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WEEK 20 In The Atlantic League

Records in sight, milestones on the line, Wild Card race heats up with three weeks left

AUGUST 30 STANDINGS

North (2nd half) Overall	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	DIFF
Lancaster	32	15	.681	-	61	52	.540	14.5	7-3	W6	39-20	22-32	659	582	77
*Southern Maryland	27	19	.587	4.5	75	37	.670	-	5-5	W3	45-16	30-21	654	499	155
Staten Island	20	28	.417	12.5	38	76	.333	38.0	4-6	L5	20-34	18-42	433	615	-182
Long Island	19	28	.404	13	55	58	.487	20.5	5-5	W1	33-24	22-34	591	601	-10
York	18	29	.383	14	49	64	.434	26.5	3-7	L3	28-28	21-36	637	641	-4
North (2nd half) Overall	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	DIFF
*Gastonia	32	16	.667	-	77	37	.675	-	6-4	L1	37-20	40-17	700	501	199
Kentucky	24	23	.511	7.5	59	54	.522	17.5	5-5	L2	30-22	29-32	639	660	-21
Lexington	22	24	.478	9	45	67	.402	31.0	6-4	W2	24-34	21-33	579	751	-172
High Point	21	27	.438	11	60	54	.526	17.0	5-5	W1	33-24	27-30	638	551	87
Charleston	20	26	.435	11	46	66	.411	30.0	4-6	L1	25-29	21-37	517	646	-12

* Clinched first half pennant

ON DECK (All Times EDT)

Tuesday, August 30

High Point at Gastonia, 6:15
Staten Island at York, 6:30
Lancaster at Long Island, 6:35
Kentucky at Lexington, 6:35
Southern Maryland at Charleston, 6:35

Wednesday, August 31

Kentucky at Lexington, 12:05
High Point at Gastonia, 6:15
Staten Island at York, 6:30
Lancaster at Long Island, 6:35
Southern Maryland at Charleston, 6:35

Thursday, September 1

High Point at Gastonia, 6:15
Staten Island at York, 6:30
Lancaster at Long Island, 6:35
Kentucky at Lexington, 6:35
Southern Maryland at Charleston, 6:35

Friday, September 2

Kentucky at Gastonia, 6:15
Charleston at Lexington, 6:35
Lancaster at Southern Maryland, 6:35
York at High Point, 6:35
Long Island at Staten Island, 7:00

Saturday, September 3

Long Island at Staten Island, 6:00
Kentucky at Gastonia, 6:15
Charleston at Lexington, 6:35
Lancaster at Southern Maryland, 6:35
York at High Point, 6:35

Sunday, September 4

Lancaster at Southern Maryland, 2:05
Charleston at Lexington, 2:05
Long Island at Staten Island, 4:00
York at High Point, 4:05
Kentucky at Gastonia, 4:15

Monday, September 5

Long Island at York, 4:30

Tuesday, September 6

Lexington at Charleston, 5:30 (DH)
Long Island at York, 6:30
Southern Maryland at Staten Island, 6:30
Gastonia at Kentucky, 6:35
Lancaster at High Point, 6:35

ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

Pennant Races: Gastonia continues to hold a 7.5 game lead over Kentucky in the South Division after going 3-3 last week... Lancaster increased its lead over So. Maryland to 4.5 games by going 6-0 last week to the Blue Crabs' 4-2 mark... Lancaster remains atop the Wild Card standings by 1.5 games over High Point and two games over Kentucky... The Rockers and Genomes each posted 3-3 records last week.

Hail Lew Ford: Long Island's venerable 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... He then singled to left in the fourth off Adams to score Phil Caulfield to mark his 1,000th career safety... Ford then moved to 1,001 career hits with a single to right off Nate Peden in the seventh inning... Ford is the first player to accumulate all of their ALPB hits as a Long Island Duck, though Ray Navarette's 1,000th hit, a homer on 8/3/13, came as a Duck... Bryant Nelson earned his 1,000th hit as a Blue Crab on 6/2/16... The first to 1K was Jeff Nettles of Somerset who passed the mark on 7/27/12.

