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ANALYSIS / 01

The decision

Texas should buy offense that can share the outfield and designated-hitter work, retain an affordable multi-inning left-hander and add one established late-inning pitcher. My preferred construction is Seiya Suzuki at four years and $88-96 million, Tyler Alexander at one year and $5-7 million, and Raisel Iglesias at one year and $10-12 million. A separate $6-8 million reserve protects the season from becoming a succession of unfunded repairs. Those are S&S negotiating ceilings, not reported offers or predictions of what the players will accept.

The argument starts with 673 runs, 25th in the majors, and a pitching staff that allowed 114 more runs than it did in 2025. A single expensive starter would address only part of that deterioration. A collection of slow corner bats would create a second problem by reducing the defensive value supplied by Evan Carter, Wyatt Langford and Ezequiel Duran. The preferred plan gives Suzuki 600 plate appearances, 75 right-field starts and 60 at DH while keeping Carter in center and Duran in the infield. [1,2,8]

This is an expensive recommendation. Annual additions of $43-51 million put the player-allocation envelope at $223.1-235.1 million, before benefits and tax. The alternative is a cheaper Joc Pederson return, with a very different defensive and handedness arrangement. The third plan makes no principal acquisition and exposes the actual internal workload. If ownership will not fund Plan A, the honest choice is Plan B or C, with their limits stated before the season.

Plan	Annual additions	Total allocation	New commitment
A: Suzuki / Alexander / Iglesias	$43-51M	$223.10-235.10M	$109-123M
B: Pederson for Suzuki	$31-39M	$211.10-223.10M	$31-39M
C: Internal roster	$6-8M	$186.10-192.10M	$6-8M

ANALYSIS / 02

A team that moved backward beneath a similar record

An 80-82 finish looks like a small step down from 81-81. The run record is less forgiving. Texas went from a plus-79 margin in 2025 to minus-46 in 2026, a 125-run decline. Runs scored fell by 11 while runs allowed rose by 114. The club's OPS improved from .683 to .713, yet that improvement did not produce more runs. On-base events, sequencing, baserunning and availability matter alongside the aggregate hitting line. [1,2]

The prior staff's 3.47 ERA ranked first in the majors. The 2026 staff's 4.32 ranked 22nd. Repeating the earlier run prevention is a substantial recovery assignment, not a neutral starting assumption. The current roster has recognizable names who can deliver part of that recovery, but their workloads and medical histories make a full return to the previous standard a fragile budget premise.

Season	Record	Runs for / against	Margin	OPS / ERA
2024	78-84	683 / 738	-55	.685 / 4.35
2025	81-81	684 / 605	+79	.683 / 3.47
2026	80-82	673 / 719	-46	.713 / 4.32

11 FEWER RUNS. 114 MORE ALLOWED.

2025 margin: +79 / 2026 margin: -46



2026 vs 2025: 11 fewer scored; 114 more allowed.

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

The completed game log adds another caution. Texas went 23-17 in one-run games and 4-2 in extra innings. Those outcomes helped keep the record near .500 despite the negative run margin. They do not establish a durable late-inning advantage, particularly with turnover in the bullpen. The acquisition plan should improve the underlying number of runs created and prevented rather than assume another favorable distribution of close results. [3]

ANALYSIS / 03

The roster after the departures

The November 3 major-league roster snapshot contains 38 names. Pederson, Kyle Higashioka and Jakob Junis elected free agency on November 2; Alexander and several other veterans departed earlier. Their 2026 production remains in the historical tables, but their 2027 work is zero unless a new agreement is reached. That distinction is especially important for Pederson's 26 home runs and Alexander's 73 innings. [4,5]

José Buttó arrived on a November 2 waiver claim. He belongs in the current player and salary register, while his medical and workload status remain separate questions. Aidan Curry was selected on October 30. Josh Smith and Josh Stephan went to Toronto in the August 3 trade for Adam Macko, so neither is available to fill a Texas hole in this analysis. An old affiliate stat line is not organizational control. [5]

Three principal purchases would take a static 38-name roster to 41. At least one corresponding move would therefore be required, before additional selections such as Cooper Johnson are considered. No player is designated, traded or non-tendered by assumption here. The season allocations also use more than an Opening Day active roster; the final roster must separately satisfy active-player limits, option eligibility and transaction rules.

ANALYSIS / 04

The offense that must be replaced and improved

The most dependable way to understand the lineup is to keep the Texas samples visible. Brandon Nimmo supplied 655 plate appearances, Burger 620 and Duran 597. Langford, Jung and Seager all finished below 500. That concentration of work tells the front office where it already had availability and where a more complete season could change the offense. It also prevents a planning sheet from granting every returning player a full workload without assigning the displaced plate appearances. [1]

Player / MLB ID	TEX PA	AVG / OBP / SLG	HR	BB / K
Brandon Nimmo / 607043	655	.260 / .324 / .405	14	51 / 149
Jake Burger / 669394	620	.228 / .302 / .421	28	56 / 167
Ezequiel Duran / 677649	597	.260 / .320 / .419	17	46 / 141
Wyatt Langford / 694671	471	.238 / .333 / .421	17	55 / 107
Evan Carter / 694497	455	.194 / .288 / .315	9	47 / 114
Josh Jung / 673962	444	.299 / .365 / .462	12	35 / 80
Corey Seager / 608369	436	.227 / .312 / .424	20	45 / 103
Joc Pederson / 592626	432	.235 / .329 / .487	26	49 / 102
Nicky Lopez / 670032	265	.276 / .328 / .319	1	12 / 42

Player / MLB ID	TEX PA	AVG / OBP / SLG	HR	BB / K
Justin Foscue / 679822	247	.271 / .332 / .484	11	17 / 62
Alejandro Osuna / 696030	233	.260 / .349 / .304	1	19 / 37
Danny Jansen / 643376	227	.203 / .296 / .381	8	18 / 55
Elias Díaz / 553869	214	.235 / .267 / .383	6	8 / 53
Kyle Higashioka / 543309	186	.218 / .306 / .370	7	19 / 47
Josh Smith / 669701	154	.213 / .299 / .272	1	16 / 29
Cody Freeman / 683227	97	.247 / .319 / .318	1	8 / 15
Andrew McCutchen / 457705	83	.192 / .277 / .260	1	9 / 22

Burger's 28 home runs are useful, but his .723 OPS and 167 strikeouts do not establish a complete middle-order solution. Duran's .739 OPS is a meaningful improvement on his smaller 2024 and 2025 samples. Jung's .827 is the strongest current regular's line, yet it came with only 444 plate appearances. Pederson's departure removes another productive bat from an offense that already ranked near the bottom in runs.

