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Capitals Announce 2026-27 Regular Season Schedule: Season Opens on the Road Against...

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BRIAN'S NOTEBOOK

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Brian's Take recaps 22 MSB opinion takes published during the week. These are the key conclusions from MSB's reporting, analysis and game coverage....

1

Bradish Shines in Debut After Extension as Orioles Beat Red Sox 5-1 to Split Doubleheader...

Kyle Bradish looked like a pitcher determined to prove the Orioles made the right investment. The command was there, the confidence was obvious, and he attacked one of the hottest lineups in baseball from the first pitch. Baltimore may have lost the series, but finishing the road trip 4-2 while ending Boston's 15-game winning streak gives the Orioles momentum heading i...

2

Red Sox Strike Early, Hand Orioles 6-3 Loss as Baltimore s Catching Woes Continue...

The Orioles cannot continue spotting quality teams early leads. Boston took advantage immediately, and Baltimore spent the entire afternoon trying to climb back into the game. Even more concerning is the growing injury situation. Losing Basallo so soon after Rutschman leaves one of the club's most important positions dangerously thin. If the Orioles expect...

3

Orioles Drop Heartbreaker to Red Sox, 6-5, After Costly Defensive Mistakes at Fenway...

This one will sting. Baltimore showed resilience by erasing deficits twice and received productive nights from Henderson, O'Neill, and Encarnacion-Strand. The offense was good enough to win. The defense was not. Four errors simply are not going to beat a playoff-caliber club on the road, especially at Fenway Park. The Orioles continue to show...

4

Orioles Place Adley Rutschman on Injured List, Recall Chadwick Tromp Ahead of Red Sox Series...

This is unquestionably a setback, but it could have been much worse. The phrase "left wrist inflammation" is far more encouraging than structural damage or a fracture. The Orioles made the correct decision by placing Rutschman on the injured list immediately instead of allowing the injury to worsen. Chadwick Tromp gives Baltimore an experienced veteran who understand...

AROUND THE STATE

THIS WEEK IN MARYLAND SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Bradish Shines in Debut After Extension as Orioles Beat Red Sox 5-1 to Split Doubleheader...

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Orioles Drop Heartbreaker to Red Sox, 6-5, After Costly Defensive Mistakes at Fenway...

MONDAY, JULY 20

Orioles Place Adley Rutschman on Injured List, Recall Chadwick Tromp Ahead of Red Sox Series...

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Orioles Complete Sweep of Astros, Win Seventh Straight Behind Brandon Young's Dominant Start...

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Orioles Win Sixth Straight, Outlast Astros 4-2 in 11-Inning Thriller

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Orioles Recall Cam Sanders, Adding Another Bullpen Arm for Second Half Push

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

UPCOMING WEEK

More Maryland sports coverage, schedules and breaking news are ahead.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS AND HERSHEY BEARS



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Washington Capitals have officially announced their
2026-27 NHL regular season schedule, opening the campaign
on the road against the defending Stanley Cup champion
Carolina Hurricanes. The 82-game schedule includes...

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ORIOLES RECAP

BRADISH DELIVERS

EARNS WIN IN FIRST START SINCE \$90 MILLION EXTENSION

5 FINAL **1**

JULY 22, 2026 - FENWAY PARK - GAME 2 OF DOUBLEHEADER

BRADISH: / STRONG START: / SNAPS RED SOX / ROAD TRIP

FEATURE STORY

Bradish Shines in Debut After Extension as Orioles Beat Red Sox 5-1 to Split Doubleheader

The Baltimore Orioles closed their road trip on a high note Wednesday night, defeating the Boston Red Sox 5-1 in the second game of a split doubleheader at Fenway Park. More importantly, Baltimore handed Boston its first loss in 16 games while giving fans a glimpse of the club's future as Kyle Bradish made his first...

