



# BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING NOTES

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026 · ED SMITH STADIUM · SARASOTA, FL  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES (6-5-1) vs. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (7-4) · 1:05 PM ET  
RHP CHRIS BASSITT vs. RHP MICHAEL MCGREEVY  
TV: MASN

## TODAY'S GAME

The O's return to Sarasota at 1:05 p.m. for the first of two games against the Cardinals this spring...The clubs face each other for the final time on Monday, March 9 at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium

## TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

**ORIOLES:** RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Albert Suárez, RHP Yennier Cano, RHP Jean Carlos Henriquez, and LHP Josh Walker

**CARDINALS:** RHP Michael McGreevy, RHP Matt Pushard, RHP Max Rajcic, RHP Ryan Fernandez, LHP Justin Bruihl, RHP Chris Roycroft, RHP George Soriano, RHP Tink Hence, and LHP Packy Naughton

## TOMORROW'S GAME

The Birds have a pair of split-squad games against the Braves in Venice and the Twins at Ed Smith Stadium, each at 1:05 p.m.

## TOMORROW'S STARTERS

**BAL at ATL:** LHP Luis De León; RHP Grant Holmes

**BAL vs. MIN:** LHP Cade Povich; RHP Mick Abel

## 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	0-0-0	0-2-0
BOS (2)	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
DET (3)	1-0-0	0-0-1	1-0-1
HOU (2)	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
MIN (2)	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
NY Yankees (4)	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
PHI (2)	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
PIT (5)	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0
STL (2)	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
TB (2)	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
TOR (2)	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
WSH (2)	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>TOT (31)</b>	<b>3-4-0</b>	<b>3-1-1</b>	<b>6-5-1</b>

## ORIOLES CAMP ROSTER

68 players (39+27 NRI+2 IL)

## COUNTDOWN TO

OPENING DAY: 20 DAYS

**HOLD ON:** The Birds escaped Port Charlotte with a 4-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays yesterday afternoon in the final game between the clubs this spring...**SS José Barrero** and **LF Will Robertson** hit their first home runs in 2026 Grapefruit League play to help Baltimore take a 4-0 lead into the eighth inning, but the Rays pulled to within one before **RHP Carlos Tavera** held on for the save...**RHP Zach Eflin** made his first start since undergoing back surgery in August and tossed 2.0 shutout frames of one-hit ball with one walk and three strikeouts.

**SPRING BREAKOUT:** Baltimore's 40-man player pool for its 2026 Spring Breakout game against the Boston Red Sox on March 20 in Sarasota was announced yesterday afternoon and includes 16 pitchers, four catchers, 10 infielders, and 10 outfielders...The group is highlighted by the O's top two prospects per *MLB Pipeline*, **C/1B Samuel Basallo** (No. 1) and **OF Dylan Beavers** (No. 2)...Other position players include **OF Nate George** (No. 3), as well as 2025 Draft picks **1B Ike Irish** (No. 6) and **SS Wehiwa Aloy** (No. 7)...**LHP Luis De León** (No. 4), **RHP Trey Gibson** (No. 5), **RHP Nestor German** (No. 12), and **RHP Levi Wells** (No. 15) headline the list of pitchers.

**HOW SWEET IT IS:** **CF Vance Honeycutt** entered Wednesday's contest vs. Houston as a pinch runner in the sixth inning and hit a 471 ft. homer in the eighth, marking the furthest home run in MLB Spring Training this year and tied for the third furthest in the Statcast Era (since 2015), trailing CWS' **Matt Davidson** (473 ft., 2018) and COL's **C.J. Cron** (472 ft., 2021)...In four Grapefruit League games, Honeycutt is 4-for-4 with four home runs, tied with CIN's Matt McLain for the most by any player this spring.

**AROUND THE WORLD:** The sixth edition of the World Baseball Classic has officially begun and features nine players in the Orioles organization, representing six different national teams: **LHP Micah Ashman** (Canada), **OF Enrique Bradfield Jr.** (Panama), **RHP Jose Espada** (Puerto Rico), **RHP Rico Garcia** (Puerto Rico), **INF Gunnar Henderson** (United States), **RHP Dean Kremer** (Israel), **RHP Ryan Long** (Great Britain), **OF Tyler O'Neill** (Canada), and **INF Luis Vázquez** (Puerto Rico).