BY THE NUMBERS

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Long Island's Lew Ford became the fourth ALPB player with 1,000 hits

Hats Off to Hawkins: Courtney Hawkins had a day on 8/28 vs. the Wild Health Genomes... The Lexington OF was 4-for-7 with four home runs, 10 RBI, three walks (one IBB) and five runs scored in a doubleheader sweep... Hawkins finished the day with 40 home runs on the season and 101 RBI... He is just the fourth player in ALPB history to eclipse the 40-homer mark... Hawkins joins Ozzie Canseco of Newark (48 in 2000), Brian Becker of Nashua (41 in 2005), Telvin Nash of York (41 in 2019) and Jose Viera of Lehigh Valley/Somerset (40 in 2000) among the elite to hit 40 homers in a season.

272

Stolen bases by Gastonia this year, an ALPB record

Salute to Sandford: Another ALPB career record in jeopardy is the career stolen base mark... Lexington's Darian Sandford enters the week with 287 career stolen bases... The current record is 290 set by Somerset's Billy Hall from 2000-05... Sandford is the three-time defending league stolen base champ, having swiped 82 bases for Lancaster in 2018, 74 in 2019 and 78 with Lexington and York in 2021... Currently with the Legends, Sandford has eight stolen bases on the year.

287

Career stolen bases for Lexington's Darian Sandford, 3 shy of the ALPB record

First Half-Week Standouts: Lancaster's Andretty Cordero had four hits vs. Long Island on 8/23... Teammate Ariel Sandoval had four hits and three RBI in a win over Long Island (8/24)... York's Eduardo Rivera improved to 7-3 with seven shutout innings with nine strikeouts vs. So. Maryland on 8/24... Gastonia's Luis Roman had five RBI on a two-run double and a three-run homer vs. Charleston on 8/24... Gastonia's John Anderson threw six-plus innings and allowed a single run on three hits to improve to 11-4... Alex Sanabia of Gastonia hurled six innings of no-hit baseball and struck out 10 in a win over Charleston (8/25)... Staten Island's Ricardo Cespedes had four hits and four RBI vs. Kentucky on 8/25... Cespedes was seven-for-11 in two games vs. Kentucky with three doubles and six RBI... Luis Roman of Gastonia drove in eight runs in the series vs. Charleston... Kentucky's Jimmy Paredes had four extra base hits including a pair of homers in the Staten Island series... York's Jim Fuller had a pair of saves in the mid-week series vs. So. Maryland.

599

Career wins by York manager Mark Mason

Second Half-Week Standouts: Long Island's Joe Iorio (7 IP) and Chas Cywin (2 IP) combined to four-hit Charleston in a 12-0 win on 8/26... Kentucky's Elih Villanueva (8 IP) and Jamie Callahan (1 IP) combined to two-hit Lexington (8/26)... Villanueva fanned 10 in his eight innings... High Point's Logan Morrison was 5-for-5 with a home run and three RBI vs. Gastonia (8/26)... Lancaster's Oscar De La Cruz struck out eight in eight innings vs. Staten Island (8/26)... Lancaster's Erik Manoah, Jr. struck out nine in 6.1 innings of work

vs. Staten Island (8/27)... Long Island's Scott Harkin went five innings vs. Charleston on 8/27 and allowed just two hits while fanning seven... Southern Maryland's Mitch Lambson allowed just two hits over eight innings and retired the final 19 batters he faced while striking out 11 in a 2-0 win over York (8/27)... Kelsie Whitmore started in left for Staten Island on 8/27 and recorded a pair of putouts... Lexington's Isaias Tejeda had four hits for Lexington vs. Kentucky in game 2 on 8/28... The Genomes' Gavin Johns was 5-for-8 with two doubles, a triple, a home run and six RBI in a twinbill vs. Lexington 8/28... High Point's Logan Morrison hit .538 (7-for-13) vs. Gastonia on the weekend.

Best of the Week: Lexington's Courtney Hawkins had five home runs, 24 total bases, eight runs scored and 13 RBI in six games last week... So. Maryland's Matt Hibbert hit .529 (9-for-17) last week... Lancaster's Nile Ball, So. Maryland's Eddie Butler and Lexington's Daniel Corcino each had two wins as starters while Lancaster's West Tunnell picked up two wins in relief... York's Jim Fuller had a pair of saves.

Long At-Bats: Charleston's Joe Testa threw 12 pitches to Gastonia catcher Stuart Levy who flew out to right... Long Island's Deibinson Romero walked on 12 pitches from Charleston's Kit Scheetz.

