Squirrels have played six one-run games this season, tied with Harrisburg for the most in the Eastern League. In those games, the team is 3-3. Richmond won back-to-back one-run games in a doubleheader on April 8 against Reading to open the season. After back-to-back four-run wins, the Flying Squirrels lost each of their next three games by one run. After leading, 5-1, on Wednesday, Richmond fell at Harrisburg, 7-6, on a walk-off passed ball. They lost, 4-3, to the Senators on Thursday, leaving the bases loaded in the ninth inning. On Friday, the Flying Squirrels opened an early 5-0 lead before losing, 6-5, on a walk-off single in the 10th inning. They held off the Senators for a 4-3 win on Saturday night.

ALRIGHT, ALDRETE: After hitting .111 (1-for-9) in his first three games of the year, **Carter Aldrete** is batting .455 (10-for-22) with two homers, a double, four walks and six RBIs over his last six games since April 11. He currently ranks sixth in the Eastern League in batting average (.355), eighth in OPS (1.025), ninth in OBP (.444) and ninth in SLG (.581). He hit his first two homers of the year last week in Harrisburg. After homering 13 times in his first two professional seasons, Aldrete clubbed 21 homers in 2022, including 15 with High-A Eugene and six with the Flying Squirrels.

MATOS MANIA: Through his first nine Double-A games, **Luis Matos** has struck out just twice in 43 plate appearances, both coming in the game against Reading on April 9. His 4.7-percent strikeout rate is the lowest in the Eastern League. He reached base three times in Tuesday's win with a double and two walks.

PATTY BARRELS: **Patrick Bailey** has reached base in each of his first eight Double-A games. He has picked up at least one hit in seven-of-eight games. On Tuesday, Bailey hit his first Double-A homer and tied a team record with five hits, going 5-for-5 with a walk and three RBIs. It was the 10th five-hit game by a Flying Squirrels batter in team history. Bailey is ranked first in the Eastern League in batting average (.412), fifth in OBP (.459), ninth in OPS (1.018) and second in hits (14).

TAKE A WALK: **Andy Thomas** is tied for third in Eastern League with 10 walks and he leads the league with a 31.3-percent walk rate. Last season, Thomas led the Northwest League in on-base percentage (.373) and ranked third in walks (58). He has worked at least one walk in seven-of-his-eight games played so far this season.

SIMON SAYS: In his last six games, **Simon Whiteman** has reached base 13 times, posting a league-best .565 on-base percentage. He has picked up six hits and seven walks since last Tuesday. He reached base four times last Wednesday, including his first home run of the year and three walks. He homered again in the opener of the series on Tuesday.

FITZ ON FIRE: 2022 Flying Squirrels MVP **Tyler Fitzgerald** has hit safely in eight-of-his-first-nine games of the season. He went 0-for-5 on Friday, his only hitless game of the year so far. On Saturday night, he went 2-for-3 with a double, a triple, a walk and an RBI. He is currently tied for first in the Eastern League with two triples. Fitzgerald is fourth in the league with a .476 BABIP.

OLD FRIENDS: Erie's roster includes former Flying Squirrels outfielder Diego Rincones, who signed with the Tigers as a free agent in December. Rincones played 142 games with Richmond over the 2021 and 2022 seasons, batting .269 (140-for-520) with 20 homers and 80 RBIs. Three total former Flying Squirrels are playing with other teams in the Eastern League this year. Pitcher Gray Fenter, who was with Richmond last season and with Bowie in 2021, is now with Somerset. First baseman Frankie Tostado, a member of the Flying Squirrels in 2021 and 2022, is now playing for Harrisburg.

IN THE LEAGUE LEADERS: In the Eastern League, **Patrick Bailey** ranks first in batting average (.412), fifth in OBP (.459), ninth in OPS (1.018) and second in hits (14). **Carter Aldrete** ranks sixth in batting average (.355), ninth in OBP (.444), ninth in SLG (.581) and eighth in OPS (1.025). **Simon Whiteman** ranks tied for third in OBP (.467) and seventh in OPS (1.032). **Tyler Fitzgerald** is tied for first in triples (2). **Andy Thomas** is tied for third in walks (10). **Ismael Munguia** is tied for fourth in runs scored (8). **Kai-Wei Teng** is tied for third in strikeouts (17). **Carson Seymour** is third in BAA (.143). **Nick Zwack** is fourth in BAA (.148) and fourth in WHIP (0.84). **Mason Black** is sixth in WHIP (0.88).

PROSPECT WATCH: The Flying Squirrels have eight players ranked in *Baseball America's* Top-30 Giants prospects, **Luis Matos** (No. 5), **Mason Black** (No. 9), **Carson Seymour** (No. 12), **Erik Miller** (No. 15), **Ryan Murphy** (No. 20), **Nick Swiney** (No. 24), **Patrick Bailey** (No. 27) and **Randy Rodriguez** (No. 30). MLB.com's Top-30 Giants prospect list includes Matos (No. 7), Black (No. 10), Bailey (No. 11), Seymour (No. 17), Rodriguez (No. 26) and Murphy (No. 27).

2023 FLYING SQUIRRELS

Overall Record	6-4
First Half	6-4
Second Half	0-0
Home	4-0
Road	2-4
Place (EL Southwest)	T-1st/-
Streak	W1
Last 5	2-3
Last 10	6-4

HOME ATTENDANCE INFO

2023 Home Attendance	18,724
Home Openings	3
Average Attendance	6,241

RICHMOND VS. ERIE

2023 vs. Erie	1-0
at Richmond	1-0
at Erie	0-1
All-Time vs. Erie	78-58
at Richmond	44-21
at Erie	34-37

ON THE HOMESTAND

Games	1
Record	1-0

Batters

Batting Average	.439 (18/41)
RISP	.474 (9/19)
Runs/Runs Per Game	15/15.0
Home Runs	2

Pitchers

ERA	6.00 (6 ER/9.0 IP)
Starter W/L	0-0
Starter ERA	6.75 (3 ER/4.0 IP)
Reliever W/L	1-0
Reliever ERA	5.40 (3 ER/5.0 IP)
Saves/Opps	0/0

THIS DATE IN SQUIRRELS HISTORY

In 2017, the Flying Squirrels beat the Bowie Baysox, 4-2. After the Baysox, opened an early 2-0 lead, the Flying Squirrels evened the score in the fifth on a two-run single by Hunter Cole. Richmond took a 4-2 lead in the eighth with a two-run double by Miguel Gomez. Tyler Cyr and Reyes Moronta worked through the final two innings to finish the game.

