



# 2008 THIRD BASE 3B Rankings

## Mixed League Player Rankings & Analysis

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3B Alex Rodriguez, New York	Age: 32 Size: 6'3" 225
<p><b>FM:</b> 2007 was an offensive season all players dream about, but the fact remains that it will be close to impossible for A-Rod to match his extraordinary 2007 MVP type numbers. Still, even if A-Rods' numbers slightly decline, he's still numero uno at the position and numero uno in fantasy drafts. He's durable and the sure thing, so bid with confidence.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> I think we all owe A-Rod a huge apology for downgrading after his "off-year" in 2006. A-Rod came back with vengeance, opted out of his contract, said "screw you Boras" and resigned with the Yankees. He stays in a great lineup in NY and is the best player in the game. What's not to like?</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 583 AVG: .314 HR: 54 RBI: 156 R: 143 SB: 24</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 575 AVG: .300 HR: 50 RBI: 130 R: 120 SB: 20</p>	



3B David Wright, New York	Age: 24 Size: 6'0" 200
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> Wright isn't going to get you 40 homeruns, but he will get you 30 and 30 stolen bases. That plus an average over 300, and well, you know the rest. Wright is a pure machine.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> Wright should be considered a top 5 fantasy pick and should be primed with a better season assuming Jose Reyes and Carlos Delgado get back on track. He's only 24 so .300+/30/30 is certainly a possibility.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 604 AVG: .325 HR: 30 RBI: 107 R: 113 SB: 34</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 600 AVG: .315 HR: 35 RBI: 115 R: 110 SB: 30</p>	

<b>3B Miguel Cabrera, Detroit</b>	<b>Age: 25 Size: 6'4" 240</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> I'm not buying into the getting into the best shape of his life bit, but he still a force to be reckoned with. He is consistency and now that he is in an elite lineup, he shouldn't have any trouble surpassing 100 runs. Expect Cabrera's best season to date.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> Now that Cabrera will hit in front of Magglio Ordonez and Gary Sheffield and is almost a lock for .320/35/120. Cabrera's ceiling is unlimited now that he'll have real protection behind him and add in the fact that he has lost some weight and committed to better health and shape, Cabrera could be primed for his biggest season yet.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 588 AVG: .320 HR: 34 RBI: 119 R: 91 SB: 2</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 600 AVG: .330 HR: 35 RBI: 120 R: 100 SB: 5</p>	

<b>3B Ryan Braun, Milwaukee</b>	<b>Age: 24 Size: 6'2" 200</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> It's hard to put such an unproven guy so high, but if anyone deserves it, it's Braun. Wait...I said the same thing about Fielder. Braun had 34 homeruns in only 451 at bats. He may have to move to the outfield in the future, but his bat is for real.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> Those numbers in 451 AB is unheard of. This guy is for real and if Braun can muster up 20+ SB, he'll be a steal in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of your fantasy draft.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 451 AVG: .324 HR: 34 RBI: 97 R: 91 SB: 15</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 550 AVG: .300 HR: 40 RBI: 110 R: 100 SB: 15</p>	

<b>3B Chipper Jones, Atlanta</b>	<b>Age: 35 Size: 6'4" 210</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> If Jones could stay healthy for a full season, he'd be up there with Cabrera. When Jones plays, he PLAYS. However, he hasn't played a full season in, well, forever.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> If you plan to draft Jones as your primary 3B in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> rounds, it would be wise to handcuff Jones with a decent back up like Alex Gordon, Josh Fields or Edwin Encarnacion. Of course, any of those three could be drafted as your primary, but knowing that Jones is so brittle, it's a good idea to have yourself a spare 3B with upside. Plus, you can use this other 3B in your CI or UT slots.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 513 AVG: .337 HR: 29 RBI: 102 R: 108 SB: 5</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 500 AVG: .315 HR: 27 RBI: 100 R: 100 SB: 5</p>	

