

Take Maholm Tonight

Unbiased Team Analysis

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Overall Grade: **C+**

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The Mendoza Line League | 2026 Season

1. Overall Team Summary (Brutal Honesty Edition)

Quick Verdict: Pretender with Delusions of Competence

This team is the fantasy baseball equivalent of a guy who shows up to a steakhouse and orders a salad. You've got some legitimately interesting pieces — a few young bats with upside, a couple of pitchers who could anchor a rotation — but then you surrounded them with a bullpen full of guys that 99% of CBS owners have never heard of and a collection of aging DH-only sluggers whose best days are further behind them than Paul Maholm's career. Speaking of which, naming your team after Paul Maholm in 2026 is either an incredible deep-cut bit or a cry for help. Either way, I respect it.

One-liner roast: This roster looks like it was drafted by someone who fell asleep after the 12th round and let auto-pick handle the bullpen.

One-liner compliment: Zach Neto at \$10 and Trevor Rogers at \$7 are the kind of keeper values that make other managers throw their laptops across the room.

2. Roster Construction & Strategy

What the manager prioritized: Contact hitting, starting pitching depth, and apparently collecting relievers the way a raccoon collects shiny garbage.

What they ignored: Power concentration, stolen base ceiling, closer reliability, and the concept of having a second baseman. You have **zero players** with 2B-only eligibility. Arraez technically qualifies, but that's your only option. You also have a disturbing number of DH-eligible-only players on a roster that can presumably only

start one DH. Ozuna, Yandy, and Arraez are all fighting for the same roster spots in real life AND on your fantasy team.

Where the roster is fragile:

- **Middle infield depth:** Neto is your entire shortstop situation, and he's currently day-to-day with a hand issue. If he misses time, you're screwed sideways.
 - **Saves:** Will Vest had 23 saves last year but is far from a locked-in closer. After that, you're praying for vulture saves from setup guys. Tony Santillan had 7 saves and 33 holds — he's a setup man, not a closer.
 - **Age on the pitching staff:** Sonny Gray is 36, Gausman is 35, Taillon is 34. Your top three SP investments by salary are all on the wrong side of Father Time.
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3. Strengths

- **Zach Neto is a five-category monster at a discount.** 26 HR, 26 SB, 5+ WAR in 2025 — all for \$10. He's 25 years old and projected for nearly 500 FPTS. This is the crown jewel of your roster, and honestly, it's not close.
 - **Trevor Rogers' renaissance is real and cheap.** A 1.81 ERA and 0.90 WHIP in 109.2 innings for Baltimore in 2025, kept for just \$7? That's borderline criminal. If he stays healthy for a full season, he's an SP1 at an SP5 price.
 - **Jarren Duran provides elite speed and extra-base hit upside.** 24 SB, 41 doubles, 13 triples, and 16 HR in 2025. He's your best source of stolen bases and triples, and at \$19, the price is fair for a guy with 92% ownership.
 - **Kevin Gausman is still a workhorse.** 193 innings, 189 K's, 3.59 ERA in 2025. At \$28 he's not cheap, but he's your most reliable innings-eater and strikeout source. Projected for 583.9 FPTS — your highest-projected player.
 - **Jakob Marsee is a fascinating lottery ticket at \$4.** Only 55 games of MLB experience, but he slashed .292/.363/.479 with 14 SB in that sample. Projected for 440 FPTS in 2026. If he gets a full season of at-bats in Miami, this could be a league-winning value.
 - **Yandy Diaz bounced back hard in 2025.** .300 AVG, 25 HR, .848 OPS — a massive improvement over his 2024 slump. Already mashing in spring training. At \$22 he's not a steal, but he's a reliable floor play.
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4. Weaknesses / Red Flags

- **Your bullpen is a dumpster fire of anonymity.** Santillan (10% owned), Vest (24% owned), Sabrowski (1% owned), Vesia (15% owned), Vasil (5% owned). You

have FIVE relievers, and their combined ownership percentage is lower than Jarren Duran's alone. That's not a bullpen — that's a support group for guys whose moms are the only ones watching.

