



# 2016 HOUSTON ASTROS MEDIA INFORMATION

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## HOUSTON ASTROS 2016 MINOR LEAGUE SEASON RECAP

LEVEL TEAM	RECORD (PLACE)	LEVEL TEAM	RECORD (PLACE)
AAA Fresno Grizzlies	73-70 (3rd)	SSA Tri-City ValleyCats	38-38 (3rd)
AA Corpus Christi Hooks	85-55 (1st)	R Greeneville Astros	33-34 (3rd)
A+ Lancaster JetHawks	77-63 (3rd)	R GCL Astros	22-31 (5th)
A Quad Cities River Bandits	61-78 (7th)	R DSL Astros Blue/DSL Astros Orange	42-23 (3rd)/31-37 (4th)

\*bold indicates playoff team\*

### MLB.COM TOP 10 ASTROS PROSPECTS

1. RHP Francis Martes
2. OF Kyle Tucker
3. RHP Forrest Whitley
4. RHP David Paulino
5. OF Derek Fisher
6. OF Daz Cameron
7. RHP Albert Abreu
8. IF Colin Moran
9. OF Teoscar Hernandez
10. RHP Franklin Perez

### MLB.COM TOP 100 PROSPECTS

29. RHP Francis Martes
49. OF Kyle Tucker
69. RHP Forrest Whitley
70. RHP David Paulino
83. OF Derek Fisher

### 2016 ALL-STARS (22)

- IF Alex Bregman\*^ (TEX)
- OF Bobby Boyd\* (LAN)
- RHP Enrique Chavez\* (NYPL)
- IF J.D. Davis\* (TEX)
- OF Derek Fisher\* (TEX)
- RHP Edison Frias\* (TEX)
- LHP Evan Grills\* (TEX)
- RHP Mike Hauschild\* (PCL)
- OF Teoscar Hernandez\*^ (TEX)
- LHP Brian Holmes\* (TEX)
- RHP James Hoyt\* (PCL)
- IF Taylor Jones\* (NYPL)
- OF Ramon Laureano\* (LAN)
- RHP Francis Martes\* (TEX)
- RHP Kevin McCanna\* (MWL)
- RHP Brendan McCurry\*^ (TEX)
- RHP David Paulino\* (TEX)
- C Chuckie Robinson\* (NYPL)
- RHP Brady Rodgers\*^ (PCL)
- C Garrett Stubbs\* (LAN)
- OF Kyle Tucker\* (MWL)
- RHP Keegan Yuhl\* (TEX)

\* - indicates Midseason All-Star  
^ - indicates Postseason All-Star

**PLAYOFF BOUND:** The Astros had 2 playoff clubs in the minor leagues this year, the Double A **Corpus Christi Hooks** and the Class A Advanced **Lancaster JetHawks**.

**#I'M HOOKED:** At 85-55 (.607), the Hooks posted the 2nd-best regular season record in franchise history behind 2015's record setting season (89-51, .636)...the club qualified for the playoffs after winning the 1st-half Texas League South Division title (47-23)...in the playoffs, Corpus Christi fell to Midland, 3-1, in the TL South Division Series.

**ROCK THE HAWK:** The JetHawks qualified for the postseason by winning the 2nd-half California League South Division title with a 42-28 record... was Lancaster's 5th consecutive postseason appearance...the JetHawks defeated Rancho Cucamonga, 2-1, in the CAL League Mini-Series before falling to High Desert in four games in the best-of-5 game Division Finals.

**FUTURE 'STROS:** IF **Alex Bregman** and RHP **Joe Musgrove** both shined in the 2016 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game at Petco Park in San Diego, Calif....Bregman fell a home run shy of the cycle, going 3x5 with a double and a triple in a start at 3rd base...Musgrove was the starting pitcher for the U.S. Team and tossed a perfect inning in front of his hometown crowd.

**ALWAYS ON:** OF **Ramon Laureano** had a breakout 2016 season, leading all full-season minor league players in on-base percentage (.428)... Laureano split his season between Corpus Christi (36g) and Lancaster (80g), batting .319 with 15 homers, 73 RBI, 70 walks, 43 steals and a .955 OPS between the 2 levels.

**INDUSTRY LEADERS:** As an organization, the Astros minor league system ranked 3rd among all 30 Major League organizations in homers (631), while the club's pitchers ranked 3rd out of all 30 organizations in strikeouts per 9.0 innings (8.4).