Gastonia Stolen Base Record: The Honey Hunters broke the Atlantic League record for the most stolen bases in a season when they swiped their 266th base of the year vs. Charleston on 8/24... Somerset set the mark of 265 in 2000 in 140 games . . . Gastonia broke the record in 110 contests... Cole Freeman stole second base in the third inning to set the mark.

Team Hitting: The Wild Health Genomes overcame an 8-1 deficit with a 10-run second inning and went on to defeat Staten Island 13-11 on 8/25... During the 10-run second, the Genomes banged out 10 straight hits including three doubles, three singles, and two homers... Staten Island hit seven doubles vs. Kentucky (8/25).

Team Pitching: Gastonia held Charleston to two-hits while striking out 15 in a 9-1 win on 8/25.

Streaks: So. Maryland's Jack Sundberg has reached base in 30 consecutive games, the third-longest streak in the ALPB this year.

League Leaders: Alejandro De Aza of Long Island holds the league lead with a .339 batting average though Andretty Cordero of Lancaster is close behind at .337... Cordero's 103 RBI lead the Atlantic League as does his 159 hits... So. Maryland's tandem of Eddie Butler and Daryl Thompson each have 12 wins while Gastonia's John Anderson (11) and Sam Bordner (10) have each reached double figures along with Kentucky's Elih Villanueva (10)... Daryl Thompson's 158.1 innings pitched leads the league and marks his third consecutive 150+ inning season.

Records: York's Nellie Rodriguez has 99 walks this season... The ALPB record is 105 by York's Telvin Nash in 2019... Only three players have ever had 100 walks in a season.

Milestones: York's Melky Mesa made his 32nd career outfield assist vs. So. Maryland on 8/25 to tie the franchise record... Andretty Cordero reached 100 RBI in a season faster than any other Barnstormer in history when he crossed the threshold on 8/26 in his 11th game... So. Maryland's Jared Walker (74) and Jack Sundberg (74) are on the verge of breaking the club record for walks in a season which is currently 75... York manager Mark Mason enters the week with 599 career ALPB victories... He is fourth all-time in victories behind Butch Hobson (1,102), Sparky Lyle (1,024) and Wayne Krenchicki (704)... Only eight managers have reached 400 wins in the ALPB... So. Maryland's Stan Cliburn enters the week with 395 career ALPB wins and would be the ninth ALPB manager to reach 400 wins.

Anomalies: York reliever Carlos Ventura struck out three hitters in 2/3 of an inning on 8/23... He fanned Matt Hibbert, struck out Michael Baca on a wild pitch in which Baca reached first, then struck out Michael Falsetti looking for the third out of the inning.

Grand Slams: Lexington's Teodoro Martinez vs. High Point (8/23).

Walk-Offs: High Point's Ben Aklinski hit a sac fly to walk-off Lexington on 8/24... Ariel Sandoval lined a two-run single to walk-off Long Island on 8/24... Lancaster had a walk-off win over Long Island for a second straight night with a 4-3 win on 8/25 on a Melvin Mercedes single.

Off-Field: While Staten Island manager Edgardo Alfonzo and pitching coach Nelson Figueroa attended Mets' Old-Timer's Day events, the FerryHawks recruited College of Staten Island baseball Coach Mike Mauro to manage the club, assisted by former MLB All-Star Jason Marquis and St. Peter's baseball coach Bobby Glennerster... Other Mets Old-Timers Day participants included Ducks' manager Wally Backman and former ALPB player Pat Mahommes, Sr.

2022 ALPB Championship Series Schedule

(All series are best of 5)

Tuesday, September 20 (Game 1)

South Second Half Champion at Gastonia
So. Maryland at North Second Half Champion

Wednesday, September 21 (Game 2)

South Second Half Champion at Gastonia
So. Maryland at North Second Half Champion

Thursday, September 22

Travel/Contingency Day

Friday, September 23 (Game 3)

Gastonia at South Second Half Champion
North Second Half Champion at Southern Maryland

Saturday, September 24

(Game 4 if necessary)

Gastonia at South Second Half Champion
North Second Half Champion at Southern Maryland

Sunday, September 25

(Game 5 if necessary)

Gastonia at South Second Half Champion
North Second Half Champion at Southern Maryland

ALPB Championship Series

(Best of 5)

Tuesday, September 27 (Game 1)

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	Lancaster
	Courtney Hawkins, OF	Lexington
June	Carlos Franco, 3B	York
July	Alejandro De Aza	Long Island
	Zach Jarrett	Gastonia
	Melvin Mercedes	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

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