**PLAY BALL!** The Orioles will play a total of 31 Grapefruit League games against 12 different opponents this spring, along with a special exhibition against Team Netherlands...Baltimore will host the Atlanta Braves, Blue Jays, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Minnesota Twins, Netherlands, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, Rays, Red Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, Washington Nationals, and Yankees for a total of 17 home games...The team's 15-game road schedule features two games against the Pirates, Tigers, and Yankees, and one game against the Astros, Blue Jays, Braves, Cardinals, Nationals, Phillies, Rays, Red Sox, and Twins...To view the complete Spring Training schedule, visit [Orioles.com/Spring](https://orioles.com/Spring).

**OFFSEASON 40-MAN ADDITIONS:** The Orioles have eight new players on the 40-man roster: **INF/OF Blaze Alexander**, **1B Pete 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 27 non-roster players in major league camp, including 12 pitchers, five catchers, five infielders, and five outfielders...Of the 27, 13 have prior MLB experience: **INF/OF José Barrero** (CIN, STL), **RHP Hans Crouse** (LAA, PHI), **INF Thairo Estrada** (COL, NYY, SF), **C Maverick Handley** (BAL), **C Sam Huff** (SF, TEX), **1B/OF Ryan Noda** (ATH, BAL, CWS), **1B/OF Jhonkensy Noel** (CLE), **RHP Enoli Paredes** (CHC, HOU, MIL), **OF Will Robertson** (CWS, TOR), **RHP Albert Suárez** (BAL, SF), **INF Luis Vázquez** (BAL, CHC), **LHP Josh Walker** (NYM, TOR), 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).

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7

at ATL – 1:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: LHP Luis De León  
ATL Starter: RHP Grant Holmes

vs. MIN – 1:05 p.m.

BAL Starter: LHP Cade Povich  
MIN Starter: RHP Mick Abel

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

vs. TOR (SS) – 1:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: TBA  
TOR Starter: TBA

TV: MASN | Radio: Hearst's WBAL News Radio, 98 Rock (97.9 FM)

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

at STL (SS) – 1:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: TBA  
STL Starter: TBA

TV: MLBN

## TUESDAY, MARCH 10

at HOU – 1:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: TBA  
HOU Starter: TBA

TV: MASN

**TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER**

**#40 CHRIS BASSITT RHP**

**2025 IN REVIEW**

- 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
- Became the first pitcher in Blue Jays history to go undefeated at home (min. 10 GS), finishing the regular season with an 8-0 record and a 2.71 ERA (28 ER/93.0 IP)
- Won 11 games, joining Kevin Gausman, Zack Wheeler, Framber Valdez, and Logan Webb as the only other pitchers to record 10+ wins in each of the last five seasons (2021-25)
- Became the third Blue Jay to strike out at least 150 batters in three straight seasons
- His 0.77 ERA through his first four starts of the season was the second-lowest mark in franchise history, trailing Mark Buehrle (0.64 ERA in 2014)
- Threw 106 pitches on 3/30 vs. BAL, matching his most in a season-opening start in his career (106 in his MLB debut on 8/30/14 vs. DET)

**2026 SPRING TRAINING**

- Making his second Grapefruit League start this spring

**QUICK HITS**

- Agreed to a one-year major league contract with Baltimore on 2/13
- Selected by the Chicago White Sox in the 16<sup>th</sup> round (No. 501 overall) of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft

**2026 SPRING TRAINING OUTINGS**

DATE	OPP.	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
3/1	at BOS	ND	2.0	2	2	2	2	0	0

**2025 & CAREER MLB STATS**

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K
'25	11	9	3.96	32	31	170.1	174	80	75	22	52	166
Tot.	83	65	3.64	232	218	1278.2	1184	559	517	143	409	1191

**TODAY'S RELIEVERS**

**RHP Albert Suárez:** Making his third Grapefruit League appearance this spring...Spent the majority of the year on the Injured List, missing 135 games from 3/30 (retroactive to 3/29)-8/31 with a right subscapularis strain before being placed on the 15-day IL on 9/15 with right elbow discomfort, ending his season.

**RHP Yennier Cano:** Making his fourth Grapefruit League appearance this spring...Went 3-7 last season with two saves, 17 holds, and a 5.12 ERA (33 ER/58.0 IP) on 62 hits (7 HR), 24 walks (1 IBB), two wild pitches, and one balk with 53 strikeouts in 65 appearances...His 65 games led all Orioles relievers while his 17 holds ranked second.

**RHP Jean Carlos Henriquez:** Making his second Grapefruit League appearance this spring...Went 2-1 with a 2.05 ERA (6 ER/26.1 IP) and 26 strikeouts in 17 appearances with Aguilas Cibaenas in the 2025-26 Dominican Winter League...Signed with the O's as a minor league free agent on 11/3/25...Last pitched in affiliated ball in 2015 with the DSL Rays.

