

Hi All: The second mid-season draft is coming up. The draft will consist of three rounds, with the draft being done in reverse order of the standings at that time (standings thru June 21st) in all 3 rounds.

**If you are in a league that is drafting by sending ranking lists to our office then your draft list must be submitted** (postmarked, faxed, e-mailed or turned in from your league's web page) **by/before 4 PM (Pacific time) Monday, June 22nd to be used.** If we do not get a list from you then the draft program will assign players to your team based on major league playing time thru June 14th. Please note that for leagues drafting by sending us ranking lists any TRADES involving draft picks in this supplemental draft must also be submitted by the submission deadlines to take effect!

**If you are in a league that is doing the in-season supplemental draft using the web draft system** (and your league is following our normal schedule and draft rules) then **your web draft will begin Tuesday afternoon June 23rd.** The exact times for the web drafts are shown on the page called 'www draft results' on your league's web site. **Please note** that if there is no 'www draft results' page for your league then your league has not been scheduled to do a web draft! If your league does want a web draft scheduled please let us know to do so.

Mid-season drafts run thru us do still follow the original draft eligibility rules - players who are on the other league's original Scoresheet player list are not eligible in this draft. Players who are on neither league's Scoresheet list are not eligible to be drafted until they sign with, or are drafted by, a major league organization in your type of league. Players that were drafted in last week's MLB amateur draft **are** all eligible, even if they have not yet signed a contract.

To enter your list for the web draft you should use the link on your league page called '<your league's> undrafted players and ranking list'. For web drafts that ranking list window will have a 'save' button at the bottom of the list, but not a send button. If you are in a league that is drafting by sending ranking lists to us you can also use that web based ranking list to create and send your list to us (in those type of leagues there is a send button.) If you are in a web draft league please do **NOT** e-mail, fax or postal mail us a list - your list needs to be entered on your league's ranking list page so the web draft program can access it. If you have no list entered when it is your team's turn to pick the program will simply assign a player to your team based on major league playing time thru June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**There are roster balancing rules** for hitters in the supplemental draft - you can get up to 2 players from the same fielding position - but there are **no** limits on how many pitchers you can get. Just as in the pre-season draft, a plus (+) **can** be used to get you

one more player at a position than normal roster balancing allows, so by using plusses you could get up to 3 players at the same position.

Draft results will be included with the 12th week's reports (showing games thru June 28<sup>th</sup>.) Any players you acquire will be automatically added to your taxi squad before we play those week 12 games on our computer.

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The way **pitching rotations** work in *Scoresheet* is that each week the computer figures out which of your pitchers will start that week's games, and then the actual rotation is drawn randomly so that your #1 pitcher is not always facing your opponents #1 pitcher, #2 vs. #2, etc. By listing '**teams a pitcher prefers to face**' that random drawing becomes heavily weighted towards that pitcher facing that particular team(s). Some team owners use that column to have their top pitchers go against the team at the top of their division, and other owners use 'prefer to face' to have their lefty or righty pitchers face teams that are weaker against that type of pitcher. Also, if more than one of your starting pitchers has 2 starts available that week, then the computer will give the second start in *Scoresheet* to the pitcher who is listed higher in the rotation, **\*unless\*** a pitcher listed lower down in the rotation has a prefer to face against **\*even one\*** of the teams you are playing that week. So, that 'teams prefer to face' column will also affect how many starts a pitcher might get in a certain week.

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**All-Star Effect:** We also include with the weekly reports individual player's *Scoresheet* stats for all the teams in your league. The players shown are: each team's starting lineup vs. RHPs, the 5 pitchers they've listed in their rotation, and their closer. One thing this information should help demonstrate is that what we have learned to call the '**All-Star factor**' (having only 10-12 teams in most *Scoresheet* leagues, but 14 or 16 teams in each major league), which affects **all** team's individual player stats (not just your team's.)

This 'All-Star factor' is NOT something we designed into our program. It simply comes about because with smaller league sizes, your players in *Scoresheet* games are facing better opponents overall than they are in the majors. And because your players are facing better opponents in *Scoresheet*, their *Scoresheet* numbers will be somewhat worse than their major league numbers. After all, if a player faces nothing but better competition he is going to do worse than if he got to face lousy players. So, if you've noticed that your players are doing somewhat worse in *Scoresheet* than in the majors, then looking at the league-wide numbers should help comfort you with the knowledge that the same thing is happening to **all** the other teams in your league, not just yours.

Have a great week! - Jeff Barton