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ANALYSIS / 01

The decision

Seattle scored 102 fewer runs in 2026 than it did in 2025. Cal Raleigh, Josh Naylor and Julio Rodríguez remained central to the lineup, but their combined production no longer carried the same force. The Mariners finished 76-86 with a minus-58 run margin. A team built around a credible rotation now has to decide how much offense it is prepared to buy and how much recovery it is prepared to assume.

The preferred plan retains Randy Arozarena, adds Randal Grichuk for a defined right-handed corner role and pursues Steven Okert for 60 relief innings. The S&S negotiating ceilings are four years and $88-100 million for Arozarena, one year and $6-8 million for Grichuk, and two years and $16-20 million for Okert. A separate $6-8 million depth reserve brings annual additions to $42-51 million. These are proposed limits, not reported player demands.

That is a substantial recommendation. The existing-roster allocation bridge is $143.37-147.37 million, including arbitration estimates, a contingent Wisdom reserve and a pre-arbitration/callup pool. Plan A reaches $185.37-198.37 million, above the $166.94 million estimated 2026 payroll. There is no verified ownership commitment to fund that increase. If the club will not fund it, the alternative must change the baseball expectations as well as the budget.

Plan B substitutes Taylor Ward for Arozarena and costs $30-39 million in annual additions. Ward offers an on-base recovery case at a much lower commitment, but his 2026 power and contact record do not support presenting him as an equal offensive replacement. Plan C makes no acquisition, retains the $6-8 million reserve and assigns the missing work to named internal players. It exposes how much the club would be asking of young hitters and postoperative recoveries.

The priority is to protect the offense while preserving the rotation. Trading a productive starter simply to avoid financing a corner bat would exchange one clearly defined strength for another opening. A specific trade could overcome that objection, but no counterpart, return or savings is assumed in these plans.

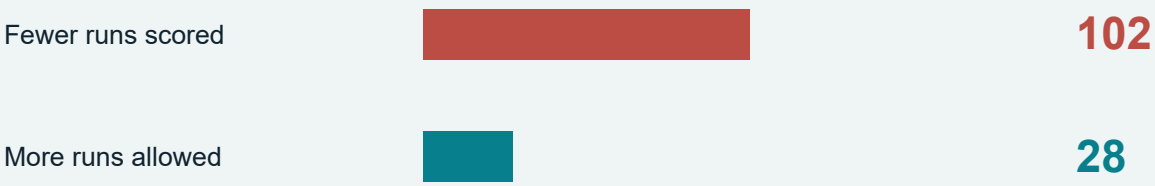
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The scale of the decline

Season	Record	Runs for / against	Margin	OPS / ERA
2024	85-77	676 / 607	+69	.687 / 3.49
2025	90-72	766 / 694	+72	.740 / 3.87
2026	76-86	664 / 722	-58	.693 / 4.20

102 FEWER RUNS SCORED

2025 margin: +72 / 2026 margin: -58



The run margin deteriorated by 130; the win total fell by 14.

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

The 2025 club scored 766 runs and allowed 694. In 2026 those totals became 664 and 722. The run margin deteriorated by 130. That is a broader explanation than a few late-inning losses: Seattle lost offensive volume and gave back some run prevention at the same time.

The home-run total fell from 238 to 182, a loss of 56. Strikeouts declined from 1,446 to 1,400 and walks increased from 544 to 557. The offense therefore did not simply collapse because it struck out more or stopped taking walks. It produced less damage while making some progress in those other categories. The distinction matters when deciding whether to buy another contact-oriented hitter or protect the lineup's remaining impact.

The completed game log gives Seattle a 26-25 record in one-run games and an 8-8 record in extra innings. These categories overlap. They supply no obvious case that an unusually bad close-game record alone explains a 76-win season. A better team needs a better distribution of underlying runs, not merely a different story about luck.

The 2024 club is also useful context. It allowed only 607 runs and won 85 games despite scoring 676. Returning to that level of prevention would require a large improvement from the 2026 baseline. It cannot be quietly assumed because several familiar pitchers remain.

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Start with the roster that exists

The November 3 official 40-man snapshot contains 39 players. Arozarena, Ward, J.P. Crawford and Victor Robles are absent after free-agent transactions. Luis Castillo was traded to the White Sox in August. Their 2026 Seattle performances belong in the historical analysis; their future work does not belong in the retained roster unless a new agreement actually occurs.

The official option decisions preserve two important distinctions: Muñoz's exercised option is $9 million; Miller remains arbitration eligible after his option was declined. Robles became a free agent. The salary model includes Miller's arbitration estimate rather than his declined $6.075 million option, and includes the Muñoz escalator rather than the older $8 million base. [12]

November 2 also brought the Isaac Mattson waiver claim, injury-list reinstatements and five outrights. The player-register appendix preserves those transactions. An offseason activation is an administrative roster move. It does not establish that a player has completed rehabilitation or can handle a full spring workload.

The people endpoint still associates some free agents with Seattle. The report resolves that display against the dated roster and transaction history instead of treating the team label as a current contract. The same rule applies to proposed external candidates whose last club remains visible in their profile.

ANALYSIS / 04

The hitters who must carry the improvement

Player / MLB ID	SEA PA	AVG / OBP / SLG	HR	BB / K
Julio Rodríguez / 677594	654	.247 / .307 / .401	22	47 / 145
Josh Naylor / 647304	650	.261 / .317 / .350	10	45 / 79
Cal Raleigh / 663728	530	.182 / .296 / .368	23	72 / 164
Cole Young / 702284	638	.246 / .312 / .381	17	44 / 109
Dominic Canzone / 686527	533	.264 / .336 / .484	23	48 / 110
Brendan Donovan / 680977	159	.277 / .371 / .409	3	15 / 23
Colt Emerson / 806068	241	.190 / .246 / .335	8	15 / 83
Luke Raley / 670042	287	.225 / .284 / .439	15	15 / 93
Jhonny Pereda / 640902	101	.300 / .366 / .389	2	9 / 20
Lazaro Montes / 703155	59	.212 / .305 / .481	4	7 / 24
Michael Arroyo / 703197	41	.371 / .439 / .514	1	5 / 6

Player / MLB ID	SEA PA	AVG / OBP / SLG	HR	BB / K
Leo Rivas / 660844	148	.153 / .267 / .194	0	16 / 42
Randy Arozarena / 668227	670	.281 / .381 / .484	26	68 / 145
J.P. Crawford / 641487	489	.221 / .335 / .352	14	64 / 97
Taylor Ward / 621493	101	.125 / .238 / .148	0	12 / 27

Raleigh's .664 OPS, Naylor's .667 and Rodríguez's .708 leave considerable room for improvement. They also describe the actual 2026 performances rather than a plan already accomplished. Their salaries and roles make them the first source of possible recovery, but purchasing around them remains necessary if the club wants to reduce its dependence on all three rebounding together.

