



# BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING NOTES

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 · NATIONALS PARK · WASHINGTON, D.C.  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES (12-13-3) at WASHINGTON NATIONALS (14-10-3) · 1:05 PM ET  
RHP SHANE BAZ (0-1, 5.06) vs. LHP PJ POULIN (1-0, 0.00)

### TODAY'S GAME

The Birds face the Nationals for their final game of the spring in Washington, D.C. at 1:05 p.m...Baltimore took the opening matchup vs. Washington yesterday, 8-1, at Oriole Park

### TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

**ORIOLES:** RHP Shane Baz and RHP Chris Bassitt

**NATIONALS:** LHP PJ Poulin

### TOMORROW'S GAME

Baltimore begins the regular season on Thursday, March 26 at 3:05 p.m. vs. Minnesota at Camden Yards

### OPENING DAY STARTERS

**ORIOLES:** LHP Trevor Rogers

**TWINS:** RHP Joe Ryan

### BIRDLAND SOUTH

This season marks the 17<sup>th</sup> for the O's in Sarasota ...Called the "Augusta National of Spring Training" by *ESPN*, the facility features modern amenities, historical architecture, and first-class playing surfaces.

### BREAKDOWN vs. GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

OPP.	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
ATL (3)	0-2-0	0-0-1	0-2-1
BOS (1)	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
DET (3)	1-0-0	0-0-2	1-0-2
HOU (2)	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0
MIN (2)	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
NYG (3)	1-0-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
PHI (2)	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
PIT (5)	2-1-0	0-2-0	2-3-0
STL (2)	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0
TB (2)	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
TOR (2)	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
WSH (2)	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
<b>TOT (29)</b>	<b>8-6-0</b>	<b>4-7-3</b>	<b>12-13-3</b>

### ORIOLES CAMP ROSTER

42 players (32+8 NRI+2 IL)

### COUNTDOWN TO

**OPENING DAY: 3 DAYS**

March 26 vs. MIN – 3:05 p.m.

**HOMECOMING:** The Orioles returned to Camden Yards yesterday afternoon and secured an 8-1 win over the Nationals in the first of two games against them this spring...**LF Colton Cowser** opened the scoring in the second inning with a 419-ft. shot that landed on Eutaw Street, the first of three home runs in the game for Baltimore...**SS Gunnar Henderson** and **2B Jeremiah Jackson** added the others with Jackson's being a three-run homer in the eighth inning...**RHP Kyle Bradish** improved to 2-0 this spring with 5.1 scoreless innings of four-hit ball with three walks and three strikeouts, while **RHP Rico Garcia** tossed 0.2 shutout frames.

**THAT'S ALL FOLKS!:** The O's will play their 30<sup>th</sup> and final spring game today against the Nationals in Washington, D.C., at 1:05 p.m....Baltimore has gone 12-13-3 against 12 different Grapefruit League opponents, including a 5-3 mark (.625) against their AL East rivals...The Birds went 8-6 at home, where they hosted the Atlanta Braves, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Minnesota Twins, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals, Tampa Bay Rays, Toronto Blue Jays, and Washington Nationals, along with a special exhibition vs. Team Netherlands on March 3...Baltimore is 4-7-3 on the road, which included a trip to Florida's east coast to face St. Louis and Houston...The Orioles 15-game road slate featured two games against the Pirates, Tigers, and Yankees, and one game against the Astros, Blue Jays, Braves, Cardinals, Phillies, Rays, Red Sox, Twins, and Nationals, the latter of which is being played today.

**SPRING STARS:** **C Samuel Basallo** is batting .361 (13-for-36) with five doubles, three home runs, 10 runs, 11 RBI, and six walks through 14 games, ranking among the Grapefruit League in doubles (T-2<sup>nd</sup>, 5), extra-base hits (T-4<sup>th</sup>, 8), and RBI (T-7<sup>th</sup>)...In 14 games, **INF Coby Mayo** is hitting .389 (14-for-36) with three doubles, two home runs, four runs, a team-high 12 RBI, two walks, and one steal...**RHP Rico Garcia** has tossed 5.2 scoreless innings across six outings, allowing zero hits with one walk while striking out seven hitters.

**ONE MORE TIME:** The O's will open their 73<sup>rd</sup> season in Baltimore in three days vs. the Twins at Oriole Park on Thursday, March 26, at 3:05 p.m....The Birds have won their last three Opening Days (2023-25) by a combined score of 33-14 (+19), including last year's 12-2 win over the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre, where Baltimore set an Opening Day franchise record with six home runs.

