

Table of Contents

Mixed-League Rankings.....	1
AL-Only Rankings	2
NL-Only Rankings.....	3
Top 300 Rankings.....	4
Hitter Projections.....	5
Pitcher Projections	6
Top 10 Sleepers	7
Top 10 Prospects.....	12
10 Mistakes Not to Repeat from Last Year	19
Ranking Closer Situations.....	22
Auction Draft Tips	31
5 Tips for Playing in a Points League.....	38

FIRST BASEMEN			SECOND BASEMEN			THIRD BASEMEN			SHORTSTOPS			STARTING PITCHERS					
1.	Paul Goldschmidt - ARI	\$41	1.	Jose Altuve - HOU	\$45	1.	Nolan Arenado - COL	\$41	1.	Manny Machado - BAL	\$36	1.	Clayton Kershaw - LAD	\$40	41.	Steven Matz - NYM	\$7
2.	Kris Bryant - CHC	\$41	2.	Trea Turner - WSH	\$26	2.	Kris Bryant - CHC	\$41	2.	Carlos Correa - HOU	\$31	2.	Madison Bumgarner - SF	\$31	42.	Tanner Roark - WSH	\$6
3.	Anthony Rizzo - CHC	\$32	3.	Robinson Cano - SEA	\$25	3.	Manny Machado - BAL	\$36	3.	Corey Seager - LAD	\$29	3.	Max Scherzer - WSH	\$31	43.	James Paxton - SEA	\$6
4.	Miguel Cabrera - DET	\$32	4.	Jonathan Villar - MIL	\$23	4.	Josh Donaldson - TOR	\$33	4.	Francisco Lindor - CLE	\$25	4.	Chris Sale - BOS	\$25	44.	Matt Shoemaker - LAA	\$6
5.	Joey Votto - CIN	\$30	5.	Brian Dozier - MIN	\$22	5.	Jonathan Villar - MIL	\$23	5.	Xander Bogaerts - BOS	\$24	5.	Corey Kluber - CLE	\$25	45.	Sean Manaea - OAK	\$6
6.	Edwin Encarnacion - CLE	\$26	6.	Daniel Murphy - WSH	\$21	6.	Kyle Seager - SEA	\$20	6.	Trevor Story - COL	\$23	6.	Noah Syndergaard - NYM	\$25	46.	Jonathan Gray - COL	\$5
7.	Freddie Freeman - ATL	\$24	7.	Rougned Odor - TEX	\$21	7.	Adrian Beltre - TEX	\$19	7.	Jonathan Villar - MIL	\$23	7.	Jake Arrieta - CHC	\$23	47.	Vincent Velasquez - PHI	\$5
8.	Jose Abreu - CWS	\$22	8.	Ian Kinsler - DET	\$18	8.	Matt Carpenter - STL	\$18	8.	Jean Segura - SEA	\$17	8.	Jon Lester - CHC	\$23	48.	Jeff Samardzija - SF	\$5
9.	Daniel Murphy - WSH	\$21	9.	Dee Gordon - MIA	\$18	9.	Anthony Rendon - WSH	\$16	9.	Addison Russell - CHC	\$10	9.	Johnny Cueto - SF	\$22	49.	Jake Odorizzi - TB	\$5
10.	Wil Myers - SD	\$21	10.	Matt Carpenter - STL	\$18	10.	Todd Frazier - CWS	\$15	10.	Aledmys Diaz - STL	\$9	10.	Yu Darvish - TEX	\$21	50.	J.A. Happ - TOR	\$5
11.	Buster Posey - SF	\$19	11.	Jean Segura - SEA	\$17	11.	Evan Longoria - TB	\$15	11.	Troy Tulowitzki - TOR	\$7	11.	Justin Verlander - DET	\$20	51.	Carlos Rodon - CWS	\$4
12.	Hanley Ramirez - BOS	\$19	12.	DJ LeMahieu - COL	\$14	12.	Alex Bregman - HOU	\$14	12.	Jose Peraza - CIN	\$7	12.	Stephen Strasburg - WSH	\$19	52.	Michael Pineda - NYY	\$4
13.	Chris Davis - BAL	\$18	13.	Dustin Pedroia - BOS	\$11	13.	Justin Turner - LAD	\$12	13.	Eduardo Nunez - SF	\$6	13.	Jacob DeGrom - NYM	\$19	53.	Robbie Ray - ARI	\$4
14.	Matt Carpenter - STL	\$18	14.	Jason Kipnis - CLE	\$8	14.	Jose Ramirez - CLE	\$10	14.	Elvis Andrus - TEX	\$6	14.	Chris Archer - TB	\$19	54.	Julio Urias - LAD	\$4
15.	Todd Frazier - CWS	\$15	15.	Jose Peraza - CIN	\$7	15.	Maikel Franco - PHI	\$9	15.	Brad Miller - TB	\$6	15.	Carlos Carrasco - CLE	\$17	55.	Marco Estrada - TOR	\$4
16.	Jonathan Lucroy - TEX	\$15	16.	Ben Zobrist - CHC	\$7	16.	Miguel Sano - MIN	\$8	16.	Javier Baez - CHC	\$4	16.	Kyle Hendricks - CHC	\$17	56.	Drew Pomeranz - BOS	\$4
17.	Eric Hosmer - KC	\$14	17.	Jonathan Schoop - BAL	\$5	17.	Jake Lamb - ARI	\$8	17.	Marcus Semien - OAK	\$4	17.	Carlos Martinez - STL	\$16	57.	Jerad Eickhoff - PHI	\$4
18.	Carlos Santana - CLE	\$14	18.	Logan Forsythe - LAD	\$5	18.	Eduardo Nunez - SF	\$6	18.	Dansby Swanson - ATL	\$4	18.	Masahiro Tanaka - NYY	\$15	58.	Drew Smyly - SEA	\$4
19.	Albert Pujols - LAA	\$12	19.	Devon Travis - TOR	\$5	19.	Ryon Healy - OAK	\$5	19.	Tim Anderson - CWS	\$4	19.	Jose Quintana - CWS	\$14	59.	Joe Ross - WSH	\$4
20.	Kendrys Morales - TOR	\$9	20.	Javier Baez - CHC	\$4	20.	Javier Baez - CHC	\$4	20.	Brandon Crawford - SF	\$3	20.	Gerrit Cole - PIT	\$14	60.	Taijuan Walker - ARI	\$4
21.	Adrian Gonzalez - LAD	\$8	21.	Neil Walker - NYM	\$3	21.	Nick Castellanos - DET	\$4	21.	Jedd Gyorko - STL	\$2	21.	Cole Hamels - TEX	\$13	61.	Garrett Richards - LAA	\$4
22.	Brandon Belt - SF	\$7	22.	Starlin Castro - NYY	\$3	22.	Mike Moustakas - KC	\$4	22.	Asdrubal Cabrera - NYM	\$2	22.	Kenta Maeda - LAD	\$13	62.	Matt Moore - SF	\$3
23.	Victor Martinez - DET	\$7	23.	Hernan Perez - MIL	\$2	23.	Yulieski Gurriel - HOU	\$2	23.	Didi Gregorius - NYY	\$1	23.	David Price - BOS	\$13	63.	Raisel Iglesias - CIN	\$3
24.	Brad Miller - TB	\$6	24.	Jedd Gyorko - STL	\$2	24.	Eugenio Suarez - CIN	\$2	24.	Jose Reyes - NYM	\$0	24.	Danny Duffy - KC	\$12	64.	Adam Wainwright - STL	\$3
25.	Mike Napoli - TEX	\$4	25.	Ryan Schimpf - SD	\$1	25.	Jung-Ho Kang - PIT	\$2	25.	Orlando Arcia - MIL	\$0	25.	Rick Porcello - BOS	\$12	65.	Hisashi Iwakuma - SEA	\$3
26.	Tommy Joseph - PHI	\$4	26.	Josh Harrison - PIT	\$1	26.	Hernan Perez - MIL	\$2	26.	Alcides Escobar - KC	\$0	26.	Danny Salazar - CLE	\$12	66.	Jharel Cotton - OAK	\$3
27.	Greg Bird - NYY	\$4	27.	Yangervis Solarte - SD	\$1	27.	Jedd Gyorko - STL	\$2	27.	Matt Duffy - TB	\$0	27.	Zack Greinke - ARI	\$12	67.	Sonny Gray - OAK	\$3
28.	Matt Holliday - NYY	\$3	28.	Brandon Phillips - ATL	\$0	28.	Ryan Schimpf - SD	\$1	28.	Jorge Polanco - MIN	\$0	28.	Julio Teheran - ATL	\$12	68.	Blake Snell - TB	\$3
29.	C.J. Cron - LAA	\$3	29.	Brandon Drury - ARI	\$0	29.	Yangervis Solarte - SD	\$1	29.	Chris Owings - ARI	\$0	29.	Rich Hill - LAD	\$11	69.	Gio Gonzalez - WSH	\$2
30.	Justin Bour - MIA	\$2	30.	Cesar Hernandez - PHI	\$0	30.	Yoan Moncada - CWS	\$1	30.	Jurickson Profar - TEX	\$0	30.	Aaron Sanchez - TOR	\$11	70.	Ian Kennedy - KC	\$2
OUTFIELDERS			CATCHERS			DESIGNATED HITTERS			RELIEF PITCHERS								
1.	Mike Trout - LAA	\$54	36.	Jose Ramirez - CLE	\$10	1.	Buster Posey - SF	\$19	16.	Cameron Rupp - PHI	\$0	31.	Dallas Keuchel - HOU	\$10	71.	Collin McHugh - HOU	\$2
2.	Mookie Betts - BOS	\$51	37.	Willson Contreras - CHC	\$9	2.	Gary Sanchez - NYY	\$16	17.	Tom Murphy - COL	\$0	32.	Michael Fulmer - DET	\$10	72.	Anthony DeSclafani - CIN	\$2
3.	Kris Bryant - CHC	\$41	38.	Kendrys Morales - TOR	\$9	3.	Kyle Schwarber - CHC	\$16	18.	Wilson Ramos - TB	\$0	33.	Felix Hernandez - SEA	\$9	73.	Junior Guerra - MIL	\$2
4.	Bryce Harper - WSH	\$33	39.	Miguel Sano - MIN	\$8	4.	Jonathan Lucroy - TEX	\$15	19.	Travis d'Arnaud - NYM	\$0	34.	Marcus Stroman - TOR	\$8	74.	Dylan Bundy - BAL	\$2
5.	Charlie Blackmon - COL	\$32	40.	Adam Duvall - CIN	\$8	5.	Willson Contreras - CHC	\$9	20.	Austin Hedges - SD	\$0	35.	Lance McCullers - HOU	\$8	75.	Ivan Nova - PIT	\$2
6.	Starling Marte - PIT	\$26	41.	Kole Calhoun - LAA	\$7	6.	J.T. Realmuto - MIA	\$7	21.	Yan Gomes - CLE	\$0	36.	John Lackey - CHC	\$8	76.	Tyler Glasnow - PIT	\$1
7.	Trea Turner - WSH	\$26	42.	Dexter Fowler - STL	\$7	7.	Salvador Perez - KC	\$7	22.	Francisco Cervelli - PIT	\$0	37.	Kevin Gausman - BAL	\$7	77.	Ervin Santana - MIN	\$1
8.	Nelson Cruz - SEA	\$25	43.	Hunter Pence - SF	\$7	8.	Yasmani Grandal - LAD	\$7	23.	Devin Mesoraco - CIN	\$0	38.	Jameson Taillon - PIT	\$7	78.	Lance Lynn - STL	\$1
9.	Ryan Braun - MIL	\$25	44.	Marcell Ozuna - MIA	\$7	9.	Evan Gattis - HOU	\$7	24.	Mike Zunino - SEA	\$0	39.	Aaron Nola - PHI	\$7	79.	Jeremy Hellickson - PHI	\$1
10.	George Springer - HOU	\$24	45.	Jose Peraza - CIN	\$7	10.	Russell Martin - TOR	\$6	25.	Derek Norris - TB	\$0	40.	Matt Harvey - NYM	\$7	80.	Tyler Anderson - COL	\$1
11.	A.J. Pollock - ARI	\$24	46.	Ben Zobrist - CHC	\$7	11.	Brian McCann - HOU	\$4	26.	Tony Wolters - COL	\$0	RELIEF PITCHERS					
12.	Giancarlo Stanton - MIA	\$23	47.	Byron Buxton - MIN	\$6	12.	Wellington Castillo - BAL	\$3	27.	Sandy Leon - BOS	\$0	1.	Kenley Jansen - LAD	\$17	21.	Sam Dyson - TEX	\$4
13.	Carlos Gonzalez - COL	\$23	48.	Joc Pederson - LAD	\$6	13.	Matt Wieters - WSH	\$3	28.	James McCann - DET	\$0	2.	Aroldis Chapman - NYY	\$17	22.	Tony Watson - PIT	\$4
14.	Wil Myers - SD	\$21	49.	Yasmany Tomas - ARI	\$6	14.	Yadier Molina - STL	\$2	29.	Martin Maldonado - LAA	\$0	3.	Zach Britton - BAL	\$15	23.	Raisel Iglesias - CIN	\$3
15.	Yoenis Cespedes - NYM	\$20	50.	Michael Brantley - CLE	\$6	15.	Stephen Vogt - OAK	\$2	30.	Jason Castro - MIN	\$0	4.	Edwin Diaz - SEA	\$12	24.	Cameron Bedrosian - LAA	\$3
16.	Christian Yelich - MIA	\$20	51.	Carlos Gomez - TEX	\$6							5.	Mark Melancon - SF	\$12	25.	Ryan Madson - OAK	\$2
17.	Andrew McCutchen - PIT	\$19	52.	Keon Broxton - MIL	\$5							6.	Danny Duffy - KC	\$12	26.	Jim Johnson - ATL	\$2
18.	Gregory Polanco - PIT	\$19	53.	Jay Bruce - NYM	\$5							7.	Seung-Hwan Oh - STL	\$12	27.	Dylan Bundy - BAL	\$2
19.	Justin Upton - DET	\$19	54.	Nomar Mazara - TEX	\$5							8.	Roberto Osuna - TOR	\$12	28.	Neftali Feliz - MIL	\$2
20.	Mark Trumbo - BAL	\$17	55.	Randal Grichuk - STL	\$5							9.	Craig Kimbrel - BOS	\$12	29.	Ivan Nova - PIT	\$2
21.	J.D. Martinez - DET	\$16	56.	Carlos Beltran - HOU	\$5							10.	Wade Davis - CHC	\$11	30.	Shawn Kelley - WSH	\$2
22.	Kyle Schwarber - CHC	\$16	57.	Ender Inciarte - ATL	\$4							11.	Kenneth Giles - HOU	\$11	31.	Adam Ottavino - COL	\$2
23.	Khris Davis - OAK	\$16	58.	Eric Thames - MIL	\$4							12.	Kelvin Herrera - KC	\$10	32.	Greg Holland - COL	\$1
24.	Matt Kemp - ATL	\$16	59.	Kevin Kiermaier - TB	\$4							13.	Cody Allen - CLE	\$8	33.	Brandon Maurer - SD	\$1
25.	Adam Jones - BAL	\$16	60.	Curtis Granderson - NYM	\$3							14.	Andrew Miller - CLE	\$8	34.	Koda Glover - WSH	\$1
26.	Billy Hamilton - CIN	\$15	61.	Yasiel Puig - LAD	\$3							15.	Jeurys Familia - NYM	\$8	35.	Hector Neris - PHI	\$1
27.	Jose Bautista - TOR	\$14	62.	Melky Cabrera - CWS	\$3							16.	Alexander Colome - TB	\$7	36.	Fernando Rodney - ARI	\$1
28.	Ian Desmond - COL	\$13	63.	Rajai Davis - OAK	\$3							17.	David Robertson - CWS	\$7	37.	Trevor Bauer - CLE	\$0
29.	Lorenzo Cain - KC	\$12	64.	Jacoby Ellsbury - NYY	\$3							18.	Francisco Rodriguez - DET	\$6	38.	Nate Jones - CWS	\$0
30.	Adam Eaton - WSH	\$12	65.	Hunter Renfroe - SD	\$3							19.	A.J. Ramos - MIA	\$6	39.	Michael Wacha - STL	\$0
31.	Odubel Herrera - PHI	\$12	66.	David Peralta - ARI	\$3							20.	Dellin Betances - NYY	\$5	40.	Brandon Kintzler - MIN	\$0
32.	Jackie Bradley - BOS	\$11	67.	Max Kepler - MIN	\$3												
33.	Stephen Piscotty - STL	\$11	68.	Matt Holliday - NYY	\$3												
34.	Andrew Benintendi - BOS	\$11	69.	Brett Gardner - NYY	\$3												
35.	David Dahl - COL	\$10	70.	Domingo Santana - MIL	\$3												





Why use a printed cheat sheet...

When the Draft Wizard is mobile!

Get it on iOS and Android devices.

