

# The Hamate's Tale

Unbiased Team Analysis

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Overall Grade: **B**

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*A Story of Bones, Bargains, and Bewildering Bullpen Bets*

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### 1. Overall Team Summary (Brutal Honesty Edition)

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#### Quick Verdict: Competitive Contender — With a Limp

This is a team built by someone who clearly reads the waiver wire at 2 AM and whispers "value" to themselves in the mirror. The Hamate's Tale has a genuinely strong core — Jose Ramirez, Ketel Marte, Geraldo Perdomo's breakout, Freddy Peralta — surrounded by a collection of mid-tier bats, a catcher who might not even start every day, and a bullpen strategy that can only be described as "I'll figure it out later." There's real talent here, but also real fragility. This roster is one Rodón elbow flare-up away from being a house of cards in a wind tunnel.

**One-liner roast:** You named your team "The Hamate's Tale" and then built a roster where half the players have injury tags. That's not a team name, that's a prophecy.

**One-liner compliment:** Geraldo Perdomo at \$8 after a 7-WAR season is the kind of theft that should require a police report.

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### 2. Roster Construction & Strategy

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#### What the manager prioritized:

- **Balanced hitting with a value bent.** The lineup is full of \$6-\$14 keepers who provide solid-to-good production. This manager clearly hunts for surplus value like a couponer at Costco.
- **Starting pitching upside.** Rodón, Peralta, Suarez, and Boyd form a legitimately scary rotation — when healthy. Schlittler at \$3 is a dart throw with real ceiling.

- **Closer accumulation.** Duran, Santana, Scott, and Jason Adam give you saves and holds from multiple angles.

### What they ignored:

- **Catcher. Completely.** Edgar Quero is 22, on the White Sox, only 17% owned, and projected for 181 fantasy points. That's not a catcher — that's a Make-A-Wish roster spot.
- **Speed.** Outside of Ramirez (44 SB) and Perdomo (27 SB), this team runs like it's wearing ankle monitors. Frelick chips in a bit, but the rest of the lineup is basically stationary.
- **Outfield depth.** Happ, Nimmo, Frelick, and Abreu are all fine-to-good, but none of them are elite, and the projections show decline across the board.

### Where the roster is fragile:

- **Injury concentration is alarming.** Rodón (elbow, Day-to-Day), Tanner Scott (lower body, Day-to-Day), and Jason Adam (quadriceps, Day-to-Day) are all banged up before the season even starts. That's three of your pitchers entering the year with asterisks.
  - **No bench depth evident.** With 21 roster spots and 21 players listed, there's zero margin for error. One IL stint and you're scrambling.
  - **First base is a question mark.** Spencer Steer had a brutal 2025 (0.55 WAR, .722 OPS) and Jonathan Aranda is on the Rays, which means his playing time could evaporate any Tuesday for no reason.
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## 3. Strengths

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- **Jose Ramirez is still Jose Ramirez.** 30 HR, 44 SB, .283/.360/.503 in 2025 at age 32. He's your entire five-category foundation, and at \$65 in a keeper league, he's worth every penny. The man is a fantasy cheat code.
- **Geraldo Perdomo's breakout is the steal of the century.** A 7.02 WAR season with 20 HR, 27 SB, 100 RBI, and a walk rate that would make Joey Votto weep — all for \$8. If this holds even at 70%, you're laughing all the way to the bank.
- **The starting pitching trio of Peralta/Rodón/Boyd is filthy.** Peralta posted a 2.70 ERA with 204 K in 2025. Rodón went 18-9 with a 3.09 ERA. Boyd quietly put up 598 FPTS with a 3.21 ERA across 179.2 IP. That's three aces for a combined \$54.
- **Jhoan Duran is an elite closer.** 32 saves, 2.06 ERA, 10.3 K/9 in 2025. Now in Philadelphia with a team that should give him plenty of save opportunities. Ranked #4 among RPs on CBS. This is your bullpen anchor.

