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ANALYSIS / 01

The verdict

Baltimore allowed 49 fewer runs in 2026 and still finished below .500. That is the starting point for its winter. The Orioles improved their pitching enough to make a return to contention plausible, but the offense did not supply enough support and two substantial rotation contributors are free agents. The useful next step is to protect the pitching improvement while giving the young position players coherent jobs. [1,3]

Our preferred plan retains Trevor Rogers for four years and $84 million to $92 million, retains Chris Bassitt for one year and $6 million to $8 million, retains Andrew Kittredge for one year and $5 million to $7 million, and acquires Cedric Mullins for one year and $5 million to $7 million. A separate $6 million to $8 million reserve remains available for depth and in-season needs. These are Stadium & Street negotiating limits, not reported offers. [7,8,17]

That package adds $43 million to $53 million in annual allocation and produces a total planning envelope of $165.50 million to $179.50 million. Rogers' qualifying offer is a separate decision: acceptance at $23.15 million replaces the proposed annual contract allowance. Kyle Bradish's salary remains in the budget, but his innings sit in a conditional return branch. [9,10,11,17]

The strongest countercase is that Baltimore already has enough young players and recovering pitchers to improve internally. That argument deserves a complete roster model. The internal plan below supplies one, including all 162 starts and 6,200 plate appearances. Its weakness is the amount of immediate pitching success required from players with limited major-league evidence, particularly if Rogers and Bassitt both leave.

ANALYSIS / 02

A recovery that stopped short

The Orioles went 91-71 in 2024, 75-87 in 2025 and 79-82 in 2026. The latest official record contains 161 games. Their run margin improved from minus-111 to minus-21 as scoring rose by 41 and runs allowed fell by 49. [1]

Season	Record	Runs for / against	Margin	OPS / ERA
2024	91-71	786 / 699	+87	.750 / 3.94
2025	75-87	677 / 788	-111	.699 / 4.60
2026	79-82	718 / 739	-21	.710 / 4.07

41 MORE RUNS, 49 FEWER ALLOWED

2025 margin: -111 / 2026 margin: -21



The run margin improved by 90; the win total rose by 4.

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

The 2026 offense ranked 17th in runs, while the pitching staff ranked 12th in ERA. The team prevented enough additional runs to become more competitive, but it still needed more reliable offense around Pete Alonso. [1]

The season also separates a planning question from a forecasting claim. It is reasonable to ask what another 30 runs prevented would mean. It is much harder to establish that a particular contract will deliver those runs. The financial and workload models in this analysis describe a roster Baltimore could try to assemble, not a promised win total.

ANALYSIS / 03

The November roster is different

The reconciled major-league roster contains 37 players. November 2 announcements add Josh White, Philip Abner, Chase Hampton and Zach Morgan through waiver claims. They also remove several names still present in the raw roster feed. The four reinstatements from the 60-day injured list restore administrative roster status without resolving each player's recovery. [2,3,11,21]

Player / MLB ID	Feed status	Reconciled treatment
Alex Hoppe / 695380	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Anthony Nunez / 689296	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Blaze Alexander / 677942	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Brandon Young / 687064	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Cade Povich / 700249	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Cam Sanders / 676742	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Cameron Foster / 671382	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Carlos Narváez / 665966	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Chase Hampton / 694633	Not yet in roster feed	November 2 waiver claim; former-team label superseded
Christian Encarnacion-Strand / 687952	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Christian Franklin / 681047	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Coby Mayo / 691723	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Colton Cowser / 681297	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Dylan Beavers / 687637	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Félix Bautista / 642585	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Grant Wolfram / 664991	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Gunnar Henderson / 683002	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Jackson Holliday / 702616	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Jeremiah Jackson / 669236	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Jordan Westburg / 676059	Injured 60-Day	November 2 reinstatement; clinical clearance separate
Josh Walker / 677020	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Josh White / 687985	Not yet in roster feed	November 2 waiver claim; former-team label superseded
Kyle Bradish / 680694	Injured 60-Day	November 2 reinstatement; clinical clearance separate
Luis De León / 801725	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately

Player / MLB ID	Feed status	Reconciled treatment
Pete Alonso / 624413	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Philip Abner / 691769	Not yet in roster feed	November 2 waiver claim; former-team label superseded
Rece Hinds / 677956	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Reed Trimble / 701655	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Rico Garcia / 670329	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Ryan Helsley / 664854	Injured 60-Day	November 2 reinstatement; clinical clearance separate
Samuel Basallo / 694212	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Shane Baz / 669358	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Trey Gibson / 694346	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Tyler O'Neill / 641933	Injured 60-Day	November 2 reinstatement; clinical clearance separate
Yaramil Hiraldo / 682274	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Yennier Cano / 666974	Active	Retained; health and role reviewed separately
Zach Morgan / 681439	Not yet in roster feed	November 2 waiver claim; former-team label superseded

Ryan Mountcastle's option was declined. Leody Taveras elected free agency after clearing waivers, and Heston Kjerstad, Yohel Pozo and Yosver Zulueta are no longer retained major-league options. Rogers, Bassitt and Kittredge are free agents whose future assignments depend on new agreements. The historical tables preserve their 2026 contributions without counting those contributions twice. [3,7,8,11,15]

Player / MLB ID	Current reconciliation	Consequence
Trevor Rogers / 669432	Free agent; QO pending	Only proposed retention
Chris Bassitt / 605135	Free agent	No automatic starting innings
Andrew Kittredge / 552640	Free agent	No automatic relief innings
Ryan Mountcastle / 663624	Option declined November 2	No retained 1B workload
Leody Taveras / 665750	Free agent after waivers	No retained OF workload
Heston Kjerstad / 677008	Minor-league free agent	No retained OF workload
Yohel Pozo / 650968	Minor-league free agent	No retained catching workload
Yosver Zulueta / 691172	Minor-league free agent	No retained relief workload
Taylor Ward / 621493	Seattle trade, then free agency	Full season differs from BAL contribution
Tyler Wells / 669330	Tampa Bay Rays	No retained BAL innings
Dean Kremer / 665152	Minnesota Twins	No retained BAL innings
Adley Rutschman / 668939	Boston Red Sox	No retained catching workload
Zach Eflin / 621107	Free agent; elbow reconstruction	Buyout included; no 2027 innings

