

<b>BALTIMORE</b>		TEAM PRODUCTION		
		2007	2008	2009
Brian Joseph	RS	756	782	775
www.baseballdailydigest.com	RA	868	869	850
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Expect Gregg Zaun to open as the starting catcher but to relinquish the role to prospect Matt Wieters by mid-May; as a consequence, Zaun's backup (Hammock) won't be on the roster for long. The rotation is wide open — only Guthrie and Uehara are certain to make it (we've slotted Rich Hill at #3). First base is also up in the air now that the Orioles have passed on Kevin Millar — Aubrey Huff and just-acquired Ty Wigginton and should split the work.

POSITION ALLOCATIONS										
HITTERS	CA	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	
Freel R			5		10	35				
Hammock R	5									
Huff A		50								30
Izturis C					90					
Jones Ad							90			
Markakis N										95
Montanez L							10			
Mora M				90						
Pie F						65				
Roberts B				95						
Scott L								5	50	
Wieters M	50									
Wigginton T		50		10						20
Zaun G	45									
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LINEUP VS. RH	LINEUP VS. LH	ROTATION
#1 Roberts B	Roberts B	#1 Guthrie J
#2 Jones Ad	Markakis N	#2 Uehara K
#3 Markakis N	Mora M	#3 Hill R
#4 Huff A	Huff A	#4 Liz R
#5 Mora M	Scott L	#5 Hendrickson M
#6 Wigginton T	Jones Ad	
#7 Wieters M	Freel R	
#8 Pie F	Zaun G	
#9 Izuris C	Izturis C	

CLOSERS	Sv%	If top closer goes down...	CLOSERS	Sv%
Sherrill G	95	→	Ray C	70
Ray C	5		Johnson Ji	30
% 100				

<b>BOSTON</b>		TEAM PRODUCTION		
		2007	2008	2009
Evan Brunell	RS	867	845	830
www.firebrandal.com	RA	657	694	645
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Should Papelbon go down, I see Ramirez as the top guy. Ramon has the stuff, plus the club doesn't typically hand Okajima the spot. Masterson isn't right for closing and Delcarmen doesn't have the head for it. In the rotation, Smoltz isn't expected to return until June. He will spell Wakefield at #4, maybe #3 if Dice-K falters. After Smoltz, Buchholz is a short-term fix; an extended void would go to Masterson. Also: Lugo will play a lot more than you think.

POSITION ALLOCATIONS										
HITTERS	CA	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	
Baldell R						10	5	20	5	
Bard J	30									
Bay J							90			
Drew J								70	5	
Ellsbury J										85
Kotsay M		15						10	10	
Lowell M				70						
Lowrie J			5	20	55					
Lugo J					45					
Ortiz D		5								90
Pedroia D				95						
Varitek J	70									
Youkilis K		80		10						
% 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100										

LINEUP VS. RH	LINEUP VS. LH	ROTATION
#1 Ellsbury J	Ellsbury J	#1 Beckett J
#2 Pedroia D	Pedroia D	#2 Lester J
#3 Ortiz D	Ortiz D	#3 Matsuzaka D
#4 Youkilis K	Youkilis K	#4 Wakefield T
#5 Drew J	Bay J	#5 Penny B
#6 Bay J	Drew J	
#7 Lowell M	Lowell M	
#8 Varitek J	Varitek J	
#9 Lowrie J	Lowrie J	

CLOSERS	Sv%	If top closer goes down...	CLOSERS	Sv%
Papelbon J	80	→	Ramirez R	60
Okajima H	10		Okajima H	20
Ramirez R	5		Masterson J	10
Delcarmen M	5		Delcarmen M	10
% 100				

<b>NEW YORK (AL)</b>		TEAM PRODUCTION		
		2007	2008	2009
Lisa Swan	RS	968	789	850
subwaysquawkers.blogspot.com	RA	777	727	675
subwaysquawkers@gmail.com	W-L	94-68	89-73	95-67

After a disappointing third-place finish in 2008, the Yanks have gone on a \$428 million (and counting) spending spree, where they picked up CC Sabathia, A.J. Burnett, and Mark Teixeira and re-signed Andy Pettitte. Another new face is Nick Swisher, though it is rumored that either he or Xavier Nady will be traded. So there's plenty to look out for.

