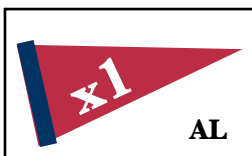
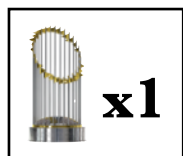




LOS ANGELES ANGELS

American League West



4958
FRANCHISE WINS

73-89
2023 SEASON

4th
DIVISION

#28
FARM SYSTEM RANK

Anaheim, CA - Angel Stadium (45,517)
Manager: Ron Washington (0-0, 1st Season)

What's Next For Angels?

The Angels entered 2023 with optimism that they could be a playoff contender and prove to Shohei Ohtani that they could be a team he could win with in hopes of signing the two-way superstar to a new contract. In the 2023 offseason, the Angels signed Brandon Drury and Hunter Renfroe, then acquired Lucas Giolito, Mike Moustakas, C.J. Cron, and Randal Grichuk at the trade deadline to try and make a playoff push. However, in typical Angels fashion, L.A. failed on both fronts. Not only did they finish 15 games out of a playoff spot, extending their MLB-leading active playoff drought to nine seasons, but they also lost Ohtani to the crosstown rival Dodgers after the year ended. New manager Ron Washington takes over a team that has more questions than ever before.

Batting

Even without Ohtani, the Angels' offense is not completely devoid of talent and has several young players with potential. It feels like it has been a long time since **Mike Trout** has been considered the best player in baseball due to his many injuries over the last few years, but his 40 home runs and .999 OPS as recently as 2022 shows that there is still elite talent there if he can stay on the field. He will have to be healthy if the Angels are to have any hope of contention. Former #1 overall pick **Mickey Moniak** finally got real playing time in 2023 and put up good numbers including 14 home runs in 85 games. **Nolan Schanuel** was drafted by the Angels in July 2023 and incredibly was in the major leagues just a month later. Though he didn't provide much power, he demonstrated excellent on-base skills, walking more than he struck out. **Zach Neto** is another young player who debuted in 2023 and although he struggled, he is just 23-years-old and showed good skills in the minors, so there's room for growth. **Logan O'Hoppe** lost much of his 2023 season to injury, but he showed the skills and power that made him one of the top catching prospects in baseball, hitting 14 homers in just 51 games.

The first four years of **Anthony Rendon's** contract with L.A. have been an unmitigated disaster, with constant injuries keeping him off the field (he's appeared in only a third of the Angels' games over the last four years), and his performance has not been good even when he does play. There is still talent there, but at this point, it would be surprising if Rendon is much of a factor this year or in the future. **Luis Rengifo** is coming off the best year of his career and projects as the leadoff hitter. **Taylor Ward** missed half of the season after being hit in the face with a pitch, but he's proved to be a capable hitter in the past. **Brandon Drury** was very solid for the Angels in his first season with the team and he is a long ball threat.

Pitching

Losing Ohtani meant that the Angels lost both their best hitter and pitcher. A staff that already had a lot of questions even with Ohtani in the fold now has even more. **Reid Detmers** has been a very average pitcher in his first two years in the big leagues, but he is just 24 years old and is a former 1st round pick, so the Angels are hoping for growth in year three. **Tyler Anderson** had an excellent 2022 season with the Dodgers but regressed sharply in 2023 with his ERA rising from 2.57 to 5.43. Much of Anderson's career has been more in line with his 2023 numbers and as he heads into his age-34 season, it seems unlikely that he'll repeat that 2022 season again. **Patrick Sandoval** and **Griffin Canning** have both had decent careers thus far and both are still young, but expecting top-of-the-line-caliber pitching from this duo is probably a stretch. **Chase Silseth** fills in the last spot in the rotation after being used mostly as a spot starter and a long reliever last year. He had some very good starts down the stretch, including five shutout innings against the Astros, but he will need to improve his walk rate (26 walks in 52 innings) to be a consistent contributor.

The Angels completely overhauled their bullpen in the offseason signing five major league relievers, but 2023 closer **Carlos Estevez** returns. His 3.90 ERA doesn't look good on paper, but he did lock down 31 of 35 save opportunities. **Robert Stephenson** was traded to the Rays midseason in 2023 and he did what most pitchers do when they go to Tampa: get a lot better. The Angels are hoping the magic carries over to their ball club. **Matt Moore** is a former starter who has proved effective in the bullpen the last two seasons.

The Bottom Line

With the loss of Ohtani, the Angels are certainly a team in transition. Their decision not to trade Ohtani at the deadline last year, all while draining their farm system for players who were largely disappointing, looked like a bad decision at the time and looks even worse now that Ohtani is playing just 30 miles away for the Dodgers. The hiring of Ron Washington as manager and the young talent on offense provides a sliver of hope for the future, though. Washington has proven himself as a very good manager and coach who knows how to build a winning culture, taking the Texas Rangers to two World Series and becoming the beloved third base coach for the eventual World Series champion Braves. But, Washington has his work cut out for him to make the Angels a playoff contender in 2024 or in the future.

