GASTONIA GAME NOTES

High Point Rockers (11-5, 47-32) vs Gastonia Baseball Club (9-7, 55-24)



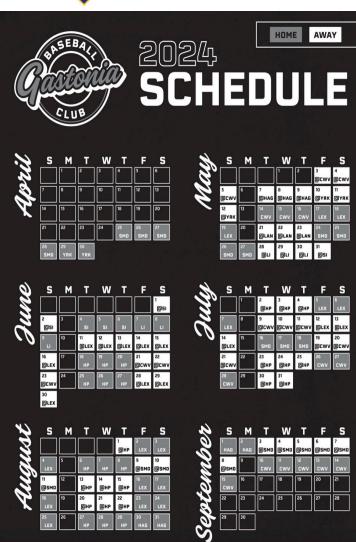
Thursday, July 25, 2024

Truist Point -- High Point, NC

HP: RHP Jeremy Rhoades (1-2, 4.10 ERA)

GBC: RHP Mike Wright Jr. (2-3, 7.05 ERA)





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11 Angry Men:

Gastonia lost to High Point for just the second time this year on Wednesday night, stranding 11 runners on base in the 9-4 defeat. The Club recorded 11 hits to the Rockers' 10, but left multiple runners on in five separate frames. Gastonia stranded eight runners in scoring position throughout the contest. The inability to drive runners in combined with Ryan Conroy allowing eight earned runs in four innings led to the Club falling to 9-2 on the year against High Point.

Searching for the Wright Stuff:

Mike Wright Jr. gets the ball for Gastonia in the rubber match against High Point on Thursday night. The former big leaguer is coming off back-to-back rough outings, allowing 13 runs (11 earned) over 11 innings in his past two starts for the Club. In three starts against the Rockers this year, Wright Jr. is 1-1 with a 7.31 ERA, walking six and striking out nine. The right-hander looks to bounce back Thursday and help Gastonia improve to 10-2 against the Rockers on the season.

Wylie Coyote:

Unlike Wile. E, the "Looney Tunes" character, Justin Wylie's had no trouble catching up to a fast object moving past him. The Gastonia second baseman has hit 25 home runs on the year, which is tied for the most in the Atlantic League. His 25th came on Wednesday against High Point in the 9-4 loss. Wylie is slashing .281/.393/.612, which totals an OPS of 1.005. He also leads the team in walks (52) and runs scored (64).

73% of the Time it Works, Every Time:

73 is a special number. As Sheldon Cooper explained in "The Big Bang Theory," it's the 21st prime number. Its mirror, 37, is the 12th, and its mirror, 21, is the product of multiplying 7 and 3. Cooper refers to it as the "best number." And this was long before he knew that Gastonia would win 73% of its first half games in 2024. The Club ended the opening half with the highest winning percentage (.730) in a single half in ALPB history, topping Southern Maryland's .727 mark in 2022. Gastonia went 46-17, recording seven walk-offs, going 8-1 against the rival High Point Rockers and winning the final eight games of the half to make history. Gastonia won 16 of the 19 series it played in the first half.

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SERIES PROBABLES:

TUE. 7/23 -- LHP Gunnar Kines (0-0, 2.57 ERA) vs RHP Cooper Casad (2-1, 3.80 ERA) WED. 7/24 -- RHP Ryan Conroy (4-4, 4.95 ERA) vs LHP Jonah Scolaro (4-1, 3.48 ERA) THU. 7/25 -- RHP Mike Wright Jr. (2-3, 7.05 ERA) vs RHP Jeremy Rhoades (1-2, 4.10 ERA)

