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CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION

High Point and Lancaster square off in Atlantic League Championship Series

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

North (2nd half) (Overall)	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	DIFF
Lancaster	44	21	.677	-	73	58	.557	10.0	8-2	W4	44-21	29-37	759	645	114
*Southern Maryland	35	30	.538	9	83	48	.634	-	4-6	L3	46-19	37-29	737	580	157
Staten Island	30	36	.455	14.5	48	84	.364	35.5	5-5	L1	25-41	23-43	532	720	-188
Long Island	28	38	.424	16.5	64	68	.485	19.5	4-6	W1	36-30	28-38	696	719	-23
York	25	41	.379	19.5	56	76	.424	27.5	5-5	W1	34-35	22-41	736	769	-33
South (2nd half) (Overall)	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	DIFF				
#Gastonia	43	23	.652	-	88	44	.667	-	7-3	W1	41-25	47-19	813	565	248
Lexington	33	33	.500	10	56	76	.424	32.0	4-6	W2	28-39	28-37	726	886	-160
High Point	32	34	.485	11	71	61	.538	17.0	5-5	L1	39-27	32-34	752	645	107
Kentucky	32	34	.485	11	67	65	.508	21.0	5-5	L2	33-29	34-36	762	810	-48
Charleston	27	39	.409	16	53	79	.402	35.0	3-7	L1	27-40	26-39	603	777	-174

* Won first half pennant ; # Won first and second half pennants

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(Best of 5)

Tuesday, September 27 (Game 1)

Lancaster at High Point, 6:35

Wednesday, September 28 (Game 2)

Lancaster at High Point, 6:35

Friday, September 30 (Game 3)

High Point at Lancaster, 6:30

Saturday, October 1 (Game 4 if necessary)

High Point at Lancaster, 6:30

Sunday, October 2 (Game 5 if necessary)

High Point at Lancaster, 6:30

Division Series Results

Tuesday, September 20

(Game 1)

Gastonia 12, High Point 1

So. Maryland 2, Lancaster 1

Wednesday, September 21

(Game 2)

High Point 11, Gastonia 4

Lancaster 8, So. Maryland 7 (10)

Friday, September 23

(Game 3)

Gastonia 8, High Point 2

So. Maryland 7, Lancaster 3

Saturday, September 24

(Game 4)

High Point 6, Gastonia 1

Lancaster 15, Southern Maryland 5

Sunday, September 25

(Game 5)

Lancaster 10, Southern Maryland 2

High Point 8, Gastonia 7

ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

Lancaster vs. High Point

Lancaster Barnstormers

Overall Record: 73-58

Qualification: North Division Second Half Champion (44-21)

ALPB Playoff Appearances: 7th (24-16)

Division Championship Series Record: 4-3 (13-11)

League Championship Appearances: 4th

League Championship Series Record: 2-1 (8-3)

2022 Team BA: .276 (1st)

2022 Team ERA: 4.47 (3rd)

2022 Fielding: .975 (4th)

Division Series BA: .263

Division Series ERA: 4.40

Notes: Lancaster's North Division Championship marks the fourth division title for Lancaster and its fourth trip to the League Championship Series... Lancaster has two championships, having won the LCS in 2006 by sweeping Bridgeport 3-0 and in 2014 with another 3-0 sweep, this time of Sugar Land... The Barnstormers fell to Long Island in five games in 2012... Lancaster manager Ross Peebles was a member of both of Lancaster's championship teams as a pitcher.

High Point Rockers

Overall Record: 71-61

Qualification: Wild Card

ALPB Playoff Appearances: 2nd

Division Championship Series Record: 1-1 (3-5)

League Championship Series Appearances: 1st

League Championship Series Record: 0-0

2022 Team BA: .265 (5th)

2022 Team ERA: 4.58 (4th)

2022 Fielding: .982 (1st)

Division Series BA: .248

Division Series ERA: 6.55

Like Lancaster, the Rockers trailed Gastonia two games to one before bouncing back with a pair of wins at Truist Point in games four and five... The Rockers had been swept by Long Island in their only previous division series appearance until winning this weekend... This is High Point's first-ever LCS appearance... Manager Jamie Keefe has been to championships four times in his career, winning the 2014 Can-Am title... He also reached the finals twice with the Rockland Boulders and once in the Frontier League with the Chillicothe Paints.

