



SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

National League West



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79-83
2023 SEASON

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San Francisco Giants - Oracle Park (41,915)
Manager: Bob Melvin (0-0, 1st Season)

New Look Giants, Better Results?

The Giants offseason leading into the 2023 offseason ended in embarrassment. The New York Post reported that "Arson Judge" was leaning towards signing a deal with the Giants. The typo turned from a quick chuckle to a full-blown internet meme when Judge did not, in fact, sign with the Giants. Following another mediocre regular season in 2023, the front office vowed to right the wrongs of the past offseason and make a big splash in free agency. Unfortunately, they again struck out when Shohei Ohtani took his talents to the rival Dodgers (and reports later detailed that San Francisco had offered the MVP the exact same deal). The Giants didn't quit, however, and brought in several new pieces and even poached manager Bob Melvin away from the Padres. Will the new faces be enough to put San Francisco back in the postseason?

Batting

The offense struggled last season and was largely to blame for the Giants' 30-42 second half of 2023. After scoring 4.62 runs per game in the first half, they scratched across just 3.58 runs in the second half. The two best hitters last season were **Wilmer Flores** and **LaMonte Wade** who are now ironically competing against one another for playing time at first base. Flores played some third base last year but that position is now occupied by four-time Gold Glove winner **Matt Chapman** who signed a three-year, \$54 million contract with the club in early March. The Giants also signed **Jorge Soler** to a three-year deal for \$42 million following his first All Star appearance in 2023. He had a complete rejuvenation at the plate, mostly because he remained much healthier and he blasted 36 home runs for the Marlins. San Francisco didn't win the Ohtani sweepstakes but they did win the bidding war for **Jung Hoo Lee**, who joins Major League Baseball after seven seasons in the Korean league. In that time, he's been a career .340 hitter and earned himself a six-year, \$113 million contract with the Giants. If he's a good as advertised, he'll be the perfect leadoff hitter for an offense that was starved for hits last season.

With Lee in centerfield, **Mike Yastrzemski** might find a more permanent home in right field. He had a better year at the plate than in 2022 but he missed nearly 60 games. San Francisco took a bit of a risk when they signed **Michael Conforto** in 2023, who was coming off a concerning shoulder injury. While he played in 125 games, he was statistically an average hitter and his slugging dipped to just .384 compared to his previous mark of .457 in seven years with the Mets. Being another year removed from that injury and the resulting surgery should only help and he'll have more support in the lineup, too. **Nick Ahmed** joins the team from the NL pennant winners Arizona and will replace a franchise staple at shortstop, Brandon Crawford. **Thairo Estrada** will join him in the middle infield after stealing 20+ bases for the second consecutive season.

Pitching

Logan Webb is going on three outstanding seasons in a row on the bump. The Giants have a legitimate ace and the California native finished as the runner-up in Cy Young voting. His 216 innings led the majors and, somehow, he walked only 31 batters while striking out a career-high 194, a ratio that led the National League. How exactly does he do it? He bucks the trend of high velocity and instead draws an uncanny number of ground balls (the highest rate in MLB last season) with a deceptive mix of a sinker, slider, and changeup. **Alex Cobb** was the "Robin" to Webb's "Batman" in 2023 but the veteran had offseason hip surgery and will miss at least a couple weeks of the season, although he may be back sooner than the initially reported All-Star break timeline. **Kyle Harrison** is still eligible as a rookie after tossing 34.2 innings in seven starts. In his final start of the season, he no-hit the Dodgers for five innings. The Giants are undergoing an interesting experiment with flamethrower **Jordan Hicks**, who will transition to a full-time starter following a four year, \$44-million deal. He made eight starts for the Cardinals back in 2022 but that experiment ended in May when his ERA topped 5.00 and he never made it past the fifth inning in any of his starts. **Sean Hjelle** is practically a "giant" himself at 6'11", but could miss some time following an elbow injury in the spring. Rookie **Mason Black** could step into a starting role and make his major league debut in lieu of Hjelle. 2021 Cy Young winner **Robbie Ray** could return near the All Star break following Tommy John surgery and an offseason trade to the bay.