COMPARISON

TEAM LEADERS

HP	BATTING	GAS	BAT	TING	PLAYER	ALPB RANK
.254 (8th)	AVG	.271 (4th)	AVG		Stowers (.319)	7th
.353 (6th)	OBP	.364 (4th)	OBP	\	Watson Jr. (.418)	9th
.436 (tied 5th)	SLG	.497 (1st)	SLG		Gatewood (.632)	3rd
.789 (6th)	OPS	.861 (2nd)	OPS		Gatewood (1.018))
107 (4th)	HR	143 (1st)	HR		Wylie (25)	Tied 1st
372 (2nd)	BB	338 (6th)	RBI		Gatewood (74)	2nd
81 (9th)	SB	162 (3rd)	BB		Wylie (52)	Tied 4th
423 (7th)	R	512 (2nd)	SB		Stowers (32)	6th
	PITCHING		R		Wylie (64)	5th
3.62 (1st)	ERA	4.54 (2nd)	PITC	HING	PLAYER	ALPB RANK
1.20 (1st)	WHIP	1.36 (2nd)	ERA		Fennell (3.34)	
782 (1st)	K	677 (4th)	K		Daniels (49)	
.226 (1st)	BAA	.235 (2nd)	IP		Daniels (70.1)	
88 (3rd)	HR (LEAST) 10	6 (tied 8th)	G	Но	rvath; Klobosits	(31) Tied 7th
238 (1st)	BB (LEAST)	329 (6th)	W	Conro	y; Fennell; Mied	nik (4)

ATLANTIC LEAGUE STANDINGS

North Division	W	L	PCT	GB	STREAK	LAST 10
York Revolution	53	26	0.671	2-3	1L	7-3
Lancaster Stormers	44	35	0.557	9	1W	9-1
Long Island Ducks	38	41	0.481	15	1L	5-5
Staten Island FerryHawks	34	45	0.430	19	1W	2-8
Hagerstown Flying Boxcars	24	55	0.304	29	1W	2-8

South Division	w	L	PCT	GB	STREAK	LAST 10
Gastonia Baseball Club	55	24	0.696	\exists	1L	5-5
High Point Rockers	47	32	0.595	8	1W	6-4
Charleston Dirty Birds	41	38	0.519	14	1W	7-3
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	37	42	0.468	18	1L	3-7
Lexington Legends	22	57	0.278	33	1L	4-6

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COACHING STAFF

MAURO "GOOSE" GOZZO: Manager (4th season)

Gozzo has managed Gastonia since its inaugural season in 2021. He holds a 221-157 (.585) to a historic 2023 campaign. Manager of the Year award

CHUCK STEWART: Hitting Coach (4th season)

Stewart's been with the club since 2021, leading the offense record in the three years and is Gastonia led the ALPB in OPS, franchise history in 2023. Last the reigning back-to-back ALPBSLG, HR, RBI and TB, while ranking second in walks and winner. Gozzo is the first man-runs. Gastonia hit 220 home ager in league history to win the runs last season, an Atlantic League record.

IAN McKINNEY: Pitching Coach (2nd season)

McKinney joined Gastonia in 2022 as a pitcher, and became the team's first player-coach in season, the southpaw helped the Gastonia pitching staff lead the ALPB in strikeouts and finish second in WHIP and runs scored.

TONIGHT'S GASTONIA STARTER

#45 Mike Wright Jr. (34-year-old RHP)

--From Bennettsville, SC

award in consecutive seasons.

- --Attended East Carolina University (in NC)
- -- **Drafted:** Orioles in 2011, 3rd round, 94th overall
- --MLB from 2015-2021
 - --Orioles from 2015-2019
 - -- Mariners in 2019
 - --White Sox in 2021
- --White Sox and Dodgers AAA in 2022
- --9 starts: 2-3, 7.05 ERA, 58 H, 18 BB, 25 Ks

#17 Kevin Watson Jr. (25-year-old OF)

- --Bats lefty, throws righty
- --From Beaverton, Oregon
- -- Drafted: Diamondbacks in 2017, 18th round, 532nd overall (out of HS)
- --Diamondbacks org 2017-2019
- --Angels org 2021-last year
 - --86 games with A Inland Empire: .296 with .757 OPS, 0 HR, 40 RBI (9 SB) --.396 OBP (50 BB, 62 Ks)
- --58 G: .314/.418/.495 (.913 OPS), 8 HR, 44 RBI, 35 BB, 32 Ks (25/29 in SB)

#16 Josh Stowers (27-year-old OF)

