



FANTASY BASEBALL EXPRESS READER/LISTENER MOCK DRAFT

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Draft Results

Round	Team	Player	Pos	Team
R1 P1		Kris Benson	Rodriguez, Alex	3B NYY
R1 P2		Perry S.	Pujols, Albert	1B STL
R1 P3		Dobber	Utley, Chase	2B PHI
R1 P4		Moel, Inc.	Ramirez, Hanley	SS FLA
R1 P5		Andrea S.	Reyes, Jose	SS NYM
R1 P6		Roto Hu\$tler	Wright, David	3B NYM
R1 P7		Jake M.	Rollins, Jimmy	SS PHI
R1 P8		Mike S.	Holliday, Matt	OF COL
R1 P9		Jeff B.	Cabrera, Miguel	3B FLA
R1 P10		Derek P.	Sizemore, Grady	OF CLE
R1 P11		AL. S	Crawford, Carl	OF TB
R1 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Howard, Ryan	1B	PHI
R2 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Fielder, Prince	1B	MIL
R2 P2		AL. S	Peavy, Jake	SP SD
R2 P3		Derek P.	Soriano, Alfonso	OF CHC
R2 P4		Jeff B.	Braun, Ryan	3B MIL
R2 P5		Mike S.	Santana, Johan	SP MIN
R2 P6		Jake M.	Beltran, Carlos	OF NYM
R2 P7		Roto Hu\$tler	Guerrero, Vladimir	OF ANA
R2 P8		Andrea S.	Suzuki, Ichiro	OF SEA
R2 P9		Moel, Inc.	Ortiz, David	DH BOS
R2 P10		Dobber	Teixeira, Mark	1B ATL
R2 P11		Perry S.	Phillips, Brandon	2B CIN
R2 P12		Kris Benson	Upton, B.J.	OF, 2B TB

R3 P1	Kris Benson	Berkman, Lance	1B, OF	HOU
R3 P2	Perry S.	Martinez, Victor	C, 1B	CLE
R3 P3	Dobber	Rios, Alex	OF	TOR
R3 P4	Moel, Inc.	Lee, Carlos	OF	HOU
R3 P5	Andrea S.	Granderson, Curtis	OF	DET
R3 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Markakis, Nick	OF	BAL
R3 P7	Jake M.	Martin, Russell	C	LA
R3 P8	Mike S.	Hafner, Travis	DH, 1B	CLE
R3 P9	Jeff B.	Ordonez, Magglio	OF	DET
R3 P10	Derek P.	Ramirez, Manny	OF	BOS
R3 P11	AL. S	Roberts, Brian	2B	BAL
R3 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Jeter, Derek	SS	NYY

R4 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Figgins, Chone	OF	ANA
R4 P2	AL. S	Abreu, Bobby	OF	NYY
R4 P3	Derek P.	Morneau, Justin	1B	MIN
R4 P4	Jeff B.	Hamels, Cole	SP	PHI
R4 P5	Mike S.	Bedard, Erik	SP	BAL
R4 P6	Jake M.	Ramirez, Aramis	3B	CHC
R4 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Young, Chris	OF	ARI
R4 P8	Andrea S.	Hunter, Torii	OF	ANA
R4 P9	Moel, Inc.	Lee, Derrek	1B	CHC
R4 P10	Dobber	Mauer, Joe	C	MIN
R4 P11	Perry S.	Webb, Brandon	SP	ARI
R4 P12	Kris Benson	Tulowitzki, Troy	SS	COL

R5 P1	Kris Benson	Beckett, Josh	SP	BOS
R5 P2	Perry S.	Papelbon, Jon	RP	BOS
R5 P3	Dobber	Lackey, John	SP	ANA
R5 P4	Moel, Inc.	Nathan, Joe	RP	MIN
R5 P5	Andrea S.	McCann, Brian	C	ATL
R5 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Sabathia, C.C.	SP	CLE
R5 P7	Jake M.	Zambrano, Carlos	SP	CHC
R5 P8	Mike S.	Posada, Jorge	C	NYY
R5 P9	Jeff B.	Putz, J.J.	RP	SEA
R5 P10	Derek P.	Atkins, Garrett	3B	COL
R5 P11	AL. S	Dunn, Adam	OF	CIN
R5 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Pence, Hunter	OF	HOU