POSITION ALLOCATIONS										
HITTERS	CA	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	
Berroa A					5					
Cabrera Me										40
Cano R				95						
Damon J								70		20
Gardner B										40
Jeter D					95					
Matsui H							10			70
Molina J	50									
Nady X										90
Posada J	50									10
Ransom C			5		5					
Rodriguez A					95					
Swisher N		5						20	20	10
Teixeira M		95								
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LINEUP VS. RH	LINEUP VS. LH	ROTATION
#1 Damon J	Damon J	#1 Sabathia C
#2 Jeter D	Jeter D	#2 Burnett A
#3 Teixeira M	Teixeira M	#3 Wang C
#4 Rodriguez A	Rodriguez A	#4 Chamberlain J
#5 Matsui H	Matsui H	#5 Pettitte A
#6 Posada J	Posada J	
#7 Nady X	Nady X	
#8 Cano R	Cano R	
#9 Gardner B	Gardner B	

CLOSERS	Sv%	If top closer goes down...	CLOSERS	Sv%
Rivera M	95	→	Marte D	50
Marte D	5		Bruney B	25
			Veras J	25
% 100				

<b>TAMPA BAY</b>		TEAM PRODUCTION		
		2007	2008	2009
Erik Hammann	RS	782	774	820
www.draysbay.com	RA	944	671	690
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Upton is going to open the season on the DL, which means that Gabe Kapler will more than likely open the season in center field. However, Upton's injury shouldn't keep him sidelined more than a couple of weeks. Also, I see Matt Joyce starting the season at Durham — unless he has a huge spring, the Rays have no reason to rush him like Detroit did.

POSITION ALLOCATIONS										
HITTERS	CA	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	
Aybar			5	5	5					10
Bartlett J					95					
Burrell P										90
Crawford C							95			
Gross G								75		
Iwamura A			95							
Kapler G							20	20		
Longoria E					95					
Navarro D	80									
Pena C		95								
Perez F						5	5			
Riggans S	20							75		
Upton B										5
Zobrist B					5					
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LINEUP VS. RH	LINEUP VS. LH	ROTATION
#1 Iwamura A	Iwamura A	#1 Shields J
#2 Upton B	Upton B	#2 Kazmir S
#3 Crawford C	Crawford C	#3 Garza M
#4 Pena C	Pena C	#4 Sonnanstine A
#5 Longoria E	Longoria E	#5 Price D
#6 Burrell P	Burrell P	
#7 Gross G	Kapler G	
#8 Bartlett J	Bartlett J	
#9 Navarro D	Navarro D	

CLOSERS	Sv%	If top closer goes down...	CLOSERS	Sv%
Percival T	100	→	Wheeler D	50
			Balfour G	40
			Howell J	10
% 100				

<b>TORONTO</b>		TEAM PRODUCTION		
		2007	2008	2009
Marc Hulet	RS	753	714	735
www.battersbox.ca	RA	699	610	680
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The Jays did not improve their offense this past season, and the organization took a significant hit in the starting pitching department, though the bullpen remains strong. Young hitters Lind and Snider will be counted on heavily. Halliday will be a rock but runs the danger of being overworked yet again. The young starters will be asked to carry quite a load and many of them may not be ready for it. But look for Litsch to surprise.

POSITION ALLOCATIONS										
HITTERS	CA	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	
Barajas R					65					
Barrett M	35									
Bautista J		15		20						15
Hill A			80		5					
Inglett J				10	5	5		10		5
Lind A								30		50
McDonald J				5		25				
Overbay L		85								10
Rios A								10	80	
Rolen S					70					10
Scutaro M			5	5	65					
Snider T							60			30
Wells V								90		
% 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100										

LINEUP VS. RH	LINEUP VS. LH	ROTATION
#1 Rios A	Rios A	#1 Halladay R
#2 Hill A	Hill A	#2 Litsch J
#3 Overbay L	Rolen S	#3 Purcey D
#4 Wells V	Wells V	#4 Clement M
#5 Lind A	Overbay L	#5 Richmond S
#6 Rolan S	Bautista J	
#7 Snider T	Barajas R	
#8 Barajas R	Snider T	
#9 Scutaro M	Scutaro M	

CLOSERS	Sv%	If top closer goes down...	CLOSERS	Sv%
Ryan B	80	→	Accardo J	70
Accardo J	10		Downs S	25
Downs S	5		League B	5
League B	5			
% 100				