



UPDATE: Friday, September 6

CLIPPERS AHEAD OF THE PACK IN FINAL WEEKS OF THE 2024 CAMPAIGN

And down the stretch they come! With just over two weeks remaining in the 2024 Triple-A Baseball season, the Columbus Clippers sit alone atop the Second Half Standings in the International League. A walk-off win over Durham on Thursday increased the Columbus lead to 4.0 games over three clubs tied for 2nd place.

The Clippers Magic Number over Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and Worcester is **12**. No tie is possible between either of those clubs and the Clippers if all games remaining on the schedule are played. Columbus has a magic number of **11** to clinch over Indianapolis. Should the Clippers and Indy finish even, Columbus would win the tiebreaker thanks to an 8-3 head-to-head record in the second half.

Columbus has three games remaining against Durham this weekend, followed by a six-game series versus St. Paul next week to close out the home portion of the schedule. The Clippers conclude the regular season in Toledo.

Columbus is 19-11 in the friendly confines of Huntington Park in the second half, while the team has gone 19-10 on the road.

The pitching staff has surrendered a league-low 249 runs in the second half.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE UPDATE

Sugar Land, top affiliate of the Houston Astros, won the first half by 5.0 games and currently sits atop the second half PCL standings by 2.0 games. The 2nd place club in the second half will advance to the postseason should Sugar Land win again, which as of today would be Reno, top affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Reno has a 3.5 game advantage over Salt Lake and Tacoma.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE "SECOND HALF" STANDINGS

	REC	PCT	<u>GB</u>
Columbus	38-21	.644	-
Indianapolis	34-25	.576	4.0
Scranton/WB	34-25	.576	4.0
Worcester	34-25	.576	4.0
Nashville	33-25	.569	4.5
Rochester	33-27	.550	5.5
Gwinnett	32-28	.533	6.5
Omaha *	32-28	.533	6.5
Durham	31-29	.517	7.5
Charlotte	29-28	.509	8.0
Jacksonville	29-29	.500	8.5
Lehigh Valley	29-29	.500	8.5
Memphis	28-32	.467	10.5
Toledo	28-32	.467	10.5
Iowa	27-33	.450	11.5
St. Paul	27-33	.450	11.5
Syracuse	25-34	.424	13.0
Buffalo	24-36	.400	14.5
Norfolk	24-36	.400	14.5
Louisville	22-38	.367	16.5

* - "First Half" Champion; if Omaha were to finish 1st in the "Second Half", the team with the next best winning percentage in the "Second Half" will advance to the LCS.

2024 TRIPLE-A BASEBALL PLAYOFF FORMAT

The 2024 regular season will conclude on Sunday, September 22. The IL's first-half winner (*Omaha*) will serve as the host of a best-of-three League Championship Series, slated to begin Tuesday, September 24.

League Championship Series (Best of 3)

Second Half Winner at Omaha (First Half Winner) September 24-26 at Werner Park, Omaha, NE

The International League Champions will then advance to face the champions of the Pacific Coast League in a one-game, winner-take-all nationally televised contest in Las Vegas, Nevada.

2024 Triple-A National Championship Game

International League Champion vs. Pacific Coast League Champion September 28 at Las Vegas Ballpark, Las Vegas, NV