R6 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Kazmir, Scott	SP	TB
R6 P2	AL. S	Guillen, Carlos	SS, 1B	DET
R6 P3	Derek P.	Tejada, Miguel	SS	BAL
R6 P4	Jeff B.	Cano, Robinson	2B	NYY
R6 P5	Mike S.	Byrnes, Eric	OF	ARI
R6 P6	Jake M.	Pena, Carlos	1B	TB
R6 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Rodriguez, Francisco	RP	ANA
R6 P8	Andrea S.	Kinsler, Ian	2B	TEX
R6 P9	Moel, Inc.	Haren, Dan	SP	OAK
R6 P10	Dobber	Valverde, Jose	RP	ARI
R6 P11	Perry S.	Sheffield, Gary	DH, OF	DET
R6 P12	Kris Benson	Verlander, Justin	SP	DET

R7 P1	Kris Benson	Jenks, Bobby	RP	CHW
R7 P2	Perry S.	Furcal, Rafael	SS	LA
R7 P3	Dobber	Harang, Aaron	SP	CIN
R7 P4	Moel, Inc.	Jones, Chipper	3B	ATL
R7 P5	Andrea S.	Young, Chris	SP	SD
R7 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Renteria, Edgar	SS	DET
R7 P7	Jake M.	Gonzalez, Adrian	1B	SD
R7 P8	Mike S.	Ugla, Dan	2B	FLA
R7 P9	Jeff B.	Victorino, Shane	OF	PHI
R7 P10	Derek P.	Bay, Jason	OF	PIT
R7 P11	AL. S	Saito, Takashi	RP	LA
R7 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Rivera, Mariano	RP	NYY

R8 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Hart, Corey	OF	MIL
R8 P2	AL. S	Wells, Vernon	OF	TOR
R8 P3	Derek P.	Cordero, Francisco	RP	CIN
R8 P4	Jeff B.	Cabrera, Orlando	SS	CHW
R8 P5	Mike S.	Helton, Todd	1B	COL
R8 P6	Jake M.	Kendrick, Howie	2B	ANA
R8 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Saltalamacchia, Jarrod	C, 1B	TEX
R8 P8	Andrea S.	Hoffman, Trevor	RP	SD
R8 P9	Moel, Inc.	Young, Michael	SS	TEX
R8 P10	Dobber	Zimmerman, Ryan	3B	WAS
R8 P11	Perry S.	Oswalt, Roy	SP	HOU
R8 P12	Kris Benson	Pierre, Juan	OF	LA
R9 P1	Kris Benson	Konerko, Paul	1B	CHW
R9 P2	Perry S.	Matsui, Hideki	OF	NYY
R9 P3	Dobber	Rowand, Aaron	OF	PHI
R9 P4	Moel, Inc.	Jones, Andruw	OF	ATL
R9 P5	Andrea S.	Halladay, Roy	SP	TOR
R9 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Hernandez, Felix	SP	SEA
R9 P7	Jake M.	Hawpe, Brad	OF	COL
R9 P8	Mike S.	Thome, Jim	DH	CHW
R9 P9	Jeff B.	Carmona, Fausto	SP	CLE
R9 P10	Derek P.	Borowski, Joe	RP	CLE
R9 P11	AL. S	Damon, Johnny	OF	NYY
R9 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Matsuzaka, Daisuke	SP	BOS
R10 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Weeks, Rickie	2B	MIL
R10 P2	AL. S	Smoltz, John	SP	ATL
R10 P3	Derek P.	Street, Huston	RP	OAK
R10 P4	Jeff B.	Sheets, Ben	SP	MIL
R10 P5	Mike S.	Myers, Brett	RP	PHI
R10 P6	Jake M.	Wagner, Billy	RP	NYM
R10 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Corpas, Manuel	RP	COL
R10 P8	Andrea S.	Johjima, Kenji	C	SEA
R10 P9	Moel, Inc.	Dye, Jermaine	OF	CHW
R10 P10	Dobber	Young, Delmon	OF	MIN
R10 P11	Perry S.	Beltre, Adrian	3B	SEA
R10 P12	Kris Benson	Francoeur, Jeff	OF	ATL
R11 P1	Kris Benson	Capps, Matt	RP	PIT
R11 P2	Perry S.	Ibanez, Raul	OF	SEA
R11 P3	Dobber	Vazquez, Javier	SP	CHW
R11 P4	Moel, Inc.	Escobar, Kelvim	SP	ANA
R11 P5	Andrea S.	Gagne, Eric	RP	BOS
R11 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Matsui, Kaz	2B	HOU
R11 P7	Jake M.	Hill, Rich	SP	CHC
R11 P8	Mike S.	Hardy, J.J.	SS	MIL
R11 P9	Jeff B.	Cuddyer, Michael	OF	MIN
R11 P10	Derek P.	Wang, Chien-ming	SP	NYY
R11 P11	AL. S	Shields, James	SP	TB
R11 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Gordon, Alex	3B, 1B	KC
R12 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Penny, Brad	SP	LA
R12 P2	AL. S	Delgado, Carlos	1B	NYM
R12 P3	Derek P.	Jones, Todd	RP	DET
R12 P4	Jeff B.	Liriano, Francisco	RP	MIN
R12 P5	Mike S.	Chamberlain, Joba	RP	NYY
R12 P6	Jake M.	Lilly, Ted	SP	CHC
R12 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Loney, James	1B	LA
R12 P8	Andrea S.	Lowell, Mike	3B	BOS
R12 P9	Moel, Inc.	Cordero, Chad	RP	WAS
R12 P10	Dobber	Lincecum, Tim	SP	SF
R12 P11	Perry S.	Gallardo, Yovani	SP	MIL
R12 P12	Kris Benson	Cain, Matthew	SP	SF

