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IT'S PLAYOFF TIME

LANCASTER AND LONG ISLAND MEET IN NORTH DIVISION SERIES; GASTONIA AND HIGH POINT TANGLE IN SOUTH

FINAL 2023 SECOND HALF STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	DIFF
North											
Lancaster	37	24	.607	-	8-2	W6	23-10	14-14	416	306	110
York	34	28	.548	3.5	6-4	W3	20-12	14-16	385	336	49
Southern Maryland	33	30	.524	5.0	3-7	W1	18-14	15-16	343	320	23
*-Long Island	29	32	.475	8.0	5-5	W1	12-19	17-13	371	397	-26
Staten Island	27	34	.443	10.0	2-8	L3	17-18	10-16	315	389	-74
South											
*-High Point^	37	24	.607	-	7-3	L1	14-14	23-10	389	339	50
Gastonia^	38	25	.603	-	5-5	W2	20-14	18-11	393	346	47
Charleston	32	31	.508	6.0	7-3	L1	18-16	14-15	352	349	3
Spire City	23	37	.383	13.5	4-6	L2	9-10	14-27	346	439	-93
Lexington	18	43	.295	19.0	4-6	L2	9-21	9-22	287	376	-89

* indicates first half division champion; ^ indicates second half co-champions

SCHEDULE

Division Championship Series
All Series are best of five (All times EDT)

Tuesday, September 19, 2023-Game 1

North: Long Island (RHP Robert Stock 9-4) at Lancaster (RHP Brent Teller 11-6), 6:30
South Division: High Point (LHP Brandon Leibrandt 4-3) at Gastonia (LHP Gunnar Kines 12-4), 6:35

Wednesday, September 20, 2023-Game 2

North: Long Island (LHP Kyle Lobstein 5-5) at Lancaster (RHP Matt Swarmer 4-1), 6:30
South: High Point (LHP Justin Nicolino 4-1) at Gastonia (RHP Zach Mort 13-3), 6:35

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Travel day/Make-up game

Friday, September 22, 2023-Game 3

North: Lancaster (LHP Brady Tedesco 1-1) at Long Island (LHP Ian Clarkin 3-5), 6:35
South: Gastonia (RHP Brett Daniels 7-1) at High Point (RHP Mickey Jannis 14-5), 6:35

Saturday, September 23, 2023-Game 4 (if necessary)

North Division: Lancaster (TBD) at Long Island (TBD), 6:35
South Division: Gastonia (TBD) at High Point (TBD), 6:35

Sunday, September 24, 2023-Game 5 (if necessary)

North Division: Lancaster (TBD) at Long Island (TBD), 5:05
South Division: Gastonia (TBD) at High Point (TBD), 4:05

Longest At-Bat of the Week: York's Nick Raquet needed 12 pitches to strike out Jose Marmolejos of Spire City on 9/15.

3 of a Kind

Mickey Jannis, High Point
Ryan Grotjohn, High Point
Ethan Skujia, Staten Island

ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

The Week Ahead: The Atlantic League Division Championship series start on Tuesday, Sept. 19 with the opening games at Lancaster and Gastonia... Action shifts to the homes of the first half champions Long Island and High Point for the weekend.

The Week That Was: Lancaster secured its second straight North Division second half championship, winning its final six games and eight of its last 10... Gastonia forged a co-championship with High Point on the final day of the season in the South.

BY THE NUMBERS

4

Record number of Spire City players to hit 25 or more home runs in 2023

11.39

ALPB record strikeouts per nine innings for Gastonia pitcher Zach Mort

220

League record home runs hit by Gastonia in 2023

1,000

Career professional base hits by Southern Maryland OF Braxton Lee

Streiking: Long Island's Carlos Castro ended the season with a 16-game hitting streak... Lancaster's Andretty Cordero posted the longest streak of the year at 18 games... High Point's D.J. Burt set a league record with a 60-game on-base streak... Leobaldo Cabrera of Spire City had the league's longest streak of games with a home run at six... Charleston's Joe Testa was the only pitcher to win six straight games... Long Island's Al Albuquerque went 25 outings without allowing an earned run... High Point RF Ben Aklinski went 100 games without committing an error.

Milestones: Lexington's Thomas Dillard hit his league-leading 39th homer vs. Gastonia on 9/16... So. Maryland's Braxton Lee collected his 1,000th career professional base hit in the season finale vs. Charleston on 9/17.

Major Milestones: Lancaster's Andretty Cordero and High Point's Ben Aklinski became the first ALPB players with multiple 100 RBI seasons... In addition, Aklinski became the first player in league history with two 100 RBI and 100 runs scored seasons.

Homer Highlights: Lexington's Thomas Dillard led the league with 39 home runs... That's the sixth-most in a season in the

league... Charleston's Telvin Nash finished the year with 124 career ALPB homers, tied for the fifth-most in league history... Gastonia clubbed a league-record 220 homers this year, surpassing the previous mark of 205 set in 2021 by Lexington... Spire City became the third team to surpass 200 homers, finishing with 203... The Ghost Hounds duo of Leobaldo Cabrera (34) and Cole Kottam (30) became the third pair of teammates to each hit 30 homers in a season... The Ghost Hounds and Honey Hunters became the first clubs with five players to each hit 20 homers... Spire City took it a step further, becoming the first with four to hit 25 or more.

