

2019 Final Power Rankings

Overall Rank. Team, Record (Playoff Record)(Division Rank)(Previous Ranking)

1. Yankees, 7-3 (3-0)(Cardinal Blinds 2)(2)

After starting Monday by losing to the Royals for the division title, they headed to the playoffs with an uphill battle in front of them, and boy, did they deliver. All three of their playoff games were hard-fought and close, as they earn their first title in the Franchise Era, beating the Royals (third matchup of 2019) in a wild 17-14 shoot out. A bittersweet moment for Kevin Pihle who had to work on Monday and couldn't make it to the playoffs, but the team celebrated enough for them all. Jackson was a beast on the mound, having to also hit in every game on Monday, and Sam Bakula went off to help his team find their way to a title. You gotta believe with Kevin possibly back at full schedule next season, with the breakout by John Calloway, that this team under Scott's leadership will be back and better than ever. Scott and Jackson also add gold gloves to this team's successes in 2019.

2. Rockies, 9-1 (0-1)(Koetting Associates 1)(1)

After capping off a great regular season and Blake earning All Star Game MVP honors, they earned home field advantage throughout the playoffs, but as we know, the away teams always win. The Rockies fell victim to a lack of offense in their playoff matchup against the streaking Yankees who scored all their runs off Brett in the first couple of innings before having their offense shut down by Jackson. All eyes will be on CY Wiffle winner, Brett this offseason as he decides the future of his career. Many rumors point to him possibly making a switch to the Expos, which will leave over 25 innings for the Rockies to pick up somewhere else.

3. Royals, 7-3 (1-1)(Cardinal Blinds 1)(5)

Yet again, the same result. The Royals make their way to the Championship and lose in disappointing fashion. They ended the regular season with yet another division title, but could not finish when it mattered most. Sam pitched for most of the playoffs, but it was the Royals offense that kept them in it, when their opponents were scoring at an alarming rate. In the end, it is very difficult to beat a team three times in one weekend and the Yankees took advantage beating the Royals in the most important game. Gus and Ty led the league in batting, and Cory won Rookie of the Year as the Royals look to probably stay the same heading into next season.

4. Twins, 8-2 (0-1)(Glendale Chrysler 1)(3)

Will Rath was given the opportunity to roll with the full time roster spot and he didn't disappoint on both sides of the ball. Chris was steady as ever, winning another Platinum Hands award, while Spencer wins his second MVP after a season in which he almost broke the HR and RBI record. They fell short to the Royals in the semifinal matchup that consisted of 17 total home runs. It will be interesting to see where the Twins go from here this offseason as they finish outside the top tier for the second time in three years. Other teams beware though; every time they finish out of the top tier, the next season they go on to win the Championship.

5. Brewers, 7-3 (0-1)(Koetting Associates 2)(4)

A strong start to 2019 ends in disaster as the Brewers playoff woes continue, this time though exiting even earlier, losing to the Yankees in the Wild Card game in a pitching duel between Cornell and Crosley. It's the first year that the Brewers have lost the game in the history of its existence. Derek Cornell was a nice addition to this roster, and rumor has it, Olderman might be making his exit to pursue a role on a team with some hitting openings, which will give more chances for Cornell and PG to step up if that is the case. Obviously, the goal for the Brew Crew is sustainability in 2020, and finding a way to not have to play in that cursed Wild Card Game.

6. Athletics, 4-6 (N/A)(Glendale Chrysler 2)(6)

No spoilers here as they win all their games against the bottom three teams and lose all their games against the top 5. Luke was back and Paul went off, but the effects of a four-man roster showed for this team, especially on the mound. The hope should be that 30-inning man from 2018, Matt Galakatos returns in 2020 to lighten the load, and who knows, maybe the heart of the franchise, Alex Heck can return to inspire this team to once again shock the world and get back to the glory that was 2016.

7. Expos, 1-9 (N/A)(Cardinals Blinds 3)(9)

All three, bottom tier teams beat one another, so they all tie for the bottom spot in the Power Rankings. The Astros will be #7 heading into the 2020 division draw due to run differential, but you gotta believe this was a huge disappointment for them after just finishing with four wins the year prior. Their only win came on Monday, but shanty town still was in full use throughout the weekend. Jimmy Nelson has refined his game and is now in the conversation as one of the best arms in the league, breaking the single season Franchise Era record in pitching strikeouts. They have a lot to build upon, and look to possibly land Brett in free agency if he finally decides to cross over, which could make things very interesting in 2020.

7. Diamondbax, 1-9 (N/A)(Glendale Chrysler 3)(7)

All three, bottom tier teams beat one another, so they all tie for the bottom spot in the Power Rankings. The DBax will be #8 heading into the 2020 division draw due to run differential, but they allowed the least amount of runs out of the bottom tier of teams, with, to be honest, their least talented roster in franchise history. Auston Steffes had an all-star caliber year and looks to return as the cornerstone in 2020, along with hopefully a stronger returning lineup with the possibilities of Mat Piesert, Devin Nelson, Jimmy Cole, and fan favorite, Andrew Lindor.

7. Astros, 1-9 (N/A)(Koetting Associates 3)(8)

All three, bottom tier teams beat one another, so they all tie for the bottom spot in the Power Rankings. The Astros will be #9 heading into the 2020 division draw due to run differential, but they scored the most runs out of the bottom tier of teams. Rookies Cameron Smith and Keaton Adams finished 2-3 in the Rookie of the Year race showing that this team has a good core to return in 2020 for a now injured Bryan Benware. Chris Oberlohr did not do as well as 2018 in his return this season, but has the makings to round out this lineup in the future. Will Benware roll with what he's got for next season, or find something in Free Agency that can get this team out of the bottom tier and into the conversation?