**SPRING BREAKOUT:** The third iteration of MLB's Spring Breakout game was held Friday night at Ed Smith Stadium, where the Orioles prospects picked up a 3-1 win over the Red Sox farmhands...Baltimore's pitching staff combined for 9.0 innings of one-run ball on four hits and 14 strikeouts, including three scoreless innings from both starting **RHP Trey Gibson** (No. 5 O's prospect per *MLB Pipeline*) and **LHP Joseph Dzierwa** (No. 14), who earned the win...**DH Wilfri De La Cruz** broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh inning with a two-RBI single, and the Birds held on for the victory.

**OFFSEASON 40-MAN ADDITIONS:** The Orioles have eight new players on the 40-man roster: **INF/OF Blaze Alexander**, **1B Pfete Alonso**, **RHP Chris Bassitt**, **RHP Shane Baz**, **RHP Ryan Helsley**, **RHP Jackson Kowar**, **OF Leody Taveras**, and **OF Taylor Ward**...Alonso, Bassitt, Baz, Helsley, and Taveras were signed as free agents while Alexander, Kowar, and Ward were acquired in trades from the D-backs, Twins, and Angels, respectively.

**NON-ROSTER PLAYERS:** The O's currently have eight non-roster players in major league camp, including one pitcher, two catchers, three infielders, and two outfielders...All eight have prior MLB experience: **INF/OF José Barrero** (CIN, STL), **Thairo Estrada** (COL, NYY, SF), **C Maverick Handley** (BAL), **C Sam Huff** (SF, TEX), **1B/OF Jhonkensy Noel** (CLE), **RHP Albert Suárez** (BAL, SF), **INF Luis Vázquez** (BAL, CHC), and **INF/OF Weston Wilson** (PHI).

**THE SKIPPER:** Baltimore hired **Craig Albernaz** on October 27, 2025, becoming its 22<sup>nd</sup> manager in franchise history (since 1954)...He spent the past two seasons on the Guardians coaching staff, helping Cleveland win back-to-back AL Central titles, serving as bench coach in 2024 before being promoted to associate manager in 2025..."Alby", a former minor league catcher for nine seasons, coached and managed in the Tampa Bay Rays organization from 2015-18, and served as a Rays minor league field coordinator in 2019 before joining the Giants as bullpen and catching coach from 2020-23.

**COACHING STAFF:** The Orioles announced their 2026 Major League Coaching Staff on December 19, 2025...The club named **Dustin Lind** as Hitting Coach, **Donnie Ecker** as Bench Coach, **Brady North** as Assistant Hitting Coach, **Hank Conger** as Bullpen Coach, **Jason Bourgeois** as First Base Coach, **Buck Britton** as Third Base Coach, **Miguel Cairo** as Infield Coach, and **Joe Singley** as Field Coordinator/Catching Coach...Three coaches remain in their same positions from last season: **Drew French** as pitching coach (3<sup>rd</sup> season), **Mitch Plassmeyer** as Assistant Pitching Coach (3<sup>rd</sup> season), and **Ryan Klimek** as Pitching Strategy Coach (4<sup>th</sup> season).

**SPRING TRAINING IN SARASOTA:** The 2026 Spring Training season marks the club's 17<sup>th</sup> in Sarasota...In the 16 years since the Orioles moved major league Spring Training operations to Sarasota, more than 1.5 million fans have enjoyed Orioles baseball at Ed Smith Stadium...In addition, the Orioles host several special events throughout the year, including youth sports tournaments, arts and entertainment programs, and charitable activations, helping to generate more than \$832 million in economic impact in the state of Florida since 2015...For more information on the Orioles efforts in Sarasota County, please visit [Orioles.com/Sarasota](https://orioles.com/Sarasota).

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

OFF DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

OFF DAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Opening Day vs. MIN – 3:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: LHP Trevor Rogers  
MIN Starter: RHP Joe Ryan

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

OFF DAY

**TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER**

**#34 SHANE BAZ RHP**

**2025 IN REVIEW**

- Acquired by the Orioles from the Rays in exchange for C Caden Bodine, OF Slater de Brun, RHP Michael Forret, OF Austin Overn, and a 2026 Competitive Balance Round A pick on December 19
- Made his first career Opening Day roster
- Set career highs in starts, wins, strikeouts, innings, and quality starts (11)
- Was one of three Rays to remain active all season
- Registered 86 strikeouts on his knuckle-curve, most on any knuckle-curve in the majors and third most on a pitcher's curveball of any type
- His 97.0 mph average fastball velocity was fifth fastest in the AL and ninth fastest in the majors among qualified pitchers
- Made five starts of 7.0+ innings, tying Zack Littell for most on the Rays

