



# 2008 CATCHER Rankings

## Mixed League Player Rankings & Analysis

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**C/1B Victor Martinez, Cleveland**

**Age: 29 Size: 6'2" 195**

**FM:** V-Mart had a career year and the .300+ average is legit. While the power increased beyond expectations, it's possible that he could increase upon his 2007 stats as he's still at the beginning of his prime and is entrenched in a monster offensive lineup.

**MLBFO:** The fact that he's got a playable backup catcher could lead to more at bats at 1B as they try to save his power by saving his legs. Either way, Martinez is the best of the best. He doesn't offer the speed Martin does, but his other numbers are all better.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 562 AVG: .301 HR: 25 RBI: 114 R: 78 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 560 AVG: .300 HR: 25 RBI: 100 R: 80 SB: 0



**C Russell Martin, Los Angeles Dodgers**

**Age: 24 Size: 5'10" 210**

**MLBFO:** Doesn't have the proven track record that Victor Martinez does, but he does bring an additional weapon in his speed. Martin is for real and at 24, could see his power increase slightly.

**FM:** Although Martin slumped down the stretch, he's propelled himself to a late 2<sup>nd</sup> round/early 3<sup>rd</sup> round draft pick with .300/20/20/100/100/potential at catcher. As you can see, he's almost there and he's only 24!

**2007 Stats:** AB: 540 AVG: .293 HR: 19 RBI: 87 R: 87 SB: 21

**2008 Potential:** AB: 540 AVG: .295 HR: 25 RBI: 95 R: 95 SB: 20

**C Brian McCann, Atlanta****Age: 23 Size: 6'3" 210**

**MLBFO:** McCann offers the power that Martin and Martinez does, but lacks everywhere else. Now that he's the only catcher in Atlanta, he could see a slight rise in playing time as well.

**FM:** McCann is a full-time catcher, he's legit with the bat and does possess .280+/20+/100 potential and he's only 23 which is why he gets the slight nod over Posada. McCann will slip a bit because of that average but he's better than a .270 average. Buy low now in keeper leagues especially if he slips to the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> round, because he'll then be a steal!

**2007 Stats:** AB: 504 AVG: .270 HR: 18 RBI: 92 R: 51 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 520 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 60 SB: 0

**C Jorge Posada, New York****Age: 36 Size: 6'2" 205**

**FM:** Posada hasn't had more than 500AB since 2002 when he had 511 so 506 AB in '07 was a bit of a surprise, but then again, so was the consistent .338AVG at age 36. You'd be a fool not to expect a bit of a drop off even though he signed a nice cozy contract, but, worst case scenario, Posada could revert back to his usual 475AB/.275/20/85, which is still better than most catchers. Posada prides himself on durability and other than his age, there is no reason to think he can't hit at least .300 again.

**MLBFO:** Expecting 500 at bats again could be a bit of a stretch, similarly expecting a similar average is certainly a stretch. However, Posada has always been a great catcher and will continue to thrive in that Yankees lineup.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 506 AVG: .338 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 91 SB: 2

**2008 Potential:** AB: 490 AVG: .300 HR: 20 RBI: 85 R: 75 SB: 0

**C Joe Mauer, Minnesota****Age: 25 Size: 6'5" 215**

**FM:** The King of Hype and the Master of Disappointment! Raise your hand if you jumped on Mauer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round last year...I didn't! Now you're feeling the pain and I am saying it now, don't get caught in the hype. Mauer could easily hit .330+ but if you're expecting that 20+HR/20+SB season, it's not happening. Last year Mauer suffered through some leg problems which certainly hampered his season overall, but this year I just don't want to invest heavily in Mauer until he can prove to me that he can do a full year of health and show potential. Mauer has the size and the youth to really break through, but he has to prove to me he can be durable before I invest early in a draft.

**MLBFO:** I agree with FM completely. Don't heavily invest in Mauer expecting crazy elite numbers. He is going to be better than last year, that is a given and if he can stay healthy he could hit for some really good numbers. But, I'm not banking on V-Mart like anything.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 406 AVG: .293 HR: 7 RBI: 60 R: 62 SB: 7

**2008 Potential:** AB: 550 AVG: .300 HR: 15 RBI: 80 R: 80 SB: 10

**C Ivan Rodriguez, Detroit****Age: 36 Size: 5'9" 190**

**FM:** I-Rod is still the top defensive catcher in the league but it appears his bat is starting to decline even more so as he gets older. I-Rod's 11HR were his lowest since he hit 10 in 1993 and his average has dipped to the low .280's instead of the .290-.300+ we're used to seeing. There is no reason I-Rod cannot have a Posada type year but I'd think last years'

numbers is a good indicator as to what you'll see this year. Although, this revamped Tiger lineup does open up the potential of I-Rod a bit for an increase in runs and RBI opportunities.