Player / MLB ID	Current reconciliation	Consequence
Luis Robert Jr. / 673357	Option declined	Buyout included; no $20M option salary

Adley Rutschman is in Boston, Taylor Ward finished the season in Seattle before reaching free agency, Tyler Wells is with Tampa Bay and Dean Kremer is with Minnesota. Baltimore's former depth chart cannot be used as its current one. The acquisition returns and minor-league records deserve evaluation on their own evidence. [3]

ANALYSIS / 04

Alonso supplies the strongest offensive certainty

Alonso produced 43 home runs and an .885 OPS in 700 plate appearances. His .379 wOBA and .402 expected wOBA support the quality of the offensive season. Baltimore already has the expensive first baseman it needs; buying another one would create a playing-time problem while leaving starting innings unresolved. [1,4]

Player / MLB ID	BAL PA	AVG / OBP / SLG	HR	BB / K; treatment
Gunnar Henderson / 683002	702	.225 / .309 / .403	24	67 / 156; Retained SS
Pete Alonso / 624413	700	.267 / .363 / .522	43	81 / 169; Retained 1B
Taylor Ward / 621493	506	.246 / .383 / .346	7	87 / 103; Traded to Seattle; now free agent
Leody Taveras / 665750	482	.219 / .288 / .345	8	41 / 124; Free agent after November 2 waiver decision
Coby Mayo / 691723	454	.228 / .297 / .461	24	36 / 138; Retained 3B/1B/DH
Samuel Basallo / 694212	399	.222 / .291 / .406	18	32 / 106; Retained C; concussion clearance required
Colton Cowser / 681297	392	.226 / .317 / .370	13	46 / 121; Retained CF/OF
Dylan Beavers / 687637	363	.228 / .307 / .373	9	35 / 99; Retained corner OF
Jackson Holliday / 702616	354	.229 / .300 / .340	7	34 / 84; Wrist surgery; conditional workload
Jeremiah Jackson / 669236	293	.217 / .247 / .365	10	10 / 69; Retained 2B/OF
Blaze Alexander / 677942	289	.303 / .358 / .414	4	19 / 63; Retained utility
Adley Rutschman / 668939	284	.251 / .331 / .433	8	30 / 40; Traded to Boston
Tyler O'Neill / 641933	260	.212 / .300 / .377	10	27 / 72; Shoulder recovery; conditional workload

Player / MLB ID	BAL PA	AVG / OBP / SLG	HR	BB / K; treatment
Christian Encarnacion-Strand / 687952	213	.277 / .325 / .513	11	11 / 55; Retained 3B/1B/DH
Carlos Narváez / 665966	88	.104 / .198 / .117	0	5 / 24; Retained C; full-season batting also reviewed

Gunnar Henderson remains the everyday shortstop, but his .712 OPS and 24 home runs were a different level of offensive production. A return to stronger hitting would matter enormously. It belongs in the upside of the plan rather than in the accounting used to justify doing nothing. The roster should be capable of functioning before a rebound is assumed. [1,5]

Coby Mayo's 24 home runs in 454 plate appearances and Christian Encarnacion-Strand's .838 Baltimore OPS create useful corner-infield choices. Those choices are strongest when the club distinguishes actual production, expected contact and defensive fit. A good stretch can earn more opportunity without settling every part of a player's long-term evaluation. [1,4,6]

ANALYSIS / 05

Contact evidence changes the interpretation

The expected-statistics table compares full major-league samples with full major-league samples. It does not compare one team's best stretch with another player's complete season. That distinction matters for Encarnacion-Strand, Ward and several outside candidates. [4,5]

Batter	wOBA	xwOBA	SLG / xSLG	Interpretation
Gunnar Henderson	0.313	0.322	0.403 / 0.401	Room to regain impact
Pete Alonso	0.379	0.402	0.522 / 0.563	Expected contact supports strong season
Coby Mayo	0.328	0.336	0.461 / 0.478	Power with contact risk
Samuel Basallo	0.303	0.318	0.406 / 0.439	Development and catching workload
Colton Cowser	0.307	0.315	0.370 / 0.400	Defense adds value beyond bat
Dylan Beavers	0.302	0.295	0.373 / 0.369	Offense and range both need progress
Jackson Holliday	0.284	0.293	0.340 / 0.352	Recovery and offensive development
Jeremiah Jackson	0.264	0.282	0.365 / 0.385	Limited walks constrain on-base value
Blaze Alexander	0.340	0.351	0.414 / 0.452	Useful full-season contact results
Tyler O'Neill	0.302	0.307	0.377 / 0.394	Do not assume healthy rebound
Christian Encarnacion-Strand	0.358	0.332	0.513 / 0.483	Strong BAL stretch; full-season estimate lower
Carlos Narváez	0.219	0.260	0.226 / 0.303	Weak offense despite useful catching value

Mayo's .328 wOBA and .336 expected wOBA support continued opportunity, although 138 strikeouts against 36 walks leave a clear development target. Encarnacion-Strand's full-season expected wOBA of .332 is less forceful than the impression created by his Baltimore OPS alone. The sensible response is to retain both bats and make their roles compete on more than home runs. [1,4]

Blaze Alexander's .340 wOBA and .351 expected wOBA make him more than an emergency name on the bench. His value is the ability to cover several legitimate positions while providing useful offense. That flexibility disappears if every injured player's replacement assignment is handed to him simultaneously. [4,6]

ANALYSIS / 06

Keep the development window open

The three-year batting table supplies context for the core. A young player's short major-league record should not be treated as a settled ceiling, and an established player's earlier success should not erase a weak current season. Baltimore needs enough opportunity to discover which improvements are real. [5]