- **Dennis Santana is a sneaky-good value.** A 2.18 ERA and 0.87 WHIP across 70.1 innings in Pittsburgh? For \$6? That's elite relief production at a discount store price. 16 saves and 13 holds means he's involved in everything.
  - **Ketel Marte provides premium production at 2B.** Even in a "down" 2025 (126 games), he slashed .283/.376/.517 with 28 bombs. Projected for nearly 700 FPTS in 2026. At \$44 he's expensive, but he's also ranked #20 overall on CBS.
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## 4. Weaknesses / Red Flags

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- **Edgar Quero at catcher is a war crime.** 166.6 FPTS in 2025. A .689 OPS. Five home runs. Zero stolen bases. On the worst team in baseball. And the news literally says "even reps at catcher unlikely." You're punting the position so hard it might clear the stadium.
- **Carlos Rodón's elbow is a ticking time bomb.** He's listed Day-to-Day with an elbow issue. This is the same man who threw 64.1 innings in 2023 with a 6.85 ERA before his body fell apart. Yes, he was brilliant in 2025. But at 33 with elbow concerns, you're one bad MRI from losing your \$24 ace.
- **Tanner Scott had a terrible 2025 and is already hurt.** A 4.74 ERA as a closer? That's not closing games, that's opening wounds. He went from a dominant 2024 (496 FPTS) to 250 FPTS, and now he's Day-to-Day with a lower body issue. The Dodgers bullpen is a committee waiting to happen. You're paying \$11 for anxiety.
- **Wilyer Abreu at \$28 is a significant overpay.** He produced 358.8 FPTS in 2025 — that's \$28 for what amounts to a league-average outfielder. Projected for 449.6 in 2026, which is fine, but you're paying premium prices for a guy who's only 42% started across CBS leagues. That salary is eating into your flexibility.
- **Spencer Steer's 2025 was genuinely bad.** A 0.55 WAR and .723 OPS from your first baseman is the kind of production you can find on waivers. The projection bumps him back to 450 FPTS, but the stolen bases cratered (25 → 7) and the average stayed ugly. If the bounce-back doesn't come, this is a dead roster spot.
- **Projection regression is everywhere.** Perdomo: 747 → 544. Nimmo: 514 → 413. Happ: 480 → 425. Rodón: 711 → 495. Frelick: 480 → 464. The projections are waving yellow flags across this entire roster. Your 2025 was better than your 2026 is going to be.
- **Danny Coulombe is 36 years old and 2% owned.** I genuinely had to double-check that this wasn't a mistake. He's a fine lefty reliever, but he's a 36-year-old middle reliever on the Rangers with 218 FPTS last year. This is the kind of

roster spot that should be a prospect or a high-upside flier, not a LOOGY clinging to relevance.

- **Zero roster flexibility.** 21 players, 21 roster spots, \$476 salary. There's no bench, no taxi squad cushion, nothing. If Rodón's elbow goes or Marte misses time (he played only 126 games in 2025), you're starting Danny Coulombe's 265 projected fantasy points and praying.
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## 5. Player-by-Player Takes

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### BATTERS

#### Edgar Quero (C) — CHW | \$2

**Role/Status:** Backup-to-maybe-starter on the worst team in baseball. News says "even reps at catcher unlikely." Cool.

**Value:** Lottery ticket / Landmine. He's 22 and switch-hitting, so the upside exists in theory, but 181 projected FPTS is catcher purgatory.

**Risk:** Playing time is not guaranteed. The White Sox have no reason to rush anything. You could be starting a part-time catcher on a 100-loss team.

□ *Hot take: This is less of a fantasy catcher and more of a "I forgot to draft a catcher" catcher. The early 2026 stats look nice (.455 BA in 7 games), but it's spring training — my dead grandmother could hit .400 in Cactus League games.*

#### Jose Ramirez (3B) — CLE | \$65

**Role/Status:** Perennial MVP candidate. Five-category monster. The heartbeat of this roster.

**Value:** Elite. Top-5 overall player. CBS rank #4.

**Risk:** He's 33, and the projection dips from 785 → 745 FPTS. That's still elite, but the clock is ticking. Also, he's on Cleveland, which could trade everyone around him and tank his RBI opportunities.

