



International League Tiebreaking Procedures

Among contending clubs, only Pawtucket has had a game cancelled so far this season, meaning all other contenders are on track to complete their full 144-game regular season schedule. Per League rules, a play-in game would take place only in the event of two teams tying for a division lead with just one of them to advance.

Should a tie occur in the Wild Card race, all teams finishing tied would be subjected to the following criteria to determine who advances:

- 1) The team with the most wins in the head-to-head season series; or if still tied....
- 2) The team with the highest winning percentage during intradivisional play; or if still tied....
- 3) The team with the highest winning percentage against the other two division winners; or if still tied....
- 4) The team with the greatest differential of runs scored and runs allowed during the regular season; or if still tied....
- 5) The President of the League will flip a coin.

PawSox Still Alive in Quest to Repeat

After celebrating their franchise's third Governors' Cup championship last fall, the Pawtucket Red Sox are bucking a trend by making a run at a second-straight title.

The two previous championships for Pawtucket were followed by two of the more forgettable seasons in club history. After winning the 1973 Governors' Cup, the 1974 PawSox finished with the IL's worst record at 57-87. It was the same story one year after winning the 1984 Governors' Cup, as the 1985 PawSox went 48-91, the worst record in the League that season and worst-ever for the Pawtucket franchise.

The Boston organization does own claim to back-to-back Governors' Cup titles before coming to Pawtucket. The Toronto Maple Leafs won two championships as a Red Sox affiliate in the 1960's before the franchise was relocated to Louisville (and eventually Pawtucket).

Repeat Governors' Cup Champions

Newark	1937-38
Syracuse	1942-43
Montreal	1948-49
Rochester	1955-56
Toronto	1965-66
Syracuse	1969-70
Columbus	1979-81*
Tidewater	1982-83
Columbus	1991-92
Durham	2002-03
Toledo	2005-06
Columbus	2010-11

* - only three-time consecutive Gov. Cup champion

Former IL Most Valuable Players at Forefront of Pennant Chase



Mauro Gomez can only watch while his injury heals.

The Buffalo Bisons received a major blow to their playoff hopes this week when the IL home run leader and defending League MVP, Mauro Gomez, was placed on the disabled list with an oblique strain. Gomez is one of several former International League Most Valuable Players who have made an impact in this year's Governors' Cup race. Durham's Shelley Duncan, the 2009 IL MVP, has 10 homers and 44 RBI in 72 games this season. 2007 IL MVP Mike Hessman leads his Louisville team with 22 long balls. The versatile Russ Canzler, who was MVP in 2011, recently arrived in Indianapolis via trade and has already seen time at 1B, 3B, LF, and RF. The Scranton/WB RailRiders are still alive in the Wild Card race thanks in large part to 2010 IL MVP Dan Johnson, who leads the club with 20 HR and 63 RBI.



Playoff Races Enter Final Stretch; Eight Teams Within At Least 2.5 Games of a Playoff Berth

NORTH DIVISION REPORT: My how things can change! Just six weeks ago on June 28, the North Division was comfortably controlled by the Pawtucket Red Sox (Boston Red Sox), who were 50-29 with a 9.5-game advantage. Sitting in 4th place at 41-41 were the Rochester Red Wings (Minnesota Twins), but Gene Glynn's club has managed to completely flip the script since that time. The Red Wings went 20-8 in July, the IL's best mark, while Pawtucket managed a record of 9-19, the League's worst. With three more losses over the past two days the PawSox have now dropped into 3rd place, surpassed by a half-game by the Buffalo Bisons (Toronto Blue Jays). Also still alive are the Lehigh Valley IronPigs (Philadelphia Phillies), sitting 5.5 games back with an even .500 record. This week Rochester won its first ever series in Durham after 16 tries in what could potentially be a finals preview.

IL NORTH DIVISION STANDINGS

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Gm Rem</u>
Rochester	66-55	.545	---	23
Buffalo	61-57	.517	3.5	26
Pawtucket	61-58	.513	4.0	24
Lehigh Valley	60-60	.500	5.5	24
Scranton/WB	57-63	.475	8.5	24
Syracuse	55-64	.462	10.0	25

IMPACTING THE RACE



1B Jeff Clement
 Rochester

IL-best 13 RBI
 (Since August 1)

*** Fact of the Week ** - Rochester owns the League's best record in one-run games this season, going 25-16 (.610) in one-run affairs.*

WEST DIVISION REPORT: On April 14, the Indianapolis Indians (Pittsburgh Pirates) defeated the Columbus Clippers (Cleveland Indians) by a score of 12-7 to move into sole possession of 1st place in the IL West. Indy built up a lead that had ballooned to 13.0 games by the All-Star Break, but suddenly a late-season challenger may be emerging. The Indians won just five of their first 20 games after the All-Star Break, allowing the Louisville Bats (Cincinnati Reds) to creep closer. This week Louisville took four out of five games from the Indians in a home-and-home series, but a loss last night in Columbus coupled with a Indians victory over Toledo has dropped the Bats back to 8.0 games behind the division leaders. The two teams meet again the final four days of the season.

