

Guys I Have Coached

Unbiased Team Analysis

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Overall Grade: **C+**

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The Mendoza Line League | 2026 Season Preview

1. Overall Team Summary (Brutal Honesty Edition)

Quick Verdict: Competitive Pretender With a Prayer

This is a roster that looks like someone went to a nice steakhouse, ordered the filet mignon (Trea Turner, Matt Olson), then filled the rest of the plate with gas station sushi (Jordan Wicks, C.J. Kayfus) and called it a balanced meal. There's legitimate star power here — enough to keep you in contention most weeks — but the depth is thinner than Chandler Simpson's power numbers, and the pitching staff has more question marks than a philosophy final.

One-liner roast: You named your team "Guys I Have Coached," which implies you're responsible for developing these players — and honestly, that explains a lot about Jordan Wicks.

One-liner compliment: Locking up Trea Turner, Matt Olson, and Wyatt Langford as keepers is the kind of core that makes other managers quietly hate you in the group chat.

2. Roster Construction & Strategy

What the manager prioritized: Premium bats. This team is loaded with recognizable offensive names — Turner, Olson, Bregman, Bichette, Langford, Albies. The approach was clearly "draft a murderer's row of hitters and figure out pitching later." The batting lineup has legitimate five-category potential with a nice blend of power (Olson, Wallner, Langford), speed (Turner, Simpson, Langford), and average (Bichette, Turner).

What they ignored: Starting pitching depth. You have four SPs on this roster, and one of them (Misiorowski) has thrown 66 career MLB innings. Your entire rotation is Imanaga, Castillo, Leiter, and Misiorowski. That's it. That's the whole thing. If any one of them goes down, you're streaming from the waiver wire like a desperate man swiping right on everyone at 2 AM.

Where the roster is fragile:

- **Starting pitching depth is non-existent.** Four SPs for a full season is playing Russian roulette with a semi-automatic.
 - **Catcher is a dart throw.** Carter Jensen is 22 years old with 69 career plate appearances. That's a prayer, not a plan.
 - **The bench is barren.** With 20 roster spots and \$494 in salary, you've spent aggressively on keepers but left almost no room for in-season flexibility.
 - **Reliever saves strategy is one-legged.** Estevez is your only true closer, and his velocity is reportedly down this spring. If he loses the job, your saves category is toast.
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3. Strengths

- **Elite SS tandem:** Trea Turner (projected 612 FPTS) and Bo Bichette (486 projected) give you two legitimate top-tier shortstops. Turner's 36-steal, .304 AVG season in 2025 was a masterpiece, and Bichette bounced back from a nightmare 2024 with an .839 OPS. That's a disgusting positional advantage.
- **Wyatt Langford at \$20 is highway robbery:** A 24-year-old who posted 22 HR / 22 SB with a 5.62 WAR in 2025, projected for nearly 500 FPTS, and you're paying \$20? That's the kind of keeper value that makes league-mates file formal complaints. His spring line (5-for-10, 2 HR, 7 RBI) suggests the breakout is just getting started.
- **Matt Olson is a rock:** 162 games played in both 2024 and 2025. Projected for 535 FPTS. The man is an iron horse at first base who gives you 29+ homers and 95+ RBI like clockwork. At \$33, that's fair value for an elite 1B.
- **Stolen base potential is sneaky good:** Turner (36 SB), Simpson (44 SB), Langford (22 SB) — that's a potential 100+ steals from just three guys. In a category league, that's a weekly cheat code.
- **Reliever value picks:** Strahm (\$7) and Koenig (\$6) are both sub-3.00 ERA relievers with elite ratios who cost less than a large pizza. Strahm's 10.1 K/9 and 3.5 K/BB in 2025 was legitimately nasty. These are the kinds of quiet picks that win leagues.

- **Carlos Estevez for \$8:** A closer who racked up 42 saves with a 2.45 ERA? At that price? That's a steal wrapped in a bargain stuffed inside a coupon. CBS ranks him #9 among RPs for a reason.
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4. Weaknesses / Red Flags

