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## **Baltimore Orioles were Flying with Success this Season**

The Baltimore Orioles had a great season with a record of 101-61, with that amazing record they won the American League East for the first time since 2014.



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This year the Baltimore Orioles have a whole new team after rebuilding for a couple of years. The team is very young with many rising stars, they also ranked first for having the best farm system. The farm system is where MLB teams have minor league teams where players that they drafted go play to grow their talent and eventually get their shot to play for the Show. The three main minor leagues for the orioles are the Frederick Keys(High A) located in Frederick, Maryland, the Bowie Baysox(Double A) located in Bowie, Maryland and lastly the Norfolk Tides(Triple A) located in Norfolk, Virginia. So if you near any of these locations go out and support your local future Orioles.

With the orioles being ranked number one in the farm system, the orioles are looking forward to having a great 2023 season. After coming off a 83 win season in 2022 season, the PECOTA(Player Empirical Comparison and Optimization Test Algorithm) has projected the birds to go 80-82 this upcoming season. With the people having the orioles going 80-82 on the

players on the orioles( Ryan Mountcastle) say that the orioles would win more than 89 games confidently. In spring training most of the lineup was batting almost .400 so this is a great start to the season. So the orioles are going to go into the season trusting their young team to bring them a championship.

As the orioles head into the season they predict Adley Rutschman to win the MVP of the league. He was the number one overall pick in the 2019 Draft. In addition they predict their closer pitcher Félix Bautista to win the CY Young award. He had a 2.19 era with 13 holds in his rookie season. Even though the PECOTA has predicted the orioles to go 80-82 a bold prediction is that the orioles will win their first postseason series since 2014.

As the season comes to the end the orioles have won the AL East with a record of 101-61, they have overcome all the predictions from the beginning of the season. So they will be heading to the American League Division series where they will face the rangers. But sadly their season has come to stand where they got swept. Even though they got swept by the ranger in their first series since 2014, they came a long way and beat the predictions. So next season they're looking to go to the World Series.