Canzone deserves a larger place in that discussion. He produced an .820 OPS and 23 home runs in 533 Seattle plate appearances. He supplied more than a brief hot stretch or a theoretical future bat. The preferred plan protects 550 plate appearances across the corners and DH while avoiding the assumption that he must sit whenever a left-hander starts.

Young's 638 plate appearances produced a .693 OPS and 17 home runs. That is a useful development platform for a player whose prior major-league sample was much smaller. His everyday role is retained, with room for a shortstop contingency, but a major offensive leap is not included as free production in the spending plan.

Emerson's first 241 plate appearances yielded a .581 OPS. His long-term contract does not erase that evidence or the need to clear his wrist recovery. The plan provides a substantial opportunity and a named replacement branch. It does not make him the only player capable of covering shortstop.

ANALYSIS / 05

Three seasons are more useful than one reputation

Hitter	2024 MLB PA / OPS	2025 MLB PA / OPS	2026 MLB PA / OPS
Julio Rodríguez	613 / .734	710 / .798	654 / .708
Josh Naylor	633 / .776	604 / .815	650 / .667
Cal Raleigh	628 / .748	705 / .948	530 / .664
Cole Young	No MLB season	257 / .607	638 / .693
Dominic Canzone	188 / .652	269 / .839	533 / .820
Brendan Donovan	652 / .759	515 / .775	159 / .780
Colt Emerson	No MLB season	No MLB season	241 / .581
Luke Raley	455 / .783	219 / .630	287 / .723
Jhonny Pereda	40 / .481	78 / .658	101 / .755

Hitter	2024 MLB PA / OPS	2025 MLB PA / OPS	2026 MLB PA / OPS
Lazaro Montes	No MLB season	No MLB season	59 / .786
Michael Arroyo	No MLB season	No MLB season	41 / .953
Leo Rivas	86 / .607	111 / .720	148 / .461
Randy Arozarena	648 / .720	709 / .760	670 / .865
J.P. Crawford	451 / .625	654 / .722	489 / .687
Taylor Ward	663 / .749	663 / .792	607 / .670

Raleigh moved from a .748 OPS in 2024 to .948 in 2025 and .664 in 2026. The middle season establishes a much higher demonstrated ceiling, but repeating it is a demanding assumption. A budget should work with a productive catcher rather than require another historic power season to justify itself.

Rodríguez's corresponding line was .734, .798 and .708. Those are full major-league seasons of substantial playing time. A plan that treats a return to elite production as certain would be reaching beyond the recent record. Keeping his center-field role while demanding better offensive decisions is a sounder starting point than reassigning him solely to accommodate a cheaper acquisition.

Naylor's .776 and .815 seasons preceded the .667 downturn. The club reported Raleigh and Naylor underwent October surgeries and expected both ready for spring training. [13] Those expectations justify a conditional plan for regular work. They do not establish the exact amount of power either will regain.

Donovan's .780 OPS came in only 159 plate appearances, all for Seattle in the saved MLB season record. A smaller sample can show that a hitter contributed when available without establishing that he will supply 600 plate appearances next year. His plan is 500, with additional third-base coverage explicitly assigned.

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What contact quality does and does not support

Batter / full MLB year	wOBA	xwOBA	SLG / xSLG
Julio Rodríguez	0.310	0.334	0.401 / 0.439
Josh Naylor	0.297	0.310	0.350 / 0.381
Cal Raleigh	0.297	0.312	0.368 / 0.396
Cole Young	0.308	0.316	0.381 / 0.390
Dominic Canzone	0.354	0.359	0.484 / 0.491
Brendan Donovan	0.349	0.314	0.409 / 0.344
Colt Emerson	0.256	0.248	0.335 / 0.300
Luke Raley	0.313	0.342	0.439 / 0.486
Jhonny Pereda	0.338	0.345	0.389 / 0.398

Batter / full MLB year	wOBA	xwOBA	SLG / xSLG
Lazaro Montes	0.334	0.313	0.481 / 0.446
Michael Arroyo	0.414	0.375	0.514 / 0.433
Leo Rivas	0.225	0.243	0.194 / 0.229
Randy Arozarena	0.379	0.348	0.484 / 0.419
J.P. Crawford	0.312	0.319	0.352 / 0.359
Taylor Ward	0.312	0.334	0.311 / 0.360

Rodríguez's .334 expected wOBA exceeded his .310 actual wOBA. Naylor and Raleigh also had expected values above their actual outcomes. Those gaps support examining whether their results could improve, but the expected figures are descriptive models of recorded contact and events. They are not promises about health, future playing time or a new season's league environment.

Canzone's .354 wOBA and .359 expected wOBA tell a different story. His strong surface season was accompanied by a similarly strong modeled record. That makes him a reasonable player to protect from being crowded out by a low-impact purchase.

Arozarena's .379 actual wOBA was higher than his .348 expected figure. His .865 OPS should not be priced as a permanently established level. The retention argument rests on a useful everyday offensive floor, durability in the recent record and the difficulty of replacing his work, while the four-year ceiling acknowledges that the best observed season may not repeat.

Emerson's .256 wOBA and .248 expected value offer no contact-model shortcut around his difficult debut. His upside remains a development judgment. The club should give him a clear job, coaching continuity and manageable expectations rather than advertise his mere presence as an accomplished lineup upgrade.

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Matchups without unnecessary platoons

Batter / full MLB season	LHP PA / OPS	RHP PA / OPS
Julio Rodríguez	207 / .676	447 / .723
Josh Naylor	223 / .682	427 / .660
Cal Raleigh	197 / .636	333 / .680
Cole Young	217 / .596	421 / .744
Dominic Canzone	145 / .847	388 / .808
Brendan Donovan	52 / .479	107 / .936
Colt Emerson	80 / .601	161 / .571
Luke Raley	27 / .392	260 / .757
Jhonny Pereda	35 / .993	66 / .641
Leo Rivas	49 / .289	99 / .544

Batter / full MLB season	LHP PA / OPS	RHP PA / OPS
Randy Arozarena	198 / .954	472 / .827
J.P. Crawford	161 / .675	328 / .691
Taylor Ward	194 / .698	413 / .658

Arozarena's .954 OPS against left-handed pitching and .827 against right-handed pitching support an everyday retention role. Grichuk is not being added to replace half of that job. He is being added to reduce less favorable corner matchups elsewhere and to provide a right-handed option at DH.

Raley had a .392 OPS in only 27 plate appearances against lefties and .757 in 260 against righties. The smaller side is too limited to establish his permanent ability, but it also supplies little reason to force that matchup while recovering from a disrupted season. Grichuk's role is most useful when it relieves Raley and selected DH assignments rather than taking Canzone out automatically.

Canzone hit for an .847 OPS against lefties in 145 plate appearances and .808 against righties in 388. These samples do not prove reverse-platoon talent. They do argue against assuming his left-handed bat requires a rigid platoon. His total workload should reflect the quality of his full season and the actual matchup evidence.

The plan assigns Grichuk 300 plate appearances, not an invented everyday vacancy. His 2026 full-season .880 OPS came in 280 plate appearances. The acquisition must earn its share of a crowded corner/DH mix and preserve enough work for Montes to develop.

