

Minor League Transactions: Jan. 21-28

Arizona Diamondbacks

Signed: RHP Mike DeMark (re-signed), 3B Chris Nowak (York (Atlantic))

Traded: 3B Chris Johnson and OF Justin Upton to Braves for RHP Randall Delgado, RHP Zeke Spruill, 3B Brandon Drury, SS Nick Ahmed and OF Martin Prado

Chris Nowak played in the Brewers system in '11 but didn't latch on with an affiliated club last year, beginning in the Mexican League (five games) before signing with York and batting .285/.391/.570 with an Atlantic League-leading 34 homers and 107 RBIs in 129 games.

Atlanta Braves

Traded: RHP Randall Delgado, RHP Zeke Spruill, 3B Brandon Drury, SS Nick Ahmed and OF Martin Prado to Diamondbacks for 3B Chris Johnson and OF Justin Upton

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Rob Delaney, RHP Manny Delcarmen, OF Chris Pettit, OF Andrickson Zorrilla (NDFA—Advanced Software Analysis (N.Y.) JC)

Boston Red Sox

Signed: RHP Charlie Haeger (did not play in '12), LHP Christian Perdomo (NDFA—Advanced Software Analysis (N.Y.) JC)

Reinstated from DL: RHP Mathew Price

The Red Sox released **Charlie Haeger** prior to spring training last year, but the knuckleballer is back in the fold after taking a year off.

Chicago Cubs

Signed: OF Bobby Buckner (NDFA—Texas A&M-Corpus Christi)

Former Texas A&M-Corpus Christi outfielder **Boby Buckner** is the son of former big leaguer Bill Buckner, who starred for the Cubs from 1977 to '84.

Chicago White Sox

Signed: RHP Andrew Brackman

The White Sox have gambled on other clubs' first-round pitching talents in the past, hitting the jackpot with the likes of John Danks, Gavin Floyd, Matt Thornton and (briefly) Phil Humber, but **Andrew Brackman** may represent the biggest challenge yet. He hasn't had a walk rate below 5 BB/9 since the first half of '10 with Double-A Trenton in the Yankees system. Chicago also signed reclamation lefty Trevor Reckling this offseason, and they're bringing hard-throwing first-rounders David Purcey ('04 Blue Jays) and Daniel Moskos ('07 Pirates) to big league camp.

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: RHP Shaun Ellis, 3B Matt Mangini

The Phillies drafted **Shaun Ellis** in the 32nd round in '08, but he never appeared in a game for the organization. He spent the '09 through '11 seasons playing independent ball, but he appears to have taken a year off prior to signing with Cincinnati.

Cleveland Indians

Signed: OF Ben Francisco (non-tendered by Rays), OF Ryan Raburn (released by Tigers, Nov. 20)

Colorado Rockies

Signed: RHP Marc Magliaro (NDFA—Rowan (N.J.)), 1B Ryan Garko, OF Greg Golson

Houston Astros

Signed: OF Rick Ankiel (released by Nationals, July 27)

Kansas City Royals

Signed: RHP Jamie Richmond (Quebec (Can-Am)), 2B Lewis Urena (re-signed)

Los Angeles Angels

Released: LHP Jo-Jo Reyes (signed with SK Wyverns (Korea))

Los Angeles Dodgers

Signed: RHP Kyle Cofield (released by Pirates, June 29), OF Jaylen Harris

Miami Marlins

Signed: RHP Chad Qualls, 3B Tug Hulett

Like fellow Miami minor league signee Austin Kearns, **Chad Qualls** is an Article XX(B) major league free agent who qualifies for an automatic June 1 opt-out and a retention bonus if he plays Triple-A ball.

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: SS Bobby Crosby (did not play in 2011-12)

Released: RHP Hitaniel Arias, OF Jose Garcia

New York Mets

Signed: LHP Pedro Feliciano

Pedro Feliciano appeared in zero big league games for the Yankees during the life of his two-year contract. Like Chad Qualls (Marlins, above) he's an Article XX-B major league free agent.

New York Yankees

Signed: RHP Chris Smith (Washington (Frontier)), LHP Josh Romanski (re-signed), SS Leugim Barroso (Rio Grande Valley (North American))

Oakland Athletics

Signed: RHP Carlos Fisher, LHP Pedro Viola

Released: OF Rashad Ramsey

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: OF Joe Mather

San Diego Padres

Signed: LHP Arturo Lopez (Mexico City (Mexican))

Released: RHP Chris Franklin, RHP Collin Reynolds, LHP Dan Lazzaroni, 3B Michael Wing

San Francisco Giants

Released: RHP Luis Angeles, RHP Andrew Berger, RHP Tyler Christman, LHP Mitchell Beacom, LHP Ari Ronick, LHP Scotty Walker, C Dashenko Ricardo, 1B Bryan Nicholson

Seattle Mariners

Signed: LHP Eric Niesen (Long Island (Atlantic)), C Ronny Paulino, OF Kurt Fleming (released by Braves, Nov. 15)

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: RHP Juan Oviedo, OF Shelley Duncan

Texas Rangers

Signed: LHP Nate Robertson

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Jhonny Hernandez, RHP Jairo Rosario, IF Deivy Consuegra

Released: 2B Christian Frias

Washington Nationals

Signed: OF Jerad Head

Minor League Transactions: Jan. 15-20**Atlanta Braves**

Signed: LHP Eric Pfisterer (NDFC—Duke), SS Mattia Mercuri

International baseball sites indicate that **Mattia Mercuri** is an 18-year-old Italian middle infielder who played in the IBAF World Championships last year. Baseball-Reference has a record for him on the roster for Nettuno of the Italian Baseball League. *[Mercuri attended the MLB Academy in Tirrenia and had a tryout with Braves Senior ad Nestor Perez in Tenerife (Spain) last December. He'll go to extended spring training before to be assigned to a Rookie league team].*

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Zach Staniewicz, LHP Rich Rundles (re-signed)

Zach Staniewicz pitched for four seasons at Concordia (N.Y.) College, then spent a couple seasons in the low-level independent leagues, working as both an outfielder and righthander. He put his baseball ambitions on the back burner to join the Army in '11, according to The Examiner, a media outlet based in Hudson Valley, N.Y., but he never stopped trying to master a knuckleball. Staniewicz crossed paths with Orioles GM Dan Duquette while serving in the military, and Duquette reportedly liked the knuckler's potential enough to give the 26-year-old a tryout and now a minor league contract. In any other organization, Staniewicz would seem to be the longest of long shots, but Baltimore did resuscitate the careers of Miguel Gonzalez and Lew Ford last year.

Chicago Cubs

Signed: C Jair Fernandez, OF Darnell McDonald

Chicago White Sox

Draft pick signed: 2B Mitch Glasser (39)

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: RHP Armando Galarraga, RHP Yohan Pino, RHP Chad Reineke (re-signed)

Cleveland Indians

Released: C Osiel Flores

Colorado Rockies

Signed: C Steve Domecus (released by Dodgers, Jan. 4), C James Skelton

Detroit Tigers

Signed: LHP Will Startup (Sugar Land (Atlantic)), OF Jonathan Roof (released by Padres, Jan. 3)

Houston Astros

Signed: 2B Carlos Perdomo (released by Phillies, Jan. 7)

Los Angeles Angels

Signed: RHP Fernando Cabrera

Los Angeles Dodgers

Signed: RHP Peter Moylan (non-tendered by Braves), RHP Mario Santiago (SK Wyverns (Korea)), LHP Victor Garate (York (Atlantic)), C Jesus Flores (non-tendered by Nationals), SS Alfredo Amezaga, OF Ryan Mount (released by Angels, Dec. 7)

Miami Marlins

Signed: RHP Kevin Slowey, RHP Mitch Talbot (Samsung (Korea)), 2B Matt Downs (released by Astros, Nov. 2), OF Pat White (released by Royals, Dec. 17)

A second-round pick by the NFL's Miami Dolphins in '09, **Pat White** lasted only one season as a quarterback, but he never gave up completely on a baseball career—or an acting career, apparently. Drafted once out of high school by the Angels in '04 and out of West Virginia in '07, '08 and '09 by three different teams, White didn't sign a minor league contract until late '10 when he appeared in instructional league with the Royals. The Marlins will give him another shot, though the 26-year-old has no pro baseball experience.

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: C Robinzon Diaz

New York Mets

Signed: LHP Dario Alvarez, C Landon Powell

The Phillies released **Dario Alvarez** in August '09, but a stint with Anzoategui of the Venezuelan League (five strikeouts, one walk in 5 1/3 innings) prompted the Mets to give him a look.

