



2008 OUTFIELD OF Rankings

Mixed League Player Rankings & Analysis

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OF Matt Holliday, Colorado	Age: 28 Size: 6'4" 235
<p>FM: Matt Holliday is for real and his numbers have increased significantly each of the last 4 years. In 2007, Holliday had one of the best seasons an outfielder can have and looks primed for another big year in 2008. Is .340 possible again? Yes. Is 40+HR possible? Yes. Is 15+SB possible? Yes. It's hard to say if he's reached his ceiling yet or not. I believe there is some room for the upside I just described while its possible he can come back to earth a bit. Don't take that the wrong way, he's still the top OF.</p> <p>MLBFO: Everyone knew he'd be good. Not a lot of people saw that coming. He probably won't repeat his .340 average, but he could hit 40 homeruns. Colorado was great last year, so repeating the RBI and R numbers might be a little hard as well.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 636 AVG: .340 HR: 36 RBI: 137 R: 120 SB: 11</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .330 HR: 35 RBI: 130 R: 100 SB: 10</p>	



OF Carl Crawford, Tampa Bay	Age: 26 Size: 6'2" 215
<p>FM: We're still waiting for Crawford to become that .300/25/50 player and maybe this is the year...or maybe not. What we do know is that Crawford is a solid and durable "lock" for .300+/10+/80+/100+/50+. I actually believe that Crawford's overall numbers could have been better in '07. I see room for upside and again, Crawford is worth a late 1st round pick.</p> <p>MLBFO: Don't forget that Crawford is still only 26. Like the FM, I see plenty of room for improvement and that's impressive given his already superb numbers. Crawford does have 20+ HR power in there somewhere. He'll top 11 this year for sure.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 584 AVG: .315 HR: 11 RBI: 80 R: 93 SB: 50</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .320 HR: 15 RBI: 85 R: 100 SB: 50</p>	

OF Grady Sizemore, Cleveland	Age: 25 Size: 6'2" 200
<p>FM: With some better overall consistency, the potential is there for Sizemore to totally break through. He's got one of the leagues best lineups hitting behind him and with 3 full seasons of 600+AB, there's no reason to think that Sizemore can't reach the following potential numbers in 2008. This is a guy you can spend a few "extra" dollars on at the auction and is a late first round-early second round pick in snake drafts.</p> <p>MLBFO: Sizemore came in a little overrated last year, I'll admit that. The only reason he was so, though, was because he was still a little too inexperienced to expect what we did out of him. Now that he has another full season under his belt, he could really live up to his potential. A 30/30 season would quiet all of his doubters.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 628 AVG: .277 HR: 24 RBI: 78 R: 118 SB: 33</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .290 HR: 30 RBI: 90 R: 120 SB: 30</p>	

OF Alfonso Soriano, Chicago	Age: 32 Size: 6'1" 180
<p>FM: At age 32, it's unlikely that Soriano will be a 40/40 man again, although anything is possible I suppose. Last season Soriano was hampered by a leg injury, missed a few weeks, and it obviously showed in the stolen base department. Assuming Soriano did not miss that time, it looks like he could have come close to at least 40/30. The potential for .300/40/40 is there of course in 2008 but we should start to see a slight decline in numbers even though such a decline will still prove better than every other outfielder outside the top three. Soriano is still a late first – early second round draft pick.</p> <p>MLBFO: Soriano was hampered by injury for a large part of the season, so they Cubs were careful with him. Ryan Theriot got 30 stolen bases playing for Lou last year, so Soriano should be able to as well. 30/30 seems reasonable and 35/35 is possible. Don't downgrade him because of his low stolen base total last year, even when he was healthy, he wasn't running due to the injury.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 579 AVG: .299 HR: 33 RBI: 70 R: 97 SB: 19</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 620 AVG: .280 HR: 35 RBI: 80 R: 100 SB: 35</p>	



OF Vladimir Guerrero, Los Angeles**Age: 32 Size: 6'3" 235**

FM: Vlad is still a powerhouse, but his numbers have slowly been declining. Last season was only the 3rd time Vlad failed to reach 30+HR in his career (25 in 2003[injury] & 11 in 1997[rookie]). Also, Vlad suffered a terrible homer-less streak after the All-Star break that lasted about a month which is the most likely culprit to the decreased HR total. He's an interesting case because the HR, H, R, and SB's were down but the RBI and BB's increased. Overall, I'd say Vlad will continue to be a leader on your fantasy team, but you have to realize that you won't get the more than 10 SB's and that's even stretching it at this point. However, I'd still expect the high average and at least 30/100 as long as he stays on the field. If he does struggle, it will be due to a lack of talent in the lineup or the small nagging injuries that Vladdy always seems to be carrying around. At worst he's a mid 2nd round pick but a 1st round pick can easily be justified....he's Vlad!

MLBFO: As FM pointed out, last season was marked by inconsistency for Vlad and his numbers have been slowly going down anyway. The Angels already play him at DH to give his legs a rest, but as he gets older Vlad will need more days off as well. Don't be surprised if he only manages around 550 at bats next season and spends a stint on the DL. He isn't aging as gracefully as one would have hoped.

2007 Stats: AB: 574 AVG: .324 HR: 27 RBI: 125 R: 89 SB: 2

2008 Potential: AB: 580 AVG: .320 HR: 30 RBI: 120 R: 90 SB: 5

OF Carlos Beltran, New York**Age: 31 Size: 6'1" 200**

FM: Beltran had arthroscopic surgery on both knees at the end of the season and should be ready for spring training. He turns 31 in April and it's obvious that the 40/40 or 30/30 days are likely over. 35/25 is possible though. The power is still there, the .270-.280 average is still there, and the 20+SB is possible especially with a clean pair of knees. Although this analysis sounds bleak, Beltran is still a top 15 draft pick but of the elites, there are obviously more healthy and less risky to spend your big bucks on. Just don't expect the big stolen base numbers.

MLBFO: It's always a rollercoaster ride to get to the end result with Beltran, but it's always there. As long as you don't expect more than 550 AB, he'll live up to all of your expectations. Before last season, Beltran quipped that he hoped to steal 40 bases again which gave fantasy owners great hopes, but he didn't live up to it. It's not that he couldn't (he had a 92% stolen base success rate), it's that the Mets don't run him nearly enough to get 40.

2007 Stats: AB: 554 AVG: .276 HR: 33 RBI: 112 R: 93 SB: 23

2008 Potential: AB: 590 AVG: .275 HR: 35 RBI: 100 R: 100 SB: 25



OF Carlos Lee, Houston	Age: 31 Size: 6'2" 240
<p>MLBFO: Carlos Lee is about as consistent as you get. You know what you're going to get, which is something you can't often say in baseball. Draft him and sit back and watch .290/30/110/90/10. Miguel Tejada adds another nice weapon to the Astros' lineup which is looking quite formidable at this point.</p> <p>FM: Lee is still in his prime and now with a few more quality bats around him in the lineup, we may experience one of his best seasons. If there is one guy you would want to stretch an extra few dollars for over his normal value, go ahead. Lee is as consistent and as durable as you can get year in and year out. Draft Lee sometime in the second round because by the time it gets back to you, he'll be gone!</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 627 AVG: .303 HR: 32 RBI: 119 R: 93 SB: 10</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .300 HR: 30 RBI: 120 R: 90 SB: 10</p>	

OF Lance Berkman, Houston	Age: 31 Size: 6'1" 220
<p>MLBFO: The second half was much more representative of Berkman's skill set than the first half was. I expect a good first half rebound from Berkman leading to an overall superior year to last year. As noted with Lee, Tejada adds another nice weapon to the Astros' lineup which is looking quite formidable at this point.</p> <p>FM: Last year we were comparing Berkman's power numbers with Pujols' and overall we were somewhat disappointed. I just felt that Berkman never really got on track, even with a better second half. Still, 34H\$/102RBI/95R is much better than most other 1B's out there. Expect Berkman to have "bounce back" year if that's possible. I'm expecting a big increase in the AVG department.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 561 AVG: .278 HR: 34 RBI: 102 R: 95 SB: 7</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .300 HR: 35 RBI: 110 R: 95 SB: 5</p>	

OF Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle	Age: 34 Size: 5'11" 175
<p>FM: We all know what Ichiro can do and he's 34 now but I just don't see Ichiro slowing down. He's a bit more valuable in H2H leagues because he'll rack up 200+ hits, and contribute to just about every category you can think of. Expect the same for Ichiro in 2008. Draft him as a base for the AVG/R/SB categories in all leagues.</p> <p>MLBFO: Ichiro is a great 3rd round pick if you have some power locked up with your high picks. I can't bring myself to take him higher because of his huge void in power, but his AVG/R/SB numbers are all elite and will help any team.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 678 AVG: .351 HR: 6 RBI: 68 R: 111 SB: 37</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 690 AVG: .340 HR: 9 RBI: 60 R: 110 SB: 35</p>	

OF/2B B.J. Upton, Tampa Bay	Age: 23 Size: 6'3" 185
<p>FM: Finally!! Finally Upton has shown us what all the hype was about and if it wasn't for a midseason quad injury, 30/30 could have been a possibility. At only age 23, Upton makes for one of the best young fantasy keepers in the game. Who knows what his ceiling is at this point...sky's the limit here. Best of all, Upton will probably last past the late 3rd round in most drafts and if you can scoop him up for \$25 or less, it's a steal! This is Hanley Ramirez potentially 3-4 rounds later.</p> <p>MLBFO: In a full season of AB and consistent play at one position in the field, 30/30 would have been a possibility. Now that he will be in center more exclusively, he can</p>	

concentrate on his batting and 30/30 will become an actuality. Upton is a top 30 player overall, but he'll fall in your draft and will be a great value.

2007 Stats: AB: 474 AVG: .300 HR: 24 RBI: 82 R: 86 SB: 22

2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .320 HR: 30 RBI: 100 R: 100 SB: 40

OF Eric Byrnes, Arizona

Age: 31 Size: 6'2" 210

MLBFO: Those of you who remember my rankings from last year will remember how high I was on Byrnes. Some people this year still don't understand. Don't be one of them. He might not repeat 50 SB but he could find 25 HR.

FM: At the very least, Brynes is a 25/25 player but if you believe in the extra SB's and can keep his average up over .280, he's a great pick sometime between late 3rd – 5th.

