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ANALYSIS / 01

The decision in one page

The Angels prevented 85 more runs in 2026 than they had the year before. They still lost 100 games. That combination should shape the offseason: retain the pitching gains that have credible underlying support, improve the weak positions around them and resist paying as though one famous addition will close the entire gap.

Our preferred plan buys Carson Kelly for a defined catching share, Tyler Mahle for 150 rotation innings and Taylor Clarke for 65 relief innings. The proposed annual allocations are $8-10 million, $14-16 million and $4-6 million. A separate $6-8 million depth reserve brings annual additions to $32-40 million. The resulting player-allocation envelope is approximately $137.02-149.02 million, before unknown deferred cash installments. These are S&S negotiating limits, not reported offers or a verified club budget.

The plan gives Christian Moore and Denzer Guzman substantial opportunities without requiring either to solve several positions at once. It leaves center field to Jose Siri, Bryce Teodosio and a conditional Nelson Rada promotion. It keeps Mike Trout's bat in the lineup while assigning more work away from the outfield. It also makes the catching decision explicit: Kelly takes work that otherwise falls to Moises Ballesteros, Tyler Heineman and Logan Porter.

The alternative buys Trent Grisham for center field and leaves Mahle's innings to the organization. It costs less, but its pitching burden is materially riskier. A third path makes no major acquisition. That version balances the workload on paper and exposes exactly where the current roster remains thin. The choice is between different uses of money and playing time, not three interchangeable shopping lists.

ANALYSIS / 02

Better run prevention, fewer wins

Los Angeles went 62-100 with 655 runs scored and 752 allowed. Its minus-97 margin improved by 67 runs from 2025, while its win total fell by ten. Scoring declined by 18 runs, and home runs fell from 226 to 154. The lineup's .679 OPS left little room for mistakes even after the pitching staff reduced its ERA from 4.89 to 4.29. [1]

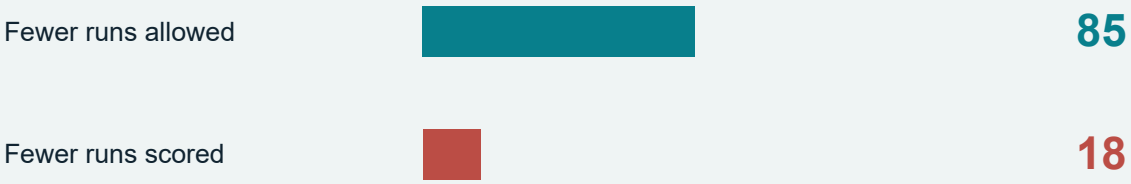
Season	Record	Runs for / against	Margin	OPS / ERA
2024	63-99	635 / 797	-162	.670 / 4.56
2025	72-90	673 / 837	-164	.695 / 4.89
2026	62-100	655 / 752	-97	.679 / 4.29

The completed schedule provides useful context. The Angels went 19-29 in one-run games and 6-14 in extra innings. Those groups overlap, so their deficits cannot be added. A simple squared run-ratio calculation produces about 69.9 wins from the full season's scoring totals, roughly eight more than the actual result. That is a description of how aggregate runs translated into wins, not evidence that all eight will return automatically. [2]

Sequencing, bullpen availability, defense and the timing of scoring can change individual games. The season totals alone cannot separate their causal contributions. The practical lesson is to improve repeatable skills, especially walks allowed, receiving depth and defensive coverage, while avoiding an offseason valuation built entirely on the record in close games.

85 FEWER RUNS ALLOWED

2025 margin: -164 / 2026 margin: -97



The run margin improved by 67; the win total fell by 10.

Source: MLB regular seasons. November 3, 2026 edition.

ANALYSIS / 03

Begin with the roster that remains

The November 3 official 40-man snapshot contains 37 players. Its administrative Active labels do not establish medical readiness. Jack Kochanowicz underwent Tommy John surgery in June; the club's September update lists a possible late-2027 return. He receives no innings in the preferred plan. [3,4,12]

Several important 2026 Angels are no longer available to this roster. Logan O'Hoppe and Chase Silseth moved to Texas, Jose Soriano to Toronto, Jo Adell to Cleveland and Ryan Zeferjahn to the Cubs. Their Angels statistics describe the season just completed. They cannot also appear as retained 2027 production. Kyren Paris was claimed by the Mets, while Sebastian Rivero's outright assignment is distinct from a guaranteed major-league catching role. [4]

Player / MLB ID	Reconciliation	Treatment
Logan O'Hoppe / 681351	Traded to Texas	No automatic retained major-league workload
Chase Silseth / 681217	Traded to Texas	No automatic retained major-league workload
José Soriano / 667755	Traded to Toronto	No automatic retained major-league workload
Jo Adell / 666176	Traded to Cleveland	No automatic retained major-league workload
Ryan Zeferjahn / 666171	Traded to Cubs	No automatic retained major-league workload
Kyren Paris / 677347	Mets waiver claim October 29	No automatic retained major-league workload
Sebastián Rivero / 665861	Outright to Salt Lake October 29	No automatic retained major-league workload
Travis d'Arnaud / 518595	Free agency October 29	No automatic retained major-league workload
Adam Frazier / 624428	Free agency October 29	No automatic retained major-league workload
Yoán Moncada / 660162	Free agency October 29	No automatic retained major-league workload
Jorge Soler / 624585	Expired contract; free agent	No automatic retained major-league workload
Brent Suter / 608718	Departed; historical contribution	No automatic retained major-league workload

Anthony Rendon is a free agent, but his deferred obligation remains a financial issue. Robert Stephenson's club option was declined. The departures of Travis d'Arnaud, Adam Frazier, Yoan Moncada and Jorge Soler also change the competition for work. None of their expired salaries is carried forward as a retained-player commitment, and no hypothetical trade or non-tender is credited with savings before it occurs. [4,13,17]

The three preferred signings would fill the present three 40-man openings. Rada and Camden Minacci would require later selection decisions, with corresponding space created under the rules then in effect. This season-long model does not claim that every named player fits on the active roster on Opening Day.