<http://www.fantasypros.com/apps>

UPDATED: MARCH 30, 2017



Why use a printed cheat sheet...
When the Draft Wizard is mobile!
Get it on iOS and Android devices.
<http://www.fantasypros.com/apps>

FIRST BASEMEN			SECOND BASEMEN			THIRD BASEMEN			SHORTSTOPS			STARTING PITCHERS					
1.	Miguel Cabrera - DET	\$37	1.	Jose Altuve - HOU	\$46	1.	Manny Machado - BAL	\$37	1.	Manny Machado - BAL	\$37	1.	Chris Sale - BOS	\$34	41.	Alex Cobb - TB	\$9
2.	Edwin Encarnacion - CLE	\$36	2.	Robinson Cano - SEA	\$33	2.	Josh Donaldson - TOR	\$37	2.	Carlos Correa - HOU	\$36	2.	Corey Kluber - CLE	\$32	42.	Tyson Ross - TEX	\$8
3.	Jose Abreu - CWS	\$29	3.	Brian Dozier - MIN	\$29	3.	Kyle Seager - SEA	\$27	3.	Francisco Lindor - CLE	\$29	3.	Yu Darvish - TEX	\$28	43.	Jason Hammel - KC	\$8
4.	Hanley Ramirez - BOS	\$26	4.	Rougned Odor - TEX	\$27	4.	Adrian Beltre - TEX	\$26	4.	Xander Bogaerts - BOS	\$29	4.	Justin Verlander - DET	\$27	44.	Trevor Bauer - CLE	\$8
5.	Chris Davis - BAL	\$26	5.	Ian Kinsler - DET	\$26	5.	Todd Frazier - CWS	\$23	5.	Jean Segura - SEA	\$25	5.	Chris Archer - TB	\$26	45.	Daniel Norris - DET	\$8
6.	Todd Frazier - CWS	\$23	6.	Jean Segura - SEA	\$25	6.	Evan Longoria - TB	\$22	6.	Troy Tulowitzki - TOR	\$15	6.	Carlos Carrasco - CLE	\$25	46.	Tyler Skaggs - LAA	\$8
7.	Jonathan Lucroy - TEX	\$23	7.	Dustin Pedroia - BOS	\$18	7.	Alex Bregman - HOU	\$22	7.	Elvis Andrus - TEX	\$14	7.	Masahiro Tanaka - NYY	\$23	47.	Jordan Zimmermann - DET	\$7
8.	Eric Hosmer - KC	\$22	8.	Jason Kipnis - CLE	\$16	8.	Jose Ramirez - CLE	\$17	8.	Brad Miller - TB	\$14	8.	Jose Quintana - CWS	\$22	48.	Chris Tillman - BAL	\$7
9.	Carlos Santana - CLE	\$22	9.	Jonathan Schoop - BAL	\$14	9.	Miguel Sano - MIN	\$17	9.	Marcus Semien - OAK	\$12	9.	Cole Hamels - TEX	\$22	49.	Eduardo Rodriguez - BOS	\$7
10.	Albert Pujols - LAA	\$20	10.	Devon Travis - TOR	\$13	10.	Ryon Healy - OAK	\$13	10.	Tim Anderson - CWS	\$12	10.	David Price - BOS	\$21	50.	Andrew Triggs - OAK	\$7
11.	Kendrys Morales - TOR	\$17	11.	Starlin Castro - NYY	\$10	11.	Nick Castellanos - DET	\$13	11.	Didi Gregorius - NYY	\$9	11.	Danny Duffy - KC	\$20	51.	Joe Musgrove - HOU	\$7
12.	Victor Martinez - DET	\$15	12.	Jorge Polanco - MIN	\$5	12.	Mike Moustakas - KC	\$12	12.	Alcides Escobar - KC	\$6	12.	Rick Porcello - BOS	\$19	52.	Chris Devenski - HOU	\$6
13.	Brad Miller - TB	\$14	13.	Steve Pearce - TOR	\$5	13.	Yulieski Gurriel - HOU	\$9	13.	Matt Duffy - TB	\$5	13.	Danny Salazar - CLE	\$19	53.	Matt Andriese - TB	\$6
14.	Mike Napoli - TEX	\$13	14.	Raul Adalberto Mondesi - KC	\$5	14.	Yoan Moncada - CWS	\$8	14.	Jorge Polanco - MIN	\$5	14.	Aaron Sanchez - TOR	\$18	54.	Luis Severino - NYY	\$5
15.	Greg Bird - NYY	\$12	15.	Jurickson Profar - TEX	\$4	15.	Danny Valencia - SEA	\$7	15.	Jurickson Profar - TEX	\$4	15.	Dallas Keuchel - HOU	\$18	55.	Lucas Giolito - CWS	\$5
16.	Matt Holliday - NYY	\$10	16.	Tyler Saladino - CWS	\$2	16.	Pablo Sandoval - BOS	\$6	16.	Danny Espinosa - LAA	\$4	16.	Michael Fulmer - DET	\$17	56.	Jose De Leon - TB	\$4
17.	C.J. Cron - LAA	\$10	17.	Jed Lowrie - OAK	\$1	17.	Matt Duffy - TB	\$5	17.	Jose Iglesias - DET	\$3	17.	Felix Hernandez - SEA	\$17	57.	Miguel Gonzalez - CWS	\$4
18.	Mitch Moreland - BOS	\$9	18.	Whit Merrifield - KC	\$1	18.	Jorge Polanco - MIN	\$5	18.	Andrelton Simmons - LAA	\$2	18.	Marcus Stroman - TOR	\$16	58.	Charlie Morton - HOU	\$4
19.	Chris Carter - NYY	\$9	19.	Nick Franklin - TB	\$1	19.	Jurickson Profar - TEX	\$4	19.	Tyler Saladino - CWS	\$2	19.	Lance McCullers - HOU	\$16	59.	Jose Berrios - MIN	\$4
20.	Danny Valencia - SEA	\$7				20.	Trevor Plouffe - OAK	\$4	20.	J.J. Hardy - BAL	\$2	20.	Kevin Gausman - BAL	\$15	60.	Matthew Strahm - KC	\$4
21.	Brandon Moss - KC	\$7				21.	Chase Headley - NYY	\$4	21.	Nick Franklin - TB	\$1	21.	James Paxton - SEA	\$15	61.	Steven Wright - BOS	\$4
22.	Steve Pearce - TOR	\$5				22.	Yunel Escobar - LAA	\$3				22.	Matt Shoemaker - LAA	\$14	62.	Mike Fiers - HOU	\$4
23.	Joe Mauer - MIN	\$5				23.	Joey Gallo - TEX	\$3				23.	Sean Manaea - OAK	\$14	63.	Reynaldo Lopez - CWS	\$4
24.	Jurickson Profar - TEX	\$4				24.	Tyler Saladino - CWS	\$2				24.	Jake Odorizzi - TB	\$14	64.	Kendall Graveman - OAK	\$3
OUTFIELDERS			CATCHERS			DESIGNATED HITTERS			RELIEF PITCHERS								
1.	Mike Trout - LAA	\$52	36.	Kevin Pillar - TOR	\$9	1.	Gary Sanchez - NYY	\$24	11.	Mike Zunino - SEA	\$5	25.	J.A. Happ - TOR	\$14	65.	Ricky Nolasco - LAA	\$3
2.	Mookie Betts - BOS	\$47	37.	Mitch Haniger - SEA	\$8	2.	Jonathan Lucroy - TEX	\$23	12.	Derek Norris - TB	\$5	26.	Carlos Rodon - CWS	\$13	66.	Matt Boyd - DET	\$3
3.	Nelson Cruz - SEA	\$32	38.	Tyler Naquin - CLE	\$8	3.	Salvador Perez - KC	\$15	13.	Sandy Leon - BOS	\$4	27.	Michael Pineda - NYY	\$13	67.	Nathan Karns - KC	\$2
4.	George Springer - HOU	\$29	39.	Cameron Maybin - LAA	\$8	4.	Evan Gattis - HOU	\$15	14.	James McCann - DET	\$4	28.	Marco Estrada - TOR	\$13	68.	CC Sabathia - NYY	\$2
5.	Justin Upton - DET	\$27	40.	Alex Gordon - KC	\$8	5.	Russell Martin - TOR	\$15	15.	Martin Maldonado - LAA	\$3	29.	Drew Pomeranz - BOS	\$13	69.	Wade Miley - BAL	\$2
6.	Mark Trumbo - BAL	\$24	41.	Danny Valencia - SEA	\$7	6.	Brian McCann - HOU	\$13	16.	Jason Castro - MIN	\$3	30.	Drew Smyly - SEA	\$12	70.	Jesse Chavez - LAA	\$2
7.	J.D. Martinez - DET	\$24	42.	Brandon Moss - KC	\$7	7.	Wellington Castillo - BAL	\$11				31.	Garrett Richards - LAA	\$12	71.	Chad Green - NYY	\$1
8.	Khrist Davis - OAK	\$24	43.	Aaron Judge - NYY	\$5	8.	Stephen Vogt - OAK	\$10				32.	Hisashi Iwakuma - SEA	\$11	72.	Josh Tomlin - CLE	\$1
9.	Adam Jones - BAL	\$23	44.	Steve Pearce - TOR	\$5	9.	Wilson Ramos - TB	\$7				33.	Jharel Cotton - OAK	\$10	73.	Martin Perez - TEX	\$1
10.	Jose Bautista - TOR	\$22	45.	Mallex Smith - TB	\$5	10.	Yan Gomes - CLE	\$6				34.	Sonny Gray - OAK	\$10			
11.	Lorenzo Cain - KC	\$19	46.	Steven Souza - TB	\$4							35.	Blake Snell - TB	\$10			
12.	Jackie Bradley - BOS	\$19	47.	Jurickson Profar - TEX	\$4							36.	Ian Kennedy - KC	\$10			
13.	Andrew Benintendi - BOS	\$18	48.	Angel Pagan -	\$4							37.	Collin McHugh - HOU	\$10			
14.	Jose Ramirez - CLE	\$17	49.	Ben Revere - LAA	\$4							38.	Dylan Bundy - BAL	\$9			
15.	Kendrys Morales - TOR	\$17	50.	Delino DeShields - TEX	\$4							39.	Ervin Santana - MIN	\$9			
16.	Miguel Sano - MIN	\$17	51.	Hyun-soo Kim - BAL	\$2							40.	Francisco Liriano - TOR	\$9			
17.	Kole Calhoun - LAA	\$15	52.	Melvin Upton Jr. - TOR	\$2												
18.	Byron Buxton - MIN	\$15	53.	Avisail Garcia - CWS	\$2												
19.	Michael Brantley - CLE	\$15	54.	Matt Joyce - OAK	\$2												
20.	Carlos Gomez - TEX	\$14	55.	Colby Rasmus - TB	\$2												
21.	Nomar Mazara - TEX	\$14	56.	Seth Smith - BAL	\$2												
22.	Carlos Beltran - HOU	\$14	57.	Lonnie Chisenhall - CLE	\$2												
23.	Kevin Kiermaier - TB	\$12	58.	Eddie Rosario -	\$2												
24.	Melky Cabrera - CWS	\$12	59.	Cody Asche - CWS	\$2												
25.	Rajai Davis - OAK	\$12	60.	Ryan Rua - TEX	\$2												
26.	Jacoby Ellsbury - NYY	\$11	61.	Robbie Grossman - MIN	\$2												
27.	Max Kepler - MIN	\$10	62.	Billy Burns - KC	\$2												
28.	Matt Holliday - NYY	\$10	63.	Charlie Tilson - CWS	\$2												
29.	Brett Gardner - NYY	\$10	64.	Norichika Aoki - HOU	\$2												
30.	Jarrod Dyson - SEA	\$10	65.	Bradley Zimmer - CLE	\$2												
31.	Corey Dickerson - TB	\$10	66.	Tyler Collins - DET	\$1												
32.	Shin-Soo Choo - TEX	\$9	67.	Whit Merrifield - KC	\$1												
33.	Josh Reddick - HOU	\$9	68.	Brandon Guyer - CLE	\$1												
34.	Jorge Soler - KC	\$9	69.	Nick Franklin - TB	\$1												
35.	Leonys Martin - SEA	\$9	70.	Abraham Almonte - CLE	\$1												



Why use a printed cheat sheet...

When the Draft Wizard is mobile!

Get it on iOS and Android devices.

<http://www.fantasypros.com/apps>

FIRST BASEMEN			SECOND BASEMEN			THIRD BASEMEN			SHORTSTOPS			STARTING PITCHERS					
1. Paul Goldschmidt - ARI	\$43		1. Trea Turner - WSH	\$33		1. Nolan Arenado - COL	\$63		1. Corey Seager - LAD	\$36		1. Clayton Kershaw - LAD	\$40	46. Mike Leake - STL	\$6		
2. Kris Bryant - CHC	\$41		2. Jonathan Villar - MIL	\$30		2. Kris Bryant - CHC	\$41		2. Trevor Story - COL	\$31		2. Madison Bumgarner - SF	\$37	47. Michael Wacha - STL	\$6		
3. Anthony Rizzo - CHC	\$39		3. Daniel Murphy - WSH	\$29		3. Jonathan Villar - MIL	\$30		3. Jonathan Villar - MIL	\$30		3. Max Scherzer - WSH	\$36	48. Wei-Yin Chen - MIA	\$6		
4. Joey Votto - CIN	\$36		4. Dee Gordon - MIA	\$24		4. Matt Carpenter - STL	\$24		4. Addison Russell - CHC	\$19		4. Noah Syndergaard - NYM	\$32	49. Michael Folytyniewicz - ATL	\$6		
5. Freddie Freeman - ATL	\$31		5. Matt Carpenter - STL	\$24		5. Anthony Rendon - WSH	\$24		5. Aledmys Diaz - STL	\$19		5. Jake Arrieta - CHC	\$31	50. Jaime Garcia - ATL	\$5		
6. Daniel Murphy - WSH	\$29		6. DJ LeMahieu - COL	\$22		6. Justin Turner - LAD	\$19		6. Jose Peraza - CIN	\$15		6. Jon Lester - CHC	\$29	51. Bartolo Colon - ATL	\$5		
7. Wil Myers - SD	\$29		7. Jose Peraza - CIN	\$15		7. Maikel Franco - PHI	\$19		7. Eduardo Nunez - SF	\$15		7. Johnny Cueto - SF	\$29	52. Alex Wood - LAD	\$4		
8. Buster Posey - SF	\$25		8. Ben Zobrist - CHC	\$15		8. Jake Lamb - ARI	\$18		8. Javier Baez - CHC	\$14		8. Stephen Strasburg - WSH	\$26	53. Daniel Straily - MIA	\$4		
9. Matt Carpenter - STL	\$24		9. Logan Forsythe - LAD	\$14		9. Eduardo Nunez - SF	\$15		9. Dansby Swanson - ATL	\$13		9. Jacob DeGrom - NYM	\$25	54. Scott Kazmir - LAD	\$4		
10. Adrian Gonzalez - LAD	\$18		10. Javier Baez - CHC	\$14		10. Javier Baez - CHC	\$14		10. Brandon Crawford - SF	\$12		10. Kyle Hendricks - CHC	\$24	55. David Phelps - MIA	\$4		
11. Brandon Belt - SF	\$17		11. Neil Walker - NYM	\$12		11. Eugenio Suarez - CIN	\$10		11. Jedd Gyorko - STL	\$9		11. Carlos Martinez - STL	\$23	56. Brandon Finnegan - CIN	\$4		
12. Tommy Joseph - PHI	\$13		12. Hernan Perez - MIL	\$9		12. Jung-Ho Kang - PIT	\$9		12. Asdrubal Cabrera - NYM	\$9		12. Gerrit Cole - PIT	\$21	57. Mike Montgomery - CHC	\$3		
13. Justin Bour - MIA	\$10		13. Jedd Gyorko - STL	\$9		13. Hernan Perez - MIL	\$9		13. Jose Reyes - NYM	\$8		13. Kenta Maeda - LAD	\$21	58. Adam Conley - MIA	\$3		
14. Jedd Gyorko - STL	\$9		14. Ryan Schimpf - SD	\$9		14. Jedd Gyorko - STL	\$9		14. Orlando Arcia - MIL	\$6		14. Zack Greinke - ARI	\$19	59. Shelby Miller - ARI	\$3		
15. Josh Bell - PIT	\$9		15. Josh Harrison - PIT	\$8		15. Ryan Schimpf - SD	\$9		15. Chris Owings - ARI	\$4		15. Julio Teheran - ATL	\$19	60. Willy Peralta - MIL	\$3		
16. Lucas Duda - NYM	\$8		16. Yangervis Solarte - SD	\$8		16. Yangervis Solarte - SD	\$8		16. Zack Cozart - CIN	\$4		16. Rich Hill - LAD	\$19	61. Tyler Chatwood - COL	\$3		
17. Travis Shaw - MIL	\$6		17. Brandon Phillips - ATL	\$8		17. Jose Reyes - NYM	\$8		17. Ketel Marte - ARI	\$3		17. John Lackey - CHC	\$18	62. Luke Weaver - STL	\$3		
18. Ryan Zimmerman - WSH	\$4		18. Brandon Drury - ARI	\$8		18. Brandon Drury - ARI	\$8		18. Freddy Diaz - PHI	\$3		18. Jameson Taillon - PIT	\$17	63. Ty Blach - SF	\$3		
19. Howie Kendrick - PHI	\$4		19. Cesar Hernandez - PHI	\$7		19. Travis Shaw - MIL	\$6		19. Jhonny Peralta - STL	\$3		19. Aaron Nola - PHI	\$16	64. Patrick Corbin - ARI	\$3		
20. Gerardo Parra - COL	\$3		20. Joe Panik - SF	\$7		20. Martin Prado - MIA	\$5		20. Ozhaino Albies - ATL	\$2		20. Matt Harvey - NYM	\$16	65. Zack Wheeler - NYM	\$3		
21. Wilmer Flores - NYM	\$3		21. Kolten Wong - STL	\$4		21. Adonis Garcia - ATL	\$5		21. J.P. Crawford - PHI	\$2		21. Steven Matz - NYM	\$15	66. R.A. Dickey - ATL	\$2		
22. Derek Dietrich - MIA	\$3		22. Howie Kendrick - PHI	\$4		22. Howie Kendrick - PHI	\$4		22. Jordy Mercer - PIT	\$2		22. Tanner Roark - WSH	\$15	67. Clay Buchholz - PHI	\$2		
23. David Freese - PIT	\$2		23. Wilmer Flores - NYM	\$3		23. Jhonny Peralta - STL	\$3		23. Adeiny Hechavarria - MIA	\$0		23. Jonathan Gray - COL	\$15	68. Hyun-jin Ryu - LAD	\$2		
24. Matt Adams - STL	\$2		24. Derek Dietrich - MIA	\$3		24. Wilmer Flores - NYM	\$3					24. Vincent Velasquez - PHI	\$15	69. Edinson Volquez - MIA	\$2		
OUTFIELDERS						CATCHERS											
1. Kris Bryant - CHC	\$41		36. Eric Thames - MIL	\$13		1. Buster Posey - SF	\$25		10. Travis d'Arnaud - NYM	\$6		25. Jeff Samardzija - SF	\$14	70. Homer Bailey - CIN	\$2		
2. Bryce Harper - WSH	\$39		37. Curtis Granderson - NYM	\$12		2. Kyle Schwarber - CHC	\$23		11. Austin Hedges - SD	\$5		26. Robbie Ray - ARI	\$14	71. Archie Bradley - ARI	\$1		
3. Charlie Blackmon - COL	\$37		38. Yasiel Puig - LAD	\$12		3. Willson Contreras - CHC	\$19		12. Francisco Cervelli - PIT	\$5		27. Julio Urias - LAD	\$13	72. Juan Nicasio - PIT	\$0		
4. Starling Marte - PIT	\$35		39. Hunter Renfroe - SD	\$11		4. J.T. Realmuto - MIA	\$17		13. Devin Mesoraco - CIN	\$5		28. Jerad Eickhoff - PHI	\$13	73. Matthew Wisler - ATL	\$0		
5. Trea Turner - WSH	\$33		40. David Peralta - ARI	\$11		5. Yasmani Grandal - LAD	\$15		14. Tony Wolters - COL	\$4		29. Joe Ross - WSH	\$13	74. Jhoulys Chacin - SD	\$0		
6. Ryan Braun - MIL	\$32		41. Domingo Santana - MIL	\$11		6. Matt Wieters - WSH	\$11		15. Chris Herrmann - ARI	\$3		30. Taijuan Walker - ARI	\$12	75. Jimmy Nelson - MIL	\$0		
7. A.J. Pollock - ARI	\$31		42. Jason Heyward - CHC	\$10		7. Yadier Molina - STL	\$10		16. Jett Bandy - MIL	\$2		31. Matt Moore - SF	\$12	76. Chad Kuhl - PIT	\$0		
8. Giancarlo Stanton - MIA	\$31		43. Michael Conforto - NYM	\$10		8. Cameron Rupp - PHI	\$8		17. Andrew Susac - MIL	\$2		32. Raisel Iglesias - CIN	\$11				
9. Carlos Gonzalez - COL	\$31		44. Hernan Perez - MIL	\$9		9. Tom Murphy - COL	\$6		18. Tyler Flowers - ATL	\$2		33. Adam Wainwright - STL	\$11				
10. Wil Myers - SD	\$29		45. Josh Bell - PIT	\$9								34. Gio Gonzalez - WSH	\$10				
11. Yoenis Cespedes - NYM	\$27		46. Manuel Margot - SD	\$9		RELIEF PITCHERS						35. Anthony DeSclafani - CIN	\$10				
12. Christian Yelich - MIA	\$28		47. Brandon Drury - ARI	\$8		1. Kenley Jansen - LAD	\$24		21. Addison Reed - NYM	\$6		36. Junior Guerra - MIL	\$10				
13. Andrew McCutchen - PIT	\$25		48. Travis Jankowski - SD	\$7		2. Mark Melancon - SF	\$21		22. Kyle Barraclough - MIA	\$5		37. Ivan Nova - PIT	\$9				
14. Gregory Polanco - PIT	\$25		49. Scott Schebler - CIN	\$6		3. Seung-Hwan Oh - STL	\$20		23. Carter Capps - SD	\$5		38. Tyler Glasnow - PIT	\$9				
15. Kyle Schwarber - CHC	\$23		50. Michael Saunders - PHI	\$5		4. Wade Davis - CHC	\$19		24. Alex Wood - LAD	\$5		39. Lance Lynn - STL	\$9				
16. Matt Kemp - ATL	\$23		51. Jayson Werth - WSH	\$5		5. Jeury's Familia - NYM	\$17		25. C.J. Edwards - CHC	\$4		40. Jeremy Hellickson - PHI	\$9				
17. Billy Hamilton - CIN	\$22		52. Denard Span - SF	\$5		6. A.J. Ramos - MIA	\$15		26. David Phelps - MIA	\$4		41. Tyler Anderson - COL	\$9				
18. Ian Desmond - COL	\$21		53. Roman Quinn - PHI	\$5		7. Tony Watson - PIT	\$13		27. Mike Montgomery - CHC	\$4		42. Robert Gsellman - NYM	\$8				
19. Adam Eaton - WSH	\$20		54. Kolten Wong - STL	\$4		8. Raisel Iglesias - CIN	\$11		28. Grant Dayton - LAD	\$4		43. Zach Davies - MIL	\$7				
20. Odubel Herrera - PHI	\$20		55. Nick Markakis - ATL	\$4		9. Jim Johnson - ATL	\$10		29. Koji Uehara - CHC	\$3		44. Mike Leake - STL	\$6				
21. Stephen Piscotty - STL	\$19		56. Howie Kendrick - PHI	\$4		10. Neftali Feliz - MIL	\$9		30. Pedro Strop - CHC	\$3		45. Michael Wacha - STL	\$6				
22. David Dahl - COL	\$19		57. Chris Owings - ARI	\$4		11. Ivan Nova - PIT	\$9		31. Arodis Vizcaino - ATL	\$3							
23. Willson Contreras - CHC	\$19		58. Brett Eibner - LAD	\$4		12. Shawn Kelley - WSH	\$9		32. Daniel Hudson - PIT	\$3							
24. Adam Duvall - CIN	\$18		59. Andrew Toles - LAD	\$4		13. Adam Ottavino - COL	\$9		33. Patrick Corbin - ARI	\$3							
25. Dexter Fowler - STL	\$17		60. Angel Pagan -	\$3		14. Greg Holland - COL	\$9		34. Joaquin Benoit - PHI	\$3							
26. Hunter Pence - SF	\$16		61. Gerardo Parra - COL	\$3		15. Brandon Maurer - SD	\$9		35. Drew Storen - CIN	\$3							
27. Marcell Ozuna - MIA	\$16		62. Lewis Brinson - MIL	\$3		16. Koda Glover - WSH	\$9		36. Clay Buchholz - PHI	\$3							
28. Jose Peraza - CIN	\$15		63. Raimel Tapia - COL	\$3		17. Hector Neris - PHI	\$8		37. Michael Lorenzen - CIN	\$3							
29. Ben Zobrist - CHC	\$15		64. Derek Dietrich - MIA	\$3		18. Fernando Rodney - ARI	\$8		38. Hunter Strickland - SF	\$2							
30. Joc Pederson - LAD	\$15		65. Alex Dickerson - SD	\$2		19. Michael Wacha - STL	\$6		39. Blake Treinen - WSH	\$2							
31. Yasmany Tomas - ARI	\$15		66. Eddie Rosario -	\$2		20. Jeanmar Gomez - PHI	\$6		40. Hector Rondon - CHC	\$2							
32. Keon Broxton - MIL	\$14		67. Aaron Altherr - PHI	\$2													
33. Jay Bruce - NYM	\$14		68. Jon Jay - CHC	\$2													
34. Randal Grichuk - STL	\$14		69. Trayce Thompson - LAD	\$2													
35. Ender Inciarte - ATL	\$13		70. Andre Ethier - LAD	\$2													