**LHP Josh Walker:** Making his second Grapefruit League appearance this spring...Claimed off waivers from the Atlanta Braves on 12/10...Made three relief appearances for the Blue Jays, allowing four runs over 5.0 innings with eight strikeouts last season...Made 40 Triple-A appearances between the Blue Jays, Phillies, and Orioles organizations, going 2-2 with a 4.64 ERA (22 ER/42.2 IP), including a 2.70 ERA (2 ER/6.2 IP) in six outings with Triple-A Norfolk.

**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^	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/Edgington/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^	Suarez, J/Cano/Bourassa
3/1	at BOS	W, 8-7	5-4-1	9,278	Suárez, A/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, C/Baz/Santa
3/5	at TB	W, 4-3	6-5-1	3,305	Kowar/Gómez, Y/Tavera
3/6	vs. STL	1:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/7	at ATL (SS)	1:05 p.m.   O's Radio			
3/8	vs. TOR (SS)	1:05 p.m.   O's Radio   MASN			
3/9	at STL (SS)	1:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/10	at HOU	1:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/11	vs. PIT	1:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/12	OFF DAY				
3/13	at PHI	1:05 p.m.   O's Radio			
3/14	at PIT	1:05 p.m.   O's Radio   MASN			
3/15	vs. NYY (SS)	6:05 p.m.   O's Radio   MASN			
3/16	vs. BOS	6:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/17	at DET	1:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/18	at TOR	1:07 p.m.   MASN			
3/19	at NYY (SS)	1:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/20	vs. PIT	6:05 p.m.   MASN			
3/20	vs. BOS*	6:05 p.m.   O's Radio			
3/21	vs. PHI	1:05 p.m.   O's Radio   MASN			
3/22	vs. WSH	1:35 p.m.   O's Radio   MASN			
3/23	at WSH	1:05 p.m.   MASN			

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

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**BIRDS ON THE BUMP**

#	NAME	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
#45	AKIN, KEEGAN	2/20 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	1
		2/23 vs. ATL	1.0	3	2	0	0
		3/4 vs. HOU	1.0	1	1	1	2
#40	BASSITT, CHRIS	3/1 at BOS	2.0	2	2	2	0
#74	BAUTISTA, FÉLIX-JL <sup>60</sup>						
#34	BAZ, SHANE	2/27 at PIT	2.1	0	0	0	2
		3/4 vs. HOU	3.0	2	3	3	2
#38	BRADISH, KYLE	2/22 at DET	2.0	3	2	2	1
		2/28 vs. ATL	3.0	4	2	2	0
#78	CANO, YENNIER	2/21 vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	2
		2/24 at MIN	1.0	3	2	0	2
		2/28 vs. ATL	1.0	1	1	1	0
		3/3 vs. NED	1.0	2	0	0	1
#56	CROUSE, HANS*						
#81	De LEÓN, LUIS*	3/1 at BOS	1.0	0	0	0	0
#24	EFLIN, ZACH	3/5 at TB	2.0	1	0	0	1
#71	ENNS, DIETRICH	2/21 vs. PIT	0.1	4	6	6	2
		2/24 at MIN	1.0	1	0	0	2
		3/4 vs. HOU	1.0	1	0	0	2
#70	ESPADA, JOSE	2/20 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	2
		2/23 vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	0
		2/28 vs. ATL	1.0	1	1	0	2
#65	FOSTER, CAMERON	2/22 at DET	1.0	0	0	0	2
		2/26 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	0
		3/1 at BOS	1.0	1	0	0	0
		3/5 at TB	1.0	1	0	0	1
#50	GARCIA, RICO	2/20 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	1
		2/23 vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	1
		2/28 vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	3
#89	GERMAN, NESTOR*	2/25 vs. TB	2.1	1	0	0	2
#88	GIBSON, TREY*	2/20 vs. NYY	3.0	2	0	0	3
		2/26 vs. DET	2.2	3	3	3	1
#21	HELSELEY, RYAN	2/24 at MIN	1.0	1	0	0	0
		2/28 vs. ATL	1.0	1	0	0	1
		3/4 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	2
#91	HENRIQUEZ, JEAN CARLOS*	2/23 vs. ATL	1.0	1	0	0	0
#76	HIRALDO, YARAMIL	2/21 vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	2
		2/24 at MIN	1.0	0	0	0	1
		3/4 vs. HOU	1.0	0	0	0	1