**2026 SPRING TRAINING**

- Making his third Grapefruit League start this spring

**QUICK HITS**

- Selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first round (No. 12 overall) of the 2017 First-Year Player Draft...Traded to Tampa Bay (as a player to be named, 8/14/18) along with RHP Tyler Glasnow and OF Austin Meadows in exchange for RHP Chris Archer on July 31, 2018
- Pitched for Team USA in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics (7/30-8/7/21) and won a silver medal

**2026 SPRING TRAINING OUTINGS**

DATE	OPP.	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
2/27	at PIT	ND	2.1	0	0	0	2	4	0
3/4	vs. HOU	L	3.0	2	3	3	2	5	0

**2025 & CAREER MLB STATS**

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K
'25	10	12	4.87	31	31	166.1	158	91	90	26	64	176
Tot.	17	17	4.25	54	54	286.0	248	137	135	43	103	293

**TODAY'S RELIEVERS**

**RHP Chris Bassitt:** Making his fifth Grapefruit League appearance (3 GS) this spring...Agreed to a one-year major league contract with Baltimore on 2/13...Went 11-9 last season with the Toronto Blue Jays, recording a 3.96 ERA (75 ER/170.1 IP) on 80 total runs, 174 hits (22 HR), and 52 walks with 166 strikeouts over 32 appearances (31 GS)...Made seven appearances between the ALCS and World Series, allowing just one earned run over 8.2 innings on three hits and two walks with 10 strikeouts

**2026 SPRING GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS**

DATE	OPP.	W/L	REC.	ATT.	WIN/LOSS/SAVE
2/20	vs. NYY	W, 2-0	1-0	7,886 <sup>^</sup>	Espada/Hanner/Gibson
2/21	vs. PIT	L, 8-2	1-1	6,934	Dotel/Kremer
2/22	at DET	T, 4-4	1-1-1	6,039	--
2/23	vs. ATL	L, 10-7	1-2-1	4,614	Joseph/Paredes/Wallace
2/24	at MIN (SS)	W, 10-5	2-2-1	4,884	Suárez/Morris
2/25	vs. TB	W, 4-3	3-2-1	5,074	German/Edington/Cabrera
2/26	vs. DET	W, 6-5	4-2-1	5,959	Magno/Peña
2/27	at PIT	L, 6-1	4-3-1	4,573	Mattson/Wells, L
2/28	vs. ATL	L, 7-5	4-4-1	7,728 <sup>^</sup>	Suarez/Cano/Bourassa
3/1	at BOS	W, 8-7	5-4-1	9,278	Suárez/Webb/Pham
3/2	OFF DAY				
3/3	vs. NED#	L, 8-5		3,380	Merite/Rogers/Cravey
3/4	vs. HOU	L, 4-2	5-5-1	5,122	Gordon/Baz/Santa
3/5	vs. TB	W, 4-3	6-5-1	3,305	Kowar/Gómez/Tavera
3/6	vs. STL	L, 10-2	6-6-1	6,510	McGreevy/Suárez
3/7	at ATL (SS)	T, 2-2	6-6-2	6,305	--
	vs. MIN (SS)	W, 3-2	7-6-2	6,197	Enns/Prielipp/Barnhart
3/8	vs. TOR (SS)	L, 1-0	7-7-2	6,360	Ponce/Kowar/Juenger
3/9	at STL (SS)	L, 7-2	7-8-2	4,122	Svanson/German
3/10	at HOU	L, 7-6	7-9-2	3,186	Cosgrove/Ogando
3/11	vs. PIT	W, 7-2	8-9-2	6,066	Bradish/Davis/Bassitt
3/12	OFF DAY				
3/13	at PHI	L, 11-8	8-10-2	10,378	Alvarado/Wells, T
3/14	at PIT	L, 8-6	8-11-2	6,595	Meis/Hiraldo/Montgomery
3/15	vs. NYY (SS)	<b>Canceled due to Inclement Weather</b>			
3/16	vs. BOS	<b>Canceled due to Inclement Weather</b>			
3/17	at DET	T, 1-1	8-11-3	7,249	--
3/18	at TOR	W, 3-2	9-11-3	7,269	Suárez/Fleming/Pham
3/19	at NYY (SS)	L, 5-4	9-12-3	8,682	Bido/Rustad
	vs. PIT	W, 5-2	10-12-3	5,734	Rogers/Sanders/Kowar
3/20	vs. BOS*	W, 3-1	--	4,497	Dzierwa/Phillips
	at NYY	L, 3-1	10-13-3	9,989	Blackburn/Achen
3/21	vs. PHI	W, 10-8	11-13-3	7,816	Wells, T/Hernández
3/22	vs. WSH	W, 8-1	12-13-3	8,948	Bradish/Parker
3/23	at WSH	1:05 p.m.			