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Defense is a separate problem

Fielder	2024 OAA	2025 OAA	2026 OAA	2026 opportunities
Julio Rodríguez	+8	+11	-3	408
Cole Young	No row	-8	-6	583
Josh Naylor	+1	+3	+1	398
Colt Emerson	No row	No row	-4	229
Brendan Donovan	+4	-1	-3	113
Dominic Canzone	+0	-2	+0	80
Luke Raley	-6	-2	-6	158
Leo Rivas	-3	+1	+0	149
Lazaro Montes	No row	No row	+0	16
Michael Arroyo	No row	No row	-2	18
Grant McCray	-4	+0	-3	69
Randy Arozarena	-6	-5	-5	329
J.P. Crawford	+1	-13	-13	383

Fielder	2024 OAA	2025 OAA	2026 OAA	2026 opportunities
Taylor Ward	+4	+0	-2	228

Rodríguez's OAA moved from plus-8 to plus-11 to minus-3. That three-year sequence argues against both extremes: his earlier range should not be discarded after one poor season, and his 2026 result should not be ignored because of his reputation. A planning range around neutral to moderately positive center-field performance is reasonable as an assumption, with downside if the latest season persists.

Young's minus-8 in his smaller 2025 sample and minus-6 in 2026 require work even though his defensive reputation and award recognition may differ. OAA measures one part of defense. It is not a ballot, a complete scouting report or a direct count of runs. The useful question is which plays, positioning decisions and exchanges can improve while he retains a demanding everyday assignment.

Crawford recorded minus-13 in each of the last two seasons. Retaining him simply to avoid the uncertainty around Emerson would therefore purchase a different risk rather than remove risk. Rivas provides another internal shortstop route, but his .461 OPS in 148 plate appearances imposes an offensive cost.

Arozarena's three-year OAA sequence was minus-6, minus-5 and minus-5. The preferred plan is buying his bat, not calling him a defensive cure. Raley's repeated negative totals also argue for controlling the number of innings in which the two weakest range bets share the corners. Late-game replacements can help, but a bench player cannot repair every inning already played.

For planning, use broad position-level ranges rather than summing single-year peaks. Rodríguez between roughly 0 and plus-8 OAA, Young between minus-6 and 0, and Arozarena between minus-7 and minus-2 are judgment ranges, not confidence intervals. A 20-40 run improvement in total prevention would require pitching, catching and team defense to contribute together. It is not obtained by relabeling those OAA ranges as runs.

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Catching: protect Raleigh without buying the same job twice

Catcher	2026 SEA catching IP	Full MLB framing	Full MLB catching value
Cal Raleigh	894.0	-4.31	-5.05
Jhonny Pereda	249.1	-1.65	Unknown
Willie MacIver	No SEA sample	Unknown	Unknown
Carson Kelly	No SEA sample	+1.02	-1.03
Ryan Jeffers	No SEA sample	-1.31	-2.24

Raleigh caught 894 innings in 2026. The saved Statcast framing measure was minus-4.31 runs and the total catching value minus-5.05. A return to regular availability would matter, but the recent defensive record does not justify assuming every additional inning is an automatic run-prevention gain.

Pereda's .755 OPS came in 101 major-league plate appearances. His Triple-A sample was stronger and larger, but neither should be treated as proof of an established everyday catcher. The plan gives him 200 plate appearances and 37 starts behind the plate, with MacIver carrying a smaller depth assignment.

Kelly and Jeffers are useful comparisons. Kelly's .712 OPS and 425 plate appearances establish a more experienced shared workload, while Jeffers produced an .814 OPS in 369. Buying either would require subtracting work from Pereda, Raleigh's DH opportunities or another hitter. Jeffers also carries a qualifying-offer condition in the current market. Neither is included in the main budget.

If Raleigh's recovery changes materially, the catching decision becomes more urgent than the Grichuk purchase. The plan should be rebuilt at that point. Spending the reserve does not itself create a catcher, and a healthy position-player lineup cannot compensate for a missing everyday receiver by arithmetic alone.

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Keep the rotation intact

Pitcher / MLB ID	GS / SEA IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB / HR	Planning treatment
Logan Gilbert / 669302	32 / 186.0	3.73 / 3.63	205 / 49 / 29	Primary starter; 185 IP
George Kirby / 669923	30 / 174.2	4.33 / 4.21	148 / 47 / 22	Retain; 175 IP
Bryan Woo / 693433	30 / 173.0	4.01 / 3.68	175 / 39 / 18	Retain; 175 IP
Bryce Miller / 682243	21 / 118.2	4.17 / 3.70	119 / 38 / 21	Arbitration eligible; 135 IP
Emerson Hancock / 676106	25 / 138.2	3.57 / 4.01	126 / 32 / 20	Readiness gate; 120 IP
Kade Anderson / 807739	7 / 35.2	3.79 / 3.89	32 / 9 / 4	Development rotation; 90 MLB IP
Logan Evans / 688138	0 / 0	No SEA sample / No row	0 / 0 / 0	Recovery only; zero main-plan IP
Ryan Sloan / 815549	0 / 0	No SEA sample / No row	0 / 0 / 0	25 late-season IP after promotion
Luis Castillo / 622491	17 / 99.2	5.06 / 5.02	86 / 32 / 16	White Sox departure; no SEA workload

Gilbert's 186 innings, 205 strikeouts and 49 walks provide the clearest established foundation. Woo supplied 173 innings with 175 strikeouts and 39 walks. Their expected ERAs, 3.63 and 3.68 respectively, support the view that this is still a meaningful organizational strength rather than a reputation surviving on old seasons.

Kirby's 4.33 ERA and 4.21 expected ERA were less impressive than his best work, but 174 2/3 innings remain valuable. The 47 walks matter when comparing his actual 2026 command with the particularly low-walk reputation he built earlier. The report keeps him in the rotation without pricing an automatic return to his best command season.

Miller's 4.17 ERA and 3.70 expected ERA support keeping him in the competition at the arbitration estimate. Declining his option was not a departure. The plan gives him 25 starts and 135 innings, with a larger assignment available if Hancock or the younger starters cannot cover their shares.

Hancock's 3.57 ERA came with a 4.01 expected ERA. His 138 2/3 innings establish useful recent capacity, but his late-season injury makes the proposed 120 innings conditional. Anderson's 35 2/3 major-league innings are an encouraging beginning. They are not sufficient evidence to assign him 180 without a development and recovery plan.