New York Yankees

Signed: RHP Kelvin Castro, OF Thomas Neal (released by Indians, Jan. 11)

Thomas Neal joins a list of righty-hitting, corner-outfield hopefuls in Yankees camp. With an all-lefty starting outfield of Brett Gardner, Curtis Granderson and Ichiro Suzuki, New York probably will elect to carry some righty balance, which is where Russ Canzler, Matt Diaz and Neal come into play. Prospects Zoilo Almonte (a switch-hitter) and Melky Mesa also are on the 40-man roster.

Oakland Athletics

Traded: RHP A.J. Cole, RHP Blake Treinen and a player to be named to Nationals in three-team deal in which Mariners sent C John Jaso to Athletics, and Nationals sent OF Michael Morse to Mariners

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: RHP Brian Bass (released by Astros, Aug. 26)

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: OF Brad Hawpe (released by Rangers, June 19)

St. Louis Cardinals

Released: RHP Ethan Cole, 3B Alan Ahmady

San Francisco Giants

Signed: LHP Matt Yourkin (re-signed), 1B Todd Linden (re-signed)

Seattle Mariners

Signed: RHP Brian Sweeney (re-signed)

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: RHP Jamey Wright

Texas Rangers

Signed: RHP Kyle McClellan (released by Cardinals, Nov. 13), RHP Kevin Pucetas, LHP Ryan Feierabend (York (Atlantic))

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Austin Bibens-Dirkx, 2B Jarrett Hoffpauir, OF Adam Loewen

Released: RHP Colby Broussard, RHP Phil Brea, RHP Brandon Kaye, RHP Denny Valdez, RHP Les Williams, LHP Shane Davis, C Hector Alvarez, 1B George Carroll, OF Brad McElroy

Removed from 40-man: RHP Chad Beck, LHP Tommy Hottovy (both players outrighted to Triple-A)

Washington Nationals

Traded: OF Michael Morse to Mariners in three-team deal in which Athletics sent RHP A.J. Cole, RHP Blake Treinen and a player to be named to Nationals, and Mariners sent C John Jaso to Athletics

Minor League Transactions: Jan. 8-14

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Stu Pomeranz (non-tendered and re-signed), C Chase Weems (re-signed), 1B Steve Pearce (re-signed after outright assignment), 2B Travis Adair (re-signed)

Chicago Cubs

Signed: LHP Gerardo Concepcion (re-signed after outright assignment)

Chicago White Sox

Signed: RHP Tony Pena Jr., LHP Steven Evans (released by Twins, July 24), 3B Nick Giarraputo (New Jersey (Can-Am))

Draft pick signed: OF Jason Coats (29)

Tony Pena Jr.'s second career as a righthanded pitcher has taken him through the Royals, Giants and Red Sox organizations prior to settling with the White Sox this month. (You may recall that Chicago took a chance on another converted shortstop in '09 when it signed Sergio Santos.) Pena garnered attention in the Dominican League, where he led the league with 11.4 SO/9 and ranked fifth with a .195 opponent average, while throwing to his brother Francisco, a Mets farmhand. Tony helped pitch Cibao to the playoffs, where he notched an 11-3 SO-BB ratio in 13 2/3 innings.

A Texas Christian senior, **Coats** was not subject to the signing deadline. His '12 draft scouting report reads in part: "(Coats) set a school record with 99 hits in 2010 before turning in a strong summer in the Cape Cod League . . . (but) his righthanded swing got longer and his pitch recognition regressed (in 2011), and he dropped to the Orioles in the 12th round . . . Coats could be a slightly above-average hitter with average power . . . He fits best in left field with his fringy speed, arm and defense. He missed the Mountain West Conference tournament with a sprained right knee."

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: 3B Nate Samson, SS Cesar Izturis, OF Jonathan Martijn

Cleveland Indians

Signed: RHP Jerry Gil, LHP Scott Kazmir (Sugar Land (Atlantic)), LHP Edward Paredes (Did not play in '12), C Brian Jeroloman

Traded: RHP Jeanmar Gomez to Pirates for OF Quincy Latimore

Jerry Gil reached the majors in '04 and '07 as a light-hitting shortstop, but he hasn't quite gotten over the Triple-A hump in five seasons as a pitcher. With the Estrellas of the Dominican League this winter, he saved eight games in eight tries, picked up two relief wins and posted a fine 20-4 SO-BB ratio in 23 2/3 innings.

A fourth-rounder in '07, **Quincy Latimore** will qualify for minor league free agency following the season if he's not on a 40-man roster. He's got solid power, hitting 15 homers in each of the past two seasons with Double-A Altoona, and brings value with his glove and baserunning skill, but with a career .252 average in the minors, he simply hasn't shown the feel to hit to warrant a closer look.

Colorado Rockies

Signed: RHP Manny Corpas

Detroit Tigers

Signed: LHP Pat Misch, OF Don Kelly (re-signed)

Kansas City Royals

Signed: OF Charles Thomas

This is the same **Charles W. Thomas** who shined as a Braves rookie in '04 and got packaged that winter in the trade that brought Tim Hudson to Atlanta. Thomas has not played affiliated or independent ball in five years, not since playing for the Brewers' Triple-A Nashville affiliate in '07. He's now 34 years old.

Los Angeles Angels

Signed: 3B Jimmy Swift (re-signed)

Released: LHP Yancarlos Santiago, 1B Samir Mendez

Los Angeles Dodgers

Released: RHP Edwin Contreras, 1B Austin Gallagher

Miami Marlins

Signed: RHP Michael Wuertz (Did not play in '12), 2B Nick Green (re-signed), OF Austin Kearns (re-signed)

Austin Kearns and Matt Diaz (who signed with the Yankees, below) are Article XX-B major league free agents, not to mention righty-hitting corner-outfield veterans, who signed minor league deals this winter. As such, both receive an automatic June 1 opt-out date and a \$100,000 bonus if they open the year in Triple-A.

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: RHP Kelvim Escobar (Did not play in 2010-12), RHP Arcenio Leon (re-signed after outright assignment), OF Chuck Caufield (Forth Worth (North American))

Removed from 40-man: RHP Arcenio Leon (outrighted to Triple-A)

Kelvim Escobar turns 37 in April and has exactly one pro appearance in the past five seasons, yet he landed a spring-training invite with Milwaukee after proving his health with Lara of the Venezuelan League. (He knows Brewers assistant GM Gord Ash from their days in the Blue Jays organization.) Escobar struck out right in 11 VL innings, allowing nine hits and nine walks.

Minnesota Twins

Signed: RHP Patrick Arnold (Lake Erie (Frontier))

New York Yankees

Signed: RHP Jim Miller (re-signed after outright assignment), C Bobby Wilson (non-tendered by Blue Jays), 2B Reegie Corona (released by Yankees, March 24), 3B Jayson Nix (re-signed after outright assignment), OF Matt Diaz

Former Yankees prospect **Reegie Corona** missed the entire '11 season with an injury and didn't play last year, but he proved his health with Magallanes of the Venezuelan League, batting 6-for-18 with two doubles and a 3-2 BB-SO ratio.

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: C Miguel Perez (re-signed)

Traded: OF Quincy Latimore to Indians for RHP Jeanmar Gomez

San Diego Padres

Released: 1B Matt Clark (signed with Chunichi (Japan))

Matt Clark has mashed 73 homers in the high minors since '10, yet the Padres carry so many first base/left field types on their 40-man roster—Yonder Alonso, Kyle Blanks, James Darnell, Jaff Decker, Jesus Guzman, Carlos Quentin, Edinson Rincon—that he had virtually no shot at playing time in San Diego. *[Update: As noted in comments, the Padres granted Clark his release so that he could play in Japan.]*

San Francisco Giants

Signed: 2B Kensuke Tanaka (Nippon-Ham (Japan))

Released: RHP Eric Hacker (signed with NC Dinos (Korea))

Second baseman **Kensuke Tanaka**, 31, finished fifth in the Pacific League batting race last season, hitting .300/.363/.350 with 20 extra-base hits in 457 at-bats for Nippon-Ham. He'll compete for a utility job with the Giants.