2007 Stats: AB: 626 AVG: .286 HR: 21 RBI: 83 R: 103 SB: 50

2008 Potential: AB: 630 AVG: .275 HR: 25 RBI: 80 R: 90 SB: 40

OF Manny Ramirez, Boston

Age: 35 Size: 6'0" 200

FM: Manny missed 24 games with a strained oblique last season and unfortunately, this could be the start of a trend as Manny starts to age. He'll be 36 in May. However, don't let all the magazines discourage you. Most will say not to expect more than 500 AB, but I am going the other way and I'll say he'll stay relatively healthy throughout 2008. The power numbers may decrease slightly but as long as you don't have lofty expectations, Manny should have a decent season and get those 500+AB. I'd still wait until at least the 4th at the earliest before I jump on Manny in the draft.

MLBFO: Manny can't be much worse than he was last year, if he can stay healthy. Manny should get his homeruns up a little higher and could be a good value pick if he slips to far in the draft. That being said, don't go out and take him before the 4th round because he is getting older and declining numbers overall are to be expected on a grander scale.

2007 Stats: AB: 483 AVG: .296 HR: 20 RBI: 88 R: 84 SB: 0

2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .300 HR: 30 RBI: 100 R: 90 SB: 0

OF Alex Rios, Toronto

Age: 27 Size: 6'5" 195

FM: Who doesn't love the potential of Rios? So much in fact that I constantly see Rios going in the 3rd round in just about every mock draft I do. So, if you want Rios, you'll have to jump on him early. If he last to the 4th, you need to pounce! He turns that magical 27 in February which in fantasy circles indicates a monster break out! If you thought 2007 was good, wait and see what 2008 brings. Can he hit 30 HR?? I'll be modest with the projection but the possibility of .300/30/120/120/20 is there, especially if the Blue Jays stick with Rios in the 3rd slot.

MLBFO: Rios has amazing potential. 25/25 is certainly possible, although the Blue Jays would have to run him more for him to increase his total. He had an 81% stolen base success rate which was the 2nd highest of his four year career (only his rookie campaign was higher). At age 27, Rios is just entering his prime so expect an increase in HR as well.

2007 Stats: AB: 643 AVG: .297 HR: 24 RBI: 85 R: 114 SB: 17

2008 Potential: AB: 640 AVG: .315 HR: 25 RBI: 100 R: 120 SB: 20

OF Curtis Granderson, Detroit	Age: 27 Size: 6'1" 185
<p>FM: Granderson is a top H2H player because he contributes to all categories as he's only the 3rd player in major league history to get at least 20 homers, 20 doubles, 20 triples and 20 stolen bases. Now with the Tiger lineup looking nasty, expect Granderson to have a stellar year and like Rios, turns 27 in March. The one knock on Granderson is his tendency to rack up K's. However, with 174 K's in 2006, Granderson cut down a bit to 141 in 2007. There a grand possibility that he can knock that down again this season. It will be tough for Granderson to not have a great season with this lineup and his potential!</p> <p>MLBFO: It's not long ago that Granderson was a good prospect coming up with a ton of potential. It shouldn't come as a surprise that his breakout campaign came right as he turned 27, which is the standard benchmark for hitters. Entering his prime, expect another 20/20 season out of Granderson although 25/25 isn't out of the realm of possibility.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 612 AVG: .302 HR: 23 RBI: 74 R: 122 SB: 26</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 680 AVG: .300 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 120 SB: 20</p>	

OF Nick Markakis, Baltimore	Age: 24 Size: 6'2" 195
<p>FM: What's not to like about Markakis? He's young and even after a quality season, still has more upside. Things could get tough since the Orioles traded away Markakis' lineup protection when they sent Miguel Tejada to Houston. Other wise, expect to grab Markakis in the early 4th but stay in it for the long haul as Markakis is susceptible to the early season slump. If that's the case, don't sell low, he'll heat up soon enough.</p> <p>MLBFO: Markakis has the upside to be more valuable than Lance Berkman is this year. At age 24, if he can put together a full season without slumping in the beginning, he'll be huge. He could hit 30 homeruns on the high side, but his average might take a slight hit if he manages to do that.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 637 AVG: .300 HR: 23 RBI: 112 R: 97 SB: 18</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 640 AVG: .320 HR: 25 RBI: 120 R: 100 SB: 20</p>	

OF Hunter Pence, Houston	Age: 24 Size: 6'4" 210
<p>MLBFO: Pence was great in the limited time he had in the majors last year. The kid is going to be a stud and 20/20 seems possible for next season. He'll add an average around .300 as well.</p> <p>FM: At 6'4 this guy can run with the possibility of 20+SB but I also can see the possibility of 30+ if he stays healthy. Also, look for a spike in RBI. His 2007 rookie numbers are great, but remember he missed close to a month with an injury. Imagine what we'd be saying if we had that months worth of stats. You can justify taking Pence in the 4th but he'll be a better value if you can wait until the 5th-6th rounds. We've been modest with his projection in case a sophomore slump arrives but he can easily blow those numbers away. Pay the extra buck!</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 456 AVG: .322 HR: 17 RBI: 69 R: 57 SB: 11</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 590 AVG: .290 HR: 20 RBI: 95 R: 80 SB: 15</p>	

OF Corey Hart, Milwaukee	Age: 25 Size: 6'6" 214
<p>MLBFO: Corey Hart was another one of my favorite sleepers last year. At age 25, he could find another 5 homeruns hidden in there and he did it in only 505 at bats last year. 30/20 seems likely.</p> <p>FM: For some reason, I see Hart going in rounds later than the 6th and in the 8th in FBE's first Mock Draft. This guy is easily a top 20 OF and you can make a case for top15. If you are sitting there deciding between Brad Hawpe and Hart, go for Hart....and you can thank me later. Hart is another one batting 5th in a great lineup so 100 RBI isn't out of the question. Hart is a guy you draft anytime between rounds 5-8 but will perform like a 3rd-4th round pick.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 505 AVG: .295 HR: 24 RBI: 81 R: 86 SB: 23</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 590 AVG: .290 HR: 25 RBI: 95 R: 95 SB: 25</p>	

OF Magglio Ordonez, Detroit	Age: 34 Size: 6'0" 215
<p>FM: Where did this guy come from? Who could have predicted such a fabulously consistent season? Although I feel Maggs will come back to earth a bit, his lineup protection and the step up from past injury-riddled seasons should keep Maggs' numbers respectable and close to what he produced in 2007....if he can stay on the field.</p> <p>MLBFO: This is one of the rare circumstances where I disagree with the FM. While, I agree that he can keep up the power (30 HR is about in line with his career averages), his average could drop all the way down below .300. If he can reproduce any semblance of last year's numbers, he jumps all the way up to Manny Ramirez territory, but I wouldn't bet on it.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 595 AVG: .363 HR: 28 RBI: 139 R: 117 SB: 4</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .320 HR: 30 RBI: 120 R: 120 SB: 5</p>	

OF/3B Chone Figgins, Los Angeles	Age: 30 Size: 5'8" 180
<p>FM: 41 SB in 442 AB on top of a .330 AVG makes Figgins a great alternative to the power hitting OF. Could go as early as the late 2nd round/early 3rd and if you already drafted two quality power hitters, Figgins would make a great 3rd round pick if he slips to you as he'll give you a base in the non-power categories of AVG, R, SB. Qualifies in many leagues at 3B, which increases his value in some leagues where he qualifies.</p> <p>MLBFO: Figgins' 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 and a steal after that.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 442 AVG: .330 HR: 2 RBI: 58 R: 81 SB: 41</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .320 HR: 8 RBI: 65 R: 100 SB: 50</p>	

OF Bobby Abreu, New York	Age: 34 Size: 6'0" 210
<p>FM: With the high potential of runs and the 25 or so SB's, you could justify drafting Abreu before guys like Granderson, Brynes, Pence, or Markakis. I rank them higher because they're younger. Except for a horrid slump early last season, Abreu is as consistent and predictable player as you can get. He's also an OBP hog. Expect Abreu's numbers to slowly decline with age but the potential to increase upon last years numbers minus a huge slump is there. Abreu is more of a "win now" type of fantasy player.</p>	

MLBFO: Abreu doesn't have a whole lot of upside, but you know what you can get out of him. At age 34, he's just leaving his prime so prepare for a slow decline to begin. .290/20/25 is possible, and playing for the Yankees he'll have good RBI and R numbers no matter what.

2007 Stats: AB: 605 AVG: .283 HR: 18 RBI: 101 R: 123 SB: 25

2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .290 HR: 20 RBI: 100 R: 120 SB: 25



OF Adam Dunn, Cincinnati

Age: 28 Size: 6'6" 275

MLBFO: Forget the 40 homeruns, 106 RBI, and 101 R. Forget the 9 stolen bases that he added. Forget that he did that in 522 at bats. He hit .264! Hell yeah! If you're desperate for power and have some good average at the top, Dunn is your man.

FM: Obviously Dunn makes a lot of sense in leagues that substitute AVG with OBP. The perennial low average is a killer and I usually stay away from Dunn. However, he's on the early side of his prime and the possibility of 50+ HR is always there. If you've already drafted high AVG players in the first 3-4 rounds, then Dunn make sense. But if you've drafted Rollins in the 1st, Tex in the 2nd, Mourneau as your CI in the 3rd, Dunn would seal your power in the 4th but you'd get killed in the AVG department. If you draft Miguel Cabrera in the 1st, Ichiro in the 2nd, Jeter in the 3rd, then Dunn makes a ton of sense in the 4th....you see?

2007 Stats: AB: 522 AVG: .264 HR: 40 RBI: 106 R: 101 SB: 9

2008 Potential: AB: 520 AVG: .250 HR: 45 RBI: 100 R: 100 SB: 5

OF Chris Young, Arizona

Age: 24 Size: 6'2" 180

MLBFO: I was really high on HR/SB threats last year and Young found his way onto more of my teams than not. The .237 average will come up and the power and speed is here to stay.

FM: Young is a strike out master but the 30/30 potential is what gets him the higher ranking. The AVG can be a killer and I wouldn't be surprised if Adam Dunn ends up with a higher AVG. Still, the 30/30 and the thought that he's still got a ton of upside, I'd take a shot at Young if I had high AVG players to back him up.

