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FINAL EDITION

Lancaster Barnstormers win third ALPB Championship with three-game sweep of High Point Rockers

FINAL STANDINGS

FIRST HALF STANDINGS				SECOND HALF STANDINGS				FINAL STANDINGS			
North Division	W-L	PCT	GB	North Division	W-L	PCT	GB	North Division	W-L	PCT	GB
Southern Maryland	48-18	.727	--	Lancaster	44-21	.677	--	Southern Maryland	83-48	.634	--
Long Island	36-30	.545	12.0	Southern Maryland	35-30	.538	9.0	Lancaster	73-58	.557	10.0
York	31-35	.470	17.0	Staten Island	30-36	.455	14.5	Long Island	64-68	.485	19.5
Lancaster	29-37	.439	19.0	Long Island	28-38	.4724	16.5	York	56-76	.424	27.5
Staten Island	18-48	.273	30.0	York	25-41	.379	19.5	Staten Island	48-84	.364	35.5
South Division	W-L	PCT	GB	South Division	W-L	PCT	GB	South Division	W-L	PCT	GB
Gastonia	45-21	.682	--	Gastonia	43-23	.625	--	Gastonia	88-44	.667	--
High Point	39-27	.591	6.0	Lexington	33-33	.500	10.0	High Point	71-61	.538	17.0
Kentucky	35-31	.530	10.0	High Point	32-34	.485	11.0	Kentucky	67-65	.508	21.0
Charleston	26-40	.394	19.0	Kentucky	32-34	.485	11.0	Lexington	56-76	.424	32.0
Lexington	23-43	.348	22.0	Charleston	27-39	.409	16.0	Charleston	53-79	.402	35.0

PLAYOFF RESULTS

2022 ALPB Championship Series

(Best of 5)

Tuesday, September 27 (Game 1)

Lancaster 6, High Point 2

Wednesday, September 28 (Game 2)

Lancaster 11, High Point 6

Friday, September 30 (Game 3)

Lancaster 6, High Point 1

Championship Series MVP

RHP Oscar De La Cruz, Lancaster

Division Series Results

Tuesday, September 20 (Game 1)

Gastonia 12, High Point 1

Southern Maryland 2, Lancaster 1

Wednesday, September 21 (Game 2)

High Point 11, Gastonia 4

Lancaster 8, Southern Maryland 7 (10)

Friday, September 23 (Game 3)

Gastonia 8, High Point 2

Southern 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

2022 ALPB Players of the Month

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

2022 ALPB Pitchers 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	Gastonia
	Mitch Lambson	So. Maryland

ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

Records Set or Tied in 2022

Team Season	Player	Team
Winning pct, half-season: .727 (48-18)	So. Maryland (1st half)	
Most stolen bases	305	Gastonia
Most batters hit by pitch	106	Staten Island
Individual Game		
Most triples	3	Braxton Lee, SMD vs. HP, 8/9/22
Individual Season		
Most home runs	48	Courtney Hawkins (tied), LEX
Most total bases	310	Courtney Hawkins, LEX
Most walks	108	Nellie Rodriguez, YRK
Strikeouts per 9 IP	9.75	Oscar De La Cruz, LAN
Most shutouts	3	Daryl Thompson (tie), SMD Mitch Lambson (tie), SMD
Individual Career		
Most Appearances	388	Ricardo Gomez, CWV
Most Innings Pitched	1340.2	Daryl Thompson, SMD
Most Wins	91	Daryl Thompson, SMD
Most Strikeouts	962	Daryl Thompson, SMD
Most Games Started	209	Daryl Thompson, SMD
ERA	2.23	Scott Shuman, LAN
Most Shutouts	5	Daryl Thompson (tied), SMD
Strikeouts per 9	12.4	Scott Shuman
Slugging Percentage	.624	Courtney Hawkins, LEX
Most Stolen Bases	295	Darian Sandford, LEX

2022 Atlantic League Postseason All-Star team

C	Yovan Gonzalez, Charleston
1B	Andretty Cordero, Lancaster
2B	Joseph Rosa, Gastonia
SS	Jack Reinheimer, Gastonia
3B	Carlos Franco, York
OF	Courtney Hawkins, Lexington
OF	Alejandro De Aza, Long Island
OF	Zander Wiel, High Point
DH	David Harris, Southern Maryland
SP	Daryl Thompson, Southern Maryland
RP	Endrys Briceno, Southern Maryland
Closer	Jesus Balaguer, Gastonia

2022 Red, White and Blue All-Defensive Team

C	Ryan Haug, Southern Maryland
1B	Nellie Rodriguez, York
2B	Melvin Mercedes, Lancaster
SS	Jack Reinheimer, Gastonia
3B	Michael Russell, High Point
OF	Braxton Lee, Southern Maryland
OF	Reece Hampton, Gastonia
OF	Jake Skole, Gastonia
P	Mitch Lambson, Southern Maryland

