TEXAS RANGERS
American League West
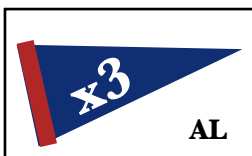
x1 | **x3** AL | **4740** FRANCHISE WINS | **90-72** 2023 SEASON | **2nd** DIVISION | **#10** FARM SYSTEM RANK

Arlington, TX - Globe Life Field (40,300)
Manager: Bruce Bochy (90-72, 2nd Season)

2023: Won World Series

Unlikely Champs Ready to Run It Back

Adolis García

Many baseball fans and media members scoffed at the Rangers' decision to sign **Marcus Semien** and **Corey Seager** to contracts worth a combined $500 million after losing 102 games in 2021. But no one was laughing at the end of 2023 when Seager and Semien helped lead Texas to their first World Series in franchise history. The Rangers' biggest offseason acquisition before the 2023 season was not on the field, but in the dugout as 3-time World Series champion Bruce Bochy came out of retirement to manage the team. Bochy earned his 4th title as Texas defeated the Rays in the Wild Card series before stunning top seeded Baltimore in the ALDS, conquering the defending champion and in-state rival Astros in an epic seven-game ALCS and, finally, winning the title against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Batting

The strength of the Rangers in 2023 was their lineup, demonstrated by five Texas players starting in the All Star game for the American League. The aforementioned Seager was limited to 119 games in 2023 due to injury, but when he was on the field his production was elite. His postseason performance, most notably a dramatic home run to tie Game 1 of the World Series, led to Seager becoming just the 4th player in MLB history to win two World Series MVP awards. Semien is an iron man, missing only one game over the past three seasons and he provides excellent offense out of the leadoff spot. The star of the Texas outfield is **Adolis Garcia**. He's the Rangers' biggest long ball threat whose personality is as big as his bat. The emotional heart of the team, Garcia mashed 39 home runs in the regular season before going off in the playoffs with 8 homers and an MLB-record 22 RBIs, including a walk-off in Game 1 of the Fall Classic.

Evan Carter is a prime breakout candidate in 2024 and **Leody Taveras** is a solid defender with speed and a bat that is good enough for the value he brings in other areas. **Josh Jung** played his first full season in 2023 and all he did was blast 23 HR and finish fourth in the AL Rookie of the Year voting while providing excellent defense at third base. **Jonah Heim** is one of the top defensive catchers in the game and his bat isn't bad either. **Ezequiel Duran** is a valuable utility player who can play all over the field. **Wyatt Langford**, the #6 overall prospect in baseball, should debut this season and has huge potential. The Rangers are an elite defensive team, finishing with the top fielding percentage in the AL during 2023 (.990%). Don't expect the Rangers to run a lot as they had the fewest steals in the league in 2023.

Photo via MLB

Pitching

Texas' pitching rotation has far more questions than their lineup as their two big pitching acquisitions **Max Scherzer** and **Jacob deGrom** will both miss the start of the season recovering from injury. Both players hope to return midseason, but it remains to be seen how much the oft-injured deGrom and the aging Scherzer will be able to help the Rangers. **Nathan Eovaldi** was Texas' best pitcher during the playoffs in 2023 and as it stands now, he is the ace of the staff. **Jon Gray** and **Andrew Heaney** are both solid veterans who typically pitch well enough to give the team a chance to win. **Dane Dunning** and **Cody Bradford** are two young pitchers with potential. Dunning pitched a career-high 173 innings during 2023 and had a career-low ERA of 3.70. Although Bradford struggled in eight games as a spot starter, he will likely get another shot at it in 2024 as he improved greatly after moving to the bullpen and he also had a great postseason performance. Texas could answer at least some of their rotation questions if they bring back current free agent Jordan Montgomery, who was the team's #2 starter throughout the playoffs.