**MLBFO:** Again, I agree with the FM. Expect Rodriguez to maintain at best. He could even see some regression. At age 36, he could start to need a couple more days off to keep his legs fresh as well. 500 AB is possible assuming he spends no time on the DL.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 502 AVG: .281 HR: 11 RBI: 63 R: 50 SB: 2

**2008 Potential:** AB: 500 AVG: .285 HR: 10 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 0

### C Kenji Johjima, Seattle

Age: 31 Size: 6'0" 195

**FM:** Johjima has 500+AB potential and could be a 20+HR guy but that's a bit risky since Johjima is only entering his 3<sup>rd</sup> season in the majors. He has a bit of upside here but the Mariners also have Jeff Clement breathing down his neck. Johjima is a safe pick who is susceptible to the terrible slump and should reach at least 15HR.

**MLBFO:** My guess is that the Mariners use Clement to motivate Johjima and then eventually end up trading Clement. Johjima is the real deal and operates well with that pitching staff. Clement doesn't pose a huge threat to him. Johjima does have 20 homerun potential, but don't count on it.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 485 AVG: .287 HR: 14 RBI: 61 R: 52 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 500 AVG: .290 HR: 18 RBI: 75 R: 75 SB: 3



### C Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Texas

Age: 22 Size: 6'4" 195

**FM:** Salty hasn't shown much power yet in his brief minor league career but with his size and his youth, it's expected to arrive shortly. Just keep in mind that he could be 1-3 years away before we see his real potential but what we do know is that this year he will have every chance to work on it. As of 12.1.07, the Rangers have said that Saltalamacchia will be the full-time catcher in 2008. If so, and he stays healthy, my guess is he'll be top 5 for

2009.

**MLBFO:** Salty could be (and possible should be) ranked even higher than this. His numbers have the potential to be monstrous. He's only 22 and hit 11 homeruns in 308 AB last year. His average was a little low, but it should be due to rise slightly.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 308 AVG: .266 HR: 11 RBI: 33 R: 39 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 550 AVG: .275 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 90 SB: 0

**C Bengie Molina, San Francisco**

**Age: 33 Size: 5'11" 225**

**MLBFO:** In only 497 at bats, Molina found his way out of the park 19 times. The power was consistent with his past few seasons, but at age 33, you have to wonder how much longer it will last.

**FM:** I actually think Molina will post like numbers in 2008. The only problem I see is that the Giants have absolutely no offense so in reality, Molina might be their best hitter!

**2007 Stats:** AB: 497 AVG: .276 HR: 19 RBI: 81 R: 38 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 500 AVG: .270 HR: 17 RBI: 70 R: 40 SB: 0

**C Ramon Hernandez, Baltimore**

**Age: 31 Size: 6'0" 230**

**FM:** Hernandez had that break out season in 2006 with the Orioles but certainly regressed last year mostly in part due to injury. This year Hernandez should slip a bit in drafts because he appears to be an injury risk and if he slips past the 10<sup>th</sup>, snatch him up. Keep in mind that before the 2006 season when he hit 23 HR, he only topped 18 once when he hit 21 in 2003 so even though Hernandez has 20HR potential, keep in mind that he'll have to stay healthy throughout to reach that 20+.

**MLBFO:** Hernandez season was certainly marred by injury, but he still has a lot of potential. However, the injury risk is a concern and if you draft Hernandez it might be worth taking a late round flier on another catcher.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 364 AVG: .258 HR: 9 RBI: 62 R: 40 SB: 1

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .275 HR: 18 RBI: 85 R: 65 SB: 1

**C A.J. Pierzynski, Chicago**

**Age: 31 Size: 6'3" 240**

**FM:** Although the guy has size like a monster, what you normally get out of Pierzynski is a solid .275/15/60. He's a solid hitter who had a terrible first half last season but in my mind is reliable, durable, and serviceable low end option in mixed leagues.