R13 P1	Kris Benson	Rodriguez, Ivan	C	DET
R13 P2	Perry S.	Pedroia, Dustin	2B	BOS
R13 P3	Dobber	Swisher, Nick	OF, 1B	OAK
R13 P4	Moel, Inc.	Burnett, A.J.	SP	TOR
R13 P5	Andrea S.	Ellsbury, Jacoby	OF	BOS
R13 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Hughes, Phillip	SP	NYY
R13 P7	Jake M.	Lidge, Brad	RP	PHI
R13 P8	Mike S.	Iwamura, Akinori	3B	TB
R13 P9	Jeff B.	Soriano, Rafael	RP	ATL
R13 P10	Derek P.	Fields, Josh	3B, OF	CHW
R13 P11	AL. S	Griffey, Ken	OF	CIN
R13 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Weaver, Jered	SP	ANA

R14 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Kemp, Matt	OF	LA
R14 P2	AL. S	Francis, Jeff	SP	COL
R14 P3	Derek P.	Drew, Stephen	SS	ARI
R14 P4	Jeff B.	Soto, Geovany	C	CHC
R14 P5	Mike S.	Bonderman, Jeremy	SP	DET
R14 P6	Jake M.	Hudson, Orlando	2B	ARI
R14 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Billingsley, Chad	SP	LA
R14 P8	Andrea S.	Martinez, Pedro	SP	NYM
R14 P9	Moel, Inc.	Burrell, Pat	OF	PHI
R14 P10	Dobber	Isringhausen, Jason	RP	STL
R14 P11	Perry S.	Maine, John	SP	NYM
R14 P12	Kris Benson	Youkilis, Kevin	1B	BOS

R15 P1	Kris Benson	Peralta, Jhonny	SS	CLE
R15 P2	Perry S.	McGowan, Dustin	SP	TOR
R15 P3	Dobber	Taveras, Willy	OF	COL
R15 P4	Moel, Inc.	Snell, Ian	SP	PIT
R15 P5	Andrea S.	Anderson, Garret	OF	ANA
R15 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Votto, Joey	1B	CIN
R15 P7	Jake M.	Hudson, Tim	SP	ATL
R15 P8	Mike S.	Escobar, Yunel	SS, 2B, 3B	ATL
R15 P9	Jeff B.	Soria, Joakim	RP	KC
R15 P10	Derek P.	Varitek, Jason	C	BOS
R15 P11	AL. S	Marmol, Carlos	RP	CHC
R15 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Hermida, Jeremy	OF	FLA

