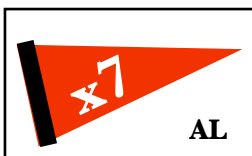




BALTIMORE ORIOLES

American League East



9029
FRANCHISE WINS

101-61
2023 SEASON

1st
DIVISION

#1
FARM SYSTEM RANK

Baltimore, MD - Oriole Park at Camden Yards (44,970)
Manager: Brandon Hyde (315-393, 6th Season)

2023: Lost in ALDS

Young Core Growing Stronger

The 2023 season was simultaneously a huge success and a major disappointment. On one hand, the Orioles claimed their first division title since 2014 and their 101 wins were the most since 1979. Seemingly every prospect called up to the majors in 2023 provided a huge contribution to the team, evidenced by AL Rookie of the Year Gunnar Henderson. Baseball fans around the country quickly fell in love with this team, and for good reason. But all of the excitement built from a tremendous regular season quickly dissipated when the Orioles were swept out of the ALDS by the eventual World Series champion Texas Rangers. New ownership is on the way (which is great news) and the Orioles also made a splash signing in the offseason, but the focus will once again be on young, budding stars in 2024.

Batting

The offense hummed along at a healthy 4.98 runs per game clip and they had several key contributors. **Adley Rutschman** had a ridiculous opening day performance and didn't look back, posting a team-best 163 hits paired with his remarkable defense behind the dish. He earned an All-Star nomination and a Silver Slugger for his efforts. Rutschman was the star rookie in 2022 and the star rookie in 2023 was **Gunnar Henderson**. In 150 games, Henderson roped 28 home runs and added 29 doubles for a team-best .489 slugging percentage. His strikeout numbers were a bit high but his power makes up for it and his defense on the left side of the infield is exceptional despite being just 23 years old. **Anthony Santander** matched Henderson's 28 homers and he has been very reliable and productive in each of the last two seasons. **Cedric Mullins** struggled with injuries and inconsistencies at the plate but he still posted a .320 average with runners in scoring position. When healthy, he's a tremendous outfielder and capable of stealing bases. **Austin Hays** is coming off his career best season which culminated in an All-Star appearance. **Ryan O'Hearn** has seemingly salvaged his career in Baltimore and posted a career-best .289 batting average and career high 112 games played.

Rutschman and Henderson's debuts were eagerly anticipated but the hype surrounding **Jackson Holliday** is even bigger, and it's warranted. The top prospect in baseball will presumably start at shortstop on opening day and his blend of power, speed, and patience are virtually unprecedented for someone his age. He will likely supplant **Jorge Mateo** who led the team with 32 stolen bases and does have some experience in the outfield. **Jordan Westburg** is another young bat who tallied 17 doubles in only 68 games. Prospect **Heston Kjerstad** is another player to watch after playing 13 games in 2023.

Pitching

The pitching staff was somewhat inconsistent in 2023 and those struggles ultimately contributed to the downfall in the postseason. What better way to fix the issue than to bring in a recent Cy Young Award winner in **Corbin Burnes**. They gave up a pair of prospects in the trade, but if Burnes performs at the same level that he has over the past four years, the Orioles will be clear winners in this deal. He instantly becomes the ace of the staff and could be the perfect missing piece. With a sensational year from **Kyle Bradish** in his second season in the majors, the O's can suddenly wield one of the best 1-2 punches of any rotation, so long as his UCL issues don't flare up when he returns to the mound. **Grayson Rodriguez** had a rough start to his big league career and his ERA soared up to 7.33 in July, but he found his footing and in his last eight starts he posted a 5-1 record and allowed only 11 earned runs in 48 innings. When healthy, **John Means** has been effective but he's pitched just 31.2 innings in the past two seasons due to Tommy John surgery. Another several months removed, the lone lefty in the rotation can set himself up for a good payday with a career-best season. **Tyler Wells** started in the rotation but ended up in the bullpen where he'll likely begin 2024, but he's a very capable arm with an ERA+ of 113. **Dean Kremer** should get the nod for the last rotation spot.

Félix Bautista was arguably the best closer in baseball last season so his September injury was that much more devastating to Baltimore. The injury required Tommy John Surgery and he'll miss the entire 2024 season. The Orioles brought in future hall-of-famer **Craig Kimbrel** to take the closer role. He struggled in key moments in the postseason and he'll be 36, but he was an All Star in 2023 and his 71 appearances were the second most in his 15-year career. **Yennier Cano**, **Danny Coulombe**, and **Jacob Webb** are key bullpen arms.

