

Scoresheet Baseball August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

Hello All: The **Scoresheet Baseball trading deadline** is Labor Day morning, which is September 7th this year. So you still have a full month to make deals to help position your team for the September playoff push (or for next year if you feel you are out of it this year, and are playing in a continuing league.) Best of luck in all your wheeling and dealing!

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Our **third and final mid-season supplemental 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 August 16th) in all 3 rounds. Assuming your league drafted the normal 35 rounds in the pre-season, the rounds for this final draft will be round 42 thru 44. The exact times and rounds for the draft if you are doing a web draft are shown on the 'www draft results' page on your league's Scoresheet web site.

**Drafts for leagues that are using the web draft system will run from Tuesday afternoon August 18th thru Friday morning August 21st**, so if you are in a league using the web draft you should have a list entered on your league's web site **by/before** the afternoon of August 18th.

**For leagues that draft by sending ranking lists to the Scoresheet office, the deadline for sending in draft lists will be 1 PM Eastern Time Monday, August 17th.** No matter how you send in your list (e-mail, from the web, by postal mail or fax) please make sure you submit it by/before that deadline so we can use it, as we do feel it is only fair for everyone to have the same deadline. For 10 team leagues, please submit a list that has up to 20 players on it, and for 12 team leagues a list of 25 players should be more than enough. **PLEASE include player numbers** whenever possible. If you list a player you do not have a number for please include: his name, position, and team or major league organization he plays for.

You **can** make trades involving your draft picks. But if you are trading supplemental draft picks those trades must be turned in by the same due dates as for the lists. If doing a web draft then trades need to be submitted by both owners using the web based trade form to have any traded picks take effect.

This week we've included with the game results a short list of players that have not yet been picked in your league. (A complete list of undrafted players for your league is available on your league's web page – just click the 'undrafted players and ranking list' link on your league's web page to see that complete list.) Players are listed by **player**

**number, then name, and are listed in order of major league playing time this season.** We have only listed players who are eligible in your league according to our draft-by-list rules. A player who was listed on the OTHER leagues draft sheet is NOT eligible for drafting. For instance, Rich Hill is on our NL list, and so is not eligible to be drafted in American League drafts. **You are NOT restricted to the players listed as 'top undrafted'**. Any player on your type of league's (AL or NL) Scoresheet player list, or any player in an organization in your major league (as long as he is **not** listed on the other league's *Scoresheet* draft list), is eligible. If you are not sure if a player you want is eligible you should list him - we'll just skip over him if he is not eligible.

**If you are in a league doing your own drafts you CAN do your mid-season drafts whenever you want.** But please, have someone send us your entire league's draft results when you are done so that we can add all the drafted players to all your team's rosters at the same time - thanks!

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**Strategy note:** Players in a *Scoresheet* game can switch positions in mid-game, just like in real life. (Though just like in the majors, they have to stay in the same spot in the batting order.) This means you can do things like list a starter as a defensive sub at a different position. This happens most often when you start a guy in CF, and want a better fielder to come into CF late in the game, but you want your starting CFer to move to LF or RF, rather than have him come out of the game. For example, you could start Alfonso Soriano in CF, and also list Soriano as a defensive sub in RF or LF, and list someone with a better range (Willy Taveras for instance) as your defensive sub in CF. Then starting with the 8th inning, if you are ahead by 2 or more runs, Taveras would come into CF, and instead of leaving the game Soriano would take over for your lousier fielder in LF or RF (whichever position you listed Soriano as the def sub in), and that lousy fielder would leave the game.

**Quickies:** 1) An **F** on the scoresheets stands for failed sacrifice bunt - the batter is out and the runners stay where they are.

2) When looking for a sub for your DH (or for your 1B if you have no one on the bench with 1B listed as a position or who qualifies at 1B), we start players based on their PH rank. So, unlike all of the other positions, if you need a sub DH to start we do NOT look for a guy on the bench you have listed at DH, instead we simply take the guy with the best PH rank.

Have a winning week! - Jeff Barton