Seattle Mariners

Signed: RHP Jeremy Bonderman (Did not play in 2011-12), RHP Jhonny Nunez (released by Rays, July 2)

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: RHP Juan Sandoval (Oaxaca (Mexican))

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Clint Everts (re-signed)

Washington Nationals

Signed: RHP Casey Upperman (released by D-backs, April 14), OF Delwyn Young (Camden (Atlantic))

Minor League Transactions: Jan. 1-7 (2013)

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Kyle Mertins (Sioux Falls (American Association)), RHP Mike Recchia (Windy City (Frontier)), LHP David Quinowski (Lincoln (American Association))

Chicago Cubs

Signed: LHP Hisanori Takahashi (released by Pirates, Oct. 29), LHP Dontrelle Willis (released by Orioles, Oct. 16)

Chicago White Sox

Signed: 1B Randy Ruiz (Yokohama (Japan))

Released: RHP Mitch Mustain, LHP Matt Talley

[Ruiz spent the last three seasons in Japan, playing for Rakuten (2010-11) & Yokohama (2012): he hit a modest .239 in 151 games overall, with 20 HR & 60 RBI]

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: LHP Jakub Izold, 3B Ray Chang

Colorado Rockies

Released: 1B Miguel De Leon, 2B Yafistel Roja

Detroit Tigers

Signed: RHP Michael Dubee, OF Michael Hernandez (York (Atlantic))

Houston Astros

Signed: C Jason Jaramillo

Kansas City Royals

Signed: RHP Blaine Boyer (did not play in '12)

Los Angeles Dodgers

Signed: RHP Danny Carela (re-signed), C Ramon Castro (did not play in '12), 2B Felipe Burin, 3B Brian Barden (did not play in '12)

Released: RHP Derek Cone, RHP Ronny Lugo, RHP Bret Montgomery, RHP Jason West, LHP Mike Drowne, LHP Matt Laney, LHP Greg Wilborn, C Steve Domecus, C Andrew Edge, 3B Kevin Thompson, 3B Scott Woodward, SS Charlie Mirabal

Miami Marlins

Signed: C Craig Tatum

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: OF Cole Garner

New York Mets

Signed: SS Omar Quintanilla

Philadelphia Phillies

Released: LHP Pedro Lora, C Liam Bedford, C Angel Chavarin, 2B Carlos Perdomo

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: C Lucas May

San Diego Padres

Signed: SS Cody Ransom

Released: RHP Juan Herrera, LHP Juan Marcano, 1B Clark Murphy, OF Jonathan Roof

San Francisco Giants

Signed: RHP Scott Proctor (Doosan (Korea)), RHP Mason Tobin (released by Rangers, April 4)

Seattle Mariners

Removed from 40-man: RHP D.J. Mitchell (outrighted to Triple-A)

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: RHP J.D. Martin

Taken 35th overall by the Indians in '01, **Martin** missed the better part of the '03 and '06 seasons with elbow trouble and didn't reach Triple-A for good until '09. He signed with the Nationals following that season and wound up making 24 career starts for Washington in '09 and '10. Though Martin left most of his velocity on the operating table, he has shown fantastic control versus Triple-A competition, notching a 4.32 ERA, 1.20 WHIP and walk rate of 1.3 per nine over 382 innings.

Texas Rangers

Removed from 40-man: C Eli Whiteside (outrighted to Triple-A)

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Mike Benacka (York (Atlantic)), RHP Scott Copeland (re-signed)

Washington Nationals

Signed: RHP Ross Ohlendorf, LHP Sean West, C Joe Witkowski (released by Astros, June 9)

Released: LHP Bobby Hansen, LHP Joe Testa, C Jeremy Mayo, 1B Brett Newsome, 2B Hendry Jimenez, OF Tony Nix

Minor League Transactions: Dec. 22-31

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: LHP Zach Braddock (released by Brewers in May), LHP Daniel Schlereth (non-tendered by Tigers), 1B Travis Ishikawa, OF Adam Greenberg (released by Marlins in October)

Released: RHP Jose Mota, RHP Ryan O'Shea, RHP Jose Rivera, RHP Alex Schmarzo, LHP Casey Lambert

Zach Braddock dealt with control problems (5.3 BB/9) in his 51 innings out of the Brewers bullpen in '10 and '11, but he also exhibited swing-and-miss stuff while fanning 10.4 per nine. One of the last cuts in spring training last year, he struggled with anxiety problems before he and Milwaukee agreed that walking away from baseball for a spell was the best course of action.

Boston Red Sox

Released: C Aly Gonzalez

Traded: RHP Mark Melancon, RHP Stolmy Pimentel, 2B Ivan De Jesus Jr. and OF Jerry Sands to Pirates for RHP Joel Hanrahan and SS Brock Holt

Chicago Cubs

Signed: RHP Zach Putnam (non-tendered and re-signed)

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: RHP Jeff Marquez, RHP Kevin Whelan, OF Derrick Robinson (non-tendered by Royals)

Cleveland Indians

Signed: 2B Matt Antonelli (released by Yankees in July)

With lefty-hitting regulars at second base (Jason Kipnis) and third base (Lonnie Chisenhall), the Indians could derive value from a player like **Matt Antonelli**—but only if he returns to '11 levels of productivity. He hit just .201/.324/.286 in 44 games for the Triple-A affiliates of the Orioles (with whom he had signed a big league deal) and Yankees last season, his age-27 campaign. The '06 first-rounder had a fine season with Triple-A Syracuse (Nationals) the year before that, batting .297/.393/.460 in 86 games and making the International League all-star team. Cleveland had a player similar to (but more successful than) Antonelli, but they included Jason Donald in the recent three-team extravaganza that brought Trevor Bauer and Drew Stubbs to town.

Colorado Rockies

Signed: RHP Tim Gustafson, LHP Erick Threets

Detroit Tigers

Signed: LHP Luke Sommer

Kansas City Royals

Signed: 1B Chad Tracy, 3B Miguel Tejada, OF Endy Chavez

Much like recent signing Xavier Nady, **Endy Chavez** is an Article XX-B major league free agent who cannot be assigned to Triple-A without first receiving a \$100,000 bonus.

This **Chad Tracy**, the son of former manager Jim, is the one who hit 12 homers in 133 games for Triple-A Colorado Springs in the Rockies system last year.

Los Angeles Angels

Signed: 2B Luis Rodriguez

Los Angeles Dodgers

Signed: LHP Fabio Castro, LHP Wilmin Rodriguez, 2B Rusty Ryal, 3B Omar Luna, OF Jeremy Moore, OF Scott Van Slyke (re-signed following outright)

Jeremy Moore ranked as the Angels' No. 11 prospect following the '11 season, but he missed all of last year after having hip surgery. He may lack the plate discipline to ever play regularly, but the 25-year-old lefty hitter could provide a cheap source of power, speed and defensive versatility in the outfield.

Miami Marlins

Signed: RHP Doug Mathis (Lotte (Japan)), 3B Audy Ciriaco

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: RHP Jim Hoey, SS Ozzie Chavez (released by Braves in April), OF Rene Tosoni

A draft-and-follow signing by the Twins, **Rene Tosoni** won MVP honors at the '09 Futures Game and peaked as Minnesota's No. 12 prospect following the '10 season. A pair of miserable seasons at Triple-A Rochester followed—he hit .215/.280/.315 in 375 PA—effectively removing Tosoni from the Twins' plans. With a smooth lefty stroke, some speed and some power, he could serve as a big league extra if all the stars align.

Minnesota Twins

Signed: RHP Rich Harden (did not play in 2012)

Oakland Athletics

Signed: RHP Brian Gordon (Samsung (Korea)), LHP Frank Gailey

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: RHP Edgar Garcia (El Paso (American Association))

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: OF Miles Durham (St. Paul (American Association))

Traded: RHP Joel Hanrahan and SS Brock Holt to Red Sox for RHP Mark Melancon, RHP Stolmy Pimentel, 2B Ivan De Jesus Jr. and OF Jerry Sands

San Diego Padres

Signed: C Rene Rivera, SS Gregorio Petit

Seattle Mariners

Signed: 1B Mike Jacobs, 3B Leury Bonilla (re-signed)

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: C Craig Albernaz (re-signed)

Released: 3B Felix Gonzalez

Texas Rangers

Signed: RHP Yoshinori Tateyama (re-signed)

Washington Nationals

Signed: 3B Mike Costanzo

Minor League Transactions: Dec. 14-21**Arizona Diamondbacks**

Signed: RHP Brad Allen (Florence (Frontier)), RHP Nelson Figueroa, RHP Alexis Lara, RHP Warner Madrigal, C Mark Reed (released by D-backs, July 7)

Return of Rule 5 pick (2011): SS Gustavo Nunez (to Tigers)

Atlanta Braves

Released: SS K.C. Clabough, SS Logan Robbins

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Chase Johnson (Amarillo (American Association)), RHP Marcel Prado (El Paso (American Association)), RHP Zech Zinicola, SS Chris Wade (Windy City (Frontier))

Removed from 40-man: 1B Steve Pearce (outrighted to Triple-A)

Boston Red Sox

Removed from 40-man: RHP Pedro Beato (outrighted to Triple-A)

Chicago Cubs

Signed: RHP Drew Carpenter, RHP Chang-Yong Lim (Yakult (Japan)), RHP Cory Wade, 1B Brad Nelson

Released: RHP Pete Levitt, RHP Bryce Shafer, LHP Willington Cruz

Removed from 40-man: LHP Gerardo Concepcion (outrighted to low Class A)

A Korean national, **Chang-Yong Lim** has posted fine results as a sidearming righty reliever in Japan. In five seasons with Yakult, he notched 128 saves to go with a 2.09 ERA, 1.03 WHIP and ratios of 8.9 strikeouts and 2.6 walks per nine innings. Lim missed the bulk of last season after having Tommy John surgery, and the 36-year-old won't be expected back until the second half of this season.