- --Bats and throws righty
- -- From Chicago
- -- Attended University of Louisville
- -- Drafted: Mariners in 2018, 2nd round, 54th overall
- --Mariners org in 2018
- --Yankees org in 2019
- --Rangers AA in 2021 and 2022
- -- Dodgers AA last year
 - --86 games with Tulsa: .174 with .577 OPS, 9 HR, 25 RBI (13 SB)
- --70 G: .319/.405/.549 (.954 OPS), 15 HR, 57 RBI, 36 BB, 46 Ks (32/37 in SB)

#4 Justin Wylie (27-year-old INF/OF)

- --Bats and throws righty
- --From Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- --Attended San Diego State and University of Arizona
- --Played for New Jersey Jackals (Frontier League) in 2021 and 2022
- --Played for Kansas City Monarchs (American Association) last year
 - --91 games with KC: .310/.403/.524 (.927 OPS), 17 HR, 56 RBI (16 SB)
- --77 G: .281/.393/.612 (1.005 OPS), 25 HR, 62 RBI, 52 BB, 68 Ks (15/20 in SB)



#6 Jake Gatewood (28-year-old INF)

- --Bats and throws righty
- --From California
- -- Drafted: Brewers in 2014, 1st round, 41st overall (out of HS in Clovis, Cali)
- --Brewers org 2014-2019 (AA 2017-2019)
- --Angels AAA in 2021 and 2022
- --Played in Mexican League last year
 - --78 games: .252 with .700 OPS, 6 HR, 36 RBI
- --Played with Reinheimer in fall league
 - --2017 with Salt River Rafters in Arizona Fall League
- --72 G: .293/.386/.632 (1.018 OPS), 23 HR, 74 RBI, 38 BB, 54 Ks (9/11 in SB)

#7 Eric De La Rosa (27-year-old OF)

- --Returner
- --Bats and throws righty
- --From Lemon Grove, California
- --Attended Grossmont College (in Cali)
- -- **Drafted:** Tigers in 2018, 7th round, 195th overall
- -- Tigers org 2018-last year
- --62 games with Gastonia last year: .237 with .827 OPS, 11 HR, 40 RBI (19 SB)
- --75 G: .236 with .751 OPS, 10 HR, 38 RBI, 29 BB, 106 Ks (25/33 in SB)

#26 Marc Flores (32-year-old INF)

- --Bats lefty, throws righty
- --From Salinas, California
- --Attended University of Hawaii
- -- **Drafted:** White Sox in 2014, 30th round, 888th overall
- --White Sox org in 2014
- --Played in Frontier League from 2015-2017 (River City, Joilet and Southern Illinois)
- --Played in Mexico from 2018-last year
- --Signed and activated for series at Lexington
- --35 G: .309/.400/.525 (.925 OPS), 8 HR, 28 RBI, 18 BB, 35 Ks



#25 Clint Coulter (30-year-old OF) – Bday on 7/30

- --Bats and throws righty
- --From Vancouver, Washington
- -- **Drafted:** Brewers in 2012, 1st round, 27th overall (out of HS)
- --Brewers org 2012-2018 (AAA in 2018)
- --Played for Sioux Falls Canaries (American Association) in 2019 and 2020
- --Cardinals AAA in 2021 and 2022
- --Giants AAA last year
 - --58 G: .243 with .735 OPS, 6 HR, 39 RBI
- --20 G: .329/.375/.537 (.912 OPS), 4 HR, 17 RBI, 5 BB, 12 Ks (5/5 in SB)

#10 Alan Alonso (26-year-old INF)

- --Bats and throws righty
- --From Miami, Florida
- --Attended University of Mount Olive (in NC) and Delaware State University
- --Played in Pioneer League in 2022 and last year
 - --Northern Colorado in 2022; Boise last year
- --Started this season with Southern Maryland
 - --37 G: .198 with .633 OPS, 6 HR, 17 RBI, 9 BB, 39 Ks
- -- Traded by SMD to GBC
- --20 G with GBC: .215 with .682 OPS, 3 HR, 4 RBI, 4 BB, 18 Ks (5/6 in SB)

#1 Alex Jackson (26-year-old OF)

