



World Baseball Classic Prediction Challenge! 2026

Final			Predictions and Results					
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Terry Appleby	Doug Wansbrough	Richard Owens	John Lo
 Venezuela	VEN	VEN 3	USA 5-2	USA 7-6	VEN 4-3 Right!	USA 6-2	VEN 5-3 Right!	USA 5-2
 United States	USA	2	10	0	80	0	70	10
Score-Semifinals (100)			40	48	10	10	40	18
Score-Quarterfinals (100)			26	44	42	44	12	60
Score-Preliminary Round (100)			38	60	48	18	36	26
Total Score (400)			114	152	180	72	158	114
Rank (out of 6)			4	3	1	6	2	4



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Semifinals			Predictions and Results					
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Terry Appleby	Doug Wansbrough	Richard Owens	John Lo
Dominican Republic United States	DOM	USA 1	DOM 5-4	DOM 5-2	DOM 5-4	DOM 8-5	DOM 6-4	DOM 4-2
	USA	2	0	4	0	0	0	8
Venezuela Italy	VEN	VEN 4	VEN 7-6 Right! 20	VEN 7-3 Right! 24	ITA 6-3	ITA 8-7	VEN 7-5 Right! 20	ITA 6-5
	ITA	2			0	0		0
Game winners correct			1	1	0	0	1	0
Bonus Points (10)			10	10	0	0	10	0
Game Scores correct			0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonus Points (10)			10	10	10	10	10	10
Score-Semifinals (100)			40	48	10	10	40	18
Score-Quarterfinals (100)			26	44	42	44	12	60
Score-Preliminary Round (100)			38	60	48	18	36	26
Total Score (300)			104	152	100	72	88	104
Rank (out of 6)			2	1	4	6	5	2



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Quarterfinals			Predictions and Results					
Teams		Score	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Terry Appleby	Doug Wansbrough	Richard Owens	John Lo
South Korea Dominican Republic	KOR	DOM	DOM 5-4 Right! 10	DOM 8-4 Right! 10	DOM 5-2 Right! 10	DOM 6-4 Right! 10	KOR 4-2 0	DOM 6-1 Right! 10
	DOM	10						
United States Canada	USA	USA	USA 5-1 Right! 16	USA 7-5 Right! 12	USA 7-1 Right! 12	USA 8-5 Right! 10	USA 7-1 Right! 12	USA 5-3 Right! 20
	CAN	3						
Puerto Rico Italy	PUR	ITA	PUR 4-2	ITA 5-3 Right! 10	ITA 4-2 Right! 10	ITA 7-4 Right! 14	PUR 5-3 0	ITA 6-2 Right! 10
	ITA	8	0					
Venezuela Japan	VEN	JPN	JPN 5-1 0	JPN 5-4 2	JPN 5-2 0	JPN 6-2 0	JPN 6-2 0	JPN 7-1 0
	JPN	5						
Game winners correct			2	3	3	3	1	3
Bonus Points (10)			0	10	10	10	0	10
Game Scores correct			0	0	0	0	0	1
Bonus Points (10)			0	0	0	0	0	10
Score-Quarterfinals (100)			26	44	42	44	12	60
Score-Preliminary Round (100)			38	60	48	18	36	26
Total Score (200)			64	104	90	62	48	86
Rank (out of 6)			4	1	2	5	6	3



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Pool Play				Predictions and Results					
Teams	Standings	W	L	Michael Poplawski	John Woycheshin	Terry Appleby	Doug Wansbrough	Richard Owens	John Lo
Pool A (Puerto Rico)									
Puerto Rico	CAN	3	1	PUR	PUR	PUR	CUB	PUR	PUR
Canada	PUR	3	1	CAN	CAN	CAN	CAN	CUB	CUB
Cuba	CUB	2	2	COL	CUB	CUB	PUR	CAN	CAN
Colombia	COL	1	3	CUB	COL	PAN	PAN	PAN	COL
Panama	PAN	1	3	PAN	PAN	COL	COL	COL	PAN
				8	14	8	2	2	8
Pool B (Houston)									
United States	ITA	4	0	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Mexico	USA	3	1	MEX	MEX	MEX	MEX	MEX	MEX
Italy	MEX	2	2	ITA	ITA	ITA	BRA	ITA	ITA
Great Britain	GBR	1	3	GBR	GBR	BRA	GBR	BRA	GBR
Brazil	BRA	0	4	BRA	BRA	GBR	ITA	GBR	BRA
				8	8	2	0	2	8
Pool C (Tokyo)									
Japan	JPN	4	0	JPN	JPN	JPN	JPN	Right!	JPN
Australia	KOR	2	2	TPE	KOR	KOR	KOR	KOR	TPE
South Korea	AUS	2	2	KOR	TPE	TPE	TPE	AUS	KOR
Czechia	TPE	2	2	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	TPE	CZE
Chinese Taipei	CZE	0	4	CZE	CZE	CZE	CZE	CZE	AUS
				8	14	14	14	20	2
Pool D (Miami)									
Netherlands	DOM	4	0	DOM	DOM	DOM	VEN	DOM	DOM
Venezuela	VEN	3	1	VEN	VEN	VEN	DOM	NED	VEN
Dominican Republic	ISR	2	2	NED	NED	NED	NCA	VEN	NED
Israel	NED	1	3	ISR	ISR	ISR	ISR	NCA	NCA
Nicaragua	NCA	0	4	NCA	NCA	NCA	NED	ISR	ISR
				14	14	14	2	2	8
Qualifiers Correct				6	7	7	6	5	5
Bonus Points (10)				0	10	10	0	0	0
Groups Exactly Correct				0	0	0	0	1	0
Bonus Points (10)				0	0	0	0	10	0
Total Score (100)				38	60	48	18	36	26
Rank (out of 6)				3	1	2	6	4	5

"Results" Explained

Each group is scored out of a maximum 20 points
If the group is predicted in the correct order, the full 20 points are awarded, and the word "Right!" appears
3 points are taken off the maximum score for each position incorrect in the order.