- **Erik Sabrowski is owned in 1% of leagues. ONE PERCENT.** You're paying \$8 for a guy who threw 29.1 innings last year and is essentially invisible to the fantasy community. His 2025 numbers were solid (1.84 ERA, 12.9 K/9) but in a minuscule sample. This is a \$1 flier being held at \$8. That's called overpaying for hope.
 - **Marcell Ozuna is cooked.** Let's be real: he went from 39 HR and a .925 OPS in 2024 to 21 HR and a .756 OPS in 2025. He's now 35, DH-only, on the Pirates, and projected for just 299.2 FPTS — the lowest projection on your entire roster among everyday players. You're paying \$15 for a guy whose decline curve looks like a ski slope. At 38% ownership, the market agrees: this man is washed.
 - **Sonny Gray at \$33 is highway robbery — and YOU'RE the victim.** He's 36 years old, posted a 4.28 ERA in 2025 (down from his Cy Young-caliber 2023), and just got lit up in his spring debut. You're paying ace money for a back-end starter. His projected 479.8 FPTS doesn't justify being your most expensive player.
 - **Jameson Taillon's spring is a horror movie.** 19.50 ERA, 2.67 WHIP, 6 HR allowed in 6 spring innings. Yes, it's spring training. But he's also 34, coming off a mediocre 2025 (3.68 ERA but a whopping 24 HR allowed in 129.2 IP), and the headline literally says "spring struggles continue." At \$9 the price is fine, but the player might not be.
 - **Luis Arraez at \$25 is a lot for a guy who doesn't do anything except hit singles.** His power is essentially non-existent (8 HR, .100 ISO in 2025), and his batting average actually dropped from .314 to .292. He's a one-category contributor in a five-category game. For \$25, you need more than a contact machine who occasionally steals a base.
 - **No clear second baseman or third baseman depth.** Barger is your only 3B, and he hit .243 with a .302 OBP last year. If he struggles, you have no fallback. Same with SS — Neto is it, and he's currently nursing a hand issue.
 - **Your roster is heavy on "guys on bad teams."** Ozuna (PIT), O'Hearn (PIT), Beck (COL), Marsee (MIA), Vasil (CHW), Kirk (TOR). These teams aren't winning, which means fewer runs scored, fewer RBI opportunities, and fewer wins for your pitchers. Context matters.
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5. Player-by-Player Takes

BATTERS

Alejandro Kirk (C) — TOR | \$6

Role: Starting catcher for the Blue Jays. Everyday player when healthy.

Value: Solid. At \$6, Kirk is a perfectly fine catcher — .282 AVG, 15 HR, 76 RBI in 2025 was a career year. Projected for 402 FPTS. The catcher position is a wasteland, so having a guy who can actually hit is valuable.

Risk: He's 5'8", 245 pounds, and plays the most physically demanding position. Gravity is undefeated. His 2024 was awful (.253, 5 HR). The bounce-back was nice, but durability is always a question.

□ He's built like a bowling ball and hits like one too — occasionally strikes, mostly gutters, but every now and then he knocks everything down.

Yandy Diaz (DH) — TB | \$22

Role: Primary DH/1B for Tampa Bay. Locked into the middle of the order.

Value: Solid. Bounced back nicely in 2025 (.300, 25 HR, .848 OPS) after a rough 2024. Projected for 568 FPTS. Already going yard in spring training.

Risk: He's 34, and the 2024 dip (.281, 14 HR) is a reminder that age-related decline can come fast. Zero speed. DH-only limits his positional flexibility on your roster.

□ Yandy hits the ball hard and runs like he's wading through peanut butter. A perfectly cromulent fantasy asset at \$22, but don't expect him to age gracefully.

Luis Arraez (1B) — SF | \$25

Role: Starting 1B for the Giants. Batting title contender annually.

Value: Overpriced specialist. He hits for average — that's it. 8 HR, .100 ISO, 11 SB in 2025. His AVG actually dropped from .314 to .292. For \$25, you're paying for one category.

Risk: If the batting average dips below .280, he becomes a fantasy black hole. Minimal power, declining walk rate (34 BB in 675 PA is atrocious for a "contact hitter").

□ Luis Arraez is the human equivalent of a bunt single — technically a hit, but nobody's excited about it.

Zachary Neto (SS) — LAA | \$10

Role: Franchise shortstop for the Angels. Five-tool contributor.

Value: Elite value. 26 HR, 26 SB, 5.08 WAR in 2025 at age 24. Ranked #6 on CBS. Projected for 493 FPTS. At \$10, this is absurd. He's a top-3 fantasy shortstop being paid like a bench bat.

Risk: Currently day-to-day with a hand injury. Strikes out a LOT (149 K's, .221 K/BB ratio). The batting average (.257) could crater further if the strikeouts tick up.

□ This is the pick that justifies your entire team's existence. If Neto stays healthy, he's worth more than your next three most expensive players combined. Protect this man at all costs.