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Relief needs depth more than a headline

Pitcher	SEA IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB	Treatment
Andrés Muñoz	57.1	4.24 / 3.27	89 / 24	Option exercised; readiness gate
Seranthony Domínguez	23.2	3.04 / 3.65	18 / 8	Retained contract; full season differs
José A. Ferrer	64.2	4.18 / 4.09	54 / 20	Retain
Gabe Speier	46.0	2.93 / 3.70	45 / 15	Retain; xERA above ERA
Eduard Bazardo	67.1	4.01 / 4.95	70 / 25	Contact-quality caution
Matt Brash	16.2	0.54 / 4.24	15 / 6	Only 25 proposed IP after readiness
Cooper Criswell	40.2	3.32 / 3.81	31 / 16	Bulk depth
Carlos Vargas	19.0	4.74 / 4.35	17 / 4	Depth
Cole Wilcox	27.0	4.00 / 5.51	28 / 17	Walks limit role
Isaac Mattson	0	No SEA sample / 6.23	0 / 0	Waiver claim; external 2026 sample
Troy Taylor	3.0	9.00 / 3.87	2 / 2	Small MLB sample; AAA context
Michael Rucker	43.2	5.56 / 3.92	50 / 17	Outside preferred 535-IP plan

Muñoz's 4.24 ERA and 3.27 expected ERA describe a season with a meaningful gap between surface results and the contact model. His 89 strikeouts in 57 1/3 innings preserve a strong bat-missing case. The club can reasonably retain him while reducing the number of other bullpen jobs that depend on optimistic interpretation.

Domínguez's Seattle-only 3.04 ERA in 23 2/3 innings is not his full-season record. The full major-league ERA was 3.63 and expected ERA 3.65. That distinction makes a dependable later-inning role more defensible than a claim that Seattle acquired a pitcher who had been at 3.04 all year.

Bazardo's 4.01 ERA was accompanied by a 4.95 expected ERA. Brash's 0.54 ERA came in a very small major-league workload and a much less favorable 4.24 expected figure. The main plan assigns Brash only 25 innings after readiness, and provides a replacement branch. It does not use his ERA to fill an entire leverage role.

Okert's proposed 60 innings would replace work otherwise spread among Ferrer, Speier, Criswell, Garcia, Alford and Rucker. His 67 2/3 innings, 68 strikeouts and 14 walks offer a specific command case. His 3.13 expected ERA is less spectacular than the 2.13 actual figure, but still supports a meaningful acquisition. A September hamstring transaction remains part of the medical review rather than a basis for assuming uninterrupted availability.

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The farm can help without being assigned miracles

Player / MLB ID	2026 level and sample	Readiness decision
Kade Anderson / 807739	AA: 93.1 IP, 1.06 ERA; 135 K / 13 BB	Expand carefully after MLB debut
Ryan Sloan / 815549	AA: 101.1 IP, 3.73 ERA; 128 K / 16 BB	25 late-season MLB IP only after selection
Lazaro Montes / 703155	AAA: 203 PA, .940 OPS, 13 HR; 25 BB / 63 K	250 MLB PA; preserve RF/DH opportunity
Lazaro Montes / 703155	AA: 339 PA, .919 OPS, 25 HR; 54 BB / 103 K	Separate Double-A sample
Michael Arroyo / 703197	AAA: 235 PA, .843 OPS, 8 HR; 19 BB / 38 K	150 PA after recovery; not an Opening Day solution
Michael Arroyo / 703197	AA: 297 PA, .820 OPS, 10 HR; 24 BB / 49 K	Separate Double-A sample
Brock Rodden / 801126	AAA: 410 PA, .841 OPS, 19 HR; 43 BB / 93 K	Injury gate; no main-plan PA
Ryan Bliss / 669208	AAA: 580 PA, .705 OPS, 8 HR; 47 BB / 114 K	80 PA utility depth
Brennen Davis / 680695	AAA: 205 PA, .888 OPS, 9 HR; 24 BB / 46 K	Health and CF defense test; no main-plan PA
Nick Garcia / 694356	AAA: 56.0 IP, 2.57 ERA; 66 K / 23 BB	30 relief IP after selection
Peyton Alford / 688230	AAA: 42.1 IP, 3.83 ERA; 50 K / 25 BB	30 relief IP after selection
Jonny Farmelo / 806071	AA: 214 PA, .713 OPS, 4 HR; 35 BB / 60 K	Development reserve; no MLB quota

Anderson's 93 1/3 Double-A innings included 135 strikeouts and 13 walks. Sloan's 101 1/3 at the same level included 128 and 16. Those command records justify serious consideration, while their different major-league experience argues for different initial assignments. Anderson receives 90 proposed MLB innings; Sloan receives 25 after promotion and selection.

Montes' .940 Triple-A OPS in 203 plate appearances followed a .919 Double-A OPS in 339. The power merits a real opportunity. His 63 Triple-A strikeouts also show why a large role should come with a development plan. Assigning him 250 major-league plate appearances in Plan A protects meaningful work without making him the sole replacement for a departing star.

Arroyo is expected back in game action in April after elbow surgery, so his 150 plate appearances begin only after recovery. [14] His 41 major-league plate appearances and .953 OPS cannot carry a full-season projection. Plan C asks him for substantially more later work and is correspondingly more exposed if the timetable slips.

Garcia and Alford are named relief alternatives because their actual Triple-A records are available, not because a generic farm-system label supplies innings. Garcia walked 23 in 56 innings; Alford walked 25 in 42 1/3. Both require selection and a major-league performance test. Their inclusion makes the fallback auditable while leaving its risk visible.

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Test the market by the job

Candidate / MLB ID	Full 2026 MLB evidence	S&S ceiling / decision
Randy Arozarena / 668227	670 PA,.865 OPS,26 HR; 0.379/0.348 wOBA/xwOBA	A: retain,4 years/$88-100M; 600 PA; 125 LF/20 DH starts
Taylor Ward / 621493	607 PA,.670 OPS,7 HR; 0.312/0.334 wOBA/xwOBA	B: 2 years/$20-26M; 550 PA; 115 LF/20 DH starts
Randal Grichuk / 545341	280 PA,.880 OPS,15 HR; 0.370/0.335 wOBA/xwOBA	A/B: 1 year/$6-8M; 300 PA; 45 RF/20 DH starts
Steven Okert / 595345	67.2 IP,2.13 ERA,3.13 xERA; 68 K/14 BB	A/B: 2 years/$16-20M; 60 relief IP
Trent Grisham / 663757	484 PA,.703 OPS,18 HR; 0.311/0.337 wOBA/xwOBA	Different CF route; 2 years/$18-22M evaluated, not funded
J.P. Crawford / 641487	489 PA,.687 OPS,14 HR; 0.312/0.319 wOBA/xwOBA	SS retention inquiry only; repeated negative OAA limits price
Ha-Seong Kim / 673490	147 PA,.359 OPS,0 HR; 0.180/0.222 wOBA/xwOBA	Free agent; poor limited 2026 sample; no funded assumption
Carson Kelly / 608348	425 PA,.712 OPS,10 HR; 0.320/0.311 wOBA/xwOBA	Catcher comparison; no funded additional starting job
Ryan Jeffers / 680777	369 PA,.814 OPS,14 HR; 0.353/0.344 wOBA/xwOBA	QO-linked catcher alternative; not funded

Arozarena is a retention proposal for 600 plate appearances, 125 left-field starts and 20 at DH. The club would be preserving demonstrated offensive work while accepting a known defensive limitation and a multi-year commitment. The proposed four-year ceiling deliberately stops short of treating his best season as the only possible outcome.