R16 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Encarnacion, Edwin	3B	CIN
R16 P2	AL. S	Johnson, Kelly	2B	ATL
R16 P3	Derek P.	Drew, J.D.	OF	BOS
R16 P4	Jeff B.	Barton, Daric	1B	OAK
R16 P5	Mike S.	Cabrera, Melky	OF	NYY
R16 P6	Jake M.	Willingham, Josh	OF	FLA
R16 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Patterson, Corey	OF	BAL
R16 P8	Andrea S.	Buchholz, Clay	SP	BOS
R16 P9	Moel, Inc.	Lowe, Derek	SP	LA
R16 P10	Dobber	Willis, Dontrelle	SP	FLA
R16 P11	Perry S.	Gregg, Kevin	RP	FLA
R16 P12	Kris Benson	Polanco, Placido	2B	DET

R17 P1	Kris Benson	Blanton, Joe	SP	OAK
R17 P2	Perry S.	Arroyo, Bronson	SP	CIN
R17 P3	Dobber	Greene, Khalil	SS	SD
R17 P4	Moel, Inc.	Wainwright, Adam	SP	STL
R17 P5	Andrea S.	Baldelli, Rocco	OF	TB
R17 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Suzuki, Kurt	C	OAK
R17 P7	Jake M.	Wilson, Brian	RP	SF
R17 P8	Mike S.	Zito, Barry	SP	SF
R17 P9	Jeff B.	Guillen, Jose	OF	SEA
R17 P10	Derek P.	Fukudome, Kosuke	OF	FA
R17 P11	AL. S	Glaus, Troy	3B	TOR
R17 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Hernandez, Ramon	C	BAL

R18 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Pettitte, Andy	SP	NYY
R18 P2	AL. S	Perez, Oliver	SP	NYM
R18 P3	Derek P.	Pierzynski, A.J.	C	CHW
R18 P4	Jeff B.	Jimenez, Ubaldo	SP	COL
R18 P5	Mike S.	Paulino, Ronny	C	PIT
R18 P6	Jake M.	Guthrie, Jeremy	SP	BAL
R18 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Percival, Troy	RP	TB
R18 P8	Andrea S.	Carpenter, Chris	SP	STL
R18 P9	Moel, Inc.	Matthews Jr., Gary	OF	ANA
R18 P10	Dobber	Hall, Bill	OF	MIL
R18 P11	Perry S.	Giambi, Jason	DH, 1B	NYY
R18 P12	Kris Benson	Garko, Ryan	1B	CLE

R19 P1	Kris Benson	Schilling, Curt	SP	BOS
R19 P2	Perry S.	Thomas, Frank	DH	TOR
R19 P3	Dobber	Garza, Matt	SP	TB
R19 P4	Moel, Inc.	Lopez, Felipe	SS, 2B	WAS
R19 P5	Andrea S.	Dempster, Ryan	RP	CHC
R19 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Milledge, Lastings	OF	WAS
R19 P7	Jake M.	Ankiel, Rick	OF	STL
R19 P8	Mike S.	Reyes, Al	RP	TB
R19 P9	Jeff B.	Ruiz, Carlos	C	PHI
R19 P10	Derek P.	Greinke, Zach	SP	KC
R19 P11	AL. S	Lo Duca, Paul	C	NYM
R19 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Kent, Jeff	2B	LA

R20 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Molina, Bengie	C	SF
R20 P2	AL. S	Chavez, Eric	3B	OAK
R20 P3	Derek P.	Gorzelanny, Tom	SP	PIT
R20 P4	Jeff B.	Cabrera, Asdrubal	2B	CLE
R20 P5	Mike S.	Alou, Moises	OF	NYM
R20 P6	Jake M.	Hamilton, Josh	OF	CIN
R20 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Stewart, Ian	3B	COL
R20 P8	Andrea S.	Blalock, Hank	3B	TEX
R20 P9	Moel, Inc.	LaRoche, Adam	1B	PIT
R20 P10	Dobber	Crisp, Coco	OF	BOS
R20 P11	Perry S.	Ryan, B.J.	RP	TOR
R20 P12	Kris Benson	Harden, Rich	SP	OAK

R21 P1	Kris Benson	Teahen, Mark	OF	KC
R21 P2	Perry S.	DeJesus, David	OF	KC
R21 P3	Dobber	Broxton, Jonathan	RP	LA
R21 P4	Moel, Inc.	Glavine, Tom	SP	ATL
R21 P5	Andrea S.	Kotchman, Casey	1B	ANA
R21 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Meche, Gil	SP	KC
R21 P7	Jake M.	Towles, Justin	C	HOU
R21 P8	Mike S.	Bonds, Barry	OF	SF
R21 P9	Jeff B.	Cust, Jack	OF	OAK
R21 P10	Derek P.	Kuroda, Hiroki	SP	FA
R21 P11	AL. S	Okajima, Hideki	RP	BOS
R21 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Accardo, Jeremy	RP	TOR