Jarren Duran (LF) — BOS | \$19

Role: Everyday outfielder for Boston. Leadoff or top-of-the-order bat.

Value: Strong. Ranked #19 on CBS. 2024 was a breakout (8.68 WAR, .834 OPS), and while 2025 was a step back (.256, .774 OPS), he still delivered 24 SB and 70 extra-base hits. He's absolutely raking in spring (3 HR in 5 games). At \$19, this is fair-to-good value.

Risk: The 2025 regression was real — AVG dropped nearly 30 points, OPS dropped 60 points. Is 2024 the outlier or 2025? He's 29, so the physical prime window is closing.

□ Duran runs like he stole something (because he literally did, 24 times). The spring numbers are filthy. If 2024 Duran shows up, this is a \$19 steal. If 2025 Duran shows up, it's still fine. Win-win.

Jakob Marsee (CF) — MIA | \$4

Role: Likely everyday outfielder for the rebuilding Marlins.

Value: High-upside lottery ticket. Only 55 MLB games under his belt, but he slashed .292/.363/.479 with 14 SB in that sample. Projected for 440 FPTS — a massive jump that assumes a full-season role. At \$4, the price is right.

Risk: Tiny sample size. Playing for the Marlins means limited lineup protection and a depressing team context. He was caught stealing 6 times in 20 attempts (70% success rate is mediocre). Could easily be a 350 FPTS guy if the league adjusts to him.

□ The \$4 Marsee special: either you got the next Jarren Duran or the next Bubba Starling. There is no in-between with Marlins prospects.

Marcell Ozuna (DH) — PIT | \$15

Role: DH for the Pirates. That's... that's about it.

Value: Landmine. Went from 39 HR/.925 OPS in 2024 to 21 HR/.756 OPS in 2025. Now he's 35, on the Pirates, and projected for just 299 FPTS. At \$15, you're paying for 2024 Ozuna and getting 2025 Ozuna — or worse.

Risk: Age 35 decline, DH-only, bad team, 38% ownership (the market is screaming "drop me"). His projected FPTS would make him one of the worst values on your roster relative to salary.

□ Marcell Ozuna on the Pirates is like putting a Ferrari engine in a shopping cart. Even if the engine still works, the vehicle ain't going anywhere.

Kerry Carpenter (RF) — DET | \$11

Role: Starting corner outfielder for Detroit. Could see expanded time vs. lefties per recent news.

Value: Solid with upside. 26 HR and a .497 SLG in 2025 despite a low .252 AVG. His 2024 rate stats were elite (.284/.345/.587) in limited time. Projected for 460 FPTS. At \$11, this is good value if he gets full playing time.

Risk: Historically platooned against lefties. Walks almost never (18 BB in 464 PA — that's a 3.9% walk rate, which is genuinely horrifying). If the platoon continues, his counting stats have a ceiling.

□ Kerry Carpenter hits the ball extremely hard and draws walks like he's allergic to first base. If Detroit lets him face lefties, watch out. If not, he's a frustrating tease.

Ryan O'Hearn (1B) — PIT | \$9

Role: 1B/RF for the Pirates. News says he's set to play RF, which could help playing time.

Value: Replacement-level filler. .281 AVG and 17 HR in 2025 is fine but unspectacular. Projected for 382 FPTS. He's 32, on the Pirates, and owned in just 33% of leagues. He's a bench bat, not a starter.

Risk: He's the definition of "fine." Not enough power to start at 1B in fantasy, not enough upside to get excited about. The RF eligibility is nice for flexibility, but this is a roster spot that could be better used.

□ Ryan O'Hearn is the plain oatmeal of fantasy baseball. You won't hate it, but you'll definitely wish you had something else.

Addison Barger (3B) — TOR | \$8

Role: Starting 3B for the Blue Jays. Established himself in 2025 after a rough 2024.

Value: Decent upside play. 21 HR and 32 doubles in 2025 showed real power development. Projected for 399 FPTS. At \$8, the price is reasonable for a 26-year-old with power upside.

Risk: The .243 AVG and .302 OBP are ugly. He struck out 121 times with only 36 walks. If the power doesn't play, he's a batting average sinkhole. His 2024 was genuinely terrible (.197 AVG).

□ Barger is the guy who brings a sledgehammer to a knife fight — he'll hit some dingers, but he's also going to break a lot of shit along the way, including your batting average.

Jordan Beck (LF) — COL | \$7

Role: Everyday outfielder for Colorado. Young, toolsy, and in Coors Field.