Ward is a different purchase. His full 607-PA season produced a .670 OPS and seven home runs. His 101 Seattle plate appearances were worse, with a .386 OPS, but using only that small post-trade sample would conceal the larger evidence. The case for a two-year $20-26 million ceiling rests on a partial rebound and on-base value. It does not solve the damage problem as convincingly as retaining Arozarena.

Grichuk's .370 wOBA exceeded his .335 expected value. He deserves a role and a price tied to the narrower job, not a full-time contract based only on the .880 OPS. Okert's role is similarly explicit: 60 innings with command value, not the purchase of a guarantee that every close game improves.

Grisham is the most distinct outfield alternative. His .703 OPS and .337 expected wOBA offer a different blend, but a center-field purchase would either displace Rodríguez or require a carefully tested corner assignment. Seattle's role fit is less direct than that of a club with an open center-field job. No Grisham production is credited in Plans A, B or C.

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The cross-club acquisition test

The repeated-name review changes the recommendation. In the Angels package, Kelly fills a 400-PA catching job and Grisham can replace a large block of uncertain center-field work. Seattle already assigns Raleigh 550 plate appearances and Rodríguez 650. Importing those purchases here without removing existing work would solve a vacancy Seattle does not have.

Grichuk was evaluated for roughly 260 plate appearances in the Cubs package at $6-8 million and a narrower alternative role in other reviews. Seattle's 300-PA proposal uses the same price range because the workload is comparable and his principal value remains a right-handed corner/DH assignment. The earlier Phillies $7-9 million alternative replaced a larger part of the Suzuki plan. These are different ceilings reflecting different jobs, not competing reports of his asking price.

Okert's $8-10 million annual ceiling matches the Twins inquiry because both proposals buy approximately 60 innings. Seattle's displaced innings are explicitly identified in the fallback table. There is no reason to invent a lower price merely because another club already appeared in the series. These independently modeled rosters cannot all acquire the same player.

Ward has been considered elsewhere, including as an insufficient solution to Cleveland's particular power needs. Seattle reaches a similar conclusion about his limitations but retains him as a cheaper Plan B because preserving some established outfield plate appearances has value if Arozarena leaves. The plan's lower spending and lower offensive confidence are shown together.

All three funded candidates are free agents in the dated transaction evidence. No outgoing prospect package is assumed. Retaining Arozarena also forgoes the potential compensation that could arise if he rejects the qualifying offer and signs elsewhere. No compensation pick is counted as an asset already received.

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Build the payroll from identified obligations

Player / MLB ID	2027 allocation	Basis
Josh Naylor / 647304	$17.300000M	Salary allocation; signed through 2030
Cal Raleigh / 663728	$13.666667M	Salary plus allocated bonus; later salary rises
Julio Rodríguez / 677594	$20.185714M	Salary plus allocated bonus; conditional later options separate
Colt Emerson / 806068	$3.000000M	2027 allocation; long-term extension
Seranthony Domínguez / 622554	$10.500000M	2027 salary allocation; 2028 mutual option not exercised
Andrés Muñoz / 662253	$9.000000M	2027 option exercised including $1M escalator
TOTAL	$73.652381M	Salary/bonus allocation, not CBT or cash schedule

Player	Estimate,$M	Treatment
Logan Gilbert	15.40	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Brendan Donovan	6.10	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Gabe Speier	3.30	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
George Kirby	9.80	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Matt Brash	1.80	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Luke Raley	3.10	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Bryce Miller	3.90	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Bryan Woo	5.20	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Eduard Bazardo	1.50	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Jose A. Ferrer	1.60	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Michael Rucker	0.80	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Dominic Canzone	3.00	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Cooper Criswell	0.90	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
Carlos Vargas	0.80	Unsigned retained-roster estimate
TOTAL	57.20	14 players; Wisdom treated separately

The six salary/bonus allocation rows total $73.652381 million. The 14 retained-roster arbitration estimates total $57.2 million. These are separate calculations: the first contains existing contracts and an exercised option, while the second remains an estimate of unsigned salaries.

Wisdom's $1.1 million estimate is kept as a separate contingent reserve after his November 2 outright. It is not quietly counted as a current 40-man arbitration salary, and it is not erased as a guaranteed saving. The final decision and any new agreement must determine the actual treatment. A verified departure without further obligation would reduce the modeled envelope by that amount.

The other $1.415 million combines the listed Castillo signing-bonus allocation, the Domínguez adjustment and the Robles/Miller buyouts. This is an allocation model, not a bank-cash forecast. Salary allocation, bonus timing and competitive-balance-tax accounting have different definitions, particularly after trades and multi-year agreements.

The pre-arbitration, minor-league and callup pool is $10-14 million. That is a planning range rather than an assertion that the 2026 minimum salary or labor rules will automatically govern 2027. Future benefits, tax treatment and labor terms must be checked under the actual next-season framework.

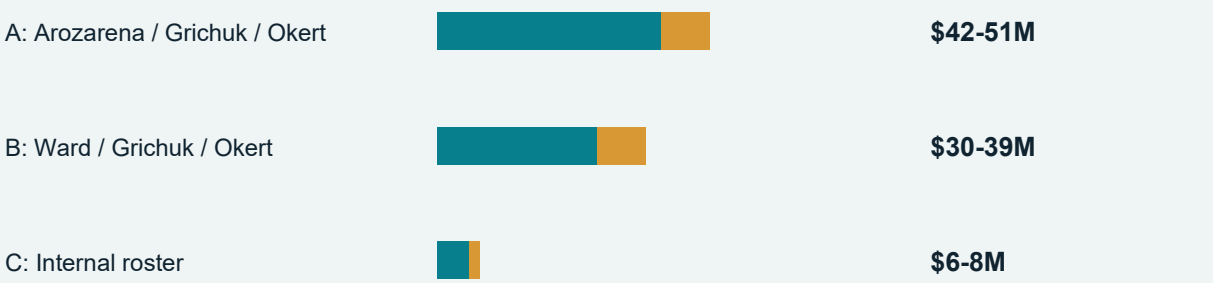
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Three budgets with different consequences

Component	Annual allocation	Definition
Six guaranteed/option rows	$73.652381M	Includes Muñoz $9M exercised option
14 arbitration estimates	$57.20M	No non-tender savings assumed
Other allocations	$1.415M	Castillo 1.4 minus Domínguez 0.5 plus Robles 0.5 and Miller 0.015
Wisdom decision reserve	$1.1M	Outrighted Nov 2; retained as contingent reserve, not guaranteed arbitration
Pre-arb, minors, callups	$10-14M	Planning pool; no assumed 2027 minimum
Existing-roster envelope	$143.37-147.37M	S&S allocation bridge; excludes new acquisitions
RosterResource 2027 estimate	$123.267381M	Add Muñoz 9, Wisdom 1.1 and pre-arb 10-14 to reconcile the S&S bridge
RosterResource 2026 estimate	$166.939483M	Historical comparison, not ownership-approved 2027 budget

Plan	Annual additions	Total allocation	New commitment
A: Arozarena/Grichuk/Okert	$42-51M	$185.37-198.37M	$116-136M
B: Ward/Grichuk/Okert	$30-39M	$173.37-186.37M	$48-62M
C: Internal roster	$6-8M	$149.37-155.37M	$6-8M

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

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

Plan A adds $22-25 million annually for Arozarena, $6-8 million for Grichuk, $8-10 million for Okert and a $6-8 million reserve. Its new commitment column counts four years of Arozarena, two of Okert and the one-year components once. That produces $116-136 million, rather than mistaking annual additions for the entire contractual exposure.