ANALYSIS / 05

The core needs separate judgments

Seager's .736 OPS in 436 plate appearances is a clear decline from .865 and .860 in the two preceding seasons. A rebound is plausible, but the plan uses 550 plate appearances and 135 starts across shortstop and DH, not a full 162-game schedule. His lower-back and concussion transactions require current review before that conditional workload becomes an actual spring assignment. The expected-statistics evidence supports a more constructive view of his bat than the final slugging percentage alone. [5,6]

Langford's three-year progression remains useful without inventing a breakout. His OPS has stayed between .740 and .775, and his range has been positive in each season. Nimmo supplies an established volume of plate appearances, but his .729 OPS and negative 2026 range value argue for more DH work as part of the purchase, rather than a permanent outfield assignment justified by his contract.

Hitter	2024 MLB PA / OPS	2025 MLB PA / OPS	2026 MLB PA / OPS
Brandon Nimmo	663 / .726	652 / .760	655 / .729
Jake Burger	579 / .761	376 / .688	620 / .723
Ezequiel Duran	285 / .609	219 / .559	597 / .739
Wyatt Langford	557 / .740	573 / .775	471 / .754
Evan Carter	162 / .633	220 / .728	455 / .603
Josh Jung	188 / .719	511 / .684	444 / .827
Corey Seager	533 / .865	445 / .860	436 / .736
Joc Pederson	449 / .908	306 / .613	432 / .816

Hitter	2024 MLB PA / OPS	2025 MLB PA / OPS	2026 MLB PA / OPS
Justin Foscue	44 / .162	9 / .333	247 / .816
Alejandro Osuna	No MLB season	176 / .591	233 / .653
Danny Jansen	324 / .658	337 / .720	227 / .677
Logan O'Hoppe	522 / .712	451 / .629	274 / .578
Seiya Suzuki	585 / .848	651 / .804	634 / .841

Carter is the difficult case. His .603 OPS was poor, but his center-field range was one of the roster's strengths. Replacing him with a modestly better hitter who gives those outs back would be an inefficient use of money. The preferred plan preserves the role while putting better offense elsewhere and maintaining an explicit fallback if the bat fails to improve.

ANALYSIS / 06

Contact quality changes the order of confidence

Seager's .350 expected wOBA exceeded his .320 actual mark, with .484 expected slugging against .424 actual slugging. That is evidence for examining the quality of his contact before pricing his offensive decline as permanent. It is not a guarantee of regression to a particular batting line. Health, strikeouts, walks and playing time can still prevent better contact from becoming more seasonal value. [6]

Duran presents the opposite caution: .324 actual wOBA and .300 expected. Foscue's .354 actual and .325 expected also advise restraint. Their real production counts in the historical record, but the planning model should not automatically extend every part of it over a larger sample. Jung's .362/.348 pair is stronger underlying support for his offensive role.

Full MLB season	wOBA	xwOBA	SLG / xSLG
Brandon Nimmo	0.320	0.338	0.405 / 0.441
Jake Burger	0.316	0.314	0.421 / 0.420
Ezequiel Duran	0.324	0.300	0.419 / 0.369
Wyatt Langford	0.333	0.319	0.421 / 0.387
Evan Carter	0.274	0.280	0.315 / 0.320
Josh Jung	0.362	0.348	0.462 / 0.440
Corey Seager	0.320	0.350	0.424 / 0.484
Joc Pederson	0.352	0.343	0.487 / 0.445
Justin Foscue	0.354	0.325	0.484 / 0.435
Alejandro Osuna	0.303	0.301	0.304 / 0.309
Danny Jansen	0.300	0.267	0.381 / 0.310

Full MLB season	wOBA	xwOBA	SLG / xSLG
Logan O'Hoppe	0.259	0.267	0.302 / 0.332
Seiya Suzuki	0.366	0.340	0.473 / 0.427

Suzuki's .366 actual and .340 expected wOBA make him a credible addition with a price limit. The gap is one reason to stop below an open-ended bidding contest. His three seasons of substantial plate appearances and OPS above .800 carry more weight than treating one expected number as a complete valuation. The purchase buys a useful offensive role, not the assumption that every 2026 result repeats.

ANALYSIS / 07

A right-handed purchase still has to hit right-handers

Texas has several hitters whose 2026 production was much stronger against left-handed pitching. Burger had an .891 OPS against lefties and .659 against righties. Foscue's split was .981 and .512, with only 85 plate appearances in the latter sample. Duran and Jung also did more damage against lefties. The lineup needs to be built around the more common right-handed opponent, not merely optimized for its best occasional matchup. [7]

Batter / full MLB season	LHP PA / OPS	RHP PA / OPS
Brandon Nimmo	204 / .844	451 / .676
Jake Burger	170 / .891	450 / .659
Ezequiel Duran	163 / .828	434 / .707
Wyatt Langford	155 / .686	316 / .788
Evan Carter	77 / .328	378 / .658
Josh Jung	116 / .993	328 / .769
Corey Seager	147 / .785	289 / .711
Joc Pederson	36 / .616	396 / .834
Justin Foscue	162 / .981	85 / .512
Alejandro Osuna	49 / .678	184 / .646
Danny Jansen	66 / .590	161 / .710
Logan O'Hoppe	87 / .655	187 / .541
Seiya Suzuki	168 / .966	466 / .797

Suzuki's .797 OPS in 466 plate appearances against right-handers supports the preferred purchase despite his right-handed swing. Pederson's .834 in 396 plate appearances offers the strongest counterargument: a cheaper left-handed DH can address that matchup directly. Plan A earns its additional cost through two-sided

offense and right-field availability. If Suzuki's price exceeds the ceiling, Pederson's narrower but relevant job becomes the practical alternative.

Carter's .328 OPS against lefties came in 77 plate appearances. That is a reason for selective protection, not enough evidence to erase his future. Nimmo's reverse split likewise should not become a permanent rule from one season. The table is a deployment guide to be combined with career history and current contact quality, not a set of mechanical prohibitions.

ANALYSIS / 08

Keep the outs the roster already owns

Duran's plus-17 Outs Above Average came across 501 opportunities. Carter produced plus-11 over 337, and Langford plus-six over 267. Those are substantive reasons to protect their playing time and defensive positions. The three-year table also shows why one season's number should not be read as an immutable true-talent rating: Duran was plus-three and plus-two in the preceding seasons. [8]

Fielder	2024 OAA	2025 OAA	2026 OAA	2026 opportunities
Brandon Nimmo	+1	-1	-5	276
Jake Burger	-7	-1	+1	392
Ezequiel Duran	+3	+2	+17	501
Wyatt Langford	+3	+10	+6	267
Evan Carter	-1	+4	+11	337
Josh Jung	-6	+5	-3	295
Corey Seager	+5	+4	+1	334
Justin Foscue	+0	+0	+3	163
Alejandro Osuna	No row	+0	-7	133
Cody Freeman	No row	-1	+0	93
Cam Cauley	No row	No row	-4	59
Michael Helman	+0	+2	-1	26
Seiya Suzuki	-3	+0	+5	263

Nimmo's minus-five and Osuna's minus-seven limit the value of solving the offense by simply adding more corner-outfield innings. Suzuki's plus-five is encouraging, but it follows minus-three and zero. The principal plan therefore uses him in right field for 75 starts and at DH for 60, preserving room for defensive substitutions and rest rather than making a blanket claim that he transforms the outfield.

