



# ALPB BULLPEN

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## Southern Maryland Nears 1,000th Win, Leads North

Final third of season promises tight races in both divisions

### SECOND HALF STANDINGS AS OF AUGUST 8, 2023

|                   | W  | L  | PCT  | GB   | L10 | STRK | HOME | ROAD | RS  | RA  | DIFF |
|-------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| <b>North</b>      |    |    |      |      |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |
| Southern Maryland | 17 | 9  | .654 | -    | 7-3 | W2   | 9-5  | 8-4  | 160 | 128 | 32   |
| York              | 16 | 9  | .640 | 0.5  | 6-4 | W1   | 8-4  | 8-5  | 186 | 138 | 48   |
| Lancaster         | 15 | 11 | .577 | 2.0  | 5-5 | L2   | 9-5  | 6-6  | 182 | 138 | 44   |
| Staten Island     | 12 | 13 | .480 | 4.5  | 5-5 | W2   | 8-8  | 4-5  | 122 | 174 | -52  |
| *-Long Island     | 11 | 13 | .458 | 5.0  | 7-3 | L1   | 5-6  | 6-7  | 148 | 149 | -1   |
| <b>South</b>      |    |    |      |      |     |      |      |      |     |     |      |
| *-High Point      | 15 | 9  | .625 | -    | 6-4 | W1   | 7-6  | 8-3  | 166 | 129 | 37   |
| Gastonia          | 14 | 10 | .583 | 1.0  | 5-5 | W3   | 7-4  | 7-6  | 176 | 159 | 17   |
| Charleston        | 11 | 13 | .458 | 4.0  | 4-6 | L2   | 7-7  | 4-6  | 120 | 128 | -8   |
| Spire City        | 11 | 15 | .423 | 5.0  | 4-6 | L1   | 4-5  | 7-10 | 180 | 221 | -41  |
| Lexington         | 3  | 23 | .115 | 13.0 | 2-8 | L5   | 1-10 | 2-13 | 114 | 190 | -76  |

### SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, Aug 8

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

#### Wednesday, Aug 9

Spire City at Gastonia, 11:35  
 Lancaster at York, 6:30  
 Lexington at Charleston, 6:35  
 Staten Island at High Point, 6:35  
 Southern Maryland at Long Island, 6:35

#### Thursday, Aug 10

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

#### Friday, Aug 11

Spire City at Lancaster, 6:30  
 High Point at Charleston, 6:35  
 Gastonia at Long Island, 6:35  
 York at Lexington, 6:45

#### Saturday, Aug 12

Southern Maryland at Staten Island, Noon  
 Spire City at Lancaster, 6:30  
 High Point at Charleston, 6:35  
 Gastonia at Long Island, 6:35  
 York at Lexington, 6:45

#### Sunday, Aug 13

So. Maryland at Staten Island (DH), 1:00  
 York at Lexington, 2:05  
 High Point at Charleston, 4:05  
 Spire City at Lancaster, 5:00  
 Gastonia at Long Island, 5:05

**Long At-Bat of the Week:** Spire City's Osvaldo Abreu popped out to first on the 11th pitch he saw from York's Pedro Vasquez on 8/4... It took Staten Island's Cristofer Ogando 11 pitches to strike out Lancaster's Trace Loehr on 8/6.

#### 3 of a Kind

Kevin Santa, Gastonia  
 Nick Beardsley, Staten Island  
 Owen Reith, Charleston

### ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

**The Week Ahead:** So. Maryland enters the week with 998 wins in its 15th year in the Atlantic League... The Blue Crabs travel to Long Island for a mid-week series before heading to Staten Island on the weekend... The War of the Roses resumes with Lancaster visiting York in a midweek series as the two are separated by 1.5 games in the second half... Gastonia enters the week with the ALPB's longest current winning streak at three games and hosts Spire City before traveling to Long Island on the weekend.

**The Week That Was:** So. Maryland went 4-2 during the week to move into first place in the North Division... The Blue Crabs have won 10 of their last 13... York's Nick Raquet became the ALPB's first 10-game winner with an 8-3 win at Staten Island on 8/1... And then became the first 11-game winner with a 16-5 triumph over Spire City on 8/6.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

# 6

At-bats between triples for Long Island's Wilson Ramos this past weekend vs. High Point

# 21

ALPB players with 30 or more homers in a season, a number which now includes Lexington's Thomas Dillard

# 998

All-time wins for Southern Maryland as the Blue Crabs aim to become the sixth ALPB club with 1,000 all-time wins

# 2,463

MLB at-bats for Long Island's Wilson Ramos in between his two career triples, on 5/20/11 and 8/15/18

run... Spire City's David Kubiak earned his 38th all-time ALPB win with a 9-7 victory over York on 8/5 by striking out nine in six innings.

**Homers:** Atlantic League teams have set league records for home runs in each of the last two seasons... In 2021, the eight teams accounted for 1,185 homers in 479 games, an average of 2.47 per game... In 2022, 10 clubs blasted 1,354 home runs in 659 games, an average of 2.06 per contest... This year, ALPB teams have 1,107 homers in 440 games, an average of 2.52 per game... The league is on a pace to hit 1,585 home runs in 2023 and eclipse last year's mark.