<b>3B Garrett Atkins, Colorado</b>	<b>Age: 27 Size: 6'3" 215</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> Atkins struggled for a while, but eventually turned it on. Colorado is trying top prospect Ian Stewart at second base, so it appears Atkins is staying in Colorado. He's still only 27 so his power should continue rising.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> I like Atkins as a potential batting champion and quite possible potential to hit 30 HR. Atkins slumped from April thru the end of June, imagine what he could of done with a full season of consistency.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 605 AVG: .301 HR: 25 RBI: 111 R: 83 SB: 3</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 600 AVG: .310 HR: 27 RBI: 110 R: 95 SB: 3</p>	

<b>3B Aramis Ramirez, Chicago Cubs</b>	<b>Age: 29 Size: 6'1" 215</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> We were all expecting 40 homeruns out of him last year, what happened? Ramirez hasn't completely lost it though. A return to 35 homeruns is likely and 40 isn't out of the question.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> The guy is only 29 years old and just barely into the middle of his prime. Expect a</p>	

spike in HR/RBI while keeping that average above .300.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 506 AVG: .310 HR: 26 RBI: 101 R: 72 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 600 AVG: .300 HR: 35 RBI: 110 R: 100 SB: 0

**3B/OF Chone Figgins, Los Angeles**

**Age: 30 Size: 5'8" 180**

**FM:** 41 SB in 442 AB on top of a .330 AVG makes Figgins a great alternative to the power hitting 3B. Could go as early as the late 2<sup>nd</sup> round/early 3<sup>rd</sup> and if you already drafted two quality power hitters, Figgins would make a great 3<sup>rd</sup> round pick if he slips to you as he'll give you a base in the non-power categories of AVG, R, SB. Played 11 games in the OF, which increases his value in some leagues where he qualifies.

**MLBFO:** Figgins's multi-position eligibility is a nice bonus. His speed, high average and runs total make him a worthy play at any position. He won't hit you a ton of homeruns, but if you grab a high power guy in the first two rounds, he's a solid 3rd round pick.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 442 AVG: .330 HR: 2 RBI: 58 R: 81 SB: 41

**2008 Potential:** AB: 600 AVG: .320 HR: 8 RBI: 65 R: 100 SB: 50

**3B Mike Lowell, Boston**

**Age: 33 Size: 6'3" 210**

**FM:** Lowell had a fantastic season for Boston and one of the main reasons they won the World Series. Just think, Boston didn't even want this guy when they traded for Josh Beckett and now he's resurrected his career. Lowell is solid, he's durable, plays great defense and should continue to produce consistently with the same role in Boston in 2008. He's a top 10 fantasy 3B in mixed leagues.

**MLBFO:** Don't expect Lowell to all of a sudden have a career year at age 33, but he should be solid and could be almost as good as last year. From reading Fantasy Land, I got a great impression of Mike Lowell. He seems like a great team player, which while not counted in fantasy, still has an intangible effect on his stats.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 589 AVG: .324 HR: 21 RBI: 120 R: 79 SB: 3

**2008 Potential:** AB: 590 AVG: .315 HR: 20 RBI: 100 R: 80 SB: 3

**3B Ryan Zimmerman, Washington**

**Age: 23 Size: 6'3" 210**

**MLBFO:** We all know his story. Zimmerman is only 23, but plays in a horrific lineup. Power is clearly on the upswing and at his age, there's still time before he hits his prime.

**FM:** I think you'll see a more respectable average in 2008 and with some new talent in Lastings Milledge, an offensive minded catcher in Paul LoDuca, a better season from Felipe Lopez, and I think you'll see a nice increase in production from Zimmerman.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 653 AVG: .266 HR: 24 RBI: 91 R: 99 SB: 4

**2008 Potential:** AB: 650 AVG: .285 HR: 27 RBI: 100 R: 100 SB: 5

**3B Adrian Beltre, Seattle**

**Age: 28 Size: 5'11" 220**

**FM:** Beltre has a stigma around him of not living up to his potential. We were all spoiled by that 48 HR 2004 season at age 25 and he has yet to match it. Still, Beltre will be 29 in April and just entering his prime and if you take a look at his stats for the last 3 seasons, he's been quite consistent. This consistency, point in his career, and age makes Beltre a fantastic value with considerable upside. He's susceptible to the long periods of slumping and not known for OBP but should hit .275+ AVG/25+ HR/90+ RBI with durability.

