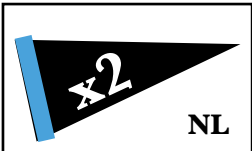
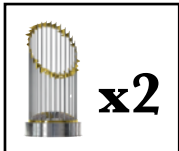




# MIAMI MARLINS

National League East



**2241**  
FRANCHISE WINS

**84-78**  
2023 SEASON

**3rd**  
DIVISION

**#24**  
FARM SYSTEM RANK

Miami, FL - LoanDepot Park (36,742)  
Manager: Skip Schumaker (84-78, 2nd Season)

**2023: Lost in NLWC**

## Marlins Might Flounder in 2024

The Marlins made the postseason for the first time in a 162-game season since the 2003 World Series Champion team. They were promptly swept out of the NL Wild Card round at the hands of the Philadelphia Phillies who went on to take out the East division champs in the Divisional Round. The Marlins lost those two games by a combined score of 11-2 and they needed a good September to escape from a rough 19-32 stretch through July and August. So, what's next for the Marlins? It seems very unlikely that Miami can compete with the likes of the Braves or even the Phillies especially considering their quiet offseason outside of the signing of Tim Anderson.

### Batting

The Marlins put together a lot of hits as team (thanks in large part to batting champion **Luis Arráez**) but they struggled to bring those runners home. Their batting average with runners in scoring position was .254 which ranked 21st in Major League Baseball compared to their overall .259 average which ranked 4th. While Arráez was simply brilliant at the plate in his first season with Miami, there's not another player in the projected lineup who has an average of above .260. Could newcomer **Tim Anderson** turn that around? He's a career .282 batter and a former batting champ (2019) who would love to forget his career-worst 2023 season. If he's successful, he won't be the first former-White Sox player to experience a revival at the plate. While he played just 53 games for the Marlins, **Jake Burger** hit .303 while slugging .505 and driving in 28 runs. **Jazz Chisholm Jr.** should be better defensively in his second season as an outfielder and there's no questioning his raw talent. However, he's been injury plagued the past two seasons and the Marlins' success in 2024 may be largely dependent on his health. There are some real questions towards the back of the Miami lineup. Is there anything left in the bat of **Avisail García**? The veteran has over 1,000 career hits but he played in only 37 games for the Marlins while hitting just .185. **Christian Bethancourt** and **Nick Gordon** are a couple new faces who will look to contribute offensively.

### Pitching

With **Sandy Alcantara** undergoing Tommy John surgery, **Jesús Luzardo** is the clear cut Opening Day starter and he's coming off a strong 2023 performance. After only tallying 100.1 innings pitched in 2022, Luzardo blew past that career high and pitched 178.2 innings across 32 starts. He impressed with a 3.58 ERA, 208 strikeouts, and 10 wins. He's always been a high walk pitcher but he negates the consequences of those free passes with a plethora of strikeouts and he's posted a K/9 rate of over 10 in both 2022 and 2023. Young **Eury Pérez** looks to take a bigger role in the rotation this season after a very impressive rookie year where he pitched 91.1 innings and posted a 3.15 ERA. **Braxton Garrett** has, almost quietly, become a very solid middle rotation pitcher and should be poised for a strong 2024 as long as shoulder soreness which bugged him in the early spring doesn't last too long. **A.J. Puk** is attempting to transition from the bullpen to a full-time starter after picking up 15 saves last season. He'll have to fend off **Edward Cabrera** and **Trevor Rogers** who both have eyes on the last two spots in the rotation. Cabrera's struggles last season went beyond the face value of his 4.24 ERA. Command issues plagued him (6.0 walks per nine innings, the second-most in the majors) and often forced him out of games early. He made 20 starts but failed to cross the 100-inning threshold and was sent to triple-A in early August. When he came back, the Marlins used him in the pen. **Trevor Rogers** nearly won the NL Rookie of the Year in 2021 but he's pitched a combined 125 innings over the last two years since and missed essentially all of 2023. **Ryan Weathers** is a lefty arm to watch if you're looking for other starting options.

The bullpen will look nearly identical in 2024. The continuity is a plus but the Marlins' pen ranked in the bottom ten in Major League Baseball with an ERA of 4.37 and they converted just 58% of save opportunities even with their tremendous record in one-score games. **Bryan Hoeing**, **Andrew Nardi**, and **Ryan Weathers** all chewed up innings and closer **Tanner Scott** returns after appearing in a career high 74 games. He possesses elite strikeout stuff and he cut down significantly in his free passes in 2023 and his WHIP dipped below 1.000 for the first time in his seven-year career.