ANALYSIS / 04

Trout and Neto still anchor the offense

Trout supplied 634 plate appearances, 107 walks and an .803 OPS. His .354 wOBA and .381 expected wOBA support the judgment that he remains a valuable offensive player. They do not guarantee a return to an earlier career peak. The proposed 550-PA allocation builds in room for rest and other hitters while preserving his central role. [1,5,6]

Neto's 27 home runs and 704 plate appearances are the lineup's clearest combination of power and availability. The countercase is also visible: 215 strikeouts, a .336 wOBA against .317 expected wOBA, and 12 caught stealings alongside 24 successful steals. The plan assigns 650 PA and does not manufacture further improvement merely by extending his best stretches over a full season.

Player / MLB ID	LAA PA	AVG / OBP / SLG	HR	BB / K
Zach Neto / 687263	704	.239 / .330 / .436	27	70 / 215
Mike Trout / 545361	634	.242 / .382 / .421	22	107 / 165
Vaughn Grissom / 687093	474	.242 / .307 / .386	13	31 / 87
Nolan Schanuel / 694384	446	.276 / .351 / .385	7	42 / 58
Oswald Peraza / 672724	370	.226 / .282 / .334	7	17 / 111
Josh Lowe / 666139	343	.209 / .273 / .360	12	25 / 105
Wade Meckler / 685133	337	.300 / .373 / .387	3	32 / 63
Denzer Guzman / 694203	304	.219 / .266 / .336	8	17 / 78
Jose Siri / 642350	251	.241 / .296 / .417	10	15 / 80
Moisés Ballesteros / 694208	177	.199 / .260 / .280	3	13 / 46
Christian Moore / 695681	147	.187 / .252 / .276	2	11 / 48
Tyler Heineman / 623168	113	.192 / .238 / .232	0	3 / 11
Bryce Teodosio / 669326	76	.214 / .267 / .243	0	5 / 27

Schanuel offers a different skill set. He struck out 58 times and walked 42 times in 446 PA, with a .351 on-base percentage. Seven home runs and a .385 slugging percentage limit the offensive ceiling at first base. His value depends on reaching base, controlling the strike zone and converting defensive chances, rather than meeting an invented power benchmark for its own sake.

The table uses Angels-only batting samples. Ballesteros and Heineman also played elsewhere in 2026, so their full-season comparison rows below intentionally contain different plate-appearance totals. Mixing those populations would overstate or understate the evidence for the player the Angels actually acquired.

ANALYSIS / 05

Development must survive the major-league test

Moore posted a .943 OPS in 418 Triple-A plate appearances, then a .528 OPS in 147 Angels PA. Guzman produced a .974 OPS in 268 Triple-A PA and .602 in 304 major-league PA. Those are reasons to preserve development opportunities and reasons to provide alternatives. Neither player's minor-league line can be pasted into a major-league projection. [1,14]

Grissom's .693 OPS is useful context for a player moving among several jobs. His 87 strikeouts in 474 PA show a different contact profile from Neto's, but his .307 on-base percentage and defensive results limit the case for making him an unquestioned everyday answer at one position. Peraza's .616 OPS is an improvement on his 2025 season, yet remains a modest offensive foundation for a regular role.

Hitter	2024 MLB PA / OPS	2025 MLB PA / OPS	2026 MLB PA / OPS
Zach Neto	602 / .761	554 / .793	704 / .766
Mike Trout	126 / .866	556 / .798	634 / .803
Vaughn Grissom	114 / .465	No MLB season	474 / .693
Nolan Schanuel	607 / .705	564 / .742	446 / .736
Oswald Peraza	11 / .773	265 / .473	370 / .616
Josh Lowe	387 / .693	435 / .649	343 / .633
Wade Meckler	No MLB season	No MLB season	337 / .760
Denzer Guzman	No MLB season	43 / .566	304 / .602
Jose Siri	448 / .621	36 / .292	251 / .713
Moisés Ballesteros	No MLB season	66 / .868	352 / .612
Christian Moore	No MLB season	184 / .654	147 / .528
Tyler Heineman	16 / .396	174 / .777	200 / .443
Bryce Teodosio	12 / .166	150 / .552	76 / .510

The three-year view separates a genuine track record from a short breakthrough. Trout's 2025 and 2026 OPS figures were nearly identical. Schanuel's 2026 OPS was close to 2025. Josh Lowe's sequence declined from .693 to .649 to .633. Meckler's .760 in 337 PA is encouraging, but it is his first substantial major-league sample in this window. The plan gives each a job sized to that evidence.

Batter / full MLB year	wOBA	xwOBA	SLG / xSLG
Zach Neto	0.336	0.317	0.436 / 0.412
Mike Trout	0.354	0.381	0.421 / 0.487
Vaughn Grissom	0.306	0.309	0.386 / 0.380

Batter / full MLB year	wOBA	xwOBA	SLG / xSLG
Nolan Schanuel	0.328	0.334	0.385 / 0.389
Oswald Peraza	0.276	0.272	0.334 / 0.330
Josh Lowe	0.279	0.284	0.360 / 0.372
Wade Meckler	0.341	0.314	0.387 / 0.359
Denzer Guzman	0.267	0.265	0.336 / 0.327
Jose Siri	0.308	0.304	0.417 / 0.425
Moisés Ballesteros	0.274	0.290	0.331 / 0.361
Christian Moore	0.239	0.254	0.276 / 0.313
Tyler Heineman	0.204	0.236	0.220 / 0.259
Bryce Teodosio	0.234	0.210	0.243 / 0.232

Expected statistics describe contact and related outcomes under the model's definitions. They help identify where results and underlying contact diverged. They are not forecasts, and the gap between wOBA and expected wOBA is not a bank of runs waiting to be collected next year.