□ *This man had 44 stolen bases at age 32. He's not declining, he's defying biology. Your best player by a country mile, and honestly the reason this team has any shot at all.*

#### Geraldo Perdomo (SS) — ARI | \$8

**Role/Status:** Everyday shortstop in Arizona. Had a massive breakout in 2025 — 20 HR, 27 SB, 100 RBI, 7.02 WAR.

**Value:** Elite value. If this is the new Perdomo, \$8 is robbery. CBS rank #8.

**Risk:** The projection drops him to 544 FPTS, which is a 27% decline. His 2024 was a .718 OPS in only 98 games. Was 2025 the breakout or the outlier? The walk rate (1.13 BB/K) suggests real skill development, but regression to somewhere in between is the smart bet.

*□ Geraldo Perdomo went from "who?" to "how the hell is he only \$8?" in one season. Even if he gives you 70% of 2025, this is the best value on your roster. Disgusting pick — in the best way.*

### **Ian Happ (LF) — CHC | \$21**

**Role/Status:** Everyday left fielder in Chicago. Consistent but unspectacular.

**Value:** Solid. Not exciting. CBS rank #72 tells you everything — he's a back-end starter.

**Risk:** Declining production three years running (536 → 521 → 480 FPTS). Projected for 425 in 2026. At \$21, you're paying for 2023 Happ and getting 2026 Happ. The strikeouts are high (151 in 2025) and the batting average is stuck in the .240s.

*□ Ian Happ is the human equivalent of a Toyota Camry. Reliable, boring, and you'll never brag about owning one. At \$21 though, you're paying Lexus money for that Camry.*

### **Sal Frelick (RF) — MIL | \$9**

**Role/Status:** Starting outfielder in Milwaukee. Contact-oriented hitter with emerging pop.

**Value:** Solid value at \$9. Good average (.288 in 2025), some speed (19 SB), and he's only 25.

**Risk:** The power is still light (12 HR) and the isolated power (.117) is below average. He's a batting average and runs contributor, not a category winner.

*□ Frelick is what happens when you order Juan Soto from Wish. He'll give you .290 and some steals, and you'll feel... fine about it. Perfectly fine. Aggressively fine.*

### **Spencer Steer (1B) — CIN | \$14**

**Role/Status:** Everyday first baseman/utility in Cincinnati. Multi-position eligibility (1B/LF/DH) is nice.

**Value:** Streamer-to-solid, depending on which Steer shows up. CBS rank #24 feels generous given the 2025 numbers.

**Risk:** His 2025 was BAD. A .238 average, 0.55 WAR, and the stolen bases vanished (25 → 7). The projection says 450 FPTS, but the trendline says "yikes."

*☐ Spencer Steer in 2024: 25 stolen bases! Spencer Steer in 2025: forgot how to run. If you're counting on a bounce-back, you better be lighting candles and praying to the baseball gods.*

### **Jonathan Aranda (1B) — TB | \$6**

**Role/Status:** First baseman/DH on the Rays. Hit .316 in 2025 with real pop (14 HR in 106 games).

**Value:** Solid value at \$6. Projected for 500+ FPTS, which would make him one of your better bats.

**Risk:** HE'S ON THE RAYS. Tampa Bay manages playing time like a drunk person plays chess — chaotically and with no regard for your feelings. He only played 106 games in 2025 despite hitting .316. Zero stolen bases. Zero.