Fielder	2026 TEX position	Starts / innings
Cam Cauley	SS	0 / 2.0
Cam Cauley	LF	0 / 1.0
Cam Cauley	CF	9 / 69.0
Ezequiel Duran	1B	1 / 18.0
Ezequiel Duran	LF	9 / 94.0
Ezequiel Duran	CF	14 / 97.0
Ezequiel Duran	RF	7 / 72.0
Justin Foscue	1B	2 / 22.0
Cody Freeman	2B	7 / 56.0
Cody Freeman	LF	1 / 13.0
Wyatt Langford	CF	13 / 109.0
Wyatt Langford	LF	87 / 750.0
Ezequiel Duran	SS	49 / 403.0
Justin Foscue	2B	40 / 342.2
Ezequiel Duran	2B	25 / 229.0
Ezequiel Duran	3B	41 / 369.1
Cam Cauley	2B	7 / 62.0
Cody Freeman	3B	16 / 148.0
Cam Cauley	RF	0 / 7.0
Logan O'Hoppe	C	0 / 1.0

Duran's versatility is especially valuable because the intended second-base allocation is a change in emphasis from his 2026 deployment. His aggregate OAA cannot be assigned entirely to second base or copied unchanged into a 120-start projection. Cauley's major-league shortstop sample is only two innings. His emergency role requires minor-league and current defensive review; a complete mathematical branch is not proof of equivalent major-league defense.

ANALYSIS / 09

Catching is the uncomfortable part of every plan

Jansen's 2026 Texas catching workload was 501.1 innings. O'Hoppe had only one inning behind the plate for Texas, despite being a current catcher option, and his combined MLB batting line was .578 OPS in 274 plate appearances. The 18 Texas plate appearances with a .745 OPS are too small to summarize his season. His .857 OPS in 103 Round Rock plate appearances is useful development evidence, not a replacement for the larger major-league record. [1,9,11]

Catcher	2026 TEX catching IP	Full MLB framing	Full MLB catching value
Danny Jansen	501.1	-5.18	-5.97
Logan O'Hoppe	1.0	-10.67	-15.40
Kyle Higashioka	388.0	-1.70	Unknown
Elias Díaz	457.0	+0.40	+2.11

Savant's full-season framing measures were negative for both Jansen and O'Hoppe. O'Hoppe's broader catching value was also materially negative. Framing is included within broader catcher value, so the two figures must not be added as separate penalties. The preferred construction keeps the existing catchers because buying an impact bat and two pitchers already consumes substantial money, but it does not call the position solved. [8]

A conditional Higashioka return at $3-4 million for one year would take 180 plate appearances and 45 catching starts from the existing pair. That is an additional funded branch, not a player hidden inside the depth reserve. His own health and defensive evidence require review, and the small negative framing number does not make him an automatic upgrade. Cooper Johnson is the named third-catcher route, with a modest 50 plate appearances and a required roster selection.

ANALYSIS / 10

The rotation has names, but it needs innings

The five principal returning starters are deGrom, Gore, Eovaldi, Rocker and Leiter. Their combined 2026 workload was substantial, yet the group did not produce an above-average team result. deGrom's 4.20 ERA alongside a 3.47 xERA supports a stronger underlying assessment than the ERA alone; Gore's 4.58 and 4.18 also leave room for improvement. Rocker's 4.38 and 4.48 are much closer. [1,6]

Pitcher / MLB ID	GS / TEX IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB / HR	Planning treatment
Jacob deGrom / 594798	31 / 162.2	4.20 / 3.47	201 / 46 / 20	28 starts /155 IP
MacKenzie Gore / 669022	34 / 173.0	4.58 / 4.18	174 / 71 / 19	30 /165
Nathan Eovaldi / 543135	23 / 145.2	4.20 / 4.30	144 / 35 / 24	24 /140; elbow review
Kumar Rocker / 677958	27 / 148.0	4.38 / 4.48	138 / 61 / 20	28 /150
Jack Leiter / 683004	15 / 80.0	5.29 / 4.86	83 / 35 / 14	22 /115; ankle/biceps review
Cody Bradford / 674003	8 / 44.0	4.30 / 5.19	22 / 10 / 6	16 /80; elbow history
Tyler Alexander / 641302	5 / 73.0	3.70 / 3.35	60 / 23 / 3	Free agent;6 /30 plus 65 relief proposed
Adam Macko / 671936	0 / 9.0	6.00 / 5.09	9 / 4 / 2	4 /20 plus 25 relief
David Davalillo / 699314	0 / 0	No MLB sample / No row	0 / 0 / 0	4 /20 plus 20 relief
Cal Quantrill / 615698	15 / 110.0	2.86 / 3.87	81 / 25 / 13	Free agent; no retained work
Cole Winn / 668390	1 / 48.0	5.63 / 4.89	49 / 16 / 7	Zero principal IP; rotator cuff
Jose Corniell / 692030	0 / 4.1	20.77 / 5.88	4 / 4 / 2	Zero principal IP; flexor recovery

The main plan limits deGrom to 28 starts and 155 innings, Eovaldi to 24 and 140, and Leiter to 22 and 115. Those are planning choices that leave real work for Bradford, Alexander, Macko and Davalillo. They are not medical forecasts. Eovaldi's elbow transaction history, Leiter's ankle and biceps concerns, and Bradford's elbow rehabilitation all remain relevant at release. [5,10]

Quantrill's 2.86 ERA in 110 Texas innings cannot be silently carried into the retained rotation. He is a free agent, and his 3.87 xERA offers a different view of the performance. Alexander is also a free agent; the proposed return purchases a defined 95-inning role. It would be a mistake to count both the departed production and the replacement innings as independent gains.

ANALYSIS / 11

A bullpen purchase should reduce the burden below it

The 2026 Texas bullpen worked 606.1 innings with a 4.47 ERA, 529 strikeouts and 229 walks. The preferred plan reduces the relief burden to 565 innings by allocating 875 to starters. That shift matters: an excellent closer cannot compensate for another 40 or 50 innings being pushed onto the least established relievers. [1]

Pitcher	TEX IP	ERA / full MLB xERA	K / BB	Treatment
Jacob Latz	72.0	2.13 / 2.66	83 / 23	65 relief IP
Peyton Gray	56.0	3.86 / 3.57	60 / 17	60 IP
Robert Garcia	18.2	2.41 / 3.84	11 / 9	40 IP
Robby Ahlstrom	37.0	6.08 / 4.32	34 / 15	40 IP
Chase Silseth	20.1	5.31 / 4.09	26 / 13	55 IP
Gavin Collyer	25.0	5.40 / 4.60	23 / 19	40 IP
Emiliano Teodo	1.2	10.80 / 6.47	1 / 2	35 IP; command review
Michel Otañez	0	No TEX sample / No row	0 / 0	30 IP; command review
Ben Peoples	16.1	2.76 / 3.92	10 / 8	30 IP
José Buttó	0	No TEX sample / 13.01	0 / 0	Nov 2 waiver claim; zero principal IP
Carter Baumler	5.2	3.18 / 5.65	6 / 6	Zero principal IP; recovery
Jakob Junis	54.1	3.64 / 4.42	38 / 18	Free agent; no retained IP

Latz is the strongest returning performance case, with a 2.13 ERA and 2.66 xERA in 72 innings. Peyton Gray's 56 innings, 60 strikeouts and 17 walks support a meaningful role. Garcia's 2.41 ERA came in only 18.2 innings, with nine walks; his 3.84 xERA is a warning against expanding the assignment solely from the ERA. Collyer, Teodo and Otañez must earn their work through better strike throwing.