ANALYSIS / 06

Use platoons where the evidence is useful

Schanuel had a .780 OPS against right-handed pitching and .615 against left-handers. Meckler's corresponding figures were .800 and .554, while Josh Lowe's were .674 and .420. The latter two left-handed-pitching samples contained only 56 and 55 PA. That is enough to justify competition and flexible lineup construction, not enough to pronounce a permanent inability. [7]

Batter / full MLB season	LHP PA / OPS	RHP PA / OPS
Zach Neto	192 / .865	512 / .727
Mike Trout	179 / .831	455 / .792
Vaughn Grissom	178 / .722	296 / .676
Nolan Schanuel	119 / .615	327 / .780
Oswald Peraza	137 / .715	233 / .559
Josh Lowe	55 / .420	288 / .674
Wade Meckler	56 / .554	281 / .800
Denzer Guzman	106 / .676	198 / .563
Jose Siri	126 / .738	125 / .687
Moisés Ballesteros	62 / .572	290 / .621

Batter / full MLB season	LHP PA / OPS	RHP PA / OPS
Christian Moore	52 / .591	95 / .494
Tyler Heineman	55 / .336	145 / .485

Grissom and Peraza give the manager right-handed alternatives, although their own batting records do not justify assuming that every platoon substitution creates an advantage. Siri's .738 OPS against left-handers and .687 against right-handers also argues for a role more specific than a blanket offensive dismissal.

The preferred allocation leaves Trout available for some outfield work, Grissom for first base and the infield, and Peraza for middle-infield coverage. That flexibility has a cost: those players need actual defensive preparation for the assigned positions. A favorable split cannot erase the run-prevention consequences of where a substitute stands.

ANALYSIS / 07

Defense needs a measured response

The strongest defensive improvement in this group belongs to Schanuel, whose OAA moved from minus-five in 2024 and minus-two in 2025 to plus-four in 2026. Neto's sequence was minus-five, minus-eight and minus-eight. His repeated negative results deserve attention to positioning, range and execution rather than an assumption that everyday availability makes the problem disappear. [8]

Fielder	2024 OAA	2025 OAA	2026 OAA	2026 opportunities
Zach Neto	-5	-8	-8	537
Mike Trout	-1	-2	-5	297
Vaughn Grissom	-2	No row	-13	326
Nolan Schanuel	-5	-2	+4	269
Oswald Peraza	+0	+2	-1	304
Josh Lowe	-2	-4	+2	181
Wade Meckler	No row	No row	+1	165
Denzer Guzman	No row	-5	-1	247
Jose Siri	+16	+0	-4	172
Christian Moore	No row	-2	-3	130
Bryce Teodosio	+0	+10	+5	59
Trent Grisham	+2	-2	-6	280
Matt Vierling	+0	+0	+2	174

Grissom's minus-13 OAA across his 2026 work is the largest warning among the retained hitters. The response is a more controlled set of assignments and competition, not an unsupported claim that he can become a premium defender by changing positions. Moore's minus-three and Guzman's minus-one came in smaller opportunity sets and should be interpreted with those samples in view.

Teodosio's plus-five OAA in 59 opportunities is promising but too small to scale linearly into an elite full-season total. His plus-ten in 2025 adds useful context. Siri's plus-16 in 2024 and minus-four in 2026 show why an older reputation should not settle the present decision. The internal center-field competition should measure current range and routes alongside offense.

OAA is measured in outs, not runs, and it is not added directly to the pitching or batting model. The table preserves both the multi-year range and the 2026 opportunity count. A small sample and a missing row are different things.

ANALYSIS / 08

Kelly gives the catching plan room to work

Ballesteros caught 153.1 innings for the Angels after his arrival. His full major-league batting sample was 352 PA with a .612 OPS, compared with .540 in his 177 Angels PA. His receiving development and his offense both require attention. A zero in a non-catching OAA row says nothing useful about his ability to handle the catching workload. [1,5,9]

Heineman's full-season catching value was plus-8.47 runs, including plus-5.87 framing runs. Those figures span his entire major-league season, not just his 301 Angels catching innings. His .443 full-season OPS presents the opposing cost. He can provide a defensive role without being asked to carry an everyday offensive assignment. [9,10]

Catcher	2026 LAA catching IP	Full MLB framing	Full MLB catching value
Moisés Ballesteros	153.1	-1.48	Unknown
Tyler Heineman	301.0	+5.87	+8.47
Carson Kelly	External candidate	+1.02	-1.03
Ryan Jeffers	External candidate	-1.31	-2.24

Kelly's 425 PA, .712 OPS and .320 wOBA offer a steadier offensive baseline than the returning alternatives. His .311 expected wOBA counsels restraint, and his minus-1.03 overall catching run value prevents selling him as a universal defensive upgrade. The proposed two-year, $16-20 million ceiling buys 400 PA and 90 catching starts. Ballesteros retains 40 catching starts plus first-base and DH work.

Jeffers is the more productive offensive comparison, with an .814 OPS and .344 expected wOBA. His existing qualifying offer makes availability and acquisition cost conditional, however. He is not silently substituted at a bargain salary. Higashioka remains a Texas player, and a trade would need a separate price and roster review. Neither is included in the funded plans. [16,17,21]

ANALYSIS / 09

The rotation starts with Detmers and Urena

Detmers' 185 innings, 211 strikeouts and 48 walks support the strongest retained starter case. A 3.36 ERA and 3.30 expected ERA broadly agree. The preferred plan assigns 30 starts and 175 innings, slightly below his completed workload. Urena receives 28 starts and 155 innings after 148.1 innings with a 2.97 ERA and 3.30 expected ERA. [1,6]

Pitcher / MLB ID	GS / LAA IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB / HR	Planning treatment
Reid Detmers / 672282	32 / 185.0	3.36 / 3.30	211 / 48 / 19	Primary starter
Walbert Ureña / 700712	27 / 148.1	2.97 / 3.30	142 / 68 / 10	Retain; walk rate limits margin
Ryan Johnson / 696270	19 / 100.0	5.04 / 4.86	79 / 43 / 18	Internal rotation; run-prevention test
Grayson Rodriguez / 680570	20 / 98.2	6.02 / 5.69	85 / 43 / 16	Reduced workload; performance risk
Yusei Kikuchi / 579328	14 / 67.2	4.92 / 4.76	67 / 30 / 7	115 IP only if ready; expanded from 2026
Jack Kochanowicz / 686799	13 / 64.0	6.19 / 5.62	47 / 36 / 7	TJ recovery; zero main-plan IP
George Klassen / 691946	6 / 27.0	3.67 / 5.58	24 / 21 / 2	Depth; walks and xERA caution
Caden Dana / 702674	0 / 0	No LAA sample / No row	0 / 0 / 0	AAA evidence; promotion gate
Mitch Farris / 815083	0 / 60.0	4.05 / 4.95	63 / 29 / 10	Starter and relief coverage
Sam Aldegheri / 691951	6 / 33.2	5.08 / 5.51	22 / 17 / 5	Bulk depth
José Soriano / 667755	22 / 123.0	3.29 / 4.45	127 / 57 / 12	Toronto departure; no retained IP

Urena's 68 walks are the caution. The next improvement is better strike throwing without sacrificing the contact outcomes that made his season useful. A low ERA does not remove the risk created by that many free baserunners. Ryan Johnson, Rodriguez and Klassen face different versions of the same workload question: which innings can they provide effectively, rather than merely occupy?