Chicago White Sox

Signed: RHP Jeff Gray, RHP Matt Zaleski (re-signed), C Damaso Espino (re-signed), 3B Andy Gonzalez

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: RHP Loek Van Mil, C Corky Miller (re-signed)

Released: LHP Mitch Clarke, OF Jose Valdelamar

Cleveland Indians

Signed: RHP Joe Martinez

Colorado Rockies

Signed: RHP Justin Berg, RHP Logan Kensing, 3B Russ Mitchell (released by Giants, Aug. 16)

Detroit Tigers

Removed from 40-man: LHP Matt Hoffman (outrighted to Triple-A)

Houston Astros

Traded: LHP Rob Rasmussen to Dodgers for RHP John Ely

Removed from 40-man: 3B Brandon Laird, OF Che-Hsuan Lin (both players outrighted to Triple-A)

Kansas City Royals

Signed: OF Xavier Nady

Released: OF Pat White

Because he's an Article XX-B major league free agent, **Xavier Nady** will receive a \$100,000 retention bonus if the Royals assign him to Triple-A to begin the 2013 season. He also receives an automatic June 1 opt-out date if he is playing in the minors at the time.

Los Angeles Angels

Released: RHP Baudilio Lopez, 2B Landis Ware

Los Angeles Dodgers

Signed: 3B Dallas McPherson

Traded: RHP John Ely to Astros for LHP Rob Rasmussen

Removed from 40-man: OF Scott Van Slyke (outrighted to Triple-A)

Miami Marlins

Signed: RHP John Maine, SS Chris Gutierrez (re-signed)

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: 2B Donnie Murphy, SS Blake Davis

Released: LHP Mike Francisco, LHP Elliot Glynn, LHP Connor Whalen

Minnesota Twins

Released: 1B Joshua Hendricks

New York Mets

Signed: SS Josh Rodriguez (re-signed)

Traded: RHP R.A. Dickey, C Mike Nickeas and C Josh Thole to Blue Jays for RHP Noah Syndergaard, C John Buck, C Travis d'Arnaud and OF Wuilmer Becerra

Traded: 3B Jefry Marte to Athletics for OF Collin Cowgill

New York Yankees

Released: RHP Reinier Casanova, RHP Ryan Flannery, RHP Jhorge Liccien, SS Yadil Mujica, OF Kelvin Duran, OF Justin James, OF Damon Sublett

Removed from 40-man: RHP Jim Miller, LHP Josh Spence (both players outrighted to Triple-A)

[*Casanova* (25) & *Mujica* (28), both Cuban players, were in the Yankees farm system in 2011-2012 with modest results: *Casanova* reached A+ level (20K, 13 BB in 19 IP, 5.21 ERA, 1.58 WHIP), *Mujica* reached AAA (13 G last season; .229/.291/.278 overall). *Mujica* appeared on the Cuba preliminary roster for the '09 World Baseball Classic and batted .358/.432/.440 that season before defecting. He had emerged as one of Cuba's most promising young middle infielders. A scouting report referred to *Mujica* as a contact hitter with plus speed, good range and a plus arm from shortstop]

Oakland Athletics

Released: RHP Drew Gagnier, RHP Connor Hoehn, OF Douglas Landaeta, OF Mitch LeVier

Traded: OF Collin Cowgill to Mets for 3B Jefry Marte

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: C Justin Dalles (released by Orioles, Aug. 2), C John Suomi (re-signed)

Released: OF Diego Gonzalez

San Diego Padres

Acquired: OF Sawyer Carroll from Blue Jays for cash considerations

The Padres reacquired Triple-A outfielder **Sawyer Carroll** from the Blue Jays, the team that less than a month ago selected him in the minor league phase of the Rule 5 draft. The '08 supplemental third-rounder hit .263/.337/.401 with eight homers in 372 at-bats for Tucson this season.

San Francisco Giants

Signed: OF Cole Gillespie (released by D-backs, Sept. 20)

Cole Gillespie made a couple fruitless cameos in the big leagues with the Brewers, but he has demonstrated good on-base skills and some pop during his time in Triple-A. Playing for Nashville in '09 and for Reno the past three seasons, the 28-year-old batted .292/.390/.478 with 45 homers in 1,563 at-bats.

Seattle Mariners

Released: RHP Angel Raga, RHP Ernesto Zaragoza, C Ivan Brea, C Ivan Ramirez, 2B Felipe Burin, 3B Jose Martinez

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: RHP Yael Regalado (NDFC—Washington HS, New York)

Texas Rangers

Signed: 1B Brandon Allen (SoftBank (Japan)), 1B Brandon Snyder (non-tendered and re-signed), 2B Gabe Suarez

Removed from 40-man: C Konrad Schmidt (outrighted to Triple-A)

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Dave Bush (SK Wyverns (Korea)), RHP Ramon Ortiz, LHP Tony Davis (Quebec (Can-Am)), 2B Lance Zawadzki, OF Ryan Langerhans

Released: RHP Justin Cryer

Traded: RHP Noah Syndergaard, C John Buck, C Travis d'Arnaud and OF Wuilmer Becerra to Mets for RHP R.A. Dickey, C Mike Nickeas and C Josh Thole

Traded: OF Sawyer Carroll to Padres for cash considerations

Removed from 40-man: RHP Mickey Storey (outrighted to Triple-A)

Washington Nationals

Signed: SS Brian Bocoock

Released: LHP Raul Ruiz

Minor League Transactions: Dec. 7-13

Arizona Diamondbacks

Signed: LHP Steve Garrison, SS Josh Wilson

Released: RHP Teofilo Gutierrez

Atlanta Braves

Signed: RHP Robinson Lopez (released by Cubs, Feb. '12)

The Braves originally signed **Robinson Lopez** out of the Dominican Republic in 2008, then traded him and two other minor league players to the Cubs for Derrek Lee in August '10.

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: LHP Logan Mahon (Gateway (Frontier)), C Kevin Dultz (released by D-backs, Oct. '12), SS Niuman Romero

Boston Red Sox

Signed: 2B Jonathan Diaz

Acquired: RHP Graham Godfrey from Athletics as player to be named for RHP Sandy Rosario

Acquired: RHP Kyle Kaminska from Pirates as player to be named for RHP Zach Stewart

Chicago Cubs

Signed: RHP Jensen Lewis

Chicago White Sox

Signed: OF Ruben Sierra Jr. (Normal (Frontier))

Cleveland Indians

Signed: RHP Fernando Nieve

Houston Astros

Acquired: RHP Ricky Martinez from Cardinals for cash considerations

Kansas City Royals

Signed: RHP Dan Wheeler, LHP George Sherrill, C Mitch Canham (Long Island (Atlantic)), OF Willy Taveras

Released: RHP Jose Brazoban, 3B John Whittleman

Traded: RHP Jake Odorizzi, LHP Mike Montgomery, 3B Patrick Leonard and OF Wil Myers to Rays for RHP Wade Davis, RHP James Shields and a player to be named

Los Angeles Angels

Released: RHP Brian Lawrence, 2B Ryan Mount

Los Angeles Dodgers

Traded: SS Jake Lemmerman to Cardinals for 2B Skip Schumaker

Miami Marlins

Signed: RHP Jonathan Albaladejo, RHP Amaury Rivas, SS Ed Lucas

Released: C Dallas Hord

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: LHP Travis Webb

Minnesota Twins

Signed: RHP Bryan Augenstein, RHP Scott Elarton, RHP Virgil Vasquez (Southern Maryland (Atlantic)), LHP Mike O'Connor, 1B Reynaldo Rodriguez, SS Ray Olmedo, OF Brandon Boggs, OF Clete Thomas (re-signed)

Released: RHP Ricky Bowen, RHP Steve Hirschfeld, LHP Clint Dempster, LHP Corey Kimes, 3B Jacob Younis, OF Wang-Wei Lin

New York Yankees

Removed from 40-man: 3B Jayson Nix (outrighted to Triple-A)

Oakland Athletics

Signed: RHP Yeiper Castillo

Released: RHP Chad Lee

Traded: RHP Graham Godfrey to Red Sox as player to be named for RHP Sandy Rosario