Hitter	2024 MLB PA / OPS	2025 MLB PA / OPS	2026 MLB PA / OPS
Gunnar Henderson	719 / .893	651 / .787	702 / .712
Pete Alonso	695 / .788	709 / .871	700 / .885
Coby Mayo	46 / .294	294 / .687	454 / .758
Samuel Basallo	No MLB season	118 / .559	399 / .697
Colton Cowser	561 / .768	360 / .654	392 / .687
Dylan Beavers	No MLB season	137 / .775	363 / .680
Jackson Holliday	208 / .566	649 / .689	354 / .640
Jeremiah Jackson	No MLB season	183 / .775	293 / .612
Blaze Alexander	185 / .664	266 / .706	289 / .772
Tyler O'Neill	473 / .847	209 / .684	260 / .677
Christian Encarnacion-Strand	123 / .513	137 / .611	213 / .838
Carlos Narváez	15 / .564	446 / .725	285 / .467

The handedness table is useful for arranging those opportunities. It is not a license to declare permanent platoon limits from small samples. Mayo, Encarnacion-Strand, Basallo, Cowser and Beavers should be evaluated with their actual matchup evidence, defensive assignments and developmental needs together. [5,6]

Batter / full MLB season	LHP PA / OPS	RHP PA / OPS
Gunnar Henderson	224 / .719	478 / .708
Pete Alonso	214 / .769	486 / .935
Coby Mayo	163 / 1.105	291 / .567
Samuel Basallo	99 / .459	300 / .777

Batter / full MLB season	LHP PA / OPS	RHP PA / OPS
Colton Cowser	65 / .445	327 / .734
Dylan Beavers	71 / .537	292 / .715
Jackson Holliday	90 / .632	264 / .643
Jeremiah Jackson	95 / .607	198 / .613
Blaze Alexander	104 / .650	185 / .842
Tyler O'Neill	123 / .775	137 / .584
Christian Encarnacion-Strand	79 / 1.010	134 / .743
Carlos Narváez	77 / .450	208 / .474

The proposed roster leaves substantial work for the young core. It does not solve an uneven offense by placing a veteran in every open spot. The outside outfielder has a specific defensive job, while the largest proposed commitment goes toward preserving a rotation contributor.

ANALYSIS / 07

Catching requires two separate evaluations

Samuel Basallo hit 18 home runs in 399 plate appearances, but his catching work needs improvement. Carlos Narvaez supplied a much weaker full-season batting line while producing a positive catching-value estimate. The pairing offers different skills rather than two interchangeable backups. [1,4,5]

Catcher	2026 BAL catching IP	Framing runs	Overall catching value
Samuel Basallo	517.0	-5.7	-5.2 runs
Carlos Narváez	238.2	+2.0	+4.6 runs

Basallo's framing estimate was minus-5.7 runs, with overall catching value of minus-5.2. Narvaez's full-season estimates were plus-2.0 and plus-4.6 respectively. These measures overlap and must not be added together. They support a meaningful defensive role for Narvaez without making his .467 full-season OPS disappear. [4,5]

The plan gives Basallo 95 catching starts and Narvaez 67, with Basallo also receiving limited first-base and designated-hitter work. Basallo ended the season on the concussion injured list, so clearance remains necessary. Creed Willems is a named contingency rather than an unnamed replacement catcher. [3,12,23]

ANALYSIS / 08

Range is a roster decision

Cowser's plus-10 Outs Above Average and Beavers' minus-9 identify a meaningful defensive difference. A roster containing both should use Cowser's range deliberately. Mullins' plus-11 provides a reason to consider him even after a .628 OPS, but that is a defensive argument, not a claim that his bat fixes the offense. [4]

Fielder	2024 OAA	2025 OAA	2026 OAA	2026 opportunities
Gunnar Henderson	0	-3	+1	597
Pete Alonso	-9	-9	0	370
Coby Mayo	-2	-2	-1	238
Colton Cowser	+11	0	+10	278
Dylan Beavers	No row	0	-9	182
Jackson Holliday	0	-8	-2	299
Jeremiah Jackson	No row	-3	-3	253
Blaze Alexander	-5	+1	-5	256
Tyler O'Neill	-4	-4	-2	112
Christian Encarnacion-Strand	+1	-2	+3	157
Cedric Mullins	+2	+4	+11	342
Randal Grichuk	-1	-2	0	86

OAA is a range-based estimate, not a complete valuation of a player. Opportunity counts, positions and several seasons of results help distinguish an encouraging signal from a small or unstable sample. The plan does not convert a favorable OAA figure directly into a guaranteed number of standings wins. [4,17]

Player	2026 BAL defensive innings	2027 role
Gunnar Henderson	SS 1311.1	Primary SS
Coby Mayo	1B 111.0; 3B 568.2	3B/1B/DH
Colton Cowser	LF 53.2; CF 664.0; RF 165.1	CF and both corners
Dylan Beavers	LF 381.0; CF 36.0; RF 243.0	Corner work; limited CF experience
Jackson Holliday	3B 11.0; SS 36.0; 2B 706.2	2B after wrist clearance
Jeremiah Jackson	LF 32.0; RF 7.0; 2B 581.0; 3B 1.0	2B and limited OF
Blaze Alexander	SS 81.0; LF 42.0; CF 42.0; RF 37.0; 2B 139.2; 3B 333.2	Utility; avoid overloading every position
Christian Encarnacion-Strand	1B 1.0; 3B 411.2	3B/1B/DH
Christian Franklin	LF 84.0; CF 45.0	CF/LF depth

Player	2026 BAL defensive innings	2027 role
Tyler O'Neill	RF 458.2	Limited conditional corner workload

Alexander has actual experience around the infield and outfield, but Baltimore should not ask him to be the primary answer at all of them. Beavers' center-field sample is limited. Franklin offers another demonstrated center-field option. These are useful distinctions when choosing between a defensive center fielder and a right-handed corner bat. [6]

ANALYSIS / 09

Rogers is the central decision

Rogers worked 169 2/3 innings with a 4.03 ERA, 157 strikeouts and 39 walks. His 3.60 expected ERA strengthens the retention case. The proposed four-year ceiling buys a substantial starting role, not the assumption that an earlier peak will recur every season. [1,4,17]