Player of the Year: Courtney Hawkins, Lexington
 Pitcher of the Year: Daryl Thompson, Southern Maryland
 Manager of the Year: Mauro "Goose" Gozzo, Gastonia
 Defensive Player of the Year: Melvin Mercedes, Lancaster

Joe Klein Executive of the Year: Pete Fisch, High Point
 Ken Shepard Award for Promotional Excellence: Charleston
 Promotion of the Year: Lancaster
 Mascot of the Year: York's DownTown
 Ballpark of the Year: High Point
 Outstanding Community Service Award: Staten Island

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

2022 SEASON IN REVIEW

Champions: The Lancaster Barnstormers completed a remarkable second-half turnaround by winning their third ALPB Championship. Lancaster finished 17 games behind So. Maryland in the first half then turned in a 44-21 record in the second half to earn a spot in the playoffs. Lancaster trailed the Blue Crabs two games to one before winning the final two games of the North Division Championship. The 'Stormers then swept High Point in three games to claim Lancaster's third ALPB title. Oscar De La Cruz tossed a four-hit complete game shutout in the deciding game to earn MVP honors.

Welcome Staten Island: The Staten Island FerryHawks debuted in 2022, giving the Atlantic League an all-time record 10 teams. After a challenging first half, the FerryHawks rebounded to finish the second half of the season in third place in the North Division.

Drake's Debut: The Atlantic League in 2022 became the first contemporary professional baseball league to produce its own official baseball. The Drake baseball was the result of over three years of extensive research and development and was named for Ellis Drake (1839-1912) who conceived of the two-piece, interlocking figure eight design that is still used for the cover of the baseball.

Pacesetters: Southern Maryland, with a 48-18 record, posted a .727 winning percentage for the first half, the best half-season mark by any club in league history. The 2015 Somerset Patriots held the previous half-season mark of .714 (50-20). In addition, Gastonia finished the year with 88 victories, tied for the third-most ever for a full season in the Atlantic League.

Groundbreaking: The Atlantic League became the only professional baseball league with a female with a player contract when Staten Island's Kelsie Whitmore became the first to play in the ALPB. She made her debut for the FerryHawks on 4/21, her first start in LF on 5/1, and collected her first hit on 9/3 vs. Long Island. Alexis "Scrappy" Hopkins became the second woman to play in the ALPB, and the second to earn a start in the 9/16 game between Lexington and Kentucky. Hopkins, who served as the Genomes' bullpen catcher throughout the season, was in the starting line-up on 9/16 and 9/17 as the designated hitter and lined a base hit up the middle for her first professional hit. On 9/18, she was the starting catcher for the Genomes and recorded three putouts and two assists. The Genomes also reached a milestone on 5/17 when Hopkins coached first and hitting instructor Lindsay Gardner coached third for the Genomes, putting multiple women in the coaching boxes.

Lew Ford Knocks 1,000th hit: Long Island's Lew Ford became the fourth player in Atlantic League history to reach the 1,000-hit mark. Ford earned his 999th career hit on a sharp line drive to right off Charleston starter Derrick Adams on 8/28. Ford then singled to left in the fourth off Adams to mark his 1,000th career safety. Ford moved to 1,001 career hits with a single to right off Nate Peden in the seventh inning.

Thompson Hurling History: It's not easy keeping up with all the records and highlights that accompany Southern Maryland hurler Daryl Thompson. The right hander ended the 2022 campaign owning ALPB career records in wins (91), starts (209), innings (1340.2), and strikeouts (968). Thompson is the only ALPB pitcher with eight 100-inning seasons to his credit and became the first to be honored with three consecutive ALPB Pitcher of the Year awards.

Hawkins' Homers: Lexington's Courtney Hawkins tied the ALPB record with 48 homers in a season, matching Newark's Ozzie Canseco who had 48 in 2000. In addition, Hawkins' 125 RBI were the second-most in league history behind Canseco's 129 in 2000. Hawkins set the league record with 310 total bases and posted the second-highest marks in history with 72 extra base hits and a .655 slugging percentage.

Sandford Sets Steals Standard: Darian Sandford's fifth season in the Atlantic League included playing 20 games with Gastonia and the final 23 contests of the year with Lexington, Sandford stole 13 bases to become the Atlantic League's all-time leader with 295. Sandford was the ALPB stolen base leader in 2018 and '19 with Lancaster and again in 2021 while playing for Lexington and York.