Rodriguez's 6.02 ERA and 5.69 expected ERA make an automatic rebound difficult to underwrite. Johnson's 5.04 and 4.86 do the same. Their planned 90 innings apiece preserve opportunities while limiting how much of the season depends on immediate improvement. Klassen's 3.67 ERA in 27 MLB innings is less reassuring beside 21 walks and a 5.58 expected ERA.

Kikuchi's proposed 115 innings exceed his 67.2 in 2026. That is a conditional workload, not a medical conclusion. The report includes a named replacement branch. Kochanowicz remains outside the principal rotation, so the plan does not need a precise recovery date to reach 162 starts.

ANALYSIS / 10

Mahle purchases a specific block of innings

Mahle's full 2026 season comprised 149 innings, 137 strikeouts and 46 walks, with a 3.99 ERA and 3.95 expected ERA. His 1.99 ERA in 54.1 Atlanta innings should not eclipse the 5.13 ERA in 94.2 San Francisco innings. The full-season evidence is the appropriate basis for a 150-inning proposal. [5,6]

At two years and $28-32 million, the annual ceiling is $14-16 million. That is the same range tested in the Cardinals and Royals work. Here the marginal job is clearer than a generic instruction to add pitching: Mahle removes 150 innings from the combined Klassen, Dana and Aldegheri alternative. The cost buys a more established performance record and reduces the development burden on those three pitchers.

The strongest objection is that Los Angeles is spending meaningful money on a pitcher who does not transform the top of the rotation. That is true. The recommendation follows from the roster's need for usable innings behind Detmers and Urena, with limited confidence in several other options. If Mahle's market price rises above the ceiling or the health review cannot support the workload, the Angels should use the internal branch or re-price a different starter. They should not pretend an empty allowance supplies his innings.

ANALYSIS / 11

Relief needs command more than a new label

The Angels walked 639 batters in 1,430.1 innings in 2026, approximately 4.02 per nine. A single reliever cannot repair that team-wide problem. Clarke is proposed for a limited, identifiable contribution: 65 middle- and later-inning relief innings at one year and $4-6 million. [1]

Pitcher	LAA IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB	Treatment
Samy Natera Jr.	31.2	3.13 / 2.51	48 / 13	Promising 31.2-IP sample
José Fermin	53.2	3.86 / 4.60	62 / 25	Retain; command work
Sam Bachman	48.2	4.81 / 4.03	49 / 29	Walks limit leverage
Tayler Saucedo	21.1	2.53 / 2.72	26 / 7	Retain; small MLB sample
Blake Weiman	17.2	2.55 / 3.03	16 / 3	Low-walk small sample
Ryan Watson	16.1	2.20 / 4.69	22 / 4	Full-season xERA is less favorable
Ben Joyce	15.1	4.11 / 3.81	18 / 9	30 IP conditional on readiness
Brett Kerry	13.2	3.95 / 3.03	12 / 2	Depth; AAA starter results weaker

Pitcher	LAA IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB	Treatment
Luke Murphy	20.0	6.75 / 4.35	20 / 11	Run-prevention improvement needed
Trevor Martin	4.0	4.50 / 5.65	2 / 3	Only four LAA innings
Ryan Zeferjahn	51.2	3.66 / 3.10	75 / 32	Cubs departure
Chase Silseth	39.2	2.72 / 4.09	48 / 22	Texas departure
Brent Suter	63.1	4.12 / 3.95	55 / 17	Departed

Clarke walked 14 and struck out 45 in 73 innings. His 2.96 ERA was substantially better than his 4.42 expected ERA, so the price should reflect a command-oriented depth role rather than a dominant closer. That distinction matters when comparing him with harder-throwing internal pitchers who have walked too many hitters. [5,6]

Natera's 48 strikeouts and 13 walks in 31.2 innings, alongside a 2.51 expected ERA, make him an interesting retained option. The sample remains small. Fermin, Bachman and Joyce each need a realistic command and readiness assessment before their workloads expand. Weiman's three walks in 17.2 innings are useful evidence, but no more reason to project a full season without qualification than a few poor outings would be to discard him.

The plan distributes 575 relief innings among 14 pitchers over the season. It does not assume those pitchers are simultaneously active or that the late-inning hierarchy is settled in November. Joyce receives 30 conditional innings, with a separate replacement allocation if he cannot provide them.

ANALYSIS / 12

Keep the farm's horizons separate

Rada's 585 Triple-A plate appearances, .739 OPS and 72 walks support a center-field opportunity if his defense and major-league readiness clear. Three home runs describe the present power contribution. The plan asks for 250 PA and 55 center-field starts after selection, leaving Siri and Teodosio meaningful work rather than declaring the competition finished. [14]

Player / MLB ID	2026 level and sample	Readiness decision
Nelson Rada / 703185	AAA: 585 PA, .739 OPS, 3 HR; 72 BB / 109 K	Conditional CF opportunity; no MLB performance assigned
Christian Moore / 695681	AAA: 418 PA, .943 OPS, 11 HR; 73 BB / 94 K	Earn 2B role; AAA success did not yet carry to MLB
Denzer Guzman / 694203	AAA: 268 PA, .974 OPS, 12 HR; 27 BB / 48 K	3B competition; strong AAA, weak MLB sample
Caden Dana / 702674	AAA: 93.0 IP, 5.52 ERA; 86 K / 60 BB	Command work before expanded rotation burden
George Klassen / 691946	AAA: 91.0 IP, 3.96 ERA; 88 K / 46 BB	Depth; assess 46 walks in 91 AAA IP
Brett Kerry / 695049	AAA: 119.0 IP, 7.03 ERA; 98 K / 50 BB	Prefer limited bulk role over assumed rotation fix