Value: Upside stash. 16 HR and 19 SB in 2025 in his first full season. Projected for 351 FPTS. He's 24 and plays in Coors, which gives him a higher ceiling than his numbers suggest.

Risk: 174 strikeouts. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR. That's a 29.6% K-rate with a .247 BB/K ratio. His 2024 cup of coffee was horrendous (.188 AVG, -0.81 WAR). He's a high-variance asset who could easily bust.

□ Jordan Beck: the Coors Field tax makes him look interesting, but strip away the altitude and he's a guy who strikes out more than a nervous teenager at prom.

PITCHERS

Trevor Rogers (SP) — BAL | \$7

Role: Front-of-rotation starter for Baltimore. No signs of rust per spring reports.

Value: Elite value. 1.81 ERA, 0.90 WHIP, 9-3 record in 18 starts for the O's in 2025. Ranked #25 on CBS. Projected for 544 FPTS. At \$7, this is your best pitcher value by a country mile.

Risk: He only threw 109.2 innings — can he handle a full 180+ IP workload? His pre-2025 career was a disaster (combined 38.6 and 87.1 FPTS in 2023-24). The renaissance could be real, or it could be a half-season mirage.

□ Trevor Rogers went from "who?" to "how?" in one season. If Baltimore's pitching development magic holds, this is the steal of your draft. If it doesn't, well, remember when he was worth 38 fantasy points in 2023?

Kevin Gausman (SP) — TOR | \$28

Role: Ace of the Blue Jays rotation. Workhorse innings-eater.

Value: Solid anchor. 193 IP, 189 K, 3.59 ERA in 2025. Projected for 584 FPTS — your highest-projected player. Ranked #23 on CBS. At \$28, you're paying for what you get: a reliable SP1/SP2.

Risk: He's 35. The ERA has crept up each year (3.83 in 2024, 3.59 in 2025 — actually improved, but both are well above his 2023 peak of 683 FPTS). The splitter is still nasty, but Father Time is lurking.

□ Gausman is the dad at the gym who can still outlift half the room but needs an extra day to recover. Dependable, but don't be shocked if the wheels come off mid-season.

Sonny Gray (SP) — BOS | \$33

Role: Mid-rotation starter for the Red Sox. New team after leaving STL/MIN.

Value: Overpaid. Your most expensive player at \$33, and he posted a 4.28 ERA in 2025. That's a massive decline from his 2023 Cy Young campaign (634.7 FPTS). Projected for 480 FPTS — fine, but not \$33 fine. Already looked rough in his spring debut (13.50 ERA in 1.1 IP).

Risk: Age 36, declining velocity, new league (AL East is brutal), and the spring numbers are ugly. His FPTS have dropped every year: 635 → 536 → 501 → projected 480. That's a trend line pointing straight into the toilet.

□ Paying \$33 for 36-year-old Sonny Gray is like buying a used car with 200,000 miles because it used to be a BMW. It WAS nice, man. It WAS.

David Peterson (SP) — NYM | \$7

Role: Back-end starter for the Mets. Rotation filler.

Value: Streamer-quality starter at a fair price. 4.22 ERA and 150 K in 168.2 IP in 2025. Projected for 442 FPTS. He's the definition of "fine" — eats innings, doesn't blow up too often, won't win you a league.

Risk: Inconsistent career (5.03 ERA in 2023, 2.90 in 2024, 4.22 in 2025). The walk rate is concerning (65 BB in 168.2 IP). He's a lefty with a 38% ownership rate — the market doesn't love him.

□ David Peterson is the pitcher you draft when you realize you forgot to draft pitching. Perfectly adequate. Aggressively mediocre. A warm body on the mound.

Jameson Taillon (SP) — CHC | \$9

Role: Mid-rotation starter for the Cubs. Veteran arm.

Value: Risky but projectable. Projected for 489 FPTs (a big jump from his 393 in 2025), which feels optimistic given his spring struggles and age. 14 quality starts in 23 games is solid, but 24 HR allowed in 129.2 IP is terrifying.

Risk: He's 34, getting bombed in spring (19.50 ERA, 6 HR in 6 IP), and his career has been a roller coaster of injuries and inconsistency. The home run problem is real — 24 HR in 129 IP is a 1.67 HR/9 rate. That's not a bug, it's a feature of his flyball tendencies.

□ Taillon's spring line reads like a war crime. The projection system thinks he'll be fine. The actual baseball says "maybe not." At \$9 the downside is limited, but so is your patience when he serves up his 30th homer of the year.