R22 P1	Team Fantasy Man	Lester, Jon	SP	BOS
R22 P2	AL. S	Johnson, Randy	SP	ARI
R22 P3	Derek P.	Lopez, Jose	2B	SEA
R22 P4	Jeff B.	Kennedy, Ian	RP	NYY
R22 P5	Mike S.	Weathers, David	RP	CIN
R22 P6	Jake M.	Marcum, Shaun	SP	TOR
R22 P7	Roto Hu\$tler	Morales, Franklin	SP	COL
R22 P8	Andrea S.	Bartlett, Jason	SS	TB
R22 P9	Moel, Inc.	Estrada, Johnny	C	NYM
R22 P10	Dobber	Crosby, Bobby	SS	OAK
R22 P11	Perry S.	Nady, Xavier	OF	PIT
R22 P12	Kris Benson	Buehrle, Mark	SP	CHW

R23 P1	Kris Benson	Buck, John	C	KC
R23 P2	Perry S.	Molina, Yadier	C	STL
R23 P3	Dobber	Valentin, Javier	C	CIN
R23 P4	Moel, Inc.	Bard, Josh	C	SD
R23 P5	Andrea S.	Johnson, Josh	SP	FLA
R23 P6	Roto Hu\$tler	Betemit, Wilson	3B, 1B, SS	NYY
R23 P7	Jake M.	Jackson, Conor	1B	ARI
R23 P8	Mike S.	Miller, Andrew	SP	DET
R23 P9	Jeff B.	Pearce, Steven	OF	PIT
R23 P10	Derek P.	Garland, Jon	SP	ANA
R23 P11	AL. S	Napoli, Michael	C	ANA
R23 P12	Team Fantasy Man	Slowey, Kevin	SP	MIN

Traded picks are marked with an asterisk (*)



FBE Mock Draft Analysis

The Fantasy Man:

My Best Pick: A tie between Corey Hart(8th) & Matt Kemp(14th)

My Worst Pick: Brad Penny(12th) Surprised he was there, I never pick “brittle” players

My Steal of the Draft: Andy Pettitte(18th)

My Pick with Most Upside: Matt Kemp (14th) with potential .300/30/30

Round 1: Ryan Howard - Can't pass up a 50+/140+ potential player

Round 2: Prince Fielder – An obvious “no-brainer”, no more worries about power

Round 3: Derek Jeter – Don't usually draft Jeter but he solidifies average, runs, and SB's

Round 4: Chone Figgins – A chance to load up on SB's and balance categories

Round 5: Hunter Pence – Potential .300/20/100/20 or more so tough to pass

Round 6: Scott Kazmir – 200+K potential with upside and I felt was best on board

Round 7: Mariano Rivera – Needed a top closer to balance ALL categories

Round 8: Corey Hart – Another potential .300/20/100/20 outfielder
Round 9: Diasuke Matsuzaka – Top 5 potential in the 9th is a “no-brainer”
Round 10: Rickie Weeks - This is the year! 30/30..I can feel it!
Round 11: Alex Gordon – 3B’s were dwindling and Gordon had the most upside
Round 12: Brad Penny – Hate this pick as I never pick brittle guys, but was best available
Round 13: Jered Weaver – Surprised Weaver was still on the board, nice potential at 13
Round 14: Matt Kemp – Couldn’t believe that .300/30/30 potential in ’08 was still there
Round 15: Jeremy Hermida – Risky but its about time he breaks out and hits .285/20/20
Round 16: Edwin Encarnacion – Super hot 2nd half shows big time potential
Round 17: Ramon Hernandez – A .280/20+/80+ potential still on the board at C
Round 18: Andy Pettitte: I couldn’t believe my eyes!
Round 19: Jeff Kent – Solid .285/20/90 production at end of draft is usually unheard of
Round 20: Bengie Molina – Again, consistent production at C this late
Round 21: Jeremy Accardo – Should notch 20+ saves before Ryan finally comes back
Round 22: Jon Lester – Potential alone could make this a freakin’ steal!
Round 23: Kevin Slowey – Many young players to chose but Slowey has huge upside