Player / MLB ID	2026 level and sample	Readiness decision
Sam Aldegheri / 691951	AAA: 100.1 IP, 7.45 ERA; 90 K / 57 BB	Internal alternative has substantial performance risk
Austin Gordon / 803135	AA: 124.1 IP, 4.78 ERA; 134 K / 41 BB	Conditional injury replacement; promotion required
Camden Minacci / 695229	AA: 47.2 IP, 3.59 ERA; 61 K / 21 BB	15 late-season relief IP only after selection
Tyler Bremner / 803285	AA: 24.1 IP, 4.44 ERA; 36 K / 8 BB	AA development; no main-plan MLB innings
Tyler Bremner / 803285	High-A: 48.1 IP, 4.28 ERA; 64 K / 19 BB	High-A sample separate from AA
Arjun Nimmala / 805796	AA: 126 PA, .966 OPS, 8 HR; 21 BB / 29 K	Longer-horizon shortstop; no 2027 workload
Jacob Cozart / 695524	AA: 119 PA, .831 OPS, 7 HR; 15 BB / 32 K	119 AA PA are not an immediate catching solution

Nimmala's 126 Rocket City PA included eight home runs and a .966 OPS. Bremner's 24.1 Double-A innings followed 48.1 at High-A. Those are development records, not evidence that either must be rushed into a major-league vacancy. MLB Pipeline's current list places Nimmala first in the organization with a 2028 ETA and Bremner second with a 2027 ETA. An ETA is an editorial estimate, not a promised debut date. [15,18]

Cozart's 119 Rocket City PA provide a catching prospect to follow, not a substitute for buying present catching depth. Gordon's 124.1 AA innings and 134 strikeouts make him a conditional rotation contingency, but 23 home runs allowed require scrutiny. Minacci's 61 strikeouts and 21 walks in 47.2 innings support a small late-season relief branch after promotion and selection.

No preferred acquisition spends prospect capital. Nimmala, Bremner and Rada are not assumed trade currency merely because a veteran is available. A future trade proposal must identify the actual controlled player, the job gained, the outgoing cost and the development work displaced. This analysis does not invent another club's willingness to accept a package.

ANALYSIS / 13

Compare the purchases before choosing them

Candidate / MLB ID	Full 2026 MLB evidence	S&S ceiling / decision
Carson Kelly / 608348	425 PA, .712 OPS, 10 HR; 0.320/0.311 wOBA/xwOBA	A/B: 2 years / $16-20M; 400 PA, 90 C starts
Tyler Mahle / 641816	149.0 IP, 3.99 ERA, 3.95 xERA; 137 K / 46 BB	A: 2 years / $28-32M; 28 GS, 150 IP
Taylor Clarke / 664199	73.0 IP, 2.96 ERA, 4.42 xERA; 45 K / 14 BB	A/B: 1 year / $4-6M; 65 relief IP
Trent Grisham / 663757	484 PA, .703 OPS, 18 HR; 0.311/0.337 wOBA/xwOBA	B: 2 years / $18-22M; 500 PA, 110 CF starts
Ryan Jeffers / 680777	369 PA, .814 OPS, 14 HR; 0.353/0.344 wOBA/xwOBA	Conditional comparison only; pending qualifying offer; not funded

Candidate / MLB ID	Full 2026 MLB evidence	S&S ceiling / decision
Kyle Higashioka / 543309	186 PA, .676 OPS, 7 HR; 0.303/0.295 wOBA/xwOBA	Texas player, not a free-agent purchase; no trade assumed
Matt Vierling / 663837	291 PA, .590 OPS, 5 HR; 0.258/0.304 wOBA/xwOBA	Detroit player; injury and trade gates; not funded
Randal Grichuk / 545341	280 PA, .880 OPS, 15 HR; 0.370/0.335 wOBA/xwOBA	Corner alternative; does not solve CF or catching

Kelly is preferred because the Angels need a larger catching share with a workable offensive baseline. Mahle takes a defined rotation workload. Clarke improves the mix of relief command at a limited price. Each acquisition displaces specific internal work, and none is justified solely by appearing in an earlier team review.

Grisham offers an alternative use of the rotation money: 500 PA, 110 center-field starts and a modest corner-field share. His .337 expected wOBA was better than his .311 actual wOBA, but his minus-six OAA prevents treating him as an automatic defensive upgrade. The alternative accepts more internal pitching risk in exchange for a more established offensive center-field option.

Vierling is a different type of inquiry, but he remains in Detroit's organization and on its reported injury list at this snapshot. No trade availability or medical readiness is assumed. Grichuk's .880 full-season OPS is attractive, yet his role would be in a corner or at DH, where the Angels already need to allocate Trout, Ballesteros and other hitters. His .335 expected wOBA also argues against paying exclusively for the best surface result.

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Separate salary allocation from cash

Trout and Kikuchi account for $58.116667 million of retained 2027 salary allocation on the RosterResource basis used here. Trout's figure includes allocated bonus treatment and differs from his contract AAV. Kikuchi is in the final year of his three-year agreement. [11]

Player / MLB ID	2027 allocation	Basis
Mike Trout / 545361	$37.116667M	2027 salary plus allocated bonus; AAV $35.541667M
Yusei Kikuchi / 579328	$21.000000M	Final year of 3-year, $63M agreement
TOTAL	$58.116667M	Rendon deferred cash remains separate and unknown

The eleven arbitration estimates total $34.9 million. They are estimates, not settlements. Neto's $9.8 million and Detmers' $7.5 million are the largest. All eleven remain in the financial model, including players with limited proposed workloads. The model does not obtain a cheaper roster by assuming a non-tender and then retaining the same player's production. [19]

Player	Estimate, $M	Treatment
Reid Detmers	7.50	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Jose Siri	2.30	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Josh Lowe	3.60	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings

Player	Estimate, $M	Treatment
Tyler Heineman	1.50	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Tayler Saucedo	1.50	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Zach Neto	9.80	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Grayson Rodriguez	2.10	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Ben Joyce	1.10	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Nolan Schanuel	3.00	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Oswald Peraza	1.40	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
Sam Bachman	1.10	Unsigned estimate; no assumed non-tender savings
TOTAL	34.90	Eleven retained players

Add $12-16 million for pre-arbitration players, minor-league roster costs and callups. The resulting existing-roster allocation is $105.016667-109.016667 million. This is a planning envelope for players, not the club's complete operating cost or a statement of available ownership funding.

