



# ALPB BULLPEN

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## FINAL WEEK OF REGULAR SEASON ARRIVES

North and South Division pennant races to be determined in next six days

### SECOND HALF STANDINGS AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK	HOME	ROAD	RS	RA	DIFF
<b>North</b>											
Lancaster	32	24	.571	-	5-5	W1	18-10	14-14	359	280	79
Southern Maryland	31	26	.544	1.5	5-5	L3	18-14	13-12	321	291	30
York	30	27	.526	2.5	6-4	L1	16-11	14-16	336	310	26
*-Long Island	28	27	.509	3.5	8-2	W6	11-17	17-10	333	349	-16
Staten Island	25	31	.446	7.0	2-8	L6	15-17	10-14	295	355	-60
<b>South</b>											
*-High Point	34	21	.618	-	6-4	W5	14-14	20-7	355	291	64
Gastonia	34	23	.596	1.0	2-8	L2	18-13	16-10	367	323	44
Charleston	28	29	.491	7.0	6-4	W2	16-15	12-14	308	309	-1
Spire City	22	33	.400	12.0	4-6	W2	9-10	13-23	329	406	-77
Lexington	16	39	.291	18.0	4-6	L2	7-17	9-22	246	335	-89

\* indicates first half division champion

### ATLANTIC LEAGUE NEWS AND NOTES

**The Week Ahead:** In the North Division, Lancaster enters the final week with a 1.5 game lead over So. Maryland and the Barnstormers will be at home for their final six games... The Blue Crabs will be on the road for their final six... South leader High Point will play its final eight games away from home.

**The Week That Was:** Lancaster was in first place in the North all week though they did share first with So. Maryland on Saturday... Gastonia started the week with a 3.5 game lead over High Point but the Rockers went 6-1 while the Honey Hunters were 2-6 and High Point enters the final week with a 1/2 -game lead... Gastonia did clinch the league's Wild Card berth should either High Point or Long Island repeat as second half champion.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

# 2

100 RBI seasons for Lancaster's Andretty Cordero and High Point's Ben Aklinski, the first two to have more than one

**Streaking:** David Washington of Gastonia homered in four straight during the week... So. Maryland closer Bruce Rondon has converted four straight save opportunities.

# 5

Consecutive homers hit by Spire City in game 2 of a doubleheader vs. Lexington on 9/10

**Walk-offs:** Chris Proctor singled in the bottom of the ninth as Lancaster walked-off Staten Island on 9/6... Trent Giambone of York plated the winning run in a 7-6 walk-off win over Lancaster on 9/9... Craig Dedelow hit a solo homer as Spire City walked-off Lexington on 9/10 in game 1 of a DH.

# 25

Spire City is the first club in league history with four hitters with 25 or more home runs in a season

**Grand Slam:** Long Island's Alex Dickerson vs. Staten Island on 9/10.

**Milestones:** High Point's Ben Aklinski joined Lancaster's Andretty Cordero as the only players in league history with multiple 100 RBI seasons... Cordero had 118 last year and has 111 thus far in 2023... Aklinski drove home 105 in 2021 with Lexington and hit the 100 mark on Monday vs. So. Maryland... Long Island's Lew Ford moved into third on the ALPB hit list with 1,034, surpassing Long Island's Ray Navarrete who had 1,032.

# 600

Charleston's Ricardo Gomez became the sixth ALPB pitcher to surpass 600 career strikeouts

**Midweek Marvels:** Gastonia's Jack Reinheimer hit three home runs in a doubleheader at High Point on 9/5... Reinheimer knocked a league-best five extra base hits in the midweek series vs. High Point... Long Island's Lew Ford went 4-for-5 with a double and two RBI from the lead-off spot vs. Spire City 9/5... Long Island's Carlos Castro banged out five hits, four RBI and four runs scored vs. Spire City on 9/5... Long Island's Alejandro De Aza hit .625 (5-for-8) in two games against Spire City... So. Maryland's Bruce Rondon had a pair of saves vs. York.