- **Jordan Wicks is \$8 of dead money:** No 2026 projection. A 6.28 ERA and 1.74 WHIP in 2025 across just 14.1 innings. Currently dealing with a forearm issue. He's listed as a reliever now after failing as a starter. You're paying \$8 for a guy who might not make a roster. This is the fantasy equivalent of paying full price for a car with no engine.
- **Ozzie Albies at \$41 is an overpay:** He hit .240 with a .671 OPS in 2025. That's a \$41 player producing like a \$15 one. He's 29, has a Day-to-Day hand injury, and his power has cratered — from 33 HR in 2023 to 16 in 2025. His projected 410 FPTS barely justifies that salary. You're paying for the 2023 Ozzie and getting the 2025 model.
- **Alex Bregman at \$55 is the most expensive disappointment on this roster:** He played only 114 games in 2025 (424 FPTS). His projection of 581 is optimistic given he's now 31 and switching to a new team (Cubs). You're paying top-5 money for a guy CBS ranks #60. Let that sink in. SIXTY.
- **Shota Imanaga's 2025 was a significant step back:** From 684 FPTS in 2024 to 416 in 2025. He gave up 31 home runs in 144.2 innings — that's a gopher ball problem that doesn't just disappear. You're paying \$57 for him, making him your most expensive player. His velocity is reportedly up this spring, which is encouraging, but that's a lot of eggs in one Japanese basket.
- **Estevez's velocity is down:** The news headline literally says "velocity down early." For a 33-year-old closer who relies on power stuff, that's the kind of spring training whisper that becomes a mid-season nightmare. If he loses the closer role, your saves category is a wasteland.
- **C.J. Kayfus's role is "less clear":** That's literally the headline. You're keeping a guy at \$2 whose own team doesn't seem to know what to do with him. Only 18% owned. His 2025 line (.220 AVG, 44 games) doesn't exactly scream "must-roster."
- **No catcher insurance:** Carter Jensen is your only catcher, and he's a 22-year-old with 20 career MLB games. If he gets sent down or struggles, you're streaming catchers — the most depressing activity in all of fantasy sports.
- **Age is creeping in:** Yastrzemski (35), Strahm (34), Estevez (33), Castillo (33), Imanaga (32), Maton (32), Koenig (32), Turner (32), Bregman (31), Olson (31).

That's 10 of your 20 players at 31+. This roster has more AARP members than a Florida Denny's at 4:30 PM.

5. Player-by-Player Takes

BATTERS

Trea Turner (SS) — PHI | \$50

Role/Status: Everyday shortstop for the Phillies. CBS Rank #16. The engine of this team.

Value Assessment: ELITE. A 32-year-old who hit .304 with 15 HR and 36 SB in 2025 while posting a 5.45 WAR. Projected for 612 FPTS — the highest on your roster. At \$50 he's expensive, but you're getting legitimate first-round production.

Risk Factors: He's 32 and has had hamstringing issues in the past. The speed could evaporate quickly at this age. His 2024 was a dip year (486 FPTS), so there's some volatility.

□ The crown jewel. If Turner stays healthy, he's a top-15 fantasy asset. If his hamstrings finally rebel, you're paying \$50 for a singles hitter.

Bo Bichette (SS) — NYM | \$28

Role/Status: Starting SS for the Mets. CBS Rank #58. Bounce-back candidate.

Value Assessment: SOLID. The 2024 season (.225 AVG, 0.598 OPS, negative WAR) was a horror show, but 2025 was a full redemption arc — .311 AVG, 18 HR, 44 doubles, .839 OPS. The projection of 486 FPTS feels conservative if he stays healthy.

Risk Factors: Health is always the question with Bichette. He played 81 games in 2024 before the bounce-back. Only 4 SB — the speed is gone.

Having two starting-caliber shortstops is nice, but it also means one is likely sitting in a utility spot or you're playing roster Tetris. Still, at \$28, a .310 hitter is solid value.

Matt Olson (1B) — ATL | \$33

Role/Status: Everyday 1B for Atlanta. CBS Rank #29. The steady hand.

Value Assessment: SOLID-TO-ELITE. 162 games in back-to-back years. 29 HR and 95 RBI in 2025 with an .850 OPS. Projected for 535 FPTS. He's not the 2023 monster (927 FPTS) anymore, but he's a bankable top-30 player.

Risk Factors: He's 31 and the batting average (.272 in 2025, .247 in 2024) fluctuates. The strikeouts are high (176 in 2025). But he plays every damn day, and that matters.

Olson is the fantasy equivalent of a Toyota Camry — not sexy, never breaks down, gets you where you need to go. At \$33, that's a fair deal.

Alex Bregman (3B) — CHC | \$55

Role/Status: Starting 3B for the Cubs. CBS Rank #60. New team, big contract (yours and his).