Rendon's deferred $38 million obligation has no disclosed annual payment schedule. [13] Its eventual cash installments must be added when known. They cannot be divided evenly by assumption or treated as zero because the player is no longer on the roster. The declined $2.5 million Stephenson option is excluded. Any separately confirmed residual cash obligation would need to be added to the financial picture.

Component	Annual allocation	Definition
Trout and Kikuchi	$58.116667M	Allocation basis, not cash or CBT
Eleven arbitration estimates	$34.90M	Retained unless actual later decision changes status
Pre-arb, minors and callups	$12-16M	Planning pool; not yet contracted
Existing-roster envelope	$105.02-109.02M	Does not claim total club cash cost
Rendon deferred obligation	Annual cash unknown	Reported $38M deferred; no equal-installment assumption
Declined Stephenson option	$2.5M option excluded	Residual cash obligation unverified
RosterResource tax estimate	$114.108334M	Different AAV/benefit basis; incomplete future roster

The tax estimate uses a different combination of AAV, benefits and other charges. It is not interchangeable with cash or this player-allocation model. A payroll figure below a tax threshold would not, by itself, establish that the owner has authorized spending up to that threshold.

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Three plans, three different burdens

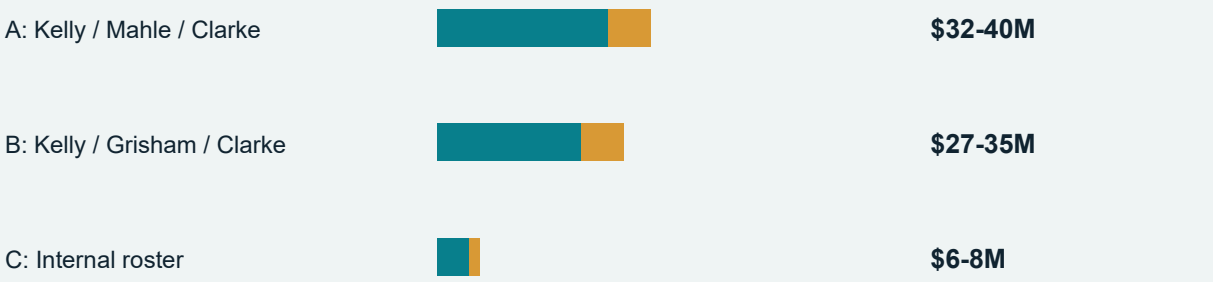
Plan A adds Kelly at $8-10 million annually over two years, Mahle at $14-16 million over two years and Clarke at $4-6 million for one year. The separate $6-8 million reserve raises annual additions to $32-40 million. New commitments, counting both years of the proposed multi-year contracts and the first-year reserve, total $54-66 million.

Plan	Annual additions	Total allocation	New commitment
A: Kelly / Mahle / Clarke	$32-40M	$137.02-149.02M	$54-66M
B: Kelly / Grisham / Clarke	$27-35M	$132.02-144.02M	$44-56M
C: Internal roster	$6-8M	$111.02-117.02M	$6-8M

Plan B substitutes Grisham for Mahle. Kelly and Clarke remain. Annual additions become $27-35 million, with $44-56 million in new commitments and reserved capacity. The total allocation is $132.02-144.02 million. This plan is cheaper because the center-field contract costs less than the rotation purchase. It also gives the organization 150 more starter innings to cover.

Plan C retains only the $6-8 million reserve, producing $111.02-117.02 million in player allocation. It shifts Kelly's catching work and Clarke's relief innings to named internal players, while also replacing Mahle. The reserve has no plate appearances, innings or wins assigned to it. It remains financial capacity until a real player and cost are identified.

THREE ANNUAL SPENDING PLANS



S&S annual additions. Each includes a $6-8M depth reserve.

Proposed ceilings and reserve. No signing, health or performance guarantee.

If any proposed signing brings draft-pick or international-pool consequences, those costs require a fresh decision before execution. Current free-agent status does not settle a later qualifying-offer decision, medical review or price. A changed market can alter the preferred route without making the original price ceiling a factual error.

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Allocate the lineup before adding another bat

The preferred plan totals 6,200 plate appearances. Neto receives 650, Trout and Schanuel 550 each, Moore 500, and Grissom, Guzman and Josh Lowe 450 each. Kelly receives 400, Ballesteros 350 and Heineman 150. Rada's conditional 250 PA come from a defined center-field competition, not an assumption that every prospect will receive a full season. [22]

Hitter	PA	Condition
Zach Neto	650	Health, performance and role gates
Mike Trout	550	Health, performance and role gates
Nolan Schanuel	550	Health, performance and role gates
Christian Moore	500	Health, performance and role gates
Vaughn Grissom	450	Health, performance and role gates
Denzer Guzman	450	Health, performance and role gates
Josh Lowe	450	Health, performance and role gates
Wade Meckler	400	Health, performance and role gates
Jose Siri	250	Health, performance and role gates
Bryce Teodosio	250	Health, performance and role gates
Moises Ballesteros	350	Health, performance and role gates
Carson Kelly	400	Proposed acquisition
Tyler Heineman	150	Health, performance and role gates
Oswald Peraza	250	Health, performance and role gates
Nelson Rada	250	Promotion and selection required
Nacho Alvarez Jr.	150	Health, performance and role gates
Gustavo Campero	100	Health, performance and role gates
Logan Porter	50	Health, performance and role gates
TOTAL	6200	Season allocation, not simultaneous active roster

The 6,200 total is a planning device, not a prediction of how often the team will bat. It forces the report to acknowledge opportunity cost. More work for one catcher means less for another; a new center fielder changes the development opportunities available to Siri, Teodosio, Rada and Meckler.

The defensive schedule assigns 162 starts at each position, including DH, and keeps every individual below 162 combined starts. Trout has 70 outfield starts and 60 at DH. Grissom's work is spread among first, second,

third and DH rather than treating him as an unchecked defensive solution. Ballesteros has catching, first-base and DH assignments that fit around the other hitters.

