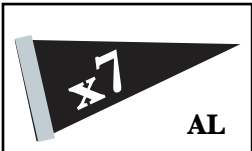




# CHICAGO WHITE SOX

American League Central



**9553**  
FRANCHISE WINS

**61-101**  
2023 SEASON

**4th**  
DIVISION

**#20**  
FARM SYSTEM RANK

Chicago, IL - Guaranteed Rate Field (40,615)  
Manager: Pedro Grifol (61-101, 2nd Season)

## On the Long Rebuild Road

The White Sox are currently going through what is essentially a wholesale rebuild. That rebuild includes newly installed general manager Chris Getz who has his hands full as the team on the Southside tries to forget all about the dismal 101-loss campaign of 2023. Frankly, there weren't a lot of bright spots last season. The offense was sluggish, the pitching struggled, and the defense was even worse. The struggles have put a big chip on the shoulder of the 2024 team and there should be some improvement, but the climb is still steep for the White Sox to be actual contenders in the American League, even in the typically weak Central division.

### Batting

A few familiar faces are gone this season, most notably catcher Yasmani Grandal and shortstop Tim Anderson. The veteran Elvis Andrus also departs after spending parts of the past two seasons with the White Sox. The "core" of the team largely returns, however, with players like **Luis Robert Jr.**, **Yoán Moncada**, and **Eloy Jiménez**. Injuries at various times have prevented these three from seeing the field together as much as both fans and the front office would have liked. Robert Jr. finally put together a complete 162-game season and was an All Star and a Silver Slugger, tallying an OPS of .857 with career bests in numerous categories including home runs (38) and RBI (80) and he threw in 20 stolen bases for good measure. A knock against the Cuban native is his propensity to strike out at a high rate and he rarely will draw a walk, and his on-base percentage was just .315 despite a .264 batting average. Moncada has also been a high-strikeout player in his career and he's been a below-average OPS+ player in the past two seasons, although injuries may have played a factor and he played in just 92 games last season. A Silver Slugger award winner in 2020, Jiménez has since missed more games than he's played. When he's on the field, he has plus power and strong bat to ball skills.



Eloy Jiménez

**Paul DeJong** and **Martin Maldonado** join Chicago and will be the everyday shortstop and catcher, respectively. Photo via Wisconsin State Journal They both are defensive upgrades but don't provide the kind of offense that Tim Anderson and Yasmani Grandal once did, although both struggled mightily for the White Sox last year so the impact of their departure may not be significant. **Nicky Lopez** is also a new face, who, like DeJong and Maldonado, offers a big defensive improvement but may not wow offensively. **Andrew Benintendi** didn't come close to replicating his remarkable 2022 All Star season last year, but the potential remains even if he doesn't have a lot of home run power. **Andrew Vaughn** and rookie **Dominic Fletcher** round out the White Sox lineup. In a short sample size, Fletcher played very well for the Diamondbacks last season in 28 games, particularly against righties.

### Pitching


The White Sox must now navigate life without their ace Dylan Cease. Chicago dealt him to San Diego in a blockbuster deal in early March. In return, the Southsiders received a quartet of prospects including three right handed pitchers, **Drew Thorpe**, **Jairo Iriarte**, and **Steven Wilson**. Thorpe is both the highest ranked prospect and the most MLB ready, although he may not debut until 2025 since he has yet to reach triple-A. In the short term, Cease's departure leaves the front office searching for rotation arms from an already lackluster pitching staff. **Michael Soroka** has missed essentially all of the last four seasons with injury but the White Sox are hopeful he can make a comeback that reflects his 2019 All-Star campaign with Atlanta. That season he finished as the runner-up for the NL Rookie of the Year and posted a 2.68 ERA in 174.2 innings at just 21-years old. **Michael Kopeck** is also looking for a bounce-back year after leading the American League in walks (91) in just 129.1 innings pitched. **Erick Fedde** joins the White Sox after a one-year stint in the Korean league. The final spots in the rotation are up for grabs. There are several players currently projected as bullpen arms who have starting experience who could fill in, including **Touki Toussaint**.

The roster turnover affects the bullpen, too. Closer Liam Hendricks has moved on, leaving **John Brebbia** as the probable replacement, although the closer role might be by committee in the early going. Aaron Bummer is also gone after a very forgettable 6.79 ERA performance in 2023.