Iglesias receives 60 innings at a one-year $10-12 million ceiling. His 2026 line included 64 strikeouts and 17 walks in 60 innings, but a 3.50 xERA against a 2.55 ERA argues for a limited commitment. The point is to strengthen the high-leverage group and reduce the number of uncertain arms asked to handle it. No closer receives credit for changing every close game's outcome. [6,17]

ANALYSIS / 12

The farm is useful depth, not a promise of rescue

Cauley's .836 OPS in 434 Triple-A plate appearances merits an opportunity, particularly with several positions needing coverage. Osuna's .762 in 217 plate appearances at the same level is less persuasive as a claim that a major offensive solution is waiting. Foscue's larger role must also account for his handedness split and the gap between his actual and expected production. [11]

Player / MLB ID	2026 team-level sample	Readiness decision
Cooper Johnson / 666194	AAA Round Rock: 350 PA, .629 OPS; 40 BB / 90 K	Third catcher;50 PA/7 starts; selection needed
Logan O'Hoppe / 681351	AAA Round Rock: 103 PA, .857 OPS; 10 BB / 18 K	103 AAA PA do not erase weak MLB season
Cam Cauley / 695508	AAA Round Rock: 434 PA, .836 OPS; 53 BB / 88 K	150 PA; middle-infield/CF depth
Alejandro Osuna / 696030	AAA Round Rock: 217 PA, .762 OPS; 28 BB / 23 K	200 PA; defense constrains expansion
Sebastian Walcott / 806964	AA Frisco: 171 PA, .984 OPS; 17 BB / 39 K	171 AA PA; only 9 AAA PA; no principal MLB allocation
Aaron Zavala / 701648	AAA Round Rock: 514 PA, .782 OPS; 56 BB / 128 K	Development depth, not an assumed impact bat
Dylan Dreiling / 702662	AA Frisco: 538 PA, .896 OPS; 56 BB / 110 K	AA production; no principal MLB PA
Malcolm Moore / 702270	AA Frisco: 206 PA, .729 OPS; 17 BB / 50 K	Development catcher; not a ready MLB solution
Rafe Perich / 825927	AA Frisco: 346 PA, .981 OPS; 39 BB / 70 K	AA performance, no rushed MLB role
David Davalillo / 699314	AAA Round Rock: 58.1 IP, 5.09 ERA; 53 K / 31 BB	40 total MLB IP; walks limit reliance
Emiliano Teodo / 693713	AAA Round Rock: 60.1 IP, 3.73 ERA; 76 K / 45 BB	35 relief IP;45 walks in 60.1 AAA IP
Michel Otañez / 671305	AAA Round Rock: 55.0 IP, 4.42 ERA; 74 K / 42 BB	30 relief IP;42 walks in 55 AAA IP
Dalton Pence / 701717	AAA Round Rock: 38.2 IP, 2.09 ERA; 31 K / 21 BB	Combined-failure 45 IP; selection required
Aidan Curry / 695778	AA Frisco: 68.0 IP, 5.82 ERA; 83 K / 36 BB	Combined-failure 35 IP;AA command risk
Winston Santos / 692437	AAA Round Rock: 41.0 IP, 6.15 ERA; 45 K / 18 BB	Reserve only,6.15 AAA ERA
Bryan Magdaleno / 692447	AA Frisco: 56.0 IP, 3.05 ERA; 77 K / 38 BB	AA depth, no principal MLB IP

Walcott's .984 OPS in 171 Double-A plate appearances is exciting, but he had only nine Triple-A plate appearances. The dated transaction record moves him to the Arizona Fall League after Round Rock. This report assigns him no principal major-league workload. His development can improve the options later without requiring the opening roster to depend on an immediate arrival or a specific defensive position. [5,11,12]

The pitching depth is more precarious. Davalillo walked 31 in 58.1 Triple-A innings. Teodo walked 45 in 60.1, and Otañez 42 in 55. The plan gives them bounded work, with broader use reserved for a failure scenario. Pence's Triple-A ERA was attractive, but 21 walks against 31 strikeouts in 38.2 innings make him an emergency option rather than a cheap certainty. Curry's 5.82 Double-A ERA reinforces the same concern.

ANALYSIS / 13

What the existing roster actually costs

Five contract allocations total $121 million for 2027. deGrom accounts for $37 million, Seager $31.5 million, Eovaldi $24 million, Nimmo $20.5 million and Jansen $8 million. Several include allocated signing bonuses, so these amounts are neither a cash-disbursement schedule nor the competitive-balance-tax calculation. The separate Nimmo bonus credit prevents that part of the allocation from being counted twice. [13]

Player / MLB ID	2027 allocation	Basis
Jacob deGrom / 594798	$37.000M	Final guaranteed 2027;2028 club option separate
Corey Seager / 608369	$31.500M	31 base +0.5 bonus allocation; through 2031
Nathan Eovaldi / 543135	$24.000M	20 base +4 bonus allocation; final 2027
Brandon Nimmo / 607043	$20.500M	20.25 base +0.25 bonus; through 2030; offset below
Danny Jansen / 643376	$8.000M	7.25 base +0.75 bonus;2028 mutual option separate
TOTAL	$121.000M	Allocation, not cash or tax AAV

The ten Texas names in the original arbitration estimate list total $38.3 million. Buttó's $800,000 estimate appears under San Francisco because that list predates the waiver claim. Moving him to Texas brings the retained total to $39.1 million, which reconciles with the current payroll aggregate. This is a correction of player affiliation, not an extra $800,000 on top of that aggregate. All eleven figures remain estimates rather than agreed salaries. [5,13,16]

Player	Estimate, $M	Treatment
MacKenzie Gore	8.70	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Jake Burger	6.90	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Ezequiel Duran	4.00	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Josh Jung	5.20	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Logan O'Hoppe	3.10	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF

Player	Estimate, $M	Treatment
Cody Bradford	1.30	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Robert Garcia	1.10	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Wyatt Langford	3.30	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Evan Carter	1.70	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Jacob Latz	3.00	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
Jose Butto	0.80	Unsigned estimate; Butto claimed Nov 2; source list placed him with SF
TOTAL	39.10	Ten original TEX estimates 38.3M plus Butto 0.8M

The two declined-option buyouts total $2.25 million. Pederson's declined $18.5 million, Junis's declined $5 million and Higashioka's declined $7 million are not ongoing salaries in the base. Re-signing any of them requires a new price. The report does not turn a declined option into both budget savings and retained production.