2007 Stats: AB: 569 AVG: .237 HR: 32 RBI: 68 R: 85 SB: 27

2008 Potential: AB: 590 AVG: .270 HR: 30 RBI: 85 R: 90 SB: 30

OF Torii Hunter, Los Angeles

Age: 32 Size: 6'2" 225

FM: Only once Hunter hit above .287 and that was in 2002 when he hit .288. Maybe this is the new and improved Torii Hunter, a late bloomer. Hunter got off to a smokin' start last season but died out in the 2nd half. This year, he's got a legit lead off guy in Chone Figgins and super duper lineup protection in Vlad Guerrero. The potential is there for Hunter to have his best year yet, but just don't expect the .300 AVG. If it happens, great. If not, I think 30/120/100/15 is a definite possibility. It's a strong projection at age 32 but

considering the circumstances...why not?

MLBFO: Hunter has been all over the place during his career. He twice stole 23 bases in a season. He once hit 31 homeruns. But, he's only twice put it all together for a great season. Contrary to popular belief, 2007 was not his best fantasy season. In 2002 he went .289/29/23. Hunter's great season wasn't as out of the nowhere as some people believe. He could certainly repeat, even at age 32.

2007 Stats: AB: 600 AVG: .287 HR: 28 RBI: 107 R: 94 SB: 18

2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .285 HR: 30 RBI: 120 R: 100 SB: 15

DH/OF Gary Sheffield, Detroit

Age: 39 Size: 6'0" 215

FM: Only played 14 games in OF in '07. Sheffield's stats from 2007 are extraordinary. Power numbers & AVG were down, OBP was normal, but Runs & SB were up. I expect a bit of a switch but the potential for 100+ runs and 15+ SB is there because Sheffield always seems to be on base. He had surgery to repair his ailing shoulder and should be ready for spring training. Assuming he's healthy, he's a great bargain on draft day slipping past the 8th round in some drafts.

MLBFO: Even at age 39, Sheffield can still rake. His numbers could be a bit unpredictable and you'd have to expect a few missed games but when he does play and when he does go 0-5, he seems to contribute to some category whether its Runs or SB's.

2007 Stats: AB: 494 AVG: .265 HR: 25 RBI: 75 R: 107 SB: 22

2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .285 HR: 25 RBI: 100 R: 100 SB: 10

OF Brad Hawpe, Colorado

Age: 28 Size: 6'3" 205

MLBFO: If only Hawpe had some speed, he'd fit right in with the last group of guys. However, you shouldn't dismiss Hawpe as 30 homeruns and a .290 average is still plenty valuable.

FM: Here's a nice solid pick in rounds 6-8, someone you can grab for \$20 or a bit cheaper and be totally happy. He's consistent and he's durable. Sometimes you don't always have to go for the homerun and take a minute to draft a guy whose consistency will make your team more complete on draft day.

2007 Stats: AB: 516 AVG: .291 HR: 29 RBI: 116 R: 80 SB: 0

2008 Potential: AB: 515 AVG: .290 HR: 30 RBI: 100 R: 80 SB: 3

OF Jason Bay, Pittsburgh

Age: 29 Size: 6'2" 205

MLBFO: The Pirates appear to have lost confidence in Bay and at age 29, there isn't much time left for his power to really break out. He should raise his average next year, but the homeruns might be stuck around 25.

FM: I think 30HR is the limit but there is a sense that we haven't seen his true potential. I think its safe to say that he's not and won't be a .300/30/100/20 guy like we all once thought but I'd say the potential for .290/30/100/5 is always there. Think of Bay as a big fish in a little pond and all the little "fishies" stink, holding back the potential of the big fish.

2007 Stats: AB: 538 AVG: .247 HR: 21 RBI: 84 R: 78 SB: 4

2008 Potential: AB: 580 AVG: .270 HR: 30 RBI: 95 R: 90 SB: 5

OF Andruw Jones, Atlanta	Age: 30 Size: 6'1" 210
<p>MLBFO: What happened to this guy? He could rebound next year and hit 40 homeruns, but I just don't see it. I'd say 35 homeruns with a higher average sounds about right.</p> <p>FM: I don't know, this could be one of the big sleeper picks of 2008. Everyone has down graded Jones and if he's available after the 7th round, he's a steal!! Don't take him too early because of the risk...we just don't know now what to expect. But new team, great manager, sweet lineup, and the next great team....I like Jones to spark back up and have a great season while being a steal in your fantasy draft. Expect the low average but 40/100 is a possibility as is 25/90.....</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 572 AVG: .222 HR: 26 RBI: 94 R: 83 SB: 5</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 580 AVG: .260 HR: 35 RBI: 90 R: 80 SB: 5</p>	

OF Vernon Wells, Toronto	Age: 29 Size: 6'1" 225
<p>FM: Wow! Talk about a disappointment. I suspect a big comeback year and at 29 and in the middle of his prime, this comeback may be grand. The potential is there and I would love to be right and say that 2007 was a fluke, but we'll see what happens. Wells will certainly slip in drafts and if he lasts past the 6th, pounce on him!</p> <p>MLBFO: Vernon Wells could be a great value pick in the early-middle rounds of the draft. He just signed a huge contract and repaid Toronto with the biggest slump of his career. .300/30/15 is a bold prediction for a comeback, but its certainly possible.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 584 AVG: .245 HR: 16 RBI: 80 R: 85 SB: 10</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .300 HR: 30 RBI: 100 R: 90 SB: 15</p>	

OF Shane Victorino, Philadelphia	Age: 26 Size: 5'9" 180
<p>MLBFO: Victorino was another breakout favorite of mine. He semi-broke out for 37 stolen bases. If he can get more at bats next year, he should find his way to a tick more homeruns and could eclipse 40 stolen bases.</p> <p>FM: Victorino was one of my favorite sleeper picks last year. I drafted him for \$1 in every league or after the 15th round in snake drafts. Then, in keeper leagues, I traded him later on for upgraded talent. This year, Victorino is being ranked higher because of his 37 SB and 40+SB potential, but managers are still waiting until after the 10th round in some drafts to select him which make Victorino a great value in those middle rounds. Get this guy 600-650 AB and your looking at a heck of a season!</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 456 AVG: .281 HR: 12 RBI: 46 R: 78 SB: 37</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 525 AVG: .290 HR: 15 RBI: 55 R: 75 SB: 35</p>	

OF Juan Pierre, Los Angeles Dodgers	Age: 30 Size: 5'11" 180
<p>MLBFO: Pierre is pretty much the exact opposite of Hawpe. He'll give you a .290 average with 60 stolen bases, but can't hit the ball out of the park for his life. If you miss out on speed at the top, Pierre is a great asset.</p> <p>FM: He's a singles hitter, lead off guy with a poor OBP. Go figure. If he plays everyday, 50-60 SB's is what you're drafting him for. Don't over pay and he's tough to get rid of in a trade.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 668 AVG: .293 HR: 0 RBI: 41 R: 96 SB: 64</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 650 AVG: .290 HR: 0 RBI: 40 R: 95 SB: 60</p>	

OF Hideki Matsui, New York	Age: 33 Size: 6'2" 210
<p>FM: Matsui had some trouble staying healthy and consistent last season but still produced respectable numbers. He'll be perfectly healthy for spring training but look for Matsui to lose a couple of at bats as the Yankees have too many sluggers and not enough positions. With Melky in CF everyday, that leaves Damon, Matsui, and Giambi fighting for LF and DH and Joe Girardi has said that Damon will lead-off and be the everyday left fielder. It's not as bad as it sounds as Matsui should have well over 500AB and should at the very least, match his 2007 stats. There is also a possibility he could be traded for pitching before spring training.</p> <p>MLBFO: The Yankees excess of outfielders is not reason for much concern for fantasy owners. The health concerns that surround the majority of these guys will work out the paying time situation on its own. Given the playing time and health, look for Matsui to reproduce his 2007 numbers.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 547 AVG: .285 HR: 25 RBI: 103 R: 100 SB: 4</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 580 AVG: .300 HR: 25 RBI: 100 R: 100 SB: 2</p>	

OF Johnny Damon, New York	Age: 34 Size: 6'2" 205
<p>FM: Damon was slowed by injuries and then lost his CF job to Melky Cabrera. Joe Girardi has said that Damon is the lead-off hitter and starting LF with Giambi and Matsui sharing DH duties at this point in time. That sounds like good news to me and with this Yankee lineup, I'd expect Damon to be healthy and get back to form in 2008 as he has already showed up to camp in fantastic shape. The great thing is that Damon will slip considerably in drafts. Don't let him fall past the 12th at the very latest knowing that anything after the 9th is a bargain.</p> <p>MLBFO: The Yankees excess of outfielders is not reason for much concern for fantasy owners. The health concerns that surround the majority of these guys will work out the paying time situation on its own. As FM pointed out, Damon is the starting LF for now, anyway.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 533 AVG: .270 HR: 12 RBI: 63 R: 93 SB: 27</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .290 HR: 15 RBI: 80 R: 115 SB: 25</p>	

OF Delmon Young, Minnesota	Age: 22 Size: 6'3" 215
<p>FM: We all know the hype and the potential but I think we'll still have to wait on the 30/30 at least another year or two. However, the potential for .300 and an increase in every category is there. We still don't know his ceiling but just make sure you don't overpay for hype even though he's one of the best young keepers in the game. If you pay over \$20, you're paying for hype.</p> <p>MLBFO: I agree with FM, don't look for 30/30 this year. But, 20/20 seems like a good bet. Young has all the potential in the world. His HR/SB threat is one that will find its way into the top 20 on fantasy boards in 3 years.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 645 AVG: .288 HR: 13 RBI: 93 R: 65 SB: 10</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 640 AVG: .300 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 90 SB: 20</p>	

OF Jermaine Dye, Chicago	Age: 34 Size: 6'5" 240
<p>FM: Every magazine and ranking you read in 2007 had Jermaine Dye in the top 25. I warned everyone that he was going to regress and no one seemed to want to listen. We'll, now, lucky for everyone, Dye will be super cheap on draft day and I wouldn't doubt that he comes out with a better year than last year. There is upside here if he can stay healthy. Be smart. Don't overpay expecting another 2006 season.</p> <p>MLBFO: Last season looks like a down year for Dye, but in actuality it was just a bad first half. His second half numbers show that he still has 35 HR power. His average should come up next year as well. That being said, he's getting older and his overall numbers are certainly slipping. One things for sure, he'll never repeat his 44 HR season.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 508 AVG: .254 HR: 28 RBI: 78 R: 68 SB: 2</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 540 AVG: .275 HR: 30 RBI: 90 R: 80 SB: 3</p>	