The Bottom Line

Somehow a 101-win team just got more exciting and possibly significantly better. The lineup is loaded with young talent and there's good depth in the infield. The trio of Henderson, Rutschman, and Holliday is must watch television and will pace the offense. The addition of Corbin Burnes instantly elevates the Oriole pitching staff from sub-par to one of the best in the division. The AL East will once again be the best division in baseball so don't expect a huge jump in wins from Baltimore even though their team should be better in 2024 than it was in 2023. Expect another division title and this time, expect a deep postseason run.

2024 Projection: 100-62, 1st in AL East

Adley Rutschman

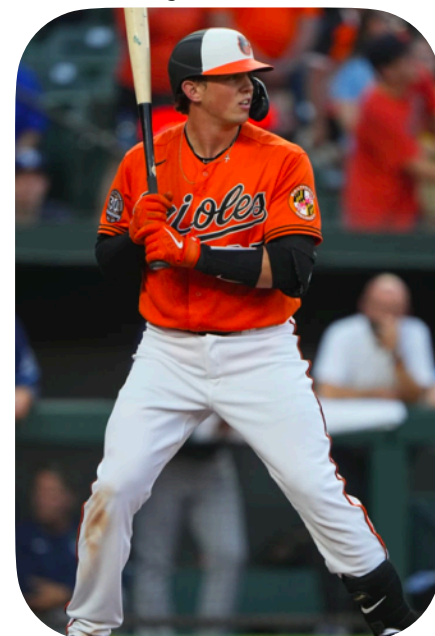



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2023 MLB Ranks
 RPG - 4.98 (7th)
 HITS - 1399 (12th)
 HR - 183 (17th)
 ERA - 3.89 (7th)
 SO - 1431 (13th)
 FD% - .988% (5th)

Gunnar Henderson

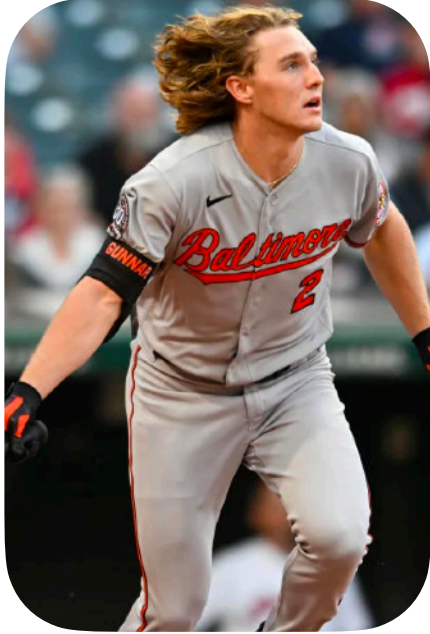
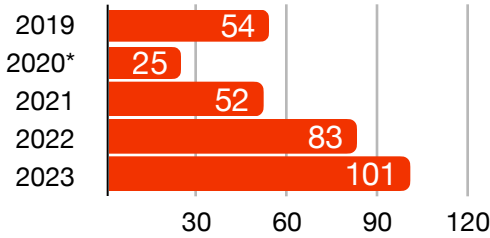


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Projected Lineup			'23 AVG
2	Gunnar Henderson	3B	.255
35	Adley Rutschman	C	.277
25	Anthony Santander	RF	.257
32	Ryan O'Hearn	1B	.289
21	Austin Hays	LF	.275
6	Ryan Mountcastle	DH	.270
87	Jackson Holliday	SS	-
31	Cedric Mullins	CF	.233
11	Jordan Westburg	2B	.260

Projected Rotation			'23 ERA
39	Corbin Burnes	SP	3.39
38	Kyle Bradish	SP	2.83
30	Grayson Rodriguez	SP	4.35
47	John Means	SP	2.66
64	Dean Kremer	SP	4.12
46	Craig Kimbrel	CL	3.26

ORIOLES 5-YEAR WIN TREND



1 < Number to Know

The Orioles have the top farm system even after losing two prospects in the Burnes trade. Holliday is the obvious star, but Samuel Basallo and Coby Mayo are up next.