Overall, my main strategy was to load up on all categories. Drafting Howard/Fielder early afforded me the opportunity to take more chances later on guys like Rickie Weeks and Alex Gordon while giving me plenty of power. Jeter is my runs/average leader and Figgins is my main SB guy. Now add 7 players with at least 20/20 potential (Jeter, Pence, Hart, Weeks, Gordon, Kemp, Hermida), and two catchers who could net me .280 & 35+ HR together and my offense is perfectly built. As for pitching, I landed a stud in Kazmir in the 6th and a top closer in Rivera in the 7th. I figured I could pick up wins later and that’s why I went with Kazmir and his upside. I then ended up picking up Penny, Weaver and Pettitte all with 15 - 20 win potential. Looking at this now, and realized during the draft that I drafted everyone I wanted. I wish we were playing out this league because I’d clean house. Everyone always loves their teams and I’d be the first to admit it when I drafted a bad team.....but honestly, this team is stellar!

Kris Benson (No Relation) otherwise known as Mr. B:

My draft strategy going into the draft was to draft A-Rod with my first pick and then try to draft hitters in the next few rounds (unless there was an obvious pitcher) that were above average in at least 3 categories. I feel I was rather successful the first three picks of Upton, Berkman, and Tulowitzki. I was able to balance out power, speed and average with these first four picks, giving me a solid foundation for the rest of my draft.

After those first three picks, I decided to focus on pitching with an emphasis on K’s. My belief is that strikeouts come at a premium and below average ERAs and WHIPs can be offset by steady pitchers who don’t get as many K’s. I believe my picks of Verlander, Beckett and Jenks will give me a very solid start to my pitching rotation.

All in all, I was very pleased in the way my draft turned out with some very solid value picks in the later rounds (Buehrle, Blanton, Youkilis). It will be fun to follow this team for a full season to see how I would have done!

Dobber

First, I'll mention some names of guys that I felt went too high, either by default rankings on MDC or by manager preference, when compared to guys drafted near them. Then, I'll discuss my picks, by round, and my thoughts going into each pick.

No real surprises in the first couple rounds, as most of these studs are interchangeable based on how other teams drafted and personal preference. Right at the end of the second, Ichiro went 2.8 (I can see him going higher, but I've also seen a mock draft where he went #55 in an EXPERT draft). Brandon Phillips and BJ Upton were drafted before guys like Berkman, Martinez, Rios, Carlos Lee, et al. They were highly ranked by MDC.

A player I'm not sold on personally is Torii Hunter, a guy I see going .266/20/85 and he went in the fourth, ahead of a fading Derrek Lee, Mauer, Webb, Tulowitzki, Beckett and Papelbon. Jorge Posada went in the middle of the fifth. Carlos Pena, another guy I'm not personally sold on, went middle of sixth. Jarrod Saltamacchia went in the middle of the 8th, and I'm not sure he's even a starter yet...ahead of Hoffman, M Young, Zimmerman, Oswalt. Joe Borowski went ahead of Huston Street, Ben Sheets, Brett Myers and Billy Wagner. Youth started going pretty heavy in the 11th-13th rounds. The biggest surprise to me was Geovany Soto going (as a starting catcher) in the 14.4 slot, ahead of Bonderman, Billingsley, Pedro, Izzy, Maine, et al.

Now for my recap per round.

1st round: Pick 1.3: There are so many options after the obvious A Rod/Pujols going 1-2. If either had dropped, I would have taken them. I thought about Utley, Reyes and Holliday with #3, and went with **Chase Utley** in part by position (over Holliday) scarcity and overall numbers (over Reyes). I don't think any of the three would be bad at 3.

2nd Round: Pick 2.10: There were quite a few names I was hoping would drop to me at this level, as I was firmly looking only at bats. Vlad went a few picks ahead of me, as did Braun (my boy), and Papi. I ended up selecting **Mark Teixeira** based on the improved attitude I saw when he moved to Atlanta.

3rd Round: Pick 3.3: I had V Mart picked and queued up in my slot until Perry took him in the slot before me. With a lot of very high quality OF on the board, I had my pick as a backup and took **Alex Rios**. I like Russell Martin a lot at the C slot, and gave him consideration, but hoped he'd be there at 4.