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GAME RECAP
JULY 22, 2026
FENWAY PARK | BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON RED SOX (54-47) **6** **FINAL** **3** **BALTIMORE ORIOLES** (49-54)

GAME HIGHLIGHTS
RED SOX JUMP OUT EARLY
Boston scored 4 runs in the 1st inning highlighted by a two-run single from Caleb Durbin and a two-run triple by Jarren Duran.
KREMER STRUGGLES EARLY
Dean Kremer allowed 4 runs in the 1st inning and finished with 6 runs allowed over 6.0 innings with 6 strikeouts.
ORIOLES BATTLE BACK

KEY PERFORMERS
JAKE BENNETT (BOS)
W (3-1)
5.2 IP, 3 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 6 K
DEAN KREMER (BAL)
L (6-6)
6.0 IP, 7 H, 6 ER, 3 BB, 6 K

UP NEXT
THURSDAY, JULY 23
1:35 PM ET
FENWAY PARK | BOSTON, MA

INJURY UPDATE
SAM BASALLO
PLACED ON 10-DAY IL WITH RIGHT SHOULDER INFLAMMATION.
JOHNATHAN RODRIGUEZ
RECALLED FROM TRIPLE-A NORFOLK.

FEATURE STORY

Red Sox Strike Early, Hand Orioles 6-3 Loss as Baltimore's Catching Woes Continue

BOSTON The Baltimore Orioles dropped the second game of their series against the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday afternoon, falling 6-3 at Fenway Park after Boston jumped out to an early four-run lead. The loss came on another difficult day for Baltimore, which also placed rookie catcher Samuel Basallo on the 10-day injured list before.....

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Orioles Drop Heartbreaker to Red Sox, 6-5, After Costly Defensive Mistakes at Fenway

BOSTON The Baltimore Orioles had multiple opportunities to steal the series opener at Fenway Park on Monday night, but four defensive errors and a late Boston home run proved too much to overcome in a 6-5 loss to the Red Sox. Boston improved to 51-48 with the victory, while Baltimore slipped to 49-52, dropping another...

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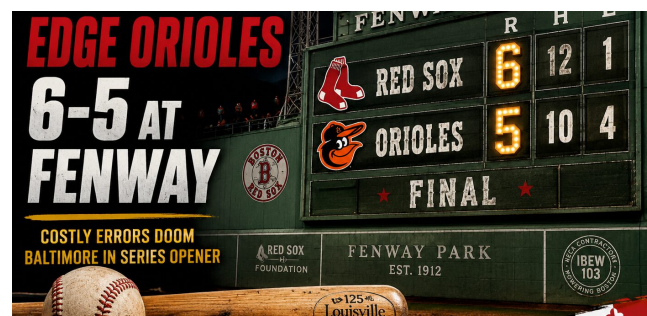
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BALTIMORE ORIOLES



Orioles Place Adley Rutschman on Injured List, Recall Chadwick Tromp Ahead of Red Sox Series...

The Baltimore Orioles made a significant roster move before opening their series against the Boston Red Sox, placing All-Star catcher Adley Rutschman on the.....

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Orioles vs. Red Sox Series Preview: Baltimore Looks to Keep Rolling at Fenway Park...

The Baltimore Orioles head to Fenway Park riding their best stretch of the 2026 season after completing a three-game sweep of the Houston Astros.....

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Orioles Complete Sweep of Astros, Win Seventh Straight Behind Brandon Young s Dominant Start...

HOUSTON The Baltimore Orioles are playing their best baseball of the 2026 season. Behind another outstanding performance from Brandon Young, timely hitting throughout.....

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Orioles Shuffle Roster Before Series Finale as Sam Huff Joins Club, Ryan Helsley s Injury Rai...

The Baltimore Orioles made three roster moves before Sunday s series finale against the Houston Astros, moves that immediately impacted the game while also creating.....