The bullpen could be a strength and many of the key arms from 2023 return including twins **Tyler Rogers** and **Taylor Rogers** and wipeout closer **Camilo Doval** who led the National League with 39 saves. If the Giants want to contend in 2024, pitching will pave the way.

The Bottom Line

The Giants were very active in free agency and they needed to be if they wanted to make a playoff push in a division that contains the Dodgers and the pennant-winning Diamondbacks. However, unless Jung Hoo Lee takes the league by storm, there are no stars on offense, per se, and both Soler and Chapman have had recent offensive inconsistencies. The pitching should be stellar, but will the Giants do enough on offense to break through? Probably not.

2024 Projection: 80-82, 3rd in NL West

Logan Webb



Photo via New York Post



2023 MLB Ranks
RPG - 4.16 (24th)
HITS - 1271 (28th)
HR - 174 (19th)
ERA - 4.02 (11th)
SO - 1359 (22nd)
FD% - .981% (30th)

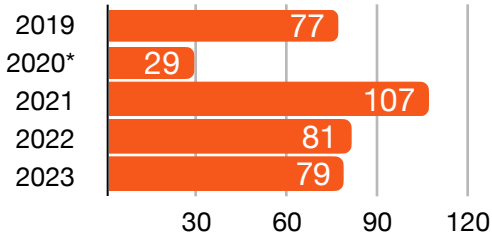
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Camilo Doval



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GIANTS 5-YEAR WIN TREND



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Prior to Logan Webb's league-leading 216.0 innings last season, the last San Francisco Giant to lead Major League Baseball in innings pitched was Gaylord Perry in 1970.

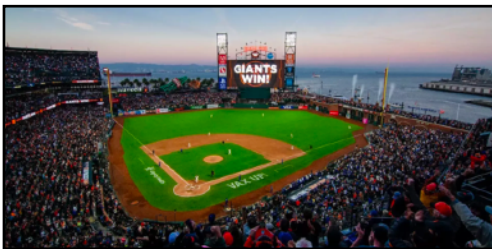


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PROSPECT TO WATCH

Marco Luciano - SS

The Giants have a pair of prospects who could become regular rotation pitchers in 2024, but Marco Luciano provides what the Giants currently need most: offense. Back issues have slowed his path to the majors but he was healthy enough in 2023 to make a brief 14 game stint with San Francisco. He hasn't yet hit a major league home run, but if the scouting report is correct there will plenty of those to come. Even in the small sample size, he posted a remarkable hard hit rate of 54.5%, well above the 39.5% MLB average and his line drive rate and exit velocity also jump off the page. With his power comes a plethora of strikeouts, but he'll take plenty of walks too, if his minor league statistics are any indication. Defensively, there are some questions, but he will compete immediately for the starting shortstop role in 2024.



Photo via San Francisco Chronicle

Projected Lineup			'23 AVG
51	Jung Hoo Lee	CF	-
39	Thairo Estrada	2B	.271
31	LaMonte Wade Jr.	1B	.256
2	Jorge Soler	DH	.250
8	Michael Conforto	LF	.239
26	Matt Chapman	3B	.240
5	Mike Yastrzemski	RF	.233
14	Patrick Bailey	C	.233
40	Nick Ahmed	SS	.212

Projected Rotation			'23 ERA
62	Logan Webb	SP	3.25
45	Kyle Harrison	SP	4.15
12	Jordan Hicks	SP	3.29
67	Keaton Winn	SP	4.68
82	Mason Black	SP	-
75	Camilo Doval	CL	2.93

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT Jung Hoo Lee - CF



2023 Statistics (KBO)

GP AVG OPS HR RBI
86 .318 .860 6 45

Although Jung Hoo Lee has yet to take a major league at-bat, it didn't stop the Giants from signing him to a \$113 million deal over six years, the biggest contract for a position player in franchise history. Lee was a hitting machine in his Korean professional career: his *worst* batting average in a season was .318. If he doesn't find the transition to MLB too difficult, he could have several very good seasons ahead of him since he's still only 25 years old. Not only does he hit for a high average, but he also draws more walks than strikeouts. He has enough athleticism to play centerfield and he'll wear #51 with the Giants to honor his idol Ichiro.