Pos.	162-start allocation	Condition
C	Kelly 90; Ballesteros 40; Heineman 27; Porter 5	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
1B	Schanuel 120; Grissom 20; Ballesteros 22	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
2B	Moore 120; Peraza 25; Grissom 17	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
3B	Guzman 100; Grissom 45; Alvarez 17	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
SS	Neto 145; Peraza 17	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
LF	Trout 55; Meckler 60; Campero 20; Lowe 12; Teodosio 15	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
CF	Siri 60; Teodosio 47; Rada 55	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
RF	Lowe 105; Meckler 40; Trout 15; Campero 2	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup
DH	Trout 60; Ballesteros 25; Schanuel 10; Neto 10; Grissom 30; Moore 5; Guzman 10; Alvarez 12	Seasonal allocation, not one fixed daily lineup

These are full-season allocations, with bench appearances and substitutions still possible. They do not certify that each player is available for every assigned game. The named branches below show how the plan changes when an acquisition or a major player is removed.

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Cover 162 starts without a recovery windfall

The preferred rotation accounts for 162 starts and 865 innings. Detmers, Urena and Mahle provide 480 innings combined. Kikuchi, Rodriguez and Johnson supply another 295. Klassen, Dana and Farris cover the remaining 90. That distribution reduces reliance on the weakest recent major-league results without eliminating internal competition. [22]

Pitcher	GS / IP	Condition
Reid Detmers	30 / 175	Health, selection and performance review
Walbert Urena	28 / 155	Health, selection and performance review
Tyler Mahle	28 / 150	Proposed acquisition
Yusei Kikuchi	22 / 115	Clinical readiness and workload expansion gate
Grayson Rodriguez	18 / 90	Health, selection and performance review
Ryan Johnson	18 / 90	Health, selection and performance review
George Klassen	10 / 50	Health, selection and performance review

Pitcher	GS / IP	Condition
Caden Dana	5 / 25	Health, selection and performance review
Mitch Farris	3 / 15	Health, selection and performance review
TOTAL	162 / 865	Kochanowicz excluded from main workload

The bullpen contributes 575 separately assigned innings, bringing the season model to 1,440. Farris has 15 starter innings and 45 relief innings, so his 60 total is not counted twice. Aldegheri's main-plan work is in relief; a no-Mahle branch adds starter work explicitly. Those distinctions are necessary when a pitcher can serve more than one role.

Pitcher	IP	Condition
Samy Natera Jr.	60	Health, roster and performance gate
Jose Fermin	55	Health, roster and performance gate
Sam Bachman	50	Health, roster and performance gate
Tayler Saucedo	50	Health, roster and performance gate
Blake Weiman	40	Health, roster and performance gate
Ryan Watson	45	Health, roster and performance gate
Ben Joyce	30	Clinical readiness; no assumed full recovery
Taylor Clarke	65	Proposed acquisition
Mitch Farris	45	Health, roster and performance gate
Sam Aldegheri	40	Health, roster and performance gate
Brett Kerry	35	Health, roster and performance gate
Luke Murphy	30	Health, roster and performance gate
Trevor Martin	15	Health, roster and performance gate
Camden Minacci	15	Promotion and 40-man selection required
TOTAL	575	865 starter innings plus relief = 1,440

The assumed 1,440 innings are a standardized planning total. Actual team innings vary with shortened games, extra innings and road losses. The point is to test whether the proposed staff has enough named capacity, not to forecast the exact final number to the third of an inning.

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Make the failure branches visible

Without Mahle, Klassen and Dana each add ten starts and 50 innings, while Aldegheri adds eight starts and 50 innings. That is a numerically complete replacement with substantial performance risk. Dana walked 60 batters in 93 Triple-A innings; Aldegheri had a 7.45 ERA there. Calling the internal alternative complete does not make it equally dependable. [14]

Change from A	Removed workload	Named replacement
B/C: no Mahle	28 GS / 150 IP	Klassen +10/50, Dana +10/50, Aldegheri +8/50
B: add Grisham	500 internal PA	Siri -150, Teodosio -100, Rada -150, Meckler -100; CF110 from Siri40/Teodosio30/Rada40; RF10 and LF5 from Meckler
C: no Kelly	400 PA; 90 C starts	Ballesteros +150 PA / 45 C; Heineman +150 / 35 C; Porter +100 / 10 C
C: no Clarke	65 relief IP	Natera +10, Fermin +10, Bachman +5, Weiman +10, Watson +10, Kerry +10, Murphy +10
No Kikuchi	22 GS / 115 IP	Klassen +8/40; Dana +8/40; Gordon +6/35 after selection
No Joyce	30 relief IP	Weiman +10; Watson +10; Kerry +10
No Trout	550 PA; 55 LF / 15 RF / 60 DH	Lowe +100 PA, Meckler +100, Rada +100, Ballesteros +100, Grissom +50, Campero +50, Teodosio +50; LF to Meckler25/Campero15/Teodosio15; RF to Lowe15; DH to Ballesteros25/Grissom20/Schanuel15
Multiple simultaneous losses	Rebuild scenario	Recalculate combined PA, positions and innings; isolated branches are not automatically additive

The no-Kelly branch adds 150 PA and 45 catching starts to Ballesteros, 150 PA and 35 catching starts to Heineman, and 100 PA and ten catching starts to Porter. It puts a larger offensive burden on a group whose current evidence is weaker than Kelly's. The no-Clarke branch divides 65 innings among seven retained pitchers without crediting an unnamed replacement with league-average performance.

The no-Trout branch also has a price. It adds work to seven hitters and reassigns his field and DH starts. It does not replace his 107 walks by arithmetic. Multiple simultaneous losses require a new combined allocation because individual branches can compete for the same player's capacity. The report does not stack every fallback and claim the resulting roster still works.

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Why the shared names fit differently here

Kelly appears in the Twins, Reds and Cubs work at a similar annual ceiling. In Chicago the job is retention within an existing catching group; in Minnesota he is a conditional alternative to Jeffers. Here he is a new purchase for 400 PA and 90 catching starts, displacing work from Ballesteros, Heineman and Porter while preserving Ballesteros' development. The job and opportunity cost are specific to Los Angeles.