Pitcher / MLB ID	GS / BAL IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB / HR	Treatment
Shane Baz / 669358	31 / 179.2	4.11 / 4.27	154 / 63 / 15	Retained
Trevor Rogers / 669432	30 / 169.2	4.03 / 3.60	157 / 39 / 19	Free agent; QO pending
Brandon Young / 687064	28 / 156.2	3.56 / 4.32	133 / 61 / 22	Retained; xERA higher
Kyle Bradish / 680694	29 / 155.0	4.12 / 4.48	142 / 70 / 20	Core surgery; separate return branch
Chris Bassitt / 605135	18 / 102.0	4.41 / 4.92	74 / 38 / 10	Free agent; limited retention ceiling
Trey Gibson / 694346	8 / 39.2	6.13 / 6.15	37 / 27 / 7	Developmental starter
Cade Povich / 700249	7 / 37.0	4.38 / 4.69	28 / 15 / 6	Elbow surgery; separate return branch
Dean Kremer / 665152	7 / 36.0	6.50 / 4.15	38 / 11 / 12	Traded to Minnesota
Luis De León / 801725	0 / 9.1	1.93 / 2.13	6 / 2 / 1	Early MLB sample; AA evidence required

Baz supplied 179 2/3 innings, while Brandon Young added 156 2/3. Those are meaningful pieces of a rotation foundation. Young's 4.32 expected ERA was higher than his 3.56 actual ERA, so the plan preserves his opportunity while avoiding a budget that requires every favorable result to repeat. [1,4]

Bradish's conditional return can make this rotation stronger. It should not be used to erase the need for a workable opening plan. The main allocation therefore includes no Bradish innings; a separate 100-inning branch removes actual assignments from other pitchers if he is cleared. [17,22]

ANALYSIS / 10

Bassitt has a smaller job and a firm ceiling

Bassitt's 102 innings, 4.41 ERA and 4.92 expected ERA do not support treating him as a primary 170-inning purchase. He enters his age-38 season after a year interrupted by back surgery. The one-year, $6 million to $8 million proposal is a limited bridge behind Rogers, Baz and Young, with 120 innings subject to medical and spring review. [1,4,22]

That distinction explains why Bassitt can fit this Baltimore plan after being rejected as the principal volume answer in several other club analyses. His task here is smaller, his term is one year, and the plan has a named 120-inning replacement branch if he is unavailable.

Nick Martinez is the alternative to Rogers, at two years and $26 million to $30 million. Martinez's 180 innings, 3.10 ERA and 26 walks give the alternative a coherent basis. His 3.98 expected ERA also limits how much improvement should be credited to the purchase. The plan assigns 165 innings and moves five additional innings to Young to preserve the total. [4,5,17]

ANALYSIS / 11

The bullpen needs dependable work

Baltimore's relievers supplied 573 innings with a 3.82 ERA and 214 walks. That is a better starting point than a complete bullpen rebuild. Rico Garcia, Cano, Anthony Nunez and Grant Wolfram provide a retained foundation, but neither a strong small sample nor a healthy roster label guarantees a full season of leverage work. [1,6]

Pitcher	2026 BAL IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB	Treatment
Rico Garcia	67.0	3.09 / 2.92	68 / 22	Retained leverage option
Anthony Nunez	59.2	4.07 / 3.92	66 / 26	Retained; command review
Grant Wolfram	52.1	4.30 / 3.50	61 / 16	Retained
Yennier Cano	49.2	2.90 / 3.35	45 / 13	Contract extended
Andrew Kittredge	48.1	3.54 / 4.01	40 / 11	Free agent; proposed retention
Josh Walker	30.1	2.08 / 2.70	29 / 12	Small sample; useful depth
Cam Sanders	20.0	2.70 / 3.84	27 / 10	Small sample; walks matter
Ryan Helsley	15.1	4.11 / 2.92	21 / 9	Option exercised; elbow recovery
Alex Hoppe	14.2	1.84 / 4.03	13 / 9	Small sample; command matters
Yaramil Hiraldo	9.1	8.68 / 4.27	13 / 10	Depth; walks constrain role
Cameron Foster	9.0	9.00 / 4.86	9 / 8	Depth; poor MLB sample

Pitcher	2026 BAL IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB	Treatment
Tyler Wells	54.0	2.67 / 2.94	53 / 13	Traded to Tampa Bay
Albert Suárez	63.0	3.86 / 4.09	46 / 20	Free agent

Kittredge's proposed 50 innings sit close to his 48 1/3-inning 2026 workload. His 40 strikeouts and 11 walks support a command-oriented role. The $5 million to $7 million ceiling is consistent with his treatment elsewhere in the series, while the exact workload and displaced internal pitchers are specific to Baltimore. [1,4,17]

Bautista returned in September, while Helsley's elbow problems curtailed his season. Their combined 55 innings are conditional assignments with six named replacements. Helsley's exercised option is a financial obligation; it does not establish which reliever will close or how many innings either pitcher can supply. [3,17,24,25]

ANALYSIS / 12

The next wave must earn its innings

Nestor German's 117 Triple-A innings and 4.08 ERA provide a more relevant immediate depth case than a prospect's reputation alone. Gibson's Triple-A and major-league work also supplies a basis for continued opportunity, though his major-league command needs improvement. [1,12]

Player / MLB ID	2026 level and sample	Readiness decision
Nestor German / 815148	AAA: 117.0 IP, 4.08 ERA; 120 K / 46 BB	AAA volume supports depth; selection required
Trey Gibson / 694346	AAA: 91.2 IP, 4.32 ERA; 86 K / 33 BB	AAA and MLB work; command still developing
Luis De León / 801725	AA: 81.0 IP, 4.33 ERA; 100 K / 42 BB	AA walks constrain immediate expansion
Joseph Dzierwa / 804530	AA: 90.1 IP, 2.29 ERA; 99 K / 20 BB	Strong AA record; short conditional MLB exposure
Sebastian Gongora / 807792	AA: 119.1 IP, 3.62 ERA; 111 K / 35 BB	Internal fallback requires upper-level progress
Kyson Witherspoon / 804817	A+: 14.1 IP, 1.26 ERA; 20 K / 10 BB	No funded MLB workload from this A+ sample
Anthony Eyanson / 809254	AA: 31.0 IP, 2.03 ERA; 47 K / 9 BB	Promising AA finish; no automatic rotation job
Micah Ashman / 809840	AA: 50.1 IP, 1.79 ERA; 81 K / 14 BB	Bullpen development candidate
Yaqui Rivera / 700072	AAA: 55.0 IP, 3.44 ERA; 61 K / 31 BB	Bulk depth; walks remain a concern
Andrew Magno / 687841	AAA: 53.0 IP, 1.70 ERA; 55 K / 32 BB	Strong ERA but substantial walk burden
Creed Willems / 695735	AAA: 453 PA, .761 OPS, 19 HR; 51 BB / 98 K	Catching contingency; selection and defense review
Enrique Bradfield Jr. / 690961	AAA: 370 PA, .707 OPS, 4 HR; 37 BB / 79 K	Center-field competition; no assumed offensive leap
Jud Fabian / 682983	AAA: 451 PA, .661 OPS, 14 HR; 71 BB / 138 K	Power/discipline evaluation before promotion