Philadelphia Phillies

Traded: RHP Lisalberto Bonilla and RHP Josh Lindblom to Rangers for 3B Michael Young and cash

Pittsburgh Pirates

Traded: RHP Kyle Kaminska to Red Sox as player to be named for RHP Zach Stewart

St. Louis Cardinals

Released: RHP Drew Benes

Traded: 2B Skip Schumaker to Dodgers for SS Jake Lemmerman

Traded: RHP Ricky Martinez to Astros for cash considerations

San Diego Padres

Signed: RHP Sean O'Sullivan, LHP Matt LaChappa (re-signed), LHP Juan Oramas (non-tendered and re-signed)

Acquired: RHP Wilfredo Boscan from Rangers as player to be named for RHP Cory Burns

Traded: 1B Vince Belnome to Rays for LHP Chris Rearick

San Francisco Giants

Signed: RHP Chad Gaudin, RHP Shane Loux, RHP Jon Meloan, RHP Ryan Sadowski (Lotte (Korea)), SS Wilson Valdez, OF Javier Herrera (Southern Illinois (Frontier))

A former top prospect with the Athletics, **Javier Herrera** has had a huge winter in the Venezuelan League, batting .407/.455/.780 with seven homers in 18 games for La Guaira, where he's teammates with Giants players Gregor Blanco and Hector Sanchez. The 27-year-old Herrera flamed out in the A's system, falling prey to injuries and a drug suspension, and earned his release in May '09. He bounced around independent ball in '12.

Seattle Mariners

Released: RHP Tim Boyce, RHP Ivan Julio, RHP Junior Nunez, RHP Zach Sterling, 3B Luis Matias

Tampa Bay Rays

Traded: RHP Wade Davis, RHP James Shields and a player to be named to Royals for RHP Jake Odorizzi, LHP Mike Montgomery, 3B Patrick Leonard and OF Wil Myers

Traded: LHP Chris Rearick to Padres for 1B Vince Belnome

Texas Rangers

Signed: RHP Jake Brigham (non-tendered and re-signed), RHP Jouser Martinez (released by White Sox, Oct. '09), RHP Evan Meek, RHP Randy Wells, 2B Yangervis Solarte (re-signed), OF Chih-Hsien Chiang

Traded: 3B Michael Young and cash to Phillies for RHP Lisalberto Bonilla and RHP Josh Lindblom

Acquired: RHP Wilfredo Boscan to Padres as player to be named for RHP Cory Burns

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Buddy Carlyle, RHP Chorye Spoone (re-signed), RHP Rich Thompson, RHP Claudio Vargas, LHP Juan Perez, LHP Greg Smith, 1B Luis Jimenez, OF Eugenio Velez

Washington Nationals

Signed: RHP Tyler Herron (Fargo-Moorhead (American Association)), RHP Paterson Segura, LHP Francis Castro, 3B Neivy Piller

Neivy Piller, who signed for \$225,000, has a quick bat and a strong arm at third base, while Paterson Segura tops out at 92 mph and offers advanced pitchability for his age, according to the website for the Dominican Prospect League.

Minor League Transactions: Nov. 27-Dec. 6

Arizona Diamondbacks

Rule 5 selection: OF Ender Inciarte (MLB, Phillies)

Atlanta Braves

Signed: C Matt Pagnozzi, 2B Blake DeWitt

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Adam Russell, C Jose Gil, C Jim Vahalik (Washington (Frontier)), 2B Shawn Roof, OF Conor Jackson, OF Buddy Sosenoskie (Fargo-Moorhead (American Association))

Traded: RHP Jhondaniel Medina to Pirates for 2B Yamaico Navarro

Rule 5 selection: OF Robbie Widlansky (AAA, Angels)

Boston Red Sox

Signed: RHP Anthony Carter (non-tender by White Sox), RHP Oscar Villarreal, C Alberto Rosario

Traded: RHP Zach Stewart to Pirates for a player to be named

Traded: 2B Jeff Kobernus (Rule 5 pick) to Tigers for OF Justin Henry

Rule 5 selections: RHP Josh Fields (MLB, Astros), RHP Ryan Pressly (MLB, Twins)

For the second year in a row, the Red Sox immediately traded their major league Rule 5 pick for a player whom they can keep in the minors with no strings attached. This time they selected Nationals Double-A second baseman Jeff Kobernus and then traded him to the Tigers for **Justin Henry**, a center fielder/third baseman/second baseman who can really run (double-plus grades) and defend in the outfield. The 27-year-old hit .300/.372/.357 with 22 steals in 376 at-bats for Triple-A Toledo. Last year, Boston took Triple-A shortstop Marwin Gonzalez from the Cubs and flipped him to the Astros for righthander Marco Duarte, who struck out 7.5 and walked 3.6 per nine innings across two levels as a reliever for the Red Sox this season.

Chicago Cubs

Removed from 40-man: RHP Casey Coleman (outrighted to Triple-A)

Rule 5 selections: RHP Alvido Jimenez (AAA, Blue Jays), RHP Starling Peralta (MLB, Diamondbacks), 3B Matt Cerda (AAA, Cardinals), OF Michael Burgess (AAA, Astros)

Chicago White Sox

Rule 5 selection: RHP Jon Bachanov (AAA, Red Sox)

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: SS Kris Negron (non-tendered and re-signed), OF Denis Phipps (non-tendered and re-signed)

Rule 5 selection: 3B Marquez Smith (AAA, Rangers)

The Reds had signed **Marquez Smith** as a minor league free agent in November.

Cleveland Indians

Signed: RHP Kota Kobayashi

Rule 5 selections: RHP Hector Rondon (MLB, Cubs), LHP T.J. McFarland (MLB, Orioles)

Cleveland signed 21-year-old Japanese righty reliever **Kota Kobayashi**, who played in the minors for the Yokohama organization for three seasons. The Bay Stars drafted him out of high school in '09 and released him in November.

Colorado Rockies

Traded: RHP Alex Gillingham and RHP Alex White to Astros for RHP Wilton Lopez and a player to be named

Rule 5 selection: RHP Coty Woods (MLB, Rangers)

Detroit Tigers

Signed: RHP Trevor Bell, 1B John Lindsey (re-signed), 3B Matt Tuiasosopo

Traded: OF Justin Henry to Red Sox for 2B Jeff Kobernus (Rule 5 pick)

Rule 5 selections: LHP Efrain Nieves (AAA, Blue Jays), LHP Jay Voss (AAA, Cardinals)

A righty hitter, **Kobernus** showed a wide platoon split with Double-A Harrisburg this season, batting .319/.376/.352 versus lefties but putting up a meager .631 OPS against righties. The Tigers are most interested in his 42 stolen bases, most likely. Lobstein also had split issues in Double-A, showing strong strikeout potential against lefty batters (29 percent whiffs) and good control (8 percent walks) as a starter for Montgomery. That ratio could widen in a relief role if the Tigers go that route.

Houston Astros

Traded: RHP Wilton Lopez and a player to be named to Rockies for RHP Alex Gillingham and RHP Alex White

Kansas City Royals

Traded: RHP Vin Mazzaro and 1B Clint Robinson to Pirates for RHP Luis Santos and LHP Luis Rico

Elected free agency: RHP Chris Volstad

Removed from 40-man: RHP Chris Volstad, LHP Ryan Verdugo, C Adam Moore (all players outrighted to Triple-A)

Rule 5 selections: RHP Federico Castaneda (AAA, Padres), RHP Ethan Hollingsworth (AAA, Pirates), LHP Ryan Dennick (AAA, Reds), LHP Brendan Lafferty (AAA, Phillies), 2B Diego Goris (AAA, Padres)

Los Angeles Angels

Rule 5 selections: LHP Tyler Kehrner (AAA, Marlins), SS Angel Sanchez (MLB, White Sox)

With the free agent departure of utilityman Maicer Izturis this offseason, the Angels made shortstop **Angel Sanchez** a priority on the minor league free agent market. They signed him to a minor league deal just as the World Series wound down, but now Sanchez will go to spring training as a Rule 5 pick with the White Sox, who apparently had similar designs.

