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PLAYOFF EDITION

High Point and Gastonia meet in South Division series while Southern Maryland and Lancaster square off in North

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

ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

Lancaster vs. Southern Maryland (North Division Series)

Lancaster Barnstormers

Overall Record: 73-58

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

ALPB Playoff Appearances: 7th (21-14)

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

2022 Team BA: .276 (1st)

2022 Team ERA: 4.47 (3rd)

2022 Fielding: .975 (4th)

Notes: The Barnstormers posted the best half-season record in club history at .677 (44-21) after a 29-37 first half... LAN led the league with a .276 batting average and 1,220 hits... The pitching staff led the ALPB with 1,153 strikeouts... The 'Stormers excelled in the second half despite the absence of 1st half All-Star Kelly Dugan and OF LeDarius Clark... Starter Nile Ball (11-5) has won four of his last five starts entering the playoffs while closer West Tunnell (6-1, 11 saves) has converted 11 of 12 save opportunities... Andretty Cordero was the ALPB POTM in August and finished with a .339 average and 118 RBI.

Southern Maryland Blue Crabs

Overall Record: 83-48

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

ALPB Playoff Appearances: 9th (14-26)

Division Championship Series Record: 2-6 (8-12)

2022 Team BA: .268 (7th)

2022 Team ERA: 3.98 (2nd)

2022 Fielding: .976 (2nd)

Notes: The Blue Crabs posted an Atlantic League record .727 winning percentage (48-18) in winning the North first half pennant and went 35-30 in the second half... SMD led the league with 45 triples and used the HBP as an offensive weapon, getting hit a league-high 115 times... SMD has the league's second-best ERA at 3.98 and a pair of 10-game winners in Daryl Thompson (15-4) and Eddie Butler (12-6)... SMD's pitchers issued the fewest walks in the ALPB in 2022... SMD won the season series from Lancaster (12-5), going 9-0 in the first half and 3-5 in the second... SMD was 7-2 at home vs. LAN and 5-3 at Clipper Magazine Stadium.

Gastonia vs. High Point (South Division Series)

Gastonia Honey Hunters

Overall Record: 88-44

Qualification: South Division 1st & 2nd Half Champion (45-21/43-23)

ALPB Playoff Appearances: 1st

Division Championship Series Record: 0-0

2022 Team BA: .275 (2nd)

2022 Team ERA: 3.89 (1st)

2022 Fielding: .978 (3rd)

Notes: Gastonia won both halves of the South Division in dominant fashion and its 88 wins were not only the best in the league but the fourth-most ever by an ALPB club... The Honey Hunters were 45-21 in the first half and 43-43 in the second... Gastonia led the league with a 3.89 ERA and was second in batting average at .275... The Honey Hunters stole a league-record 305 bases and had two members of the 20-20 Club in Jake Skole (23 HR, 26 SB) and Zach Jarrett (21 HR, 32 SB)... Reece Hampton led the ALPB with 65 steals... The pitching staff is highlighted by a pair of 10-game winners in lefty John Anderson (13-4) and righty Sam Bordner (11-5) as well as ace closer Jesus Balaguer who co-led the ALPB with 25 saves in 2022... GAS went 20-14 vs. HP this year including a 6-1 mark in the first half and a 14-13 edge in the second half... Gastonia was 10-7 vs. High Point both at CaroMont Health Park and at Truist Point.

High Point Rockers

Overall Record: 71-61

Qualification: Wild Card

ALPB Playoff Appearances: 2nd

Division Championship Series Record: 0-1 (0-3)

2022 Team BA: .265 (5th)

2022 Team ERA: 4.58 (4th)

2022 Fielding: .982 (1st)

Notes: High Point was the last entrant into the playoff field, earning the Wild Card berth on Sept. 15... High Point went 39-27 in the first half and 32-34 in the second half... The Rockers have the most home runs of any team in the playoffs with 161 and led the ALPB with a .982 fielding percentage... The Rockers get their power from three 20-homer hitters in Zander Wiel (32 HR, 98 RBI), Jerry Downs (22 HR, 83 RBI), and Quincy Latimore (21 HR, 79 RBI)... OF Ben Aklinski just missed the 20-20 Club with 19 homers and 20 stolen bases... The Rockers had the second-best September record of any ALPB club at 10-6 in order to gain the Wild Card berth... Closer Ryan Dull (7-1, 13 saves) had the second-most wins among ALPB relievers.

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2022 ALPB Championship Series Schedule

(All series are best of 5)

Tuesday, September 20 (Game 1)

High Point at Gastonia, 6:15

So. Maryland at Lancaster, 6:30

Wednesday, September 21 (Game 2)

High Point at Gastonia, 6:15

So. Maryland at Lancaster, 6:30

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

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

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

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 in ALPB history

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2022 ALPB Players 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 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 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