*☐ Aranda is the guy who hits .316 and still can't get a full-time job because the Rays would rather start a pitching machine at DH on Tuesdays. Great bat, maddening situation.*

### **Ketel Marte (2B) — ARI | \$44**

**Role/Status:** Star second baseman in Arizona. When healthy, a top-20 overall player.

**Value:** Elite production, premium price. CBS rank #20.

**Risk:** He's 32 and played only 126 games in 2025 (down from 136 in 2024). The HR dropped from 36 to 28. At \$44, you need him on the field, and his body hasn't always cooperated. The projection (698 FPTS) is optimistic given recent trends.

*☐ Ketel Marte is like a sports car with 90,000 miles on it — still fast as hell, but every time you hear a weird noise, your stomach drops. Worth the ride, but keep the mechanic on speed dial.*

### **Wilyer Abreu (RF) — BOS | \$28**

**Role/Status:** Starting right fielder in Boston. Plus defense, developing bat.

**Value:** Overpaid. 358 FPTS in 2025 for \$28 is not great math. Only 42% started in CBS leagues.

**Risk:** The power is real (22 HR in 2025) but the average is ugly (.247) and he strikes out too much. Projected for 449 FPTS, which is... fine? For \$28? In a league where you could get similar production for half the price?

□ You're paying \$28 for a guy who 58% of CBS managers don't even bother starting. That's like buying front-row tickets to a minor league game. The potential is there, but you overpaid and you know it.

### **Brandon Nimmo (LF) — TEX | \$19**

**Role/Status:** Everyday outfielder, now in Texas. Solid all-around bat with declining upside.

**Value:** Fair at \$19, but the projection (413 FPTS) is concerning. CBS rank #82 — that's barely rosterable in some formats.

**Risk:** He's 32, moved to a new league (NL → AL), and the projection has him declining for the third straight year. The walk rate cratered in 2025 (50 BB vs. 74 in 2023), which was his calling card.

□ Nimmo went from the Mets to the Rangers, which is like leaving a burning building only to walk into a different burning building. At least Texas has a nice ballpark.

### **Brandon Lowe (2B) — PIT | \$11**

**Role/Status:** Starting second baseman in Pittsburgh. Power bat with health concerns.

**Value:** Solid at \$11. 31 HR in 2025 is real pop from the 2B position. CBS rank #98 is low — there might be value here.

**Risk:** He's Brandon Lowe, which means he'll miss 30 games for some random body part you've never heard of. The .256 average and .307 OBP are ugly. He's a one-category contributor (power) who occasionally remembers other categories exist.

□ Brandon Lowe is the fantasy equivalent of a firework — explosive, unpredictable, and there's a 40% chance he blows up in your hand. But 31 dingers for \$11? You take that bet.

## **PITCHERS**

### **Carlos Rodón (SP) — NYY | \$24**

**Role/Status:** Ace-level starter for the Yankees. When healthy, a top-15 SP.

**Value:** Elite ceiling, landmine floor. CBS rank #24 among SPs.

**Risk: DAY-TO-DAY WITH AN ELBOW ISSUE.** This is the man who threw 64 innings in 2023 with a 6.85 ERA. He bounced back magnificently in 2024-2025, but "elbow" and "Rodón" in the same sentence should make you physically ill. The projection drops from 711 → 495 FPTS, which already bakes in some concern.

*□ Carlos Rodón's elbow is like a check engine light that's been on for three years. Sometimes the car runs great. Sometimes the engine falls out on the highway. Good luck!*

### **Ranger Suarez (SP) — BOS | \$15**

**Role/Status:** Mid-rotation starter, now in Boston. Solid command lefty.

**Value:** Good value at \$15. A 3.20 ERA and 4.71 WAR in 2025 is quality production. CBS rank #27.

**Risk:** Only threw 157.1 innings in 26 starts in 2025. The workload has been managed carefully, and the projection (482 FPTS) suggests a modest return. Moving to the AL East means facing tougher lineups more often.