**MLBFO:** Beltre won't ever live up to that 2004 season, but this can actually work to

your advantage. People pass on Beltre due to his reputation as a bust, but don't look at his very solid stats. Beltre makes a good value in the mid-rounds of the draft.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 595 AVG: .276 HR: 26 RBI: 99 R: 87 SB: 14

**2008 Potential:** AB: 600 AVG: .280 HR: 29 RBI: 100 R: 95 SB: 12

**3B Alex Gordon, Kansas City**

**Age: 23 Size: 6'1" 220**

**FM:** Gordon was terribly disappointing in 2007 until he started to step it up a bit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. His overall numbers are respectable for a rookie, he leaves a lot of room for improvement, potential, and upside. Gordon was a .325/29/22 guy in his only minor league season, so a 15HR/14SB year with only one year of minor league experience is encouraging. Consider Gordon undervalued on draft day with major upside and 20/20 potential.

**MLBFO:** Gordon will be one of the most undervalued players on draft day due to his poor rookie showing. Actually, besides the average it was a good rookie showing, but everyone was hyped up for so much more. Look for Gordon to raise his average considerably and push for 20/20.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 543 AVG: .247 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 14

**2008 Potential:** AB: 590 AVG: .285 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 90 SB: 15



**3B Edwin Encarnacion, Cincinnati**

**Age: 24 Size: 6'1" 216**

**MLBFO:** After spending some time in the minors last season, EE came up the majors and really played well. He should be able to stay in the majors for a full season and 20 homeruns isn't out of the question by any stretch of the imagination.

**FM:** This is the year that EE breaks out. Nobody was hotter in major league baseball in August and September which could indicate a spike in production in the first half of 2008. Certainly has .290/25/100 potential.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 502 AVG: .289 HR: 16 RBI: 76 R: 66 SB: 8

**2008 Potential:** AB: 580 AVG: .290 HR: 20 RBI: 85 R: 75 SB: 7

3B Troy Glaus, St. Louis	Age: 32 Size: 6'5" 240
<p><b>FM:</b> Glaus has immense power potential but his durability is a major issue. If he can stay on the field, he's a 30+ HR/90+ RBI guy but you're almost guaranteed a few missed games or even a stint on the DL. Glaus ended his 2007 season with a heel condition called Plantar Fasciitis but looks like he'll be ready by spring training. Make sure you draft a serviceable back up to handcuff Glaus.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> As FM said, Glaus's main issue is his durability. If you draft him, make sure to draft a solid backup 3B as your MI or UTIL.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 385 AVG: .262 HR: 20 RBI: 62 R: 60 SB: 0</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 450 AVG: .265 HR: 25 RBI: 85 R: 70 SB: 0</p>	

3B Kevin Kouzmanoff, San Diego	Age: 26 Size: 6'1" 210
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> Kouz stands to get another 100 at bats next year and thus should top 20 homeruns for the first time in his career. At 26, his power should be just coming around meaning 25 is certainly possible.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> Kouzmanoff showed in the minors that he could be a .320+ hitter and with a year of struggles and experience under his belt, look for a major increase in batting average and don't be surprised to see .300/25/100/100 but we'll be more modest with our projections. Keep in mind he hit close to .320 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half in '07.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 484 AVG: .275 HR: 18 RBI: 74 R: 57 SB: 1</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 550 AVG: .280 HR: 25 RBI: 85 R: 70 SB: 0</p>	