- --Bats lefty, throws righty
- --From Wichita, Kansas
- -- Attended Wichita State University
- -- Has played in indy ball the last 3 years
 - --Colorado Springs (Pecos League) in 2021
 - --Northern Colorado (Pioneer League) in 2022
 - --Cleburne (American Association) last year
- --12 G: 5-for-32 (.156), 1 HR, 2 RBI, 6 BB, 8 Ks (4/4 in SB)

#28 Hidekel Gonzalez (27-year-old C)

- --Bats and throws righty
- --From NYC
- --Signed with Rockies in 2013 (at age 16)
- --Rockies org 2014-2019 (AAA in 2019 for 1 game)
- --Played for Winnipeg Goldeyes (American Association) the last 2 years --65 games last year: .233 with .659 OPS, 8 HR, 30 RBI (7 SB)
- --45 G: .222 with .708 OPS, 7 HR, 21 RBI, 8 BB, 41 Ks (3/5 in SB)



#24 Braxton Davidson (28-year-old 1B)

- --Returner
- --Bats and throws lefty
- --From Asheville, NC
- -- **Drafted:** Braves in 2014, 1st round, 32nd overall (out of HS)
- --Braves org 2014-2018
- --Played for Chicago Dogs (American Association) for 4 games last year
- --89 games for GAS: .267/.418/.609 (1.027 OPS), 25 HR, 78 RBI, 69 BB, 123 Ks --ALPB All-Star
- --Started this season in Mexican League (played 2 games)
- --26 G: .141 with .487 OPS, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 14 BB, 45 Ks (1/1 in SB)

#19 Richie Martin (29-year-old INF)

- --Bats and throws righty
- --From Detroit, Michigan
- --Attended University of Florida
- -- **Drafted:** Athletics in 2015, 1st round, 20th overall
- --Athletics org 2015-2018
- -- Orioles MLB 2019, 2021 and 2022
- --Nationals AAA last year
- --Grandfather -- Walter Lewis Thomas -- played in the Negro Leagues with Jackie Robinson and Satchel Paige for Kansas City Monarchs
- --Signed and activated for series against Lexington
- --16 G: .304/.377/.522 (.899 OPS), 3 HR, 5 RBI, 6 BB, 5 Ks (10/11 in SB)



#11 JJ Schwarz (28-year-old C)

- --Bats and throws righty
- --From Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
- -- Attended University of Florida
- -- Drafted: Athletics in 2018, 8th round, 233rd overall
- --Athletics org 2018-last year (AAA in 2022 and last year)
- --8 G: 6-for-28 (.214), 2 HR, 7 RBI, 4 BB, 6 Ks

#00 Jacob Robson (29-year-old OF)

- --Bats lefty, throws righty
- --From London, Canada (in Ontario)
- --Attended Mississippi State University
- -- **Drafted:** Tigers in 2016, 8th round, 235th overall
- -- Tigers org 2016-2022 (MLB in 2021 for 4 games)
- --Played for Kansas City Monarchs (American Association) in 2022 and last year
 - --29 games in 2022: .288/.403/.631 (1.034 OPS), 9 HR, 34 RBI (8 SB)
 - --69 games in 2023: .250/.398/.470 (.868 OPS), 10 HR, 31 RBI (23 SB)
- -- Hasn't played yet

#3 Jake Hoover (27-year-old INF) – Bday was 7/11

- --Returner
- --Bats and throws righty
- --From Armada, Michigan
- --Attended Hillsdale College (in Michigan)
- -- **Drafted:** Rangers in 2019, 28th round, 835th overall
- -- Rangers org 2019-2021 (AAA in 2021 for 3 games)
- --Played for Lancaster from 2021-last year
- --Acquired by Gastonia last season
 - --45 games: .243/.304/.368 (.672 OPS), 3 HR, 14 RBI (7 SB)
- --37 G: .229 with .621 OPS, 2 HR, 19 RBI, 6 BB, 28 Ks (2/3 in SB)



#12 Harrison Francis (25-year-old RHP)