2024 Projection: 70-92, 4th in AL West

Mike Trout

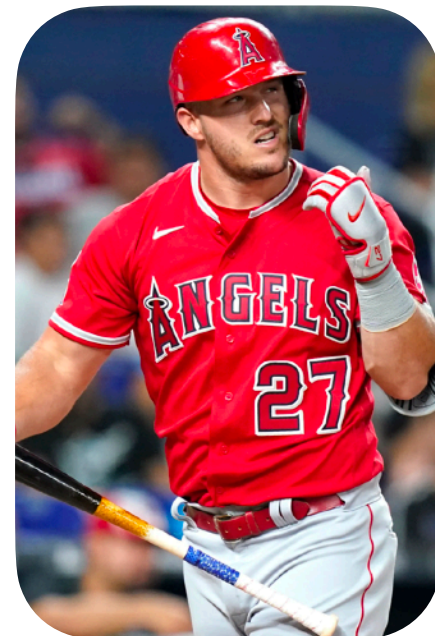


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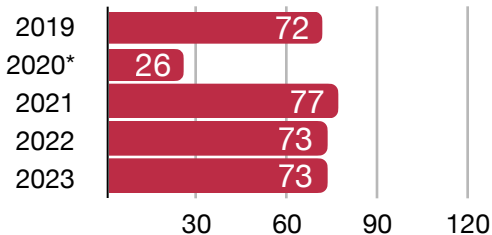
	2023 MLB Ranks
	RPG - 4.56 (16th)
	HITS - 1346 (18th)
	HR - 231 (5th)
	ERA - 4.64 (23rd)
	SO - 1445 (11th)
	FD% - .983% (24th)

Carlos Estevez



Photo via MLB

ANGELS 5-YEAR WIN TREND



9 < Number to Know

The Angels have the longest active playoff drought in the MLB at nine years and without Ohtani, it will be an uphill battle to change that in 2024.



Photo via Grand Legacy at the Park

PROSPECT TO WATCH Nolan Schanuel - 1B

After being drafted by the Angels on July 9 of last year, Schanuel was so good at the minor league level (.991 OPS) that the Angels gave him the call to the majors after just 22 games in the minors. Since he only played 29 games in the big leagues, he is still considered a rookie for 2024. His career got off to a great start as he hit .275 with more walks than strikeouts. He didn't provide much power at all in his limited sample size with only four extra base hits, but he was a power threat during his college career, so the power should come as he continues to develop. He has a chance to be a plus hitter going forward.

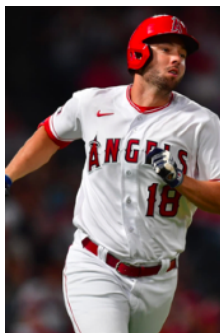


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Projected Lineup			'23 AVG
2	Luis Rengifo	2B	.264
27	Mike Trout	CF	.263
23	Brandon Drury	DH	.262
6	Anthony Rendon	3B	.236
3	Taylor Ward	CF	.253
16	Mickey Moniak	RF	.280
14	Logan O'Hoppe	C	.236
18	Nolan Schanuel	1B	.275
9	Zach Neto	SS	.225

Projected Rotation			'23 ERA
48	Reid Detmers	SP	4.48
47	Griffin Canning	SP	4.32
43	Patrick Sandoval	SP	4.11
31	Tyler Anderson	SP	5.43
63	Chase Silseth	SP	3.96
53	Carlos Estevez	CL	3.90

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT Reid Detmers - SP



2023 Statistics

APP IP ERA K BB
28 148.2 4.48 168 60

After being drafted 10th overall in the 2020 draft, Reid Detmers' major league career thus far has been very average, though he has shown flashes of brilliance. In 2022, he threw a no-hitter in just his 11th career start and pitched to a 3.77 ERA. However, his 2023 season was largely disappointing, as his ERA rose to 4.48 and his walk rate increased. He did have a strong finish to the year, allowing three runs or less in his final five starts. The Angels hope that Detmers can live up to his draft-billing as they build for the future.

2024 Schedule

March/April 2024													
									BAL 3:05		BAL 4:05	30	
BAL 1:35	MIA 6:40	1	MIA 6:40	2	MIA 1:10	3			BOS 9:38	5	BOS 9:38	6	
BOS 4:07	7	TB 9:38	8	TB 9:38	9	TB 4:07	10		BOS 7:10	12	BOS 4:10	13	
BOS 1:35	14	TB 6:50	15	TB 6:50	16	TB 6:50	17	TB 1:10	18	CIN 6:40	19	CIN 6:40	20
CIN 1:40	21	BAL 9:38	22	BAL 9:38	23	BAL 4:07	24		MIN 9:38	26	MIN 9:38	27	
MIN 4:07	28	PHI 9:38	29	PHI 9:38	30								

May 2024															
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CLE 1:40	5	PIT 6:40	6	PIT 6:50	7	PIT 12:35	8	KC 9:38	9	KC 9:38	10	KC 9:38	11		
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SF 4:05	16	MIL 9:38	17	MIL 9:38	18	MIL 9:38	19			LAD 10:10	21	LAD 10:10	22
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DET 4:07	30												

July 2024													
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August 2024													
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