OF Jeff Francoeur, Atlanta	Age: 23 Size: 6'4" 220
<p>MLBFO: Francoeur was a favorite to break out last year and it didn't happen. At age 23, he still strikes out to much, and the average seems like a bit of a flaw. However, his power still has time to develop.</p> <p>FM: Maybe the break out comes this year. The strikeouts are a killer so be careful in H2H leagues. He ranks up there with Dunn and Chris Young. However, I love Francoeur's potential in 5x5 leagues. Sneak him in sometime in rounds 8-10 if he's still there.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 642 AVG: .293 HR: 19 RBI: 105 R: 84 SB: 5</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 625 AVG: .280 HR: 25 RBI: 110 R: 90 SB: 5</p>	

OF Matt Kemp, Los Angeles Dodgers	Age: 23 Size: 6'2" 230
<p>MLBFO: Kemp is the Dodgers #1 trading chip this off-season, but not matter where he ends up he should be in for a big year next year. He went 10/10 in less than 300 at bats which makes me think 15/15 is almost a lock in a full season.</p> <p>FM: 15/15 a lock, 20/20 likely and possible 30/30 potential. Kemp is young and has the size all the tools to be a star. Scoop up Kemp before the 12th round if he's still out there and expect a quality year with intentions to keep him in 2009.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 292 AVG: .342 HR: 10 RBI: 42 R: 47 SB: 10</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .290 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 80 SB: 20</p>	

OF Josh Hamilton, Texas	Age: 26 Size: 6'4" 235
<p>MLBFO: Remember him? Hamilton used to be a top prospect and then things went horribly wrong (ala Zack Greinke). But, Hamilton is back and stronger than ever. He hit 19 homeruns in less than 300 at bats. 30 homeruns seems more than possible next year.</p> <p>FM: We like the potential but Hamilton couldn't stay on the field. He's got a ton of upside but don't over pay. He's now in Texas and the Rangers were happy with his health tests so expect an impact type of season but be weary of the brittleness.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 298 AVG: .292 HR: 19 RBI: 47 R: 52 SB: 3</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .290 HR: 30 RBI: 75 R: 70 SB: 5</p>	

OF Raul Ibanez, Seattle	Age: 35 Size: 6'2" 215
<p>FM: Ibanez was one of those who had a tough first half but finished batting .309/15/52 in the 2nd half. That's a monster 2nd half. Ibanez turns 36 in June but he a pretty safe bet to put up respectable numbers. Assume he'll do some hitting in the first half this year and he should have a decent season for a fraction of the price on draft day.</p> <p>MLBFO: Ibanez is decent value, but at age 35, he could start to slip a little bit. .290 and 20 HR seems about right for Ibanez this year, with not a whole lot of room to do any better.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 573 AVG: .291 HR: 21 RBI: 105 R: 80 SB: 0</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 590 AVG: .290 HR: 20 RBI: 100 R: 90 SB: 0</p>	

OF Pat Burrell, Philadelphia	Age: 31 Size: 6'4" 234
<p>MLBFO: If you're looking for a cheap source of 30 homeruns, Burrell did it in 472 at bats last year. He won't be winning the batting title any time soon, but if you need homeruns that average is bearable.</p> <p>FM: Burrell's AB totals are deceiving. He's a full-time player who should get close to 550+AB. Last year he was benched for a while for being ineffective and the year before he suffered nagging foot injuries. Look for a cleaner bill of health and a normal amount of at bats which will make Burrell a somewhat safe pick in middle rounds. He does lack one thing though, and that's consistency. Draft if you have other high AVG players already drafted in the early rounds.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 472 AVG: .256 HR: 30 RBI: 97 R: 77 SB: 0</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .260 HR: 30 RBI: 100 R: 80 SB: 0</p>	



OF Mike Cuddyer, Minnesota	Age: 29 Size: 6'2" 220
<p>FM: Don't give up on Cuddyer yet. He was a bit disappointing compared to this 2006 campaign but the potential is there for a break out considering he's on the early side of his prime. Cuddyer is an OF to draft in the 8th – 11th rounds in normal drafts and a \$12 or less player at the auction.</p>	

MLBFO: At age 29, Cuddyer should be smack in the middle of his prime, but that doesn't seem to be the case. He still has some potential, so looking for 20 homeruns and 10 stolen bases isn't farfetched.

2007 Stats: AB: 547 AVG: .276 HR: 16 RBI: 81 R: 87 SB: 5

2008 Potential: AB: 580 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 90 SB: 7

1B Nick Swisher, Chicago

Age: 27 Size: 6'0" 215

FM: This guy kills me. He starts out strong in 2006 and on his way to stardom, then goes into an insane slump in the second half. In 2007, he seems consistent until late May then hits the slump for a while to finally bounce back in late July and finishes strong. He's young enough to have a ton of upside, has 30+ HR power and is a must in leagues that count OBP as he always has .400+ potential because of his patience. **UPDATE:** Swisher was traded to the White Sox for prospects. There is a crowd in the Chicago OF with Dye, Jerry Owens, and Carlos Quentin along with Joe Crede at 3B and Josh Fields who played half his games in the OF in '07. Rest assured that Swisher will play every day. There are rumors of trades of different players so keep an eye on this situation. The players to be most effected are Owens and Quentin while the Sox try to find an everyday place in the lineup for Fields...but Swisher appears to be safe. His value rises a bit because he is now playing in a smaller hitter's park and in a better lineup.

MLBFO: Until Swisher can prove he can play consistently, he's not someone I want taking up a starting position on my fantasy team. He's still only 27 so a power breakout with the next year or two is certainly possible. It's just an all too risky pick at this point.

2007 Stats: AB: 539 AVG: .262 HR: 22 RBI: 78 R: 84 SB: 3

2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .275 HR: 30 RBI: 90 R: 100 SB: 3

OF Ken Griffey Jr., Cincinnati

Age: 38 Size: 6'3" 228

MLBFO: Griffey Jr...I have to throw in the required...oh what could have been. Still, Griffey hit 30 homeruns last year. That could be bumped down to 25 this year due to age.

FM: Griffey hit 30 HR last year while still missing time with injury. I guess we can always expect the same, but if he can string together another 500+ AB, you can almost bank on another 30+ HR...if he can stay on the field.

2007 Stats: AB: 528 AVG: .277 HR: 30 RBI: 93 R: 78 SB: 6

2008 Potential: AB: 525 AVG: .275 HR: 30 RBI: 90 R: 80 SB: 4

OF Aaron Rowand, San Francisco

Age: 30 Size: 6'0" 200

MLBFO: Rowand has primed himself to be the biggest bust of next year. Don't buy into him as a 30 homerun guy. He's priced himself as a 14 million dollar player, but he's not worth more than 10. As a fantasy player, don't buy into him as more than a 15-20 homerun player.

FM: Rowand is actually a solid player. You can bank on 600+AB, .280 AVG, about 20HR and a few SB's. If that's what you expect, you'll get great value out of Rowand and any extra stats he can manufacture. Don't overpay but don't expect a "bust" season. Remember, he is realistically the only offensive weapon the Giants have...oh, other than Bengie Molina!

2007 Stats: AB: 612 AVG: .309 HR: 27 RBI: 89 R: 105 SB: 6

2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .285 HR: 20 RBI: 75 R: 90 SB: 9

3B/OF Josh Fields, Chicago	Age: 25 Size: 6'1" 215
<p>FM: 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 '08.</p> <p>MLBFO: Fields has an enormous amount of potential and he's still only 25. I expect Fields to have a great sophomore campaign with 30 homeruns and 10 stolen bases as close to a lock as you can get for a player of his inexperience. He's one of my favorite sleepers for 2008 and his double eligibility is a nice bonus.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 373 AVG: .244 HR: 23 RBI: 67 R: 54 SB: 1</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 575 AVG: .280 HR: 30 RBI: 85 R: 80 SB: 10</p>	

OF Wily Mo Pena, Washington	Age: 25 Size: 6'3" 245
<p>MLBFO: Everyone knows Pena has Adam Dunn syndrome. He has 40 HR power, but he K's too much and it certainly won't take you 4 strokes to find the holes in his swing.</p> <p>FM: This will be the first year Pena gets a full season of AB's. Should be interesting to see if he can live up to the power hype. He's also part of the Master Strikeout Club with Dunn, Young and Francoeur! Wait until after the 16th....</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 289 AVG: .253 HR: 13 RBI: 39 R: 42 SB: 2</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .275 HR: 30 RBI: 80 R: 80 SB: 0</p>	



OF Jacoby Ellsbury, Boston	Age: 24 Size: 6'1" 185
<p>FM: Right now Ellsbury is stuck behind Coco Crisp in CF but there is a strong chance Ellsbury could nail down the job. He's a top notch talent with the potential to hit .300+, 15-20 HR and steal 40+ bases with 500+ AB. I'd draft him somewhere after the 12th round, hope he gets the job and turns into a sweet keeper at a cheap price.</p> <p>MLBFO: The Red Sox would be crazy to not find time for Ellsbury. At age 24, the Ellsbury era is ready to begin, and Coco Crisp is not a good enough player to stop that. Even if it means trading Crisp for 'specs, the Red Sox will find time for Ellsbury.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 116 AVG: .353 HR: 3 RBI: 18 R: 20 SB: 9</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 400 AVG: .290 HR: 10 RBI: 60 R: 70 SB: 15</p>	

OF Jeremy Hermida, Florida	Age: 23 Size: 6'3" 210
<p>MLBFO: Every year we talk about Hermida as a potential breakout candidate. Don't give up on him yet, he's only 23. He hit 18 HR in 429 AB and could smack 25 next year.</p> <p>FM: The break out is coming! Grab him cheap in keeper leagues, suffer through the early season slump and watch this guy break out in the 2nd half! He hit .338 after May last season!</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 429 AVG: .296 HR: 18 RBI: 63 R: 54 SB: 3</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .290 HR: 25 RBI: 80 R: 65 SB: 5</p>	

OF Josh Willingham, Florida	Age: 28 Size: 6'2" 215
<p>MLBFO: Willingham and Hermida look about equal at this point, except Hermida hits for better average and is younger. Willingham should be around 25-30 homeruns next year.</p> <p>FM: I wouldn't say they are even. Willingham is a consistent .270/20+/90 type of guy with some power upside although I'm expecting the same. Hermida still hasn't proved he can do it. Willingham is a better bet if your looking for durability and consistency (by that I mean knowing what you'll get)</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 521 AVG: .265 HR: 21 RBI: 89 R: 75 SB: 8</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .280 HR: 27 RBI: 90 R: 80 SB: 5</p>	