\* Denotes Spring Breakout game; ^ Indicates home sellout; # denotes exhibition game

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**BIRDS ON THE BUMP**

**#45 AKIN, KEEGAN LHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/20	vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
2/23	vs. ATL	1.0	3	2	2	0	0
3/4	vs. HOU	1.0	1	1	1	1	2
3/7	vs. MIN	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/19	vs. PIT	0.2	0	0	0	0	1

**#40 BASSITT, CHRIS RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/1	at BOS	2.0	2	2	2	2	0
3/6	vs. STL	3.0	1	1	0	1	2
3/11	vs. PIT	4.0	3	2	2	3	3
3/17	at DET	5.1	3	0	0	2	4

**#34 BAZ, SHANE RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/27	at PIT	2.1	0	0	0	2	4
3/4	vs. HOU	3.0	2	3	3	2	5

**#38 BRADISH, KYLE RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/22	at DET	2.0	3	2	2	1	2
2/28	vs. ATL	3.0	4	2	2	0	5
3/11	vs. PIT	5.0	1	0	0	1	2
3/22	vs. WSH	5.1	4	0	0	3	3

**#78 CANO, YENNIER RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/21	vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/24	at MIN	1.0	3	2	0	0	2
2/28	vs. ATL	1.0	1	1	1	0	1
3/3	vs. NED	1.0	2	0	0	1	2
3/6	vs. STL	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/13	at PHI	1.0	2	1	1	0	0
3/19	at NYY	1.0	1	1	1	0	0

**#24 EFLIN, ZACH RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/5	at TB	2.0	1	0	0	1	3
3/20	at NYY	5.1	1	0	0	0	7

**#71 ENNS, DIETRICH LHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/21	vs. PIT	0.1	4	6	6	2	0
2/24	at MIN	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
3/4	vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
3/7	vs. MIN	1.0	2	1	1	0	2
3/14	at PIT	1.2	1	1	1	1	0
3/18	at TOR	1.0	1	0	0	2	2
3/20	at NYY	0.2	0	0	0	2	1

**#50 GARCIA, RICO RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/20	vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
2/23	vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
2/28	vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
3/17	at DET	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/20	at NYY	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/22	vs. WSH	0.2	0	0	0	0	1

**#21 HELSLEY, RYAN RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/24	at MIN	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
2/28	vs. ATL	1.0	1	0	0	1	0
3/4	vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/8	vs. TOR	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
3/19	vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/22	vs. WSH	1.0	0	0	0	2	3

**BIRDS ON THE BUMP**

**#76 HIRALDO, YARAMIL RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/21	vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/24	at MIN	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/4	vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/7	vs. MIN	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/14	at PIT	1.0	4	3	3	1	2
3/18	at TOR	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/21	vs. PHI	1.0	0	0	0	1	0

**#39 KITTREDGE, ANDREW RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/25	vs. TB	0.1	1	3	2	1	1

**#57 KOWAR, JACKSON RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/26	vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
3/5	at TB	1.0	1	0	0	1	0
3/8	vs. TOR	1.0	2	1	1	0	1
3/13	at PHI	1.0	1	2	0	0	1
3/19	vs. PIT	1.0	1	0	0	1	1
3/22	vs. WSH	1.0	0	0	0	1	1

**#37 POVICH, CADE LHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/23	vs. ATL	2.0	1	0	0	1	1
3/7	vs. MIN	3.2	1	1	1	1	1
3/13	at PHI	2.2	1	3	3	5	4

**#28 ROGERS, TREVOR LHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/20	vs. NYY	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
2/25	vs. TB	3.0	1	0	0	0	3
3/3	vs. NED	2.1	6	6	6	1	4
3/14	at PIT	4.0	4	2	2	1	3
3/19	vs. PIT	5.1	7	2	2	0	7

**#49 SUÁREZ, ALBERT\* RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/24	at MIN	2.0	3	1	1	1	0
3/1	at BOS	2.0	1	1	0	1	2
3/6	vs. STL	2.2	9	7	7	1	2
3/18	at TOR	4.0	3	1	1	2	5

**#68 WELLS, TYLER RHP**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/21	vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/25	vs. TB	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/28	vs. ATL	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
3/4	vs. HOU	2.0	0	0	0	0	3
3/8	vs. TOR	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
3/13	at PHI	0.2	3	4	4	1	1
3/21	vs. PHI	1.0	0	0	0	0	