**MLBFO:** Pierzynski is a good option if you're not looking to take a whole lot of risk in the catcher position. You know generally what you'll get from him and how he'll get it to you. If you have a lot of risk on your roster, A.J. is certainly worth a look.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 472 AVG: .263 HR: 14 RBI: 50 R: 54 SB: 1

**2008 Potential:** AB: 475 AVG: .275 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 0

**C Jason Varitek, Boston**

**Age: 36 Size: 6'2" 230**

**FM:** Varitek is getting older and we're wondering how much he has left in the tank. You are better off investing in I-Rod or Posada at age 36/37 than in Varitek who turns 36 in April. Although, if he stays healthy he could hit 20+HR but he showed last year that he can be prone to the slumps and could be an indication that he's breaking down.

Personally, I'd rather wait to the end of the draft and grab a sleeper.

**MLBFO:** I agree with the fantasy man. Varitek is going to go this high and his value is this high, but the risk/reward ratio isn't that great for him. He was slowed by injury last year and will probably struggle to stay healthy again this year.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 435 AVG: .255 HR: 17 RBI: 68 R: 57 SB: 1

**2008 Potential:** AB: 475 AVG: .275 HR: 17 RBI: 65 R: 60 SB: 0

**C Geovany Soto, Chicago Cubs**

**Age: 24 Size: 6'1" 230**

**MLBFO:** Soto was a "nobody" in the Cubs minor league season until he exploded in 2007. After being called up to the majors he continued his monster hitting and creating an opportunity for himself to start in 2008 as the Cubs decided not to resign Jason Kendall. He's not going to hit .389 over a full season, but he'll provide great value late.

**FM:** After not being much of a hitter in 6 minor league seasons, Soto batted .353/26/109/.424OBP/1.076OPS in 385AB in AAA. There's excitement, but don't jump to early in the draft, maybe after the 12<sup>th</sup> could be a better time to take a risk on a rookie.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 54 AVG: .389 HR: 3 RBI: 8 R: 12 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 475 AVG: .290 HR: 15 RBI: 70 R: 50 SB: 0

**C Kurt Suzuki, Oakland**

**Age: 24 Size: 6'0" 200**

**FM:** What the A's like about Suzuki is his "get-on-base" abilities after posting a .280+AVG and .380+OBP in 3.5 minor league seasons. Don't let the low average last season fool you as 500AB could net you a .280/15/90 type catcher for your fantasy team and an even better option in leagues that count OBP.

**MLBFO:** Suzuki mashed 7 homeruns in only 213 at bats last year, so over a full season 15 homeruns seem possible. He isn't huge, so he'll never be an elite power hitting catcher, but the guy can get on base and is worth a look this year.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 213 AVG: .249 HR: 7 RBI: 39 R: 27 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 500 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 85 R: 70 SB: 0

**C J.R. Towles, Houston**

**Age: 24 Size: 6'2" 185**

**MLBFO:** Towles may end up sharing some time in 2007 and if he starts to struggle may be relegated back to AAA. However, Houston will probably be at the bottom of the division for most of the year so they really won't have any reason not to play him. He has 15/15 potential, but for 2007 10/10 is more realistic.

**FM:** Towles is a nice pick and less hyped than say Geovany Soto. In his brief 40AB stint in the majors, Towles struck out only once! In his three minor league seasons, Towles hit .315+ with a .395+OBP and over 9SB in each of the last three seasons. In 2007, Towles hit .324/11/49/9sb/.425OBP in 216AB in AA. He hit .429 with a stolen base in the AFL. In Houston, Towles easily has .300/15/15 potential possibly as early as 2008.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 40 AVG: .375 HR: 1 RBI: 12 R: 9 SB: 2

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .285 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 10

**C Ronny Paulino, Pittsburgh**

**Age: 26 Size: 6'2" 245**

**MLBFO:** Paulino was everyone's favorite sleeper at catcher last year and it just didn't really come together. He still has the talent. Perhaps this could be the year.

**FM:** Paulino has youth and size to his advantage but as Brad said, last year was a disappointment. There is however some upside here for 15+HR and quite possibly a

.300+AVG as Paulino showed he could hit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2006, during Spring Training in 2007, and then finally down the stretch in September. Paulino is someone I have watched closely and assuming he doesn't get traded, I'll probably wait until the end in most drafts to scoop him up as my full-time catcher, and buy low.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 457 AVG: .263 HR: 11 RBI: 55 R: 56 SB: 2

**2008 Potential:** AB: 500 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 0

**C Carlos Ruiz, Philadelphia** Age: 29 Size: 5' 10" 200

**MLBFO:** Ruiz is solid, but nothing to get too excited about. At 5' 10", 220 he isn't going to hit you a lot of homeruns. 12 is his absolute upside.