The bullpen was the shakiest part of the team in 2023 and there were definitely some nervous moments for Texas fans throughout the season. Those moments should be at least a little less frequent during 2024 with the additions of **David Robertson** and **Kirby Yates**. Robertson, a longtime closer, will likely serve as the setup man for Texas but he can certainly still close if needed after converting 18 of 24 save opportunities last year for the Mets and Marlins. Yates rebounded from several injury-plagued years and had a solid 2023 season, striking out 80 batters in 60 innings for the Braves. The save opportunities will be handled by **Jose Leclerc** who has elite stuff at his best but is prone to wildness at times. **Josh Sborz** had a very poor regular season but found something in the playoffs, allowing only one run over 12 innings and throwing the final pitch that clinched the World Series.

The Bottom Line

The Rangers surprised many with their success in 2023, but big things are now expected of this team in 2024. While it is extremely difficult to win back-to-back titles in baseball (with no team accomplishing the feat since the 2000 Yankees), Texas will have every opportunity to pull it off. They return much of their World Series winning team, they have more young talent on the way, and Bruce Bochy is one of the best managers in the history of the game. The question marks on the pitching staff may keep Texas from beating out the Astros for the AL West crown, but they should certainly remain a strong playoff contender and a team that no one in the American League wants to see when October comes around.
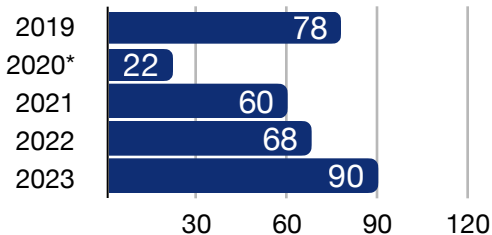
2024 Projection: 92-70, 2nd in AL West

2023 MLB Ranks
RPG - 5.44 (3rd)
HITS - 1470 (2nd)
HR - 233 (3rd)
ERA - 4.28 (18th)
SO - 1351 (23rd)
FD% - .990% (1st)

Corey Seager

Photo via MLB

Projected Lineup			'23 AVG
2	Marcus Semien	2B	.276
5	Corey Seager	SS	.327
53	Adolis García	RF	.245
32	Evan Carter	LF	.306
6	Josh Jung	3B	.266
30	Nathaniel Lowe	1B	.262
28	Jonah Heim	C	.258
-	Wyatt Langford	DH	-
3	Leody Taveras	CF	.266

Projected Rotation			'23 ERA
17	Nathan Eovaldi	SP	3.63
22	Jon Gray	SP	4.12
44	Andrew Heaney	SP	4.15
33	Dane Dunning	SP	3.70
61	Cody Bradford	SP	5.30
25	José Leclerc	CL	2.68

RANGERS 5-YEAR WIN TREND

Year	Wins
2019	78
2020*	22
2021	60
2022	68
2023	90

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The Rangers' record in road games in the 2023 postseason, a major league all-time best. Texas clinched both the ALCS and the World Series in hostile territory.

Photo via Wikipedia

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT
Evan Carter - CF

2023 Statistics

GP	AVG	OPS	HR	RBI
22	.306	1.058	5	12

Although he didn't make his MLB debut until late in the 2023 season, Evan Carter quickly became a key part of the Texas run to the World Series title. During the postseason, Carter hit .300 and reached base in 16 of 17 games. He is elite at pitch recognition, which allows him to consistently draw walks. Entering his first full season, Carter is a prime breakout candidate. If his performance under the bright lights of the Fall Classic is any indication, he may quickly become one of baseball's best.

PROSPECT TO WATCH
Wyatt Langford - OF

The Rangers rode their elite lineup to a World Series title and they have a chance to be even better offensively in 2024 thanks to the expected debut of Wyatt Langford, the #6 overall prospect in baseball per MLB Pipeline. Langford led the Florida Gators to a runner-up finish in the 2023 College World Series, hitting .373 with 21 HR and an NCAA-leading 52 extra base hits. Texas picked Langford with the 4th overall pick in the 2023 Draft and he quickly proved that his bat was big-league ready, hitting his way from the rookie league to Triple-A in just 44 games. Langford has the potential to become a perennial 30-HR hitter and will likely get his first taste of MLB action early in the season as a Designated Hitter or as a member of the Ranger outfield.