4th Round: Pick 4.10: I was still only looking at bats, and many quality ones went between my picks. I decided that with the two catcher requirement, I'd better take a guy with high upside like **Joe Mauer** early, and draft a reliable backup around 17 (which didn't happen).

5th Round: Pick 5.3: I had 4 guys queued up to select with this pick, with Tulowitzki being my likely selection if all were there. NONE made it, as all four were chosen in the four picks between mine. **John Lackey** with his low periphs and high K's was my fallback.

6th Round: Pick 6.10: Felt the need for a closer at this point in the draft with some mini runs already taking place, and **Jose Valverde** was the best left at this point. Haren would have been interesting, but went one slot ahead of me. Hunter Pence was in my queue at this point, but FM took him quite a few picks before mine.

7th Round: Pick 7.3: **Aaron Harang** was who I picked out after I got my closer, though I really didn't want to go four bats then three pitchers. His consistency has been unbelievable in that park, and looks to get more bullpen help this year with Coco in there.

8th Round: Pick 8.10: **Ryan Zimmerman** was an easy pick for me this deep in the draft...not having a 3B quality bat. Click and go.

9th Round: Pick 9.3: Was looking bat again, and had in my mind that we had 2 C and 5 OF to fill, so didn't want to sleep on either. Too early for another C, so I looked at OF. I thought about Hawpe here as well, along with Delmon Young, for multi category help. I took the chance on **Aaron Rowand**.

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Rounds 10-14: **Delmon Young** here was a nice surprise, but about equal to other mocks I've seen. I didn't think too long about this one. **Javier Vazquez** was another easy pick, as he had great numbers last year. I've been burned a lot by him in the past, so might have thought twice had this been a real team. **Tim Lincecum** was one of a number of quality starters that went in a run at this point in the draft...I thought about my local boy Yovani Gallardo too. **Nick Swisher** was one of a few bats I considered for this slot, along with Pedroia, who went just ahead of me, and Ellsbury that went two picks behind. **Jason Istringhausen** wasn't really a happy pick for me here, but a closer is a closer. I wanted Stephen Drew here, who was taken 7 picks before me.

Rounds 15-19: Now is when I wanted to look at my C situation, but my slam dunk backup/flyer was taken 14.4 in Geovany Soto. I was closely following the "projections" page for our teams, and noticed I was very low on SB. **Willy Taveras** had the most potential for them. **Dontrelle Willis** seemed like a very solid pick in a pitcher friendly park, a contending team, and one that should give him plenty of offense. **Khalil Greene** was a pick of need, after my first few SS targets were picked just before I would have. **Bill Hall** filled a power void as a 5th OF, as I think he'll be much more comfortable with his defense this season and his bat will return. **Matt Garza** has a great amount of potential, especially at this point in the draft. I feel even moreso looking at the dozen or so players selected after him.

Rounds 20-23: **Coco Crisp** was an accidental pick. I had about 7 picks before mine, and went out to help the kids with something. I probably would have chosen BJ Ryan,

Towles or from any other position but OF. **Jonathan Broxton** helps periph numbers and has a chance to close. **Bobby Crosby** offered similar production for a shaky position on my team. **Javier Valentin** was the only real backstop left at this point in the draft after I missed out on guys like Soto, Towles and others.

Derek P.

Grady Sizemore in the first round gives me four strong categories and a pretty strong RBI guy. I stuck with solid players in the first five rounds trying to get solid bats in the OF and at the corners. Miguel Tejada has been talked about in a ton of trades this off season and I figure he'll probably be moved to a contender (Houston), which should raise his game. I was surprised he was available in the 6th.

My strategy in the early middle rounds was to build a killer bullpen. I tried to grab closers who were in good situations with strong starting pitching. Cordero is a guy I would keep for the first half and move him for a starting pitcher at some point in the season. The 8th, 9th, 10th, and 12th rounds were used to build the pen, build a huge lead in saves and WHIP then move a few of them for starting pitching late in the season.

I punted catchers and starting pitching until late in the draft. My feeling about starting pitching is to trade for it once the April indicators have taken place. Trade for starting pitching by using my closers as bait to teams sitting on the bottom in the save category. My starters were a reach but guys who posted good second half numbers. Wang is solid with safe ground ball numbers; Grienke pitched great down the stretch and seemed to have his mental issues behind him; Kuroda is close to signing on the West Coast with either Los Angeles, Seattle or Arizona and should post good numbers not pitching in a band-box like he did in Japan; Garland is in a new setting with a better offense behind him and should benefit from not pitching at US Cellular Field; and finally Gorzelanny reminds me of a Shawn Marcum/Scott Baker type pitcher who should put up good numbers in a full year at the MLB level.