New Stolen Base Mark: Gastonia broke the Atlantic League record for the most stolen bases in a season when Cole Freeman stole second base in the third inning of an 8/24 contest vs. Charleston. It marked the Honey Hunters' 266th stolen base of the year. Somerset previously held the mark of 265 in 2000 in 140 games. Gastonia broke the record in 110 contests.

Lee Clubs Triple Triples: Southern Maryland RF Braxton Lee hit three triples in a home game against High Point on 8/9. He finished the game with three hits, two runs scored and three RBI. It is believed to be an Atlantic League record for triples in a game.

Cycling: Kentucky's Luke Becker hit for the cycle on 6/26 in a home game vs. Charleston. Becker's four hits included a homer in the first, a double in the second, a triple in the fourth, and a single in the seventh. High Point's Michael Russell hit for the cycle in at Lexington on 7/20. Russell had six hits including a first inning double, singles in the second, sixth and ninth innings, a homer in the third frame, and a triple in the eighth. In addition, Russell's six hits were the most by an ALPB player since Sean Burroughs of Bridgeport had six hits vs. New Britain on 8/19/2017.

AARP Honors: Former Met Nelson Figueroa came out of retirement to start two games for Staten Island in 2022. Figueroa tossed a seven-inning CG and struck out four at Gastonia on 8/9. Figueroa started his pro career in 1995 and the first batter he faced in his return, Gastonia's Reece Hampton, was born in 1996. LI's Lew Ford became the oldest player in the ALPB to homer when he smacked a round-tripper vs. Lexington on 7/13. Ford homered at the age of 45 years, 11 months and 1 day, breaking the previous mark held by Rickey Henderson (Newark) who homered at 45 years, 6 months and 23 days on July 17, 2004. Ford hit two home runs vs. Charleston on 8/14 and now has 31 ALPB homers since turning 40, more than any other 40+ player in league history. And hats off to 44-year old Ricardo Gomez who made 22 relief appearances for Charleston to set the ALPB record with 388 career appearances. Gomez's career started in 1997 with the Pirates' Gulf Coast League team, a year prior to the founding of the Atlantic League.

Over 1,000 Wins Between Them: York's Mark Mason won his 600th ALPB game with a 3-2 home win over Staten Island on 8/30. He became the fourth ALPB manager to reach the 600 mark. Mason finished his ninth season with the Revolution with 606 career wins and the 2017 ALPB crown. Southern Maryland manager Stan Cliburn recorded his 400th win as an Atlantic League manager when the Blue Crabs defeated Staten Island 11-0 on 9/8. Cliburn has managed six years in the Atlantic League having skippered the Blue Crabs in 2015, New Britain in 2016 and 2017 before returning to Southern Maryland for the 2019 season. Cliburn became the ninth Atlantic League manager to surpass the 400-win mark.

Rivalry Series: The Atlantic League features a number of season-long rivalries that are hotly contested throughout the year. York and Lancaster's "War of the Roses" went to the Barnstormers 18-14 in 2022. Gastonia and High Point meet in the "Battle of the Old North State" with the Honey Hunters winning the regular season by a 20-14 margin. Kentucky and Lexington shared Wild Health Field in 2022 with the Genomes owning a 23-18 advantage. Staten Island and Long Island tangled for the "Battle of the Belt" with the series knotted at 17-17.

No-Hitter: Four Gastonia pitchers combined to no-hit Lexington 11-0 on 7/27. Roger Bernal, in his first appearance as a Honey Hunter, threw five innings and walked five but did not yield a hit. Euclides Leyer fanned three in his two innings. Quinton Torres-Costa and Sam Bordner each had one strikeout in their one inning of work.

Longest At-Bat of the Season: Kudos to Lexington's Pete Yorgen who, on 7/14, saw 15 pitches from Long Island's Tyler Webb before flying out to left.

Low-Hit Games: Gastonia's pitching staff had 10 games in which it allowed two or fewer hits, throwing a no-hitter, two one-hitters and seven two-hitters. No other ALPB club had more than five low-hit games.

Tejeda's 10-RBI Game: Kentucky's Isaias Tejeda drove in 10 runs in a 16-7 win over Charleston on 9/2. Tejeda hit a three-run homer in the third inning, a grand slam in the fifth and a three-run homer in the seventh. Not only was it the most RBI by an ALPB player this year, it marked the most by any Atlantic League player since Craig Maddox of New Britain drove in 11 vs. Long Island on 9/1/17.

Two for 20-20 in '22: Gastonia's Jake Skole and Zach Jarrett are the newest members of the ALPB's 20-20 club with 20 homers and 20 stolen bases. Skole had 23 homers and 26 stolen bases while Jarrett hit 21 homers and swiped 32 bases. They became just the second set of teammates in ALPB history with 20 homers and 20 stolen bases, joining Nashua's Glenn Murray and D.J. Boston in 2000.