Plan B replaces Arozarena's four-year proposal with two years and $20-26 million for Ward. Its annual additions fall to $30-39 million and its new commitments to $48-62 million. The $173.37-186.37 million total allocation still requires meaningful resources. The cheaper path is not evidence that ownership will approve it or that Ward will recover his earlier production.

Plan C totals $149.37-155.37 million including the reserve. It can be described as financially smaller and development-heavy. It should not be sold as the same competitive proposition. More plate appearances move to Montes, Arroyo and the existing corners, and more bullpen innings move to less established alternatives.

The bridge reconciles to RosterResource's $123.267381 million displayed 2027 estimate. Add the exercised $9 million Muñoz option, the $1.1 million contingent Wisdom reserve and the $10-14 million pre-arbitration/callup pool to reach $143.367381-147.367381 million. The displayed table excludes option totals under its stated convention and shows no future pre-arbitration pool. Using its headline alone would understate this particular plan's obligations.

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Qualifying offers and the price of waiting

Arozarena has a $23.15 million qualifying offer with a November 17 decision deadline. [15] If he accepts, replace the proposed four-year contract with that one-year obligation and retain the same 600-PA role pending health and performance review. Grichuk, Okert and the reserve then bring annual additions to $43.15-49.15 million and new commitments to $51.15-59.15 million.

If he rejects and signs elsewhere, Seattle must move to a separately funded alternative. It cannot keep his planned plate appearances while booking compensation or announce the cheaper plan before knowing whether its candidate can actually be signed. The transaction and workload ledgers have to move together.

The four-year Arozarena ceiling is a stopping rule, not a prediction of the winning bid. Beyond it, the expected marginal benefit must justify a new assessment of age, defense, future payroll steps and the blocked opportunities. Raising a number merely because the first choice signed elsewhere would defeat the purpose of having a ceiling.

The same discipline applies to the reserve. A $6-8 million allowance is useful financial flexibility, but it supplies zero named plate appearances or innings until a player and role are identified. It cannot be used as an invisible fourth acquisition that makes every optimistic scenario work.

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Allocate every plate appearance

Hitter	PA	Condition
Julio Rodríguez	650	Health, selection and performance gates
Josh Naylor	550	Health, selection and performance gates
Cal Raleigh	550	Health, selection and performance gates
Cole Young	600	Health, selection and performance gates
Dominic Canzone	550	Health, selection and performance gates
Brendan Donovan	500	Health, selection and performance gates
Colt Emerson	450	Health, selection and performance gates
Randy Arozarena	600	Proposed free-agent agreement
Luke Raley	350	Health, selection and performance gates
Randal Grichuk	300	Proposed free-agent agreement
Jhonny Pereda	200	Health, selection and performance gates
Lazaro Montes	250	Health, selection and performance gates
Michael Arroyo	150	After documented recovery; not Opening Day
Leo Rivas	200	Health, selection and performance gates
Grant McCray	100	Health, selection and performance gates
Ryan Bliss	80	Health, selection and performance gates
Michael Toglia	80	Health, selection and performance gates
Willie MacIver	40	Health, selection and performance gates
TOTAL	6200	Season allocation, not simultaneous active roster

The 6,200-PA budget covers a season, not one simultaneous active roster. It includes injury replacements, promotions and a small number of appearances for depth players. The initial position-player group can be built around Raleigh, Pereda, Naylor, Young, Emerson, Donovan, Arozarena, Rodríguez, Canzone, Raley, Grichuk, Rivas and McCray. Every choice remains subject to actual readiness and roster eligibility.

Montes' 250 and Arroyo's 150 require opportunities to open during the season. They are not promised everyday jobs layered on top of 13 healthy position players. If the veterans remain healthy and productive, the club should preserve development time in the minors rather than leave young hitters idle for the sake of meeting a forecast.

The Plan B substitution removes Arozarena's 600, inserts Ward's 550 and adds 50 to Arroyo after recovery. Plan C removes Arozarena and Grichuk's combined 900. Canzone gains 150, Montes 200, Raley 100, Arroyo 150, McCray 100, Bliss 100, Toglia 50 and Brennen Davis 50. Those changes sum to 900 and identify the increased developmental and medical burden.

The no-acquisition lineup therefore has a particularly important contingency: if Arroyo is delayed further, the rest of the outfield must absorb even more work or the club must identify a real purchase. The plan does not solve that problem by treating April as a guaranteed major-league activation date.

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Cover the field as well as the batting order

Pos.	162-start allocation	Condition
C	Raleigh 115; Pereda 37; MacIver 10	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
1B	Naylor 125; Raley 20; Toglia 17	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
2B	Young 140; Bliss 15; Donovan 7	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
3B	Donovan 110; Emerson 25; Rivas 17; Bliss 10	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
SS	Emerson 90; Rivas 55; Young 17	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
LF	Arozarena 125; Canzone 20; Arroyo 17	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
CF	Rodríguez 145; McCray 17	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
RF	Raley 50; Canzone 60; Grichuk 45; Montes 7	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
DH	Canzone 35; Arozarena 20; Naylor 15; Raleigh 15; Grichuk 20; Montes 50; Arroyo 7	Seasonal assignment; health and development conditions apply
C: C	Raleigh 115; Pereda 37; MacIver 10	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.
C: 1B	Naylor 125; Raley 20; Toglia 17	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.
C: 2B	Young 130; Bliss 25; Donovan 7	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.
C: 3B	Donovan 100; Emerson 25; Rivas 17; Bliss 20	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.
C: SS	Emerson 90; Rivas 55; Young 17	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.
C: LF	Canzone 80; Arroyo 50; McCray 20; Davis 12	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.
C: CF	Rodríguez 145; McCray 17	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.

Pos.	162-start allocation	Condition
C: RF	Raley 80; Montes 60; Canzone 22	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.
C: DH	Montes 55; Canzone 40; Naylor 15; Raleigh 15; Arroyo 20; Toglia 17	No acquisition. Extra work follows documented readiness.

The table gives each position 162 starts in Plan A and in the internal Plan C. No hitter receives more than 162 total starts. That prevents the common paper-roster error in which the same utility player is expected to cover two positions every day while also serving as a full-time designated hitter.

