



# ALPB BULLPEN

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## Final Three Weeks of Regular Season

Week starts with Lancaster leading the North and High Point on top in the South but challengers await

### SECOND HALF STANDINGS AS OF AUGUST 29, 2023

	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	DIFF
<b>North</b>											
Lancaster	25	19	.568	-	6-4	L1	13-10	12-9	286	225	61
Southern Maryland	24	20	.545	1.0	5-5	L2	13-10	11-10	253	228	25
Staten Island	22	22	.500	3.0	3-7	L5	15-14	7-8	237	278	-41
York	21	22	.488	3.5	3-7	L1	12-9	9-13	253	244	9
*-Long Island	19	23	.452	5.0	3-7	W3	8-15	11-8	249	272	-23
<b>South</b>											
*-High Point	27	14	.659	-	8-2	L1	12-9	15-5	280	218	62
Gastonia	27	15	.643	0.5	8-2	W1	13-7	14-8	292	241	51
Charleston	21	22	.488	7.0	6-4	W1	12-11	9-11	230	239	-9
Spire City	18	26	.409	10.5	4-6	W1	7-8	11-18	281	337	-56
Lexington	11	32	.256	17.0	4-6	W2	4-13	7-19	198	277	-79

\* indicates first half division champion

### SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, Aug 29

Charleston at Lancaster, 6:30  
Long Island at York, 6:30  
High Point at Southern Maryland, 6:35  
Spire City at Gastonia, 6:35  
Staten Island at Lexington, 6:45

#### Wednesday, Aug 30

Long Island at York (DH), 4:00  
Charleston at Lancaster, 6:30  
High Point at Southern Maryland, 6:35  
Spire City at Gastonia, 6:35  
Staten Island at Lexington, 6:45

#### Thursday, Aug 31

Charleston at Lancaster, 6:30  
Long Island at York, 6:30  
High Point at Southern Maryland, 6:35  
Spire City at Gastonia, 6:35  
Staten Island at Lexington, 6:45

#### Friday, Sept 1

Staten Island at Charleston, 6:35  
Lancaster at Long Island, 6:35  
York at High Point, 6:35  
Southern Maryland at Gastonia, 6:35  
Spire City at Lexington, 6:45

#### Saturday, Sept 2

Staten Island at Charleston, 6:35  
Lancaster at Long Island, 6:35  
York at High Point, 6:35  
Southern Maryland at Gastonia, 6:35  
Spire City at Lexington, 6:45

#### Sunday, Sept 3

Lancaster at Long Island, 1:35  
Spire City at Lexington, 2:05  
Southern Maryland at Gastonia, 3:35  
Staten Island at Charleston, 4:05  
York at High Point, 4:05

**Longest At-Bat of the Week:** Staten Island's Angel Aguilar singled on the 13th pitch he was offered from So Maryland's Spencer Johnston.

### ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

**The Week Ahead:** The ALPB has arrived at the final three weeks of the regular season with the majority of clubs having 20 or fewer games remaining... South Division leader High Point opens the week at York while second place Gastonia hosts Spire City... Both the Rockers and Honey Hunters are 8-2 in their last 10 games... North Division leader Lancaster hosts Charleston midweek then travels to Long Island.

**Streaking:** High Point CF D.J. Burt has reached base in 59 consecutive games which is believed to be a league record... York's Carlos Franco had reached base in 50 straight games in 2022... Spire City's Leobaldo Cabrera has an RBI in seven straight games.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

# 0

Career professional games played by P Cody Brittain when he was tabbed as an emergency starter by York on 8/23

# 25

Spire City is just the third club in league history with three players to hit 25 or more homers in a season

# 27

Stolen bases by Lancaster catcher Jack Conley. No other ALPB catcher has more than three.

# 94

Times So. Maryland batters have been hit by pitch in 2023, about to become the only team in league history to be hit 100 or more times three straight years

**Walk-offs:** York's Nellie Rodriguez singled home the winning run as the Revs walked-off Lancaster 5-4 on 8/23... Charleston's Yovan Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th to defeat Spire City 9-8 on 8/24... K.C. Hobson singled to give So. Maryland a 3-2 win over Lexington on 8/25.

**Grand Slams:** Lancaster's Trayvon Robinson vs. York on 8/24... Luis Curbelo of Gastonia at Long Island 8/24... Long Island's Sam Travis at Staten Island, 8/26.

