

Three Lessons Learned inside a Baseball Front Office

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2. Baseball isn't chess; it's blackjack (I think)

Chess



Blackjack



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2019 Projections

NL West					[+]				
2019 Results					Regular Season		Postseason		
Team	W	L	W%	GB	Make Playoffs	Make LDS	Win LDS	Win LCS	Win World Series
Dodgers	67	35	.657	0.0	100.0%	100.0%	62.3%	38.5%	19.2%
Diamondbacks	50	50	.500	16.0	15.0%	6.9%	2.1%	0.6%	0.2%
Padres	47	52	.475	18.5	4.3%	2.1%	0.7%	0.4%	0.1%
Giants	50	50	.500	16.0	5.8%	2.4%	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%
Rockies	47	52	.475	18.5	4.1%	1.8%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%

Who should we trade for a reliever?



Edwin Díaz, Mets

'18-'19: 41% K, 7% BB, 2.40 xFIP



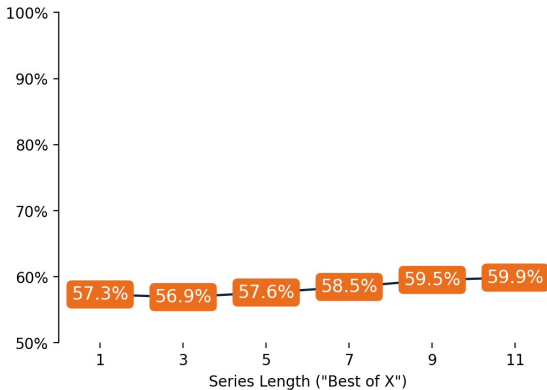
Felipe Vázquez, Pirates

'18-'19: 33% K, 7% BB, 2.93 xFIP

Dodgers Top 15 Prospects

1	SS/2B	Gavin Lux
2	RHP	Dustin May
3	C	Keibert Ruiz
4	RHP	Josiah Gray
5	SS	Jeter Downs
6	RHP	Tony Gonsolin
7	RHP	Mitchell White
8	RHP	Dennis Santana
9	C	Diego Cartaya
10	OF	DJ Peters
11	SS/2B	Jacob Amaya
12	RHP	Michael Grove
13	2B/SS	Omar Estevez
14	3B	Miguel Vargas
15	2B/3B	Devin Mann

Astros over Tigers Series Win%
(Single Game, Neutral Site xWin%: 53.3%)



Credit: Kyle Bland (@blandalytics)
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3. Most of baseball is player development
(and this is where the Astros excel)

Organization of Baseball Operations