*□ Ranger Suarez is the pitching equivalent of a slow cooker — nothing flashy, just consistently good results that you don't appreciate until they're gone. Solid pick at \$15.*

### **Freddy Peralta (SP) — NYM | \$24**

**Role/Status:** Ace-level arm, now with the Mets. 204 K in 176.2 IP in 2025 with a 2.70 ERA.

**Value:** Elite. CBS rank #15. Dazzled in his spring debut for the Mets. This is your best pitcher.

**Risk:** The projection drops to 495 FPTS, which feels conservative but acknowledges that a 2.70 ERA is hard to sustain. The walks (66 in 2025) are the one blemish. Citi Field should help, though.

*□ Freddy Peralta at \$24 is the kind of value that makes other managers throw their laptops across the room. 204 strikeouts and a 2.70 ERA? That's not a pitcher, that's a weapon of mass destruction.*

### **Danny Coulombe (RP) — TEX | \$4**

**Role/Status:** Middle reliever / lefty specialist. 36 years old. 2% owned.

**Value:** Replacement-level. 265 projected FPTS is barely worth a roster spot.

**Risk:** He's 36, he's a middle reliever, and 98% of CBS leagues don't roster him. What are we doing here?

*□ Danny Coulombe is the fantasy equivalent of keeping expired milk in the fridge because "it's probably still fine." It's not fine. Dump it.*

## **Tanner Scott (RP) — LAD | \$11**

**Role/Status:** Closer for the Dodgers, but coming off a brutal 2025 (4.74 ERA) and currently Day-to-Day with a lower body issue.

**Value:** Landmine. The saves upside is real (23 in 2025), but the ERA was hideous and the Dodgers won't hesitate to use a committee.

**Risk:** He's hurt, he was bad last year, and \$11 is a lot for a reliever who might not even be closing by June.

*□ Tanner Scott in 2024: elite closer. Tanner Scott in 2025: closer to getting fired. Now he's hurt in spring training. This is going well.*

## **Dennis Santana (RP) — PIT | \$6**

**Role/Status:** High-leverage reliever / closer in Pittsburgh. 16 saves, 13 holds, 2.18 ERA in 2025.

**Value:** Excellent value at \$6. Sub-0.87 WHIP is elite for any reliever. 48% owned suggests he's still under the radar.

**Risk:** Pittsburgh's bullpen hierarchy could shift, and 70.1 innings is a lot for a reliever — potential workload concern.

*□ Dennis Santana is the quiet kid in class who aces every test. Nobody talks about him, nobody drafts him, and he just keeps posting a 2.18 ERA like it's nothing. Respect.*

## **Jhoan Duran (RP) — PHI | \$15**

**Role/Status:** Elite closer, now in Philadelphia. 32 saves, 2.06 ERA, 10.3 K/9 in 2025. CBS rank #4 among RPs.

**Value:** Elite. This is a top-5 closer in baseball on a team that will give him plenty of save opportunities.

**Risk:** He had a rough 2024 (3.64 ERA) before bouncing back. The Phillies are a great landing spot, but closer volatility is always a thing.

*□ Jhoan Duran throws 100+ mph and now does it for a contender. This is like giving a flamethrower to someone who was already dangerous with a lighter. Chef's kiss.*

## **Cameron Schlittler (SP) — NYY | \$3**

**Role/Status:** Rookie starter for the Yankees. Just cleared for Grapefruit League debut. No MLB stats yet.

**Value:** High-upside lottery ticket. Projected for 493 FPTS, which would make him your third-best starter. At \$3, the price is right.

**Risk:** He's a rookie with zero MLB track record. The 239 FPTS in 2025 suggest limited action. "Cleared for spring debut" means he's been dealing with something. Pure projection play.

*□ Cameron Schlittler at \$3 is the kind of pick that either makes you look like a genius or makes everyone forget you ever made it. There is no middle ground. 60% owned says the hype is real, though.*

### **Matthew Boyd (SP) — CHC | \$6**

**Role/Status:** Workhorse starter for the Cubs. 179.2 IP, 14 wins, 3.21 ERA in 2025. Projected for a massive 674 FPTS in 2026.