Tony Santillan (RP) — CIN | \$8

Role: Elite setup man for the Reds. Appeared in 80 games in 2025.

Value: Sneaky good if your league values holds. 2.44 ERA, 33 holds, 9.2 K/9 in 73.2 IP. But only 7 saves. If your league counts holds, he's a weapon. If it doesn't, he's a middling RP eating a roster spot.

Risk: 10% ownership tells you everything. He's not closing, and his role could change if the Reds acquire a real closer. Spring hasn't been great (16.20 ERA in 1.2 IP).

□ Tony Santillan: the king of "almost." Almost a closer. Almost widely owned. Almost worth \$8. Almost.

Will Vest (RP) — DET | \$6

Role: Closer for the Tigers. Had 23 saves in 2025.

Value: Your only real source of saves. 23 saves, 3.01 ERA, 9.8 K/9. At \$6, that's reasonable for a closer. Projected for 322 FPTs.

Risk: 24% ownership. The Tigers could easily bring in competition or trade for a closer. His spring has been a nightmare (27.00 ERA in 1.2 IP). Closer jobs on bad teams are inherently unstable.

□ Will Vest is your saves strategy, and that should terrify you. He's one bad week away from losing the job to whatever arm the Tigers pull out of their bullpen roulette wheel.

Erik Sabrowski (RP) — CLE | \$8

Role: Middle reliever/setup man for Cleveland. 12 holds in 33 games in 2025.

Value: Deep-league dart throw being paid like a mid-tier asset. 1.84 ERA and 12.9 K/9 are exciting, but in only 29.1 innings. He's owned in 1% of leagues. ONE PERCENT. You're paying \$8 for a guy who is literally invisible to the fantasy community.

Risk: Minuscule sample size. Could easily regress. Could lose his role. Could be the next Emmanuel Clase. Could also be the next... well, the next guy you've never heard of who flames out.

□ Erik Sabrowski sounds like a character from a spy novel, not a fantasy baseball asset. At 1% ownership, you're either a genius or you accidentally typed the wrong name into the search bar during your draft.

Alex Vesia (RP) — LAD | \$10

Role: High-leverage lefty reliever for the Dodgers. Setup man with occasional save chances.

Value: Solid reliever, but \$10 is steep. 3.02 ERA, 0.99 WHIP, 12.1 K/9 in 2025. Only 5 saves but 26 holds. He's nasty — but he's not closing, and he's day-to-day with a personal matter.

Risk: Current day-to-day status. The Dodgers have approximately 47 relievers who could take his high-leverage role. \$10 for a setup man with 5 saves is a lot.

□ Vesia's stuff is filthy, but paying \$10 for a guy who isn't closing is like buying courtside tickets to watch the warmups.

Mike Vasil (RP) — CHW | \$8

Role: Swingman/long reliever for the White Sox. 47 games (3 starts) in 2025.

Value: Interesting volume play on a terrible team. 2.50 ERA in 101 IP is legitimately good. 4 saves and 3 holds suggest an undefined role. Projected for 362 FPTS. At 5% ownership, nobody else cares about this guy.

Risk: He's on the White Sox. The walk rate is ugly (52 BB in 101 IP). His spring WHIP is 2.31. The 2.50 ERA might be a mirage — his peripherals (low K-rate of 7.3 K/9, high walk rate) suggest regression.

□ Mike Vasil on the White Sox is like finding a decent restaurant in an airport — technically exists, but you're still in an airport.

6. Best Picks / Steals

- **Zach Neto at \$10:** A top-5 fantasy shortstop for the price of a mediocre bench bat. This is the kind of keeper value that wins leagues. 26/26 with 5+ WAR? At \$10? Disgusting. In the best way.
 - **Trevor Rogers at \$7:** A potential ace for the cost of a streaming pitcher. If he throws 170+ innings with anything close to his 2025 ratios, this is the best pitching value in your league.
 - **Jakob Marsee at \$4:** The cheapest player on your roster has one of the highest ceilings. If he gets 550+ PA in Miami, the projected 440 FPTS at \$4 is robbery.
 - **4. Jarren Duran at \$19:** A five-category contributor with 92% ownership and a CBS rank of #19. Fair price for a guy who could easily return top-15 overall value.
 - **5. Alejandro Kirk at \$6:** Catcher is a wasteland, and Kirk's 2025 bounceback (.282, 15 HR, 76 RBI) makes him a top-10 option at the position for dirt cheap.
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7. Worst Picks / "What Were You Thinking?"