Los Angeles Dodgers

Rule 5 selection: OF Alfredo Silverio (MLB, Marlins)

Miami Marlins

Signed: LHP Zach Phillips, OF Jordan Brown

Traded: SS Yunel Escobar to Rays for 2B Derek Dietrich

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: RHP Chris Jakubauskas, SS Hainley Statia (re-signed)

Traded: OF Raul Mondesi Jr. to Rays for RHP Burke Badenhop

Rule 5 selection: 2B Eric Farris (AAA, Mariners)

Minnesota Twins

Signed: RHP Lester Oliveros (non-tendered and re-signed), LHP Jason Lane (Sugar Land (Atlantic))

Traded: OF Denard Span to Nationals for RHP Alex Meyer

Removed from 40-man: RHP Deolis Guerra (outrighted to Triple-A)

Rule 5 selection: RHP Tom Boleska (AAA, Orioles)

[The 23-year-old **Deolis Guerra** was signed by the Mets out of Venezuela in 2005 as one of the that year top international prospects; prior the 2008 season, he was traded with Philip Humber, Kevin Mulvey and Carlos Gomez to Twins for Johan Santana. The righty was ranked #35 best prospect in baseball and #2 Mets prospect in 2008 by mlb.com. Guerra simply hasn't performed in the upper minors (reached AAA) as requested by his prospect label: he owns an overall record of 46-57-2 with a 4.87 ERA & 1.40 WHIP in 7 pro seasons. Guerra is out of options and eligible to become a minor league free agent after the 2013 season]

New York Yankees

Signed: RHP David Herndon (re-signed)

Oakland Athletics

Signed: 3B Scott Moore, OF D'Arby Myers

Traded: RHP Zach Thornton to Pirates for RHP Chris Resop

Rule 5 selections: SS Michael Gilmartin (AAA, Reds), OF Eliezer Mesa (AAA, Tigers)

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: RHP Zach Miner, LHP Cesar Jimenez, C Humberto Quintero

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: LHP Philippe Valiquette, LHP Mike Zagurski

Acquired: RHP Zach Stewart from Red Sox for a player to be named

Traded: RHP Luis Santos and LHP Luis Rico to Royals for RHP Vin Mazzaro and 1B Clint Robinson

Traded: 2B Yamaico Navarro to Orioles for RHP Jhondaniel Medina

Traded: RHP Chris Resop to Athletics for RHP Zach Thornton

Removed from 40-man: 1B Matt Haque (outrighted to Triple-A)

Rule 5 selection: 3B Elevys Gonzalez (AAA, Dodgers)

St. Louis Cardinals

Signed: OF Justin Christian

Rule 5 selection: 1B Steve Hill (AAA, Athletics)

San Diego Padres

Signed: RHP Daniel Stange (re-signed), LHP Jeremy Gould

Rule 5 selections: 1B Nate Freiman (MLB, Astros), OF Sawyer Carroll (AAA, Blue Jays)

San Francisco Giants

Signed: LHP Carlos Teller

Rule 5 selection: RHP Cameron Lamb (AAA, Astros)

Released by the Pirates in March '09, lefty **Carlos Teller** hasn't pitched in affiliated ball in three years, though he has made winter-ball appearances in Mexico in '10 and Venezuela in '11. The Giants signed him on the heels of his showing with Nicaragua in the World Baseball Classic qualifier, in which Teller worked one inning, allowing one hit and striking out one.

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: RHP Will Inman, OF Jason Bourgeois, OF Nick Weglarz

Traded: RHP Burke Badenhop to Brewers for OF Raul Mondesi Jr.

Traded: 2B Derek Dietrich to Marlins for SS Yunel Escobar

Rule 5 selections: RHP Scott Shuman (AAA, Giants), LHP Braulio Lara (MLB, Marlins), LHP Kyle Lobstein (MLB, Mets)

The Rays got raided for three of the most interesting arms taken in the Rule 5 draft, the dark horse being Double-A righty reliever **Scott Shuman**. Despite a 8.83 ERA and 2.28 WHIP, he could have some utility as a situational reliever—and he comes with no strings attached as a minor league selection. Shuman bumped 95 mph and induced righties to chase an often effective slider. They hit .224/.388/.329 in 98 matchups, striking out 36 percent of the time (but also walking 21 percent of the time). If there's any organization that can fix him, it's the Giants.

Texas Rangers

Signed: RHP Collin Balester

Rule 5 selections: 1B Chris McGuiness (MLB, Indians), 3B Tommy Mendonca (AAA, Athletics)

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Alberto Guzman, RHP Yonardo Herdenez

Elected free agency: RHP Cory Wade

Removed from 40-man: RHP Joel Carreno, RHP Cory Wade, 2B Mike McCoy (all players outrighted to Triple-A)

Rule 5 selection: 3B Mark Sobolewski (AAA, Twins)

Washington Nationals

Signed: LHP Bobby Bramhall, LHP Bill Bray

Traded: RHP Alex Meyer to Twins for OF Denard Span

Rule 5 selections: RHP Hector Nelo (AAA, Dodgers), LHP Jack McGeary (AAA, Red Sox), LHP Danny Rosenbaum (MLB, Rockies), 2B Jeff Kobernus (MLB, Red Sox)

Minor League Transactions: Nov. 20-26

Arizona Diamondbacks

Signed: RHP Robert Coe (St. Paul (American Association)), RHP Chris Cox (Quebec (Can-Am)), 1B Mark Teahen, 3B Ryan Stovall (Fargo-Moorhead (American Association))

Atlanta Braves

Signed: RHP Reinier Roll

[Roll defected from Cuba in 2009. He pitched for the Industriales Habana in the Cuban Serie Nacional]

Baltimore Orioles

Added to 40-man roster: LHP Mike Belfiore, 2B Jonathan Schoop

Removed from 40-man: RHP Oliver Drake (outrighted to Triple-A)

Boston Red Sox

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Allen Webster, RHP Alex Wilson, RHP Steve Wright, C Dan Butler, C Christian Vazquez, OF Alex Hassan

Removed from 40-man: 2B Ivan De Jesus Jr. (outrighted to Triple-A)

Chicago Cubs

Traded: RHP Jake Brigham to Rangers for RHP Barret Loux and a player to be named

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Trey McNutt, RHP Robert Whitenack, 2B Logan Watkins, 3B Christian Villanueva

Removed from 40-man: RHP Carlos Gutierrez (outrighted to Triple-A)

Chicago White Sox

Signed: LHP Trevor Reckling, OF Cyle Hankerd (re-signed)

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Charlie Shirek

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: RHP Jose Diaz, LHP Wilkin de la Rosa (re-signed), LHP Lee Hyde

Cleveland Indians

Elected free agency: OF Brent Lillibridge

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Trey Haley, RHP Chen Lee, LHP T.J. House, OF Tim Fedroff

Removed from 40-man: RHP Fabio Martinez, 1B Matt LaPorta, OF Brent Lillibridge (all players outrighted to Triple-A)

Colorado Rockies

Elected free agency: OF Andrew Brown

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Joe Gardner, SS Cristhian Adames, OF Tim Wheeler

Removed from 40-man: 1B Matt McBride, OF Andrew Brown (both players outrighted to Triple-A)

Detroit Tigers

Signed: RHP Shane Dyer, RHP Jess Todd, 3B Kevin Russo

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Melvin Mercedes, RHP Bruce Rondon, SS Dixon Machado

Removed from 40-man: RHP Tyler Stohr (outrighted to Triple-A)

Houston Astros

Signed: RHP Edgar Gonzalez (re-signed), RHP Jose Valdez (re-signed), LHP Sergio Escalona (re-signed), OF Trevor Crowe

Elected free agency: 3B Scott Moore

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Jose Cisnero, RHP Jarred Cosart, RHP Chia-Jen Lo, RHP Ross Seaton, LHP Brett Oberholtzer, SS Jonathan Villar, OF Robbie Grossman

Removed from 40-man: 3B Scott Moore (outrighted to Triple-A)

Kansas City Royals

Signed: RHP Darwin Polanco, LHP Estarling Cordero, LHP Jose Jimenez, SS Luis Valenzuela

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Juan Gutierrez, LHP Chris Dwyer, LHP Donnie Joseph, LHP John Lamb, LHP Justin Marks, LHP Mike Montgomery

Los Angeles Angels

Signed: RHP Jarrett Grube (re-signed), RHP Brandon Hynick, 3B Brendan Harris, OF Matt Young

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Ryan Brasier, LHP Brandon Sisk, OF Travis Witherspoon

Los Angeles Dodgers

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Steve Ames, RHP Matt Magill

Miami Marlins

Added to 40-man roster: LHP Edgar Olmos, C Kyle Skipworth, OF Kyle Jensen, OF Marcell Ozuna

Minnesota Twins

Signed: 1B Jeff Clement

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Kyle Gibson, RHP B.J. Hermsen, RHP Mike Tonkin, RHP Tim Wood, LHP Caleb Thielbar, C Josmil Pinto, SS Danny Santana, OF Aaron Hicks

New York Mets

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Greg Burke, RHP Gonzalez Germen, RHP Hansel Robles, RHP Zack Wheeler, LHP Darin Gorski, SS Wilfredo Tovar