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The budget bridge and the next expiration point

Adding the five contracts, arbitration estimates and buyouts, then subtracting the $250,000 bonus credit, produces $162.1 million. That is the payroll source's player subtotal. The S&S model adds an $18-22 million pool for pre-arbitration players, organizational depth and callups, excluding the eleven arbitration estimates already counted. The resulting $180.1-184.1 million range is the common starting point for all three plans. [13,16]

Component	Annual allocation	Definition
Five contracts	$121M	Allocation, not CBT or cash
Arbitration estimates	$39.1M	Eleven retained estimates; Butto included after waiver claim
Declined-option buyouts	$2.25M	Higashioka 1M plus Junis 1.25M
Nimmo bonus credit	-$0.25M	Avoid duplicate signing-bonus allocation
Pre-arb, minors, callups	$18-22M	Excludes eleven arbitration estimates;2027 minimum unresolved
Existing-roster envelope	$180.10-184.10M	Benefits and tax excluded
RR 2027 estimate	$162.1M	Contract/arbitration/buyout subtotal; full roster pool added below
RR 2026 player estimate	$188.049M	Historical estimate, not an approved 2027 budget

Component	Annual allocation	Definition
2028 guarantees, net	$51.75M	Seager 31.5+Nimmo 20.5-0.25; options/buyouts separate

The source's broader 2027 total is $185.1 million and uses its own roster assumptions. It is not interchangeable with this model's subtotal, and neither number is an approved ownership budget. Benefits, tax treatment, the next labor agreement, actual roster selection and final salaries require separate reconciliation. The 2026 player estimate of about $188.05 million provides scale, not permission to spend a similar amount or evidence of the club's available cash.

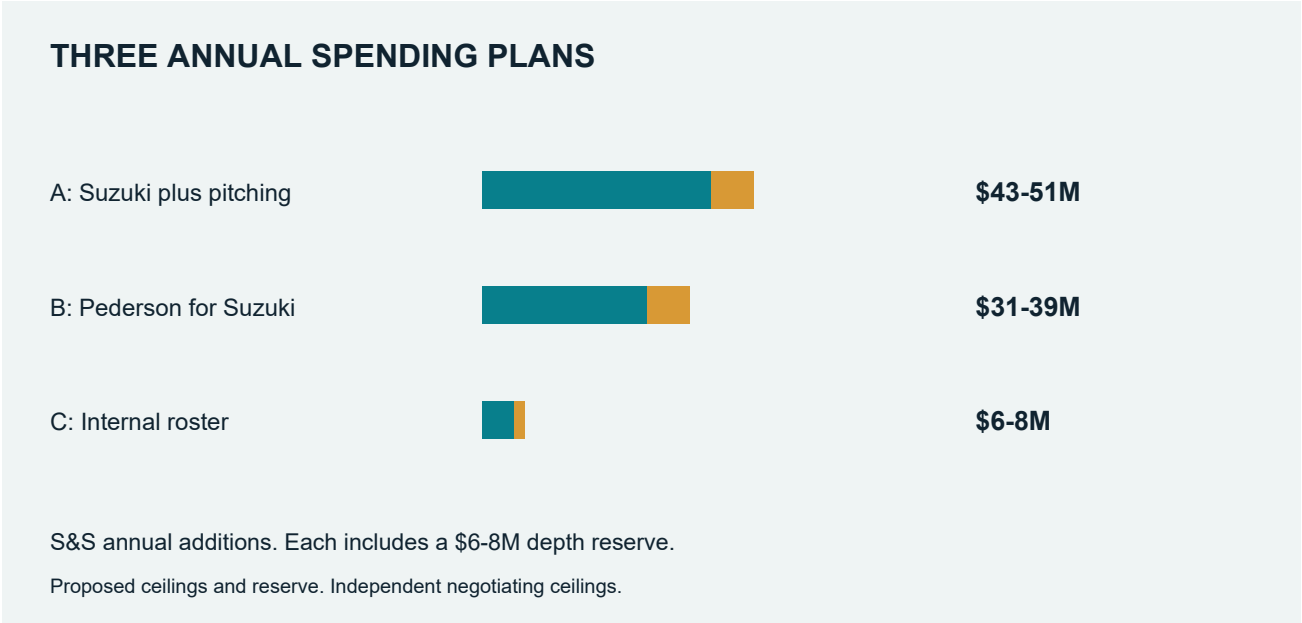
After 2027, Seager and Nimmo alone account for $51.75 million in net guaranteed allocations for 2028. deGrom's club option and Jansen's mutual option remain separate decisions, including possible escalation and buyout terms. Eovaldi's expiring allocation creates a future choice, but replacing his innings could consume much of that apparent flexibility. A four-year Suzuki offer therefore needs to be assessed over the full commitment, not only the first annual charge.

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Plan A: buy the bat and protect its supporting cast

Suzuki's proposed four-year $88-96 million contract allocates $22-24 million annually. Alexander adds $5-7 million and Iglesias $10-12 million for one season each. With the $6-8 million reserve, the annual additions are $43-51 million and new commitment is $109-123 million. The final player-allocation range is $223.1-235.1 million. The depth reserve is money held for contingencies; it contributes no automatic plate appearances, innings or wins.

Suzuki has a $23.15 million qualifying offer, with a November 17 decision deadline. Draft compensation and Texas's applicable signing costs must be verified before an agreement. The analysis does not invent an exact forfeited pick or assume future labor rules. If he accepts the offer or signs elsewhere, Plan A is unavailable. Its workload is then replaced by Plan B or C rather than left assigned to a player Texas does not control. [14]



The strongest objection is that Texas is paying heavily for a bat while catcher quality and rotation health remain uncertain. That objection is valid. Plan A is preferable only if the medical review supports the named starter workload and management can fund the reserve and any necessary catching branch. If the pitching review fails, the offensive purchase must be reconsidered before the contract is signed. The same dollars cannot buy Suzuki and an unlisted full-season starter.

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Plan B: a narrower bat and a shorter commitment

Pederson at one year and $10-12 million replaces Suzuki, leaving Alexander, Iglesias and the reserve intact. Annual additions and new commitment both become $31-39 million, for a total player-allocation range of $211.1-223.1 million. The lower commitment is the major advantage. It is also a different roster: Pederson gets 500 plate appearances and 110 DH starts, while Nimmo moves 50 planned DH starts into right field and Osuna gains 25 right-field starts and 100 plate appearances.

That rearrangement removes the illusion of getting the cheaper bat without paying a defensive price. Nimmo's 2026 range and Osuna's early defensive record make the extra outfield exposure meaningful. Pederson's 396 plate appearances against right-handers were productive, but his September wrist-fracture transaction requires a current examination of readiness. Administrative activation six days later does not prove the recovery or justify a new contract by itself. [5,7,8]

The club could prefer the shorter obligation even if it expects slightly less overall value. That is a defensible choice when the rotation and catching uncertainties make long commitments harder to justify. It should be described as buying a specific platoon-heavy offensive role, not as obtaining the same player value at half the price. If Pederson's terms or medical review fail, the internal plan is the remaining fully allocated option.