**Value:** Absurd value at \$6. If the projection holds, this is your best pitcher by projected points. CBS rank #32.

**Risk:** He's 35 and had injury-shortened 2023-2024 seasons (103 and 139 FPTS). The 2025 was a resurgence, but age and injury history are real concerns. Tosses three scoreless in spring — good sign.

*□ Matthew Boyd at \$6 is the best value on this pitching staff and it's not particularly close. The man posted 598 FPTS last year and you're paying him less than your expired milk reliever Coulombe is worth. This is the pick that justifies your entire draft strategy.*

### **Jason Adam (RP) — SD | \$5**

**Role/Status:** Elite setup man in San Diego. 29 holds, 1.93 ERA in 2025. Projected for 469 FPTS in 2026.

**Value:** Excellent, especially at \$5. If he gets closer opportunities, this is a steal.

**Risk:** Day-to-Day with a quadriceps issue. He's 34. Zero saves in 2025 — he's a holds guy, which limits his ceiling in saves-only leagues. The ownership data is unavailable, which is slightly concerning.

*□ Jason Adam is the best reliever nobody talks about. A 1.93 ERA and 29 holds for \$5? That's not a roster spot, that's grand larceny. Just stay healthy, old man.*

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## **6. Best Picks / Steals**

- *□ **Geraldo Perdomo at \$8.** A 7-WAR shortstop for the price of a large pizza. Even with regression baked in, this is an obscene value. The breakout looks legitimate — the walk rate, the power development, the stolen bases. This is the pick that wins you your league.*

- **☐ Matthew Boyd at \$6.** A 35-year-old lefty who nobody believed in, projected for 674 FPTS. He posted 17 quality starts in 31 games last year. At \$6, he could be your best pitcher and your cheapest starter. That's called winning.
  - **☐ Dennis Santana at \$6.** A sub-0.87 WHIP closer who gives you saves AND holds for the price of a latte. The 48% ownership says the secret is getting out, but you got there first.
  - **Jonathan Aranda at \$6.** A .316 hitter projected for 500+ FPTS. The Rays platoon risk is real, but the bat is undeniable. If he gets 550+ ABs, this is a top-50 bat for pocket change.
  - **Cameron Schlittler at \$3.** A Yankee rookie with a 493 FPTS projection and 60% ownership. The upside is enormous, and the cost is negligible. This is exactly the kind of swing you should be taking in a keeper league.
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## 7. Worst Picks / "What Were You Thinking?"

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- **☐ Edgar Quero at C.** I understand the "catcher is a wasteland" argument. I do. But you didn't just punt catcher — you set it on fire and threw it off a bridge. A 22-year-old part-timer on the White Sox with 17% ownership and a 181 FPTS projection is not a fantasy catcher. It's a cry for help. There are better options on waivers RIGHT NOW.
- **☐ Wilyer Abreu at \$28.** This is the most egregious overpay on the roster. He produced 358 FPTS last year — that's \$10-\$15 production at a \$28 price tag. Only 42% of leagues even start him. You're paying for the potential of 2027 Abreu while getting the reality of 2025 Abreu. That \$28 could have been two quality players instead of one mediocre one.
- **☐ Danny Coulombe at \$4 (as a keeper!).** You KEPT a 36-year-old middle reliever who is 2% owned. TWO PERCENT. That means in a league of 50 teams, one person rosters him, and that person is you. This keeper spot could have been literally anyone else. A prospect. A waiver flier. A bag of baseballs. All would have been better uses of a keeper slot.
- **☐ Tanner Scott at \$11.** You're paying \$11 for a closer who posted a 4.74 ERA, is currently injured, and plays for a team that loves bullpen committees. The 2024 version of Scott was elite. The 2025 version was a dumpster fire. Which one are you betting on? Because the data says dumpster fire.
- **☐ Ketel Marte at \$44.** This isn't a "bad" pick — Marte is genuinely great. But \$44 is a LOT of salary in a league with keeper implications. He's 32, played only 126 games last year, and the power dipped. If he stays healthy and produces at projection (698 FPTS), it's fine. If he misses 40 games again, you're hemorrhaging value.

