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2010 Opening Day Average Salary Increases to \$3,340,133

Major League Clubs Increase Opening Day Payroll by More Than \$55 Million

New York, NY, Tuesday, April 06, 2010 ... The average salary of a Major League baseball player on Opening Day in 2010 is \$3,340,133, it was announced today by the Major League Baseball Players Association. This is the sixth consecutive season in which the Opening Day average salary has increased.

The Monday, April 5, 2010 print edition of *USA Today* inaccurately reported that the 2010 Opening Day average salary is \$2.7 million, down 17% from 2009 Opening Day. In light of this mistake, the MLBPA, for the first time, is announcing publicly the results of its own annual calculation of Opening Day average salaries.

The 2010 Opening Day average salary represents an increase of \$22,658 over the 2009 Opening Day average salary of \$3,317,475, while the total payroll of the 828 players on Opening Day rosters (including the disabled list) this season is \$2,765,630,418, which represents an increase of \$55,253,618 over the total payroll of Opening Day rosters in 2009 (817 players, including disabled list.)

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[Note: Above figures do not include bonuses and benefits.]

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