3B/OF Josh Fields, Chicago	Age: 25 Size: 6'1" 215
<p><b>FM:</b> Fields slumped early on after his call up in June, but then got hot down the stretch and displayed 30+ power potential. He strikes out a ton which could keep his average below .300 but he's advanced through the minors each of the last three years. Fields also stole 28 bases in 2006 in AAA making us think he can steal at least 10 in 2008. He also adds versatility in the OF.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> The White Sox have held onto Crede so far, but Fields will be playing whether Crede leaves town or not. He can play both the OF and 3B, but 3B is his long-term position. Fields has huge 30 homeruns potential and is a great late round sleeper.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 373 AVG: .244 HR: 23 RBI: 67 R: 54 SB: 1</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 575 AVG: .280 HR: 30 RBI: 85 R: 80 SB: 10</p>	

3B/1B Kevin Youkilis, Boston	Age: 28 Size: 6'1" 220
<p><b>FM:</b> Youk had us going there for a while when he was a hit machine in the first half of the season, but quickly faded down the stretch. The good thing is that last season was a big step for Youkilis who will now be considered as a top 15 fantasy first baseman because of his ability to get on base and score runs. He's solid, OBP is stellar and he can hit the occasional long ball. Not your typical power threat you'd get at a corner spot but a hitter who knows how to get on base. He gets a higher ranking because he hits in that dangerous Boston lineup and has 3B eligibility.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> Youkilis makes for a solid starter in AL only leagues and a good reserve or possible MI in mixed leagues. He'll get you a good average and plays in a good lineup.</p>	

The runs will be there and medium power can be expected as well.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 528 AVG: .288 HR: 16 RBI: 83 R: 85 SB: 4

**2008 Potential:** AB: 590 AVG: .300 HR: 15 RBI: 90 R: 100 SB: 3

**3B Hank Blalock, Texas**

**Age: 27 Size: 6'1" 200**

**FM:** Look for a big rebound year for Blalock in '08 after he missed most of last year with a shoulder injury and surgery. Blalock has planned an aggressive rehabilitation program in the off season and should be ready to go by the spring. Blalock will be a major sleeper and a nice value late in drafts.

**MLBFO:** It seems as though lots of GMs have inquired on Blalock. Everyone seems to recognize this guys potential for greatness. Texas has been hesitant to trade him so far, but wherever he ends up, he'll be poised for a great season. Great late round value due to his injury shortened season, but the Magazines will probably hype this guy up.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 208 AVG: .293 HR: 10 RBI: 33 R: 32 SB: 4

**2008 Potential:** AB: 595 AVG: .285 HR: 25 RBI: 95 R: 90 SB: 2

**3B Scott Rolen, Toronto**

**Age: 32 Size: 6'4" 240**

**MLBFO:** If Rolen could stay healthy for a full season he would have a lot more value. I don't trust the Rolen but maybe a change of scenery in Toronto will help.

**FM:** He's the best of this group of potential "comeback" players and if he can find 500+AB, he's a .300/20/90 hitter....but that's a big, if.....

**2007 Stats:** AB: 392 AVG: .265 HR: 8 RBI: 58 R: 55 SB: 5

**2008 Potential:** AB: 400 AVG: .280 HR: 12 RBI: 70 R: 65 SB: 0

**3B Eric Chavez, Oakland**

**Age: 30 Size: 6'1" 230**

**FM:** Chavez had back surgery in October but is expected to be ready by the spring. Assuming he makes it back healthy, you're looking at a .260AVG/25+HR fantasy player.

**MLBFO:** Chavez had a couple seasons in there where he was highly valued, but hasn't really been able to put it together since then. If he can stay healthy he has decent value, but his poor average negates a lot of the positive homerun value.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 341 AVG: .240 HR: 15 RBI: 46 R: 43 SB: 4

**2008 Potential:** AB: 500 AVG: .260 HR: 25 RBI: 80 R: 80 SB: 0

**3B Joe Crede, Chicago**

**Age: 29 Size: 6'2" 230**

**FM:** Derailed because of back surgery early in '07 but will be healthy and ready for 2008. He's got 25+ power and superb defensive skills but he been mentioned in trade discussions. If Crede remains a starter, depending where he ends up, he'll provide some nice late round value and could be a bargain at \$1 in mixed league auctions. Crede has to beat out Josh Fields for the everyday 3B job this spring.