**FM:** I like Ruiz because he hung in there last season, got to experience the playoffs and seemed to solidify the catcher position. Ruiz hit .300+ in his last 4 minor league seasons ('03-'06) and playing in such a small park within a talented lineup, Ruiz could surprise many in 2008. In his last season in AAA (2006), Ruiz hit 16HR with 4SB so I definitely can see the upside here. Draft as a No.2 and hope he performs like a No. 1.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 374 AVG: .259 HR: 6 RBI: 54 R: 42 SB: 6

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .285 HR: 12 RBI: 60 R: 50 SB: 5

**C John Buck, Kansas City** Age: 27 Size: 6' 3" 220

**FM:** Buck is once again a nice sleeper to hit 20+HR. Last year it looked like he was finally going to bust through with the power and then stepped back with a bad second half. On a high note though, Buck finished the season batting .275/2/15 in 15 games in September. Miguel Olivo will take AB's but Buck is better offensively.

**MLBFO:** Buck was one of those sleepers last year that never really put it all together. However, he did manage 18 homeruns which was almost all negated by a .222 average. He should be able to raise his average in 2008 and could have some value.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 347 AVG: .222 HR: 18 RBI: 48 R: 41 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .260 HR: 20 RBI: 70 R: 60 SB: 0

**C Ryan Doumit, Pittsburgh** Age: 27 Size: 6' 1" 220

**MLBFO:** Doumit found 252 at bats last year and hit 9 homeruns. At age 27, his power is probably just coming around. He has 20 HR potential, but will it be his year? At worst you are getting a late round pick who hits you 10-15 homeruns, which isn't bad at all.

**FM:** Doumit turns 27 in April which could be an indication for things to come in a fantasy sense. He also has rare C/OF eligibility which give him a little extra value late in a draft. Doumit certainly has the power to hit 20+HR but he'll need to stay healthy and the Pirates will have to find him at bats which shouldn't be too hard as Doumit can play C/1B/OF. He does however, strikeout almost 25% of the time.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 252 AVG: .274 HR: 9 RBI: 32 R: 33 SB: 1

**2008 Potential:** AB: 400 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 60 R: 55 SB: 0

**C Chris Snyder, Arizona** Age: 26 Size: 6' 3" 231

**MLBFO:** Snyder's only 26 and could find a little more power next year. He hit 13 in 326 at bats so 20HR isn't out of the question in a full year of time behind the plate.

**FM:** Snyder has youth, size and defense on his side but he's stuck splitting time with Miguel Montero who has a higher offensive ceiling, or so it seems. Snyder stepped up the

power in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half so he's quite a sleeper in 2008 in which he turns 27. Don't be surprised if Snyder wins the job outright...he's one of my favorite sleepers for 2008!

**2007 Stats:** AB: 326 AVG: .252 HR: 13 RBI: 47 R: 37 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .260 HR: 20 RBI: 60 R: 50 SB: 0

**C Michael Barrett, San Diego** Age: 31 Size: 6'3" 210

**MLBFO:** Barrett had a huge down year and was subsequently traded. Away from his problems with the Cubs, and out of the platoon in San Diego, Barrett may be able to rebound this year.

**FM:** First, we'll have to see where Barrett ends up if he moves from SD? Even so, he's another catcher who will slip that will give you the typical decent catcher numbers of .275/15/60, which is serviceable later in the draft.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 344 AVG: .244 HR: 9 RBI: 41 R: 29 SB: 2

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .275 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 0

**C Yadier Molina, St. Louis** Age: 25 Size: 5'11" 220

**MLBFO:** Yadier has the arm, but not the bat. Don't find yourself stuck with him behind the plate for your fantasy team next year.

**FM:** I actually think Yadier has some value and upside. He showed he could hit in pressure spots in the 2006 post season but his problem is staying healthy. He hasn't shown a lot of power but based on last years numbers, I believe he can provide .275/12/60 which is serviceable in mixed leagues as a No.2. Here is the perfect example of a solid young catcher who can totally surprise us and break out of nowhere. There is something about Molina and the fact that he is only 25 that makes me think we haven't seen his true potential yet, but it's only a hunch.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 353 AVG: .275 HR: 6 RBI: 40 R: 30 SB: 1

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .260 HR: 7 RBI: 35 R: 30 SB: 0

**C Mike Napoli, Los Angeles** Age: 26 Size: 6'0" 225

**FM:** Napoli has 20HR/10SB potential if the Angels can get him 400+AB but he won't do much in the AVG department. Napoli had 12SB in AA in 2005. He's a decent AL Only catcher and may have to split time with Jeff Mathis.