- --From Tallahassee, Florida
- -- **Drafted:** Diamondbacks in 2017, 4th round, 112th overall (out of HS)
- --Diamondbacks org 2017-2021
- --Pitched for Gary SouthShore RailCats (American Association) in 2022 and last year
- --Started this season in Mexican League (2 starts for Union Laguna)
- --Signed and activated for series at Lexington
- --2 starts: 4.0 IP, 8 R, 9 H, 3 BB, 6 Ks (0-1 record)

#18 Brett Daniels (28-year-old RHP)

- --Returner
- --From NC
- --Attended UNC
- -- Drafted: Astros in 2018, 17th round, 522nd overall
- --Astros org 2018-2021
- --Cleveland AAA in 2022 and last year
- --13 games (9 starts) with Gastonia last year: 7-1, 2.18 ERA, 20 BB, 54 Ks --0.91 WHIP
- --15 G (13 starts): 3-4, 7.67 ERA, 82 H, 29 BB, 49 Ks
 - --1 save

#29 Gunnar Kines (30-year-old LHP) – Bday on 7/25

- --Returner
- --From Conway, SC
- --Attended University of Mount Olive (in NC)
- --**Drafted:** Marlins in 2015, 36th round, 1076th overall
- -- Marlins org in 2015
- --Mets org in 2017
- --Pitched in Frontier League from 2016-2022
- --Pitched for Gastonia at end of 2022
 - --1 start: Game 3 of South Division Championship Series (6 IP, 2 R, got the W)
- --22 G (18 starts) with Gastonia last year: 12-4, 3.33 ERA, 30 BB, 110 Ks
 - --Got the W in Game 5 against HP -- biggest W in Gastonia history
- --3 starts: 10.0 IP, 2 R, 10 H, 4 BB, 10 Ks (1.80 ERA)



#45 Mike Wright Jr. (34-year-old RHP)

- --From Bennettsville, SC
- -- Attended East Carolina University (in NC)
- -- Drafted: Orioles in 2011, 3rd round, 94th overall
- --MLB from 2015-2021
 - --Orioles from 2015-2019
 - --Mariners in 2019
 - --White Sox in 2021
- --White Sox and Dodgers AAA in 2022
- --9 starts: 2-3, 7.05 ERA, 58 H, 18 BB, 25 Ks



#14 Ryan Conroy (27-year-old RHP)

- --Returner
- --From Rotunda West, Florida
- --Attended Elon University (in NC)
- --**Drafted:** Orioles in 2018, 8th round, 235th overall
- --Orioles org 2018-last year (AAA in 2022 and last year for 2 games)
- --10 games (5 starts) with Gastonia last year: 1-0, 4.08 ERA, 5 BB, 33 Ks --1.15 WHIP
- --14 starts: 4-5, 5.76 ERA, 63 H, 20 BB, 47 Ks

#2 Jake Miednik (28-year-old LHP)

- --Returner
- --From Plattsburgh, NY
- -- Attended Florida Atlantic University
- -- Drafted: Cleveland in 2018, 20th round, 613th overall
- --Cleveland org 2018-2022 (AA in 2022 for 2 games)
- --Mariners org in 2022
- --6 games with Gastonia last year: 6 IP, 1 ER, 3 BB, 8 Ks (1.50 ERA)
- --24 G: 4-0, 2.70 ERA, 24 H, 14 BB, 24 Ks



#15 Trent Fennell (28-year-old RHP)

- --Returner
- --From Dunn, NC
- --Attended Barton College (in Wilson, NC)
- -- **Drafted:** Rockies in 2018, 24th round, 726th overall
- --Rockies org 2018-2022 (AAA in 2019 for 1 game)
- --17 games with Gastonia last year: 2-3, 3.71 ERA, 11 BB, 17 Ks
- --25 G: 4-1, 3.34 ERA, 25 H, 34 BB, 48 Ks
 - --2 saves



#20 Nate Peden (25-year-old RHP)

- --From DeBary, Florida
- -- **Drafted:** Mets in 2017, 13th round, 397th overall (out of HS)
- --Mets org 2017-2019
- --Brewers org in 2021
- -- Has pitched for 4 Atlantic League teams before Gastonia
 - --Lexington in 2021
 - --Kentucky and Charleston in 2022
 - --Spire City last year
 - --30 games (3 starts): 3-4, 8.17 ERA, 24 BB, 57 Ks (3.2 HR/9)
- --17 G: 1-0, 1.45 ERA, 12 H, 8 BB, 27 Ks