IL WEST DIVISION STANDINGS

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Gm Rem</u>
Indianapolis	68-53	.562	---	23
Louisville	60-61	.496	8.0	23
Columbus	57-64	.471	11.0	23
Toledo	52-69	.430	16.0	23

IMPACTING THE RACE



OF Andrew Lambo
 Indianapolis

IL-best 8 HR with 21 RBI
 (Since All-Star Break)

*** Fact of the Week ** - The Indianapolis Indians, who won the West by 14.0 games in 2012, have never won consecutive division titles in the IL.*

SOUTH DIVISION REPORT: In 2012, the Durham Bulls (Tampa Bay Rays) finished in the bottom half of the four-team South Division for the first time since they joined the IL in 1998. Charlie Montoyo's club has bounced back in a big way this season by going 74-46, the best record in all of professional baseball. For the first two months of the 2013 campaign the Bulls were locked in a tight race with the Norfolk Tides (Baltimore Orioles). Norfolk may no longer be able to catch Durham, but the Tides are just percentage points behind Buffalo in the race for the Wild Card. Norfolk had last-place Gwinnett in Virginia this week for five games, but losses to the Braves on Wednesday and Thursday were enough to knock the Tides out of the Wild Card lead.

IL SOUTH DIVISION STANDINGS

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Gm Rem</u>
Durham	74-46	.617	---	24
Norfolk	62-58	.517	12.0	24
Charlotte	56-63	.471	17.5	24
Gwinnett	51-69	.425	23.0	24

IMPACTING THE RACE



RHP J.D. Martin
 Durham

IL-best 14 wins
 (Tied for franchise record)

*** Fact of the Week ** - Durham's offense has the most runs in the IL this season (607) while its pitching has allowed the fewest runs (452).*



WILD CARD REPORT: The Wild Card race is living up to its name this season, with several clubs still very much alive in the hunt for the last ticket into the postseason. Buffalo, Norfolk, and Pawtucket are all separated by just a half-game at the top of the Wild Card standings with Lehigh Valley and Louisville not much farther behind. The Bisons have won three straight and are four games above .500 for the first time since mid-June. Thursday could not have gone much better for Buffalo skipper Marty Brown, who saw his Bisons sweep a doubleheader over Scranton/Wilkes-Barre while Norfolk, Pawtucket (twice), Lehigh Valley, and Louisville all lost. Though a bit farther back, a few other teams are still close enough for a potential run at the Wild Card, including SWB (-5.0), Columbus (-5.5), Charlotte (-5.5) and Syracuse (.6.5).

WILD CARD LEADERS

	W-L	Pct.	GB	Gm Rem
Buffalo	61-57	.517	---	26
Norfolk	62-58	.517	---	24
Pawtucket	61-58	.513	0.5	24
Lehigh Valley	60-60	.500	2.0	24
Louisville	60-61	.496	2.5	23

IMPACTING THE RACE



OF Xavier Avery
 Norfolk
 .389, HR, 2 SB
 (Last Six Days)

*** Fact of the Week ** - Louisville's pitching staff has produced more shutout victories (12) than any other team in the League this season.*



SERIES TO WATCH THIS WEEK:

August 9-12: Rochester @ Norfolk

This weekend's series could be a first round playoff preview if the Red Wings hang on in the North and Norfolk can win the Wild Card. It wasn't pretty for the Tides the first time these teams met, as the Red Wings swept four straight in Rochester July 26-29 by outscoring Norfolk 29-10.

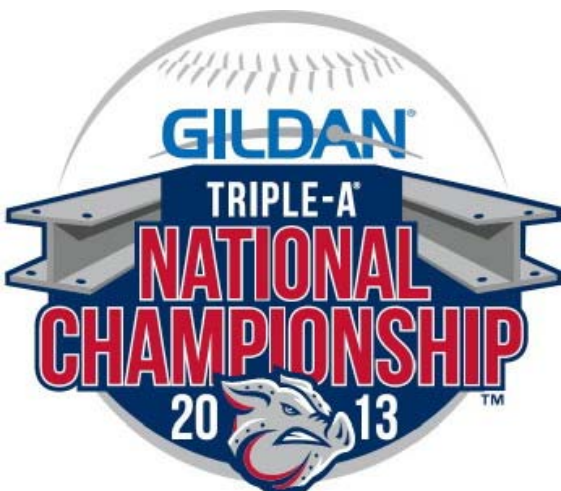
August 13-16: Louisville @ Pawtucket

Separated by just 2.0 games in the Wild Card race, the Bats and PawSox will meet for four at McCoy Stadium. Pawtucket won three of four over the Bats in Louisville back in May.

August 13-16: Columbus @ Indianapolis

The final get-together this season between the Clippers and Indians could go a long way towards determining each team's fate. The Tribe has won 10 of the 17 games played between the two clubs.

IL Champion Headed to Gildan Triple-A National Championship Game



The IL postseason contenders are also keeping an eye on the Pacific Coast League playoff picture as the regular season wraps up. The club that wins the Governors' Cup will advance to the 2013 Gildan Triple-A Baseball National Championship Game in Lehigh Valley on Tuesday, September 17. Who will face the IL's best to determine the champion of Triple-A Baseball live on the NBC Sports Network? Here's an update on the division races in the Pacific Coast League for August 9:

American North				American South			
Omaha	59-60	--		Okl. City	68-51	--	
Memphis	57-61	1.5		Albuquerque	64-55	4.0	
Iowa	54-65	5.0		Round Rock	62-57	6.0	
Nashville	47-72	12.0		New Orleans	60-59	8.0	
Pacific North				Pacific South			
Salt Lake	68-51	--		Sacramento	65-54	--	
Tacoma	63-56	5.0		Las Vegas	63-54	1.0	
Col. Spr.	56-60	10.5		Tucson	60-59	5.0	
Reno	46-72	21.5		Fresno	56-62	8.5	