Why use a printed cheat sheet...
When the Draft Wizard is mobile!
Get it on iOS and Android devices.
<http://www.fantasypros.com/apps>

RANKINGS 1 - 75			RANKINGS 76 - 150			RANKINGS 151 - 225			RANKINGS 226 - 300		
1.	Mike Trout - LAA (OF)	\$54	76.	Carlos Martinez - STL (P)	\$16	151.	Marcell Ozuna - MIA (OF)	\$7	226.	Adam Wainwright - STL (P)	\$3
2.	Mookie Betts - BOS (OF)	\$51	77.	Todd Frazier - CWS (3B)	\$15	152.	Yasmani Grandal - LAD (C)	\$7	227.	Hisashi Iwakuma - SEA (P)	\$3
3.	Jose Altuve - HOU (2B)	\$45	78.	Masahiro Tanaka - NYY (P)	\$15	153.	Jose Peraza - CIN (SS)	\$7	228.	Starlin Castro - NYY (2B)	\$3
4.	Nolan Arenado - COL (3B)	\$41	79.	Jonathan Lucroy - TEX (C)	\$15	154.	David Robertson - CWS (P)	\$7	229.	Jharel Cotton - OAK (P)	\$3
5.	Paul Goldschmidt - ARI (1B)	\$41	80.	Evan Longoria - TB (3B)	\$15	155.	Evan Gattis - HOU (C)	\$7	230.	David Peralta - ARI (OF)	\$3
6.	Kris Bryant - CHC (3B)	\$41	81.	Zach Britton - BAL (P)	\$15	156.	Steven Matz - NYM (P)	\$7	231.	Max Kepler - MIN (OF)	\$3
7.	Clayton Kershaw - LAD (P)	\$40	82.	Billy Hamilton - CIN (OF)	\$15	157.	Victor Martinez - DET (DH)	\$7	232.	Matt Holliday - NYY (OF)	\$3
8.	Manny Machado - BAL (3B)	\$36	83.	Eric Hosmer - KC (1B)	\$14	158.	Ben Zobrist - CHC (2B)	\$7	233.	C.J. Cron - LAA (1B)	\$3
9.	Bryce Harper - WSH (OF)	\$33	84.	Jose Bautista - TOR (OF)	\$14	159.	Tanner Roark - WSH (P)	\$6	234.	Sonny Gray - OAK (P)	\$3
10.	Josh Donaldson - TOR (3B)	\$33	85.	Alex Bregman - HOU (3B)	\$14	160.	James Paxton - SEA (P)	\$6	235.	Cameron Bedrosian - LAA (P)	\$3
11.	Anthony Rizzo - CHC (1B)	\$32	86.	DJ LeMahieu - COL (2B)	\$14	161.	Byron Buxton - MIN (OF)	\$6	236.	Blake Snell - TB (P)	\$3
12.	Miguel Cabrera - DET (1B)	\$32	87.	Jose Quintana - CWS (P)	\$14	162.	Eduardo Nunez - SF (SS)	\$6	237.	Brett Gardner - NYY (OF)	\$3
13.	Charlie Blackmon - COL (OF)	\$32	88.	Gerrit Cole - PIT (P)	\$14	163.	Joc Pederson - LAD (OF)	\$6	238.	Domingo Santana - MIL (OF)	\$3
14.	Madison Bumgarner - SF (P)	\$31	89.	Carlos Santana - CLE (1B)	\$14	164.	Yasmany Tomas - ARI (OF)	\$6	239.	Matt Wieters - WSH (C)	\$3
15.	Max Scherzer - WSH (P)	\$31	90.	Cole Hamels - TEX (P)	\$13	165.	Russell Martin - TOR (C)	\$6	240.	Gio Gonzalez - WSH (P)	\$2
16.	Carlos Correa - HOU (SS)	\$31	91.	Kenta Maeda - LAD (P)	\$13	166.	Michael Brantley - CLE (OF)	\$6	241.	Jarrod Dyson - SEA (OF)	\$2
17.	Joey Votto - CIN (1B)	\$30	92.	Ian Desmond - COL (OF)	\$13	167.	Matt Shoemaker - LAA (P)	\$6	242.	Ian Kennedy - KC (P)	\$2
18.	Corey Seager - LAD (SS)	\$29	93.	Dan Frazier - BOS (P)	\$13	168.	Sean Manaea - OAK (P)	\$6	243.	Yadier Molina - STL (C)	\$2
19.	Starling Marte - PIT (OF)	\$26	94.	Edwin Diaz - SEA (P)	\$12	169.	Francisco Rodriguez - DET (P)	\$6	244.	Corey Dickerson - TB (OF)	\$2
20.	Edwin Encarnacion - CLE (1B)	\$26	95.	Mark Melancon - SF (P)	\$12	170.	Elvis Andrus - TEX (SS)	\$6	245.	Jason Heyward - CHC (OF)	\$2
21.	Trea Turner - WSH (2B)	\$26	96.	Danny Duffy - KC (P)	\$12	171.	Carlos Gomez - TEX (OF)	\$6	246.	Stephen Vogt - OAK (C)	\$2
22.	Chris Sale - BOS (P)	\$25	97.	Albert Pujols - LAA (1B)	\$12	172.	Brad Miller - TB (SS)	\$6	247.	Collin McHugh - HOU (P)	\$2
23.	Robinson Cano - SEA (2B)	\$25	98.	Lorenzo Cain - KC (OF)	\$12	173.	A.J. Ramos - MIA (P)	\$6	248.	Anthony DeSclafani - CIN (P)	\$2
24.	Corey Kluber - CLE (P)	\$25	99.	Seung-Hwan Oh - STL (P)	\$12	174.	Dellin Betances - NYY (P)	\$5	249.	Yulieski Guerriel - HOU (3B)	\$2
25.	Nelson Cruz - SEA (OF)	\$25	100.	Roberto Osuna - TOR (P)	\$12	175.	Jonathan Gray - COL (P)	\$5	250.	Eugenio Suarez - CIN (3B)	\$2
26.	Francisco Lindor - CLE (SS)	\$25	101.	Adam Eaton - WSH (OF)	\$12	176.	Jonathan Schoop - BAL (2B)	\$5	251.	Ryan Madson - OAK (P)	\$2
27.	Noah Syndergaard - NYM (P)	\$25	102.	Craig Kimbrel - BOS (P)	\$12	177.	Vincent Velasquez - PHI (P)	\$5	252.	Jim Johnson - ATL (P)	\$2
28.	Ryan Braun - MIL (OF)	\$25	103.	Rick Porcello - BOS (P)	\$12	178.	Jeff Samardzija - SF (P)	\$5	253.	Michael Conforto - NYM (OF)	\$2
29.	George Springer - HOU (OF)	\$24	104.	Odubel Herrera - PHI (OF)	\$12	179.	Keon Broxton - MIL (OF)	\$5	254.	Justin Bour - MIA (1B)	\$2
30.	Freddie Freeman - ATL (1B)	\$24	105.	Danny Salazar - CLE (P)	\$12	180.	Jake Odorizzi - TB (P)	\$5	255.	Shin-Soo Choo - TEX (OF)	\$2
31.	Xander Bogaerts - BOS (SS)	\$24	106.	Zack Greinke - ARI (P)	\$12	181.	Jay Bruce - NYM (OF)	\$5	256.	Junior Guerra - MIL (P)	\$2
32.	A.J. Pollock - ARI (OF)	\$24	107.	Justin Turner - LAD (3B)	\$12	182.	Nomar Mazara - TEX (OF)	\$5	257.	Jung-Ho Kang - PIT (3B)	\$2
33.	Giancarlo Stanton - MIA (OF)	\$24	108.	Julio Teheran - ATL (P)	\$12	183.	Logan Forsythe - LAD (2B)	\$5	258.	Dylan Bundy - BAL (P)	\$2
34.	Carlos Gonzalez - COL (OF)	\$23	109.	Jackie Bradley - BOS (OF)	\$11	184.	J.A. Happ - TOR (P)	\$5	259.	Neftali Feliz - MIL (P)	\$2
35.	Trevor Story - COL (SS)	\$23	110.	Wade Davis - CHC (P)	\$11	185.	Randal Grichuk - STL (OF)	\$5	260.	Ivan Nova - PIT (P)	\$2
36.	Jake Arrieta - CHC (P)	\$23	111.	Stephen Piscotty - STL (OF)	\$11	186.	Carlos Beltran - HOU (OF)	\$5	261.	Josh Reddick - HOU (OF)	\$2
37.	Jonathan Villar - MIL (SS)	\$23	112.	Andrew Benintendi - BOS (OF)	\$11	187.	Devon Travis - TOR (2B)	\$5	262.	Hernan Perez - MIL (3B)	\$2
38.	Jon Lester - CHC (P)	\$23	113.	Dustin Pedroia - BOS (2B)	\$11	188.	Mike Napoli - TEX (1B)	\$4	263.	Jorge Soler - KC (OF)	\$2
39.	Brian Dozier - MIN (2B)	\$22	114.	Rich Hill - LAD (P)	\$11	189.	Ryon Healy - OAK (3B)	\$4	264.	Jedd Gyorko - STL (SS)	\$2
40.	Johnny Cueto - SF (P)	\$22	115.	Aaron Sanchez - TOR (P)	\$11	190.	Brian McCann - HOU (C)	\$4	265.	Josh Bell - PIT (1B)	\$2
41.	Jose Abreu - CWS (1B)	\$22	116.	Kenneth Giles - HOU (P)	\$11	191.	Carlos Rodon - CWS (P)	\$4	266.	Asdrubal Cabrera - NYM (SS)	\$2
42.	Daniel Murphy - WSH (2B)	\$21	117.	David Dahl - COL (OF)	\$10	192.	Michael Pineda - NYY (P)	\$4	267.	Mitch Moreland - BOS (1B)	\$2
43.	Yu Darvish - TEX (P)	\$21	118.	Kelvin Herrera - KC (P)	\$10	193.	Sam Dyson - TEX (P)	\$4	268.	Shawn Kelley - WSH (P)	\$2
44.	Rougned Odor - TEX (2B)	\$21	119.	Addison Russell - CHC (SS)	\$10	194.	Robbie Ray - ARI (P)	\$4	269.	Manuel Margot - SD (OF)	\$2
45.	Wil Myers - SD (1B)	\$21	120.	Dallas Keuchel - HOU (P)	\$10	195.	Javier Baez - CHC (SS)	\$4	270.	Adam Ottavino - COL (P)	\$2
46.	Justin Verlander - DET (P)	\$20	121.	Michael Fulmer - DET (P)	\$10	196.	Julio Urias - LAD (P)	\$4	271.	Tyler Glasnow - PIT (P)	\$1
47.	Yoenis Cespedes - NYM (OF)	\$20	122.	Jose Ramirez - CLE (3B)	\$10	197.	Marco Estrada - TOR (P)	\$4	272.	Ervin Santana - MIN (P)	\$1
48.	Christian Yelich - MIA (OF)	\$20	123.	Maikel Franco - PHI (3B)	\$9	198.	Drew Pomeranz - BOS (P)	\$4	273.	Leonys Martin - SEA (OF)	\$1
49.	Kyle Seager - SEA (3B)	\$20	124.	Aledmys Diaz - STL (SS)	\$9	199.	Ender Inciarte - ATL (OF)	\$4	274.	Greg Holland - COL (P)	\$1
50.	Stephen Strasburg - WSH (P)	\$19	125.	Willson Contreras - CHC (C)	\$9	200.	Tony Watson - PIT (P)	\$4	275.	Lance Lynn - STL (P)	\$1
51.	Andrew McCutchen - PIT (OF)	\$19	126.	Felix Hernandez - SEA (P)	\$9	201.	Nick Castellanos - DET (3B)	\$4	276.	Jeremy Hellickson - PHI (P)	\$1
52.	Jacob DeGrom - NYM (P)	\$19	127.	Kendrys Morales - TOR (DH)	\$9	202.	Tommy Joseph - PHI (1B)	\$4	277.	Chris Carter - NYY (1B)	\$1
53.	Buster Posey - SF (C)	\$19	128.	Miguel Sano - MIN (DH)	\$8	203.	Marcus Semien - OAK (SS)	\$4	278.	Tyler Anderson - COL (P)	\$1
54.	Gregory Polanco - PIT (OF)	\$19	129.	Cody Allen - CLE (P)	\$8	204.	Jerad Eickhoff - PHI (P)	\$4	279.	Brandon Maurer - SD (P)	\$1
55.	Justin Upton - DET (OF)	\$19	130.	Marcus Stroman - TOR (P)	\$8	205.	Dansby Swanson - ATL (SS)	\$4	280.	Francisco Liriano - TOR (P)	\$1
56.	Chris Archer - TB (P)	\$19	131.	Jake Lamb - ARI (3B)	\$8	206.	Eric Thames - MIL (OF)	\$4	281.	Kevin Pillar - TOR (OF)	\$1
57.	Adrian Beltre - TEX (3B)	\$19	132.	Jason Kipnis - CLE (2B)	\$8	207.	Kevin Kiermaier - TB (OF)	\$4	282.	Ryan Schimpf - SD (2B)	\$1
58.	Hanley Ramirez - BOS (1B)	\$19	133.	Adam Duvall - CIN (OF)	\$8	208.	Drew Smyly - SEA (P)	\$4	283.	Didi Gregorius - NYY (SS)	\$1
59.	Chris Davis - BAL (1B)	\$18	134.	Lance McCullers - HOU (P)	\$8	209.	Joe Ross - WSH (P)	\$4	284.	Koda Glover - WSH (P)	\$1
60.	Ian Kinsler - DET (2B)	\$18	135.	John Lackey - CHC (P)	\$8	210.	Tim Anderson - CWS (SS)	\$4	285.	Alex Cobb - TB (P)	\$1
61.	Dee Gordon - MIA (2B)	\$18	136.	Adrian Gonzalez - LAD (1B)	\$8	211.	Taijuan Walker - ARI (P)	\$4	286.	Hector Neris - PHI (P)	\$1
62.	Matt Carpenter - STL (2B)	\$18	137.	Andrew Miller - CLE (P)	\$8	212.	Greg Bird - NYY (1B)	\$4	287.	Josh Harrison - PIT (2B)	\$1
63.	Carlos Carrasco - CLE (P)	\$17	138.	Jeury Familia - NYM (P)	\$8	213.	Mike Moustakas - KC (3B)	\$4	288.	Yangervis Solarte - SD (3B)	\$1
64.	Jean Segura - SEA (SS)	\$17	139.	Troy Tulowitzki - TOR (SS)	\$7	214.	Garrett Richards - LAA (P)	\$4	289.	Lucas Duda - NYM (1B)	\$1
65.	Kenley Jansen - LAD (P)	\$17	140.	Brandon Belt - SF (1B)	\$7	215.	Neil Walker - NYM (2B)	\$3	290.	Fernando Rodney - ARI (P)	\$1
66.	Aroldis Chapman - NYY (P)	\$17	141.	Kole Calhoun - LAA (OF)	\$7	216.	Curtis Granderson - NYM (OF)	\$3	291.	Yoan Moncada - CWS (3B)	\$1
67.	Mark Trumbo - BAL (OF)	\$17	142.	Kevin Gausman - BAL (P)	\$7	217.	Yasiel Puig - LAD (OF)	\$3	292.	Jose Reyes - NYM (3B)	\$0
68.	Kyle Hendricks - CHC (P)	\$17	143.	J.T. Realmuto - MIA (C)	\$7	218.	Brandon Crawford - SF (SS)	\$3	293.	Cameron Rupp - PHI (C)	\$0
69.	Anthony Rendon - WSH (3B)	\$16	144.	Dexter Fowler - STL (OF)	\$7	219.	Matt Moore - SF (P)	\$3	294.	Brandon Phillips - ATL (2B)	\$0
70.	Gary Sanchez - NYY (C)	\$16	145.	Jameson Taillon - PIT (P)	\$7	220.	Melky Cabrera - CWS (OF)	\$3	295.	Tyson Ross - TEX (P)	\$0
71.	J.D. Martinez - DET (OF)	\$16	146.	Aaron Nola - PHI (P)	\$7	221.	Rajai Davis - OAK (OF)	\$3	296.	Brandon Drury - ARI (3B)	\$0
72.	Kyle Schwarber - CHC (OF)	\$16	147.	Matt Harvey - NYM (P)	\$7	222.	Jacoby Ellsbury - NYY (OF)	\$3	297.	Mitch Haniger - SEA (OF)	\$0
73.	Khris Davis - OAK (OF)	\$16	148.	Hunter Pence - SF (OF)	\$7	223.	Hunter Renfro - SD (OF)	\$3	298.	Jason Hammel - KC (P)	\$0
74.	Matt Kemp - ATL (OF)	\$16	149.	Alexander Colome - TB (P)	\$7	224.	Raisel Iglesias - CIN (P)	\$3	299.	Trevor Bauer - CLE (P)	\$0
75.	Adam Jones - BAL (OF)	\$16	150.	Salvador Perez - KC (C)	\$7	225.	Wilmington Castillo - BAL (C)	\$3	300.	Robert Gsellman - NYM (P)	\$0