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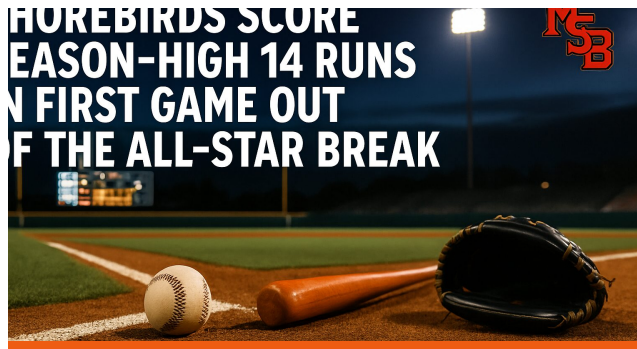
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Shorebirds Rally from Four Down to Take the Finale Against Kannapolis

Bowie Baysox Rally from Four Runs Down to Clinch Series Finale Against Kannapolis Cannon Ballers
Bowie Baysox Rally from Four Runs Down to Clinch...

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Shorebirds Score Season-High 14 Runs in First Game out of the All-Star Break...

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Delmarva Drops Game 2 to RidgeYaks

Delmarva Shorebirds Drop Game 2 to Fredericksburg Nationals in Competitive Matchup
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Orioles Win Sixth Straight, Outlast Astros 4-2 in 11-Inning Thriller...

The Baltimore Orioles continue to play their best baseball of the season. Baltimore extended its winning streak to six games Saturday night with a...

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**ORIOLES
LOCK UP
THEIR ACE!**

KYLE BRADISH
FIVE-YEAR, \$90 MILLION EXTENSION

3.50
CAREER ERA
86 STARTS

2026 STATS
19 STARTS
3.61 ERA
106 K
107.1 IP

5 YEARS
2027-2031

\$90
MILLION

ACE
LOCKED IN

The graphic features a photograph of pitcher Kyle Bradish in his Baltimore Orioles uniform, number 38, on the pitcher's mound. The background is a dark blue field with the Orioles' orange and black colors. The text is in white and orange, with the Orioles logo on the left. The contract details are highlighted in a white box with orange borders. The career and 2026 stats are in a white box with orange borders. The 5-year contract and \$90 million value are in a white box with orange borders. The 'Ace Locked In' status is in a white box with orange borders.

Orioles Lock Up Their Ace: Kyle Bradish Signs Five-Year, \$90 Million Extension...

The Baltimore Orioles made one of the biggest statements of the 2026 season on Saturday, agreeing to a five-year, \$90 million contract extension with.....

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Baltimore Ravens Deepen Community Engagement with Youth Programs and Strategi...

The Baltimore Ravens advance their community engagement in Baltimore through youth initiatives, charitable drives, and partnerships supporting...



Baltimore Ravens Strengthen Baltimore Community with Innovative Partnerships and Initiatives in...

The Baltimore Ravens significantly impacted Baltimore in 2025 with initiatives in hunger relief, pediatric cancer research funding, Patterson Park renovations,.....



Ravens Help Oysters on Earth Day

Baltimore Ravens Join Healthy Harbor Initiative to Support Oyster Restoration on Earth Day Baltimore Ravens Join Healthy Harbor Initiative to...

BALTIMORE RAVENS



Ravens Add Veteran Center Ethan Pocic to Bolster Offensive Line Competition...

The Baltimore Ravens have added another experienced option to the middle of their offensive line, agreeing to a one-year contract with veteran center Ethan.....

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Kyle Hamilton Voted NFL's No. 1 Safety by League Insiders for Second Straight Year...

Baltimore Ravens safety Kyle Hamilton has established himself as more than one of the best young defensive players in football. According to the people.....

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Kyle Hamilton Deserved Better: Why the Ravens All-Pro Safety Was Underrated at No. 63 in the NFL...

The NFL Top 100 Players list voted on by the players themselves reliably generates debate every offseason. While intended to honor the...

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Hershey Bears Bring Back Calder Cup Champion Louis Robitaille as Assistant Co...

HERSHEY, Pa. The Hershey Bears have added a familiar face to their coaching staff, announcing Wednesday that former Calder Cup champion Louis Robitaille has...



Hershey Bears Add Size and Depth to Blue Line with Pair of Veteran Defensive Signings...