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## 8. Draft-Day Advice / Next Moves

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1. **Replace Edgar Quero IMMEDIATELY.** Scour waivers for any catcher with a pulse and a starting job. You cannot go into the season with a part-time catcher on the worst team in baseball. Even a league-average catcher would be a massive upgrade. This is Priority #1.
  2. **Drop Danny Coulombe.** He's 36, 2% owned, and projected for 265 FPTS. Use that roster spot for a high-upside prospect, a streaming pitcher spot, or literally anything with more ceiling. You're wasting a keeper slot on a LOOGY.
  3. **Monitor Rodón's elbow like a hawk.** Have a contingency plan ready. If he hits the IL, you need a streaming option or a waiver add immediately. Identify 2-3 SP targets on waivers now so you're not scrambling later.
  4. **Target stolen bases on waivers or via trade.** Outside of Ramirez and Perdomo, this team doesn't run. If you can find a speed-first outfielder or middle infielder on waivers, grab them. You're likely losing the SB category most weeks otherwise.
  5. **Shop Tanner Scott.** His name still carries value from his 2024 dominance. Find a manager who remembers the good times and trade him for a bat or a more stable reliever. Sell high on the brand, not the production.
  6. **Consider trading Wilyer Abreu to recoup salary.** At \$28, he's overpriced for what he produces. If another manager values the upside, you could flip him for a cheaper outfielder + a draft pick or prospect. Free up that salary for upgrades elsewhere.
  7. **Handcuff your closers.** With Duran, Santana, and Scott as your saves sources, identify the next man up in each bullpen. If Scott loses the job (likely), you need the Dodgers' backup closer on your roster before it happens.
  8. **Ride the Matthew Boyd wave.** He's your best value pitcher and projected for a monster year. Don't trade him unless someone offers you something stupid. At \$6, he's essentially free production.
  9. **Watch Jonathan Aranda's playing time.** If the Rays start platooning him or reducing his ABs, his value craters. Have a backup 1B/DH option identified. If he's playing every day by mid-April, celebrate — you've got a bargain.
  10. **Consider selling high on Perdomo mid-season if he's producing.** If he's anywhere near his 2025 numbers by the All-Star break, his trade value will be astronomical. In a keeper league, you could get a haul for a \$8 shortstop putting up top-10 overall numbers. Or just keep him and laugh maniacally. Either works.
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## 9. Final Grade

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### Grade: B

This is a well-constructed roster with a strong core, excellent pitching value, and some genuinely brilliant keeper picks. The Perdomo/Boyd/Santana/Aranda cluster at \$6-\$8 each is the foundation of a contender. Jose Ramirez and Ketel Marte give you two elite bats. The pitching staff, when healthy, is legitimately scary.

But — and this is a big but — the catcher situation is a disaster, the injury risk is concentrated in your most expensive pitchers, the roster has zero depth or flexibility, and there are at least two roster spots (Coulombe, arguably Scott) that are actively hurting you. The projection regression across the board is concerning, and the Abreu overpay eats into your salary flexibility.

This is a team that's one or two moves away from being an A-. It's also one or two injuries away from being a C+. That's the razor's edge you're walking.

**"If this team wins, it'll be because..."** Perdomo's breakout is real, Rodón's elbow holds up, Boyd pitches like a \$6 ace, and Ramirez continues to defy Father Time like a baseball-playing vampire.

**"If this team loses, it'll be because..."** Rodón's elbow explodes, Quero produces nothing at catcher, Tanner Scott implodes, and the projected regression across half the roster turns out to be optimistic.

*The Hamate's Tale, indeed. Let's hope this story has a happy ending — because right now, it reads like a thriller where you're not sure if the protagonist survives.*