The preferred plan gives Montes 50 DH starts and seven in right field, with additional pinch-hitting and replacement appearances making up his seasonal total. Grichuk gets 45 in right and 20 at DH. This is enough work to define their jobs while preserving Canzone's meaningful role. It also shows why a second expensive DH would be difficult to fit.

Plan C moves Canzone primarily into left and right field, increases Montes' right-field and DH starts, and gives Arroyo additional left-field work after recovery. Those moves are not defensively neutral. They increase the importance of route development, late-game coverage and Rodríguez returning to a more favorable range profile.

A small amount of Young's work moves to shortstop in these plans. That is a conditional versatility assignment, not an established defensive projection at that position. If the club cannot support it, Rivas must absorb the starts or a different infielder must be acquired with an explicit subtraction elsewhere.

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Fund the innings and name the replacements

Pitcher	GS / IP	Condition
Logan Gilbert	32 / 185	Health, workload and performance review
George Kirby	30 / 175	Health, workload and performance review
Bryan Woo	30 / 175	Health, workload and performance review
Bryce Miller	25 / 135	Health, workload and performance review
Emerson Hancock	22 / 120	Health, workload and performance review
Kade Anderson	18 / 90	Health, workload and performance review
Ryan Sloan	5 / 25	Late-season promotion and 40-man selection
TOTAL	162 / 905	No main-plan innings assigned to Logan Evans

Pitcher	IP	Condition
Andrés Muñoz	60	After clinical readiness
Seranthony Domínguez	55	Health, roster and performance gate

Pitcher	IP	Condition
José A. Ferrer	50	Health, roster and performance gate
Gabe Speier	45	Health, roster and performance gate
Eduard Bazardo	45	Health, roster and performance gate
Matt Brash	25	After clinical readiness
Steven Okert	60	Proposed acquisition
Cooper Criswell	50	Health, roster and performance gate
Carlos Vargas	25	Health, roster and performance gate
Cole Wilcox	25	Health, roster and performance gate
Isaac Mattson	20	Health, roster and performance gate
Troy Taylor	15	Health, roster and performance gate
Nick Garcia	30	40-man selection required
Peyton Alford	30	40-man selection required
TOTAL	535	905 starter innings plus relief =1,440

Change from A	Removed workload	Named replacement
B: Ward replaces Arozarena	600 PA; 125 LF/20 DH	Ward 550 PA,115 LF/20 DH; Arroyo +50 PA/+10 LF after recovery
C: no Arozarena or Grichuk	900 PA; 125 LF/45 RF/40 DH	Canzone +150 PA, Montes +200, Raley +100, Arroyo +150, McCray +100, Bliss +100, Toglia +50, Davis +50; position map rebuilt below
C: no Okert	60 relief IP	Ferrer +10, Speier +10, Criswell +10, Garcia +10, Alford +10, Rucker 10
No Brash	25 relief IP	Garcia +10, Alford +10, Rucker +5
No Hancock	22 GS/120 IP	Miller +5/25, Anderson +8/40, Sloan +9/55 after readiness and promotion; revised SP/RP roles unchanged
No Sloan promotion	5 GS/25 IP	Miller +3/15, Hancock +2/10 only if ready
No Arroyo	150 PA; 17 LF/7 DH	Montes +75 PA/+7 DH; McCray +50 PA/+12 LF; Bliss +25 PA with Donovan moving 5 LF starts
No Emerson	450 PA; 90 SS/25 3B	Rivas +300 PA/+90 SS; Donovan +50 PA/+25 3B; Bliss +100 PA and takes Rivas 17 3B starts
Multiple simultaneous failures	Rebuild combined scenario	Isolated branches are not automatically additive; funded reserve supplies no unnamed production

The main budget allocates 162 starts and 905 starter innings, followed by 535 relief innings. That is 1,440 total innings, an approximate seasonal planning target rather than a prediction of the exact number required. Weather, extra innings, walk-off road losses and workload patterns change the actual total.

The rotation has six credible candidates before Sloan's proposed late-season contribution. A five-man Opening Day rotation does not mean the sixth pitcher disappears from the season. Anderson's work can arrive

through performance decisions, injuries and a development schedule, but the club must confirm roster-option eligibility rather than assume it can freely shuttle any pitcher.

Garcia and Alford's combined 60 relief innings are a notable execution risk because neither is on the current major-league roster. The planned free-agent signings and those selections require space. The 39-player roster has only one immediate opening, so the plan needs actual roster decisions before those additions occur. No specific player's release is presumed or used as an automatic saving.

The replacement branches retain total innings and plate appearances. They are isolated tests. If Hancock and Sloan are both unavailable, the Hancock branch cannot simultaneously rely on Sloan. That combined failure requires a fresh allocation, possible reserve spending and a lower-confidence competitive outlook.

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What a better team would have to change

Illustrative change from 2026	RS / RA	Margin	162-game simple run-ratio wins
Unchanged runs	664 / 722	-58	74.2
Score 40 more; same prevention	704 / 722	-18	79.0
Score 60 more; prevent 20	724 / 702	+22	83.5
Score 80 more; prevent 40	744 / 682	+62	88.0
Score 30 fewer; allow 20 more	634 / 742	-108	68.4

These run scenarios use 162 multiplied by runs scored squared divided by the sum of runs scored squared and runs allowed squared. The formula is deliberately simple and is not a forecast, playoff probability or betting model. It shows the scale of improvement required when starting from 664 runs scored and 722 allowed.

Adding 40 runs without improving prevention does not create the same team as adding 60 and preventing 20. The expensive plan should be evaluated on whether its actual changes can move both sides of that relationship. Retaining Arozarena mainly prevents a new offensive hole; it does not automatically add his entire 2026 production to a baseline that already includes it.

Likewise, a healthy Raleigh or Naylor should be measured against the production already present in 2026. Their full future totals are not pure incremental gains. Defensive improvement, relief changes and better availability can contribute, but counting the same prevented run once under pitching and again under fielding would exaggerate the case.

The strongest countercase to Plan A is that it spends heavily to preserve a 76-win club's most expensive assumptions. That objection is serious. The answer is not an invented projection. It is that the roster contains several established contributors whose 2026 output fell together, while losing its best current hitter would make recovery substantially harder. The recommendation buys a credible platform for improvement and accepts that the result remains uncertain.

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Leadership and the order of decisions

Seattle announced Jason Kanzler as manager on November 3. [16] The roster task now includes turning a development-oriented choice into clear major-league roles. No communication style, clubhouse effect or future tactical result can be inferred from the appointment alone.

The first decisions concern medical readiness, Arozarena's market and the payroll level ownership will support. The next concern which young hitters can receive regular work and how the shortstop/third-base assignments interact. A relief purchase should then reduce named weak innings, rather than become a substitute for resolving the larger offense.

Keeping Gilbert, Kirby, Woo and Miller together is the default recommendation. If a trade proposal arrives, compare the incoming hitter's exact playing time and contractual value with the starter innings being removed, the replacement's likely cost and the prospects included. The current plan assumes no trade because no verified counterpart has supplied those terms.