### The Bottom Line


Even though the Mets have presumably dropped out of contention in the division, the Marlins will have to be extremely fortunate in the injury department and will need bounce back seasons from several key contributors if they are to reach the postseason again. The improvement of other potential Wild Card teams like the Cubs, Reds, and Diamondbacks makes the future look even more murky. It's also worth noting that the Marlins were remarkably good in one-run games, to the tune of a 33-14 record. The law of averages technically doesn't exist, but it states that Miami won't be nearly as fortunate in that regard this season. Unfortunately, their 31-39 second-half record might be a more accurate predictor of the 2024 season than their 53-39 start.

**2024 Projection: 76-86, 4th in NL East**

**Luis Arráez**



Photo via New York Times

2023 MLB Ranks	
	RPG - 4.11 (26th)
	HITS - 1423 (7th)
	HR - 166 (22nd)
	ERA - 4.21 (16th)
	SO - 1490 (5th)
	FD% - .983% (24th)

## Jesús Luzardo

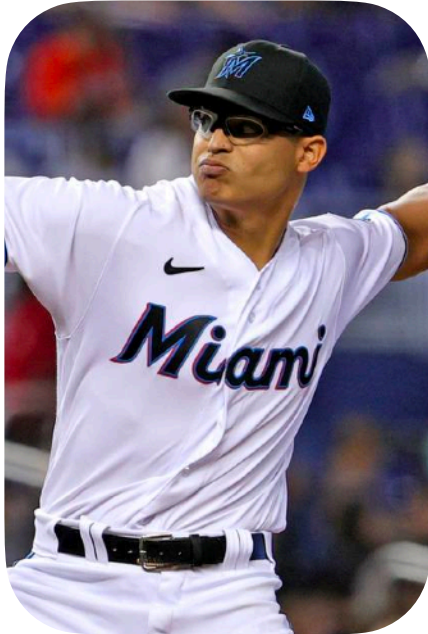
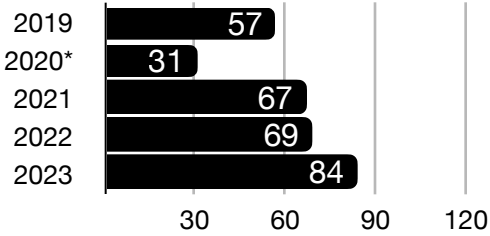


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### MARLINS 5-YEAR WIN TREND



### .354 < Number to Know

Luis Arráez's league-leading batting average in 2023, the highest batting average in a 162-game season since Josh Hamilton's mark of .359 in 2010.

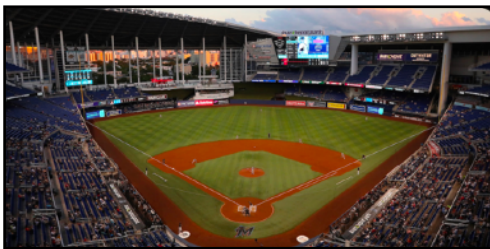


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### PROSPECT TO WATCH Victor Mesa Jr. - OF

There aren't a lot of current Marlins prospects who are actually MLB-ready in the next couple of seasons, but Mesa could be one of those players, especially if he can improve in one specific area: his tendency to chase pitches. At Double-A Pensacola last season, he struck out 122 times in 533 plate appearances, a fairly significant increase compared to his 2022 showing. However, he showed stark improvement in his power numbers in 2023, hitting 18 home runs and driving in 76 runs. He also swiped 16 bases showing that he has enough speed to run the bases and cover centerfield on defense. He has yet to advance past Double-A thus far in his career, but he'll presumably reach triple-A early this year which means he will likely debut in the majors in 2025, if all goes well.



Photo via Miami Herald

### Projected Lineup

			'23 AVG
3	Luis Arráez	2B	.354
7	Tim Anderson	SS	.245
9	Josh Bell	1B	.247
36	Jake Burger	3B	.250
2	Jazz Chisholm Jr.	CF	.250
14	Bryan De La Cruz	LF	.257
12	Jesús Sánchez	RF	.253
24	Avisail Garcia	DH	.185
4	Nick Fortes	C	.204

### Projected Rotation

			'23 ERA
44	Jesús Luzardo	SP	3.58
39	Eury Pérez	SP	3.15
29	Braxton Garrett	SP	3.66
27	Edward Cabrera	SP	4.24
28	Trevor Rogers	SP	4.00
66	Tanner Scott	CL	2.31

### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

## Jazz Chisholm Jr. - OF



### 2023 Statistics

**GP** 97 **AVG** .250 **OPS** .761 **HR** 19 **RBI** 51

The face of MLB The Show 23 has been highly regarded since his MLB debut in late 2020 due to his impressive athleticism on defense, his overall speed, and his plus-power bat. Unfortunately, he's never been able to truly realize his potential due to injuries that have kept him out of the lineup for the better part of two seasons. At the beginning of 2023, the Marlins decided to relocate Jazz to the outfield, and while there were certainly some growing pains he got better as the season went along. If he can stay on the field, he has 30-30 potential and could provide a huge lift for Miami.