#13 Nick Horvath (28-year-old LHP) – Bday was 7/13

- --From Jupiter, Florida
- --Attended University of Florida
- -- **Drafted:** Orioles in 2018, 25th round, 745th overall
- --Pitched for Québec (Frontier League) in 2021 and 2022
- --Angels org last year
 - --10 games with A Inland Empire: 2-0, 3.10 ERA, 4 BB, 19 Ks
- --21 games for CWV this season: 4-4, 6.75 ERA, 28 H, 12 BB, 32 Ks
- --10 G: 2-0, 3.44 ERA, 8 H, 6 BB, 16 Ks

#31 Gabe Klobosits (29-year-old RHP)

- --Returner
- --From Texas
- -- Attended Auburn University
- -- **Drafted:** Nationals in 2017, 36th round, 1093rd overall
- -- Nationals org 2017-2021 (MLB in 2021)
 - --11 games in MLB: 0-1, 5.56 ERA, 5 Ks in 11.1 IP (all in relief)
- --Athletics AAA in 2022, Blue Jays AAA last year
- --8 games with Gastonia last year: 0-0, 1.13 ERA, 3 BB, 7 Ks
- --31 G: 3-3, 2.61 ERA, 21 H, 19 BB, 34 Ks
 - --7 saves



- --From Concord, NC
- --Attended Catawba Valley Community College (in Hickory, NC)
- -- Drafted: Dodgers in 2018, 15th round, 464th overall
- --Dodgers org 2019-last year
- --Angels org last year for 6 games
- --19 G in minor leagues last year: 3-2, 3.90 ERA, 15 BB, 42 Ks in 32.1 IP
- -- Mets A+ to start this season (8 games)
- --2 G: 2.0 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 5 Ks

#21 Cory Thompson (29-year-old RHP)

- --From Mauldin, SC
- -- Drafted: Reds in 2013, 5th round, 165th overall (out of HS)
- --Reds org 2017-2019 (AA in 2019)
- --Pitched for Winnipeg Goldeyes (American Association) in 2021
- -- Cardinals AA in 2021 and 2022
- --17 G: 3-0, 7.20 ERA, 25 H, 8 BB, 23 Ks





#33 John Creel (27-year-old RHP) – Bday was 7/1

- --From Huntersville, NC
- --Attended NC State University and University of Akron (OH)
- --Signed by Mariners as free agent in 2022
- -- Mariners org each of the past 2 years (AAA for 3 games)
- --Signed and activated for series at Lexington
- --9 G: 1-0, 7.80 ERA, 11 H, 12 BB, 9 Ks

#34 Brett Matthews (26-year-old RHP)

- --From Queen Creek, Arizona
- -- Attended Colorado State University
- --Pitched for Grand Junction (Pioneer League) in 2021
- --Signed by Rockies in 2022
- --Rockies org in 2022 and last year (AAA in 2022 for one game)
- --Started this season with Hagerstown
 - --26 G: 1-1, 7.43 ERA, 18 BB, 21 Ks
- --6 G with GBC: 7.2 IP, 3 R, 4 H, 7 BB, 5 Ks (2-0 record)

#32 Richie Dell (23-year-old RHP)

- --From Bridgeville, PA
- -- Attended Kent State University and University of Pittsburgh
- --Signed and activated for series against Lexington
- --4 G: 5.1 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 5 BB, 4 Ks

#30 Trevor Clifton (29-year-old RHP)

- --From Maryville, Tennessee
- -- **Drafted:** Cubs in 2013, 12th round, 348th overall (out of HS)
- --Cubs org 2013-2019 (AAA in 2018 and 2019)
- --Pitched for Monclova (Mexican League) in 2021
- --Blue Jays AA last year and this year
 - --15 G with New Hampshire: 1-4, 5.91 ERA, 13 BB, 26 Ks
- --Signed and activated for series at Lexington
- --4 G: 3.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 3 BB, 2 Ks