OF J.D. Drew, Boston	Age: 32 Size: 6'1" 200
<p>FM: Every year I knock Drew for under-performing and every year someone sends me an email saying I am and will be "wrong". As it turns out, every year I am right. Drew is super talented...super talented at killing our fantasy teams. Don't get caught up in the hype. Now that he's 32, the age where most guys start to decline, its kind of hard to expect a break out. Plus, Drew has only had one season with 500+AB (2004). However, a better year and his second in Boston should yield some steady results, just expect a stint on the DL too. Again, the potential is there but if you expect and draft Drew as a "serviceable" player, the little extra upside will be icing on the cake.</p> <p>MLBFO: Drew is nothing more than "serviceable" so don't go in looking for more. Like the FM said, if you get more GREAT! He'll spend time on the DL and won't hit for great numbers in any category. Drew defines serviceable.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 466 AVG: .270 HR: 11 RBI: 64 R: 84 SB: 4</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 475 AVG: .280 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 90 SB: 6</p>	

OF Jose Guillen, Kansas City	Age: 31 Size: 5'11" 195
<p>FM: Guillen will miss the first 15 games for violating baseball's drug violation program. He's a quality fantasy OF with 25+ HR potential and a decent average later in the draft. You can wait on Guillen as your 3rd or 4th OF and snatch him up after the 12th round.</p> <p>MLBFO: Guillen was a great value in '07, and will likely be so again in '08. His name was marred due to the steroid connection, but his numbers won't likely take a hit.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 593 AVG: .290 HR: 23 RBI: 99 R: 84 SB: 4</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 570 AVG: .285 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 80 SB: 2</p>	

OF Willy Taveras, Colorado	Age: 25 Size: 6'0" 160
<p>MLBFO: Taveras had 33 stolen bases in only 372 at bats last year. Looks like he could steal 50 given the proper playing time. At least 30 stolen bases is a lock, that's what he's been at for the past 3 years.</p> <p>FM: He's listed as the starting CF and as long as he stays healthy, he could reach that 50+SB goal, but he'll need the 500+AB. I also think with a full season, he'll nail the 100R mark.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 372 AVG: .320 HR: 2 RBI: 24 R: 64 SB: 33</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .290 HR: 2 RBI: 35 R: 80 SB: 35</p>	

OF Garret Anderson, Los Angeles	Age: 35 Size: 6'3" 225
<p>FM: The acquisition of Torii Hunter will move Anderson to the DH position. Last season we all thought Anderson might be done, then he had one of the best second halves ever and racked up RBI like it was nobody's business. I think he gets back to 500 AB while DH-ing and preserving his health a bit. Expect to pick up Anderson super cheap and after the 15th round on draft day and under \$5 at the auction.</p> <p>MLBFO: The Angels have a huge surplus of outfielders, as do the Dodgers. Anderson will play DH, but Guerrero will need some time there as well. Finding Anderson 500 at bats is going to be a challenge, and he doesn't produce great numbers anyway. Don't look for anything more than his 2007 numbers, with a slight decrease in average.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 417 AVG: .297 HR: 16 RBI: 80 R: 67 SB: 1</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .285 HR: 17 RBI: 85 R: 65 SB: 1</p>	

Melky Cabrera, New York	Age: 23 Size: 5'11" 200
<p>FM: Why pay top dollar on just one of Sizemore, Beltran or Crawford when you can sit back and spend \$15-\$20 total on Guillen, Cuddyer, Willingham, Hermida and Melky and spend the big bucks elsewhere. As for Melky, he had some trouble in the beginning getting hot because he wasn't full-time, but once that 2nd half came around and Melky took over in CF, he was fantastic offensively, defensively and for team moral. I wish there were fantasy points for enthusiasm. Regardless, expect a season of increased numbers across the board as the #9 batter in that awesome Yankee lineup. Even if Melky gets traded (maybe in a Johan Santana deal), he then could become a lead off hitter and his value will increase even more. Draft cheap and reap the benefits later.</p> <p>MLBFO: FM is a little biased as a Yankees fan, but Cabrera really does provide some late round value. 15/15 may be pushing it a little bit and Cabrera is really just serviceable. Let's just say, he won't be the difference maker on any teams this year.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 545 AVG: .273 HR: 8 RBI: 73 R: 66 SB: 13</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 590 AVG: .285 HR: 15 RBI: 80 R: 80 SB: 15</p>	

OF/3B Bill Hall, Milwaukee	Age: 27 Size: 6'0" 210
<p>MLBFO: Milwaukee got all excited about Hall. They sure didn't waste too much time being disappointed for him though. They had other things to get excited about. The effect of that was that everyone pretty much forgot about Hall. Possible rebound.</p> <p>FM: Hall is a guy you can grab super cheap and benefit from later on. Hall makes for a nice sleeper pick as he's just entering his prime. The Brewers have also said that Hall is the most athletic guy on the team...that goes a long way in my mind. He can certainly</p>	

out-do the potential we projected and he's moving to 3B and shifting Ryan Braun to LF.
2007 Stats: AB: 452 AVG: .254 HR: 14 RBI: 63 R: 59 SB: 4
2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .270 HR: 23 RBI: 75 R: 65 SB: 5

OF Kosuke Fukudome, Chicago

Age: 31 Size: 6'1" 185

FM: Don't expect 30+HR like his MVP season in Japan in 2006 and don't expect a second coming of Ichiro. There is a nice chance you might get .300 maybe even 15HR but don't go crazy here and over pay like the Cubbies did. He's a risk because we've never seen him and he'll probably need to go through an adjustment period. Should be available after the 15th round in most drafts.

MLBFO: Like many Japanese imports, Fukudome may be slightly overrated. He's been compared to Matsui, but Matsui has yearly totals of 25 homeruns which Fukudome likely won't be able to reproduce. 15-20 homeruns seems about the right range.

2007 Japanese Stats: AB: 269 AVG: .294 HR: 13 RBI: 48 R: 64 SB: 5

2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .285 HR: 20 RBI: 85 R: 95 SB: 10

OF Rocco Baldelli, Tampa Bay

Age: 26 Size: 6'4" 200

FM: Baldelli has the potential to be a star, but he's been bit by the injury bug. He's just as brittle as Mark Prior but I still believe one of these years he can stay healthy...maybe it's this year. I won't over pay but if he slips to me late or I can grab for \$1, I'll take the risk. The reward can be grand. As of now, Baldelli is listed as the right fielder but the Rays might have to make him DH a bit to save his body.

MLBFO: It's hard to believe that with all the injury Baldelli has been through in his career, he's only 26. He has a ton of upside, but don't count on playing time. If Baldelli got a full season of at bats, 20/20 is possible. Look for 10/10, anything else is a bonus.

2007 Stats: AB: 137 AVG: .204 HR: 5 RBI: 12 R: 16 SB: 4

2008 Potential: AB: 400 AVG: .295 HR: 15 RBI: 50 R: 60 SB: 10

OF Jay Bruce, Cincinnati

Age: 21 Size: 6'3" 195

MLBFO: Jay Bruce is the best prospect in the minor leagues right now and will make an appearance at some point this season. However, unless someone is traded, it may be later rather than sooner. But, once he's up, he'll be a stud.

FM: Bruce advanced through all three levels of the minors last season batting a combined .319, 46Dubs, 8Trips, 26HR, 89RBI. He's a superstar in the making and the trade of Josh Hamilton to Texas paves the way for full-time status in CF. Just be careful of Ryan Freel who could steal some at bats if Bruce starts out slow. I'd still draft Bruce over players like Adam Jones, Carlos Gomez and Justin Upton.

2007 AAA Stats: AB: 187 AVG: .305 HR: 11 RBI: 25 R: 28 SB: 2

2008 Potential: AB: 300 AVG: .280 HR: 12 RBI: 45 R: 40 SB: 8

OF Michael Bourn, Houston

Age: 25 Size: 5'11" 180

MLBFO: Bourn had an interesting season in 2007 managing only 119 at bats, but playing in 105 games. He has great speed and will be given much more playing time in 2008. Look for a good season from Bourn.

FM: A full season could net you 40+SB. No one will challenge Bourn as the Houston CF but keep in mind he doesn't have any power. Think Willy Tavares but cheaper.

2007 Stats: AB: 119 AVG: .277 HR: 1 RBI: 6 R: 29 SB: 18
2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .275 HR: 4 RBI: 30 R: 60 SB: 30

OF Mark Teahen, Kansas City	Age: 26 Size: 6'3" 210
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FM: 2007 was a bit disappointing but Teahen is still young and still has upside and should come cheap on draft day. Draft as your 4th or 5th outfielder.

MLBFO: Teahen probably won't hit 15/15, but he's only 26 so I'll give him the benefit of the doubt. He moved to the OF to make room for Alex Gordon, but could move back into the infield. Watch his eligibility as he is a versatile player.

2007 Stats: AB: 544 AVG: .285 HR: 7 RBI: 60 R: 78 SB: 13

2008 Potential: AB: 580 AVG: .290 HR: 15 RBI: 85 R: 85 SB: 15

Gary Matthews Jr., Los Angeles	Age: 33 Size: 6'3" 225
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FM: I wouldn't necessarily depend on Matthews but he does possess 20/20 potential and should get a bulk of the time in LF with Garret Anderson DH-ing. Don't go crazy but should be a cheap \$5 or less OF with 20/20 potential.

MLBFO: .270/20/20 is his upside, not a projection to aim for. If you draft him with the idea of getting .260/15/15 you'll likely won't be disappointed.

2007 Stats: AB: 516 AVG: .252 HR: 18 RBI: 72 R: 79 SB: 18

2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .270 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 80 SB: 20

OF Austin Kearns, Washington	Age: 27 Size: 6'3" 220
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MLBFO: Kearns splits are interesting and raise an intriguing question of how to use him for fantasy. Against left handed pitchers he hits for a superb average and little power. Against right handed pitchers he hits for a poor average with much more power. All in all, Kearns will give you decent numbers across the board, but nothing spectacular. Kearns gets a slight boost in power over last year because the new Nationals ballpark will be more favorable towards hitters; however, his playing time is more questionable due to the Nationals newfound surplus of outfielders.