Hurling Highlights: Long Island's Robert Stock was the lone ALPB pitcher to roll four double play balls in a game vs. High Point on 8/4... Lancaster's Bret Clarke threw the most pitches in a game in 2023 with 141 vs. Spire City on 7/9... Gastonia's Zach Mort led the league in strikeouts and also had the game-high with 14 Ks against York on 8/17... Mort also averaged a league-record 11.39 strikeouts per nine innings... Long Island's Robert Stock was the lone pitcher with a dozen or more whiffs on two occasions.

Ripley's Believe It Or Not: Two records occurred in 2023 that have rarely happened in professional baseball at any level... Spire City's first five hitters all homered in a 7-5 win over Lexington on 9/10... High Point had four consecutive players hit by a pitch against Staten Island on 7/13.

Top Ten Finishes: Long Island's Alex Dickerson was the only player in the league to rank in the top 10 in average, home runs and RBI... He was 10th in average at .314, tied for seventh with 26 home runs and eighth with 91 RBI... Among pitchers, Gastonia's Gunnar Kines, Staten Island's Christian Capuano, York's Nick Raquet, High Point's Mickey Jannis and Lexington's Aaron Ochsenbein each finished in the top 10 in ERA, wins and strikeouts.

Team Work: Gastonia's .489 slugging percentage is the second-highest in league history behind Lexington's .509 in 2021... Southern Maryland remains the only club in league history to be hit by a pitch 100 or more times in the season... The Blue Crabs posted their third-straight season with 110 HBP... Gastonia's pitching staff fanned 1,167 hitters this year, the second-most ever behind Long Island's 1,210 in 2019... Spire City allowed a league-record 210 homers.



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
56	70	0.444	Billy Horn	Charleston	109	149	2	0.422	109	149	2	0.422
49	74	0.398	Mark Minicozzi	Spire City	174	201	3	0.464	174	201	3	0.464
79	47	0.627	Mauro Gozzo	Gastonia	293	225	4	0.566	293	225	4	0.566
78	46	0.629	Jamie Keefe	High Point	287	228	4	0.557	1059	910	21	0.538
62	62	0.500	Ross Peeples	Lancaster	392	388	7	0.503	392	388	7	0.503
49	75	0.395	Barry Lyons	Lexington	49	75	1	0.395	208	171	4	0.549
66	58	0.532	Wally Backman	Long Island	345	297	5	0.537	1408	1286	24	0.523
64	62	0.508	Stan Cliburn	So Maryland	467	469	7	0.499	1962	1951	32	0.501
49	75	0.395	Homer Bush	Staten Island	49	75	1	0.395	81	122	2	0.399
71	54	0.568	Rick Forney	York	71	54	1	0.568	958	807	0	0.543

Atlantic League Alumni in MLB, 2023 (18)

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
RHP Matt Carasiti	Long Island (2022)	Colorado
LHP 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
RHP Michael Mariot	Sugar Land (2018-19)	Cincinnati

Player of the Month

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

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	Zach Mort, RHP	Gastonia
	Brandon Leibrandt, LHP	High Point

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 Hechavarría	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

ALPB Active Career Statistical Leaders

Hits		Stolen Bases		Games Started	
Lew Ford	LI	1036	Scott Kelly	LI	163
Scott Kelly	LI	567	Trayvon Robinson	LAN	87
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	564	Jack Sundberg	SMD	81
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	548	Boog Powell	LI	73
Telvin Nash	CWV	470	Melvin Mercedes	LAN	69
RBI		Hit By Pitch		Saves	
Lew Ford	LI	511	Scott Kelly	LI	77
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	337	Lew Ford	LI	61
Telvin Nash	CWV	327	Matt Hibbert	SMD	54
KC Hobson	SMD	286	Luis Castro	SI	37
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	285	Michael Baca	SMD	33
Ben Aklinski	HP	281			
Home Runs		Batting Average (min. 800 PA)		Innings Pitched	
Telvin Nash	CWV	124	Andretty Cordero	LAN	.339
KC Hobson	SMD	91	Alejandro De Aza	LI	.328
Lew Ford	LI	84	Boog Powell	LI	.318
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	84	Lew Ford	LI	.318
Nellie Rodriguez	YRK	75	Isaias Tejeda	CWV	.310
			Alex Crosby	SMD	.305
Runs Scored		Appearances		Strikeouts	
Lew Ford	LI	549	Ricardo Gomez	CWV	436
Scott Kelly	LI	372	Jim Fuller	SI	246
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	359	Daryl Thompson	SMD	233
Telvin Nash	CWV	321	Craig Stem	HP	201
Ben Aklinski	HP	312	Victor Capellan	SPC	142
Doubles		Wins		3 of a Kind (answer)	
Lew Ford	LI	227	Daryl Thompson	SMD	97
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	120	David Kubiak	SPC	38
Alejandro de Aza	LI	107	Mitch Atkins	HP	36
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	100	Joe Iorio	LI	35
Telvin Nash	CWV	99	Ricardo Gomez	CWV	32
			Craig Stem	HP	32
Triples		Appearances		All three played college baseball at Cal State Bakersfield	
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	16	Ricardo Gomez	CWV	436
JC Encarnacion	LEX	16	Jim Fuller	SI	246
Braxton Lee	SMD	15	Daryl Thompson	SMD	233
Lew Ford	LI	13	Craig Stem	HP	201
Jack Sundberg	SMD	11	Victor Capellan	SPC	142
Ben Aklinski	HP	11			

BallPark Digest Midseason All-Stars

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

* indicates unanimous selection

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
UTL/DH Ray Navarrete	OF Blake Gaillen
RHP Jim Ed Warden	RHP Jon Hunton
1B Josh Pressley	RHP Daryl Thompson
C Francisco Morales	RHP Corey Thurman