KEY

1. Player Name - Team (Primary Position) \$54

Player Ranking

Auction Dollar Value
(12 teams, \$260 budget)

NOTES

Get Draft Wizard Free



A - E						E - L						L - Z								
Rk	Player	R	HR	RBI	SB	AVG	Rk	Player	R	HR	RBI	SB	AVG	Rk	Player	R	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
26.	A.J. Pollock (ARI)	86	17	58	26	.288	61.	Evan Longoria (TB)	78	27	89	2	.267	50.	Matt Carpenter (STL)	89	21	76	2	.268
200.	Aaron Judge (NYY)	57	20	62	4	.238	223.	Francisco Cervelli (PIT)	44	4	37	4	.267	213.	Matt Duffy (TB)	56	9	48	10	.268
89.	Adam Duvall (CIN)	74	30	93	5	.238	22.	Francisco Lindor (CLE)	90	16	83	18	.298	143.	Matt Holliday (NYY)	53	18	66	1	.259
71.	Adam Eaton (WSH)	90	11	58	15	.289	20.	Freddie Freeman (ATL)	92	28	90	4	.290	57.	Matt Kemp (ATL)	76	25	94	5	.269
56.	Adam Jones (BAL)	85	28	82	3	.269	53.	Gary Sanchez (NYY)	64	26	74	5	.263	157.	Matt Wieters (WSH)	41	13	51	1	.255
86.	Addison Russell (CHC)	71	20	79	5	.250	24.	George Springer (HOU)	98	27	76	12	.265	147.	Max Kepler (MIN)	65	17	74	8	.250
198.	Adonis Garcia (ATL)	54	14	58	4	.268	240.	Gerardo Parra (COL)	51	9	43	8	.273	132.	Melky Cabrera (CWS)	69	13	75	3	.286
43.	Adrian Beltre (TEX)	77	23	89	1	.291	28.	Giancarlo Stanton (MIA)	75	36	97	4	.259	113.	Michael Brantley (CLE)	57	12	68	10	.296
83.	Adrian Gonzalez (LAD)	69	21	89	0	.273	134.	Greg Bird (NYY)	62	24	70	2	.255	150.	Michael Conforto (NYM)	48	15	50	2	.257
68.	Albert Pujols (LAA)	69	28	96	3	.263	40.	Gregory Polanco (PIT)	82	19	75	20	.262	191.	Michael Saunders (PHI)	58	18	52	2	.246
209.	Alcides Escobar (KC)	65	6	50	16	.262	44.	Hanley Ramirez (BOS)	74	25	93	8	.277	11.	Miguel Cabrera (DET)	87	30	99	1	.309
87.	Aledmys Diaz (STL)	70	17	66	6	.278	167.	Hernan Perez (MIL)	41	9	44	20	.265	84.	Miguel Sano (MIN)	73	30	85	2	.239
64.	Alex Bregman (HOU)	82	21	83	8	.267	234.	Howie Kendrick (PHI)	58	8	48	8	.269	129.	Mike Moustakas (KC)	62	21	68	2	.262
206.	Alex Gordon (KC)	66	18	56	7	.242	95.	Hunter Pence (SF)	67	17	71	4	.278	121.	Mike Napoli (TEX)	66	25	72	3	.233
75.	Andrew Benintendi (BOS)	73	15	70	12	.280	139.	Hunter Renfro (SD)	62	22	70	5	.252	1.	Mike Trout (LAA)	109	33	102	21	.305
39.	Andrew McCutchen (PIT)	84	23	86	9	.279	67.	Ian Desmond (COL)	71	20	74	15	.277	217.	Mike Zunino (SEA)	43	18	52	0	.220
201.	Andrew Toles (LAD)	45	9	41	14	.272	47.	Ian Kinsler (DET)	95	18	72	11	.277	176.	Mitch Haniger (SEA)	53	16	59	6	.251
235.	Angel Pagan (FA)	37	5	29	8	.269	45.	J.D. Martinez (DET)	71	26	78	3	.284	164.	Mitch Moreland (BOS)	48	17	62	1	.256
58.	Anthony Rendon (WSH)	84	19	77	10	.271	90.	J.T. Realmuto (MIA)	54	11	51	10	.279	2.	Mookie Betts (BOS)	104	25	91	22	.308
10.	Anthony Rizzo (CHC)	93	32	106	8	.284	72.	Jackie Bradley (BOS)	78	20	75	8	.257	135.	Neil Walker (NYM)	67	22	71	3	.268
172.	Asdrubal Cabrera (NYM)	68	19	62	5	.263	141.	Jacoby Ellsbury (NYY)	68	10	50	20	.262	19.	Nelson Cruz (SEA)	85	36	100	2	.277
190.	Austin Hedges (SD)	42	13	49	1	.237	88.	Jake Lamb (ARI)	73	23	82	5	.253	128.	Nick Castellanos (DET)	62	19	73	2	.268
232.	Ben Revere (LAA)	38	1	22	16	.271	208.	James McCann (DET)	35	9	43	1	.237	194.	Nick Markakis (ATL)	64	10	63	2	.275
100.	Ben Zobrist (CHC)	79	15	65	5	.269	148.	Jarrod Dyson (SEA)	53	3	33	37	.261	4.	Nolan Arenado (COL)	98	38	119	3	.290
63.	Billy Hamilton (CIN)	74	5	33	61	.254	155.	Jason Heyward (CHC)	66	11	55	14	.260	110.	Nomar Mazara (TEX)	67	20	73	1	.266
111.	Brad Miller (TB)	69	22	74	7	.249	79.	Jason Kipnis (CLE)	79	15	64	13	.276	70.	Odubel Herrera (PHI)	79	12	50	20	.280
93.	Brandon Belt (SF)	74	19	75	4	.269	124.	Javier Baez (CHC)	55	17	63	13	.262	202.	Orlando Arcia (MIL)	61	11	56	18	.244
138.	Brandon Crawford (SF)	64	15	76	6	.261	116.	Jay Bruce (NYM)	66	24	80	6	.240	211.	Pablo Sandoval (BOS)	45	12	50	1	.265
177.	Brandon Drury (ARI)	61	16	63	2	.270	195.	Jayson Werth (WSH)	59	14	53	3	.247	6.	Paul Goldschmidt (ARI)	96	27	96	20	.296
185.	Brandon Moss (KC)	58	22	64	1	.229	54.	Jean Segura (SEA)	85	13	57	27	.282	229.	Raimel Tapia (COL)	22	4	18	7	.291
187.	Brandon Phillips (ATL)	53	8	52	11	.281	171.	Jedd Gyorko (STL)	52	22	62	1	.246	137.	Rajai Davis (OAK)	60	10	43	27	.248
226.	Brett Eibner (LAD)	28	8	26	3	.226	102.	Joc Pederson (LAD)	69	26	70	8	.241	118.	Randal Grichuk (STL)	68	25	78	6	.248
146.	Brett Gardner (NYY)	77	11	50	15	.259	216.	Joe Mauer (MIN)	63	10	56	2	.266	204.	Raul Adalberto Mondesi (KC)	42	9	37	22	.226
27.	Brian Dozier (MIN)	95	31	83	14	.252	192.	Joe Panik (SF)	70	10	57	4	.272	21.	Robinson Cano (SEA)	87	25	92	3	.293
115.	Brian McCann (HOU)	54	19	61	1	.241	14.	Joey Votto (CIN)	90	25	85	7	.302	205.	Roman Quinn (PHI)	27	3	16	15	.246
8.	Bryce Harper (WSH)	96	31	95	14	.284	62.	Jonathan Lucroy (TEX)	66	17	70	3	.284	34.	Rougned Odor (TEX)	84	28	90	12	.273
41.	Buster Posey (SF)	72	17	80	4	.299	107.	Jonathan Schoop (BAL)	69	23	73	2	.260	108.	Russell Martin (TOR)	55	18	64	3	.235
109.	Byron Buxton (MIN)	72	17	58	17	.241	30.	Jonathan Villar (MIL)	84	16	56	49	.262	23.	Ryan Braun (MIL)	78	26	87	14	.283
142.	C.J. Cron (LAA)	52	18	67	3	.268	222.	Jorge Polanco (MIN)	54	10	54	10	.267	182.	Ryan Schimpf (SD)	58	22	64	2	.224
186.	Cameron Maybin (LAA)	52	6	43	14	.264	169.	Jorge Soler (KC)	56	17	56	2	.259	210.	Ryan Zimmerman (WSH)	53	15	56	3	.243
203.	Cameron Rupp (PHI)	34	13	45	1	.238	31.	Jose Abreu (CWS)	76	28	96	1	.288	112.	Ryon Healy (OAK)	62	18	66	1	.275
117.	Carlos Beltran (HOU)	59	20	71	1	.274	3.	Jose Altuve (HOU)	95	17	76	31	.323	97.	Salvador Perez (KC)	54	21	65	0	.256
13.	Carlos Correa (HOU)	83	24	101	16	.282	65.	Jose Bautista (TOR)	83	29	89	4	.249	180.	Scott Schebler (CIN)	57	18	61	6	.254
105.	Carlos Gomez (TEX)	71	17	64	21	.251	236.	Jose Iglesias (DET)	55	5	39	10	.273	160.	Shin-Soo Choo (TEX)	68	17	55	7	.258
29.	Carlos Gonzalez (COL)	82	30	96	3	.282	99.	Jose Peraza (CIN)	62	7	50	31	.282	144.	Starlin Castro (NYY)	61	17	69	4	.269
66.	Carlos Santana (CLE)	87	27	82	6	.251	78.	Jose Ramirez (CLE)	77	11	66	21	.290	15.	Starling Marte (PIT)	78	15	70	38	.292
196.	Cesar Hernandez (PHI)	66	5	43	17	.277	166.	Jose Reyes (NYM)	57	9	39	16	.262	74.	Stephen Piscotty (STL)	79	19	84	7	.273
12.	Charlie Blackmon (COL)	97	23	69	24	.297	162.	Josh Bell (PIT)	59	13	59	4	.275	153.	Stephen Vogt (OAK)	54	14	59	0	.259
163.	Chris Carter (NYY)	50	24	61	2	.222	9.	Josh Donaldson (TOR)	103	34	102	6	.279	224.	Steve Pearce (TOR)	48	18	48	2	.267
46.	Chris Davis (BAL)	89	37	95	1	.231	181.	Josh Harrison (PIT)	63	7	52	16	.283	225.	Steven Souza (TB)	59	18	53	10	.239
227.	Chris Owings (ARI)	53	6	48	17	.264	161.	Josh Reddick (HOU)	59	16	59	7	.272	130.	Tim Anderson (CWS)	74	11	49	20	.267
37.	Christian Yelich (MIA)	81	17	81	13	.292	152.	Jung-Ho Kang (PIT)	29	11	36	2	.260	52.	Todd Frazier (CWS)	81	33	91	13	.243
151.	Corey Dickerson (TB)	59	21	66	2	.257	231.	Jurickson Profar (TEX)	47	8	38	5	.249	189.	Tom Murphy (COL)	32	12	39	2	.252
17.	Corey Seager (LAD)	94	24	81	4	.294	154.	Justin Bour (MIA)	54	20	70	1	.261	125.	Tommy Joseph (PHI)	60	25	71	2	.260
136.	Curtis Granderson (NYM)	80	23	58	5	.240	73.	Justin Turner (LAD)	75	21	83	5	.282	238.	Tony Wolters (COL)	33	4	34	4	.246
33.	Daniel Murphy (WSH)	80	18	92	6	.316	42.	Justin Upton (DET)	83	29	86	11	.255	219.	Travis Arnaud (NYM)	40	11	38	1	.251
184.	Danny Valencia (SEA)	58	16	54	1	.273	85.	Kendrys Morales (TOR)	69	25	87	0	.266	175.	Travis Jankowski (SD)	59	4	29	32	.244
131.	Dansby Swanson (ATL)	75	12	61	10	.262	237.	Kennys Vargas (MIN)	53	19	58	1	.235	193.	Travis Shaw (MIL)	53	18	60	4	.240
77.	David Dahl (COL)	59	16	56	13	.276	114.	Keon Broxton (MIL)	62	16	52	33	.232	16.	Trea Turner (WSH)	91	17	64	42	.297
239.	David Freese (PIT)	50	12	51	0	.258	228.	Ketel Marte (ARI)	35	2	25	10	.280	221.	Trevor Plouffe (OAK)	56	16	66	2	.252
145.	David Peralta (ARI)	61	15	64	6	.280	127.	Kevin Kiermaier (TB)	71	14	52	22	.259	32.	Trevor Story (COL)	83	30	87	13	.259
48.	Dee Gordon (MIA)	85	3	39	51	.286	170.	Kevin Pillar (TOR)	63	10	56	17	.271	91.	Troy Tuitzki (TOR)	67	22	73	1	.263
215.	Delino DeShields (TEX)	44	4	24	17	.240	55.	Khris Davis (OAK)	79	34	96	3	.247	173.	Tyler Naquin (CLE)	57	13	52	9	.271
179.	Denard Span (SF)	73	9	46	14	.273	82.	Kole Calhoun (LAA)	84	19	73	3	.266	98.	Victor Martinez (DET)	61	20	79	1	.277
214.	Derek Norris (TB)	34	9	32	4	.226	199.	Kolten Wong (STL)	59	11	51	12	.258	140.	Wellington Castillo (BAL)	42	16	57	1	.248
218.	Devin Mesoraco (CIN)	31	11	36	2	.236	5.	Kris Bryant (CHC)	103	34	102	10	.283	35.	Wil Myers (SD)	83	24	84	19	.258
120.	Devon Travis (TOR)	68	13	58	6	.283	49.	Kyle Schwarber (CHC)	86	29	80	6	.262	81.	Willson Contreras (CHC)	55	16	60	5	.271
96.	Dexter Fowler (STL)	86	14	48	14	.262	38.	Kyle Seager (SEA)	82	26	90	4	.273	197.	Wilson Ramos (TB)	29	11	38	0	.264
183.	Didi Gregorius (NYY)	58	14	56	5	.266	168.	Leonys Martin (SEA)	60	11	46	21	.246	25.	Xander Bogaerts (BOS)	91	18	84	10	.293
60.	DJ LeMahieu (COL)	86	9	62	15	.308	119.	Logan Forsythe (LAD)	74	18	57	7	.265	158.	Yadier Molina (STL)	45	7	52	3	.285
149.	Domingo Santana (MIL)	63	21	66	6	.250	69.	Lorenzo Cain (KC)	74	12	69	20	.284	212.	Yan Gomes (CLE)	38	13	45	1	.230
76.	Dustin Pedroia (BOS)	81	13	62	6	.295	165.	Lucas Duda (NYM)	56	22	64	1	.244	188.	Yangervis Solarte (SD)	62	15	72	1	.274
104.	Eduardo Nunez (SF)	61	12	57																