**Milestones:** York's 5-4 win over Lancaster on 8/23 clinched the Community Cup in the War of the Roses series with Lancaster... So. Maryland's Craig Dedelow became the first 20-30 player in the ALPB this season and the 10th all-time with 22 homers and 30 stolen bases... High Point's Ben Aklinski earned his way into the 20-20 club with 20 homers and 28 stolen bases... Lancaster's Andretty Cordero, with 97 RBI, is poised to be the first in league history with multiple 100 RBI seasons... High Point's Craig Stem is the 13th player in league history to surpass 600 career innings pitched.

**Midweek Marvels:** Spire City's Raudy Read put together three straight 3-hit games in going 9-for-15 (.600) vs. Charleston... Telvin Nash hit three homers and drove in seven runs vs. Spire City to move to sixth all-time in Atlantic League homers... Spire City's Eddy Diaz stole four bases vs. Charleston on 8/22... Robert Stock fanned a season-best 13 vs. Gastonia on 8/22... Connor Owings' three-run homer at High Point provided all the runs Lexington needed in a 3-0 win on 8/22... Spire City's Max Povse recorded his first-ever save at any level of professional baseball vs. Charleston on 8/22... Scott Kelly's first hit with Long Island was a double in the ninth vs. Gastonia on 8/22.

**Weekend Wonders:** Osmey Gregorio had five hits for Lexington vs. So. Maryland on 8/26... Teammate Connor Owings drove in five runs in the same game... Lexington's Aldenis Sanchez hit an inside-the-park homer vs. So. Maryland on 8/27... High Point's Ben Aklinski hit .636 (7-for-11) on the weekend at Spire City with two homers, five runs scored, five RBI, a 1.364 slugging percentage and 2.007 OPS... Jhon Nunez had four doubles for York in the series with Charleston... Nunez and Spire City's Steven Brault led the league with five week-end extra base hits... Gastonia's Graham Spraker converted both of his save opportunities at Lancaster.

**Best of the Week:** Spire City's Steven Brault hit .571 (12-21) in five games with a pair of home runs and six RBI... So. Maryland's Jimmy Kerrigan drove in nine runs in six contests... Spire City's Eddy Diaz was successful on all six stolen base attempts... Long Island's Robert Stock fanned 20 hitters in 13 innings.

**Pitching Plaudits:** Christian Capuano held So. Maryland to three hits over six innings in improving to 10-3 on 8/22... Gastonia's Zach Mort improved to 12-2 with a win over Long Island 8/23.

**3X25:** Spire City is the third club in history with three hitters with 25 or more homers... Leobaldo Cabrera (31), Kole Cottam (25), Jose Marmolejos (25)... The Ghost Hounds join Lexington in 2021 (Courtney Hawkins, 32; Ben Aklinski, 28; and Tilman Pugh, 26) and Nashua in 2000 (Glenn Murray, 28; D.J. Boston, 26; and Jose Malave, 25).

**Emergency Starter:** In need of a starting pitcher, York turned to local resident Cody Brittain who made his professional debut and left the game after six innings tied 2-2 while the Revs went on to defeat Lancaster 5-4 on 8/23... Brittain is a former college pitcher at USC Upstate.

#### 3 of a Kind

Braxton Lee, So. Maryland  
Thomas Dillard, Lexington  
Brantley Bell, Long Island



# THE BACKEND

OF THE BULLPEN



### Atlantic League Managerial Records

2023 RECORD				ALPB RECORD				CAREER RECORD				
W	L	Pct	Manager	Club	W	L	Yrs	Pct	W	L	Yrs	Pct
45	61	0.425	Billy Horn	Charleston	98	140	2	0.412	98	140	2	0.412
44	63	0.411	Mark Minicozzi	Spire City	169	190	3	0.471	169	190	3	0.471
68	37	0.648	Mauro Gozzo	Gastonia	282	215	4	0.567	282	215	4	0.567
68	36	0.654	Jamie Keefe	High Point	277	218	4	0.560	1049	900	21	0.538
50	57	0.467	Ross Peeples	Lancaster	380	383	7	0.498	380	383	7	0.498
42	64	0.396	Barry Lyons	Lexington	42	64	1	0.396	201	160	4	0.557
56	49	0.533	Wally Backman	Long Island	335	288	5	0.538	1398	1277	24	0.523
55	52	0.514	Stan Cliburn	So Maryland	458	459	7	0.499	1953	1941	32	0.502
44	63	0.411	Homer Bush	Staten Island	44	63	1	0.411	76	110	2	0.409
58	48	0.547	Rick Forney	York	58	48	1	0.547	945	801	0	0.541