**Midweek Marvels:** Staten Island's newly-acquired Yoshi Tsutsugo got off to a great start with six hits in his first 12 at-bats... Charleston's Diego Goris hit .600 (6-for-10) in the series at Lancaster... Long Island's Joe DeCarlo hit three homers at Spire City and scored seven runs... Leobaldo Cabrera of Spire City had eight hits vs. the Ducks... Long Island's Al Albuquerque saved a pair of games at Spire City.

**Weekend Wonders:** Charleston rallied for three runs in the top of the ninth to down So. Maryland 5-2 on 8/4... So. Maryland's Tony Dibrell fanned 10 Dirty Birds in eight innings of work 8/4... Staten Island's Chris Brito and So. Maryland's Khalil Lee each had three homers and eight RBI in their weekend series... Lancaster's Wilson Garcia smashed four extra base hits vs. Staten Island.

**Team Efforts:** Long Island overcame an 8-2 deficit to defeat Spire City 11-9 in extra innings on 8/2... York banged out 19 hits in an 11-3 win at Staten Island on 8/2... Lancaster hit six homers in a 14-4 win over Charleston on 8/3... York registered a nine-run fourth inning vs. Spire City on 8/6.

**Pitching Plaudits:** Charleston's Joe Testa won his sixth straight start with a 7-2 win at Lancaster on 8/1 but had the streak snapped in a loss at So. Maryland 8/6... Ryan Dull earned his 16th save in 16 opportunities vs. Gastonia on 8/1... Staten Island's Christian Capuano fanned nine York hitters in 6.2 innings on 8/3... Gastonia's Zach Mort won his 10th game with a 9-2 win over Lexington on 8/5.

**Best of the Week:** Staten Island's Yoshi Tsutsugo was 8-for-20 (.400) with four homers and eight RBI on the week... Long Island's Alejandro De Aza hit .500 (8-for-16) during the week while So. Maryland's Khalil Lee and Spire City's Leobaldo Cabrera each had 11 RBI.

**Streaking:** High Point's D.J. Burt has reached base in 42 straight games, the longest ALPB streak of the year and the second-longest since 2019 behind Carlos Franco's 50-game streak with York in 2022... Lexington's Logan Brown owns a 14-game hitting streak... York's Ryan January has homered in three straight contests... Long Island's Al Albuquerque has a streak of 25 consecutive appearances without allowing an earned run... High Point's Ryan Dull has converted all 16 save opportunities this year.

**Walk-offs:** Gastonia walked off Lexington 9-8 on 8/4 when Alexis Olmeda singled to score Calvin Butler.

**Grand Slams:** High Point's Ben Aklinski vs. Gaston on 8/1, his third of the year... Lancaster's Wilson Garcia vs. Staten Island on 8/4... York's Richard Urena vs. Spire City, 8/6.

**Milestones:** Lew Ford knocked an RBI double in the third inning at High Point on 8/4 to drive in his 500th career Atlantic League



# 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   |
| 35          | 52 | 0.402 | Billy Horn     | Charleston    | 88  | 131 | 2   | 0.402         | 88   | 131  | 2   | 0.402 |
| 37          | 52 | 0.416 | Mark Minicozzi | Spire City    | 162 | 179 | 3   | 0.475         | 162  | 179  | 3   | 0.475 |
| 55          | 32 | 0.632 | Mauro Gozzo    | Gastonia      | 269 | 210 | 4   | 0.562         | 269  | 210  | 4   | 0.562 |
| 56          | 31 | 0.644 | Jamie Keefe    | High Point    | 265 | 213 | 4   | 0.554         | 1037 | 895  | 21  | 0.537 |
| 40          | 49 | 0.449 | Ross Peebles   | Lancaster     | 370 | 375 | 7   | 0.497         | 370  | 375  | 7   | 0.497 |
| 34          | 55 | 0.382 | Barry Lyons    | Lexington     | 34  | 55  | 1   | 0.382         | 193  | 151  | 4   | 0.561 |
| 48          | 39 | 0.552 | Wally Backman  | Long Island   | 327 | 278 | 5   | 0.540         | 1390 | 1267 | 24  | 0.523 |
| 48          | 41 | 0.539 | Stan Cliburn   | So Maryland   | 451 | 448 | 7   | 0.502         | 1946 | 1930 | 32  | 0.502 |
| 34          | 54 | 0.386 | Homer Bush     | Staten Island | 34  | 54  | 1   | 0.386         | 66   | 101  | 2   | 0.395 |
| 53          | 35 | 0.602 | Rick Forney    | York          | 53  | 35  | 1   | 0.602         | 940  | 788  | 0   | 0.544 |