Seattle has enough existing talent to justify another serious attempt. The difficult part is financing an offense that works when one or two recoveries disappoint. The preferred plan confronts that price; the alternatives show where the risk moves when the club chooses to spend less.

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Player register, definitions and sources

Player / MLB ID	Position	Snapshot treatment
Andrés Muñoz / 662253	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Brendan Donovan / 680977	3B	Current 40-man; health separate
Brennen Davis / 680695	CF	Current 40-man; health separate
Brock Rodden / 801126	SS	Current 40-man; health separate
Bryan Woo / 693433	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Bryce Miller / 682243	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Cal Raleigh / 663728	C	Current 40-man; health separate
Carlos Vargas / 672841	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Cole Wilcox / 677961	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Cole Young / 702284	2B	Current 40-man; health separate
Colt Emerson / 806068	SS	Current 40-man; health separate
Cooper Criswell / 681867	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Dominic Canzone / 686527	DH	Current 40-man; health separate
Eduard Bazardo / 660825	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Emerson Hancock / 676106	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Gabe Speier / 642100	P	Current 40-man; health separate
George Kirby / 669923	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Grant McCray / 687529	CF	Current 40-man; health separate
Isaac Mattson / 676755	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Jhonny Pereda / 640902	C	Current 40-man; health separate
Josh Naylor / 647304	1B	Current 40-man; health separate
José A. Ferrer / 678606	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Julio Rodríguez / 677594	CF	Current 40-man; health separate
Kade Anderson / 807739	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Lazaro Montes / 703155	RF	Current 40-man; health separate
Leo Rivas / 660844	3B	Current 40-man; health separate
Logan Evans / 688138	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Logan Gilbert / 669302	P	Current 40-man; health separate

Player / MLB ID	Position	Snapshot treatment
Luke Raley / 670042	RF	Current 40-man; health separate
Matt Brash / 666374	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Michael Arroyo / 703197	SS	Current 40-man; health separate
Michael Rucker / 621074	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Michael Toglia / 669911	1B	Current 40-man; health separate
Nick Davila / 689546	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Robinson Ortiz / 673662	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Ryan Bliss / 669208	2B	Current 40-man; health separate
Seranthony Domínguez / 622554	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Troy Taylor / 700187	P	Current 40-man; health separate
Willie MacIver / 680862	C	Current 40-man; health separate

Player / MLB ID	Latest relevant transaction	2027 treatment
Randy Arozarena / 668227	2026-10-29: LF Randy Arozarena elected free agency.	Proposed retention only
Taylor Ward / 621493	2026-10-29: LF Taylor Ward elected free agency.	Alternative purchase only
J.P. Crawford / 641487	2026-10-29: SS J.P. Crawford elected free agency.	No retained main-plan workload
Victor Robles / 645302	2026-10-29: RF Victor Robles elected free agency.	No retained main-plan workload
Luis Castillo / 622491	2026-10-11: Chicago White Sox activated RHP Luis Castillo.	No retained main-plan workload
Patrick Wisdom / 621550	2026-11-02: Seattle Mariners sent 3B Patrick Wisdom outright to Tacoma Rainiers.	No retained main-plan workload

Regular-season statistics exclude postseason games. Seattle-only batting and pitching rows are labeled separately from full major-league seasons, including combined totals for traded players. Minor-league rows identify the actual affiliate and level; they are not silently promoted into MLB forecasts or combined across levels without a calculation.

Baseball innings are recorded in outs: .1 means one-third and .2 means two-thirds, not decimal tenths. OAA is an outs measure. Framing and catching run values are separate metrics with their own coverage; missing rows are unknown, not zero. Expected batting and pitching statistics describe a model of observed events and do not establish future health or performance.

Salary figures are millions of dollars unless otherwise stated. Proposed contract ceilings, depth reserves, playing-time allocations, position ranges and sensitivity cases are Stadium & Street judgments. Existing salary allocations, arbitration estimates, actual cash schedules and tax payroll are distinguished throughout. All acquisition paths remain conditional on agreements and roster decisions.

[1] MLB: Mariners regular-season team and player statistics

2024-26 completed seasons; club-specific player samples and full-league comparison files saved separately.

Open source

[2] MLB: completed Seattle game log

162 regular-season finals; one-run and extra-inning records calculated from official games.

Open source

[3] MLB: dated 40-man roster

39 players at the November 3 snapshot. Administrative status is separate from readiness.

Open source

[4] MLB: Mariners transactions

Official website and team/player API histories reconciled. Free-agent transactions override stale profile-team labels.

Open source

[5] MLB: full individual MLB seasons and splits

Separate saved player histories and handedness splits. Combined-team totals distinguished from Seattle-only results.

Open source

[6] Baseball Savant: expected statistics

2024-26 full MLB batting and pitching samples. Descriptive expected statistics are not forecasts.

Open source

[7] Baseball Savant: Outs Above Average

Three-year fielding record and 2026 opportunity counts. OAA is measured in outs.

Open source

[8] Baseball Savant: framing

Full-season framing values; missing data is not zero.

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[9] Baseball Savant: fielding run value

Catching values are distinguished from framing alone.

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[10] FanGraphs RosterResource: Mariners payroll

Salary/bonus allocation, option and tax columns checked November 3. S&S independently calculates its funded scenario.

Open source

[11] MLB: Mariners injuries and roster moves

Dated public injury updates. Current roster activation is not medical clearance.

Open source

[12] MLB: Mariners option decisions, October 29

Muñoz exercised option and Miller/Robles decisions; checked November 3.

Open source

[13] Seattle Mariners: October 5 medical announcement

Raleigh and Naylor postoperative expectations; not a guarantee of recovery or production.

Open source

[14] MLB: Michael Arroyo elbow surgery

October 30 report of the club announcement; April game-action expectation.

Open source

[15] MLB: qualifying-offer decisions

Arozarena and other actual recipients; decision remains pending.

Open source

[16] MLB: Jason Kanzler appointed Mariners manager

November 3 opened version confirms club announcement, superseding earlier indexed report-only wording.

Open source

[17] MLB: Tacoma season statistics

AAA club-specific samples with separate batting, pitching, fielding and roster responses.

Open source

[18] MLB: Arkansas season statistics

AA samples; additional Everett and Inland Empire sources saved for context.

Open source

[19] MLB Pipeline: Mariners prospects

Dated ranks and ETAs are editorial assessments, not guaranteed arrival dates.

Open source

[20] MLB Trade Rumors: projected arbitration salaries

Fourteen current major-roster estimates total $57.2M. Wisdom $1.1M is separately reserved after outright.

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[21] MLBPA: free-agent register

Candidate status also reconciled against the individual MLB transaction history.

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[22] Stadium & Street: cross-club analysis series

Cross-club comparisons by exact job, displaced workload, price ceiling and internal alternative. Shared candidates are competing scenarios.

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Research, roster and candidate checks were completed November 3, 2026. Individual source dates and statistical periods are preserved above.