Value Assessment: OVERPAY. Look, Bregman is a good player. But \$55 for a guy who played 114 games and scored 424 FPTS in 2025? His projection of 581 assumes a full healthy season, which he hasn't delivered since 2024 (145 games). CBS ranking him #60 while you're paying him like a top-20 asset is... a choice.

Risk Factors: Age 31, new league (NL), new park (Wrigley), durability questions. The 2025 per-game production was solid (.822 OPS), but availability is the best ability.

You're paying Wagyu prices for a very nice ribeye. It's still good beef, but your wallet knows the difference.

Ozzie Albies (2B) — ATL | \$41

Role/Status: Starting 2B for Atlanta. CBS Rank #33. Day-to-Day with a hand injury.

Value Assessment: DECLINING ASSET. The 2023 Ozzie (710 FPTS) is gone. The 2025 Ozzie hit .240 with a .671 OPS and only 16 homers. He's already hurt heading into 2026 with a hand issue. Projected for 410 FPTS — that's \$41 for roughly replacement-level production at 2B.

Risk Factors: Injury history is extensive (wrist, oblique, hand). The power has been in steady decline. He's 29, which isn't old, but the body is clearly wearing down.

Ozzie Albies: where \$41 goes to feel sad. He's the guy at the party who used to be fun but now just talks about his knee surgery.

Wyatt Langford (LF) — TEX | \$20

Role/Status: Everyday LF/CF for Texas. CBS Rank #35. Ascending star.

Value Assessment: ELITE VALUE. 22 HR, 22 SB, 5.62 WAR at age 23 in 2025. Projected for 492 FPTS. Spring training: 5-for-10 with 2 bombs and 7 RBI. He

worked on his obliques this offseason, which is the kind of targeted development that suggests another leap is coming.

Risk Factors: The .241 batting average drags down his value in AVG leagues. The 151 strikeouts are concerning. But he's 24 with 20/20 upside — this is the kind of player you build around.

This is the pick that makes other managers throw their laptops. \$20 for a potential 30/30 guy? That's disgusting — in the best way.

Chandler Simpson (CF) — TB | \$6

Role/Status: Starting CF for Tampa Bay. Speed demon.

Value Assessment: SPECIALIST. 44 stolen bases in 2025. Zero home runs. A .295 average with a .671 OPS. He's basically a one-category cheat code (steals) who provides a little batting average and nothing else.

Risk Factors: Zero power means he's dependent on batting average and steals for all his value. If the average dips or he gets hurt, he's a dead roster spot. Tampa Bay's lineup isn't exactly stacked, so the run-scoring opportunities may be limited.

Chandler Simpson is what happens when you give legs a baseball uniform. The man has 44 steals and zero homers — he's the human equivalent of a cheetah that can't bite.

Matt Wallner (RF) — MIN | \$4

Role/Status: Part-time RF/DH for Minnesota. Only 24% owned.

Value Assessment: STREAMER WITH UPSIDE. 22 homers in 2025 is nice, but the .202 batting average and 114 strikeouts in 336 at-bats are brutal. He's a three-true-outcomes guy (walks, strikeouts, homers) who murders your batting average.

Risk Factors: Only played 104 games in 2025. The platoon/playing time risk is real — only 8% started in fantasy. At \$4 he's cheap enough to hold, but don't expect everyday production.

Matt Wallner: the human coin flip. He'll either hit a 450-foot bomb or strike out looking like he's never seen a curveball. At \$4, you can afford the emotional rollercoaster.

Carter Jensen (C) — KC | \$3

Role/Status: Young catcher for Kansas City. 22 years old with 20 career MLB games.

Value Assessment: HIGH-UPSIDE LOTTERY TICKET. His 2025 cup of coffee was impressive — .300 AVG, .941 OPS in 69 plate appearances. Spring training: 6-

for-15 with 2 HR. The projection of 211 FPTS is modest but reflects playing time uncertainty.

Risk Factors: He's 22. He could get sent down. He could hit a wall against major league pitching. Catcher is the most volatile position in fantasy, and you have zero backup plan.

At \$3, Jensen is the kind of bet that either looks genius by July or has you frantically scanning the waiver wire for Realmuto's corpse. I respect the swing.

C.J. Kayfus (RF) — CLE | \$2

Role/Status: Unclear. The literal headline says "Role becomes less clear." 18% owned.

Value Assessment: DEEP SLEEPER / POTENTIAL CUT. Hit .220 in 44 games in 2025. The projection of 260 FPTS assumes a bigger role that may not materialize. Cleveland's outfield is crowded.