**MLBFO:** Crede will not be the starting 3B in Chicago for the whole season, even if he is at the beginning. 575 at bats will be tough for him to accomplish, but our projection gives it to him to show what kind of potential he has.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 167 AVG: .167 HR: 4 RBI: 22 R: 13 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 575 AVG: .290 HR: 25 RBI: 90 R: 90 SB: 1

<b>3B/1B/2B Ty Wigginton, Houston</b>	<b>Age: 30 Size: 6'0" 215</b>
<p><b>FM:</b> You can count on .275/20HR and great versatility at 1B/2B/3B in most leagues. Wigginton will probably bat 6<sup>th</sup> and play full-time.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> Wigginton won't hurt you in any categories. His average is solid, 20 homeruns are a slight plus and his RBI and R are mediocre. Miguel Tejada will play SS instead of 3B, so he should get his fair share of AB.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 547 AVG: .278 HR: 22 RBI: 67 R: 71 SB: 3</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 575 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 75 R: 75 SB: 3</p>	

<b>3B Evan Longoria, Tampa Bay</b>	<b>Age: 22 Size: 6'2" 200</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> You can't go crazy on Longoria in drafts because he has still yet to step onto a major league field. However, if there was anyone I thought could bust out and win the ROY, it's Longoria. Steal Longoria after the 15<sup>th</sup> round but expect some slumping and growing pains because remember, he's only 22!</p> <p><b>FM:</b> After only his second year in the minors, Longoria seems primed for a rookie breakout in 2008. Some say Longoria could have a Ryan Braun-esque season. If that's the case, you'll want to jump on him in the late rounds. Don't rule out a start in AAA but all signs point to Longoria starting at 3B in 2008. Just note, Longoria sported a .420 OBP in AA &amp; AAA combined in 2007.</p> <p><b>*2007 AA/AAA Stats:</b> AB: 485 AVG: .299 HR: 26 RBI: 95 R: 97 SB: 4</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 500 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 80 SB: 5</p>	

<b>3B Nomar Garciaparra, Los Angeles Dodgers</b>	<b>Age: 34 Size: 6'0" 190</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> The one time super-star SS Nomar Garciaparra has found a home in LA only because they refuse to give the young guys a longer look. Garciaparra is average at best when he is on the field, which isn't a whole lot anyway.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> If he gets 450+ AB, he'll be a great value but his brittleness makes it tough to trust Nomar as your primary corner infielder. He was already hit by a pitch on the hand this spring.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 431 AVG: .283 HR: 7 RBI: 59 R: 39 SB: 3</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 425 AVG: .280 HR: 10 RBI: 55 R: 40 SB: 3</p>	

<b>1B Aubrey Huff, Baltimore</b>	<b>Age: 31 Size: 6'4" 231</b>
<p><b>FM:</b> Looks like Huff found a home in Baltimore, had an overall solid season and did not seem to suffer the mega slump like he normally does. I think that his 2007 output is most likely what his ceiling is although I feel like he could hit a few more homeruns.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> Expecting much more than his output from last year will be a mistake. Huff is 31 which makes me think 2007 was more of a fluke than him figuring something out.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 550 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 72 R: 68 SB: 1</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 575 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 75 SB: 1</p>	

<b>1B/3B Casey Blake, Cleveland</b>	<b>Age: 34 Size: 6'2" 210</b>
<p><b>FM:</b> Contributes versatility but his consistently low AVG make him simply a serviceable fantasy player in deeper mixed leagues. He a player you draft as a back up because you</p>	

know you'll need him at some point, thus making him "serviceable".