**MLBFO:** The Angels could end up trading one of their two catchers and if they do, Napoli's stock would immediately rise. He isn't much in the average department, but at 26 he could see a rise in his power numbers.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 219 AVG: .247 HR: 10 RBI: 34 R: 40 SB: 5

**2008 Potential:** AB: 400 AVG: .260 HR: 15 RBI: 50 R: 40 SB: 5

**C Yorvit Torrealba, Colorado** Age: 29 Size: 5'11" 200

**MLBFO:** Was all but signed with the Mets when the deal fell apart. Perhaps, there is something medically wrong with Torrealba. I'd stay away.

**FM:** Torrealba is back with the Rox and if all goes as planned, he'll be backing up Chris Iannetta.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 396 AVG: .255 HR: 8 RBI: 47 R: 47 SB: 2

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .250 HR: 8 RBI: 45 R: 45 SB: 0

**C Johnny Estrada, Washington**      **Age: 31 Size: 5'11" 209**

**MLBFO:** Estrada was solid for the Brewers last year, but he will be in a platoon in Washington. He probably won't even manage the 442 at bats he did last year.

**FM:** Estrada is an exceptional hitter who can easily keep a .300+AVG but now in Washington he'll be splitting time with Paul LoDuca.

**2007 Stats:**      **AB: 442 AVG: .278 HR: 10 RBI: 54 R: 40 SB: 0**

**2008 Potential:** **AB: 450 AVG: .290 HR: 10 RBI: 55 R: 45 SB: 0**

**C David Ross, Cincinnati**      **Age: 31 Size: 6'2" 240**

**MLBFO:** Perhaps playing time could help Ross, but I wouldn't count on it. At age 31 his power is unlikely to develop much more. By this point in his career fixing a major flaw in his swing will probably be pretty tough, so raising his average beyond .250 could be tough.

**FM:** Ross has never hit above .258 in a season, but to his defense, the 311AB in 2007 was the most he's ever had in a major league season. Get this guy 400+ and he's a lock for 20+HR. Just know that he won't be much in the AVG department. However, in 2002, his last year in AAA, Ross batted .297 in 293AB. Maybe some consistent playing time will do this guy some fantasy justice.

**2007 Stats:**      **AB: 311 AVG: .203 HR: 17 RBI: 39 R: 32 SB: 0**

**2008 Potential:** **AB: 400 AVG: .250 HR: 20 RBI: 50 R: 50 SB: 0**

**C Paul Lo Duca, Washington**      **Age: 35 Size: 5'10" 205**

**MLBFO:** No longer with the Mets this year and team-less at the moment but his value had already begun to slip regardless. There are higher upside options out there.

**FM:** Lo Duca is a serviceable No.2 catcher. He'll start in Washington, hit for a decent average with maybe 8-10HR.

**2007 Stats:**      **AB: 445 AVG: .272 HR: 9 RBI: 54 R: 46 SB: 2**

**2008 Potential:** **AB: 450 AVG: .280 HR: 8 RBI: 50 R: 45 SB: 0**

**C Chris Iannetta, Colorado**      **Age: 24 Size: 6'0" 225**

**MLBFO:** See Josh Bard, except his problem was with Yorvit Torrealba.

**FM:** Iannetta is a career .300+AVG/.400+OBP hitter in the minors and he still has youth on his side turning only 25 in April. The Rox would really love to make Iannetta the full-time starter and he's playing winter ball to round out his skills. Iannetta will be a nice late round flier in deeper leagues if he's the starter. Torrealba was resigned so he is currently in the mix and could decrease Iannetta's value.

**2007 Stats:**      **AB: 197 AVG: .218 HR: 4 RBI: 27 R: 22 SB: 0**

**2008 Potential:** **AB: 350 AVG: .275 HR: 10 RBI: 50 R: 45 SB: 0**

**C Dioner Navarro, Tampa Bay**      **Age: 24 Size: 5'9" 205**

**FM:** Navarro's minor league career gives no indication as to what he can do because his stats jump all over the place. At times he's showed flashes that he can play but staying healthy and consistent is a problem. One thing to think about though is that Navarro is only 24, so the time and upside is still there.

**MLBFO:** Navarro was another sleeper that didn't put it together. As FM said, he's only 24 so there is upside to him. He may not be the eventual solution in Tampa Bay, but he's

good enough for now.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 388 AVG: .227 HR: 9 RBI: 44 R: 46 SB: 3

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .250 HR: 15 RBI: 55 R: 50 SB: 5

**C Miguel Olivo, Kansas City** Age: 29 Size: 6'0" 220

**MLBFO:** The Marlins aren't happy with Olivo, why should you be? The 16 homeruns are pretty much completely negated by a .237 average.