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Plan C: the real internal roster

The no-principal-acquisition plan adds only the $6-8 million reserve, producing a $186.1-192.1 million envelope. Suzuki's 600 plate appearances are reassigned to Osuna, Nimmo, Langford, Foscue and O'Hoppe. His 75 right-field and 60 DH starts are also reassigned explicitly. This puts greater pressure on Foscue to hit right-handed pitching, Osuna to improve his defensive contribution and the catchers to provide enough offense for occasional DH use.

The pitching change is equally concrete. Alexander's six starts and 30 innings go to Bradford, Macko and Davalillo. His 65 relief innings and Iglesias's 60 are divided among named internal pitchers. The model still reaches 162 starts and 1,440 total innings, but mathematical completeness exposes the weakness: more innings must come from arms whose minor-league walk rates or small major-league samples make them unreliable substitutes.

This is a budget-constrained plan, not a declaration that development will repair every problem. Its virtue is preserving flexibility and avoiding a poor long-term purchase. Its cost is a thinner margin for injury, weak

catching, and a lineup still dependent on rebounds. If the organization chooses it, the first-half evaluation should focus on command, contact quality and defensive execution, with a willingness to revise the roster when evidence fails to improve.

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Candidate comparison across the series

Suzuki appeared as a Cubs retention priority and a Braves alternative in earlier preparations. The Texas role differs. The Cubs construction gave him 600 plate appearances, 130 right-field starts and 27 at DH at four years and $96-108 million. Texas gives him more DH work, less defensive workload and an outside-signing compensation cost, producing a lower $88-96 million ceiling. The Braves alternative was lower still because shortstop and pitching needs competed more directly for the same resources. These are independent club valuations, not three simultaneous reservations on one free agent. [18]

Iglesias's $10-12 million one-year range matches the Braves alternative because the intended late-inning workload is comparable. Alexander is a retention purchase with an existing Texas performance sample and a specific multi-inning job. He is not interchangeable with the larger starter purchases used elsewhere. Martinez, Gray and Griffin would require Texas to remove or reduce existing starting assignments and redirect money from the bat, rather than simply append their innings.

Candidate / MLB ID	Full 2026 MLB evidence	S&S decision
Seiya Suzuki / 673548	634 PA, .841 OPS, 26 HR; 0.366/0.34 wOBA/xwOBA	A:4/$88-96M;600 PA;75 RF/60 DH
Joc Pederson / 592626	432 PA, .816 OPS, 26 HR; 0.352/0.343 wOBA/xwOBA	B:1/$10-12M;500 PA/110 DH; wrist review
Tyler Alexander / 641302	73.0 IP, 3.70 ERA, 3.35 xERA; 60 K/23 BB	A/B:1/$5-7M;95 total IP
Raisel Iglesias / 628452	60.0 IP, 2.55 ERA, 3.50 xERA; 64 K/17 BB	A/B:1/$10-12M;60 relief IP
Nick Martinez / 607259	180.0 IP, 3.10 ERA, 3.98 xERA; 109 K/26 BB	Rotation alternative 2/$26-30M; displaces existing starts
Sonny Gray / 543243	169.0 IP, 2.72 ERA, 3.87 xERA; 149 K/46 BB	Alternative 1/$20-24M; needs salary reprioritization
Foster Griffin / 656492	172.2 IP, 3.60 ERA, 4.35 xERA; 158 K/45 BB	Alternative 2/$28-32M; not another free innings slot
Steven Okert / 595345	67.2 IP, 2.13 ERA, 3.13 xERA; 68 K/14 BB	Alternative 2/$16-20M; different left-handed role
Taylor Clarke / 664199	73.0 IP, 2.96 ERA, 4.42 xERA; 45 K/14 BB	Fallback 1/$4-6M;4.42 xERA limits bid
Daulton Varsho / 662139	526 PA, .636 OPS, 12 HR; 0.281/0.283 wOBA/xwOBA	CF alternative; Carter already supplies range
Cedric Mullins / 656775	502 PA, .628 OPS, 15 HR; 0.281/0.264 wOBA/xwOBA	CF alternative; insufficient reason to displace Carter
Trent Grisham / 663757	484 PA, .703 OPS, 18 HR; 0.311/0.337 wOBA/xwOBA	Bat/CF tradeoff; range not upgraded

Candidate / MLB ID	Full 2026 MLB evidence	S&S decision
Marcell Ozuna / 542303	280 PA, .613 OPS, 8 HR; 0.276/0.304 wOBA/xwOBA	No preferred bid;2026 offense too weak
Jorge Polanco / 593871	145 PA, .431 OPS, 2 HR; 0.196/0.234 wOBA/xwOBA	Mets contract; no free-agent assumption
Kyle Higashioka / 543309	186 PA, .676 OPS, 7 HR; 0.303/0.295 wOBA/xwOBA	Conditional 1/$3-4M;180 PA/45 C starts
Jonah Heim / 641680	390 PA, .628 OPS, 13 HR; 0.275/0.285 wOBA/xwOBA	Catch-depth alternative; not automatic return

A new center fielder receives a lower priority because Carter already supplies range. Varsho and Mullins can be considered if that role changes, but a name that solves another club's problem does not automatically solve this one. Grisham's bat and range tradeoff also needs a specific vacancy. Polanco remains under a Mets contract; no free-agent purchase is available by assumption. Ozuna's weak recent offense does not justify making him the preferred DH solution.

No trade package is invented. A trade inquiry would need a verified counterpart, contract/control terms, a price in outgoing talent and an exact displaced role. Walcott is not a generic currency line added to make an unavailable acquisition look affordable. Texas can choose the no-acquisition outcome if the actual market demands more than the role is worth.

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A lineup with no invisible plate appearances

The principal allocation totals 6,200 plate appearances. It assigns recovery room to Seager and Jung, a larger season to Langford, substantial but bounded work to Carter and a real opportunity to Foscue. Every additional bat must displace these assignments. The total is a common season-planning denominator, not a forecast of Texas's exact number of plate appearances or a claim that every player will reach his line.