HERSHEY, Pa. The Hershey Bears continued to strengthen their roster for the 2026-27 American Hockey League season on Monday,...



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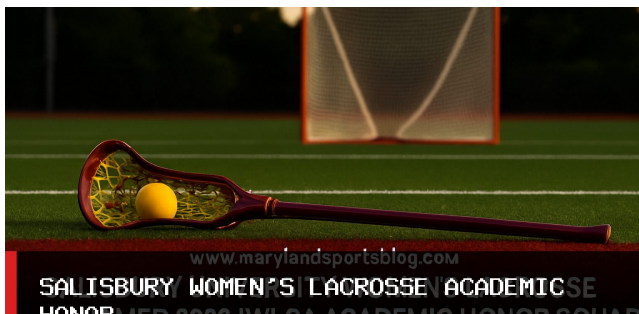
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Frostburg State University Men's Baseball Team Earns ABCA Team Academic Excellence...

Frostburg State University's men's baseball team earned the American Baseball Coaches Association's Team Academic Excellence Award by maintaini...



Salisbury University Women's Lacrosse Named 2026 IWLCAC Academic Honor Squad with 11 Players on...

Salisbury University women's lacrosse earned 2026 IWLCAC Academic Honor Squad recognition, with 11 players named to the Division III Honor...



Bowie State University Aquatics Releases Weekly Schedule for Aquatic Center with Contact...

Bowie State University Aquatics released the weekly schedule for its Aquatics Center on July 21, 2026, with Mark Wascavage as...

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Towson Women s Lacrosse Earns IWLCA Academic Recognition, Eight Tigers Honored for Excellence i...

The success of Towson women s lacrosse extended well beyond the playing field during the 2025-26 academic year. The Tigers were once again recognized by...

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Navy s Hoke Smith II to Wear No. 68 in Honor of Fallen Teammate David Forney...

ANNAPOLIS, Md. Navy football s tradition of honoring those who helped build the program will continue this fall, as senior offensive guard Hoke Smith.....

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Stevenson University Mustangs to Host MAC Cross Country Championships for Second Time i...

The Stevenson University Mustangs men s and women s cross country teams have announced their full 2026 competition schedules, highlighted by the return of the Middle.....

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Maryland Women s Lacrosse Adds Experienced Clemson Transfer Kira Balis to Strengthen Defense...

COLLEGE PARK, Md. The future of Maryland women s lacrosse received another boost as head coach Cathy Reese and the Terrapins announced the addition...

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Four Mountaineers Earn NABC Honors Court Recognition as Mount St. Mary's Continues Tradition of...

EMMITSBURG, Md. Championships and postseason appearances often define a basketball program, but the most successful teams also pride themselves on developing leaders away.....

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Coppin State Women's Golf Announces Inaugural 2026-27 Schedule...

Coppin State University will make history during the 2026-27 academic year as the Eagles begin the inaugural season of their NCAA Division I women's...

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Loyola Women's Track & Field 2025-26 Season Recap: School Records and Championship...

Loyola University Maryland Women's Track & Field 2025-26 Season Recap: School Records and Championship Performances Highlight Strong Year The Loyola University Maryland women's track.....

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WASHINGTON WIZARDS



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Washington Wizards Summer League Recap: Young Core Shows Bright Future in La...

The Washington Wizards wrapped up the 2026 NBA Summer League with a 3-2 record, finishing their schedule on a positive note with a 91-83 victory over...



Wizards Close Summer League With 91-83 Win Over Hawks

The Washington Wizards wrapped up their 2026 NBA Summer League schedule on a winning note Saturday night, defeating the Atlanta...

WASHINGTON MYSTICS



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Game Recap: Mystics at Valkyries

Washington Mystics at Golden State Valkyries Game Recap
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News

Washington Mystics News Archive: A Deep Dive into the Team's WNBA History
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WASHINGTON NATIONALS



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Nats send three to All-Star Game, draft some hot prospects

The Washington Nationals hit the All-Star break a game below .500, thanks to a typically shaky bullpen at home against the New York Yankees. Three...

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