**Weekend Wonders:** Tomo Otosaka hit his first home run of the year vs. Lancaster on 9/8... J.C. Perez had a double, homer and five RBI vs. Gastonia on 9/8... Long Island's Lew Ford was 3-for-3 vs. Staten Island on 9/10... High Point's Quincy Latimore went five-for-8 (.625) in three weekend games at So. Maryland... Gastonia's David Washington had three homers and seven RBI vs. Charleston... Charleston's Arnaldo Hernandez recorded a pair of saves vs. Gastonia.

**Team Efforts:** Long Island matched the league season-high with 23 hits vs. Spire City on 9/5... Charleston tied a team season-high with 19 hits in a 19-8 win over Gastonia on 9/8... High Point held So. Maryland to three hits on 9/8... Staten Island fanned 15 Long Island batters on 9/9... Barnstormer pitchers collected 16 Ks vs. York on 9/9.

**Pitching Plaudits:** Mickey Jannis of High Point allowed three hits in a seven inning CG win over Gastonia on 9/5... Brett Daniels and two relievers tossed a two-hitter at High Point on 9/5 (game 2)... So. Maryland's Daryl Thompson tossed a complete game with seven strikeouts in improving to 6-2 and winning his 97th ALPB game... High Point's Craig Stem and Charleston's Ricardo Gomez each won his 32nd career ALPB game last week... York's Andrew Cabezas fanned 10 in seven innings vs. Lancaster on 9/8... Gastonia's Zach Mort won his 13th game of the year with a complete game four-hitter vs. Charleston on 9/9... Lancaster's Matt Swarmer struck out 11 in 5.2 innings vs. York on 9/9.

**Homer Happy:** Prior to 2023, only one team in league history had hit 200 or more homers... That was Lexington in 2021 with 205... This year, Gastonia has set the league mark with 213 while Spire City is sitting at 199 homers... The Atlantic League has raced past its record for homers in a season... ALPB clubs have hit 1,481 homers this year, surpassing last year's mark of 1,354.

### SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, Sept 12

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

#### Wednesday, Sept 13

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

#### Thursday, Sept 14

Long Island at Lancaster, 6:30  
High Point at York, 6:30  
Southern Maryland at Gastonia, 6:35  
Charleston at Lexington, 6:45  
Spire City at Staten Island, 7:00

#### Friday, Sept 15

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

#### Saturday, Sept 16

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

#### Sunday, Sept 17

Staten Island at Lancaster, 1:00  
High Point at Long Island, 1:35  
Spire City at York, 2:00  
Gastonia at Lexington, 2:05  
Southern Maryland at Charleston, 4:05

**Longest At-Bat of the Week:** Derrick Adams of Charleston struck out Lexington's J.C. Encarnacion on 12 pitches on 9/6.

#### 3 of a Kind

Jack Conley, Lancaster  
Scott Manea, Gastonia  
Ryan Williamson, Gastonia



# 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
52	68	0.433	Billy Horn	Charleston	105	147	2	0.417	105	147	2	0.417
48	70	0.407	Mark Minicozzi	Spire City	173	197	3	0.468	173	197	3	0.468
75	45	0.625	Mauro Gozzo	Gastonia	289	223	4	0.564	289	223	4	0.564
75	43	0.636	Jamie Keefe	High Point	284	225	4	0.558	1056	907	21	0.538
57	62	0.479	Ross Peeples	Lancaster	387	388	7	0.499	387	388	7	0.499
47	71	0.398	Barry Lyons	Lexington	47	71	1	0.398	206	167	4	0.552
65	53	0.551	Wally Backman	Long Island	344	292	5	0.541	1407	1281	24	0.523
62	58	0.517	Stan Cliburn	So Maryland	465	465	7	0.500	1960	1947	32	0.502
47	72	0.395	Homer Bush	Staten Island	47	72	1	0.395	79	119	2	0.399
67	53	0.558	Rick Forney	York	67	53	1	0.558	954	806	0	0.542

## Atlantic League Alumni in MLB, 2023 (18)

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
RHP Kyle Barraclough	High Point (2023)	Boston
RHP Michael Tonkin	Long Island (2019, 2021)	Atlanta
3B Ildemaro Vargas	Bridgeport (2015)	Washington
RHP Michael Mariot	Sugar Land (2018-19)	Cincinnati