Risk Factors: Playing time is the primary concern. He's only 24 with some pop (4 HR in 123 AB), but if he can't crack the lineup, he's worthless.

Keeping Kayfus at \$2 is like buying a scratch-off ticket. It costs almost nothing, and there's a tiny chance it pays off. But let's be honest — most scratch-offs end up in the trash.

Mike Yastrzemski (RF) — ATL | \$1

Role/Status: Veteran outfielder, now with Atlanta. Not a keeper (no keeper tag).

Value Assessment: SOLID BENCH PIECE. Hit .233 with 17 HR and 7 SB in 2025 across 146 games. At \$1, he's essentially free production. His spring has been scorching (8-for-14, 3 HR).

Risk Factors: He's 35. The decline is coming — it's just a matter of when. The move to Atlanta could help (better lineup protection), but age is undefeated.

Yaz at \$1 is the best value on this roster by a mile. He's like finding a \$20 bill in your winter coat. Not life-changing, but you're damn happy about it.

PITCHERS

Shota Imanaga (SP) — CHC | \$57

Role/Status: Ace of the Cubs rotation. CBS Rank #26. Your most expensive player.

Value Assessment: HIGH-END SP WITH REGRESSION CONCERNS. His 2024 debut (684 FPTS) was phenomenal. His 2025 (416 FPTS) was a cold shower — 31

home runs allowed in 144.2 innings is genuinely alarming. The 0.99 WHIP is elite, but the gopher balls turned a potential Cy Young arm into a mid-rotation guy.

Risk Factors: 32 years old. The HR problem. Only 25 starts in 2025. At \$57, he needs to be a top-15 pitcher to justify the price, and his 2025 didn't get there. Velocity reportedly up this spring, which is a positive sign.

You're paying \$57 and praying the 2024 version shows up instead of the 2025 one. That's a \$57 prayer. At least light a candle.

Luis Castillo (SP) — SEA | \$38

Role/Status: Ace of the Mariners rotation. Workhorse.

Value Assessment: SOLID SP1. 180.2 innings, 162 K's, 3.54 ERA, 18 quality starts in 2025. Projected for 541 FPTS. He's the most reliable arm on this staff by a significant margin.

Risk Factors: He's 33, and his spring training has been horrific (27.00 ERA in 2.2 IP). That's spring noise, but combined with age, it's worth monitoring. Seattle's offense doesn't help his win total.

Castillo is the grown-up in your pitching staff — the one guy you can pencil in for 30+ starts without holding your breath. At \$38, he's fairly priced for what he delivers.

Jack Leiter (SP) — TEX | \$9

Role/Status: Mid-rotation starter for Texas. Former #2 overall pick finally finding his footing.

Value Assessment: SOLID VALUE. 151.2 innings with a 3.86 ERA and 148 K's in 2025 — that's a legitimate breakout after a disastrous 2024 (-62 FPTS). Projected for 443 FPTS. At \$9, that's tremendous value if the growth continues.

Risk Factors: The walk rate (67 BB in 151.2 IP) is still too high. His spring start was "inefficient" per the news. He's only 25, so there's room to grow, but also room to regress.

Leiter at \$9 is the kind of keeper that makes you look smart at the draft party. Just don't look at his 2024 stats or you'll have a panic attack.

Jacob Misiorowski (SP) — MIL | \$4

Role/Status: Young flamethrower for Milwaukee. 6'7" of raw potential.

Value Assessment: HIGH-CEILING LOTTERY TICKET. 87 K's in 66 innings (11.86 K/9) is absolutely filthy. The 4.36 ERA and 15-game sample are concerning, but the stuff is electric. Projected for 435 FPTS, which assumes a full-season role.

Risk Factors: He's 23 with 66 career MLB innings. The Brewers may limit his workload. At 6'7" with that arm action, the injury risk is inherently elevated. This is a volatile asset.

*Misiorowski at \$4 is the fantasy equivalent of buying Bitcoin in 2012. It could make you look like a genius, or it could blow up spectacularly. That K rate though... *chef's kiss*.*

Carlos Estevez (RP) — KC | \$8

Role/Status: Closer for Kansas City. CBS Rank #9 among RPs. 42 saves in 2025.

Value Assessment: ELITE CLOSER VALUE. 42 saves, 2.45 ERA, 1.06 WHIP. That's a top-5 closer season. At \$8, this is one of the best values on the entire roster.

Risk Factors: He's 33, and his velocity is reportedly down this spring. That's the canary in the coal mine for aging relievers. If the velo doesn't come back, the save opportunities dry up fast.