FM: Kearns to me is a "serviceable" player with upside. Nothing more, nothing less. Someone I can grab late, insert in my lineup and never touch him. Not to mention, he's at that magical age 27. I love calling it the "magical" age.

2007 Stats: AB: 587 AVG: .266 HR: 16 RBI: 74 R: 84 SB: 2

2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .265 HR: 18 RBI: 80 R: 90 SB: 0

OF Lastings Milledge, Washington	Age: 23 Size: 6'0" 190
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MLBFO: The New York media really got down on this guy as did the Mets organization. This caused them to ship him out for almost nothing. Milledge should finally live up to some of his potential in Washington and becomes a threat to hit 20HR. However, having 4 starting OF's could limit his time some.

FM: I'm on the fence here because he's got potential but he hasn't shown to be mature enough to handle full-time duties. Milledge is a guy I expect to have a crappy first half and then somewhat shake things up in the second half. Grab & Stash!

2007 Stats: AB: 184 AVG: .272 HR: 7 RBI: 29 R: 27 SB: 3

2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 10

OF Rick Ankiel, St. Louis	Age: 28 Size: 6'1" 210
<p>MLBFO: Ankiel came out of nowhere this season. He may be able to repeat the numbers, but he may not be able to. This is one of the toughest calls of the off-season. Will he continue to hit a homerun in almost every fourth game? No. But, he should still have decent value.</p> <p>FM: I think Ankiel has easy 30HR value and the fact that he'll hit in front of Pujols could help his cause. I like the upside and he's worth a late round pick to see what happens.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 172 AVG: .285 HR: 11 RBI: 39 R: 31 SB: 1</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .280 HR: 17 RBI: 60 R: 50 SB: 2</p>	

OF Carlos Quentin, Chicago	Age: 25 Size: 6'1" 225
<p>FM: Quentin started the season with a shoulder injury and was just ineffective when he did get a chance to play. I say we just chalk up 2007 in the lost column and start fresh here. Quentin has some upside and if he gets full-time at bats, he could be quite a sleeper. His minor league numbers indicate he's a .300/25/100/.420 type player, so the potential is there. He'll have to fight with Josh Fields for playing time but I guess that all depends if the Sox can trade Joe Crede. Keep an eye on Crede and this situation up until draft day. Even if Crede is still there, Quentin should end up taking over a position by mid season. If I were the White Sox, I'd make Quentin play CF, put Fields in LF and keep Crede at 3B....but what do I know...??!</p> <p>MLBFO: With 2007 essentially a lost season, the Diamondbacks traded Quentin to the White Sox to set up their deal with Oakland. In the deal, the White Sox got a guy with a ton of potential. He likely won't reach it in 2008, but in the long run, expect Quentin to be something special. For 2008, .280/15/5 seems reasonable and he could tack on a little bit extra.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 229 AVG: .214 HR: 5 RBI: 31 R: 29 SB: 2</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 75 R: 70 SB: 5</p>	

OF Franklin Gutierrez, Cleveland	Age: 25 Size: 6'2" 180
<p>FM: The quality play we saw from Gutierrez in the playoffs most likely earned him a full-time spot in RF and in a great hitting lineup. He'll bat towards the bottom but he is a 5-tool player with some upside and .275/15/15 potential in 2008. Should only cost \$1-\$3 on draft day.</p> <p>MLBFO: Gutierrez could be a good value pick towards the end of the draft. He's only 25, so he certainly possesses the 15/15 upside. 10/10 seems more reasonable, but he's definitely worth the slight risk towards the latter rounds or for a couple bucks.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 271 AVG: .266 HR: 13 RBI: 36 R: 41 SB: 8</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .275 HR: 15 RBI: 70 R: 70 SB: 15</p>	

OF Jayson Werth, Philadelphia	Age: 28 Size: 6'4" 210
<p>FM: Werth was once thought of having .300/20/20 potential but he's been derailed by injury. I'm not sure about .300 but 20/20 and a full season at CF will make Werth a super sleeper in 2008. Think of as a cheaper version of Corey Hart.</p> <p>MLBFO: Werth has solid sleeper value in Philly. He'll be the starting CF this year and did hit 16 homeruns in 290 at bats back in 2004. 2007 was the first year he didn't have a decent average, so that may be reason for concern.</p>	

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

OF Nate McLouth, Pittsburgh

Age: 26 Size: 5'11" 185

FM: McLouth, only 26, has a minor league career batting .292 with a two 20+SB seasons, two 30+SB, and one 40+SB. His problem has been staying healthy the last two seasons in the majors. It appears McLouth has nailed down the CF job for '08 and it's his to lose. Assuming he stays on the field, the upside can be greater than Werth's and .280/20/30 is something to think about. He'll be super cheap on draft day!

MLBFO: McLouth's line isn't too bad for a center fielder, but it isn't a great fantasy line. He's still only 26, so he has upside. But don't expect the world from him.

2007 Stats: AB: 329 AVG: .258 HR: 13 RBI: 38 R: 62 SB: 22

2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 70 R: 70 SB: 20

OF Moises Alou, New York Mets

Age: 41 Size: 6'3" 229

MLBFO: Alou missed a significant amount of time last year and as he gets older that trend is likely to continue. The Mets won't hesitate to sit him with a surge of young talented outfielders coming up from the minors. Additionally, don't expect another .341.

FM: He'll hit above .300 but you'll have to suffer possibly a stint on the DL and/or a bunch of missed games. But when he's playing, he's money. Draft as a reserve in mixed daily transaction leagues. He's already going to miss the first 2-3 weeks of the season.

2007 Stats: AB: 328 AVG: .341 HR: 13 RBI: 49 R: 51 SB: 3

2008 Potential: AB: 350 AVG: .310 HR: 15 RBI: 50 R: 50 SB: 0

OF Jack Cust, Oakland

Age: 29 Size: 6'1" 230

FM: Cust busted out the power stick in 2007 and was actually quite consistent through out the rest of the season. Cust sort of reminds me of Wily Mo Pena, monster power but a strikeout machine. As of now, Oakland has Cust listed as the 4th OF behind Travis Buck and Mark Kotsay but those guys are so brittle and with the DH position available, Cust should receive well over 500 AB and will be a cheap source of power late in the draft.

MLBFO: Cust will get the playing time, but whether or not he can maintain the power is a different question. Expect decent numbers out of him, but perhaps not much better than last year.

2007 Stats: AB: 395 AVG: .256 HR: 26 RBI: 82 R: 61 SB: 0

2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .270 HR: 30 RBI: 100 R: 80 SB: 0

OF Coco Crisp, Cincinnati

Age: 28 Size: 6'0" 180

FM: Talk about a guy with negative energy around him. Crisp had a disappointing 2007 and now he's involved in trade talks to make room for Jacoby Ellsbury. However, if Crisp stays, I'd expect a slight increase in numbers due to the fact that he's only 28, so he's got age on his side. Don't be quick to dismiss Crisp as he still has 15/25 potential.

MLBFO: Crisp needs to move to give Ellsbury the proper playing time because Boston won't be able to find playing time for both. However, don't get down on Crisp, he still has good skill and solid overall numbers. It's not like he's old either, he's still only 28.

2007 Stats: AB: 526 AVG: .268 HR: 6 RBI: 60 R: 85 SB: 28

2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .285 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 90 SB: 25

OF Cameron Maybin, Florida	Age: 21 Size: 6'4" 205
<p>MLBFO: Maybin will get the CF job in Florida, which he may not have gotten right away in Detroit. He spent a ridiculously short amount of time in the minors, so don't expect him to reach his full potential this year.</p> <p>FM: Maybin will lead off in Florida which should increase his value. Who knows what his potential is but 15HR/25+SB is a possibility...just a guess though.</p> <p>2007 A+ Stats: AB: 296 AVG: .304 HR: 10 RBI: 44 R: 58 SB: 25</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 49 AVG: .143 HR: 1 RBI: 2 R: 8 SB: 5</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .280 HR: 8 RBI: 50 R: 65 SB: 20</p>	

OF Carlos Gomez, New York	Age: 22 Size: 6'4" 195
<p>FM: My guess with Gomez is it will take an injury to Alou or ineffectiveness from Ryan Church, and there's a good chance for both. Draft as a late round flier and stash on your bench. Also, Gomez stole 64 bases in Single A in 2005 and although I don't expect Gomez to do that again, he could be an eventual 30/30 type because of his size.</p> <p>MLBFO: Gomez has a ton of potential, but isn't going to get a ton of playing time. He's 5th on the depth chart right now behind the three starters and Endy Chavez. Don't be surprised if he starts the year in AAA.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 125 AVG: .232 HR: 2 RBI: 12 R: 14 SB: 12</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 590 AVG: .285 HR: 20 RBI: 90 R: 90 SB: 15</p>	

OF Adam Jones, Seattle	Age: 22 Size: 6'2" 2005
<p>FM: Jones will start the 2008 season as the full-time LF'er barring any spring setbacks. So far, in his few major league stints, Jones hasn't been to effective but his fantastic season in AAA as earned him the chance to start. Draft Jones late but could be a .290/20/20 guy in the next year or two with possible 30+HR potential as he matures.</p> <p>MLBFO: Jones has a huge amount of upside. There is literally no reason to not draft him late in the draft. His minor league numbers were exceptional, and even though his major league numbers left some to be desired, expect a good season from Jones in 2008.</p> <p>2007 Stats (ML): AB: 65 AVG: .246 HR: 2 RBI: 4 R: 16 SB: 2</p> <p>2007 Stats (AAA): AB: 420 AVG: .314 HR: 25 RBI: 84 R: 75 SB: 8</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .275 HR: 15 RBI: 65 R: 85 SB: 15</p>	

OF Felix Pie, Chicago Cubs	Age: 22 Size: 6'2" 170
<p>MLBFO: Pie struggled at the plate last year, but his defense and offensive potential will earn him the starting gig. He has the upside to be great, but this may not be the year. He'll be better than last year, but the question is: How much better?</p> <p>FM: Pie is a guy you draft in keeper leagues now for \$1 or as a reserve. Let him work out the kinks now and hopefully have a big 2nd half giving you a potentially sweet keeper in '09. Other than that, he's a 5-tool potential superstar down the road!</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 177 AVG: .215 HR: 2 RBI: 20 R: 26 SB: 8</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .270 HR: 7 RBI: 50 R: 70 SB: 20</p>	