Player / MLB ID	2026 level and sample	Readiness decision
Aron Estrada / 800406	AA: 508 PA, .802 OPS, 24 HR; 31 BB / 94 K	Middle-infield development
Griff O'Ferrall / 803172	AA: 482 PA, .619 OPS, 7 HR; 49 BB / 103 K	Bat must improve before MLB assignment
Ethan Anderson / 803175	AA: 351 PA, .881 OPS, 21 HR; 41 BB / 69 K	Catching development; strong AA offense

Joseph Dzierwa's 2.29 ERA in 90 1/3 Double-A innings and Anthony Eyanson's strong 31-inning Chesapeake finish are encouraging. They are still different from a completed major-league workload. The model gives Dzierwa a small, conditional role and does not fund automatic innings for Eyanson or Kyson Witherspoon. [12]

Witherspoon's recorded Frederick work was at High-A. Treating that sample as an immediate answer to a major-league rotation opening would skip an important development step. The same discipline applies to position prospects: a promotion must solve a defined job and pass the relevant offensive, defensive and roster tests. [12,13]

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Define the job before choosing the name

The acquisition table separates preferred retention, an alternate starter, a defensive outfielder and players who merit only an inquiry. Baltimore does not need another first baseman to compete with Alonso, Mayo, Basallo and Encarnacion-Strand for the same plate appearances. Its purchasing priorities should follow the actual openings. [17]

Candidate / MLB ID	Full 2026 MLB evidence	S&S ceiling / decision
Trevor Rogers / 669432	169.2 IP, 4.03 ERA, 3.60 xERA; 157 K / 39 BB	A: 4 years / $84-92M; QO pending
Chris Bassitt / 605135	102.0 IP, 4.41 ERA, 4.92 xERA; 74 K / 38 BB	Retain: 1 year / $6-8M
Andrew Kittredge / 552640	48.1 IP, 3.54 ERA, 4.01 xERA; 40 K / 11 BB	Retain: 1 year / $5-7M
Cedric Mullins / 656775	502 PA, .628 OPS, 15 HR; 0.281/0.264 wOBA/xwOBA	A/B: 1 year / $5-7M; 350 PA
Nick Martinez / 607259	180.0 IP, 3.10 ERA, 3.98 xERA; 109 K / 26 BB	B: 2 years / $26-30M
Tyler Mahle / 641816	149.0 IP, 3.99 ERA, 3.95 xERA; 137 K / 46 BB	Alternate: 2 years / $28-32M
Randal Grichuk / 545341	280 PA, .880 OPS, 15 HR; 0.370/0.335 wOBA/xwOBA	Alternate: 1 year / $6-8M; different OF alignment
Austin Hays / 669720	105 PA, .705 OPS, 3 HR; 0.304/0.295 wOBA/xwOBA	Evaluate only; short 2026 sample
Taylor Ward / 621493	607 PA, .670 OPS, 7 HR; 0.312/0.334 wOBA/xwOBA	Evaluate only; use full-season record
Shane Bieber / 669456	55.2 IP, 4.37 ERA, 5.99 xERA; 44 K / 24 BB	Medical inquiry; no funded workload

Candidate / MLB ID	Full 2026 MLB evidence	S&S ceiling / decision
Zach Eflin / 621107	3.2 IP, 2.45 ERA, 3.98 xERA; 7 K / 2 BB	Rehab inquiry; no funded 2027 innings

Mullins' 350 plate appearances displace work that would otherwise go to Cowser, Franklin and Beavers. His center-field starts allow Cowser to spend more time in a corner while preserving a credible defensive alignment. The countercase is direct: Baltimore could keep Cowser in center, spend nothing on Mullins and use the money toward pitching. That is included in the internal plan.

Grichuk is a different candidate, not a like-for-like substitution. At one year and $6 million to $8 million, his right-handed corner bat would require Cowser to take more center-field work and would squeeze different corner at-bats. Hays and Ward remain evaluations rather than funded assumptions. Their complete 2026 samples do not justify importing a reputation without a fresh role and price test. [4,5,17]

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What is already committed

The financial model begins with seven contract allocations totaling $86.175 million. It then adds four retained arbitration estimates, current buyouts and a $12 million to $16 million allowance for pre-arbitration players, minor-league depth and callups. The resulting $122.50 million to $126.50 million base is a planning allocation, not an official payroll or cash-flow statement. [9,10,17]

Player / MLB ID	2027 allocation	Basis
Pete Alonso / 624413	$33.500M	2027 salary
Tyler O'Neill / 641933	$16.500M	Cost retained despite conditional workload
Ryan Helsley / 664854	$14.000M	Exercised player option
Samuel Basallo / 694212	$1.625M	Salary-plus-allocated-bonus basis
Kyle Bradish / 680694	$10.000M	First year of 2027-31 extension
Yennier Cano / 666974	$2.750M	First year of 2027-28 extension
Shane Baz / 669358	$7.800M	$7M salary plus $0.8M allocated signing bonus
GROSS TOTAL	$86.175M	Allocation, not cash spending

Player	Estimate, $M	Treatment
Gunnar Henderson	14.10	Published estimate; unsigned salary
Felix Bautista	2.40	Published estimate; unsigned salary
Jordan Westburg	1.50	Published estimate; unsigned salary
Colton Cowser	2.20	Published estimate; unsigned salary
TOTAL	20.20	Four retained cases; departed players excluded