## Player of the Month

Player	ALPB Team	MLB Club
April/May	J.C. Escarra, C	Gastonia
June	Carlos Franco, 3B	Gastonia
July	Kole Cottam, C	Spire City
August	Angel Aguilar, SS	Staten Island

## 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	Zach Mort, RHP	Gastonia
	Brandon Leibrandt, LHP	High Point

## Contracts sold to MLB/Foreign Leagues (37)

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
RHP Cody Stashak	Lancaster	San Francisco
OF Yoshi Tsutsugo	Staten Island	San Francisco

**FloBaseball-Atlantic League Game of the Week**  
**Week**      **Game**      **Game Time (ET)**  
 Saturday 9/16      Gastonia at Lexington      5:45 PM

Hits			
Lew Ford	LI	1034	Scott Kelly
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	564	Trayvon Robinson
Scott Kelly	LI	563	Jack Sundberg
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	542	Boog Powell
Telvin Nash	CWV	470	Melvin Mercedes
RBI			
Lew Ford	LI	509	Scott Kelly
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	330	Lew Ford
Telvin Nash	CWV	327	Matt Hibbert
KC Hobson	SMD	285	Luis Castro
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	279	Michael Baca
Ben Aklinski	HP	279	
Home Runs			
Telvin Nash	CWV	124	Andretty Cordero
KC Hobson	SMD	91	Alejandro De Aza
Lew Ford	LI	84	Boog Powell
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	84	Lew Ford
Nellie Rodriguez	YRK	74	Isaias Tejeda
Runs Scored			
Lew Ford	LI	548	Alex Crosby
Scott Kelly	LI	371	Zach Jarrett
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	354	Braxton Lee
Telvin Nash	CWV	321	Melvin Mercedes
Ben Aklinski	HP	306	
Doubles			
Lew Ford	LI	226	Daryl Thompson
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	120	David Kubiak
Alejandro de Aza	LI	107	Mitch Atkins
Telvin Nash	CWV	99	Joe Iorio
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	99	Ricardo Gomez
Triples			
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	16	Craig Stem
JC Encarnacion	LEX	16	
Braxton Lee	SMD	15	
Lew Ford	LI	13	
Jack Sundberg	SMD	11	
Ben Aklinski	HP	11	

## ALPB Active Career Statistical Leaders

Stolen Bases		Games Started			
Scott Kelly	LI	162	Daryl Thompson		
Trayvon Robinson	LAN	87	David Kubiak		
Jack Sundberg	SMD	79	Mitch Atkins		
Boog Powell	LI	71	Craig Stem		
Melvin Mercedes	LAN	65	Joe Iorio		
Hit By Pitch		Saves			
Scott Kelly	LI	76	Jim Fuller		
Lew Ford	LI	61	Ricardo Gomez		
Matt Hibbert	SMD	52	Victor Capellan		
Luis Castro	SI	37	Ryan Dull		
Michael Baca	SMD	33	Jameson McGrane		
Batting Average (min. 800 PA)		Innings Pitched			
Andretty Cordero	LAN	.341	Daryl Thompson		
Alejandro De Aza	LI	.328	Craig Stem		
Boog Powell	LI	.319	Daryl Kubiak		
Lew Ford	LI	.318	Ricardo Gomez		
Isaias Tejeda	CWV	.310	Mitch Atkins		
Alex Crosby	SMD	.305	Joe Iorio		
Zach Jarrett	GAS	.303			
Braxton Lee	SMD	.300	Strikeouts		
Melvin Mercedes	LAN	.300	Daryl Thompson	SMD	1,031
Wins		Ricardo Gomez	CWV	604	
Daryl Thompson	SMD	97	David Kubiak	SPC	533
David Kubiak	SPC	38	Craig Stem	HP	488
Mitch Atkins	HP	36	Mitch Atkins	HP	435
Joe Iorio	LI	35			
Ricardo Gomez	CWV	32			
Craig Stem	HP	32			
Appearances		Ricardo Gomez	CWV	433	
		Jim Fuller	SI	245	
		Daryl Thompson	SMD	232	
		Craig Stem	HP	200	
		Victor Capellan	SPC	140	

**3 of a Kind (answer)**  
*All three played college baseball at North Carolina State*

## 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