



# BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING NOTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 · JOKER MARCHANT STADIUM · LAKELAND, FL  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES (8-11-2) at DETROIT TIGERS (7-11-4) · 1:05 PM ET  
RHP CHRIS BASSITT (0-0, 4.00) vs. RHP JUSTIN VERLANDER (0-0, 8.44)

## TODAY'S GAME

The O's face the Tigers in Lakeland for the third and final time this spring...Baltimore tied Detroit on February 22 before defeating them, 6-5, at Ed Smith Stadium on February 26

## TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

**ORIOLES:** RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Jose Espada, and RHP Rico Garcia

**TIGERS:** RHP Justin Verlander, RHP Kenley Jansen, LHP Konnor Pilkington, RHP Ricky Vanasco, and RHP Burch Smith

## TOMORROW'S GAME

Baltimore heads to Dunedin for its second and final matchup against Toronto this spring...The Birds fell to the Blue Jays in Sarasota, 1-0, on March 8

## TOMORROW'S STARTERS

**ORIOLES:** RHP Albert Suárez

**BLUE JAYS:** LHP Josh Fleming

## 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	0-0-1	1-0-1
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	0-0-0	1-0-0
PHI (2)	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
PIT (5)	1-1-0	0-2-0	1-3-0
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	0-0-0	0-1-0
WSH (2)	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>TOT (29)</b>	<b>5-6-0</b>	<b>3-5-2</b>	<b>8-11-2</b>

## ORIOLES CAMP ROSTER

49 players (34+13 NRI+2 IL)

## COUNTDOWN TO

### OPENING DAY: 9 DAYS

March 26 vs. MIN – 3:05 p.m.

**SPRING RAIN:** Last night's game between Baltimore and Boston at Ed Smith Stadium was canceled due to inclement weather, and there will be no makeup date...The big-league clubs won't meet again this spring, but a group of Orioles and Red Sox prospects will square off at 6:05 p.m. on Friday, March 20, at Ed Smith Stadium in the third iteration of MLB's Spring Breakout game, which Baltimore hosts for the second straight year.

**ROSTER MOVE:** Yesterday, the Orioles reassigned **RHP Enoli Paredes** and **INF/OF Willy Vasquez** to minor league camp.

**AROUND THE WORLD:** **INF Gunnar Henderson** hit his second home run of the World Baseball Classic on Sunday to help Team USA defeat Team Dominican Republic, 2-1, and advance to the championship game...Henderson's game-tying blast came in the fourth inning went 400 ft. with an exit velocity of 105.8 mph...The O's shortstop is batting a team-high .429 (6-for-14) over three games for Team USA with one double, two homers, two runs, and four RBI...The sixth edition of the WBC 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), Henderson (United States), **RHP Dean Kremer** (Israel), **RHP Ryan Long** (Great Britain), **OF Tyler O'Neill** (Canada), and **INF Luis Vázquez** (Puerto Rico).

**SPRING BREAKOUT:** The third iteration of MLB's Spring Breakout game is on Friday, March 20, at Ed Smith Stadium, where a group of Orioles and Red Sox prospects will square off at 6:05 p.m....Baltimore hosts the showcase for the second straight year with an initial roster highlighted by **C 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.

**GRAPEFRUIT CRUSH:** **INF Coby Mayo** ranks among Grapefruit League leaders in RBI (T-3<sup>rd</sup>, 10) and hits (T-5<sup>th</sup>, 13), while **OF Dylan Beavers** ranks in doubles (T-4<sup>th</sup>, 4) and extra-base hits (T-6<sup>th</sup>, 6)...**OF Vance Honeycutt** is tied with seven others for the most home runs in the Grapefruit League, going 5-for-9 (.556) with seven runs, six RBI, and one walk in nine games.

**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](http://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 13 non-roster players in major league camp, including six pitchers, two catchers, three infielders, and two outfielders...Of the 13, nine 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 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](http://Orioles.com/Sarasota).