2024 Schedule

March/April 2024											
									SD 28 4:10	SD 29 9:40	SD 30 7:15
SD 31 4:10	LAD 1 10:10	LAD 2 10:10	LAD 3 10:10							SD 5 4:35	SD 6 9:05
SD 7 4:05	WSH 8 9:45	WSH 9 9:45	WSH 10 3:45							TB 12 6:50	TB 13 4:10
TB 14 1:40	MIA 15 6:40	MIA 16 6:40	MIA 17 12:10				ARI 18 9:45	ARI 19 10:15	ARI 20 4:05		
ARI 21 4:05	NYM 22 9:45	NYM 23 9:45	NYM 24 3:45						PIT 26 10:15	PIT 27 9:05	
PIT 28 4:05		BOS 30 7:10									

May 2024											
							BOS 1 7:10	BOS 2 1:35	PHI 3 6:40	PHI 4 6:05	
PHI 5 2:05	PHI 6 4:05	COL 7 8:40	COL 8 8:40	COL 9 3:10					CIN 10 10:15	CIN 11 7:15	
CIN 12 4:05	LAD 13 9:45	LAD 14 9:45	LAD 15 9:45						COL 17 10:15	COL 18 4:05	
COL 19 4:05		PIT 21 6:40	PIT 22 6:40	PIT 23 12:35					NYM 24 7:10	NYM 25 1:40	
NYM 26 1:40	PHI 27 5:05	PHI 28 9:45	PHI 29 3:45						NY 31 10:15		

June 2024											
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NY 2 4:05	ARI 3 9:40	ARI 4 9:40	ARI 5 9:40						TEX 7 8:05	TEX 8 4:05	
TEX 9 2:35	HOU 10 9:45	HOU 11 9:45	HOU 12 3:45						LAA 14 10:15	LAA 15 4:05	
LAA 16 4:05	CHC 17 8:05	CHC 18 8:05	CHC 19 2:210	STL 20 7:15						STL 22 2:15	
STL 23 2:15	CHC 24 9:45	CHC 25 9:45	CHC 26 9:45	CHC 27 3:45					LAD 28 10:15	LAD 29 7:15	
LAD 30 4:05		OAK 30 9:45									

July 2024											
		ATL 2 7:20	ATL 3 7:20	ATL 4 7:20	CLE 5 7:10	CLE 6 4:10					
CLE 7 1:40		TOR 9 9:45	TOR 10 9:45	TOR 11 3:45	MIN 12 10:15	MIN 13 7:15					
MIN 14 4:05	All-Star Break - Arlington, TX						COL 19 8:40	COL 20 8:10			
COL 21 3:10	LAD 22 10:10	LAD 23 10:10	LAD 24 10:10	LAD 25 4:10	COL 26 10:15	COL 27 DH					
COL 28 4:05		OAK 30 9:45									

August 2024											
										CIN 2 7:10	CIN 3 7:15
CIN 4 1:40	WSH 5 6:45	WSH 6 6:45	WSH 7 6:45	WSH 8 4:05	DET 9 10:15	DET 10 4:05				OAK 17 7:07	
DET 11 4:05	ATL 12 9:45	ATL 13 9:45	ATL 14 9:45	ATL 15 3:45							
OAK 18 4:07	CWS 19 9:45	CWS 20 9:45	CWS 21 3:45				SEA 23 10:10	SEA 24 4:10			
SEA 25 4:10		MIL 27 8:10	MIL 28 8:10	MIL 29 2:10	MIA 30 10:15	MIA 31 9:05					

September 2024											
MIA 1 4:05		ARI 3 9:45	ARI 4 9:45	ARI 5 3:45	SD 6 9:40	SD 7 8:40					
SD 8 4:10		MIL 10 9:45	MIL 11 9:45	MIL 12 9:45	SD 13 10:15	SD 14 9:05					
SD 15 4:05		BAL 17 6:35	BAL 18 6:35	BAL 19 1:05	KC 20 8:10	KC 21 7:10					
KC 22 2:10	ARI 23 9:40	ARI 24 9:40	ARI 25 9:40		STL 27 10:15	STL 28 4:05					
STL 29 3:05											

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