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** IF **Alex Bregman** was named the **2016 USA TODAY Minor League Player of the Year**, becoming the first player in Astros franchise history to win the prestigious award...prior to hitting .264 with 13 doubles, 8 homers and 34 RBI in 49 games in the Majors with Houston, Bregman hit .306 with 22 doubles, 20 HR, 61 RBI and a .986 OPS in 80 games between Triple A and Double A.

**ACCOLADES FOR ALEX:** In addition to being named the **USA TODAY Minor League Player of the Year**, IF **Alex Bregman** was also named the **Astros Minor League Player of the Year**, **ESPN.com Prospect of the Year**, the **MLB Pipeline Hitter of the Year** and a **Baseball America Minor League All-Star**.

**PITCHER OF THE YEAR:** RHP **Brady Rodgers** was named the **Astros Minor League Pitcher of the Year**, as well as the **Triple A Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Year** after going 12-4 with a 2.86 ERA, 23 walks and 116 strikeouts in 132.0 innings with Fresno...Rodgers led all PCL pitchers in ERA while ranking 2nd in walks per 9.0 innings (1.57), 2nd in strikeout to walk ratio (5.04), 4th in WHIP (1.15) and T-4th in wins.

**HIT MACHINE:** OF **Myles Straw** led all full-season minor league players in batting average this season with a .358 (124x346) mark...the Astros 12th round pick in the 2015 draft, Straw also posted a .423 OBP with 18 doubles, 6 triples and 21 steals between Quad Cities (68g) and Lancaster (19g).

**EXCLUSIVE CLUB:** There were only 3 minor league players this season who hit 20 homers and recorded 20 stolen bases, and 2 of those players were Astros prospects...OF **Derek Fisher** (21HR/28SB) and OF **Jason Martin** (23HR/20SB) joined Phillies prospect **Dylan Cozens** (40HR/21SB) as the only minor leaguers in the 20/20 club this year.

## ORGANIZATION BATTING LEADERS

**BATTING AVERAGE:** Myles Straw (.358)

**HOME RUNS:** J.D. Davis, Jason Martin (23)

**RBI:** J.D. Davis (81)

**STOLEN BASES:** Ramon Laureano (43)

**HITS:** Nick Tanielu (145)

**RUNS:** Ramon Laureano (89)

**DOUBLES:** J.D. Davis (34)

**TRIPLES:** Bobby Boyd (10)

**OBP:** Ramon Laureano (.428)

**SLG:** Alex Bregman (.580)

**OPS:** Alex Bregman (.986)

**WALKS:** Derek Fisher, Jon Singleton (83)

## ORGANIZATION PITCHING LEADERS

**WINS:** Brady Rodgers, Cesar Valdez (12)

**ERA:** Brady Rodgers (2.86)

**STRIKEOUTS:** Rogelio Armenteros (140)

**INNINGS PITCHED:** Mike Hauschild (139.2)

**WHIP:** David Paulino (1.01)

**SAVES:** James Hoyt (29)

**K/9:** Matt Bower (11.1)

**BB/9:** Cesar Valdez (0.80)

**K/BB:** Cesar Valdez (8.77)

## LEAGUE LEADERS

### PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE (AAA)

**ERA:** Brady Rodgers (2.86)

**SAVES:** James Hoyt (29)

### TEXAS LEAGUE (AA)

**WALKS:** Derek Fisher (74)

**DOUBLES:** J.D. Davis (34)

### CALIFORNIA LEAGUE (A+)

**OBP:** Drew Ferguson (.410)

**OPS:** Drew Ferguson (.941)

**CG:** Jose L. Hernandez (2)

**SHO:** Jose L. Hernandez (1)

**WHAT A DEBUT:** OF Kyle Tucker, the 5th overall selection in the 2015 draft, had a tremendous full-season debut in the minor leagues...Tucker spent the majority of the season as 1 of the 10 youngest players in the Class A Midwest League at 19 years old, posting a strong .276 (103x373) batting average with 19 doubles, 5 triples, 6 HR, 31 steals and a .348 OBP en route to Midseason All-Star honors...following his promotion to Lancaster, Tucker hit a blistering .339 with 11 extra-base hits, 13 RBI and a 1.096 OPS in 16 games.