League Championship Series Notes: The 24th Atlantic League Championship Series starts play on Tuesday, September 27 at High Point's Truist Point... Lancaster and High Point both won five-game series in which each club trailed 2-1... It marked the first time since 2018 that both division championships went to five games... Two of the last three League Championship Series have gone to five games... Lexington is the defending champion after beating Long Island 3-1 in 2021... A Lancaster championship would mark its third all-time and would tie arch-rival York for third place in number of championships won... Somerset holds the ALPB mark with six championships while Long Island is second with four.

Matchup: High Point held a slim 5-4 advantage in the regular season series with the Barnstormers... The Rockers won five of six at Truist Point but dropped all three at Lancaster... High Point was 29-20 vs. North Division teams in the regular season while Lancaster went 25-21 vs. the South... High Point hit 98 road homers during the regular season to 63 at home while Lancaster clubbed 78 homers at Clipper Magazine Stadium and 46 away from home... Neither team recorded a save in their respective Division Series wins.

Lancaster Players To Watch: Andretty Cordero finished the regular season as one of the ALPB's top hitters and it continued in the NDS as ht hit .333 (7-for-21) with two doubles, two homers and nine RBI... DH Jeremy Barfield hit .261 with four homers and 23 RBI in 44 regular season games before hitting .412 with four homers and a team-high 10 RBI in the NDS... Barfield led all ALPB postseason players in HR, RBI and slugging (1.118)... He has homered in four straight games entering the LCS... Oscar De La Cruz was 1-1 with a 1.98 ERA in the NDS.

High Point Players to Watch: Former MLB player Logan Morrison hit .579 (11-for-19) in the SDS, the top average of any postseason player... OF Zander Wiel had two homers and five RBI in the NDS... ALPB veteran Craig Stem earned the first win in Rockers' postseason history with his 11-4 win over Gastonia in Game 2... Mitch Atkins is the only Rocker pitcher with a prior ALPB postseason win, having pitched York to a victory over Sugar Land in the 2019 Freedom Division Series... Starter Mickey Jannis is one of the few active knuckleball pitchers in organized baseball.

Probable Starters

Gm 1 Mickey Jannis (HP) (0-1, 12.60) vs. Brooks Hall (LAN) (0-0, 6.00)

Gm 2 Mitch Atkins (HP) (0-1, 7.20) vs. Nile Ball (LAN) (0-1, 8.44)

Recipe For Success: The four teams to reach the Atlantic League Playoffs in 2022 have two things in common: pitching and defense. The top four ERA teams in the ALPB are in the postseason as are the top four in fielding percentage. Gastonia led the ALPB with a 3.89 ERA and ranked second with a .978 fielding percentage. High Point led the league in fielding (.982) and was fourth in ERA (4.58). Southern Maryland was second in ERA (3.98) and third in fielding (.976) while Lancaster was third in ERA (4.47) and fourth in fielding (.975).

Postseason Managers:

Manager, Club	Yrs in P-Off	Record	Div Series	Lg Champ
Jamie Keefe, High Point	2nd	0-3	0-1	0-0
Mauro Gozzo, Gastonia	1st	0-0	0-0	0-0
Ross Peeples, Lancaster	2nd	2-3	0-1	0-0
Stan Cliburn, So. Maryland	3rd	5-6	1-1	0-1

Playoff Series: Youth will be well-represented in the 2022 Atlantic League Playoffs... Gastonia manager Mauro "Goose" Gozzo is making his first playoff appearance and High Point's Jamie Keefe is in the postseason for the second time but looking for his first win after being swept by Long Island in 2019... Ross Peeples has guided Lancaster to the postseason for the second time after falling 3 games to 2 to Sugar Land in the 2018 Freedom Division championship... Southern Maryland's Stan Cliburn has made the ALPB playoffs for the third time in his career... In 2015, Cliburn guided the Blue Crabs to a 3-1 series win over Lancaster before falling 3-1 in the League Championship series to Somerset... Cliburn also led So. Maryland to the North Division Championship series in 2021 where the Blue Crabs fell to Long Island 2 games to 1... Cliburn has a 5-6 all-time record in the Atlantic League playoffs... The only clubs which have met previously in the postseason are Southern Maryland and Lancaster in the 2015 Freedom Division Championship... The Blue Crabs, under Stan Cliburn, won 3 games to 1.

Hawkins Ties HR Record: Lexington OF Courtney Hawkins tied the Atlantic League record with 48 home runs in 2022, matching the mark set by Ozzie Canseco of Newark in 2000. Hawkins also set the ALPB season record for total bases (310). Additionally, Hawkins' 125 RBI, 72 extra base hits and .655 slugging percentage were the second-best ever in an ALPB season. Hawkins' 110 runs scored this season ranks fifth all-time.

