Andy the Fish picks Birds, Reds, KC, Cubs

Tech staff baseball predictions

By Andrew L. Fish

The Baltimore Orioles will be victorious in the AL East. The pitching staff last year was plauged by anordinate number of injuries, but with the addition of a re- spectable .264 and finished sec- ond in runs scored. Earl Weaver's boys will be back in the division for the first full year can not be discounted.

2. The Detroit Tigers have out- of the best rotations in the league led by Jack Morris, Lou Per- then, and Frank Tanana. Willie Hern- andez will be a great stopper if he remains on their staff. Pitching coupled with the team's bench depth makes the Tigers a tough team.

3. The Baltimore Blue Jays won't be able to rework the magic that led them the division title last year, but the Jays still have a solid club. The team's 1985 roster remains pretty much intact ex- cept for manager Bobby Cox, who left to become general man- ager of the Braves. It's tough to repeat in the AL East, and the Blue Jays won't be able to do it.

4. The removal of Manager Dick Williams has weakened the San Diego Padres. Greg Nettles' old age might lead to platooning at third base with Carmelo Mar- tinez. Leon Roberts has battled injuries and a finishing up for Tim Flanagan and Jerry Royster for the starting second-base job. The Padres lack the ability to run and score runs.

5. The Houston Astros'fastball is slowing with age, and Bo Scott and Mike Scott are the only one with pitching experience. Pitching staff last year was weak, but they have a new manager in Joe Nuxhall who can hit. Few runs equals few wins for Houston.

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7. The Milwaukee Brewers will occupy the cellar of the east. The Brewers will have trouble scoring runs, unless they face the Braves' inexperienced pitching staff.

8. The Kansas City Royals will win the AL West this year. The Royals have a strong batting order and a pitching staff. Although the team could stand some offensive punch, they won't have to worry about giving up many runs.

9. The Oakland A's will con- tinue for the division title. Joe- quin Andujar should add strength to a promising, young staff. The A's may also re- cover from injury and return as a formidable force. The defense is strong, and the A's have enough power and base- base to win the division.

The Chicago White Sox' pitching is shaky and is NOT as outclass. The White Sox have a fairly poor offense, although they can hit for power. Infield positions are also weak.

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12. The Los Angeles Dodgers will finish in the cellar of the West. A lot of rookies will pitch, and the Dodgers will have to rely on defense to keep them in the game. Seattle's third base is very open, and it may not be long before the Dodgers fall and out of the lineup. Give them a couple of years.

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Fish squishes Mets, Dodgers

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The Chicago Cubs had tough luck with their pitching staff last year, but they will win big if they stay healthy. Outfielders Gary Matthews and Bob Dernier can be expect to perform better than last year. Jerry Murphy and Thad Bosley will provide strong bench help.

2. The highly-touted New York Mets' starting pitching is solid, although Dwight Gooden will be out for the rest of the season. An aging George Foster could be a Cy Young season. But the Mets lack a solid catcher, and they have suspect relief pitching. An inordinate number of injuries plagued the team last year. Jerry Mumphrey and Rob Thompson comprise an infield that has less than three errors in the majors. Give this team a couple of years and they might be decent.

3. The St. Louis Cardinals are in the cellar of the west. Pete Rose is heating up, and this is a strong young team. Mike Scott is prone to make errors. Pitching staff last year was weak, but they have a new manager in Joe Nuxhall who can hit. Few runs equals few wins for Houston.

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