**MLBFO:** If Blake can hit for a .275 average, which is certainly possible, his average won't really hurt you. But, it won't help you either. Blake is a lot like Wiggington..."serviceable"

**2007 Stats:** AB: 588 AVG: .270 HR: 18 RBI: 78 R: 81 SB: 4

**2008 Potential:** AB: 575 AVG: .275 HR: 20 RBI: 85 R: 80 SB: 3

**3B Melvin Mora, Baltimore**

**Age: 35 Size: 5'11" 200**

**FM:** Good chance Mora could be on the trading block. Decent stats late in draft.

**MLBFO:** Without Tejada, Baltimore's lineup is looking awfully dry. At age 35, expect some regression from Mora and 590 bats is likely a dream.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 467 AVG: .274 HR: 14 RBI: 58 R: 67 SB: 9

**2008 Potential:** AB: 590 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 90 SB: 10

**3B Mark Reynolds, Arizona**

**Age: 24 Size: 6'1" 200**

**MLBFO:** The challenge for Arizona is finding playing time for both Reynolds and Tracy. At 24, Reynolds has higher upside and a better injury history. However, he lacks the major league experience Tracy has.

**FM:** I like the potential of Reynolds and his 2007 numbers indicate he could be a 25+/100RBI type of player while his minor league numbers indicate Reynolds could eventually be a .300+ hitter.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 366 AVG: .279 HR: 17 RBI: 62 R: 62 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 475 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 70 R: 70 SB: 0

**3B Chad Tracy, Arizona**

**Age: 27 Size: 6'2" 200**

**MLBFO:** Same story for Tracy. It's a coin toss as to who gets the majority of the playing time. If Arizona keeps both of them they will likely rotate with 1B Conor Jackson as well.

**FM:** Tracy is only 27 but I fear Reynolds has much more upside and will steal plenty of at bats. Draft Tracy in NL leagues for now unless the D-Backs indicate he will be a full-timer during the spring.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 227 AVG: .264 HR: 7 RBI: 35 R: 30 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 45 SB: 5

**3B Akinori Iwamura, Tampa Bay**

**Age: 28 Size: 5'9" 180**

**FM:** Iwamura was scorching hot to start the season and then landed on the DL with an oblique injury. Once he returned, he came back to earth and slowed down. It also looks like the D-Rays could make room at 3B for prospect Evan Longoria which will force Iwamura over to 2B increasing his value. Look for increased overall numbers but will be most helpful in the AVG/R/SB departments.

**MLBFO:** Iwamura has 30 stolen base potential if the Rays would run him some more. He's got speed and average upside. Unfortunately, he plays for the Rays so his RBI/R totals won't be great and he isn't a power hitter. He'll be the full time 2B in 2008.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 491 AVG: .285 HR: 7 RBI: 34 R: 82 SB: 12

**2008 Potential:** AB: 585 AVG: .295 HR: 10 RBI: 50 R: 90 SB: 15

<b>3B Pedro Feliz, Philadelphia</b>	<b>Age: 32 Size: 6'1" 210</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> As streaky as Feliz is, and boy is he streaky, the end product is usually the same. A .253 batting average isn't worth starting, but ride him while he's hot.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> Feliz is waiver wire material although now in a hitters park, maybe he's a decent power source late in the draft.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 557 AVG: .253 HR: 20 RBI: 72 R: 61 SB: 2</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 550 AVG: .250 HR: 20 RBI: 75 R: 65 SB: 0</p>	

<b>3B Jose Bautista, Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Age: 27 Size: 6'0" 195</b>
<p><b>MLBFO:</b> If you're stuck with Bautista, you're in real trouble. A .254 batting average supplemented by only 15 homeruns doesn't do anyone any good.</p> <p><b>FM:</b> A poor man's Pedro Feliz.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 532 AVG: .254 HR: 15 RBI: 63 R: 75 SB: 6</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 550 AVG: .250 HR: 17 RBI: 70 R: 80 SB: 5</p>	