**BIG GAME JAMES:** RHP James Hoyt was the only relief pitcher named to the Pacific Coast League Postseason All-Star Team, and was also named a *Baseball America* 2nd Team Minor League All-Star...the 29-year-old led the PCL with 29 saves, falling 4 saves shy of the modern PCL record of 33...posted a 1.64 ERA and struck out 93 in his 55.0 Triple A innings before making his Major League debut with Houston.

**J.D. POWER + ASSOCIATES:** IF J.D. Davis won 4 total Texas League Player of the Week awards, taking home the award in back-to-back weeks on 2 separate occasions (May 15 and May 22; Aug. 21 and Aug. 28)...Davis was also named a Texas League Midseason All-Star, and earned Texas League Player of the Month honors for May (.306, 9 HR, 25 RBI)...on the season, Davis led the Texas League in doubles (34) and ranked T-3rd in homers, while hitting .268 with 81 RBI and an .818 OPS.

**YOUNG GUNS:** RHP Francis Martes and RHP Franklin Perez excelled this season despite holding the distinction of being the youngest pitcher in their respective leagues...Martes was a Double A Texas League Postseason All-Star after going 9-6 with a 3.30 ERA and 131 strikeouts in 125.1 innings as the circuit's youngest pitcher (20)...Perez, 18, was the Class A Midwest League's youngest pitcher and went 3-3 with a 2.84 ERA, 75 strikeouts and 19 walks allowed in 66.2 innings pitched.

**THE REBOUND:** After a difficult 2015 season in which he hit .219 with a .275 OBP and 126 strikeouts in 121 games at Corpus Christi, OF Teoscar Hernandez took a giant leap forward in 2016...the 23-year-old hit .307 with 28 doubles, 10 homers, 53 RBI, 34 steals and an .836 OPS in 107 games between Corpus Christi (69g) and Fresno (38g) before making his MLB debut with Houston in August.

**DYNAMIC DEBUT:** The Astros first selection in the 2016 draft (16th overall pick), RHP Forrest Whitley, had a strong professional debut...in 18.2 total innings, the 6-foot-7 San Antonio-native allowed just 19 hits and 6 walks, striking out 26...in 4 starts with Rookie Level Greeneville, he posted a 3.18 ERA.

**WINNING CULTURE:** Despite not making the playoffs, the Fresno Grizzlies posted their 2nd consecutive winning season in what was their 2nd year of affiliation with the Astros...marks the 1st time the Grizzlies have finished with back-to-back winning seasons since doing so in the first 2 seasons of the franchise's existence (1998-99).

**BEYOND THEIR YEARS:** The Astros had some of the youngest teams in the minors once again...the Fresno Grizzlies position players (24.9 years), the Corpus Christi Hooks pitching staff (23.4) and the Lancaster JetHawks pitching staff (22.2) were all the youngest groupings in their respective leagues.

**CRANK IT UP TO 11:** The Corpus Christi Hooks put together a franchise-record, 11-game winning streak from May 9-20...the run was part of a 21-8 month of May for the club, which marked the 1st time in Hooks history that they reached 20 wins in a single month of May.

**BEST FANS IN TEXAS:** The Corpus Christi Hooks became the 1st winner of the Texas League's Esurance Home Field Advantage Award...the award recognizes the communities who best supported their minor league baseball teams in 2016...the Hooks averaged over 5,000 fans per game this season, ranking 7th in average attendance among all 30 Double A teams.

**TRADE CHECKUP:** The Astros made 2 trades prior to the Aug. 1 trade deadline this year, and both players they acquired had strong 2016 seasons...RHP Lupe Chavez, acquired from the Blue Jays for RHP Scott Feldman, went 4-1 with a 1.38 ERA, 41 strikeouts and 10 walks in 45.2 innings between Rookie Level Greeneville, the GCL Astros and GCL Blue Jays...IF Yordan Alvarez, who the Astros acquired from the Dodgers for RHP Josh Fields, hit .341 with a .974 OPS in 16 games with the DSL Astros.

**STUDLY SIERRAS:** Shortstops Anibal Sierra and Miguelangel Sierra are 2 of the most exciting shortstops in Houston's minor league system...signed out of Cuba in July, Anibal hit .316 with 9 extra-base hits, 11 RBI and a .972 OPS in 23 games in the DSL this summer...Miguelangel was tied for the Appalachian League lead in homers (11) prior to a promotion to Tri-City, and hit .289 with 19 RBI and a 1.006 OPS in 31 total games with Greeneville.





















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KEY: \* - lefthanded hitter/pitcher, # - switch hitter

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## TEAM STATISTICS