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PROSPECT TO WATCH

Jackson Holliday - SS

He's only 20 years old, but all signs indicate that Holliday will take MLB by storm much like Adley Rutschman and Gunnar Henderson and he has the potential to be even better. He demolished minor league pitching last season with an OPS of .941 and displayed remarkable plate discipline, power, and speed. He hit above .300 in single-A and double-A and while his average in triple-A was just .267, his on-base percentage remained high at .396. His natural position is shortstop but he could also see time at second base, especially with a bit of a log jam in the infield. Spring training will be the next step in his path to the majors, but if he passes the test he'll be on the Opening Day roster and an everyday player in the infield.

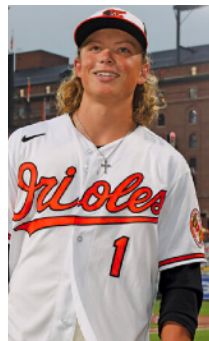


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2024 Schedule

March/April 2024						
				LAA 3:05		LAA 4:05
LAA 1:35	KC 6:35	KC 6:35	KC 1:05		PIT 4:12	PIT 4:05
PIT 1:35		BOS 2:10	BOS 7:10	BOS 7:10	MIL 7:05	MIL 4:05
MIL 1:35	MIIN 6:35	MIN 6:35	MIN 1:05		KC 7:40	KC 7:10
KC 2:10	LAA 9:38	LAA 9:38	LAA 4:07		OAK 7:05	OAK 4:05
OAK 1:35	NYJ 6:35	NYJ 6:35				

May 2024						
				NYJ 6:35	NYJ 1:05	CIN 6:10
CIN 4:10		WSH 6:45	WSH 6:45		ARI 7:05	ARI 4:05
ARI 1:35	TOR 6:35	TOR 6:35	TOR 12:35		SEA 7:05	SEA 4:05
SEA 1:35	STL 7:45	STL 7:45	STL 1:15	CWS 7:40	CWS 7:40	CWS 2:10
CWS 2:10	BOS 1:05	BOS 6:35	BOS 6:35		TB 7:05	

June 2024						
						TB 4:05
TB 1:35	TOR 7:07	TOR 7:07	TOR 7:07	TOR 1:07	TB 6:50	TB 4:10
TB 1:40	TB 6:50	ATL 6:35	ATL 6:35	ATL 1:05	PHI 7:05	PHI 4:05
PHI 1:35		NYJ 7:05	NYJ 7:05	NYJ 4:05	HOU 8:10	HOU 7:10
HOU 2:10	CLE 6:35	CLE 6:35	CLE 6:35	TEX 6:35	TEX 7:05	TEX 7:15
TEX 1:35						

July 2024						
		SEA 9:40	SEA 10:10	SEA 4:10	OAK 9:40	OAK 4:07
OAK 4:07		CHC 6:35	CHC 6:35	CHC 6:35	NYJ 7:05	NYJ 4:05
NYJ 1:35	All-Star Break - Arlington, TX				TEX 8:05	TEX 7:05
TEX 2:35		MIA 6:40	MIA 6:40	MIA 12:10	SD 7:05	SD 4:05
SD 1:35	TOR 6:35	TOR 6:35	TOR 12:35			

August 2024						
				CLE 6:40	CLE 7:10	CLE 7:15
CLE 1:40		TOR 7:07	TOR 7:07	TOR 7:07	TB 6:50	TB TBD
TB 1:40		WSH 6:35	WSH 6:35	BOS 6:35	BOS 7:05	BOS 4:05
BOS 1:35	NYM 7:10	NYM 7:10	NYM 1:10	HOU 7:15	HOU 7:05	HOU 4:05
HOU 1:35		LAD 10:10	LAD 10:10	LAD 10:10	COL 8:40	COL 8:10

September 2024						
COL 3:10	CWS 1:05	CWS 6:35	CWS 6:35		TB 7:05	TB 4:05
TB 1:35	BOS 7:10	BOS 7:10	BOS 7:10		DET 6:40	DET 6:10
DET 1:40		SF 6:35	SF 6:35	SF 1:05	DET 7:05	DET 4:05
DET 1:35		NYJ 7:05	NYJ 7:05	NYJ 7:05	MIN 8:10	MIN 2:10
MIN 3:10						

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