Photo via @langford_wyatt

2024 Schedule

March/April 2024

			CHC 7:35 (28)		CHC 7:05 (30)
CHC 2:35 (31)	TB 6:50 (1)	TB 6:50 (2)	TB 1:10 (3)	HOU 8:05 (5)	HOU 7:05 (6)
HOU 7:00 (7)	HOU 8:05 (8)	OAK 8:05 (9)	OAK 8:05 (10)	OAK 2:35 (11)	HOU 8:10 (12)	HOU 4:05 (13)
HOU 2:10 (14)	DET 6:40 (15)	DET 1:10 (16)	DET 1:10 (17)	DET 1:10 (18)	ATL 7:20 (19)	ATL 7:20 (20)
ATL 7:00 (21)		SEA 8:05 (23)	SEA 8:05 (24)	SEA 2:35 (25)	CIN 8:05 (26)	CIN 4:05 (27)
CIN 2:35 (28)		WSH 8:05 (30)			

May 2024

			WSH 8:05 (1)	WSH 2:35 (2)	KC 7:40 (3)	KC 7:10 (4)
KC 2:10 (5)	OAK 9:40 (6)	OAK 3:37 (7)	OAK (DH) (8)		COL 8:40 (10)	COL 8:10 (11)
COL 3:10 (12)	CLE 8:05 (13)	CLE 8:05 (14)	CLE 8:05 (15)		LAA 8:05 (17)	LAA 7:15 (18)
LAA 2:35 (19)		PHI 6:40 (21)	PHI 6:40 (22)	PHI 1:05 (23)	MIN 8:10 (24)	MIN 2:10 (25)
MIN 2:10 (26)		ARI 8:05 (28)	ARI 2:35 (29)		MIA 7:10 (31)	

June 2024

						MIA 4:10 (1)
MIA 1:40 (2)	DET 8:05 (3)	DET 8:05 (4)	DET 8:05 (5)		SF 8:05 (7)	SF 4:05 (8)
SF 2:35 (9)		LAD 10:10 (11)	LAD 10:10 (12)	LAD 10:10 (13)	SEA 10:10 (14)	SEA 7:15 (15)
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KC 2:35 (23)	MIL 8:10 (24)	MIL 8:10 (25)	MIL 2:10 (26)	BAL 6:35 (27)	BAL 7:05 (28)	BAL 7:15 (29)
BAL 1:35 (30)					

July 2024

		SD 8:05 (2)	SD 8:05 (3)	SD 2:35 (4)	TB 8:05 (5)	TB 4:05 (6)
TB 2:35 (7)	LAA 9:38 (8)	LAA 9:38 (9)	LAA 9:38 (10)		HOU 8:10 (12)	HOU 4:10 (13)
HOU 2:10 (14)	All-Star Break - Arlington, TX				BAL 8:05 (19)	BAL 7:05 (20)
BAL 2:35 (21)	CWS 8:05 (22)	CWS 8:05 (23)	CWS 8:05 (24)	CWS 2:35 (25)	TOR 7:07 (26)	TOR 3:07 (27)
TOR 1:37 (28)	STL 7:45 (29)	STL 7:45 (30)	STL 2:15 (31)		

August 2024

					BOS 8:05 (2)	BOS 7:05 (3)
BOS 2:35 (4)	HOU 8:05 (5)	HOU 8:05 (6)	HOU 2:35 (7)		NYY 7:05 (9)	NYY 1:05 (10)
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MIN 2:35 (18)	PIT 8:05 (19)	PIT 8:05 (20)	PIT 2:35 (21)		CLE 7:10 (23)	CLE 7:10 (24)
CLE 1:40 (25)		CWS 8:10 (27)	CWS 8:10 (28)	CWS 2:10 (29)	OAK 8:05 (30)	OAK 7:05 (31)

September 2024

OAK 2:35 (1)	NYY 8:05 (2)	NYY 8:05 (3)	NYY 8:05 (4)	LAA 8:05 (5)	LAA 8:05 (6)	LAA 7:15 (7)
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LAA 3:07 (29)					

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