- **Sonny Gray at \$33:** Your single most expensive player is a 36-year-old in decline who just moved to the AL East. His FPTS have dropped every single year since 2023. You're paying champagne prices for flat beer. This is the kind of contract that sinks fantasy teams.
 - **Marcell Ozuna at \$15:** A 35-year-old DH-only player on the Pirates, projected for 299 FPTS. That's \$15 for what might be the worst points-per-dollar ratio on your roster. He's trending toward "unrosterable" territory, and 38% ownership confirms the market has moved on. Why haven't you?
 - **Erik Sabrowski at \$8:** You're paying \$8 for a reliever owned in 1% of leagues who threw 29 innings last year. TWENTY-NINE INNINGS. That's not a keeper — that's a prayer. This should be a \$1 waiver add, not an \$8 commitment.
 - **Luis Arraez at \$25:** Paying \$25 for a one-category contributor (batting average) who is actually getting WORSE at that one category (.314 → .292) is a bold strategy. He provides almost nothing in power, and his OBP is declining because he's stopped walking. At \$25, you need more than slap singles.
 - **Honorable Mention — Alex Vesia at \$10:** Great pitcher, wrong price for a setup man. If he were closing, \$10 is fine. He's not. You're overpaying for ratios and holds.
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8. Draft-Day Advice / Next Moves

1. **Trade Sonny Gray immediately.** His name still carries weight in casual leagues. Find someone who remembers his 2023 Cy Young campaign and sell high before the regular season confirms the decline. Use the salary savings on literally anything else.
2. **Cut Marcell Ozuna.** Free up \$15 in salary for a player who might actually help you. At 299 projected FPTS, you can find that production on the waiver wire for free.
3. **Target a real closer.** Will Vest is your only save source, and he's shaky. Look for a trade or waiver add to get a second closer. Your saves category is held together with duct tape and wishful thinking.
4. **Add a second baseman.** You literally don't have one unless you play Arraez there. Target someone with 2B eligibility in the draft or on waivers. This is a gaping roster hole.
5. **Consider cutting Sabrowski (\$8) and Vasil (\$8) to free up \$16 in salary.** Both are low-owned relievers who can be replaced on waivers. Use that money to upgrade at a position of need.
6. **Handcuff Neto.** He's day-to-day with a hand injury and your only shortstop. Find a backup SS on waivers NOW, not after he hits the IL.
7. **Monitor Carpenter's platoon situation.** The news says he may see more work against lefties — if that happens, his value jumps significantly. If not, he's a part-time player at \$11.
8. **Ride the Marsee wave.** If he's starting every day in Miami, let him cook. If he's platooned or sent down, be ready to pivot quickly. His \$4 salary means you can afford to be patient.
9. **Look for a high-upside SP in the draft.** Your rotation is top-heavy with aging arms (Gray 36, Gausman 35, Taillon 34). You need a young arm with upside to balance the age risk. Rogers is great, but one young arm isn't enough insurance.
10. **Consider trading Arraez for power.** His batting average is declining, and your team is already light on HR/RBI. A trade to a team that values contact could net you a power bat or a quality pitcher.

9. Final Grade

Grade: C+

This roster has a few genuinely excellent keeper values (Neto, Rogers, Marsee, Duran) surrounded by too much dead weight, overpaid veterans, and a bullpen that

looks like it was assembled by throwing darts at a board of names nobody recognizes. The offensive core is decent but lacks power concentration and has too many guys fighting for DH/1B slots. The pitching staff has a nice ceiling but a terrifying floor given the age of the top-three salary arms.

If this team wins, it'll be because... Neto stays healthy and goes supernova, Rogers pitches like a Cy Young candidate for a full season, Marsee becomes a legitimate everyday star, and Duran recaptures his 2024 magic. If those four things happen, this team has a real shot.

If this team loses, it'll be because... Sonny Gray's \$33 arm falls apart, Ozuna's \$15 corpse drags down the roster, the bullpen provides approximately zero reliable saves, Neto's hand injury lingers, and the manager stubbornly holds onto declining assets instead of making the hard cuts. Which, based on the current roster construction, feels... likely.

Take Maholm Tonight? More like Take a Long Look in the Mirror Tonight. You've got the bones of a competitive team buried under some truly questionable salary commitments. Fix the bullpen, dump the dead weight, and pray to the fantasy gods that your young guys break out. Otherwise, you're headed straight for The Mendoza Line — which, given your league name, might be poetically appropriate.