### The Bottom Line

There are still major concerns with this roster, so don't expect anything too special from the White Sox in 2024. They will likely still struggle to score runs (only the Oakland Athletics scored fewer in 2023) barring a stroke of luck with health. The pitching was already a major question before Cease was dealt and now it's a glaring problem. Hopefully, the White Sox's return on the trade makes the deal worth it in the future. The rebuild is very real this season, but the White Sox could be slightly improved and will try to avoid consecutive triple-digit-loss campaigns.

**2024 Projection: 65-97, 5th in AL Central**

	2023 MLB Ranks
	RPG - 3.96 (29th)
	HITS - 1308 (23rd)
	HR - 171 (20th)
	ERA - 4.87 (26th)
	SO - 1470 (6th)
	FD% - .982% (28th)

## Andrew Benintendi

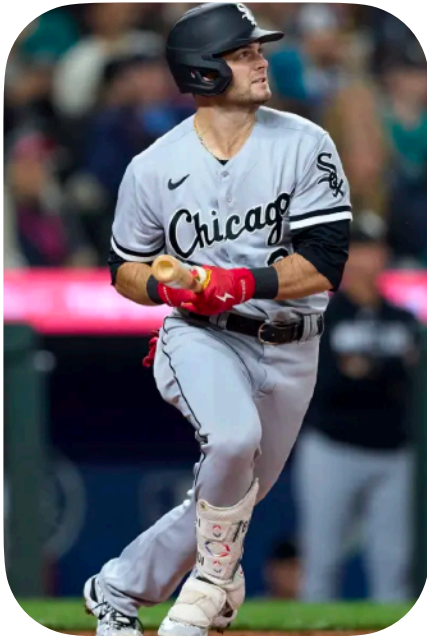
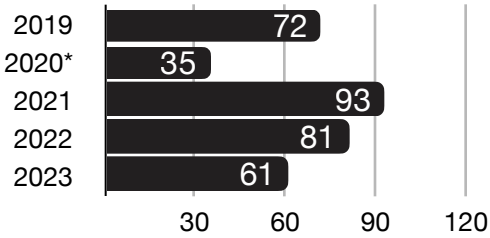


Photo via USA Today

### WHITE SOX 5-YEAR WIN TREND



### 377 < Number to Know

The number of walks drawn by the White Sox in 2023, the fewest in the majors. The White Sox also finished with the second-fewest walks in 2022 with 388.

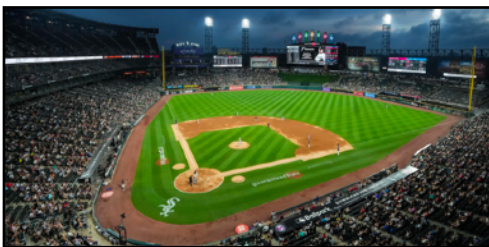


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### PROSPECT TO WATCH Edgar Quero - C

When the White Sox traded Lucas Giolito to the Los Angeles Angels, one of the key pieces they received in return was catcher Edgar Quero. To this point, the highest level of baseball he's played is double-A, where he spent 101 games in 2023. Perhaps Quero's most notable attribute is his terrific eye at the plate. He drew 70 or more walks in each of the past two seasons which has earned him a very respectable .409 on-base percentage in his three-year minor league career. Possessing that kind of patience at the catcher position and at the age of just 20 means that Quero will likely become a key building block for the future of the White Sox. It's unclear whether or not he'll make his MLB debut this season, but you could argue he's the best offensive option the team currently has.

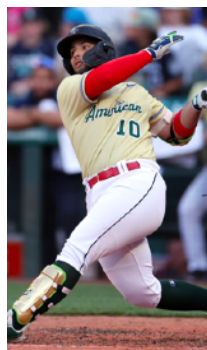


Photo via South Side Sox

Projected Lineup			'23 AVG
23	Andrew Benintendi	LF	.262
25	Andrew Vaughn	1B	.258
88	Luis Robert Jr.	CF	.264
10	Yoán Moncada	3B	.260
74	Eloy Jiménez	DH	.272
7	Dominic Fletcher	RF	.301
29	Paul DeJong	SS	.207
8	Nicky Lopez	2B	.231
15	Martin Maldonado	C	.191