A - E							E - L							L - Z						
Rk	Player	K	W	SV	ERA	WHIP	Rk	Player	K	W	SV	ERA	WHIP	Rk	Player	K	W	SV	ERA	WHIP
205.	A.J. Griffin (TEX)	86	5	0	5.14	1.40	118.	Francisco Liriano (TOR)	159	10	0	4.12	1.36	20.	Masahiro Tanaka (NYY)	168	12	0	3.69	1.15
64.	A.J. Ramos (MIA)	71	3	30	3.23	1.29	60.	Francisco Rodriguez (DET)	56	3	33	3.57	1.20	132.	Matt Andriese (TB)	113	8	0	3.98	1.25
50.	Aaron Nola (PHI)	152	10	0	3.74	1.24	81.	Garrett Richards (LAA)	138	10	0	3.56	1.28	156.	Matt Bush (TEX)	68	4	3	3.26	1.15
38.	Aaron Sanchez (TOR)	159	13	0	3.71	1.29	231.	George Kontos (SF)	37	3	0	3.71	1.25	51.	Matt Harvey (NYM)	124	8	0	3.81	1.24
157.	Adam Conley (MIA)	120	8	0	4.04	1.38	23.	Gerrit Cole (PIT)	160	13	0	3.49	1.27	84.	Matt Moore (SF)	156	11	0	3.89	1.30
98.	Adam Ottavino (COL)	58	3	11	3.37	1.17	89.	Gio Gonzalez (WSH)	157	11	0	3.90	1.34	67.	Matt Shoemaker (LAA)	157	11	0	3.84	1.21
86.	Adam Wainwright (STL)	139	11	0	3.91	1.32	201.	Glen Perkins (MIN)	33	2	5	3.75	1.26	174.	Matthew Strahm (KC)	80	4	1	3.55	1.24
126.	Addison Reed (NYM)	71	3	4	3.12	1.15	161.	Grant Dayton (LAD)	73	3	1	2.96	1.08	237.	Matthew Wisler (ATL)	90	5	0	4.67	1.36
110.	Alex Cobb (TB)	110	8	0	4.03	1.32	121.	Greg Holland (COL)	56	2	20	3.76	1.36	208.	Mauricio Cabrera (ATL)	52	3	1	3.68	1.44
141.	Alex Wood (LAD)	102	7	0	3.67	1.28	106.	Hector Neris (PHI)	79	3	11	3.50	1.22	2.	Max Scherzer (WSH)	248	16	0	3.13	1.06
57.	Alexander Colome (TB)	67	3	31	3.22	1.19	168.	Hector Rondon (CHC)	59	4	2	3.11	1.11	193.	Michael Feliz (HOU)	64	3	0	3.99	1.27
226.	Andrew Bailey (LAA)	48	3	5	4.26	1.32	85.	Hisashi Iwakuma (SEA)	137	11	0	4.07	1.26	129.	Michael Foltynewicz (ATL)	139	8	0	4.31	1.34
45.	Andrew Miller (CLE)	105	5	13	2.05	0.90	198.	Homer Bailey (CIN)	63	4	0	4.46	1.40	43.	Michael Fulmer (DET)	150	11	0	3.75	1.23
135.	Andrew Triggs (OAK)	101	7	0	3.91	1.28	175.	Hunter Strickland (SF)	58	3	2	3.12	1.13	185.	Michael Lorenzen (CIN)	66	3	3	3.87	1.31
234.	Anibal Sanchez (DET)	87	6	0	4.63	1.35	167.	Huston Street (LAA)	33	2	7	4.22	1.36	72.	Michael Pineda (NYY)	181	11	0	3.74	1.21
229.	Anthony Cingrani (CIN)	56	2	2	4.32	1.45	93.	Ian Kennedy (KC)	172	11	0	4.24	1.29	137.	Michael Wacha (STL)	113	8	0	4.07	1.34
95.	Anthony DeSclafani (CIN)	103	7	0	4.12	1.29	103.	Ivan Nova (PIT)	116	10	0	4.05	1.30	173.	Miguel Gonzalez (CWS)	107	8	0	4.45	1.34
186.	Archie Bradley (ARI)	105	6	0	4.00	1.39	70.	J.A. Happ (TOR)	153	12	0	3.97	1.29	164.	Mike Fiers (HOU)	130	9	0	4.24	1.29
152.	Arody Vizzcaino (ATL)	67	3	11	3.53	1.36	13.	Jacob DeGrom (NYM)	174	12	0	3.38	1.18	124.	Mike Leake (STL)	124	11	0	4.17	1.30
18.	Aroldis Chapman (NYY)	102	3	37	2.36	1.06	138.	Jaime Garcia (ATL)	122	9	0	3.91	1.30	140.	Mike Montgomery (CHC)	95	7	0	3.72	1.30
128.	Bartolo Colon (ATL)	118	10	0	4.21	1.30	7.	Jake Arrieta (CHC)	194	15	0	3.21	1.14	203.	Mychal Antonio Givens (BAL)	78	4	1	3.23	1.23
92.	Blake Snell (TB)	151	10	0	3.74	1.39	68.	Jake Odorizzi (TB)	160	10	0	3.91	1.23	122.	Nate Jones (CWS)	70	3	2	3.06	1.06
227.	Blake Treinen (WSH)	57	3	5	3.34	1.32	58.	James Paxton (SEA)	151	11	0	3.60	1.27	223.	Nathan Karns (KC)	118	7	0	4.32	1.38
162.	Brad Brach (BAL)	76	4	1	3.24	1.21	54.	Jameson Taillon (PIT)	139	10	0	3.55	1.20	107.	Neftali Feliz (MIL)	62	2	26	4.03	1.29
222.	Brad Ziegler (MIA)	45	3	2	3.21	1.29	117.	Jason Hammel (KC)	133	9	0	4.39	1.30	4.	Noah Syndergaard (NYY)	222	14	0	3.03	1.12
154.	Brandon Finnegan (CIN)	146	9	0	4.35	1.38	131.	Jeanmar Gomez (PHI)	46	2	18	4.18	1.41	218.	Pat Neshek (PHI)	47	2	2	3.64	1.13
127.	Brandon Kintzler (MIN)	44	3	22	3.79	1.34	63.	Jeff Samardzija (SF)	163	12	0	3.86	1.24	200.	Patrick Corbin (ARI)	109	7	0	4.50	1.45
101.	Brandon Maurer (SD)	63	3	22	3.81	1.25	78.	Jerad Eickhoff (PHI)	153	10	0	4.05	1.23	194.	Pedro Baez (LAD)	64	3	1	3.40	1.14
214.	Brandon McCarthy (LAD)	82	6	0	4.11	1.28	105.	Jeremy Hellickson (PHI)	142	9	0	4.14	1.26	189.	Pedro Strop (CHC)	59	3	1	2.96	1.12
209.	Brett Cecil (STL)	57	3	0	3.00	1.17	160.	Jeremy Jeffress (TEX)	48	3	2	3.49	1.36	190.	R.A. Dickey (ATL)	126	9	0	4.34	1.34
220.	Bruce Rondon (DET)	59	3	1	3.82	1.32	211.	Jesse Chavez (LAA)	107	8	0	4.23	1.33	83.	Raisel Iglesias (CIN)	73	3	23	3.31	1.17
215.	Bud Norris (LAA)	38	3	0	4.54	1.36	47.	Jeurys Familia (NYY)	66	3	35	2.88	1.20	177.	Reynaldo Lopez (CWS)	74	4	0	4.32	1.36
146.	C.J. Edwards (CHC)	70	3	1	3.54	1.23	87.	Jharel Cotton (OAK)	134	9	0	3.98	1.26	40.	Rich Hill (LAD)	138	10	0	3.15	1.16
90.	Cameron Boderson (LAA)	66	2	21	3.04	1.28	239.	Jhoulys Chacin (SD)	119	7	0	4.27	1.40	35.	Rick Porcello (BOS)	167	14	0	3.84	1.20
15.	Carlos Carrasco (CLE)	183	13	0	3.48	1.16	100.	Jim Johnson (ATL)	58	3	21	3.62	1.32	178.	Ricky Nolasco (LAA)	132	10	0	4.17	1.29
19.	Carlos Martinez (STL)	179	13	0	3.40	1.27	233.	Jimmy Nelson (MIL)	110	7	0	4.65	1.44	75.	Robbie Ray (ARI)	193	11	0	3.90	1.35
71.	Carlos Rodon (CWS)	155	9	0	3.92	1.35	158.	Joaquin Benoit (PHI)	55	2	4	3.36	1.23	130.	Robert Gsellman (NYM)	110	8	0	4.06	1.34
145.	Carter Capps (SD)	67	2	4	2.67	1.07	136.	Joe Musgrove (HOU)	96	8	0	3.98	1.24	29.	Roberto Osuna (TOR)	74	3	35	3.10	1.04
196.	CC Sabathia (NYY)	131	9	0	4.36	1.37	79.	Joe Ross (WSH)	127	10	0	3.78	1.27	197.	Rubby De La Rosa (ARI)	50	3	0	4.59	1.38
225.	Chad Bettis (COL)	58	5	0	4.45	1.43	219.	Joe Smith (TOR)	43	3	0	3.78	1.29	240.	Ryan Buchter (SD)	67	2	2	3.39	1.22
221.	Chad Green (NYY)	102	6	0	4.44	1.32	52.	John Lackey (CHC)	163	12	0	3.72	1.20	188.	Ryan Dull (OAK)	54	3	2	3.56	1.16
230.	Chad Kuhl (PIT)	95	8	0	4.34	1.35	9.	Johnny Cueto (SF)	188	15	0	3.25	1.15	91.	Ryan Madson (OAK)	49	3	24	3.68	1.25
182.	Charlie Morton (HOU)	97	7	0	4.17	1.33	8.	Jon Lester (CHC)	198	15	0	3.21	1.12	69.	Sam Dyson (TEX)	57	3	30	3.39	1.29
14.	Chris Archer (TB)	217	14	0	3.46	1.20	65.	Jonathan Gray (COL)	175	11	0	4.18	1.35	159.	Santiago Casilla (OAK)	54	3	5	3.59	1.27
139.	Chris Deveniski (HOU)	57	3	0	3.32	1.13	115.	Jordan Zimmermann (DET)	118	10	0	4.29	1.32	149.	Scott Kazmir (LAD)	83	6	0	4.01	1.28
192.	Chris Rusin (COL)	70	6	0	4.43	1.42	142.	Jose Berrios (MIN)	96	6	0	4.34	1.35	143.	Sean Doolittle (OAK)	61	3	8	3.22	1.08
5.	Chris Sale (BOS)	225	16	0	3.43	1.13	144.	Jose De Leon (TB)	93	5	0	3.81	1.22	66.	Sean Manaea (OAK)	148	10	0	3.92	1.27
119.	Chris Tillman (BAL)	118	9	0	4.38	1.35	25.	Jose Quintana (CWS)	177	13	0	3.64	1.24	213.	Sergio Romo (LAD)	49	2	1	3.50	1.14
181.	Clay Buchholz (PHI)	108	7	0	4.21	1.31	235.	Josh Hader (MIL)	68	3	0	3.88	1.30	224.	Seth Lugo (NYM)	75	5	0	4.16	1.32
1.	Clayton Kershaw (LAD)	243	17	0	2.36	0.94	217.	Josh Tomlin (CLE)	110	9	0	4.50	1.23	27.	Seung-Hwan Oh (STL)	78	3	36	2.69	1.04
44.	Cody Allen (CLE)	84	3	28	3.05	1.15	238.	Juan Nicasio (PIT)	71	3	1	3.76	1.33	97.	Shawn Kelley (WSH)	69	3	15	3.09	1.09
22.	Cole Hamels (TEX)	191	13	0	3.79	1.29	37.	Julio Teheran (ATL)	169	11	0	3.85	1.22	169.	Shelby Miller (ARI)	128	9	0	4.32	1.40
94.	Collin McHugh (HOU)	158	12	0	3.94	1.29	73.	Julio Urias (LAD)	126	8	0	3.48	1.23	88.	Sonny Gray (OAK)	125	9	0	3.99	1.30
6.	Corey Kluber (CLE)	225	15	0	3.32	1.12	96.	Junior Guerra (MIL)	144	9	0	4.02	1.31	11.	Stephen Strasburg (WSH)	198	13	0	3.31	1.14
202.	Corey Knebel (MIL)	69	3	4	3.77	1.29	232.	Justin Grimm (CHC)	52	2	0	3.48	1.27	56.	Steven Matz (NYM)	149	10	0	3.49	1.23
32.	Craig Kimbrel (BOS)	82	3	36	3.04	1.15	12.	Justin Verlander (DET)	205	14	0	3.51	1.14	179.	Steven Wright (BOS)	100	8	0	4.18	1.34
42.	Dallas Keuchel (HOU)	172	14	0	3.54	1.23	41.	Kelvin Herrera (KC)	73	3	32	2.97	1.12	82.	Taijuan Walker (ARI)	145	10	0	4.27	1.27
187.	Daniel Hudson (PIT)	57	3	2	3.93	1.34	191.	Kendall Graveman (OAK)	111	10	0	4.27	1.37	59.	Tanner Roark (WSH)	146	12	0	3.89	1.28
120.	Daniel Norris (DET)	126	8	0	4.17	1.38	16.	Kenley Jansen (LAD)	89	3	40	2.44	0.92	74.	Tony Watson (PIT)	57	3	31	3.41	1.17
153.	Daniel Straily (MIA)	144	9	0	4.25	1.30	39.	Kenneth Giles (HOU)	86	3	34	3.01	1.18	113.	Trevor Bauer (CLE)	150	10	0	4.29	1.34
33.	Danny Duffy (KC)	172	12	0	3.70	1.24	26.	Kenta Maeda (LAD)	162	12	0	3.57	1.18	163.	Ty Blach (SF)	62	5	0	4.03	1.30
36.	Danny Salazar (CLE)	186	12	0	3.79	1.28	228.	Keone Kela (TEX)	59	3	0	3.62	1.27	104.	Tyler Anderson (COL)	136	10	0	4.12	1.38
172.	Darren O'Day (BAL)	67	3	2	3.30	1.14	53.	Kevin Gausman (BAL)	170	11	0	3.98	1.29	171.	Tyler Chatwood (COL)	123	10	0	4.40	1.46
148.	David Phelps (MIA)	70	4	0	3.33	1.24	216.	Kevin Quackenbush (SD)	48	2	3	3.95	1.31	180.	Tyler Clippard (NYY)	63	4	1	3.95	1.27
24.	David Price (BOS)	161	12	0	3.58	1.19	195.	Kevin Siegrist (STL)	67	3	2	3.60	1.25	210.	Tyler Duffey (MIN)	105	7	0	4.56	1.37
55.	David Robertson (CWS)	77	3	33	3.35	1.20	125.	Koda Glover (WSH)	59	3	17	3.90	1.22	102.	Tyler Glasnow (PIT)	123	7	0	3.91	1.38
62.	Dellin Betances (NYY)	108	4	2	2.50	1.07	184.	Koji Uehara (CHC)	55	3	1	3.09	1.04	109.	Tyler Skaggs (LAA)	130	9	0	3.80	1.30
204.	Derek Law (SF)	46	3	2	3.34	1.20	133.	Kyle Barraclough (MIA)	90	4	6	3.11	1.29	150.	Tyler Thornburg (BOS)	58	3	2	3.74	1.26
77.	Drew Pomeranz (BOS)	124	9	0	3.82	1.27	17.	Kyle Hendricks (CHC)												

Top 10 Sleepers

By Bobby Sylvester

Semantics have it that the term 'sleepers' means something different to each person. What we can all agree on, however, is that nabbing those sleepers is an essential step towards another fantasy championship and thus, the hype surrounding these articles is well deserved. I'll get you to the list, in reverse order, of course, for neurotic effect, but first, let me explain what I mean by sleeper:

- A sleeper is not someone who isn't known in casual baseball circles but will be drafted high (see Trea Turner)
- A sleeper is not someone who you will find hyped up in every article you read (see David Dahl)
- A sleeper is not someone who will be drafted late despite being a big name (see Michael Brantley)
- ...and a sleeper is not someone who will be drafted late and has limited upside (see Devon Travis)

Rather, a sleeper IS someone who is not well known, not hyped and has upside that can win you a league if you nab him in the later rounds. This list is geared towards standard 10 team leagues with 25 players per team. Without further ado, your master list of key sleeper targets:

10. Mitch Haniger (OF – SEA)

When the Seattle Mariners sent Taijuan Walker to the Diamondbacks for Jean Segura, they also acquired a little-known 26-year-old prospect named Haniger. The former first-round pick blew up in 2015 when he compiled an .883 OPS, then he took another leap forward last year, knocking the ball around for an .869 OPS in Double-A then a ridiculous .341/.428/.670 slash line in 74 Triple-A games. Seeing that Seattle is known as a pitcher's park, you might expect a severe drop off, but consider that since moving their fence in, Safeco has been a top-six park for hitting homers. Haniger should have the job from the get go (by the way, he is an excellent defender) and should end up in the conversation for Rookie of the Year.

My 2017 Prediction: 520 AB, 22 HR, 76 RBI, 69 R, 7 SB, .271 BA

9. Cam Bedrosian (RP – LAA)

After tearing up the minors in 2014 with 82 K's and just 16 hits allowed in 45 innings, Bedrosian got his taste of the Majors and was mediocre. Last season, he finally took the step forward we were all waiting for. Among relievers with 40+ innings, Bedrosian ranked 10th in FIP which means Fielding Independent Pitching, a metric that, more accurately than

ERA, displays just how good a pitcher was. Not that you need that with his 1.12 ERA and 51 Ks in 40 IP during 2016. It is only a matter of time before Huston Street (see 6.45 ERA and just 14 K's) loses the job, and when he does, Bedrosian might just snatch it and hang on for a decade.

My 2017 Prediction: 57 IP, 1.94 ERA, 1.13 WHIP, 80 Ks, 29 SVs

8. Kolten Wong (2B – STL)

After knocking 23 HRs and stealing 38 bases in his first 1000 plate appearances, the Cardinals' slick defending second basemen went nuts in the playoffs and cemented his ADP in the top 100. Fast forward one year and after struggling through a shoulder injury, that high-ceiling middle infielder is being undrafted in standard fantasy leagues despite possessing the same upside. The Cardinals had loads of interest for Wong this off-season but insisted on keeping him so you can bet he will remain in the lineup if he stays healthy and seeing that his OPS jumped 18% in the second-half, you can expect his offensive production to progress.

My 2017 Prediction: 489 AB, 14 HR, 53 RBI, 68 R, 17 SB, .274 BA

7. Nick Castellanos (3B – DET)

Trevor Story, Mookie Betts and Manny Machado were the only 24 year olds with a higher OPS than Castellanos last season. Yes, that means he was better offensively than first-round fantasy pick, Bryce Harper and third-round pick, Xander Bogaerts. When you consider that this former top-15 prospect batted .405 one season in the minors, it is easy to forgive the second-half slump and expect him to look more like the .302/.342/.534 type of player that we saw in the first-half and considered an all-star snub. Please, I beg you, do not let someone else in your league reach for him before you do.

My 2017 Prediction: 554 AB, 22 HR, 78 RBI, 60 R, 1 SB, .293 BA

6. Tyler Glasnow (SP – PIT)

Say what you want about Alex Reyes' dominant 40 innings in 2016 and all of his potential, Glasnow is the most polished rookie pitcher this season, as evidenced by his career minor league 2.03 ERA with 11.6 K/9 and just 5.3 H/9. In fact, last season in Triple-A, he was even more impressive than his norm despite being five years younger than the league-average player. This 6'8" rookie consistently throws a 97 MPH fastball and should have no problem solidifying his place in the Pirates rotation this spring on his way to winning the NL Rookie of the Year award.

My 2017 Prediction: 172 IP, 3.49 ERA, 1.29 WHIP, 195 Ks, 11 Ws

5. Carter Capps (RP – SD)

Don't bother looking for his 2016 stats, they don't exist. Capps missed the entire season after receiving Tommy John Surgery. That didn't stop the Padres from acquiring him for Andrew Cashner mid-season, however. Let's do a quick comparison here:

Pitcher	K/9	BB/9	H/9
Carter Capps '15	16.8	2.0	5.2
Aroldis Champan '15	15.7	4.5	5.8

Am I suggesting Capps was better than Chapman? Hmmm... I think that would be an understatement. In fact, Capps' FIP was 1.10, a full 0.61 better than #2, or the same difference above #2 than between #2 and #15. To put it plainly, before he was injured, Capps was really really good. Do you think Brandon Maurer (4.52 ERA, 1.26 WHIP) will be able to hold him off for the closer job? Yeah, me neither. Oh, and now he is pitching in the best ballpark for pitchers.

My 2017 Prediction: 53 IP, 1.49 ERA, 0.91 WHIP, 84 Ks, 27 SVs

4. Yulieski Gurriel (3B – HOU)

If you listen to the FantasyPros Baseball Podcast, you might be shocked he is only #4 on this list. I've said it before and I'll say it again, if you don't reach for him, you don't care about winning. How about another chart?

Player	BA	OBP	SLG	K%
Jose Abreu (final year in Cuba)	.345	.481	.617	14.8%
Yoenis Cespedes (final year in Cuba)	.333	.424	.667	11.3%
Yulieski Gurriel (final year in Cuba)	.500	.589	.874	1.7%
Jose Abreu (MLB rookie year)	.317	.383	.581	23.6%
Yoenis Cespedes (MLB rookie year)	.292	.356	.505	20.9%
Yulieski Gurriel (MLB rookie year)	???	???	???	???

Now, if you apply the same translation rates to Gurriel that Abreu and Cespedes had, then we are talking about Gurriel batting .448/.481/.742 with a 2.9% strikeout rate. Heck, let's even TRIPLE the translation rates for old age and a thinner crop of Cuban talent. That comes out to a .346 hitter with a .479 slugging percentage and just 27 K's over a full season. Now, we've got to be realistic, that .500 BA had to have been BABIP driven and the increased K-rate will continue to cut down on that average, but still, we aren't talking about

a mediocre baseball player here. Remember, he was playing with a bad hammy last year after taking 18 months away from baseball!

My 2017 Prediction: 461 AB, 17 HR, 64 RBI, 55 R, .299 BA, 4 SB

3. Lance Lynn (SP – STL)

I hope you are wondering right now how in the world anyone could be a better sleeper than Gurriel. Well, you start by adding a 29-year-old ace back to a St. Louis Cardinals team that was third in the National League in runs scored last season before upgrading their offense this off-season. Lynn's 60 wins from his rookie season to 2015 were only matched by Max Scherzer, Clayton Kershaw, Zach Greinke, Madison Bumgarner and David Price. His ERA during that time? 3.38 and among the top 10 in baseball. Strikeouts? Yep, he does that too: top fifteen. Even if he comes back at just 80% of his former self, he should still warrant a top 100 pick. Letting him go undrafted is borderline criminal.