New York Yankees

Elected free agency: RHP David Herndon

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Brett Marshall, RHP Jose Ramirez, LHP Manny Banuelos, LHP Francisco Rondon, LHP Nik Turley, OF Ramon Flores

Removed from 40-man: RHP David Herndon (outrighted to Triple-A)

Oakland Athletics

Signed: RHP Kyler Newby

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Arnold Leon, RHP Michael Ynoa, OF Grant Green, OF Shane Peterson

Removed from 40-man: RHP Andrew Carignan (outrighted to Triple-A)

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: RHP Brandon Erbe

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Ethan Martin, RHP Trevor May, RHP Jon Pettibone, OF Zach Collier

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: RHP David Bromberg, RHP Erik Cordier

Released: RHP Aneudy Merejo, LHP Justin Ennis, 2B Jorge Bishop

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Vic Black, RHP Phil Irwin, RHP Hunter Strickland, C Ramon Cabrera, C Tony Sanchez

St. Louis Cardinals

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Michael Blazek, RHP Keith Butler, RHP Eric Fornataro, LHP Kevin Siegrist

San Diego Padres

Released: RHP Daniel Sarria

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Adys Portillo, OF Yeison Asencio, OF Jaff Decker

[Signed by the Padres as a non-drafted free agent out of Venezuela on July 2, 2008 (\$2M signing bonus), **Portillo** was named the Padres' #18 prospect by MLB.com entering the 2012 season. Rated as having the best fastball in the Padres organization by Baseball America following the 2011 season, Portillo pitched well at A level in 2012 (6-6, 1.87 ERA in 18 starts, earning All-Star selection), before being hit hard at San Antonio/AA, where he finished his season with a 2-5 record, 7.20 ERA in 8 starts]

San Francisco Giants

Signed: C Tyler LaTorre (re-signed), C Guillermo Quiroz

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Jake Dunning, RHP Chris Heston, LHP Edwin Escobar, SS Nick Noonan, OF Juan Perez

[**LaTorre** (29) is on the Italy's provisional roster for the upcoming World Baseball Classic. He was signed by the Giants as a NDFA out of University of Cal-Davis in 2006 and became a Milb free agent after the 2012 season. He played at Fresno/AAA the last two seasons; owns a career .247/.345/.347 in 349 games]

Seattle Mariners

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Brandon Maurer, LHP Anthony Fernandez, LHP Bobby LaFromboise, 3B Vinnie Catricala, OF Julio Morban

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: 2B Mike Fontenot, OF Rich Thompson (re-signed)

Added to 40-man roster: LHP Felipe Rivero, LHP Enny Romero, 2B Tim Beckham, SS Hak-Ju Lee

Texas Rangers

Signed: RHP Johan Yan (re-signed)

Traded: RHP Barret Loux and a player to be named to Cubs for RHP Jake Brigham

Toronto Blue Jays

Added to 40-man roster: C A.J. Jimenez, SS Ryan Goins

Washington Nationals

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Erik Davis, RHP Nate Karns

Minor League Transactions: Nov. 13-19

Arizona Diamondbacks

Signed: LHP Rommie Lewis (Bridgeport (Atlantic)), 1B Kila Ka'aihue

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Chase Anderson, RHP Charles Brewer, RHP Eric Smith, LHP Eury de la Rosa, OF Keon Broxton

Atlanta Braves

Signed: RHP James Hoyt (Tabasco (Mexican)), RHP Jonathan Santiago, LHP Dusty Hughes (re-signed), C Shawn McGill (re-signed)

Released: RHP Kevin McKague, LHP Matt Fouch, LHP Elvin Garcia, LHP Mike Hashem, C Ryan Query, 1B Mike Spina, 2B Luis Madrid, 3B Angel Vargas, OF Emmanuel Daniel, OF Kurt Fleming

Added to 40-man roster: RHP David Hale, RHP Aaron Northcraft, RHP Cory Rasmus, RHP Zeke Spruill, C Christian Bethancourt

Righthanded reliever **James Hoyt** pitched for Centenary College (La.) in '10, joined the independent North American League for the '11 season and then latched on with the indy American Association and Mexican League this year. The 26-year-old has shown swing-and-miss stuff for four different pro teams—Yuma, Edinburg, Wichita and Tabasco—striking out 104 batters over 78 relief innings. Of course, he's also walked 5.3 batters per nine innings in that time.

Among the released players are a pair of former Army pitchers: **Kevin McKague**, a 23rd-round righty drafted this year, and lefty **Matt Fouch**, who had been on baseball's military list since July '10.

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Daniel McCutchen, LHP Dan Meyer (Long Island (Atlantic)), OF Lew Ford (re-signed)

Boston Red Sox

Released: RHP Mike Gleason, RHP Jadd Schmeltzer, OF Seth Schwindenhammer

Chicago Cubs

Signed: C J.C. Boscan, SS Alberto Gonzalez, OF Brian Bogusevic, OF Johermyn Chavez

Chicago White Sox

Signed: LHP David Purcey, C Bryan Anderson, SS Steve Tolleson, OF John Shelby III (Gateway (Frontier))

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Andre Rienzo, LHP Santos Rodriguez, C Josh Phegley, OF Jared Mitchell

[Rienzo (24) was signed by Chicago out of Brazil in 2009. Last season, he pitched between A adv & AA levels with a game at AAA-Charlotte. In four pro seasons he registered a very good 9.72/SO9, to go along with a 3.34 ERA & 1.30 WHIP. Rienzo is on the Brazil provisional roster for the 2013 World Baseball Classic. "The Brazilian prospect's stock took a hit when he had to sit out to serve a 50-game suspension for testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs. That happened after four starts in the Carolina League, but he did come back and went straight to Double-A. Rienzo has a ton of arm strength with an excellent fastball that has above-average movement. He's struggled with command of his secondary stuff in the past, but if he continues to develop with the suspension behind him, Rienzo has the chance to be one of the more intriguing arms in the system. Mlb.com ranked him #18 WS prospect after 2012 season" (source: mlb.com)]

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: RHP Jeff Stevens, C Nevin Ashley, 2B Emmanuel Burriss

Released: OF Yordanys Perez

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Carlos Contreras, RHP Daniel Corcino, RHP Curtis Partch, RHP Josh Ravin, LHP Ismael Guillon, OF Yorman Rodriguez

Cleveland Indians

Signed: RHP Jose Flores (re-signed), 2B Nate Spears, OF Matt Carson, OF Cedric Hunter

Colorado Rockies

Signed: RHP Jeff Manship

Detroit Tigers

Signed: C Brad Davis (re-signed)

Kansas City Royals

Signed: RHP Brian Sanches, LHP Atahualpa Severino

Elected free agency: OF Jason Bourgeois

Los Angeles Angels

Signed: RHP Billy Buckner, LHP Jo-Jo Reyes, LHP Mitch Stetter, C Luke Carlin, OF Trent Oeltjen, OF J.B. Shuck

Los Angeles Dodgers

Signed: RHP Juan Abreu, RHP Hector Correa, RHP Greg Infante, LHP Kelvin de la Cruz, LHP Thomas Melgarejo, C Wilkin Castillo, 1B Nick Evans, 3B C.J. Retherford (re-signed), SS Miguel Rojas

Miami Marlins

Released: RHP Eduardo Jorge

Traded: RHP Josh Johnson, LHP Mark Buehrle, C John Buck, SS Jose Reyes, OF Emilio Bonifacio and cash to Blue Jays for RHP Henderson Alvarez, RHP Anthony DeSclafani, LHP Justin Nicolino, C Jeff Mathis, SS Yunel Escobar, SS Adeiny Hechavarria and OF Jake Marisnick

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: RHP Frankie de la Cruz, LHP Zach Kroenke, C Blake Lalli

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Nick Bucci, RHP Hiram Burgos, 2B Scooter Gennett, OF Khris Davis, OF Josh Prince

Minnesota Twins

Signed: RHP Tim Wood, SS James Beresford (re-signed)

New York Mets

Signed: RHP Wanel Mesa (Bridgeport (Atlantic)), RHP Carlos Torres, LHP Scott Rice, SS Brian Bixler, OF Jamie Hoffmann

Oakland Athletics

Signed: LHP Justin Thomas, SS Darwin Perez

Traded: RHP Tyson Ross and 1B A.J. Kirby-Jones to Padres for LHP Andrew Werner and SS Andy Parrino

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: 3B Josh Fields

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: RHP Brooks Brown, RHP Luis Sanz, 3B Alex Valdez (Carmen (Mexican)), OF Felix Pie