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

at TOR – 1:07 p.m.  
BAL Starter: RHP Albert Suárez  
TOR Starter: LHP Josh Fleming

TV: MASN

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

at NYY (SS) – 1:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: RHP Dean Kremer  
NYY Starter: TBA

vs. PIT – 6:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: LHP Trevor Rogers  
PIT Starter: TBA

TV: MASN

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Spring Breakout vs. BOS – 6:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: TBA  
BOS Starter: TBA

at NYY – 6:35 p.m.  
BAL Starter: TBA  
NYY Starter: TBA

Radio: Hearst's WBAL News Radio

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

vs. PHI – 1:05 p.m.  
BAL Starter: TBA  
PHI Starter: TBA

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

**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 third Grapefruit League start (4<sup>th</sup> appearance) 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
3/6	vs. STL	ND	3.0	1	1	0	1	2	0
3/11 <sup>^</sup>	vs. PIT	ND	4.0	3	2	2	3	3	1

**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

<sup>^</sup>=Relief Appearance

**TODAY'S RELIEVERS**

**RHP Jose Espada:** Making his fourth Grapefruit League appearance this spring...Made his lone appearance of the 2025 season with the O's on 9/20 vs. NYY, becoming the eighth reliever in franchise history (since 1954) to throw 3.0+ scoreless innings with 4+ strikeouts in his team debut...Released by San Diego on 7/22 and signed a minor league contract with Baltimore on 7/26.

**RHP Rico Garcia:** Making his fourth Grapefruit League appearance this spring...Made two scoreless appearances for Team Puerto Rico in the 2026 WBC, allowing three walks and striking out one over 1.1 innings...Went 0-2 with a career-high 10 holds and a 3.15 ERA (12 ER/34.1 IP) on 31 hits (5 HR), 10 walks (1 IBB), and two wild pitches with 38 strikeouts across 29 appearances (1 GS) in 2025 between the Mets (8 G), Yankees (1 G), and Orioles (20 G/1 GS)...Recorded a 2.84 ERA (6 ER/19.0 IP) with Baltimore...Claimed off waivers from the New York Mets on 8/5.

**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	at TB	W, 4-3	6-5-1	3,305	Kowar/Gómez/Tavera
3/6	vs. STL	L, 10-2	6-6-1	6,510	McGreavy/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	1:05 p.m.			
3/18	at TOR	1:07 p.m.	MASN		
3/19	at NYY (SS)	1:05 p.m.			
	vs. PIT	6:05 p.m.	MASN		
3/20	vs. BOS*	6:05 p.m.			
	at NYY	6:35 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.			

\* 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

**#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

**#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

**#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

**#56 CROUSE, HANS\* RHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/14 at PIT	1.0	3	2	2	0	2

**#81 De LEÓN, LUIS\* LHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/1 at BOS	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/7 vs. MIN	1.2	1	0	0	1	2

**#24 EFLIN, ZACH RHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/5 at TB	2.0	1	0	0	1	3

**#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

**#70 ESPADA, JOSE RHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/20 vs. NYY	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/23 vs. ATL	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
2/28 vs. ATL	1.0	1	1	0	0	2

**#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

**#89 GERMAN, NESTOR\* RHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/25 vs. TB	2.1	1	0	0	2	4
3/9 at STL	3.0	4	5	5	1	3

**#88 GIBSON, TREY\* RHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/20 vs. NYY	3.0	2	0	0	0	3
2/26 vs. DET	2.2	3	3	3	1	2
3/9 at STL	4.0	1	2	2	2	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

**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

**#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

**#64 KREMER, DEAN RHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/21 vs. PIT	2.0	0	2	2	3	1
2/26 vs. DET	2.2	5	2	2	1	1
3/3 vs. NED	4.0	2	0	0	1	2

**#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	1

**#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

**#93 WELLS, LEVI\* RHP**

Date, Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/21 vs. PIT	2.0	1	0	0	0	2
2/27 at PIT	1.1	3	4	4	2	2
3/10 at HOU	3.2	3	2	2	1	1

**#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