### Atlantic League Alumni in MLB, 2023 (17)

Player	ALPB Teams (Years)	MLB Club
RHP David Robertson	High Point (2021)	NY Mets/Miami
RHP Kevin Herget	Charleston (2022)	Cincinnati
RHP Andrew Bellatti	Sugar Land (2019)	Philadelphia
RHP Huascar Brazoban	Lancaster/High Point (2018, 2021)	Miami
RHP Jose Cuas	Long Island (2019, 2021)	Kansas City
RHP Chase De Jong	Sugar Land (2019)	Pittsburgh
LHP Rich Hill	Long Island (2015)	Pittsburgh
INF Taylor Motter	New Britain (2019)	St. Louis
RHP Connor Overton	Lancaster (2019)	Cincinnati
LHP Matt Carasiti	Long Island (2022)	Colorado
RHP Fernando Abad	Long Island (2018)	Colorado
RHP Julio Teheran	Staten Island (2022)	Milwaukee
RHP Brett Kennedy	Long Island (2023)	Cincinnati
RHP Michael Kelly	So. Maryland (2019)	Cleveland
RHP Kyle Barraclough	High Point (2023)	Boston
RHP Michael Tonkin	Long Island (2019, 2021)	Atlanta
3B Ildemaro Vargas	Bridgeport (2015)	Washington

### Player of the Month

Player	ALPB Team	MLB Club
April/May	J.C. Escarra, C	Gastonia
June	Carlos Franco, 3B	Gastonia
July	Kole Cottam	Spire City
August		

### Pitcher of the Month

Player	ALPB Team	MLB Club
April/May	Mitch Lambson, LHP	So. Maryland
	Stephen Woods, Jr., RHP	Long Island
June	Troy Bacon, RHP	Charleston
July	Joe Testa, LHP	Charleston
August		

### Contracts sold to MLB/Foreign Leagues (37)

Player	ALPB Team	MLB Club
RHP Endrys Briceno	So. Maryland	Arizona
RHP Matt Carasiti	Long Island	Colorado
RHP Jarret Whorff	Lexington	Minnesota
RHP James Marvel	High Point	Texas
RHP Tim Naughton	Gastonia	Detroit
RHP Kyle McGowin	Staten Island	Houston
RHP Brett de Geus	Spire City	Kansas City
RHP Brett Kennedy	Long Island	Cincinnati
1B Steven Moya	Gastonia	Monclova (Mex)
LHP Ben Braymer	High Point	Colorado
RHP Cam Cotter	High Point	San Francisco
2B Michael Wielansky	So. Maryland	San Francisco
RHP Andre Scrubb	So. Maryland	Mex. City (Mex)
LHP Bryan Sammons	Gastonia	Detroit
RHP Marcus Walden	Gastonia	Seattle
RHP Tyler Thomas	Gastonia	NY Mets
LHP Mitch Lambson	So. Maryland	CPBL
2B Daniel Murphy	Long Island	LA Angels
LHP Ian McKinney	Gastonia	Kiwoom (Korea)
C J.C. Escarra	Gastonia	Tijuana (Mex)
INF Jeff Wehler	Staten Island	Toronto
SS Jack Reinheimer	Gastonia	Kansas City
SS Adeiny Hechavarria	Long Island	Kansas City
3B Carlos Franco	Gastonia	Tabasco (Mex)
RHP Kyle Barraclough	High Point	Boston
RHP Isaac Mattson	So. Maryland	Minnesota
RHP Jerad Eickhoff	Lexington	Cleveland
RHP Jesus Liranzo	Lancaster	NY Yankees
RHP Pedro Payano	Staten Island	Yucatan
OF Ronnie Dawson	Lexington	Kiwoom (KBO)
RHP Stephen Woods, Jr.	Long Island	Fubon (CPBL)
INF Tzu-Wei Lin	Long Island	TSG Hawks
RHP Zack Godley	Gastonia	Oakland
RHP Ryan Weiss	High Point	Fubon (CPBL)
RHP Gabe Klobosits	Gastonia	Toronto
RHP Cody Stashak	Lancaster	San Francisco
OF Yoshi Tsutsugo	Staten Island	San Francisco

### FloBaseball-Atlantic League Game of the Week

Week	Game	Game Time (ET)
Saturday 9/2	Lancaster at Long Island	5:35 PM
Friday 9/8	High Point at So. Maryland	5:35 PM
Saturday 9/16	Gastonia at Lexington	5:45 PM