Baz's $7.8 million allocation includes his $7 million salary and an allocated portion of his signing bonus. Bradish's $10 million is the first year of his extension, and Cano's $2.75 million begins his new two-year arrangement. The model retains O'Neill's full cost even though his playing time is conditional. [9,26,27,28]

Rece Hinds has a new major-league deal with undisclosed financial terms. His provisional cost belongs within the depth allowance until the actual terms can be reconciled. A missing number is not a verified zero. Departed arbitration candidates are excluded from the retained salary estimate. [9,10,29]

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Carry the buyouts, not the old option salaries

The bridge includes $2 million for Eflin, $2 million for Robert and $125,000 for Enns. It does not carry their declined option salaries. Nor does it carry a prior Mets contribution to Robert's 2026 salary into the 2027 model. Year-specific credits need year-specific evidence. [9,11,30]

Component	Annual allocation	Definition
Seven contracts	$86.175M	Includes allocated bonuses; not a cash ledger
Four arbitration cases	$20.20M	Estimates, not agreements
Eflin buyout	$2.000M	Declined option
Robert buyout	$2.000M	Declined option; no prior Mets salary credit carried forward
Enns buyout	$0.125M	Declined option
Pre-arb, minors and callups	$12-16M	Includes provisional Hinds cost; exact new deal undisclosed
Existing-roster envelope	$122.50-126.50M	Not official CBT, cash total or owner budget

No additional Mountcastle buyout is reported in the inspected financial records. That observation is narrower than a complete audit of every contractual obligation. Any newly disclosed cost, changed arbitration result or different Hinds guarantee must be incorporated dollar for dollar before a roster decision. [9,10,17]

The reserve is a spending allowance, not a player. It receives no plate appearances, defensive runs or innings in the model. The no-acquisition branch keeps the reserve while assigning the actual workload to named internal players, making the baseball cost of spending less visible.

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Three funded paths

Plan A's annual additions total $43 million to $53 million. Its new commitment, including the proposed multiyear Rogers contract and the reserve, totals $106 million to $122 million. The distinction matters because the first-year roster allocation is much smaller than the total contractual exposure. [17]

Plan	Annual additions	Total allocation	New commitment
A: Rogers / Bassitt / Kittredge / Mullins	$43-53M	$165.50-179.50M	$106-122M
B: Martinez replaces Rogers	$35-45M	$157.50-171.50M	$48-60M
C: Internal roster	$6-8M	$128.50-134.50M	$6-8M

Plan B replaces Rogers with Martinez. That lowers annual additions to $35 million to $45 million and the full new commitment to $48 million to $60 million. It also changes the rotation's composition and removes the assumption that Baltimore can retain its preferred left-hander. Martinez is an alternative transaction, not a player available to every club in this series at once.

Plan C adds only the $6 million to $8 million reserve. It keeps the young bats' opportunities and minimizes new guarantees, but its starting-pitching burden is materially heavier. The argument for this path is financial flexibility and development. The argument against it is the risk of making the major-league season depend on several promotions succeeding together.

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The qualifying offer comes first

Rogers has a $23.15 million qualifying offer pending. If he accepts, that amount replaces the proposed $21 million to $23 million annual contract allowance. With the other preferred moves, the total becomes $167.65 million to $179.65 million. Acceptance plus only the reserve produces a $151.65 million to $157.65 million envelope. [11,17,18]

Branch	Annual effect	Consequence
Rogers accepts QO	$23.15M replaces $21-23M	A with other moves: $167.65-179.65M
Accepted QO, no other purchases	$29.15-31.15M including reserve	Existing roster plus Rogers: $151.65-157.65M
Mahle instead of Martinez	B adds $1M annually	$28-32M guarantee replaces $26-30M
Grichuk instead of Mullins	A/B adds $1M annually	Corner bat; Cowser takes more CF, different displacement
No Mullins	Subtract $5-7M	350 PA move to Cowser, Franklin and Beavers
No Kittredge	Subtract $5-7M	50 relief innings move to named internal options

Branch	Annual effect	Consequence
No acquisitions	$6-8M reserve only	290 starting innings and 50 relief innings replaced internally
Hinds contract or other liabilities change	Reprice dollar for dollar	Undisclosed terms are not verified zero cost

Those branches prevent a common budgeting mistake: treating the qualifying offer as a separate charge while also retaining the proposed salary, or spending the same available dollars before the decision is known. If Rogers declines and leaves, any compensation must be determined under the applicable rules rather than assumed from a generic draft-pick description. [18]

Mahle is another starter alternative at two years and $28 million to $32 million, one million dollars more annually than Martinez at either end of the planning range. Choosing that route requires a new medical and role check. A higher or lower ceiling must be explained by the job and evidence, not by a desire to vary names across articles. [17]

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Allocate the at-bats

The preferred plan allocates 6,200 plate appearances across a season. It gives Henderson and Alonso 650 each, Mayo 500, Basallo 450, Cowser 550 and Beavers 500. Holliday, Westburg and O'Neill have explicit recovery conditions, with reduced or replacement workloads available. [17]

Hitter	PA	Role
Gunnar Henderson	650	SS/DH
Pete Alonso	650	1B/DH
Coby Mayo	500	3B/DH
Samuel Basallo	450	C/1B/DH; concussion clearance
Colton Cowser	550	CF and corners
Dylan Beavers	500	Corners
Jackson Holliday	450	2B; wrist clearance
Blaze Alexander	450	IF/OF utility
Christian Encarnacion-Strand	350	3B/1B/DH
Cedric Mullins	350	Proposed CF acquisition
Carlos Narvaez	300	C/DH
Jeremiah Jackson	250	2B/utility
Christian Franklin	200	CF/corners
Rece Hinds	100	RF/DH

Hitter	PA	Role
Jordan Westburg	300	Conditional later-season 3B/DH
Tyler O'Neill	150	Conditional corner/DH return
TOTAL	6200	Season allocation, not one active roster

Change from A	PA removed	Replacement and position
C: no Mullins	350	Cowser +100, Franklin +150, Beavers +100. CF: Cowser +65, Franklin +20; Cowser LF 60 to Franklin 35/Alexander 25; Cowser RF 10 to Beavers
No Westburg	300	Mayo +100, CES +100, Alexander +50, Jackson +50; 50 3B starts to Mayo 25/CES 25; 20 DH starts to Mayo 10/Alexander 10
No O'Neill	150	Beavers +75, Franklin +50, Hinds +25; LF 15 to Franklin 10/Beavers 5, RF 20 to Beavers 10/Hinds 10, DH 5 to Hinds
No Holliday	450	Alexander +200, Jackson +150, Carter Young +100 after selection; 2B 105 to Alexander 55/Jackson 30/Young 20; DH 5 to Jackson
No Basallo	450	Narvaez +200, Willems +250 after selection; C 95 to Narvaez 40/Willems 55, 1B 5 to CES, DH 10 to Willems
Combined absences	Rebuild allocation	Branches cannot be stacked without checking starts and total workloads

The alternative branches are not additive wish lists. Losing both Holliday and Westburg, for example, would require a new combined allocation rather than handing Alexander two separate full workloads. The same rule applies to catching and the outfield. Every replacement must have a position, a reasonable number of starts and a roster path.