Cordero Comes Close: Lancaster's Andretty Cordero came as close as anybody ever has to breaking Lew Ford's record of 189 base hits in an Atlantic League season. Cordero finished with 184 hits after collecting 65 hits in 42 games in August and September. He was second to Long Island's Alejandro De Aza in batting average at .339 and Cordero's 118 RBI are the fourth-most in league history.

Atlantic League Sets Precendent: Alexis "Scrappy" Hopkins became the second woman to play in the Atlantic League, and the second to earn a start, in the 9/16 game between the Lexington Legends and the Kentucky Wild Health Genomes... Hopkins, who has served as the Genomes' bullpen catcher throughout the season, was in the starting line-up on Friday as the designated hitter... She grounded out twice and popped out to third after having been placed on Kentucky's active roster earlier in the day... On Saturday, Scrappy started both games at DH and lined a base hit up the middle for her first professional hit... On Sunday, she was the starting catcher for the Genomes and recorded three putouts and two assists... Staten Island's Kelsie Whitmore became the first woman to play in the Atlantic League earlier this year and played in 30 games earning multiple starts throughout the season.

Record Watch:

Stat	Player/Team	Mark	Record	Record Holder/Team/Year
- Season Records -				
Walks	Nellie Rodriguez, YRK	108	105	Telvin Nash, York, 2019
Total Bases	Courtney Hawkins, LEX Andretty Cordero, LAN*	310 283	303	Telvin Nash, York, 2019
Home Runs	Courtney Hawkins, LEX	48	48	Ozzie Canseco, NWK, 2000
XBH	Courtney Hawkins, LEX*	72	77	Telvin Nash, York, 2019
RBI	Courtney Hawkins, LEX* Andretty Cordero, LAN*	125 118	129	Ozzie Canseco, NWK, 2000
Hits	Andretty Cordero, LAN*	184	189	Lew Ford, LI, 2014
Shutouts	Lambson/Thompson, SMD	3	3	by many, most recently by Matt Larkins, LI, 2017

* indicates Top 10 mark

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Thursday, September 22

Travel/Contingency Day

Friday, September 23 (Game 3)

Gastonia at High Point, 6:35
Lancaster at Southern Maryland, 6:35

Saturday, September 24 (Game 4 if necessary)

Gastonia at High Point, 6:35
Lancaster at Southern Maryland, 6:35

Sunday, September 25 (Game 5 if necessary)

Lancaster at Southern Maryland, 2:05
Gastonia at High Point, 4:05

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North Champion at South Champion

Wednesday, September 28 (Game 2)

North Champion at South Champion

Thursday, September 29

Travel/Contingency Day

Friday, September 30 (Game 3)

South Champion at North Champion

Saturday, October 1 (Game 4 if necessary)

South Champion at North Champion

Sunday, October 2 (Game 5 if necessary)

South Champion at North Champion

2022 ALPB Player of the Month

Month	Player	Team
April	Joseph Rosa, 2B	Gastonia
May	Kelly Dugan, 1B Courtney Hawkins, OF	Lancaster Lexington
June	Carlos Franco, 3B	York
July	Alejandro De Aza Zach Jarrett	Long Island Gastonia
August	Melvin Mercedes Andretty Cordero	Lancaster Lancaster

2022 ALPB Pitcher of the Month

Month	Pitcher	Team
April	Brady Lail	High Point
May	Deck McGuire	Gastonia
June	McKenzie Mills	So. Maryland
July	Eddie Butler	So. Maryland
August	John Anderson Mitch Lambson	Gastonia So. Maryland

2022 Ballpark Digest-Atlantic League Mid-Season

All-Star Team

C	Colton Shaver, Lancaster
1B	Kelly Dugan, Lancaster
2B	Joseph Rosa, Gastonia
SS	Elmer Reyes, York
3B	Carlos Franco, York
OF	Courtney Hawkins, Lexington
OF	Ben Aklinski, High Point
OF	David Harris, Southern Maryland
DH	Zander Wiel, High Point
SP	McKenzie Mills, Southern Maryland
SP	Marcus Walden, Gastonia
RP	Endrys Briceno, Southern Maryland
RP	Tyler Wilson, Charleston
Managers:	Stan Cliburn, So. Maryland Mauro "Goose" Gozzo, Gastonia