

Too Early World Series Predictions

The next two months will determine the playoff picture for the 2020 MLB season.

In the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, [60 game MLB season](#) can be an advantage for some and not so much for others.

And a lot depends on the playoffs.

So before going into the World Series predictions, let's look at our playoff predicted playoff teams:

AL East: New York Yankees.

NL East: Atlanta Braves

AL Central: Minnesota Twins.

NL Central: Chicago Cubs

AL West: Oakland Athletics.

NL West: Los Angeles Dodgers

AL Wildcard: Houston Astros, Tampa Bay Rays

NL Wildcard: Miami Marlins, Colorado Rockies

World Series Predictions

Well, there are a lot of good candidates for the 2020 World Series title.

Yet there are 2 teams that can really make a difference this year with their squad and their form during the unusual 2020 season.

One of these teams are Oakland Athletics.



A's at Orioles in 2017/(Wikimedia Commons)

Although they made no notable off-season moves, Oakland started the 60 game season with 13-6 record.

With New York Yankees, Athletics is certainly an ALCS candidate. The key is that if they can beat the Yankees or not.

Yankees were already in ALCS last year, but they lost the series to Astros.

They undoubtedly have the best roster in American League, yet time after time they failed to reach World Series. This year we presume that it will not be different than before.

In any given situation, Oakland Athletics has the motivation, squad and the form at the moment and we saw this year, with the unusual situation the organizations are in with the COVID-19 regulations, there are many teams that surprisingly good and become a real threat for the title.

Athletics were already in Wildcard last year, but they matched with Tampa Bay Rays and that had ended their season.

This year we presume that they will be the Division leader, and that will give them an edge to start their way up to the World Series.

For the National League Champions, there are many good candidates at the moment.

But one can not deny the strength of the 2016 champions Chicago Cubs. Cubs went 84-78 in 2019 and still missed the playoffs last year.



Cubs in 2017 against Orioles/(Wikimedia Commons)

That must have hurt Chicago because they had a blistering start to the new season.

They seem focused and determined to not repeat what happened last year.

If they manage to get in the playoffs, Cubs can be a real threat.

For that reason, we pick Chicago Cubs as the opposition for the Athletics.

While it may not be like this at all, with their current form and run, We pick Oakland Athletics and Chicago Cubs as the 2020 World Series contenders.

Alternative Scenario Predictions

The form is not the only aspect for a championship or for a championship run.

Quality of the roster and the coaching staff along with the DNA of the team can get you to the World Series even though you are not on your best form.

These following two teams do not only fit into the category above but also they did not have a bad start to season either.

In AL, in an alternative way, the best candidate for the World Series is New York Yankees.



Gary Sánchez/(Wikimedia Commons)

Yankees has a very strong bullpen and a very good depth on their squad.

They also have [Gerrit Cole in the starting rotation](#) and may have the best overall squad on the paper in AL.

The only trouble for them might be the form and the performance on the pitch. If they have no injuries or problems with COVID-19, they have a straight shot to the World Series.

In NL, Los Angeles Dodgers might be the only challenger to the Cubs.



Dodgers Baseball/(Flickr)

Dodgers was already a contender for the title both last season and before this season started.

But [they also added Mookie Betts and lefty David Price](#) to their rotation and showed that they are serious about getting to the World Series.

They have one of the strongest rosters in NL and depth to overcome the opposition.

For that reason, another potential World Series matchup would be between New York Yankees and LA Dodgers.

The two teams that are very hungry for a World Series Championship.

Bold Predictions

NL looks very strong this season, apart from the likes of LA Dodgers and Atlanta Braves, Colorado Rockies and Miami Marlins had a fantastic season start and they look really strong.

In AL, there is always the likes of Tampa Bay Rays and Houston Astros to mix the run in the playoffs.

While these teams may not necessarily win their division, a wild card team also can make a difference in the playoffs.

Last year, Houston Astros started the playoffs from the Wildcard series and went into the World Series against the Washington Nationals.

And one can never forget that last year Washington Nationals won the World Series, coming from Wildcard in NL.

For this reason, we think that two particular teams seemed very strong at the moment and can be under radar championship candidates if they make the playoffs.

One of these teams is Houston Astros.



Houston Astros World Series/(Jack Ryan)

Since they won the World Series in 2017. Astros look very strong in every season.

[With the controversy on their 2017 title](#), Astros had a very difficult season last year and this offseason.

While the whole league breathing on their neck, they responded by going to the World Series one more time, coming from the Wildcard.

They have a very strong squad with the likes of Alex Bergman and Justin Verlander and Jose Altuve.

Like it or not, Astros is a real threat for the World Series run in AL.

In NL, the situation is a little bit complicated there are many candidates for a surprise run to the World Series.

Yet, we pick Miami Marlins for the World Series run in NL.



2019 Miami Marlins/(Ian D'Andrea)

Marlins had a very strong run in the league at the moment with their 8-4 record.

Why Marlins have even a chance at World Series?

[Because this team had it all and never backed down.](#) In their recent trip, 18 players and two coaches tested positive.

In fear of another case within the team, They had also injury problems.

Manager Don Mattingly changed and rotated the squad a couple of times already this season, and yet they still seem very strong.

That is kind of the mentality and focus that can get you to the World Series.

While have an abundance of problems compared with other teams, they still managed to perform and [lead NL East](#) at the moment.

For that reason, it would be interesting to see a Miami Marlins, Houston Astros World Series.