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Allocate the positions

The position table assigns 162 starts at every defensive position and at designated hitter. No player exceeds 162 combined starts. That constraint exposes the tension among Mayo, Encarnacion-Strand, Westburg and the designated-hitter slot, and it prevents a promising bat from being added without displacing someone. [17]

Pos.	162-start allocation	Condition
C	Basallo 95; Narvaez 67	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts
1B	Alonso 145; CES 12; Basallo 5	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts
2B	Holliday 105; Jackson 40; Alexander 17	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts
3B	Mayo 60; CES 50; Westburg 50; Alexander 2	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts

Pos.	162-start allocation	Condition
SS	Henderson 145; Alexander 17	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts
LF	Cowser 60; Beavers 40; Alexander 30; Franklin 17; O'Neill 15	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts
CF	Mullins 85; Cowser 65; Franklin 12	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts
RF	Beavers 85; Cowser 10; O'Neill 20; Hinds 20; Alexander 20; Franklin 7	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts
DH	Alonso 10; Mayo 50; Basallo 10; CES 10; Westburg 20; Hinds 5; O'Neill 5; Alexander 10; Henderson 10; Holliday 5; Jackson 10; Narvaez 5; Mullins 5; Franklin 7	Seasonal rotation; recovery branches replace starts

These are season-wide assignments, not a claim that all listed players fit on the same Opening Day roster. Options, selections, injuries and promotion dates still matter. The purpose is to test whether the baseball plan is internally coherent before asking whether the club can sign the preferred players.

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Allocate the innings

The starting plan assigns 162 games and 860 innings. Rogers, Baz and Young carry the largest workloads; Bassitt supplies a smaller bridge; Gibson, German, De Leon and Dzierwa cover the remaining starts. Bradish and Povich can replace part of that work when cleared, but their return branches are not counted in the main total. [17,22]

Pitcher	GS / IP	Condition
Shane Baz	30 / 170	Health, command and promotion gate
Brandon Young	28 / 155	Health, command and promotion gate
Trevor Rogers	30 / 170	Proposed retention; no assumed agreement
Chris Bassitt	24 / 120	Proposed retention; no assumed agreement
Trey Gibson	20 / 100	Health, command and promotion gate
Nestor German	14 / 70	Health, command and promotion gate
Luis De Leon	12 / 55	Health, command and promotion gate
Joseph Dzierwa	4 / 20	Health, command and promotion gate
TOTAL	162 / 860	No Bradish or Povich innings assumed in this branch

Pitcher	IP	Role or condition
Rico Garcia	70	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Yennier Cano	60	Performance, health and roster-selection gate

Pitcher	IP	Role or condition
Anthony Nunez	60	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Grant Wolfram	50	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Josh Walker	40	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Cam Sanders	40	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Alex Hoppe	35	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Felix Bautista	25	Conditional recovery workload with named replacement
Ryan Helsley	30	Conditional recovery workload with named replacement
Andrew Kittredge	50	Proposed retention
Cameron Foster	25	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Yaramil Hiraldo	20	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Philip Abner	20	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Yaqui Rivera	10	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Luis De Leon	25	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
Trey Gibson	20	Performance, health and roster-selection gate
TOTAL	580	860 starter + 580 relief = 1,440 IP

The separate bullpen allocation contains 580 innings, producing 1,440 total. Some young pitchers appear in both roles, so their combined workload must be reviewed rather than treating each table as independent. The totals are planning conventions, not a prediction of extra innings, weather or the number of outs the staff will actually record.

Change from A	IP / starts adjustment	Replacement
B: Martinez for Rogers	30 starts / 165 IP	Young adds 5 IP; total remains 860
C: no Rogers or Bassitt	-54 starts / -290 IP	Gibson +10/55; German +14/75; De Leon +12/65; Dzierwa +10/55; Gongora +8/40
C: no Kittredge	-50 RP IP	Wolfram +10; Walker +10; Sanders +10; Hoppe +10; Garcia +5; Nunez +5
Bradish cleared	+20 starts / +100 IP	Gibson -8/40; German -6/30; De Leon -6/30
Povich cleared	+20 starts / +100 IP	Same displacement as Bradish; do not stack unchanged
Neither Bautista nor Helsley clears	-55 RP IP	Garcia +10; Cano +10; Nunez +10; Wolfram +10; Sanders +10; Hoppe +5
Bassitt unavailable and no replacement	-24 starts / -120 IP	Gibson +6/30; German +8/40; De Leon +6/30; Dzierwa +4/20
TOTAL	162 starts; 860 + 580 IP	Balanced totals do not establish sufficient pitching quality

Without Rogers and Bassitt, 290 starting innings move to Gibson, German, De Leon, Dzierwa and Sebastian Gongora. Several would need more demanding workloads and successful transitions. That is the clearest

baseball reason to fund at least one dependable starter. Balanced arithmetic alone does not make the cheaper staff competitive.