<b>3B Maicer Izturis, Los Angeles</b>	<b>Age: 26 Size: 5'8" 165</b>
<p><b>FM:</b> He lacks power, but is a serviceable in the average department.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> Izturis is one of the many young infielders the Angels seem to possess. Unfortunately for him, he probably has some of the lowest upside of them all and could lose some playing time thanks to it.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 336 AVG: .289 HR: 6 RBI: 51 R: 47 SB: 7</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 450 AVG: .290 HR: 10 RBI: 65 R: 60 SB: 10</p>	

<b>3B Brandon Wood, Los Angeles</b>	<b>Age: 23 Size: 6'3" 185</b>
<p><b>FM:</b> Wood's future is currently up in the air as there is no where to put him. Wood might have a shot at 3B with a good spring but as of now it seems Erick Aybar will lock up SS and Chone Figgins will have to play 3B with the crowded OF. Wood has 20+ HR power and 10+ SB speed but he is the "strike-out kid". Wood is a guy you draft as a reserve and hope he gets called up for good by midseason.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> Wood has a huge ceiling, but needs to figure out how to put it together. At age 23, he still has plenty of time. He'll struggle for playing time, but they'll eventually find it for him or trade him to someone who can play him.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 33 AVG: .152 HR: 1 RBI: 3 R: 2 SB: 0</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 300 AVG: .270 HR: 15 RBI: 40 R: 35 SB: 5</p>	

<b>3B/SS Marco Scutaro, Toronto</b>	<b>Age: 32 Size: 5'10" 185</b>
<p><b>FM:</b> Scutaro will be the main utility guy in Toronto and play back up to Glaus, Hill, and Eckstein.</p> <p><b>MLBFO:</b> Scutaro will get in the game, but he's only worth a draft pick in AL only leagues. In mixed leagues, you can grab him when a Blue Jay infielder goes down.</p> <p><b>2007 Stats:</b> AB: 338 AVG: .322 HR: 5 RBI: 39 R: 55 SB: 5</p> <p><b>2008 Potential:</b> AB: 600 AVG: .320 HR: 15 RBI: 85 R: 100 SB: 10</p>	

<b>3B/2B/SS Nick Punto, Minnesota</b>	<b>Age: 30 Size: 5'9" 190</b>
<p><b>FM:</b> Punto has 20+ SB potential, but that's about it. He'll most likely hit at the bottom of the order if he plays everyday, which is probably not certain just yet. Regardless, he's</p>	

nothing more than an AL Only fantasy player.

**MLBFO:** Punto is a nice option as a super-utility player in leagues with deep benches and AL only leagues. His SB potential is nice, but don't leave him in too long or he'll kill your average.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 472 AVG: .210 HR: 1 RBI: 25 R: 53 SB: 16

**2008 Potential:** AB: 500 AVG: .240 HR: 2 RBI: 35 R: 60 SB: 20

**3B Scott Moore, Baltimore**

**Age: 24 Size: 6'2" 195**

**FM:** Hit 20 HR along with 22 SB in '05 and 22 HR & 12 SB in '06. He hit 19 HR/4 SB in 321 AB in AAA before being traded to Baltimore late in the season. He's been mentioned as a sleeper to make the roster out of spring training so is someone to keep an eye on.

**MLBFO:** Moore has an outside chance at making the major league roster – maybe he can play in the outfield? He's still only 24 and possesses upside, so they won't bring him up to rot on the bench.

**2007 Stats (ML):** AB: 52 AVG: .230 HR: 1 RBI: 11 R: 2 SB: 0

**2007 Stats (AAA):** AB: 320 AVG: .265 HR: 19 RBI: 69 R: 61 SB: 4

**2008 Potential:** AB: 300 AVG: .275 HR: 8 RBI: 40 R: 30 SB: 6

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