My 2017 Prediction: 182 IP, 3.53 ERA, 1.25 WHIP, 160 Ks, 13 Ws

2. Jorge Soler (OF – KC)

I know what you are thinking. Dude batted .238, doesn't steal any bases and couldn't even crack the starting lineup—why would anybody draft Soler? Well let's see—You'll recall Aroldis Chapman was dealt for a top 10 prospect (and more!) while Andrew Miller was traded for a top 30 guy and a top 100 guy. The fact that the former World Series champion Royals traded their stud closer for just Soler should tell you enough. If you need more, consider that in 2014, both Soler and Kris Bryant were 22 years old and played Double-A and Triple-A together. Bryant hit an absurd .325/.438/.661 that year then proceeded to win the MVP last season. Soler was better in 2014! He went .340/.432/.700 and was also named a top five prospect. The only differences since, have been hype and injuries. Also, note that Soler's OPS in the second half last season was .864. That's Manny Machado/Corey Seager territory.

My 2017 Prediction: 482 AB, 26 HR, 77 RBI, 70 R, .270 BA, 2 SB

1. Lance McCullers (SP – HOU)

Ok, maybe McCullers is being drafted too high to be considered a true sleeper, but do you expect me to sit by and let all of you readers miss out on nabbing a Cy Young candidate in the 13th round? No way! I get it, there are injury concerns and he has had some control struggles, but what we saw in July was the real Lance McCullers, he is a true all-world talent. As a 21-year-old, Baseball Reference says he was most similar to Mark Prior. Last year, most similar to Cy-Young candidate Matt Morris. In those two years since he joined the league, his xFIP ranks 12th, right between Corey Kluber and Jon Lester. Here is the list of

pitchers in that time with 10+ K/9: Jose Fernandez, Kershaw, Strasburg, Scherzer, Archer, Sale, Syndergaard and McCullers. Don't miss out.

My 2017 Prediction: 194 IP, 2.92 ERA, 1.24 WHIP, 235 Ks, 15 Ws

Worth Mentioning

Matt Bush (RP – TEX)

Mike Zunino (C – SEA)

Jharel Cotton (SP – OAK)

Brad Miller (SS – TB)

Garrett Richards (SP – LAA)

2017 MLB Top 10 Prospects

By Bobby Sylvester

Ranking prospects is much more of an art than a science. Art is in the eye of the beholder, and so my endeavor is to consider the goals of the readers when building my list. This list will be shaped specifically for fantasy baseball leagues. When those other sites come out with their lists, you may notice that my rankings are quite a bit different. No need worry, this is not a mistake, and there is good reason as to why my list differs. In fact, there are six distinct ways my list is different; let me explain my ranking philosophy before I break down the top 10.

1. This list isn't overflowing with defensive wizards that have cannons for arms, but can't hit one bit.

It used to get on my nerves when I would find a top-70 prospect that was available in my league, only to discover that his offensive ceiling was likely that of Daniel Descalso. Who? Exactly. This player (see Carson Kelly) may end up plenty useful as Yadi's heir in St. Louis, but your fantasy baseball team is definitely going to hurt with a .240/.290/.350 catcher in the lineup. Don't get me wrong, I still consider Kelly a prospect because his bat may develop (in six years), and his glove will almost certainly earn him playing time. I, however, am not of the party that considers power and hit tool of the same importance as arm, speed, and glove tools. Sure, he may pile up WAR, but he isn't going to pile up fantasy championship trophies for you. Give me a guy who can pop the ball out of the yard, but has no glove, no arm, and bricks for feet, and I'll show you a valuable fantasy player. There have been a thousand and one hitters that were hardly considered prospects, all because they couldn't track down a fly ball gracefully. Do any of these names ring a bell? David Ortiz, Matt Holliday, Jason Bay, J.D. Martinez, Josh Willingham. Yes, these types of players will be much higher on my list than other lists. You're welcome.

2. Home MLB ballparks are not important when evaluating MLB players, but they sure are for fantasy.

When Franklin Morales was considered a top prospect, it had nothing to do with the fact that he would be getting shelled in Coors Field every other start. If you think about it, the average game in Coors yields 43% more runs than the average ballpark, so even if he gives up 20% more runs than the average pitcher, he is still a useful pitcher for the Rockies. Morales ended up busting and moving to the bullpen, but even if he hadn't, you don't want a Rockies' pitcher on your fantasy team because 20% more runs than the average pitcher isn't going to cut it. Meanwhile, you've got top hitting prospects, like Dustin Ackley and Mike Zunino, who suffered upon being called up from playing their

home games in Safeco. Sure, their stats don't translate well to a neutral ballpark either, but don't you think their stats would be considerably better if their confidence hadn't been shredded? What's more is that their runs and RBI numbers are impacted by being in lineups that don't produce as many runs (in part because of their ballparks). On FantasyPros' top-400 worldwide prospect list, Coors pitchers will be regarded as such, and Yankees' lefties will be regarded as such. It is also worth noting that if a B+ pitching prospect is in the Cardinals' organization he is much more likely to progress to his potential than a B+ pitching prospect in the Yankee's organization. This is for several reasons: Yadi calls the pitches in St. Louis, the Yankees send all prominent pitching prospects to the bullpen, the Yankees play against AL East lineups, and Yankees' prospects (among other big market teams) are vastly overrated by other ranking sources. If Mason Williams had been a member of the Padres' farm system, you can bet your house he would not have been a top 50 prospect or even a top 100 prospect before his predictable fallout. The bias is evident so we eliminate it in our rankings.

3. The movement of prospect rankings is far more predictable than you might think, so we anticipate and respond proactively.

If you study the trends of prospect rankings you will find a few sure-fire scenarios where you can bet with confidence on movement from season to season. One of these scenarios is when a minor-league player is set to begin his season in one of about a dozen ballparks. If a Mariners' hitting prospect is starting his season in High Desert, or an A's hitter in Midland, or just about any batter in the Pacific League, then you can expect his prospect status to flourish. Meanwhile, if a Padres' pitcher starts in Eugene, a Phillies' pitcher in Lakewood, or a Royals' pitcher in Wilmington, then you can expect his stock to rise. These can, of course, be used for the reverse, and there are several more ballparks that heavily influence ranking volatility.

As previously mentioned, certain organizations end up with overhyped prospects. If there is a Yankees' star bound to break out (see Blake Rutherford) then be ready to see him ranked 20 spots higher than similar prospects. If a player has MLB bloodlines (Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Bo Bichette are two classic examples), then the same can be expected. Another notable cause in movement is that of sophomore minor leaguers. The year after a player is drafted in the early first round, he nearly always jumps 15 to 40 spots in the rankings, even when he puts up pedestrian numbers. As long as the players don't undergo the knife or walk a thousand batters, they will move up the rankings like clockwork. So why not plan for these glaringly obvious changes and build your rankings around them? After all, a player is worth what his trade value is.

We were able to predict the rapid rises of Alex Reyes, Victor Robles, Gleyber Torres, Triston McKenzie, Yadier Alvarez, Eloy Jimenez, Josh Hader, Domingo Acevedo, Stephen

Gonsalvez, Sean Reid-Foley, Josh Staumont, Albert Abreu and of course the new additions like A.J. Puk and Jason Groome. The misses were far and few between. Did we have some special knowledge or get lucky? No. In fact, everyone in the industry could have named each one of those players as likely breakout candidates. The difference is that we rank with the expectation, knowing we will blow it on a couple, but knock the ball out of the park on many more.

4. Players with higher upsides may very well flame out but are overall better values than less risky players.

Other sites don't account for this. They appear to be more worried about swinging and missing on a prospect, so they move these high-end guys (see Kevin Maitan) up their rankings much slower than I will. Even if Maitan doesn't have an all-world performance this season, his first national exposure will surely lead to a lofty ranking next season. It is likely only a matter of time before he is the top prospect in the game, so why not just admit it. If you ran 10,000 simulations like Vegas, or FiveThirtyEight does, players like Maitan may bust 30% of the time, but if they reach their potential (8 WAR per season) just 20% of the time, and somewhere in between (3 WAR on average) the other 40% of the time, then you find an average of 2.8 WAR. Meanwhile, you've got low-ceiling, high-floor prospects (see Nick Gordon) that have a ceiling of only about 2.5 WAR, but was ranked 20 to 40 spots higher than Maitan because you know what you get with Cecchini.

Also, consider that if you are playing dynasty fantasy baseball, your roster spots are limited. As a fantasy manager, it helps to think about things in terms of Above Replacement Value. If your league is 16 teams with five prospects, that makes just 80 total prospects. This means that at any given time you can hypothetically pick up prospect No. 81 off the waiver wire, and be honest with yourself, your league-mates are not smart enough to select the top 80 prospects, so more likely you can find a top-50 prospect in there or someone who has recently emerged as a top-30 prospect. Let's conservatively call replacement level the No. 60 prospect in this scenario. If you own prospect No. 48, who is only likely to produce a wOBA .015 above the replacement level player, then you are virtually wasting a farm spot since you can pick up that production off the waivers, and usually from a player closer to the majors. Rather, you should buy a lottery ticket. Even if your shot in the dark prospect has an 80% chance of not panning out, that doesn't mean you get zero wOBA in those scenarios, it means he is getting you replacement level wOBA since you can just drop him and pick up a replacement level player. Meanwhile, if he breaks out and reaches his potential, you've got yourself an astronomically higher wOBA and a steal of a fantasy player. We built the rankings with this logic nested in.

5. Our rankings weigh fantasy impact stronger than other sources, so 25-year-old rookies are actually considered a prospect.

Most systems weight prospects by which season they will begin to make an impact because winning now is more important than winning in the future, but I take it a step or two further, and thus weight impact more heavily. For each season that 17-year-old is on your roster, he is clogging up a farm spot that could be utilized on someone more impactful. Like anything else, Above Replacement Statistics can be used for farm roster spots. If the average farm roster spot warrants a return of "10x" per year, then each season that very young pitcher sits on your roster developing, should count for 10x subtracted from his estimated future value. Or perhaps an easier way to look at it is that if he is only your farm roster for five seasons he better provide 50x value, which is considerably higher than the average 10x value prospect. This means that even though players like Aledmys Diaz were "old" when they made their MLB debut, they will still be considered prospects in this system.

6. 15-year-old Venezuelans, 32-year-old Koreans, and American high schoolers are prospects too.

Before Alex Rodriguez was a 20-year-old MVP runner-up, he was a 16-year-old American high school student that was also can't miss, superstar prospect. Before Miguel Cabrera was a triple-crown winner, he was a 15-year-old bonafide phenom out of Latin America. Before Yu Darvish struck out 277 MLB hitters in one season, he was a Japanese heart-throb (and their league's version of the Cy Young winner). Just because these players are not currently under contract by MLB teams does not mean they are not prospects. Some are better prospects than top-five draft picks from last season! They should be considered as such. The way I will rank these isn't just by where they would rank if they came over, but weighing in the odds of them ever making the jump to the big leagues and how soon it is expected to happen. Shohei Otani would be considered a Cy Young front-runner the moment he signed a half-billion dollar MLB contract, but because he probably won't come over for another season or two, and might never come over, he drops down our rankings. Think of it this way; in the NFL draft, each pick is assigned a value. Likewise, MLB prospects have this value according to their ranking. Let's say the No. 5 overall prospect is worth 2,500 value points. If there is an 80% chance he comes over, his value drops 20% to 2,000, which is still a very nice prospect.

Now, onto the players...

10. Eloy Jimenez (OF - CHC)

There is a strong possibility Kris Bryant won't be hitting third in the Cubs lineup five years from now. Eloy Jimenez is that dangerous with the bat. In 2013, the Cubs signed the 16-year-old for \$2.8 million out of the Dominican Republic and since, he has morphed into a mythical specimen. At 6'4", 205 lbs, Jimenez hits the ball with more authority than anyone in the minor leagues. The fact that he is still just 19 years old and likely to add more muscle is just icing on the cake. Last season in full-season A-Ball, Jimenez batted .329/.369/.532 despite being one of the youngest players in the league. He isn't some kind of all-or-nothing hitter, rather, his swing looks easy, he crushes line drives, he hits breaking balls. Jimenez bat is the real deal and will almost certainly have him competing for an MVP or five someday.

9. Yadier Alvarez (SP - LAD)

A year after the Dodgers spent \$32 million on this Cuban import, the 6'3" righty is perhaps the most polarizing prospect in baseball. Some rankings will have him down in the 60's, others like me, can't ignore the easy 100+ MPH fastball with three plus breaking pitches and will list him in the Top 10. No, I don't use the term "plus pitches" lightly. The kid has unrivaled potential and after posting 55 strikeouts in 39 innings last season, should take another major step forward in 2017. He is still raw, so any number of things could happen to hinder his development, but if all goes right, we are talking about an annual Cy Young candidate.

8. Gleyber Torres (SS - NYY)

Last summer, the Cubs sent Torres to the Yankees for Aroldis Chapman, a move that likely secured them their first World Series title in over a century. The Yankees? They may have secured 15 years of the next Barry Larkin. Despite playing in a pitcher's haven and being the youngest hitter in the entire league, Torres carried a lofty ISO, which indicates plus power potential. What's more is that he has the speed and base running acumen to steal 20+ bases in the big leagues along with the defensive savvy to stick at shortstop. While he might never be Jeter with the bat, I'll bet the Yankees would settle for .285 with 25 HRs and 20 SBs.

7. Andrew Benintendi (OF - BOS)

You are about to discover that most of the baseball world considers the Red Sox rookie dynamo the top prospect in baseball. He was superb in his 105 at bat debut, continuing off a .312/.378/.532 blitz through the minor leagues last season, but the hype is a little too strong for my taste and built in the wrong areas. Benintendi is clearly on his way to being a top five defensive outfielder in the majors, but unfortunately, that doesn't

count for anything in fantasy baseball. Likewise, he has an unprecedented BB/K ratio, but again, not fantasy relevant. While his ISO is off the charts, Benintendi's small frame is already filled out to the max, so his offensive ceiling is capped. Don't read me wrong, he is still a future MLB star, but 5×5 fantasy legend? Not quite.

6. Lucas Giolito (SP - CWS)

You've already read about Yadier Alvarez near-unbelievable repertoire of pitches, and soon you will have your jaw drop about three other starting pitchers, but when it comes to ceiling, Giolito outmatches them all. He is far from polished, with a 4.60 ERA and 154 hits allowed in 133 innings last season, but remember, Noah Syndergaard and some guy named Randy Johnson were far worse before obliterating major league lineups. Am I suggesting Giolito is the next Big Unit? Not exactly, but at 6'6" and 255 pounds with a blazing fastball, Roger Clemens comps are not off-base. Reaching that ceiling isn't a walk in the park, so don't bank on seven Cy Young's and a 24-year career, but do not ignore a man with raw ability that exceeds even Stephen Strasburg's.

5. Victor Robles (OF - WAS)

The Nationals could have hung onto Giolito and perhaps even Reynaldo Lopez if they had only been willing to deal Robles, but that was just not going to happen. This 19-year-old is a legitimate five-tool talent with intangibles that make reaching his huge potential seem inevitable. All he has done since joining the minors at 17 years old is perform. He slashed .323/.429/.505 in Rookie Ball then proceeded to bat .343 in Low-A-Ball and .305 with both power and speed in his next promotion. A broken thumb derailed the close of his season, but you can be sure he will post a huge OPS, steal 35+ bases and play top-notch defense once again this season, no matter the league. His ceiling comp is Larry Walker, which might be unfair to put on anyone, let alone a 19-year-old, but the kid sure can play some baseball.

4. Yoan Moncada (2B/3B/OF - CHW)

Along with Benintendi, you will find Moncada at the top of several prospect lists. Like Robles, he is oozing with tools and like Torres, he tore up Single-A despite being one of the younger players in the league. He took a year off baseball to move from Cuba, then somehow proceeded to get on-base at a .400 clip, slugging over .500 and stealing 94 bases in his first 187 games. There is good reason as to why the White Sox dealt Chris Sale to add Moncada to their club. With that being said, his power potential limits his fantasy upside so we aren't talking about a Mike Trout or Bryce Harper. Rather, a Carl Crawford like career could be in store for fantasy owners.

3. Tyler Glasnow (SP - PIT)

When you consistently throw a 98 MPH fastball as a prospect, you are bound to get plenty of attention. Add in the fact that Glasnow is 6'8" and it's no wonder Glasnow has posted a video game stat line in 500 minor league innings. His 2.03 ERA and 11.6 K/9 are dwarfed by a minuscule .165 batting average against. To put that into perspective, that's Kenley Jansen territory, but as a starting pitcher. Glasnow's command may prevent him from dominating from the get-go, but there is a real chance that the Pirates' new ace could someday be challenging some of Nolan Ryan's single season records.

2. Shohei Otani (SP/OF - Japan)

There isn't enough space in the universe, let alone in this article, to write about the wonder that is this 21-year-old legend. Here is my short-ish breakdown of the modern day Babe Ruth from last summer. He nearly came over this winter after leading his team to a championship, so next year seems like a pretty good bet and we might just be talking about a half billion dollar contract in 10 months.

1. Alex Reyes (SP - STL)

I almost feel illegitimate for ranking anyone above Otani, but the fact of the matter is that Otani could blow his arm out tomorrow or decide to stay in Japan or we could find out he could just become another Sidd Finch. Reyes, on the other hand, has already put MLB hitters to shame and looks poised to become the Cardinals ace this season. At 6'3", 175 pounds, it is easy to imagine he could beef up and add a few ticks to his 102 MPH fastball. Anthony Rizzo is about to announce his retirement after reading that sentence. Or perhaps Yadi will demand a trade to avoid a career-ending hand injury. It isn't common for a 21-year-old to join a playoff race mid-season and proceed to strike out 52 hitters in 46 innings while allowing just 33 hits for a 1.57 ERA. To think he is just scratching the surface of his potential...!

Notable Exclusions

You will likely find that virtually every other major prospect prognosticator has Dansby Swanson, J.P. Crawford and Brendan Rodgers in their top 10, probably even in that order. If my list even remotely considered Gold Glove potential, Swanson may be ranked at the tip top. Likewise, if batting eye was a skill in demand for fantasy teams, I'd, too, be drooling over J.P. Crawford. And for Rodgers, well, let's just say Eloy, Yadier and Gleybar should end up as top four prospects with Robles this time next year, so Rodgers was simply passed up in anticipation.

10 Mistakes Not to Repeat from Last Year's Draft

By Dan Harris

I'm trying to think back to when I first started playing fantasy baseball. Things were certainly different then. My cell phone looked like it belonged to Zack Morris. I could have a few drinks at night and not wake up feeling like I had been hit by a bus. Life was simpler.

And yet, some things remain the same. Despite playing fantasy baseball at a level that my wife affectionately calls "dangerously obsessive," I still look back at every fantasy season realizing that I made a bunch of mistakes in my drafts.

One year, that perfect draft will come, and this article will morph into "10 Awesome Things to Do Again at This Year's Draft." But for now, let's take a look at 10 mistakes not to repeat from last year's draft.