## Atlantic League Alumni in MLB, 2023 (14)

| 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     |

### Player of the Month

| Player    | ALPB Team         | MLB Club   |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| April/May | J.C. Escarra, C   | Gastonia   |
| June      | Carlos Franco, 3B | Gastonia   |
| July      | Kole Cottam       | Spire City |
| August    |                   |            |

### 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    |                         |              |

### Contracts sold to MLB/Foreign Leagues (35)

| 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 Hechavarria  | 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         |

### FloBaseball-Atlantic League Game of the Week

| Week          | Game                       | Game Time (ET) |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Thursday 8/10 | Lexington at Charleston    | 5:35 PM        |
| Thursday 8/17 | York at Gastonia           | 5:35 PM        |
| Sunday 8/27   | High Point at Spire City   | 12:00 PM       |
| Saturday 9/2  | Lancaster at Long Island   | 5:35 PM        |
| Friday 9/8    | High Point at So. Maryland | 5:35 PM        |
| Saturday 9/16 | Gastonia at Lexington      | 5:45 PM        |

## ALPB Active Career Statistical Leaders

| Hits             |     | Stolen Bases                  |                  | Games Started   |      |       |
|------------------|-----|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| Lew Ford         | LI  | 1016                          | Scott Kelly      | SPC             | 157  |       |
| Scott Kelly      | SPC | 547                           | Johnni Turbo     | GAS             | 145  |       |
| Trayvon Robinson | LAN | 528                           | Trayvon Robinson | LAN             | 87   |       |
| Johnni Turbo     | GAS | 515                           | Jack Sundberg    | SMD             | 72   |       |
| Yovan Gonzalez   | CWV | 448                           | Boog Powell      | LI              | 68   |       |
| Telvin Nash      | CWV | 444                           |                  |                 |      |       |
| RBI              |     | Hit By Pitch                  |                  | Saves           |      |       |
| Lew Ford         | LI  | 500                           | Scott Kelly      | SPC             | 70   |       |
| Telvin Nash      | CWV | 303                           | Lew Ford         | LI              | 61   |       |
| KC Hobson        | SMD | 273                           | Ryan Haug        | SMD             | 42   |       |
| Trayvon Robinson | LAN | 267                           | Luis Castro      | SI              | 32   |       |
| Ben Aklinski     | HP  | 243                           | Michael Baca     | SMD             | 28   |       |
| Home Runs        |     | Batting Average (min. 800 PA) |                  | Innings Pitched |      |       |
| Telvin Nash      | CWV | 118                           | Andretty Cordero | LAN             | .338 |       |
| KC Hobson        | SMD | 88                            | Alejandro De Aza | LI              | .331 |       |
| Lew Ford         | LI  | 83                            | Lew Ford         | LI              | .317 |       |
| Nellie Rodriguez | YRK | 67                            | Boog Powell      | LI              | .315 |       |
| Jimmy Paredes    | SPC | 66                            | Braxton Lee      | SMD             | .303 |       |
|                  |     |                               | Alex Crosby      | SMD             | .301 |       |
| Runs Scored      |     | Wins                          |                  | Strikeouts      |      |       |
| Lew Ford         | LI  | 534                           | Daryl Thompson   | SMD             | 95   |       |
| Scott Kelly      | SPC | 354                           | David Kubiak     | SPC             | 38   |       |
| Trayvon Robinson | LAN | 345                           | Mitch Atkins     | HP              | 36   |       |
| Telvin Nash      | CWV | 304                           | Joe Iorio        | LI              | 33   |       |
| Johnni Turbo     | GAS | 281                           | Ricardo Gomez    | CWV             | 31   |       |
| Doubles          |     | Appearances                   |                  | Daryl Thompson  | SMD  | 1,012 |
| Lew Ford         | LI  | 218                           | Ricardo Gomez    | CWV             | 419  |       |
| Alejandro de Aza | LI  | 104                           | Jim Fuller       | SI              | 237  |       |
| Trayvon Robinson | LAN | 95                            | Daryl Thompson   | SMD             | 228  |       |
| Telvin Nash      | CWV | 93                            | Craig Stem       | HP              | 195  |       |
| Yovan Gonzalez   | CWX | 85                            | Joe Kuzia        | LI              | 157  |       |
| Triples          |     |                               |                  | Mitch Atkins    | HP   | 428   |
| Trayvon Robinson | LAN | 16                            |                  |                 |      |       |
| JC Encarnacion   | LEX | 15                            |                  |                 |      |       |
| Johnni Turbo     | GAS | 15                            |                  |                 |      |       |
| Lew Ford         | LI  | 13                            |                  |                 |      |       |
| Braxton Lee      | SMD | 13                            |                  |                 |      |       |

## 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   |
| UTIL/DH Ray Navarrete | OF Blake Gailen     |
| RHP Jim Ed Warden     | RHP Jon Hunton      |
| 1B Josh Pressley      | RHP Daryl Thompson  |
| C Francisco Morales   | RHP Corey Thurman   |

The remaining honorees will be announced in the coming weeks.

## BallPark Digest Midseason All-Stars

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

Managers: Wally Backman, Lt: Jamie Keefe, High Point