

MOST CREATIVE ALL-STAR GAME INCENTIVE

There Is Plenty of Incentive To Make The MLB All-Star Game

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Then there is Kansas City second baseman/outfielder Whit Merrifield, whose four-year, \$16.25 contract extension signed this spring includes a most creative All-Star incentive authored by The Warner Companies.

Merrifield's extension includes escalators based on a points system that can automatically raise his salary by \$1 million in the final three years of the contract based on awards and plate appearances this season and next.

By making the All-Star team, Merrifield automatically added \$400,000 to his 2021, 2022 and 2023 (team option) salaries, which are now worth \$7.15 million, \$3.15 million and \$10.9 million, respectively. The All-Star selection is worth two points in the eight-point system. If Merrifield makes the team again next year, those salaries would increase by another \$400,000.



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