Hitter	PA	Condition
Danny Jansen	400	Primary catcher; forearm history
Logan O'Hoppe	320	Catching recovery and contact quality
Cooper Johnson	50	Third catcher; selection required
Jake Burger	550	First base; weaker versus right-handers
Ezequiel Duran	600	Everyday infield role; preserve versatility
Josh Jung	500	Third base; hand recovery
Corey Seager	550	Shortstop and DH; back history
Wyatt Langford	620	Outfield anchor; larger healthy workload
Evan Carter	500	Center-field range; offense must improve

Hitter	PA	Condition
Brandon Nimmo	580	Corner outfield with 65 DH starts
Seiya Suzuki	600	Proposed signing;75 RF and 60 DH starts
Justin Foscue	400	Second base/first base/DH; platoon risk
Alejandro Osuna	200	Corner depth; range needs improvement
Cam Cauley	150	Middle-infield/CF reserve
Cody Freeman	130	Third-base depth
Michael Helman	50	Flexible bench coverage
TOTAL	6200	Full season allocation, not Opening Day roster

Pos.	162-start allocation	Condition
C	Jansen 90; O'Hoppe 65; Johnson 7	Jansen and O'Hoppe carry the receiving risk
1B	Burger 130; Foscue 25; O'Hoppe 7	O'Hoppe seven starts conditional; Foscue fallback
2B	Duran 120; Foscue 42	Duran shifts toward second; OAA not position projection
3B	Jung 120; Duran 10; Freeman 32	Jung return; Duran and Freeman provide depth
SS	Seager 125; Duran 22; Cauley 15	Seager limited to 125 starts; Cauley sample small
LF	Langford 100; Nimmo 50; Osuna 12	Langford anchors; Nimmo and Osuna share work
CF	Carter 125; Langford 20; Cauley 17	Preserve Carter range; Langford and Cauley cover
RF	Suzuki 75; Langford 20; Osuna 45; Nimmo 15; Cauley 7	Suzuki adds offense; mixed defensive assignments
DH	Suzuki 60; Nimmo 65; Foscue 20; Seager 10; Burger 7	Nimmo and Suzuki receive most of the work

Each position totals 162 starts, and no individual exceeds 162. O'Hoppe's seven first-base starts are a proposed preparation branch, not an established defensive skill. If that preparation fails, Foscue takes the seven starts without inventing additional team plate appearances. The lineup's defensive quality still depends on actual fielding ability; a complete grid is a way to expose workload conflicts, not to erase them.

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Pitching capacity and the failure tests

The main staff totals 875 starter innings and 565 relief innings. Alexander appears in both roles, but his combined workload is 95 innings, counted once in the total. Macko and Davalillo likewise have combined workloads of 45 and 40. Alexander worked 107.2 innings in 2024 and 97.2 in 2025 before 73 in 2026, so the proposal is a return toward a prior workload with a required health review, not an unprecedented assignment. [1,17]

Pitcher	GS / IP	Condition
Jacob deGrom	28 / 155	Health, workload and command review
MacKenzie Gore	30 / 165	Health, workload and command review
Nathan Eovaldi	24 / 140	Health, workload and command review
Kumar Rocker	28 / 150	Health, workload and command review
Jack Leiter	22 / 115	Health, workload and command review
Cody Bradford	16 / 80	Health, workload and command review
Tyler Alexander	6 / 30	New deal
Adam Macko	4 / 20	Health, workload and command review
Winston Davalillo	4 / 20	Health, workload and command review
TOTAL	162 /875	No principal IP from Winn,Corniell,Baumler or Butto

Pitcher	IP	Condition
Raisel Iglesias	60	New deal
Jacob Latz	65	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Peyton Gray	60	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Robert Garcia	40	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Robby Ahlstrom	40	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Chase Silseth	55	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Tyler Alexander	65	New deal
Adam Macko	25	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Winston Davalillo	20	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Gavin Collyer	40	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Emiliano Teodo	35	Combined starting/relief workload checked

Pitcher	IP	Condition
Michel Otanez	30	Combined starting/relief workload checked
Ben Peoples	30	Combined starting/relief workload checked
TOTAL	565	875 starting +565 relief =1,440 IP

The combined stress test removes both principal pitching purchases, then removes Eovaldi and Leiter. Their 46 starts and 255 innings are reassigned to deGrom, Gore, Rocker, Bradford, Macko, Davalillo, Pence and Curry. The resulting grid still balances, but it relies on substantial minor-league exposure and a larger Bradford workload. That is evidence of the plan's vulnerability. It is not a claim that the reserve can buy equivalent performance on demand.

Change from A	Removed workload	Named replacement
B: Pederson for Suzuki	600 PA;75 RF/60 DH	Pederson 500 PA/110 DH; Osuna+100 PA/25 RF; Nimmo moves 50 DH to 50 RF
C: no Suzuki	600 PA;75 RF/60 DH	Osuna+200 PA/40 RF; Nimmo+50/20 RF; Langford+50/15 RF; Foscue+200/45 DH; O'Hoppe+100/15 DH
C: no Alexander	6 starts/30 IP;65 relief IP	SP Bradford,Macko,Davalillo +2/10 each; RP Macko+15,Silseth+15,Davalillo+10,Teodo+10,Ahlstrom+10,Collyer+5
C: no Iglesias	60 relief IP	Latz,Gray,Garcia,Ahlstrom,Silseth,Collyer +10 each
No Eovaldi/Leiter after C	46 starts/255 IP	deGrom+2/10; Gore+2/10; Rocker+2/10; Bradford+10/55; Macko+8/45; Davalillo+8/45; Pence+8/45; Curry+6/35
No Seager	550 PA;125 SS/10 DH	Cauley+400 PA/125 SS; Foscue+100/10 DH; Osuna+50/7 RF; Cauley gives Osuna 7 RF starts
No Jung	500 PA;120 3B	Freeman+250 PA/70 3B; Duran+150/50 3B; Foscue+100/50 2B; Duran shifts 50 2B starts
No Carter	500 PA;125 CF	Cauley+300 PA/70 CF; Langford+50/55 CF; Osuna+150/55 LF; Langford shifts 55 LF starts
No Jansen	400 PA;90 C	O'Hoppe+250 PA/65C; Johnson+150 PA/25C; weak internal catching branch
Conditional Higashioka	180 PA/45 C starts	O'Hoppe -130 PA/35C; Jansen -50/10C; adds 3-4M beyond plan, health/quality gate
O'Hoppe cannot play 1B	Seven 1B starts	Foscue takes 7; no additional PA assumed; receiver preparation remains separate
Multiple hitter failures	Fresh combined allocation	Individual branches are not automatically additive; review selection and innings/PA capacity

Winn, Corniell, Baumler and Buttó receive zero principal innings while their medical status is unresolved; salary obligations remain in the budget. The hitter branches are individual tests and must not simply be stacked together. Losing Seager, Jung and Carter at once would require a fresh combined plan and likely a different purchasing decision. A single healthy-depth branch cannot answer several simultaneous failures.

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The park and the scale of the problem

Texas went 45-36 at home and 35-46 away. Its offense was almost identical by OPS, .712 at home and .714 on the road. Run prevention changed much more sharply: 324 runs allowed at home, 395 away, with a 3.69 home ERA and 4.99 road ERA. Those are observed outcomes, not a park-factor adjustment or proof that the building caused the difference. Opponents, personnel and sequencing still matter. [19]

Split	Record	Runs for / against	OPS / ERA
Home	45-36	335 /324	.712 /3.69
Road	35-46	338 /395	.714 /4.99

Illustration, not forecast	RS / RA	Margin	Simple run-ratio wins
2026 baseline	673 / 719	-46	75.7
Score 35 more	708 / 719	-11	79.8
Prevent 35 runs	673 / 684	-11	79.7
Both improvements	708 / 684	+24	83.8
Lose 45 runs of offense	628 / 719	-91	70.1

The sensitivity table uses the simple squared-run-ratio formula, 162 times runs scored squared divided by the sum of runs scored squared and runs allowed squared. It is an illustration of scale, not a win projection, betting line or calibrated player model. Adding 35 runs on offense or preventing 35 both help. Achieving both matters more than pretending one expensive purchase can independently erase the entire minus-46 margin.