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Compare the repeated candidates

Martinez has the same two-year, $26 million to $30 million ceiling used in the Reds, Padres, Giants and White Sox preparations. Baltimore's job is specifically the Rogers alternative: 30 starts and 165 innings, with Young taking five more innings. There is no outgoing talent in this free-agent proposal. The internal alternative distributes Rogers' starts rather than crediting a vacant budget line with his production. [17,20]

Kittredge's $5 million to $7 million ceiling also remains consistent. Minnesota's plan assigns him 50 innings and San Francisco's 45; Baltimore assigns 50, displacing portions of Wolfram, Walker, Sanders, Hoppe, Garcia and Nunez's internal workload. The intended purchase is command and a defined amount of relief work. It is not a new closer label or a guarantee of leverage success.

Mullins was not the preferred offensive repair for Cleveland and remained only a defensive inquiry for Cincinnati. Baltimore's specific proposal buys 350 plate appearances and 85 center-field starts while changing Cowser's defensive deployment. The same $5 million to $7 million ceiling reflects the same weak batting evidence and useful range. If that job is not worth the cost, the internal outfield is already mapped.

Bassitt's role is deliberately smaller than the primary-volume jobs for which other dossiers rejected him. A one-year, $6 million to $8 million bridge does not become attractive merely because he previously pitched in Baltimore. It must pass the health test and remain secondary to a stronger rotation commitment.

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What would change the result

The sensitivity table holds the relationship between scoring and prevention in view. It uses the simple formula 162 times runs scored squared, divided by the sum of runs scored squared and runs allowed squared. These are illustrative 162-game equivalents, not official standings projections. Baltimore's actual 2026 record remains 79-82. [1,17]

Illustrative change from 2026	RS / RA	Margin	162-game simple run-ratio wins
Unchanged runs	718 / 739	-21	78.7
Same offense; prevent 30	718 / 709	+9	82.0
Score 30 more; prevent 20	748 / 719	+29	84.2
Score 30 fewer; prevent 20	688 / 719	-31	77.4
Score 30 fewer; allow 30 more	688 / 769	-81	72.0

The most persuasive upside comes from several modest improvements working together: more consistent offense from the young core, a stable rotation, better deployment of outfield range and fewer innings forced onto unready replacements. The downside is equally concrete. Losing starting volume while counting on every recovery would expose the bullpen and make a second offensive disappointment much harder to absorb.

No acquisition plan should receive credit for all of those gains in advance. The club needs checkpoints that can be observed: actual recovery clearance, competitive strike throwing, upper-level performance, defensive execution and roles that remain available when the roster changes.

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The recommendation

Prioritize Rogers, preserve a clear alternative through Martinez or Mahle, and keep Bassitt's bridge role modest. Retain command in the bullpen without assuming two recovered closers can carry the entire late-inning burden. Decide the outfield purchase by the defensive alignment it creates and the plate appearances it removes.

Baltimore has enough young talent to justify patience with development. It also has enough money already committed to require a credible major-league plan around that development. Protecting the pitching gains is the practical connection between those two responsibilities.

This analysis uses completed 2026 performance and November 3 roster and market checks. Proposed prices, workloads and alternatives are S&S judgments. The next release check must reconcile new transactions, option outcomes, injuries, contract details and the actual availability of every proposed acquisition. [1,3,17]

[1] MLB completed team and player statistics

2024-26 regular seasons and completed postseason schedule. Club-specific samples identified.

Open source

[2] MLB Orioles roster

November 3: 37 reconciled players; administrative active status is not medical clearance.

Open source

[3] MLB player and team transactions

Dated transactions, departures, recoveries and individual player IDs.

Open source

[4] Baseball Savant expected statistics and defense

2024-26 expected batting, xERA, Outs Above Average, framing and catching values.

Open source

[5] MLB full player histories and splits

Full MLB season records separated from Orioles-only work; left/right matchup samples.

Open source

[6] MLB defensive innings and role splits

Actual position innings, starter/reliever classifications and workload definitions.

Open source

[7] MLB free-agent register

Reconciled with individual elections; former team labels can lag.

Open source

[8] MLB Players Association free-agent list

Current free-agent status checked November 3.

Open source

[9] FanGraphs RosterResource Orioles payroll

2027 contract, contribution and buyout columns. Allocation differs from cash and official CBT.

Open source

[10] MLB Trade Rumors arbitration projections via Yardbarker

Four retained arbitration estimates total $20.2M; estimates are not signed salaries.

Open source

[11] Orioles official qualifying-offer and option release

November 2 qualifying offer, options, reinstatements and 37-player roster.

Open source

[12] MLB affiliate records

Norfolk, Chesapeake, Frederick and Delmarva results and positions; level-specific samples.

Open source

[13] MLB Pipeline Orioles prospects

Identity and organizational context checked against current official player and affiliate records.

Open source

[14] MLB option and opt-out register

Option decisions and candidate status require actual release-date recheck.

Open source

[15] MLB Orioles injury updates

Reported health and activation dates, not a guarantee of future workload.

Open source

[16] MLB current organizational roster

Current organization and individual IDs, reconciled against dated claims and departures.

Open source

[17] S&S planning calculations

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

Open source

[18] MLB qualifying-offer rules

Verify actual eligibility and compensation before any agreement.

Open source

[19] Orioles official social directory

Official directory of the club's public social accounts.

Open source

[20] S&S team-analysis series

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

Open source

[21] Orioles official waiver-claim release

November 2 claims and waiver decisions supersede lagged feed labels.

Open source

[22] Roch Kubatko, MASN: Povich surgery and rotation context

October 15 reporting on Povich, Bradish, Holliday and Bassitt; expected recovery is not clearance.

Open source

[23] MLB: Holliday wrist procedure and Basallo concussion IL

Dated end-of-season medical status.

Open source

[24] MLB: Bautista returns to the bullpen

September return, with Helsley and ONeill ending the season injured.

Open source

[25] MLB: Helsley player option

Reported $14M option, corroborated by subsequent roster and payroll records.

Open source

[26] MLB: Bradish extension

Five-year 2027-31 contract; 2027 salary $10M.

Open source

[27] MLB: Cano extension

2027 salary $2.75M; later option remains separate.

Open source

[28] MLB: Baz extension

2027 salary $7M; allocation includes a portion of signing bonus.

Open source

[29] MLB: Eflin option and Hinds agreement

Hinds one-year MLB contract confirmed; amount undisclosed.

Open source

[30] Roch Kubatko, MASN: Robert option declined

October 31 option decline, $2M buyout and other roster moves.

Open source

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