Estevez was a goddamn cheat code last year. The velocity report is the one thing keeping me from giving this an A+. Monitor this closely — the difference between "elite closer" and "former closer" can be measured in MPH.

Matt Strahm (RP) — KC | \$7

Role/Status: High-leverage reliever for KC. Setup man with occasional saves.

Value Assessment: SNEAKY GOOD. 2.74 ERA, 10.1 K/9, 22 holds, 6 saves in 2025. At \$7 and only 10% owned, he's a hidden gem. The ratios are elite.

Risk Factors: He's 34 and a reliever — the most replaceable position in baseball. If Estevez falters, Strahm could slide into the closer role, which would be a massive upgrade for this roster.

Strahm is the designated driver of your bullpen — reliable, boring, and absolutely essential. The fact that he's the Estevez handcuff makes this even smarter.

Jared Koenig (RP) — MIL | \$6

Role/Status: High-leverage reliever for Milwaukee. 27 holds in 2025.

Value Assessment: SOLID RATIO GUY. 2.86 ERA, 9.27 K/9, 72 appearances. He's a workhorse who helps your ratios without hurting anything. Only 4% owned, which is criminal.

Risk Factors: He's 32 with a 108.00 ERA in spring training (lol, one appearance). No save upside. He's a holds guy, and holds guys are the bass players of fantasy baseball — essential but nobody's buying their jersey.

Koenig is the kind of player you don't notice until he's gone. Like toilet paper.

Phil Maton (RP) — CHC | \$5

Role/Status: Reliever for the Cubs. Not a keeper (no tag).

Value Assessment: SOLID RATIO PLAY. 2.79 ERA, 11.9 K/9, 22 holds, 5 saves in 2025. Those are genuinely excellent numbers. At \$5, he's cheap and effective.

Risk Factors: He's 32 and not kept, which suggests the manager views him as replaceable. That's probably correct, but the production is real.

Maton quietly had a filthy 2025 and nobody cared. Story of his life. Story of every middle reliever's life.

Jordan Wicks (RP) — CHC | \$8

Role/Status: Injured reliever with a forearm issue. Former SP prospect who has been bad at everything.

Value Assessment: LANDMINE. FLAMING LANDMINE. No 2026 projection. A 6.28 ERA in 14.1 innings in 2025. A 5.48 ERA in 46 innings in 2024. A forearm issue in spring 2026. He has negative WAR in back-to-back seasons. You are paying \$8 for a player who has produced 33 combined fantasy points over the last two years.

Risk Factors: Literally everything. Health, performance, role, existence on a major league roster.

Jordan Wicks at \$8 is the worst value on this roster by a country mile. You could light \$8 on fire and at least enjoy the warmth. This is the fantasy equivalent of paying for a gym membership you never use — except the gym is also on fire.

6. Best Picks / Steals

- **☐ Wyatt Langford at \$20:** A potential 30/30 player in his age-24 season for \$20? This is the pick that justifies the entire roster. If he takes another step forward, this is a top-15 overall asset at a mid-round price. Best value on the team, no contest.
- **☐ Carlos Estevez at \$8:** 42 saves and a 2.45 ERA for eight bucks. That's less than a movie ticket for an elite closer. Even with the velocity concerns, this is absurd value.
- **☐ Jack Leiter at \$9:** A legitimate mid-rotation starter with ace upside, projected for 443 FPTS, for single digits. The 2025 breakout was real, and the arrow is pointing up.

- **Jacob Misiorowski at \$4:** 11.86 K/9 in his debut. The stuff is ungodly. If he puts it together for a full season, \$4 will look like the steal of the decade.
 - **Mike Yastrzemski at \$1:** Free production from a 146-game player who gives you 17 HR and solid OBP. At \$1, he literally cannot disappoint you.
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7. Worst Picks / "What Were You Thinking?"