**BIRDS ON THE BUMP**

#	NAME	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
#39	KITTREDGE, ANDREW	2/25 vs. TB	0.1	1	3	2	1
#57	KOWAR, JACKSON	2/26 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	1
		3/5 at TB	1.0	1	0	0	1
#64	KREMER, DEAN	2/21 vs. PIT	2.0	0	2	2	3
		2/26 vs. DET	2.2	5	2	2	1
		3/3 vs. NED	4.0	2	0	0	1
#94	MAGNO, ANDREW*	2/22 at DET	1.0	1	1	1	1
		2/26 vs. DET	1.0	1	0	0	0
		3/5 at TB	1.0	0	0	0	0
#66	NUNEZ, ANTHONY	2/22 at DET	1.0	0	0	0	0
		2/26 vs. DET	1.0	0	0	0	1
		3/1 at BOS	1.0	1	0	0	2
		3/5 at TB	1.0	1	0	0	0
#90	PEREZ, ENOLI*	2/23 vs. ATL	0.1	2	3	3	1
		3/5 at TB	1.0	2	0	0	1
#37	POVICH, CADE	2/23 vs. ATL	2.0	1	0	0	1
#28	ROGERS, TREVOR	2/20 vs. NYY	2.0	1	0	0	0
		2/25 vs. TB	3.0	1	0	0	0
		3/3 vs. NED	2.1	6	6	6	1
#60	SELBY, COLIN-JL <sup>60</sup>						
#49	SUÁREZ, ALBERT*	2/24 at MIN	2.0	3	1	1	1
		3/1 at BOS	2.0	1	1	0	1
#95	TORRES, ERIC*	2/23 vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	2
		3/5 at TB	0.2	2	2	2	1
#61	WALKER, JOSH*	2/23 vs. ATL	1.0	1	0	0	0
#93	WELLS, LEVI*	2/21 vs. PIT	2.0	1	0	0	0
		2/27 at PIT	1.1	3	4	4	2
#68	WELLS, TYLER	2/21 vs. PIT	1.0	0	0	0	0
		2/25 vs. TB	1.0	0	0	0	2
		2/28 vs. ATL	1.0	1	0	0	1
		3/4 vs. HOU	2.0	0	0	0	3
#80	WESTON, CAMERON*	2/22 at DET	2.0	1	0	0	1
#48	WOLFRAM, GRANT	2/20 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	0
		2/24 at MIN	1.0	0	0	0	1
		2/27 at PIT	0.2	1	0	0	0
		3/3 vs. NED	1.0	0	0	0	2
#63	YOUNG, BRANDON	2/22 at DET	2.0	2	1	1	0
		2/27 at PIT	2.0	3	0	0	0

\*=NRI  
IL=Injured List

**RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

- 3/4 Reassigned INF Aron Estrada to minor league camp.
- 3/3 Optioned RHP Chayce McDermott to minor league camp...Reassigned RHP Jeisson Cabrera, INF Payton Eeles, RHP Keagan Gillies, and RHP Richard Guasch to minor league camp.
- 2/23 Signed INF Thairo Estrada to a minor league contract and invited him to Spring Training.
- 2/20 Claimed INF/OF Bryan Ramos off waivers from the St. Louis Cardinals...Placed RHP Félix Bautista (right shoulder surgery) on the 60-day Injured List.
- 2/14 Placed RHP Colin Selby on the 60-day Injured List (right shoulder inflammation)...Acquired RHP Jackson Kowar from the Minnesota Twins in exchange for cash considerations.
- 2/13 Signed RHP Chris Bassitt to a one-year major league contract.
- 2/6 INF/OF Bryan Ramos claimed off waivers by the St. Louis Cardinals...INF/OF Weston Wilson cleared outright waivers and assigned to Triple-A Norfolk.
- 2/5 Acquired INF/OF Blaze Alexander from the Arizona Diamondbacks in exchange for RHP Kade Strowd, RHP Wellington Aracena, and INF José Mejía.

**UPCOMING ED SMITH STADIUM PROMOTIONS**

DATE	OPP.	ITEM/PROMOTION	SPONSOR	ELIGIBILITY
3/7	MIN	Spring Training T-Shirt	Florida Department of Citrus	First 4,000 Fans
3/8	TOR	Family Weekend		All Fans
		Kids Run the Bases	The Out-Of-Door Academy	All Fans 4 to 14
3/11	PIT	Youth Sports Day	First Watch Restaurants	All Fans 4 to 14
		Family Weekend Seniors Stroll	Sunways Senior Living Concierge	All Fans
3/15	NYN	Kids Run the Bases	The Out-Of-Door Academy	All Fans 4 to 14