OF Justin Upton, Arizona	Age: 20 Size: 6'3" 205
<p>MLBFO: Upton was pure money in the minors this year, but he struggled in the majors. He's got major talent, but he's only 20 and needs more time to fully develop. They'll give him the playing time in the majors, but don't expect him to make a huge fantasy splash. But...But...But...</p> <p>FM: In the minors last season Upton hit .319/19HR/18SB/.410OBP in 385 AB which says 20/20 potential this year or next is possible while 30/30 down the road is possible. I'd draft as a late round flier in keeper leagues, stash on the bench, wait until he gets hot and use him as trade bait to win a championship.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 140 AVG: .221 HR: 2 RBI: 11 R: 17 SB: 2</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 550 AVG: .270 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 80 SB: 15</p>	

OF Adam Lind, Toronto	Age: 24 Size: 6'2" 195
<p>FM: Lind disappointed as a rookie in 2007 but it looks like he'll get another chance as the full-time left fielder and could be a nice sleeper. Lind hasn't batted below .310 in his 3 minor league seasons before last year and has demonstrated he could be a 20+HR player which could make Lind a sweet pick late.</p> <p>MLBFO: Lind had great minor league numbers and he's still only 24. He has a ton of upside which makes him the perfect, low risk, high upside pick towards the end of your draft.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 290 AVG: .238 HR: 11 RBI: 46 R: 34 SB: 1</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .290 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 80 SB: 2</p>	

OF Chris Duncan, St. Louis	Age: 26 Size: 6'5" 230
<p>MLBFO: Chris Duncan's entire story is told through splits. Against right handed batters he hit 20 homeruns. Against left handed batters he hit 1 homerun and batted .213. If the Cardinals give him more than 400 at bats, it'll be a mistake because that'll be too many at bats against lefties.</p> <p>FM: With Ryan Ludwick, Skip Shumaker and prospect Colby Rasmus, its going to be tough to project quality numbers for Duncan but assuming he can get 400AB, the 20+ power potential is there. His AVG will most likely suffer.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 375 AVG: .259 HR: 21 RBI: 70 R: 51 SB: 2</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 400 AVG: .270 HR: 22 RBI: 55 R: 65 SB: 2</p>	

OF Colby Rasmus, St. Louis	Age: 21 Size: 6'2" 190
<p>MLBFO: With the departure of Jim Edmonds, the Cardinals best option is to give Rasmus the playing time, even if it's a year too early. The kid has great potential, and once he's up, he likely won't be going back down.</p> <p>FM: There's a chance he could start the season in AAA, but with a slew of platoon type OF's...Duncan, Ankiel, Barton, Ludwick, Shumaker.....Rasmus could be handed a full-time job by mid-season, that would be my guess. Draft at the end and stash on your bench.</p> <p>2007 AA Stats: AB: 472 AVG: .275 HR: 29 RBI: 72 R: 93 SB: 18</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 250 AVG: .270 HR: 10 RBI: 45 R: 50 SB: 10</p>	

OF Scott Hairston, San Diego	Age: 27 Size: 6'0" 200
<p>FM: Hairston was a .300 hitter in the minors but this will be his first season as a starting OF, and will most likely bat 2nd as well. Assuming Hairston gets off to a decent start, he should be a nice sleeper going into 2008. He did not show much power or speed in the minors so don't get too excited about the 11HR in 263AB.</p> <p>MLBFO: Hairston has little value beyond NL only leagues. The only two seasons in which he's played a full season, he's hit below .250 with 11 and 13 homeruns respectively.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 263 AVG: .243 HR: 11 RBI: 36 R: 37 SB: 2</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .285 HR: 15 RBI: 85 R: 90 SB: 5</p>	

OF Josh Anderson, Atlanta	Age: 25 Size: 6'2" 195
<p>FM: Anderson has a ton of speed, the 40+ kind, but he's currently blocked by Mark Kotsay. Anderson has virtually no power but could post a .290+ AVG with enough at bats. Keep tabs on him in the spring.</p> <p>MLBFO: He's worth keeping an eye on. He's got solid potential and he's only 24. He isn't going to get a full season of at bats, but if he gets in and gets hot he could be in for the long haul.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 64 AVG: .358 HR: 0 RBI: 11 R: 10 SB: 1</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 2500 AVG: .290 HR: 2 RBI: 25 R: 30 SB: 15</p>	

OF Ben Francisco, Cleveland	Age: 26 Size: 6'1" 190
<p>FM: Right now Francisco is listed as a back up OF'er, but I just have a feeling we'll see a lot more than expected of him in 2008. It's just a hunch. His competition is David Dellucci and Jason Michaels. Dellucci is an injury risk and Michaels will never be more than a back up. Francisco has .275/15/20 potential right now. What's intriguing was his .382 OBP in AAA.</p> <p>MLBFO: Francisco has decent potential if he can find the playing time. The Cleveland corner outfielders aren't particularly strong, so he should get a shot at more playing time and if he can play to our potential stats, he'll keep the job.</p> <p>2007 Stats (ML): AB: 62 AVG: .274 HR: 3 RBI: 12 R: 10 SB: 0</p> <p>2007 Stats (AAA): AB: 377 AVG: .318 HR: 12 RBI: 51 R: 60 SB: 22</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 350 AVG: .275 HR: 10 RBI: 50 R: 60 SB: 20</p>	

OF Xavier Nady, Pittsburgh	Age: 29 Size: 6'2" 210
<p>MLBFO: Nady has yet to play a full season in his entire major league career. He played in 140 games in 2006, which was his most ever. Given a full season, he could hit 25 homeruns, but 450 at bats seem more reasonable.</p> <p>FM: Not much argument from me. Money better spent in NL Only leagues or as a reserve in mixed leagues. It is possible though that Nady could break out as he'll bat clean up and he's still in the early part of his prime.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 431 AVG: .278 HR: 20 RBI: 72 R: 55 SB: 3</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .275 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 65 SB: 3</p>	

OF Randy Winn, San Francisco	Age: 33 Size: 6'2" 193
<p>MLBFO: Two years ago I traded Jim Edmonds for Randy Winn in one of my dynasty leagues. Boy, that looks like a good move. Winn looks good for 15/15 and a .280-.290 average.</p> <p>FM: He's Mr. Consistent but he's so unexciting. Draft as a 5th OF or as a reserve ready to spell a player with an injury.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 593 AVG: .300 HR: 14 RBI: 65 R: 73 SB: 15</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 600 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 65 R: 75 SB: 15</p>	

OF Ryan Church, New York Mets	Age: 29 Size: 6'1" 190
<p>MLBFO: Church will benefit from the move from Washington to New York, not only because he'll be in a better lineup, but because he'll be in a more hitter friendly ballpark. He hit 10 homeruns in only 196 at bats in 2006, but you shouldn't make the mistake of over valuing him, he only has marginal power.</p> <p>FM: Church to me is on the upside of serviceable meaning that I'd only draft him as a 5th OF in mixed leagues but knowing that his production will probably be better than that. I'm just not a big believer. Not only is his power marginal, but I think fantasy wise altogether he's marginal. Still, he's a better option than most late round picks but I'm just not buying what he's selling.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 470 AVG: .272 HR: 15 RBI: 70 R: 57 SB: 3</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .275 HR: 18 RBI: 80 R: 70 SB: 3</p>	

OF Luke Scott, Baltimore	Age: 29 Size: 6'0" 210
<p>MLBFO: Scott came into 2007 on the back of everyone's mind as a sleeper, but he failed to return on that value. Actually, he hit 18 homeruns in just 369 at bats, but a .255 average pretty much negated his positive value. At 29, he'll have to show something this year or he won't get many more chances.</p> <p>FM: Now in Baltimore, Scott will man LF full-time. I like his HR potential of 25+ over a full season of 500+AB but I'm not sure about the average. He's 29 so time for upside is running out. Take in the last 2-3 rounds in your draft and spend no more than a buck in the auction.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 369 AVG: .255 HR: 18 RBI: 64 R: 49 SB: 3</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .270 HR: 25 RBI: 65 R: 50 SB: 0</p>	

OF Dave Roberts, San Francisco	Age: 35 Size: 5'10" 180
<p>MLBFO: It's only a matter of time before Roberts' legs fall out from underneath him. If he can continue to steal 30 bases a year, he'll have fantasy value, but once that starts to decline he really has no value. Playing in San Francisco, he'll have limited RBI and R opportunities.</p> <p>FM: It will be the same old thing with Roberts. The 30+SB and the less than 400AB. Don't expect a full season and you might want to think about handcuffing him with Rajai Davis, Daniel Ortmeier or Nate Schierholtz, any of which could break out in Roberts' possible absence from injury.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 396 AVG: .260 HR: 2 RBI: 23 R: 61 SB: 31</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 400 AVG: .270 HR: 2 RBI: 20 R: 50 SB: 30</p>	

OF Elijah Dukes, Washington	Age: 23 Size: 6'2" 220
<p>MLBFO: Getting out of Tampa Bay may be exactly what Dukes needs to get his career turned around. At age 23, he still has a ton of potential which may be able to shine through in Washington. The Nationals current excess of outfielders may limit his time slightly, but otherwise all numbers point towards a breakout of sorts.</p> <p>FM: He's probably 4th or 5th on the depth chart but he's has the potential to put up monster HR totals. He's young and inexperienced but could be a nice power option to stash on your bench in keeper leagues.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 184 AVG: .190 HR: 10 RBI: 21 R: 27 SB: 2</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .290 HR: 18 RBI: 50 R: 60 SB: 5</p>	

OF Gabe Gross, Milwaukee	Age: 28 Size: 6'3" 210
<p>FM: Gross is a deep sleeper with .290/20+HR/10SB potential and currently listed as the starting left fielder. He will have to beat out Tony Gwynn Jr. and Joe Dillon with a quality spring. Gross hit 7HR in 183AB in 2007 which projects out close to 20 with 500AB. 10+SB isn't out of the question either with full-time AB's as Gross stole 14 bases in AAA in 2005.</p> <p>MLBFO: Don't expect 20 homeruns out of Gross, even though that's what his 2007 numbers indicate. However, 10-15 homeruns seems possible and 10 stolen bases isn't out of the question.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 183 AVG: .235 HR: 7 RBI: 24 R: 28 SB: 3</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 400 AVG: .280 HR: 13 RBI: 70 R: 70 SB: 10</p>	