### 2024 Schedule

#### March/April 2024

					PIT 4:10	PIT 7:10	PIT 30 4:10
PIT 31 1:40	LAA 6:40	LAA 6:40	LAA 2 6:40	LAA 3 1:10	STL 4 4:15		STL 6 2:15
STL 7 2:15	NYN 8 7:05	NYN 9 7:05	NYN 10 7:05		ATL 12 7:10	ATL 13 4:10	
ATL 14 1:40	SF 15 6:40	SF 16 6:40	SF 17 12:10	CHC 18 7:40	CHC 19 2:20	CHC 20 2:20	
CHC 21 2:20	ATL 22 7:20	ATL 23 7:20	ATL 24 7:20		WSH 26 7:10	WSH 27 4:10	
WSH 28 1:40	WSH 29 6:40	COL 30 6:40					

#### May 2024

				COL 6:40	COL 12:10	OAK 9:40	OAK 4:07
OAK 5 4:07	LAD 6 10:10	LAD 7 10:10	LAD 8 3:10			PHI 10 7:10	PHI 11 4:10
PHI 12 1:40	DET 13 6:40	DET 14 6:40	DET 15 1:10			NYM 17 7:10	NYM 18 4:10
NYM 19 1:40	MIL 20 6:40	MIL 21 6:40	MIL 22 6:40			ARI 24 9:40	ARI 25 10:10
ARI 26 4:10	SD 27 6:40	SD 28 9:40	SD 29 4:10			TEX 31 7:10	

#### June 2024

							TEX 1 4:10
TEX 2 1:40		TB 4 6:40	TB 5 6:40		CLE 7 7:10	CLE 8 7:35	
CLE 9 1:40		NYM 11 7:10	NYM 12 7:10	NYM 13 7:10	WSH 14 6:45	WSH 15 4:05	
WSH 16 1:35	STL 17 6:40	STL 18 6:40	STL 19 12:40		SEA 21 7:10	SEA 22 4:10	
SEA 23 1:40	KC 24 8:10	KC 25 8:10	KC 26 2:10	PHI 27 6:20	PHI 28 6:20	PHI 29 4:05	
PHI 30 1:35							

#### July 2024

		BOS 2 6:40	BOS 3 6:50	BOS 4 1:10	CWS 5 7:10	CWS 6 4:10	
CWS 7 1:40		HOU 9 8:10	HOU 10 8:10	HOU 11 8:10	CIN 12 7:10	CIN 13 4:10	
CIN 14 1:40	All-Star Break - Arlington, TX					NYM 19 7:10	NYM 20 4:10
NYM 21 1:40	NYM 22 6:40	BAL 23 6:40	BAL 24 6:40	BAL 25 12:10	MIL 26 8:10	MIL 27 7:10	
MIL 28 2:10		TB 30 6:50	TB 31 12:10				

#### August 2024

				ATL 1 7:20	ATL 2 7:20	ATL 3 7:20	
ATL 4 1:35	CIN 5 6:40	CIN 6 6:40	CIN 7 6:40	CIN 8 6:10	SD 9 7:10	SD 10 4:10	
SD 11 1:40		PHI 13 6:40	PHI 14 6:40		NYM 16 7:10	NYM 17 4:10	
NYM 18 1:40	ARI 19 6:40	ARI 20 6:40	ARI 21 6:40		CHC 23 7:10	CHC 24 4:10	
CHC 25 1:40	COL 26 8:40	COL 27 8:40	COL 28 8:40	COL 29 3:10	SF 30 10:15	SF 31 9:05	

#### September 2024

SF 1 4:05		WSH 3 6:40	WSH 4 6:40	PHI 5 6:40	PHI 6 7:10	PHI 7 4:10	
PHI 8 1:40	PIT 9 6:40	PIT 10 6:40	PIT 11 12:35	WSH 12 6:45	WSH 13 6:45	WSH 14 4:05	
WSH 15 1:35		LAD 17 6:40	LAD 18 6:40	LAD 19 4:40	ATL 20 7:10	ATL 21 4:10	
ATL 22 1:40		MIN 24 7:40	MIN 25 7:40	MIN 26 7:40	TOR 27 7:07	TOR 28 3:07	
TOR 29 3:07							

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