Projected Rotation			'23 ERA
20	Erick Fedde	SP	-
34	Michael Kopeck	SP	5.43
40	Michael Soroka	SP	6.40
47	Touki Toussaint	SP	4.97
45	Garrett Crochet	SP	3.99
59	John Brebbia	CL	3.99

### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT Luis Robert Jr. - CF



#### 2023 Statistics

**GP AVG OPS HR RBI**  
145 .264 .857 38 80

Robert has unbelievable power and can bash the baseball with the best of them. His 38 homers in 2023 surpassed his career high by a healthy margin and so too did his 80 RBI. The downside to this power and his efforts to pull the ball deep into left field is a whiff rate that scores well about the MLB average. Even though he's played four major league seasons, he's still just 26, so there's still room for growth in his swing in the unlikely event that the power dries up a bit in the coming seasons. He had his best statistical season in centerfield in 2023 in addition to the hitting.

### 2024 Schedule

March/April 2024											
					DET 4:10						DET 2:10
DET 2:10	ATL 2:10	ATL 7:40	ATL 2:10	ATL 2:10	KC 7:40	KC 7:40	KC 7:10				
KC 2:10	CLE TBD	CLE 6:10	CLE 6:10	CLE 6:10		CIN 7:40	CIN 2:10				
CIN 2:10	KC 7:40	KC 7:40	KC 2:10	KC 2:10		PHI 6:40	PHI 6:05				
PHI 1:35	MIN 7:40	MIN 7:40	MIN 7:40	MIN 2:10	MIN 1:10	TB 7:40	TB 7:10				
TB 2:10	MIN 7:40	MIN 7:40									

May 2024											
				MIN 2:10			STL 8:15	STL 2:15			
STL 2:15	TB 6:50	TB 6:50	TB 6:50	CLE 7:40	CLE 7:40	CLE 7:10					
CLE 2:10	WSH 7:40	WSH 7:40	WSH 2:10			NYN 7:05	NYN 1:05				
NYN 1:35	TOR 3:07	TOR 2:10	TOR 7:07	TOR 7:07	BAL 7:40	BAL 7:40	BAL 2:10				
BAL 2:10	TOR 2:10	TOR 7:40	TOR 7:40				MIL 8:10				

June 2024											
										MIL 4:10	
MIL 2:10		CHC 8:05	CHC 8:05	BOS 8:10	BOS 8:10	BOS 4:10					
BOS 2:10	SEA 9:40	SEA 9:40	SEA 9:40	SEA 9:40	ARI 9:40	ARI 10:10					
ARI 4:10		HOU 8:10	HOU 8:10	HOU 2:10							
DET 1:40	LAD 8:10	LAD 8:10	LAD 8:10			COL 8:10	COL 2:10				
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July 2024												
			CLE 6:40	CLE 6:40	CLE 1:10	MIA 7:10	MIA 4:10					
MIA 1:40	MIN 8:10	MIN 8:10	MIN 2:10			PIT 8:10	PIT 2:10					
PIT 2:10		All-Star Break - Arlington, TX					KC 8:10	KC 7:10				
KC 2:10	TEX 8:05	TEX 8:05	TEX 8:05	TEX 2:35	SEA 8:10	SEA 7:15						
SEA 2:10	KC 8:10	KC 8:10	KC 2:10									

August 2024											
							MIN 8:10	MIN 7:10			
MIN 2:10	OAK 9:40	OAK 9:40	OAK 3:37			CHC 8:10	CHC 7:15				
	NYN 8:10	NYN 8:10	NYN 8:10			HOU 8:10	HOU 7:10				
HOU 2:10	SF 9:45	SF 9:45	SF 3:45			DET 8:10	DET 7:10				
DET 2:10	DET 8:10	TEX 8:10	TEX 8:10	TEX 2:10		NYM 8:10	NYM 7:10				

September 2024											
NYM 2:10	BAL 1:05	BAL 6:35	BAL 6:35			BOS 7:10	BOS 7:15				
BOS 1:35	CLE 7:40	CLE 7:40	CLE 2:10			OAK 7:40	OAK 7:10				
OAK 2:10	LAA 9:38	LAA 9:38	LAA 4:07			SD 9:40	SD 8:40				
SD 4:10		LAA 7:40	LAA 7:40	LAA 2:10		DET 6:40	DET 1:10				
DET 3:10											

HOME

AWAY