1. Drafting a closer before the later rounds

Yes, Aroldis Chapman is super safe, Kenley Jansen is exciting, and everyone other than Buck Showalter knows that Zach Britton is unhittable (too soon?). But seriously, with how few innings relievers throw, saves are really all you need to be thinking about when drafting a reliever, and there are going to be a gazillion of them available. As last season showed, whether it's late-rounders like Fernando Rodney and Alex Colome, or waiver wire pickups like Seung-hwan Oh and Ryan Madson, you can get saves pretty much anywhere if you do the slightest bit of diligence. The elite guys are enticing, but there's no reason to waste an early pick.

2. Locking up your utility spot too early

You should be thinking about the best player available early on, of course, but you need to avoid locking up your utility spot too early. No matter how great the value is, it's almost never worth it. You wind up being forced to pass on quality players in the middle rounds because you don't have any spot to start them. There's a time when flexibility isn't so important, but you need to keep your options open early on.

3. Winging the early part of your draft

I'm a big proponent of being mocked and loaded (man, I use that joke every year and it just keeps getting funnier, right?). Doing mock drafts is essential to getting the right feel of the flow of a draft and being able to develop a strategy. But, even if you don't spend the time practicing, you need to, at the very least get a feel for how your first five rounds will look. Check the FantasyPros ADP and get a sense of the group of players who will be available at your draft spot through the first four or five rounds. You don't want any surprises early on when you'll need to be building the backbone of your team.

4. Not having an alternative to your host website's rankings

If you play on a bunch of different sites, you know that some rankings that you see in a draft room seem crazy. And when that happens, you're going to miss guys you want because you simply don't see them when you're on the clock. Have a set of rankings or the FantasyPros expert consensus rankings available to consult during your draft just to make sure you're not missing anything. You can, and in my opinion should, use the FantasyPros Draft Wizard, which legitimately connects to your draft and gives expert consensus rankings suggestions in real time. I used it for football this year and it is glorious.

5. Forgetting to check position eligibility rules before the draft

Is it five games played for a player to gain position eligibility? 10? 20? Is it games played or games started? Position-eligibility rules vary on every site and in almost every league, and you need to know which player qualifies where. A player may not look so hot with just first base eligibility, but he looks a whole lot better with second base, third base, and outfield eligibility on top of it. Take a few minutes and check the rules before the draft.

6. Getting too cute in the early rounds

Oh, that tantalizing upside. It's incredibly difficult to be disciplined when you're staring at youngsters oozing with potential. But you know the old adage – you can't win your league in the early part of the draft, but you can lose it. The early rounds are about banking as much boring and guaranteed production as you possibly can, and you can't get too cute in the beginning of your draft. That doesn't mean forgoing players with upside, of course, but just make sure you've got a strong base before grabbing that cool sleeper.

7. Getting too safe in the late rounds

Now here's the time to look past guaranteed production and have a little fun. If you're playing in a really deep league, then you might need some solid but unspectacular production out of that 20th-round pick. But beyond that, there's really little point in wasting a late-round pick on someone with limited upside. Now's the time to shoot the moon. Have a list of upside players who will be available in the late rounds and let them fly. You'll only need one to pan out to change your entire draft

8. Getting caught up in a position run

This happens every year, doesn't it? You're cruising along, feeling good, and then, "Huh, look at that, two shortstops just went . . . now a third . . . there's another . . . oh no!" Before you know it, you're jumping to draft Erick Aybar at the expense of, you know, players who

might actually help you this season. If you're at the last player in a tier and it's relatively in line with your rankings, sure, go ahead and reach a bit if there's a run. But other than that, try to ignore it. It just means there's plenty of great value left at other positions.

9. Not having a backup (or three) in your queue

The worst of all mistakes, particularly if you're picking at or close to the turns. You've got your pick all ready to go and just before it gets to you, boom, there goes your selection. You then take most of the next 90 seconds scrambling to figure out a backup plan and, usually, it doesn't work out. Have your pick ready, of course, but always work under the assumption that the player won't be there, and have at least a few options waiting in your queue.

10. Failing to stay focused

Draft day is like Christmas morning for me and most of my buddies. The draft room chat is filled with jokes, vulgarities, and insults over recent picks. You're coasting along, busting some chops, and suddenly you look up and you're on the clock. Wait, where did Nelson Cruz go? Did someone take Carlos Martinez? What just happened? Look, no one is saying you need to miss out on the usual banter that goes on between buddies, but you always need to have your eye on the ball. Don't lose your focus.

Ranking the Closing Situations

By Dan Harris

Ah, saves. They can be a fickle mistress. Between injury and ineffectiveness, somewhere between a third and half of all closing situations will have some turnover this season. Finding the right guy or guys can seriously make your season.

Of course, we're looking for talented relievers who will perform well. But, more than any other position, a successful fantasy closer depends on his situation. How good is the team on which he pitches? How effective is the guy behind him in the bullpen? What's the likelihood that he's going to be dealt in the middle of the season?

So, with that in mind, let's take a look at the closing situations around MLB for fantasy purposes. These are obviously subject to change, as teams continue to augment their bullpen pieces and more news comes out about the pecking order as we get closer to the season. But, for now, here is your closing situation breakdown, ranked from least to most desirable for fantasy purposes.

Prepare for your fantasy baseball draft using our Draft Simulator tool >>

30. Brewers (projected closer: Committee)

I can't even give you guys a name, man. We just really don't know at this point whether it's going to be Corey Knebel or the recently-signed Neftali Feliz. Knebel has the stuff, for sure, and took over eighth-inning duties after Tyler Thornburg assumed the closer's duties. But he has major control issues, with an 11% walk rate, which is pretty much the worst thing for a closer. Neftali Feliz had a decent season with the Pirates in 2015, but is far from a sure thing. Still, Feliz assuming the closer's role might be an easy way to bring Knebel along slowly. My guess is that, considering that the Brewers are rebuilding, they'll give Knebel the shot early, but it's far from a sure thing. It's certainly not a situation to target at this stage of the game.

29. Twins (projected closer: Glen Perkins)

Perkins missed almost all of 2016 after succumbing to a shoulder injury. The Twins hope he'll be ready for Spring Training, but shoulder injuries can be tricky, especially for pitchers entering their age-34 season. Brandon Kintzler filled in admirably for Perkins last season, and Trevor May is likely the closer of the future. But it would be a huge surprise if the Twins didn't give a healthy Perkins the ninth-inning role. Whether Perkins will be healthy and/or effective remains to be seen, of course, leaving him a very unappealing option for saves.

28. Phillies (projected closer: Joaquin Benoit)

Benoit has quietly been pretty awesome over the last several years, with an ERA above 3.00 just once over his last seven seasons. He'll now join the Phillies on a one-year deal, presumably to be their closer. But Jeanmar Gomez did an adequate job last season before floundering late, and Hector Neris is a rising star. Still, the Phillies looked like they wanted Andrew Bailey to have the role last year before he got injured, so it seems like they'd prefer a veteran presence to run the show. Even so, it will be a shock if Benoit doesn't get dealt at the trade deadline, so while Benoit should be fine (assuming he gets the job), he'll likely only be in the role for about a half season, at most.

27. Angels (projected closer: Huston Street)

You know what's bad? A 6.41 FIP. You know what's worse? When that 6.41 FIP is lower than your ERA. It's fair to say that Huston Street had an abysmal season in 2016, pitching to an awful ERA and WHIP with terrible velocity, and missing the majority of the season to oblique and knee injuries. With Andrew Bailey and the rising Cam Bedrosian ready to take the role, it's possible that Street has seen his last save opportunity for the Angels. But Mike Scioscia is old school, and my guess is he gives Street the first opportunity to run with the job. Prior to last season, Street hadn't finished a year with an ERA higher than 3.00 since 2011, so it's fair to give him a bit of a pass last season. But with all the uncertainty, at this early stage, it's impossible to feel comfortable drafting anyone from this bullpen.

26. Reds (projected closer: Drew Storen)

Welcome to your last situation where we think we have an idea who will be closing for the team on Opening Day. The Reds bullpen was somewhere between a disaster and . . . a really big disaster last season. J.J. Hoover started as the closer before everyone remembered he was J.J. Hoover. Tony Cingrani somehow did well as the closer despite being a lefty that relies on deception, and the Reds insisted on keeping Raisel Iglesias in that weird multi-inning, swing-man role. They've now signed Drew Storen, and clearly want him to be the closer, but he's just never recovered from the Jonathan Papelbon signing back in 2015, pitching to a 5.23 ERA last year between the Blue Jays and the Mariners. Storen will be the guy if he can hold the role (until he's traded mid-season), but that's very up in the air, and Michael Lorenzen is waiting to take the job if Storen slips up. At this point, my confidence level in this situation is a Blumsky-like 0.0.

25. Braves (projected closer: Jim Johnson)

Johnson had a quietly solid season for the Braves last year, nailing down 20 saves with a 3.06 ERA and 1.19 WHIP and striking out more than a batter per inning. Despite it being a rebuilding year, the Braves just refused to give Mauricio Cabrera an extended look in the closer's role. Now, the Braves are on the rise, and will be looking to win as many games as possible. Johnson should get the first opportunity, but he's obviously struggled at several points in his career. He's one of those guys that you draft because he's got the job, you turn

off the television every time he's on, and you hope at the end of the day that he's still standing. Far from a ringing endorsement, but what do you want when we're this far down the list?

24. Diamondbacks (projected closer: Fernando Rodney)

Rodney was a first half Fantasy All-Star last season, as he excelled with the Padres, converting all 17 of his save chances and dominating to the tune of a 0.31 ERA and a 0.87 WHIP. He was then traded to the Marlins, where he remembered he was Fernando Rodney, and was generally terrible. It appears that the Diamondbacks intend to make him their closer, but he's incredibly unlikely to hold the job all year, either because of ineffectiveness or because he'll be traded. Jake Barrett is probably next in line, but Rodney's shaky status is more about his likely poor performance rather than a strong option behind him.

23. Padres (projected closer: Brandon Maurer)

Although most fantasy pundits expected Ryan Buchter to get the first shot at closing after the Padres dealt Fernando Rodney last season, Brandon Maurer got the job and ran with it, piling up 13 saves. But Maurer simply has not been reliable throughout his career, and has always had trouble keep runners off the bases. Buchter has certainly been less of a roller coaster in his brief career, though he similarly struggles with his control. Maurer has earned the opportunity to be the closer, and is actually several years younger than Buchter, which should work in his favor as the Padres are not expected to be in contention. But he's far from a sure thing.

22. Athletics (projected closer: Ryan Madson)

Um, I guess? Ryan Madson held down the closer's role for almost all of 2016, and is under control for two more years, so he's a better option than the hodgepodge we're about to get to. But the A's just signed ex-Giants closer Santiago Casilla to a two-year deal, have former closer Sean Doolittle under control for five more seasons, and have an unhittable youngster in Ryan Dull just waiting for his opportunity. So, the odds on Madson holding the job all season are slim. But, we all said the same thing last year, and somehow that dude was still standing at the end of the season. So, he's not the worst option if you're searching for saves. But, with all the other options behind him in that A's bullpen, he's kind of close.

21. Nationals (projected closer: Shawn Kelley)

There's no way that the Nationals will rank this low if I re-do this article closer to the start of the season, as they will almost certainly fill their closer's role with an established name or at least give fantasy owners some more clarity. But for now, with Mark Melancon and Jonathan Papelbon both gone, it's a little unsettled. Shawn Kelley is coming off two fine seasons and had seven saves last year, so he'll likely get the first crack at the job, with Blake

Treinen the main threat. If Kelley has the role all year, he'd make a fine option, but there's just too much uncertainty for him to rank higher at this stage.

20. Rockies (projected closer: Adam Ottavino)

Ottavino was primed to run with the closer's role in 2015 before tearing the UCL in his elbow and going down with Tommy John surgery. He returned last year and was protected, before taking over the closer's role in the final third of the season and doing well with it. Ottavino is no kid (he's 31 years old), but he's the type of hard-throwing, low-WHIP, high-strikeout pitcher that can be successful in Colorado. Jake McGee should be a fine set-up man, and Carlos Estevez, Jason Motte, and Chad Qualls should provide some decent bullpen depth. But this is Ottavino's job if he can hold it and, if healthy, he should. Obviously, Colorado is not a place to go for a ton of save chances, but any closer with job security and adequate performance has decent value.

19. Pirates (projected closer: Tony Watson)

Watson had a bit of a down season in 2016, though he did rack up 15 saves once Mark Melancon was traded to the Nationals at the deadline. He's a bit of a mixed bag as a closer, as he doesn't miss bats at a typical closer rate, but he limits baserunners with the best of them. The Pirates signed Daniel Hudson to a two-year deal and do have a bevy of solid relief pitchers, so it's possible they look to deal Watson before the season begins. But for now, Watson is slated to be the closer on a team that should be in contention and win a lot of close games. That's a good place to look for saves.

18. Rangers (projected closer: Sam Dyson)

Dyson did a great job last season once he took over the closer's role from Shawn Tolleson, notching 38 saves with a 2.43 ERA. That should earn him the role to start the season. But there are a few troubling signs. First, Dyson really doesn't profile as a closer, since he's a ground-ball pitcher with a mediocre strikeout rate and a 1.28 career WHIP. Second, the Rangers have a built-in replacement should Dyson falter in Jeremy Jeffress, who was fantastic closing for the Brewers in 2016 before the trade to the Rangers. Finally, they have Matt Bush, who profiles as a closer and has the fastest slider known to man (other than Noah Syndergaard, of course). In other words, there are a lot of threats to Dyson's job. But Dyson has earned some slack and plays on a good team, so there are still plenty of worse options.

17. Tigers (projected closer: Francisco Rodriguez)

It's amazing that K-Rod is still getting it done, now with 430 saves and counting. He had another fine season in 2016, totaling 44 saves and pitching to a 3.24 ERA. But his walks were up and his strikeout rate was the worst of his career. Now 35 years old with a ton of

mileage on his arm, the end may come quickly. He's also in the final year of his contract, and the Tigers aren't expected to be very good, making K-Rod a prime trade candidate. Still, he's an established closer who definitely has the job to start the season, and safety is half the battle. I doubt Rodriguez racks up another 40 saves, but he should be a fine, lower-tier closer for most of the season.

16. Marlins (projected closer: A.J. Ramos)

Look, I like A.J. Ramos, but when you lose your job to Fernando Rodney, I can't fully trust you, ok? Ramos did rack up 40 saves last year and had what looked like his usual stellar season, but his WHIP ballooned to 1.36, and his walk rate has always been too high for a closer anyway. From Kyle Barraclough (pronounced "Bearclaw" – best name ever) to Brad Ziegler (pronounced "Zig-ler" – no bearing on anything but why leave him out?), there are plenty of reliable options if Ramos falters. So, decent but not elite closer + solid options behind him = meh, I'm a little nervous. But, at the same time, Ramos is the guy for now, so he remains above that class of truly messy closer situations, which we are rapidly approaching.

15. Astros (projected closer: Ken Giles)

What a crazy year for the Astros bullpen, huh? The team gives up a king's ransom in a trade for Giles, then Luke Gregerson wins the job out of spring training, only to lose it to Will Harris, who then finally gives it to Giles. Weird. Giles looked like he figured things out at the end of the season, and will be the presumptive closer. A.J. Hinch has to know that swapping closers in and out is a losing strategy, so expect Giles to have a little bit of a leash this season. Given his uneven performance and obvious competition for the job, Giles is not the safest pick, but he carries as much or more potential than almost any other closer.

14. Indians (projected closer: Cody Allen)

This is a weird one, because the Indians bullpen is borderline elite. And late last season and in the playoffs, it became clear that Andrew Miller and Bryan Shaw would pitch in the late innings and Allen would shut the door. That's all well and good if it holds, but if you've followed Allen over the last two seasons, you know that he has a tendency to hit major rough patches, finishing six months out of his last 12 with an ERA of 5.00 or greater. He's also coming off a career high in innings. Plus, Terry Francona won't hesitate to hold Miller back for the ninth inning if there are tough lefties on the slate even if Allen is going well. Allen should be a solid closer this season, but there's enough doubt and enough threats to his job to move him down the list.

13. Mets (projected closer: Jeurys Familia)

Familia's performance dipped a bit last season, but he's racked up 94 saves over the past two seasons with decent peripherals, making him a top option. More than his performance, the issue is obviously Familia's arrest for domestic violence this offseason. Although the charges have been dropped, he will undoubtedly be suspended for some length of time. That uncertainty would ordinarily drop Familia far lower in the ranks, but his incredible amount of opportunities and the certainty of his backup (Addison Reed) allows you to guarantee a lock down of the Mets' closer's role for the entire season if you so choose. Given the Mets' lack of offense and incredible pitching, guaranteeing yourself the Mets closer should lead to 50-plus saves.

12. White Sox (projected closer: David Robertson)

Robertson really struggled last year, seeing a drop in strikeouts, a rise in walks, and a massive jump in WHIP. Entering his age-32 season, it's possible that Robertson is truly entering his decline phase. Add to this that the White Sox are obviously in rebuilding mode, and there's a better than average chance that Robertson is not with the White Sox all year. The good news is that, other than Nate Jones, there doesn't appear to be much of a threat to Robertson's job, and he's getting paid closer money, that's for sure. So, until and unless he gets dealt, he's very safe. Robertson is your classic mid-tier closer, but just don't think of him as that sure-fire strikeout artist that we've come to know.

11. Rays (projected closer: Alex Colome)

Given the opportunity after Brad Boxberger hurt his oblique in Spring Training, Colome emerged from the dreaded closer-by-committee situation early and never looked back. He was one of the true breakout stars of 2016, pitching to a 1.91 ERA and a 1.02 WHIP, and racking up 37 saves and 71 strikeouts in 56 2/3 innings. Boxberger at his best isn't as good as Colome, so there shouldn't be much threat to Colome's role. The only minor worry is that Colome will be arbitration-eligible after this season, and remaining in the closer's role this year will make him more expensive for the notoriously stingy Rays. But, more likely, the Rays will attempt to compete and worry about how to handle the costs later. Colome should be in for a very solid season once again.

10. Mariners (projected closer: Edwin Diaz)

I can't tell if this ranking is way too high or way too low. If there's one reliever who could be the next Chapman or Jansen, here's your guy. Diaz was dynamite last season after taking over for Steve Cishek, with 18 saves and an incredible 15.3 strikeouts per nine innings. There are few complaints about his performance, but two things keep me from pushing him up this list: his age (will be just 23 years old this season) and the presence of Cishek and Tony Zych, both of whom are ready to step in if Diaz slips up. But Diaz is one of the few guys who can affect your strikeout numbers, and he has the potential to be a top 5 closer. The massive upside outweighs the risks.

9. Royals (projected closer: Kelvin Herrera)

Freed from the enormous shadows of Greg Holland and Wade Davis last season, Herrera showed what he could do in the ninth inning, locking down 12 saves and striking out nearly 11 batters per nine innings. Now, with some experience as the closer and only a well-past-his-prime Joakim Soria as competition, expect Herrera to have the closer's role and pile up the saves on a team that will provide him with plenty of chances. Absent an injury, it would be pretty shocking if he does not finish the year as a top 10 closer.

8. Cardinals (projected closer: Seung-Hwan Oh)

The Final Boss was a dominant closer in South Korea and Japan before coming over to MLB last year, and he didn't disappoint once he took over for the ineffective Trevor Rosenthal. Oh has everything you want in a closer – a lot of strikeouts, few baserunners, and nerves of steel. Still, prior to last season's disaster, Rosenthal was a borderline elite closer (which shows you the volatility of relievers, by the way), and there's at least some shot he regains his command and tries to win the job back, despite the rumors that he's moving to a multi-inning role. But Oh has earned the job for now, and he's done nothing to make you think he'll lose it going forward. He should be plenty safe.