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The recommendation and the dated roster

The preferred route is a bounded Suzuki pursuit, a real multi-inning role for Alexander and a short commitment to Iglesias, while retaining Carter's range and Duran's versatility. Texas should move to the Pederson alternative if the larger contract exceeds its value ceiling, provided the wrist review and outfield rearrangement are acceptable. If neither clears, the internal plan provides a transparent starting point with a narrower competitive margin.

The decision should change if the starter medical review reveals that Eovaldi, Leiter or Bradford cannot support the assigned work. It should also change if the catching review requires a larger investment than the conditional branch can accommodate. Those findings would alter the order of spending before the club commits to a long contract. What Texas cannot afford is to spend the same flexibility three times: on a bat, a rotation recovery and a catcher solution that was never priced.

Player / MLB ID	Pos.	Snapshot treatment
Adam Macko / 671936	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Aidan Curry / 695778	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Alejandro Osuna / 696030	LF	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Ben Peoples / 687239	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Brandon Nimmo / 607043	RF	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Cam Cauley / 695508	CF	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Carter Baumler / 691945	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Chase Silseth / 681217	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Cody Bradford / 674003	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Cody Freeman / 683227	3B	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Cole Winn / 668390	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Corey Seager / 608369	SS	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Danny Jansen / 643376	C	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move

Player / MLB ID	Pos.	Snapshot treatment
David Davalillo / 699314	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Emiliano Teodo / 693713	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Evan Carter / 694497	CF	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Ezequiel Duran / 677649	SS	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Gavin Collyer / 686560	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Jack Leiter / 683004	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Jacob Latz / 656641	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Jacob deGrom / 594798	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Jake Burger / 669394	1B	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Jose Corniell / 692030	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Josh Jung / 673962	3B	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
José Buttó / 676130	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Justin Foscue / 679822	2B	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Kumar Rocker / 677958	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Leandro Lopez / 699214	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Logan O'Hoppe / 681351	DH	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
MacKenzie Gore / 669022	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Michael Helman / 680737	CF	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Michel Otañez / 671305	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Nathan Eovaldi / 543135	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Peyton Gray / 682608	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move

Player / MLB ID	Pos.	Snapshot treatment
Robby Ahlstrom / 695239	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Robert Garcia / 676395	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Winston Santos / 692437	P	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move
Wyatt Langford / 694671	LF	38 names; three main purchases require at least one corresponding move

Player / MLB ID	Latest relevant transaction	Treatment
Joc Pederson / 592626	2026-11-02: DH Joc Pederson elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Kyle Higashioka / 543309	2026-11-02: C Kyle Higashioka elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Jakob Junis / 596001	2026-11-02: RHP Jakob Junis elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Tyler Alexander / 641302	2026-10-29: LHP Tyler Alexander elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Cal Quantrill / 615698	2026-09-22: RHP Cal Quantrill elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Jordan Montgomery / 656756	2026-10-29: LHP Jordan Montgomery elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Jalen Beeks / 656222	2026-10-29: LHP Jalen Beeks elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Trevor Williams / 592866	2026-10-29: RHP Trevor Williams elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Nicky Lopez / 670032	2026-10-29: 2B Nicky Lopez elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Elias Díaz / 553869	2026-10-29: C Elias Díaz elected free agency.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Josh Smith / 669701	2026-09-01: Toronto Blue Jays activated 2B Josh Smith from the 10-day injured list.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Josh Stephan / 695776	2026-08-03: RHP Josh Stephan assigned to Buffalo Bisons.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Andrew McCutchen / 457705	2026-08-03: Gwinnett Stripers released DH Andrew McCutchen.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement
Sam Haggerty / 664059	2026-08-06: Louisville Bats released LF Sam Haggerty.	Zero retained work; any return needs a new agreement

This snapshot is dated November 3. Current affiliation, free agency, options, waivers, minors and injured-list history were checked for the November 3 edition. The prospect and historical contributor tables have distinct purposes; neither expands the current roster. No unpublished contract, private examination or unannounced trade is assumed.

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Sources, definitions and scope

All seasonal comparisons use completed MLB regular-season records. Club-specific batting and pitching lines remain separate from full-MLB expected statistics and multi-club totals. Minor-league samples identify their actual level and team. Innings are measured in outs, so .1 and .2 mean one and two outs rather than decimal tenths. Postseason performance is not mixed into the season comparison.

OAA measures defensive outs relative to modeled opportunities. Framing and broader catching value overlap and are not additive. Expected batting statistics and xERA describe aspects of observed performance; they do not account for every input needed for a forecast. Small samples, role changes and health uncertainty are preserved in the judgments. Dollar ranges are S&S proposal ceilings unless identified as contract allocations or published arbitration estimates.

[1] MLB: Rangers regular-season statistics

Completed 2024-26 seasons; club and full-league files saved separately.

Open source

[2] MLB: full-league statistics

Team totals and rankings; innings use outs rather than decimal arithmetic.

Open source

[3] MLB: Rangers completed game log

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

Open source

[4] MLB: dated Rangers roster

38 current names; organizational minors checked separately.

Open source

[5] MLB: Rangers transactions

Individual histories establish free agency, Butto claim, medical transactions and departures.

Open source

[6] Baseball Savant: expected statistics

2024-26 batter and pitcher files; full MLB season measures.

Open source

[7] MLB: handedness splits

Individual full-season splits saved separately.

Open source

[8] Baseball Savant: defensive values

Three-year OAA, opportunities, catcher framing and fielding run value saved separately; overlapping measures not added.

Open source

[9] MLB: Rangers fielding

Position-specific starts and innings.

Open source

[10] MLB: Rangers injuries and roster changes

Dated recovery evidence; administrative activation is not medical clearance.

Open source

[11] MLB: Round Rock statistics

AAA batting, pitching, fielding and roster records.

Open source

[12] MLB: Frisco statistics

AA records and additional affiliates; current Pipeline list checked separately.

Open source

[13] FanGraphs RosterResource: Rangers payroll

Contract allocations, buyouts, bonus credit and arbitration aggregate reconciled separately.

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[14] MLB: Suzuki qualifying offer

Official qualifying-offer record.

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[15] MLB: Rangers option decisions

Pederson, Higashioka and Junis options declined; November 2 free agency independently recorded in transactions.

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[16] MLB Trade Rumors arbitration estimates

Ten original TEX estimates total $38.3M; Butto $0.8M from SF list brings retained total to $39.1M.

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[17] MLB: individual player histories

Full MLB candidate history, separately reconciled with individual transactions. No availability from cached currentTeam alone.

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[18] 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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[19] MLB: Rangers home-road splits

Observed results, not park-adjusted projections.

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