- **Jordan Wicks at \$8 (KEEPER!):** I cannot stress this enough — you are *keeping* a player with no 2026 projection, a forearm injury, a 6.28 ERA, and 33 total fantasy points over two years. For EIGHT DOLLARS. What dirt does Jordan Wicks have on you? What happened at that coaching retreat? This is indefensible.
 - **Alex Bregman at \$55:** CBS ranks him #60. You're paying him like he's #10. He played 114 games last year. He's changing teams, leagues, and parks. At \$55, he needs to be a top-25 player to justify the cost, and the data says he's a top-60 player. That's a \$30 overpay, which in this league's economy is catastrophic.
 - **Ozzie Albies at \$41:** A .240 hitter with declining power, a current hand injury, and a projection of 410 FPTS. You're paying \$41 for a player who might give you \$20 worth of production. The 2023 Ozzie is not walking through that door.
 - **Shota Imanaga at \$57:** Your most expensive player had a significant regression year in 2025 and gave up home runs like he was running a charity. The velocity-up news is encouraging, but \$57 demands top-10 SP production, and his 2025 was closer to SP20.
 - **Chandler Simpson at \$6 (as a keeper):** Look, 44 steals is awesome. But zero home runs, a .671 OPS, and limited counting stats from a bad Tampa lineup? At \$6 he's not expensive, but you're using a keeper slot on a one-trick pony. If the league doesn't heavily reward steals, this is a wasted roster spot.
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8. Draft-Day Advice / Next Moves

1. **CUT JORDAN WICKS IMMEDIATELY.** I don't care if he was your favorite player growing up. I don't care if you coached him in Little League. He's \$8 of dead roster space with a bum forearm. Free up that money and that roster spot for literally anyone else.
2. **Target a starting pitcher in the draft or via trade.** You have four SPs and one of them (Misiorowski) is a 23-year-old with 66 career innings. You need a

fifth starter desperately. Look for mid-tier SP2/SP3 types — someone like a Pablo López, Framber Valdez, or Logan Webb if available.

3. **Get a backup catcher plan.** If Jensen gets sent down or struggles, you need to know who your emergency catcher is. Monitor the waiver wire for catching-eligible options.
4. **Consider trading one of your shortstops for pitching.** You have Turner and Bichette at SS. That's a luxury. One of them (probably Bichette) could fetch a quality SP in a trade. Turner + a mid-tier SS is better than Turner + Bichette if it means upgrading your rotation.
5. **Handcuff Estevez with Strahm (already done — smart).** You already have the KC closer and his most likely replacement on the same roster. If Estevez's velocity issues become real, Strahm slides into the role seamlessly. This is actually good roster construction.
6. **Monitor Albies' hand closely.** If the hand injury lingers into April, consider trading him while his name still carries value. A \$41 player with a hand injury and declining production is a depreciating asset.
7. **Kayfus is a cut candidate.** His role is "less clear" and he's only 18% owned. If his spring doesn't produce a clear path to playing time, drop him for a higher-upside prospect or a streaming pitcher.
8. **Don't panic on Imanaga.** The velocity-up news is legitimately encouraging. If the HR rate normalizes (and it should — 31 HRs in 144 IP was likely an outlier given his elite WHIP), he could bounce back to SP1 territory. But if he's still getting shelled in April, don't let the \$57 sunk cost prevent you from benching him.
9. **Target batting average in the draft.** Wallner (.202), Albies (.240), Langford (.241), Kayfus (.220) — half your lineup is a batting average black hole. You need a high-average bat to balance this out. Look for a .280+ hitter in the draft.
10. **Explore trading Bregman while his name value is high.** New team, spring training homer, "Bregman to Cubs" hype — his trade value might be at its peak right now. If you can get a quality SP + a decent bat for Bregman, do it without hesitation. You'd save \$55 and fill your biggest roster hole.

9. Final Grade

Grade: C+

This roster has a legitimate core — Turner, Olson, Langford, Estevez, and Castillo form a foundation that can compete. The keeper values on Langford, Leiter, Misorowski, and Estevez are genuinely excellent. But the overpays on Bregman

(\$55), Albies (\$41), and Imanaga (\$57) eat up \$153 of your \$494 salary on three players who all have significant question marks. Jordan Wicks is \$8 of pure waste. The pitching depth is dangerously thin, the roster skews old, and the bench is basically nonexistent.

There's a path to contention here, but it requires Imanaga to bounce back, Bregman to stay healthy, Misiorowski to take a leap, and Estevez's arm to not fall off. That's a lot of "ifs" for a team spending nearly \$500.

If this team wins, it'll be because... Trea Turner and Wyatt Langford go supernova, Misiorowski becomes a top-20 SP, and Estevez keeps racking up saves like it's 2025. The core is good enough to carry the dead weight if everything breaks right.

If this team loses, it'll be because... the pitching staff implodes (four SPs is not enough), Bregman and Albies continue to decline while eating \$96 in salary, Jordan Wicks contributes literally nothing, and the manager refused to make the hard trades necessary to fix the roster's structural problems. You coached these guys — now it's time to cut some of them.