**FM:** Olivo is waiver wire material with some added pop and that's pretty much all you will get but the trade to KC hinders his value if he has to share time with John Buck.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 452 AVG: .237 HR: 16 RBI: 60 R: 43 SB: 3

**2008 Potential:** AB: 200 AVG: .250 HR: 8 RBI: 35 R: 30 SB: 0

**C Josh Bard, San Diego** Age: 29 Size: 6'3" 210

**MLBFO:** Bard was another sleeper last year that never put it together. They brought in Barrett halfway through the year and Bard lost at bats. Perhaps if they give him a full season he'll be able to put it together.

**FM:** At the moment it looks like Bard will get that full season. Basically if you draft Bard you are drafting him for that .280+AVG. His power is minimal but he's an upgrade over say a Jason Kendall.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 389 AVG: .285 HR: 5 RBI: 51 R: 42 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 450 AVG: .285 HR: 10 RBI: 55 R: 45 SB: 0

**C Jason Kendall, Milwaukee** Age: 33 Size: 6'0" 205

**MLBFO:** Kendall isn't worth a pick in mixed leagues, but in NL-only he could be worth a late round pick. He was horrendous last year after being traded to the Cubs, but apparently Milwaukee saw something they liked. Atleast, something they liked more than Estrada.

**FM:** Will normally hit for a .290ish average but he is worthless when it comes to power. Although last year Kendall was terrible, he is still capable of 10+SB and hitting .280+. Kendall is actually a nice late round NL Only option.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 466 AVG: .242 HR: 3 RBI: 41 R: 45 SB: 3

**2008 Potential:** AB: 470 AVG: .280 HR: 2 RBI: 45 R: 45 SB: 10

**C Miguel Montero, Arizona** Age: 24 Size: 5'11" 200

**MLBFO:** Montero's value is so low because of Snyder (who you've already read about). Montero is two years younger, but Snyder isn't nearing retirement anytime soon.

Montero has a nice bat, but probably won't get to show it much this year.

**FM:** Montero has .280+/20HR+ potential but right now will be splitting time with Chris Snyder who is superior defensively. Unless Montero gets traded in this off-season, expect much of the same in 2008 or until he gets the full-time job. Problem is, Snyder is only 26.

**2007 Stats:** AB: 214 AVG: .224 HR: 10 RBI: 37 R: 30 SB: 0

**2008 Potential:** AB: 250 AVG: .250 HR: 10 RBI: 45 R: 40 SB: 0

**C Gregg Zaun, Toronto****Age: 37 Size: 5'10" 190****FM:** Zaun is your basic serviceable AL Only low-end option.**MLBFO:** FM put it beautifully: short, sweet, and two the point. There isn't a whole lot else to say about Zaun, but he won't get enough playing time to really warrant a pick except in extremely deep leagues.**2007 Stats:** AB: 331 AVG: .242 HR: 10 RBI: 52 R: 43 SB: 0**2008 Potential:** AB: 350 AVG: .250 HR: 10 RBI: 50 R: 40 SB: 0**C Brian Schneider, New York****Age: 31 Size: 6'1" 196****MLBFO:** Schneider is a solid catcher and NYM must like him or they would have asked for a higher upside guy for Milledge. That being said, he'll be in a platoon with Ramon Castro this season and won't hit enough to really warrant a pick.**FM:** See Greg Zaun but 6 years younger. Known only for defense, hitting is light.**2007 Stats:** AB: 408 AVG: .235 HR: 6 RBI: 54 R: 33 SB: 0**2008 Potential:** AB: 300 AVG: .255 HR: 9 RBI: 55 R: 40 SB: 0**C Jeff Mathis, Los Angeles****Age: 25 Size: 6'0" 200****FM:** Mathis has showed .280+AVG/20+HR in the minors but he just hasn't been able to steal the job away in the majors. The talent is there so it might be a good idea to stash.**MLBFO:** Mathis will be splitting time until further notice. If he is traded, his value immediately rises. He has some potential, so keep an eye on him if he goes undrafted.**2007 Stats:** AB: 171 AVG: .211 HR: 4 RBI: 23 R: 24 SB: 0**2008 Potential:** AB: 300 AVG: .270 HR: 10 RBI: 40 R: 45 SB: 0

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