Hits			
Lew Ford	LI	1024	
Scott Kelly	LI	553	
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	552	
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	533	
Johnni Turbo	GAS	515	
Telvin Nash	CWV	466	
Yovan Gonzalez	CWV	460	
RBI			
Lew Ford	LI	506	
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	324	
Telvin Nash	CWV	319	
KC Hobson	SMD	283	
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	273	
Home Runs			
Telvin Nash	CWV	123	
KC Hobson	SMD	90	
Lew Ford	LI	84	
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	81	
Nellie Rodriguez	YRK	73	
Runs Scored			
Lew Ford	LI	541	
Scott Kelly	LI	362	
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	348	
Telvin Nash	CWV	319	
Ben Aklinski	HP	294	
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	270	
Doubles			
Lew Ford	LI	224	
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	120	
Alejandro de Aza	LI	106	
Telvin Nash	CWV	98	
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	96	
Triples			
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	16	
JC Encarnacion	LEX	16	
Lew Ford	LI	13	
Braxton Lee	SMD	13	
Jack Sundberg	SMD	11	

## ALPB Active Career Statistical Leaders

Stolen Bases		Games Started			
Scott Kelly	LI	160	Daryl Thompson	SMD	222
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	87	David Kubiak	SPC	88
Jack Sundberg	SMD	74	Mitch Atkins	HP	87
Boog Powell	LI	71	Craig Stem	HP	84
J.C. Encarnacion	LEX	60	Joe Iorio	LI	77
Melvin Mercedes	LAN	60			
Hit By Pitch		Saves			
Scott Kelly	LI	72	Jim Fuller	SI	76
Lew Ford	LI	61	Ricardo Gomez	CWV	44
Matt Hibbert	SMD	50	Victor Capellan	YRK	31
Luis Castro	SI	34	Ryan Dull	HP	30
Michael Baca	SMD	31	Jameson McGrane	HP	26
Batting Average (min. 800 PA)		Innings Pitched			
Andretty Cordero	LAN	.340	Daryl Thompson	SMD	1422.1
Alejandro De Aza	LI	.329	Craig Stem	HP	602.1
Boog Powell	LI	.319	Ricardo Gomez	CWV	528.0
Lew Ford	LI	.317	David Kubiak	SPC	532.0
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	.311	Mitch Atkins	HP	488.1
Zach Jarrett	GAS	.309	Joe Iorio	LI	474.0
Wins		Strikeouts			
Braxton Lee	SMD	.301	Daryl Thompson	SMD	1,012
Alex Crosby	SMD	.301	Ricardo Gomez	CWV	597
			David Kubiak	SPC	526
Daryl Thompson	SMD	95	Craig Stem	HP	475
David Kubiak	SPC	38	Mitch Atkins	HP	431
Mitch Atkins	HP	36			
Joe Iorio	LI	34			
Ricardo Gomez	CWV	31			
Craig Stem	HP	31			
Appearances		3 of a Kind (answer)			
Ricardo Gomez	CWV	427	All three played college baseball		
Jim Fuller	SI	242	at Ole Miss		
Daryl Thompson	SMD	229			
Craig Stem	HP	198			
Victor Capellan	SPC	135			

### Silver Anniversary Team

The ALPB is celebrating its 25th Anniversary and has selected elite former players to comprise the official ALPB Silver Anniversary team. A total of 25 players have been selected to commemorate the league's first quarter century. The list of honorees is comprised of former Players of the Year, Pitchers of the Year, League Championship MVPs, All-Stars and record holders, the most talented players to ever grace an Atlantic League ballpark. The 16 players honored thus far:

RHP Tim Cain	C Luis Rodriguez
RHP Mike Guilfoyle	SS Victor Rodriguez
OF Glenn Murray	RHP John Brownell
3B Jeff Nettles	SS Bryant Nelson
RHP Lincoln Mikkelsen	RHP Dwayne Pollok
UTIL/DH Ray Navarrete	OF Blake Gaillen
RHP Jim Ed Warden	RHP Jon Hutton
1B Josh Pressley	RHP Daryl Thompson
C Francisco Morales	RHP Corey Thurman

The remaining honorees will be announced in the coming weeks.

### BallPark Digest Midseason All-Stars

C	Beau Taylor, High Point
1B	Thomas Dillard, Lexington
2B	Shed Long, Jr., High Point*
SS	Trent Giambrone, York
3B	Carlos Franco, Gastonia
OF	Bobby Bradley, Charleston
OF	Leobaldo Cabrera, Spire City
OF	Zach Jarrett, Gastonia
DH	Braxton Davidson, Gastonia
UTIL	Jose Marmolejos, Spire City
SP	Mickey Jannis, High Point, Nick Raquet, York,
SP	Stephen Woods, Jr., LI, Mitch Lambson, So. Maryland
RP	Ryan Dull, High Point, Al Albuquerque, Long Island

Managers: Wally Backman, Lt. Jamie Keefe, High Point