7. Red Sox (projected closer: Craig Kimbrel)

This is called a pitcher in decline, kids. Three straight years of an increase in ERA and WHIP for Kimbrel (it's actually five straight years, but I'm not killing the guy when his ERA goes from 1.01 to 1.21, you know?), and he battled injury last year. Plus, most concerning of all for any closer, he saw a spike in his walk rate in 2016. So, add it all up and it's not great. But a declining Craig Kimbrel is still better than the vast majority of relievers, and he is still one of the few closers capable of making a dent in your season strikeout totals. He's also pitching for a team that should win a preposterous amount of games, leading to a ton of save chances. But it's worth noting that the Red Sox now have an extremely capable backup closer in Tyler Thornburg waiting to take over if Kimbrel slips, and that makes the Red Sox situation a little dicey. Still, Kimbrel is solid enough and has enough job security to be a pretty comfortable pick.

6. Blue Jays (projected closer: Roberto Osuna)

One of 2016's biggest draft day bargains, Osuna was surprisingly named the closer over Drew Storen just before the season started, and man, did he deliver. He had nearly a carbon copy stat line to his 2015 season (2015 stat line of 2.58 ERA, 0.92 WHIP, 9.7 K/9; 2016 stat line of 2.68 ERA, 0.93 WHIP, 10 K/9). The only difference was that he held the closer's role all season, and so went from 20 saves in 2015 to 36 saves in 2016. There should be more of the same for the youngster this year, with no real threat (I love you,

Jason Grilli, you maniac, but you're not taking this job) and pitching for a team that should again be competitive. He's an outstanding option.

5. Chicago Cubs (projected closer: Wade Davis)

Davis had another fine season for the Royals last year, and although his ERA rose almost a full point (to a still absurdly low 1.87), he had an identical FIP to 2015, showing that it was mostly bad luck. But he battled forearm injuries all season, and forearm injuries are often precursors to elbow injuries which are often precursors to "Oh no, my closer needs Tommy John surgery." The Cubs have obviously done their diligence, and Davis will surely have a clean bill of health coming into the season. There are plenty of options behind Davis if he falters (Carl Edwards, Hector Rondon, Koji Uehara), but he's an elite reliever and should be fine. The health concerns drop him to the second tier of relievers, but, for now, he should still be considered an excellent option.

4. Giants (projected closer: Mark Melancon)

In probably the most predictable signing of the winter, the Giants inked Melancon to a then-record (and now ho-hum) deal for \$62 million over four years. It's a perfect deal for the Giants, who desperately needed relief help, and an equally great deal for Melancon, who remains in the NL with a great team and in a fantastic park. The only thing that separates Melancon from the truly elite closers is his strikeout rate, but he's otherwise as good as you can get. Expect 40-plus saves, fantastic ratios, and zero concern about job security once again.

3. Dodgers (projected closer: Kenley Jansen)

Remember that year that Jansen had a strikeout rate of less than 13.0 per nine innings? Me neither. Jansen may have gained some fame in the regular baseball community with his impressive post-season, but fantasy players have known how good he is for years. The best part is that his talent is put to good use for fantasy purposes, as he has converted 44, 36, and 47 saves the last three seasons. With miniscule ratios and enormous strikeout numbers and playing on a competitive team, Jansen is simply everything you want in a closer.

2. Yankees (projected closer: Aroldis Chapman)

Joe Maddon's weird deployment of Chapman in the World Series notwithstanding, it was business as usual for the big lefty in 2016, as he racked up 36 saves (despite missing a month with a suspension) with monster strikeout totals and a miniscule WHIP. Now back with the Yankees on a long-term deal, Chapman should garner every save opportunity, with Dellin Betances returning to his eighth-inning role. Chapman is nearly as good as it gets for a fantasy closer, and checks in just behind Britton.

1. Orioles (projected closer: Zach Britton)

The secret is now out on Britton, who was quietly one of the top closers in the league from 2014-2015 but never quite got his due in the fantasy community. Now, after a season in which he gave up just SEVEN earned runs the entire season and was maddeningly left on the bench in the AL Wild Card Game, Britton is going to be one of the first relievers drafted, if not the top choice. And he definitely should be. Brad Brach and Darren O'Day are fine, but Britton will need to completely implode to lose his job, and the Orioles should provide him with plenty of saves, as usual. He may not have quite the strikeout numbers of the guys ranked behind him, but he also wasn't seriously overworked in the playoffs last year. So, he's the top choice in my book.

Fantasy Baseball Auction Draft Tips

By Dan Harris

I still love a good fantasy baseball draft, but as anyone who has done an auction before will tell you, auctions are just . . . better. You want to get Mike Trout and Paul Goldschmidt? Cool. You want to grab five of the top 10 starting pitchers? Have at it. The world is your oyster.

My first fantasy baseball auction was in 2006. I grabbed a random magazine off the shelf, used its values as a guide, kind of randomly filled in my team, and had a pretty decent season. That was a lot of fun. The next seven seasons of using that same strategy and leaving the auction with a team that had no shot of finishing higher than sixth? Not quite as much fun.

Heading into the 2014 season, I was seriously dreading my league's auction. Thankfully, that offseason, I discovered the book, "Winning Fantasy Baseball" by Larry Schechter, one of the all-time great fantasy baseball auction players. I devoured it, tabbed it, and read it again. And, believe me when I say, I have not had a single fantasy baseball auction since that I left feeling unhappy about my team. Not one. It's almost impossible to leave an auction feeling like you screwed up if you follow the book's teachings.

So, my number one piece of advice, if you are serious about succeeding at your fantasy baseball auction, buy Winning Fantasy Baseball and model your auction preparation and execution after it. But, truthfully, it will involve an INCREDIBLE amount of time and preparation to do what the book advises. So, while I would still recommend buying and reading the book, I understand that ~95% of you won't have the time or desire to become the next Larry Schechter.

Thus, my second piece of advice is to follow this article. I absolutely base my preparation and strategy after the teachings in Winning Fantasy Baseball. But, I do take various shortcuts in my auction prep, and I also modify a few of Schechter's strategies (I think a little more flexibility is needed when you're dealing with leagues with your buddies instead of LABR or Tout Wars).

I'm not tooting my own horn here, I promise you. I fully admit to being one of the world's worst fantasy baseball auction players four seasons ago. But this strategy WILL work if you do it correctly, and I have taught it to a few of my league mates and their auctions instantly improved.

So, are you ready? Let's dive in. To put your auction goal into one sentence, it is this: **Leave your auction with more value than anyone else.**

Now, there's more to it than that, but that's pretty much what you're shooting for. Basically, there are three components to achieving this goal:

1. Create reliable auction values
2. Build a spending plan and identify targets
3. Buy a balanced team while getting the most value for your dollar

Let's take them one at a time:

Create reliable auction values

What does leaving your auction with more value than anyone else mean? Well, everyone starts with \$260 in auction dollars and, if everyone does it right, they will all spend their full \$260. Your goal is to spend your \$260, but walk away with significantly more in value. \$300. \$320. \$360. Whatever it is, your goal is to get a ton more than \$260 and, if possible, more value than anyone else.

Ok, that all sounds good, but how do you measure that value? And that's where the first step comes in – creating reliable auction values. This is the key, guys. You need to have values you can trust, otherwise, even executing the rest of your auction perfectly won't mean much.

Now, if/when you read Schechter's book, you're going to read that in order to formulate your values, meaning you should a) create your own player projections, b) calculate your league's standard gain points (SGPs) (that means how much a single run, homer, steal, RBI, or point in batting average is worth in the standings in your league based on the league's history), c) manually run a replacement value for each position, and d) pass out from exhaustion.

I made "d" up, but you see what I'm getting at, right? I have done all that before, and it's an incredibly rewarding process that will age you seven years and have your spouse threatening to divorce you. But, if you have the time for it, go forth young squire!

If you're like me, however, you need to pull a shortcut and that starts with an auction calculator, which you can input your budget, how many teams are in your league, the type of league, etc., and it will spit out auction values tailored to your league's parameters. So, for the most part, it does a lot of your work for you.

I use the FantasyPros auction calculator and here's why. The player stat projections are the LIFEBLOOD of your values. Differences of a few home runs or steals in projections can greatly impact values. Projections are what it's all about, and that is why Schechter advises you to create your own – so that you know that you're comfortable with them.

The reason I rely on the FantasyPros auction calculator is because it is based on aggregated projections from several major sites and projection systems. As with the expert consensus rankings, why would you rely on just one expert opinion when you can rely on the average of several reputable sources?

So, personally, as my free time to do offseason fantasy baseball preparation has been replaced with time pretending to be one of the villains from Kung Fu Panda and having fake tea parties, I've quit doing it all myself and now rely on FantasyPros (don't worry, there's still plenty you'll be doing yourself). There's a free version, which will give you most of what you need, but because I'm anal and my league settings and roster positions are a little funky, I use the premium version, which allows you to customize your values up the wazoo.

Whether you do it yourself (cray cray), or use the FantasyPros auction calculator (the best option, in my humble opinion), the most important thing is to create auction values you feel comfortable with. Because if your goal is to walk away from the auction with way more than \$260 in value, you need to feel comfortable with how you're measuring that value.

One final point on values: Whether you use the auction calculator or do it all yourself, you're going to need to come up with a "split" of your budget – the percentage allocated toward hitters vs. pitchers. The general standard is anywhere between 65%/35% and 70%/30% for a hitting/pitching breakdown. Play around with the split, see which values strike you as right. Personally, I tend to go with a 68%/32% split, which seems to be how my leagues play out. And just an FYI, the auction calculator here has this option!

Build a spending plan and identify targets

Ok, we've got some awesome auction values! Now what? Well, now we need to craft a rough plan as to how we are going to be able to buy way more value than the money we spend. And that leads us to step two; build a spending plan and identify targets. They go hand-in-hand a bit, but I'll separate them out to make it easier to understand.

Building a spending plan

Above all else, do not go into an auction saying "I'm walking out of here with x player" or "I'm spending \$35 on x position." That might work in a fantasy football auction, but you can't limit yourself like that in baseball. A fantasy baseball auction is like jazz, baby. There's a lot of improvising.

What you DO want, however, is to have a general sense of how much money you are going to be spending on your various purchases. So, for example, in one of my leagues, we play with 13 hitters and nine pitchers (pretty standard). In preparing for my auction last year, I

used my usual 68%/32% split, meaning I was planning to spend \$177 on hitters and \$83 on pitchers. Here is what my hitting plan looked like:

Plan	Player Purchased
35	
28	
25	
21	
19	
16	
12	
10	
4	
3	
2	
1	
1	
\$177	

I had a similar breakdown for pitching, but with nine slots totaling \$83. But this is it – my spending plan for the auction. As I purchased a player for the money allocated (or closest to that slot), I wrote his name in the “player purchased” column. To the extent he was higher or lower than the money allocated in that row, I would make the change, and then make sure I changed another row in the opposite amount so that my total always stayed at 177. That allows you to adjust your budget on the fly.

As we’ll talk about in a second, by the time you get to the auction room, you should have a general sense of the group of players who are likely to be populating your chart. But you should not, under any circumstances, be limiting yourself or have anything set in stone. The spending plan is there to make you feel comfortable, so that when you spend \$38 on someone, you can easily adjust and feel confident that you know around how much you’ll be spending on your other players.

One final point on your spending plan: That chart above was just a plan that fits my league, because there are a ton of players that go for super cheap at the end of the auction. Your plan can be whatever you want it to be. You do you, friends.

Identifying targets

So, why do you have a general sense of the players most likely to fill in your chart when you get to the auction room? Because you've spent some time during your preparation looking at your values and determining who you think you value more than your teammates will. In other words, you've identified your targets.

Last year, I had Mark Trumbo as being worth \$14 in my auction values in one of my leagues. There's no way I expected his huge season, but his projections and my league format certainly suggested he'd be a solid outfielder. When I saw his value, I knew right away he would be one of my targets, because there was no way anyone in my league was going to pay anywhere close to that for him. So I included him on my list of targets and, sure enough, got him for \$6 late in the auction.

In essence, that is your goal. To purchase players for much less than their value. Your target list is there to have a general sense of who is most likely to be able to meet that criterion.

A lot of times, your targets are going to be obvious to you after looking at your values. For example, when a player has a value much higher than you would have thought he would have, he'll probably be a target. But, you should also check values from other websites and publications, because people in your league are probably getting their values from those same sources. If a few magazines are saying a player is worth \$7, but you have him valued at \$18, he will probably be one of your targets.

So, of course, creating reliable values is the biggest key, but identifying targets in advance is critical. Having a list of players who you are confident can be purchased at a discount is really what allows you to walk out of the auction room with far more value on your team than anyone else.

Three final points about identifying targets:

1. Elite players – say the guys that go in the first round and maybe the second – are not going to come at huge discounts. That's ok. You can't just forgo those guys, so be prepared to pay full price if necessary.
2. Schechter is the most disciplined guy in the world, and goes over his values only in the most extreme case, such as the very end of the auction when he has more money to burn and is desperate. Especially in mixed leagues, I think you need to be more flexible. I've shot past my values at various points when I felt it's been necessary in light of the available players. It happens. You'll get plenty of discounts if you're generally disciplined.
3. Finally, you may wind up with a bunch of guys who are not on your target list. Discounts come at random times and with random players, so don't be locked into the guys you've identified pre-auction. Be ready to pounce at a moment's notice.

Buy a balanced and discounted team

At this point, all that's left is your auction. You've got your values and you've got your targets. So now, let's nail the auction.

We know we're looking for discounts, of course, but even the most discounted team won't do us much good if we're projected to have 485 steals but just 25 home runs, or 300 saves with 20 wins. We need to make sure we're building a competitive team, too.

So, in advance of your auction, I'd advise taking a look at your league history, or at least the standings from the previous year, and noting what it took to get a 12 (or a 10 if you're in a 10-teamer) in each category. Your goal should be to, at the end of the auction, have a team that is projected to be close to (or surpass) those numbers in every category.

As with the spending plan, I advise you to make a chart in advance. Here's my sample for hitters:

	Name	R	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
C						
1B						
2B						
SS						
3B						
MI						
CI						
OF						
OF						
OF						
OF						
OF						
UTIL						
	Current Total	0	0	0	0	.000
	Target	997	261	990	171	.280

As you purchase a player, input his name and his projected stats into the appropriate category. This will allow you to see, as the auction progresses, how your team is looking

and what stats you might need to be focusing on going forward (i.e., if you're looking great in steals but horrible in home runs, maybe pass on that Billy Hamilton buy even if it's a bargain).

Chances are, you aren't going to hit all your targeted stats, but rare is the league where anyone actually sweeps all the categories. This is much more about giving you a goal and allowing you to have a good sense of where your weaknesses are as the auction is going on.

Two final points about building a balanced and discounted team:

1. There are times when you want to nominate players you aren't interested in, just to get some money off the table. But, more often than not, I nominate players that I do want, ESPECIALLY early. If you think Bryce Harper is a guy you are going to be able to get at cost or even for a slight discount, you're going to need to know whether you can or can't fairly early. Because you don't want to let a bunch of elite players go for fair prices thinking you'll get Harper, only to find out that it won't happen. You've got plenty of targets and can easily improvise if things don't go as planned early. But you'll need to actually know if things aren't going as planned!
2. The most difficult part about building your team will be knowing when to let a discounted buy pass and when to pounce, because there are going to be a lot of discounts available. So, you know, sometimes you think Mike Moustakas is such a huge bargain that you can't pass him up even though you don't really want him, and then later you realize that better third baseman will go for even less (I never said I was flawless, ok?). You don't need to jump on every bargain. Feel your way through it.

Phew, we've done it. If you've made it through this whole article in one sitting, then you've definitely got the patience and dedication necessary to nail your auction. And sure, you'll still have plenty of instances where you feel great about leaving your auction with your discounted Leonys Martin only to cut him a few weeks later. But, if you follow the steps in this article, I can almost guarantee you that you'll leave your auction feeling good and having given yourself a chance to win your league.

5 Tips for Playing in a Points League

By Dan Harris

I love fantasy baseball, but even I can admit that I'm exhausted by the time we reach the end of the season. The day-in, day-out work to try to make up a point in RBI or ERA just wears on you. Plus, there are always those random years where your team is just struggling, and by mid-season, it seems almost hopeless that you can pull off a comeback.

And that's why the fantasy gods invented points leagues. If you're looking for an easier way to play fantasy baseball or you're thinking about dipping your toes into the fantasy baseball waters for the first time, you might want to consider starting with a head-to-head points league format.

For those of you who are relatively new to the game, rotisserie is the most common way to play fantasy baseball. Teams are ranked from first to last in each statistical category. It's typically a "5x5" league, which means you're ranked in five hitting categories – runs, home runs, RBI, steals and batting average – and five pitching categories – wins, saves, strikeouts, ERA and WHIP. Your total rankings are added up to determine the overall score. Easy-peasy.

In a head-to-head points league, however, you're basically playing against another opponent each week. Each statistical category is assigned a point value (think DFS – a single = one point, home run = four points, etc.), and each scoring period's winner is determined by which team accumulates the most fantasy points versus your opponent. So, as in fantasy football, your record after one week might be 1-0, 0-1 or 0-0-1.

As a general matter, this is a much easier format, and should provide for a lot more fun for beginners, particularly those that are familiar with fantasy football. And, for the most part, rankings aren't all that dissimilar for points leagues and rotisserie formats.

However, certain key differences greatly affect player values in points leagues. Here are just a few that you should consider.

Focus on K/BB rates for hitters

The basic difference between rotisserie and points league formats is that rotisserie really looks at how a hitter produces in old school statistical categories, like RBI or runs scored. With points leagues, a batter gets more points for a double than a single, more points for a triple than a double, etc.

Most importantly, they earn points for walks, and lose points for strikeouts. Guys like Joey Votto and Carlos Santana are far more valuable in points leagues than in rotisserie leagues because they walk a ridiculous amount.

Innings eaters are people too

One of the major differences in a points league is that you get points for every inning pitched. So those guys that seem to have a knack for throwing 200 innings each year need to get a bump (so long as those innings aren't awful). Also, wins matter heavily in points leagues, and guys who throw deeper into games give themselves a better shot there. Strikeouts are huge for points leagues, too, and more innings = more strikeouts. #math

Closers aren't sexy, but starting pitchers who qualify as relievers are

Closers are seriously devalued in weekly head-to-head formats. They don't throw many innings and saves are incredibly fickle. A closer can legitimately not throw a single inning for you in a given week.

That's why starting pitchers with relief pitcher eligibility are huge in points leagues – almost any decent starter will outscore all but the top relievers. Tanner Roark had a great season in 2016, but he was especially valuable in a head-to-head points league where he had relief pitcher eligibility.

Balanced roster, schmalanced roster

When you're doing a rotisserie draft, you need to be thinking about your projected standing in each category constantly. Do you have enough steals? How are your home runs looking?

But in points leagues, none of that matters. It's seriously just about accumulating as many points as you possibly can.

So those steal specialists? You don't have to worry about them here. Just draft production, wherever you can find it.

Consistency is key

With rotisserie, you don't care much if hitters or pitchers go through lengthy slumps. All that matters is whether their numbers are where you expect them to be at the end of the season.

But in points leagues, that's just not the case. A batter going hitless for an entire week or a pitcher getting destroyed in an outing will basically doom your entire matchup. Boring and steady is always more preferable to boom or bust.