OF Jim Edmonds, St. Louis	Age: 37 Size: 6'1" 215
<p>FM: Traded to San Diego and will play full-time in CF. However, as we all know Edmonds, don't expect a full year of health. I do however feel that Edmonds still does have a bit left in the tank. Draft as a #5 OF or wait until the waiver wire opens up..</p> <p>MLBFO: Assuming Edmonds can stay healthy, he'll be the full time center fielder for the whole year in San Diego. Given a full season of at bats, a return to 20 homeruns seems possible, although not likely. Edmonds is on a free fall towards rock bottom and the Cardinals were right to unload him.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 365 AVG: .252 HR: 12 RBI: 53 R: 39 SB: 3</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .270 HR: 20 RBI: 70 R: 60 SB: 3</p>	

OF Mike Cameron, Free Agent	Age: 34 Size: 6'2" 200
<p>MLBFO: We all know he's going to be on the Mitchell Report. How will that effect how he plays next year? We're in uncharted territory so it's hard to say. I'm going to avoid him just to play it safe.</p> <p>FM: Wherever he ends up, he'll most likely be a starter. If so, he's a lock for 20/20 with a low average.</p> <p>2007 Stats: AB: 571 AVG: .242 HR: 21 RBI: 78 R: 88 SB: 18</p> <p>2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .260 HR: 20 RBI: 80 R: 90 SB: 20</p>	

OF Geoff Jenkins, Philadelphia	Age: 33 Size: 6'1" 212
<p>MLBFO: The reason Jenkins won't get above 450 at bats is because he can't hit lefties for his life. All but 3 of his homeruns came against right handed pitchers last year and he</p>	

managed a horrid .215 batting average against lefties last year. Any team would be smart to lock this guy up in a platoon, and you could do the same in head to head leagues this year.

FM: Jenkins was signed by the Phillies to fill the void left by Aaron Rowand. He'll probably hit the platoon with Burrell, Victorino and Werth but look for Jenkins to be the odd man out there as Jayson Werth as some nice upside value.

2007 Stats: AB: 420 AVG: .255 HR: 21 RBI: 64 R: 45 SB: 2

2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .265 HR: 20 RBI: 65 R: 50 SB: 0

OF Brian Giles, San Diego

Age: 36 Size: 5'10" 205

MLBFO: Giles is small for a corner outfielder, which is probably part of the reason he has declined so rapidly with age. His speed has also decreased over the last couple of years. He's entrenched in San Diego, but his abilities are fading. It's also worth noting that Giles struggles against left handed pitchers.

FM: Giles had microfracture surgery in October on his right knee. His status for the spring is unknown so I might shy away from Giles altogether and grab him off the waiver wire during the season if he performs well. Besides, he's only a serviceable fantasy player anyway.

2007 Stats: AB: 483 AVG: .271 HR: 13 RBI: 51 R: 72 SB: 4

2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .275 HR: 12 RBI: 50 R: 70 SB: 3

OF Jacque Jones, Detroit

Age: 33 Size: 5'10" 200

FM: Should benefit from the stellar Detroit lineup but don't expect a break out of any kind. I still think Jones can revert back to his 20HR ways though.....

MLBFO: Jones will certainly benefit from the Detroit lineup, but a return to 20 homeruns at age 33 might be a bit of a stretch. He was forced to play CF last year, so that may have led to his offensive struggles a bit, but certainly doesn't account for everything.

2007 Stats : AB: 453 AVG: .285 HR: 5 RBI: 66 R: 52 SB: 6

2008 Potential: AB: 520 AVG: .275 HR: 20 RBI: 70 R: 70 SB: 6

OF David DeJesus, Kansas City

Age: 28 Size: 6'0" 190

FM: Once labeled as a "poor man's Beltran," he just hasn't lived up to the hype. He'll lead off again and be a good source of runs and at only 28, I can't yet see DeJesus declining in batting average again this year so expect him to get back to his normal .285-.295 range.

MLBFO: Dejesus is still only 28, so don't get too down on him yet. He's just in the early part of his prime, so he could see a slight boost in his power numbers as well as his average.

2007 Stats: AB: 605 AVG: .260 HR: 7 RBI: 58 R: 101 SB: 10

2008 Potential: AB: 640 AVG: .290 HR: 10 RBI: 60 R: 100 SB: 10

OF Corey Patterson, Cincinnati

Age: 28 Size: 5'9" 175

FM: Patterson is working out with Cincy and hoping for a job. Patterson has 30+ SB potential but with Freel, Hopper and Jay Bruce, I don't think Patterson will get very many AB's. Take a wait and see approach here or draft as a flier or reserve. If he ends up

as a starter before your draft, scoop him up late.

MLBFO: He has shown that he can not hit at the top of the lineup with any sort of consistency.

2007 Stats: AB: 461 AVG: .269 HR: 8 RBI: 45 R: 65 SB: 37

2008 Potential: AB: 250 AVG: .275 HR: 5 RBI: 30 R: 30 SB: 15

OF Johnny Gomes, TB

Age: 27 Size: 6'1" 225

FM: Gomes has 30+HR power but he has yet to put together a successfully consistent season. He should get plenty of AB's at DH and could spell Baldelli in RF.

MLBFO: Gomes is the starting DH for now and with Baldelli's injury history, he'll certainly get plenty of at bats. 20/10 is certainly possible, but don't expect much in terms of average.

2007 Stats : AB: 348 AVG: .244 HR: 17 RBI: 49 R: 48 SB: 12

2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .260 HR: 20 RBI: 50 R: 50 SB: 10

OF Milton Bradley, Texas

Age: 30 Size: 6'0" 225

FM: If he can stay healthy for 5 minutes Bradley would have some fantasy value and upside, but because he's so risky! Your best bet is to grab him cheap and stash on your bench. In case of a full season, .300/20/20 is not out of the question.

MLBFO: Don't look for more than 400 at bats from Bradley. As FM noted, he's extremely risky.

2007 Stats: AB: 209 AVG: .306 HR: 13 RBI: 37 R: 37 SB: 5

2008 Potential: AB: 400 AVG: .290 HR: 20 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 10

OF Craig Monroe, Minnesota

Age: 31 Size: 6'1" 205

FM: Monroe was terrible last season but will start a new life in Minnesota. He's waiver wire material.

MLBFO: Monroe split time between the AL and NL last season, and now finds himself back in the familiar AL Central. Even if he finds the playing time, I'm passing on him.

2007 Stats : AB: 392 AVG: .219 HR: 12 RBI: 59 R: 53 SB: 0

2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .270 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 50 SB: 0

OF Andre Ethier, Los Angeles Dodgers

Age: 26 Size: 6'1" 210

MLBFO: If the Dodgers were smart, they'd sit Pierre and let this kid play, but there's a large sum of money heading Juan's way that will prevent that. Given a full season of at bats, Ethier could really make a name for himself, but that won't happen this year.

FM: If the Dodgers trade Matt Kemp for a frontline starting pitcher like Johan or Erik Bedard, Ethier shoots up this list.

2007 Stats: AB: 447 AVG: .284 HR: 13 RBI: 64 R: 50 SB: 0

2008 Potential: AB: 350 AVG: .280 HR: 9 RBI: 50 R: 35 SB: 0

OF Matt Diaz, Atlanta

Age: 30 Size: 6'1" 205

MLBFO: Diaz has had an outstanding average for the past two seasons, but has only played about half a season in each of the past two years. Over a full season, a .310 batting average 20 homeruns and 10 stolen bases seems like his extreme upside.

FM: Diaz is a nice sleeper option as he's listed as the Braves' starting left fielder. He

showed last season he could hit for a high average against lefties and with no real competition for his starting job, he could be a \$1 bargain at the auction.

2007 Stats: AB: 358 AVG: .338 HR: 12 RBI: 45 R: 44 SB: 4

2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .300 HR: 15 RBI: 60 R: 60 SB: 7

OF Matt Murton, Chicago Cubs

Age: 26 Size: 6'1" 220

MLBFO: If the Cubs would give Murton a full season of at bats, he could hit .300 with decent power. However, they won't give him the at bats, so unless they trade him, he'll end with inconsistent numbers again.

FM: He's a back up OF and useful only in the deepest NL Only leagues.

2007 Stats: AB: 235 AVG: .281 HR: 8 RBI: 22 R: 35 SB: 1

2008 Potential: AB: 250 AVG: .290 HR: 7 RBI: 25 R: 40 SB: 2

OF David Dellucci, Cleveland

Age: 34 Size: 5'11" 195

FM: Dellucci has some potential and can be a .280/20 HR player and was considered a sleeper last season but started off slow and then tore his hamstring and missed the rest of the year. He'll have to hold off Ben Francisco in the spring and if he does, he could be a sleeper again. Personally, and this is just a hunch, I think we'll start to see more of Francisco as the season rolls on...just a hunch though...

MLBFO: Dellucci essentially lost all of 2007 to injury, and at age 34, don't look for him to all of a sudden break out. If anything, he'll start to slowly decline statistically.

2007 Stats: AB: 178 AVG: .230 HR: 4 RBI: 20 R: 25 SB: 2

2008 Potential: AB: 450 AVG: .280 HR: 15 RBI: 50 R: 50 SB: 5

OF Marlon Byrd, Texas

Age: 30 Size: 6'0" 230

FM: Will start the season as the CF and has a bit of upside with 500+AB.

MLBFO: Pass. No, seriously, don't even think of drafting this guy on draft day. He won't hurt you, but he isn't going to do anything to help you.

2007 Stats: AB: 414 AVG: .307 HR: 10 RBI: 70 R: 60 SB: 5

2008 Potential: AB: 500 AVG: .275 HR: 12 RBI: 75 R: 65 SB: 6

OF Barry Bonds, Free Agent

Age: 43 Size: 6'2" 235

FM: Obviously we don't know if Bonds will play this year. If he does, and gets in at least 120 games or so, he'll still have plenty of value. I wouldn't be surprised if Bonds cracks the 30+HR mark but I wouldn't count on that. Let's see where he ends up but if he does play, he's a better fantasy play than most late round OF options.

MLBFO: Bonds will likely find a new team to take him on for the 2008 season. His trial won't likely be until after the season. An AL team willing to take on his baggage will find nice production from the DH position.

2007 Stats: AB: 340 AVG: .276 HR: 28 RBI: 66 R: 75 SB: 5

2008 Potential: AB: 400 AVG: .285 HR: 25 RBI: 70 R: 70 SB: 5

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