Mahle's proposed $14-16 million annual range is consistent with the Cardinals and Royals comparisons. The Angels assign 150 innings, compared with the Cardinals' 140. That modest workload difference does not justify inventing a new market quote. It reflects how much internal risk each club is trying to replace. Clarke receives the same $4-6 million command-oriented role used in other reviews, with 65 innings here rather than an unsupported closer premium.

Grisham is preferred in the Royals' offensive center-field branch but remains an alternative here. The Angels have Rada's development opportunity and greater reason to protect the rotation floor. The explicit no-acquisition route supplies a further test of whether these players add enough marginal value to justify their cost.

These scenarios are independent evaluations. They do not assume Kelly, Mahle or Clarke can sign with several clubs simultaneously. If one becomes unavailable, the relevant plan loses that player and must be rebuilt. No outgoing prospects are charged in the preferred free-agent plan, and no trade target is treated as obtainable without a separately priced transaction.

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The distance to contention remains substantial

Preventing 40 runs while holding scoring constant would move the margin from minus-97 to minus-57. Adding 30 runs of offense as well would bring it to minus-27. Scoring 50 more and allowing 60 fewer would produce a plus-13 margin. Those are useful scales for the problem, not forecasts of what the three signings will deliver. [1,22]

Illustrative change from 2026	RS / RA	Margin	162-game simple run-ratio wins
Unchanged runs	655 / 752	-97	69.9
Prevent 40; same offense	655 / 712	-57	74.3
Score 30 more; prevent 40	685 / 712	-27	77.9
Score 50 more; prevent 60	705 / 692	+13	82.5
Score 30 fewer; allow 30 more	625 / 782	-157	63.1

The run-ratio column uses 162 times runs scored squared divided by the sum of runs scored squared and runs allowed squared. It ignores sequencing, schedule and other influences on actual wins. The baseline already exceeds the Angels' actual 62 wins, so adding its apparent shortfall to a projected player improvement would count the same uncertainty twice.

The strongest argument against Plan A is that $32-40 million in annual additions may buy stabilization without a credible postseason leap. The response is a staged roster decision. Preserve the young players' opportunities, reduce the most avoidable workload risks and reassess against actual 2027 progress. Do not sacrifice a longer-term prospect simply to make the winter transaction list look more ambitious.

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A decision sequence for the winter

Los Angeles is seeking a manager and permanent general manager as Kroenke Sports & Entertainment's purchase is expected in early 2027. [20] That uncertainty makes an asserted ownership payroll limit especially unreliable. The baseball plan should survive a change in leadership because its roles, prices and alternatives are explicit.

First establish the actual player budget and separate deferred cash obligations. Then evaluate the Kelly and Mahle jobs, since those purchases most directly reduce the burden on unproven or limited alternatives. Pursue Clarke for the command role at the stated ceiling. Keep the center-field competition open unless Grisham's price and current evidence make the alternative a better use of resources.

Before the season, reassess Kikuchi's proposed workload, Joyce's readiness, the young infielders' defense and the roster space required for Rada or Minacci. During the season, judge progress by strike throwing, contact quality, defensive chances and the quality of the development opportunities. Those measures are more useful than declaring success because a short run of one-run results reverses.

The recommendation is Plan A within its price limits. It improves catching depth and the pitching middle while retaining room to learn about the young roster. If those purchases cannot be completed, the alternatives show the real burden that returns to the organization.

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Player register and reading the evidence

Player / MLB ID	Raw official roster status	Planning note
Ben Joyce / 690829	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Blake Weiman / 676620	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Brett Kerry / 695049	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Bryce Teodosio / 669326	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Caden Dana / 702674	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Christian Moore / 695681	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Denzer Guzman / 694203	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
George Klassen / 691946	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Grayson Rodriguez / 680570	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Gustavo Campero / 672569	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Jack Kochanowicz / 686799	Active	TJ recovery; zero main-plan IP
Jose Siri / 642350	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Josh Lowe / 666139	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
José Fermin / 820862	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Logan Porter / 682515	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Luke Murphy / 684665	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Mike Trout / 545361	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Mitch Farris / 815083	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Moisés Ballesteros / 694208	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Nacho Alvarez Jr. / 805373	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Nicolo Pinazzi / 695950	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Nolan Schanuel / 694384	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Oswald Peraza / 672724	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Reid Detmers / 672282	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Ryan Johnson / 696270	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Ryan Watson / 670245	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Sam Aldegheri / 691951	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Sam Bachman / 696147	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately

Player / MLB ID	Raw official roster status	Planning note
Samy Natera Jr. / 696519	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Tayler Saucedo / 642048	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Trevor Martin / 694680	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Tyler Heineman / 623168	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Vaughn Grissom / 687093	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Wade Meckler / 685133	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Walbert Ureña / 700712	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Yusei Kikuchi / 579328	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately
Zach Neto / 687263	Active	Role and clinical readiness evaluated separately

This roster is dated November 3, 2026. A player's presence and administrative status are separate from medical readiness, option availability, projected role and future contract decisions. The financial and workload tables identify proposed additions separately from retained players, and historical Angels contributors remain separate from the current roster.

PA means plate appearances; OPS is on-base percentage plus slugging percentage. wOBA is a weighted offensive measure and expected wOBA is Statcast's modeled counterpart. ERA is earned runs per nine innings, while xERA uses expected offensive outcomes on an ERA scale. OAA measures outs above average. Catching run values use their own component definitions and are not interchangeable with OAA.

Baseball innings notation is not decimal arithmetic: .1 means one out and .2 means two. The report's season workload plans use whole innings, and source innings retain baseball notation. Team-specific rows and full MLB rows are labeled because traded players can have materially different samples. Missing metrics remain unknown; they are not zeroes.

The analysis uses public evidence and independently proposed price ceilings. It does not claim access to private medical files, contract negotiations or ownership instructions. Later transactions and market decisions can change these dated conclusions.

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Team totals and club-specific player samples; 2026 season completed.

Open source

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[3] MLB: dated Angels 40-man roster

November 3 snapshot; administrative status is distinct from clinical readiness.

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Team and individual transaction histories reconciled through November 3.

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Open source

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Open source

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