My favorite pick was Kosuke Fukudome in the 17th round. I'd love to see him come to the NL and play for a team that will allow him to run (Chicago). I see him as a good lead off hitter, solid contact rate, and an Ichiro-lite type player. The only thing scaring me about him is the indecision to come to the US. It makes me wonder if his heart will really be in playing here.

My worst picks could be the closer run in the middle rounds. I'd hope and pray I was in a league with a bunch of wheelers and dealers so I could get some decent starting pitching in the early part of June.

Perry S.

Drafting second is not my favorite to draft, in a 12 team draft I'd rather draft around 5-8, but that's not what I had, was it? So my first pick at #2 overall was Pujols, it wasn't a hard

decision for me, I have him as the 2nd ranked player behind A-Rod and before ANYONE else.

My 2nd pick, 11th pick 2nd rd, was Brandon Phillips. I was torn between Phillips and BJ Upton and I chose Phillips as Upton went with the very next pick.

Then I had a quick wait till my next pick and I took V-Mart in the 3rd, a little early perhaps for my catcher pick, but he wouldn't be there for my next pick I was sure.

My next 2 picks I decided to start on my pitching staff, Beckett was going to be my pick if he was there, but he was taken a few picks ahead of my turn, so I went with Webb in the 4th who I figure is just as good if not better. Papelbon was next in the 5th because I figured I wanted a good bullpen 'ace', he's on a great team and barring injury should make this pick pretty good I think.

My next 2 picks were of Sheffield and Furcal in the 6th and 7th, good solid players in my mind on good teams, plus they filled some big holes I was afraid that I might not get filled if I waited, so I jumped, was it a good move? We'll see.

With Oswalt as my 8th rd. pick I guessed that my pitching staff was coming along nicely, and was afraid (again) that he wouldn't be there for long. Matsui was next in the 9th, a good player on a good team and should have a big RBI season on that team. I had zeroed in on Delmon Young with my next pick, just about had him but he was taken right before me, so I ate the avg. (a common theme with my team) and took Beltre in the 10th hoping for the best.

Ibanez was next in the 11th, figuring he was the best OF available, and in my mind I needed more OF.

My next 2 picks is where my server started giving me trouble and I fought with it the rest of the draft. Aggravating? To say the least, but when you depend on things like this you get accustomed to inconveniences. Anyway I picked Gallardo in the 12th because I figured with Webb and Oswalt even if he had a semi-good year his upside was worth the risk. With my 13th rd. pick the computer picked Dustin Pedroia for me, not a bad player but not who I had planned to choose next. I did have Pedroia queued but wasn't ready to pick him yet, he was just a player for me to watch. After that mis-pick it kinda messed up my draft plan altogether, oh well.

My next 2 picks were pitchers Maine and McGowan with the 14th and 15th, I wanted Youkilis after my Maine pick but I lost him, so I decided to take another pitcher. Is McGowan going to have a good year? I am hoping he does. You can tell I was concentrating on pitching pretty heavily, one reason was that my average was suffering.

By taking Gregg (another computer pick) at 16th, I had a pretty good back up to Papelbon in the bullpen, and my pick of Arroyo in the 17th was meant to make my team pitching-heavy. Arroyo may not help out a lot in W's, but he should help out in K's. Again I was hoping to pick Matthews, Jr. but I was beaten to the punch here so I took Giambi in the 18th. Not a great pick, but if he gets 500+ at bats not only will he help you out with RBI's he should help with the avg.

Frank Thomas in the 19th was just another bat that was available to get some HR's and RBI's, I know that drafts are won or lost in the late rounds but Big Frank was there and I decided to take a chance.

BJ Ryan and Dejesus were next with my 20th and 21st picks, another good pitcher and a solid bat, mostly for roster fill-in for off days. Having had to give up to my lack of average I took another OF who could give me a few SB's and my last pick was a catcher in the form of one of the Molina brothers. With being satisfied with my pitchers, I was hoping to address my lack of average thru the waiver wire or thru trades, both are dangerous strategies.

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