San Diego Padres

Traded: LHP Andrew Werner and SS Andy Parrino to Athletics for RHP Tyson Ross and 1B A.J. Kirby-Jones

San Francisco Giants

Signed: RHP Fabio Castillo, RHP Eric Hacker (re-signed), RHP Willy Lebron

Seattle Mariners

Signed: C Jesus Sucre (re-signed)

Tampa Bay Rays

Signed: RHP Matt Buschmann (re-signed)

Released: LHP David Newmann

Texas Rangers

Added to 40-man roster: LHP Joe Ortiz, 2B Leury Garcia

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Ronald Uviedo (re-signed), RHP Neil Wagner, LHP Willie Collazo (re-signed), LHP Alex Hinshaw, 2B Jim Negrych, 2B Julio Izturis, OF Ricardo Nanita (re-signed)

Traded: RHP Henderson Alvarez, RHP Anthony DeSclafani, LHP Justin Nicolino, C Jeff Mathis, SS Yunel Escobar, SS Adeiny Hechavarria and OF Jake Marisnick to Marlins for RHP Josh Johnson, LHP Mark Buehrle, C John Buck, SS Jose Reyes, OF Emilio Bonifacio and cash

Washington Nationals

Signed: RHP Caleb Clay, RHP Randy Consuegra, RHP Deibi Yrizarri, LHP Fernando Abad

The Nationals signed **Randy Consuegra** following his stint with the Colombian team in the World Baseball Classic qualifier, where he struck out the only batter he faced. Released by the Red Sox in January '11, he hasn't played affiliated ball the past two seasons. Washington previously plucked a quality relief arm out of an international tournament when they signed Mexican righty Rafael Martin in February '10 on the heels of his fine performance (4 strikeouts, one hit, no runs in 2 1/3 innings) in the '09 Caribbean Series.

Minor League Transactions: Nov. 6-12**Arizona Diamondbacks**

Signed: RHP Eddie Bonine, RHP Garrett Mock, OF Brad Snyder

Released: LHP Mike Hampton

Mike Hampton made 14 appearances in the Diamondbacks organization in '10, but he had been voluntarily retired since March '11. [*Hampton will serve as pitching coach for the Angels' Double-A Arkansas club next season, a hiring that required his release from Arizona.*]

Atlanta Braves

Signed: RHP Wilmi Francisco

Chicago Cubs

Signed: RHP Blake Parker (re-signed)

Released: 1B Rebel Ridling

Chicago White Sox

Signed: RHP Ramon Troncoso

Traded: RHP Brandon Kloess to Padres for OF Blake Tekotte

Cincinnati Reds

Signed: 1B Mike Hessman, 3B Marquez Smith

Released: OF Wilfrel Estevez

Elected free agency: SS Wilson Valdez

Removed from 40-man: SS Wilson Valdez (outrighted to Triple-A)

Veteran minor league slugger **Mike Hessman** mashed 35 home runs for Triple-A Oklahoma City in '12, running his total in the domestic minors to 364. He also has 14 in the big leagues and six in Japan.

Detroit Tigers

Signed: LHP Jose Alvarez

Kansas City Royals

Signed: C Manny Pina (re-signed), 1B Ian Gac, 3B Brandon Wood, OF Luis Durango, OF Jose Mogollon

Released: OF Ysmelin Alcantara

Removed from 40-man: OF Jason Bourgeois (outrighted to Triple-A)

The Rockies deployed **Brandon Wood** as a utility infielder at Triple-A Colorado Springs this season—43 games at third, 17 at short, 22 at second—though the three-time Angels No. 1 prospect hit just .259/.313/.409 with 10 homers in favorable hitting conditions. He's entering his age-28 season, so a big league breakthrough still is possible.

Miami Marlins

Signed: RHP Jordan Smith, 2B Chris Valaika, 3B Kevin Kouzmanoff

Minnesota Twins

Signed: C Eric Fryer, SS Jason Christian

New York Mets

Signed: RHP Greg Burke, C Mike Nickeas (re-signed)

Released: C Tony Piazza

An '03 12th-rounder, Tony Piazza had been on the restricted list since spring training '07.

Oakland Athletics

Signed: C Luke Montz

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: RHP Ryan Reid, 1B Jeff Larish (re-signed), 3B Jared Goedert, OF Darren Ford

St. Louis Cardinals

Signed: C Rob Johnson

San Diego Padres

Signed: C Eddy Rodriguez (re-signed)

Traded: OF Blake Tekotte to White Sox for RHP Brandon Kloess

Signed by the White Sox out of the Frontier League in June '09, **Kloess** sinks the ball at 90-92 mph and throws strikes, and if everything breaks right he could pick up middle-relief innings in San Diego. Still, that's not a bad return for the designated-for-assignment Blake Tekotte.

San Francisco Giants

Elected free agency: 2B Emmanuel Burriss

Assigned to Arizona Fall League: LHP Ryan Bradley

Texas Rangers

Signed: RHP Yonata Ortega, RHP Zach Simons, LHP Scott Olsen, C Juan Apodaca, OF Jim Adduci, OF Aaron Cunningham

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Justin Germano, RHP Bobby Korecky (re-signed)

Washington Nationals

Signed: RHP Yefri Pena, 2B Will Rhymes, SS Leudys Baez, OF Ray Kruml

Minor League Transactions: Nov. 1-5

Arizona Diamondbacks

Signed: C Tuffy Gosewisch

Elected free agency: LHP Mike Zagurski

Removed from 40-man: LHP Mike Zagurski, 3B Josh Bell (both players outrighted to Triple-A)

Atlanta Braves

Signed: 1B Chris Garcia (re-signed)

Elected free agency: C J.C. Boscan

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Juan Jaime, 1B Ernesto Mejia

Removed from 40-man: LHP Robert Fish, C J.C. Boscan (both players outrighted to Triple-A)

Credit the Braves pro scouting department with finding power reliever **Juan Jaime** and power-hitting first baseman **Ernesto Mejia**, both of whom signed minor league contracts with the organization and eventually worked their way onto the 40-man roster. The 25-year-old **Jaime** missed all of '10 and '11 after having Tommy John surgery, earning his release from the Diamondbacks, but he proved healthy and effective with high Class A Lynchburg this season, ranking among the Carolina League leaders with 42 appearances and 18 saves while striking out 73 in 51 innings. He touches 98 mph but lacks feel for a fringy slider and changeup, but if he continues to miss bats and limit baserunners he might have a big league future. **Mejia** originally signed with the Braves out of Venezuela in July '02—he spent the '10 season in the Royals system—but he didn't garner much prospect buzz until this season when International League managers voted him the Triple-A circuit's top power prospect. The 26-year-old batted .296/.347/.502 with 24 homers for Gwinnett, leading the IL with 92 RBIs, 152 hits and 258 total bases. In an era where even corner power can be difficult (or prohibitively expensive) to acquire, Mejia has it in spades.

Baltimore Orioles

Signed: RHP Eric Beaulac (re-signed), C Zach Booker (re-signed), C Joel Polanco (re-signed), C Chris Robinson (re-signed), C Scott Thomas (re-signed)

Removed from 40-man: LHP Zach Phillips, SS Steve Tolleson, OF Lew Ford (all players outrighted to Triple-A)

Boston Red Sox

Signed: OF Mitch Maier (elected free agency from Royals)

Chicago Cubs

Signed: LHP Kyler Burke (re-signed), 3B Jonathan Mota (re-signed)

Chicago White Sox

Traded: OF Kenny Williams Jr. to Rockies for 1B Mark Tracy

In a minor trade with major league implications, the White Sox dealt Double-A outfielder **Kenny Williams Jr.**, the son of team president and former GM Ken, to the Rockies for high Class A first baseman **Mark Tracy**, the son of former manager Jim.

Cincinnati Reds

Released: RHP Dan Jensen, RHP Josh Judy, LHP Chris Joyce, 2B James Ewing, OF Brayan Arias, OF Spencer Dickinson

Cleveland Indians

Signed: RHP Hector Rondon (re-signed)

Elected free agency: RHP Kevin Slowey, OF Vinny Rottino

Colorado Rockies

Signed: RHP Leuris Gomez (re-signed), RHP Michael Marbry (re-signed), OF Blake Gailen (Lancaster (Atlantic))

Traded: 1B Mark Tracy to White Sox for OF Kenny Williams Jr.

Added to 40-man roster: RHP Josh Sullivan

Removed from 40-man: RHP Carlos Torres (outrighted to Triple-A)

Assigned to Arizona Fall League: RHP Michael Marbry

Josh Sullivan earned a place on the 40-man with a combination of good stuff—a mid-90s sinker, solid slider—and strong results with Double-A Tulsa. The 28-year-old struck out 63 in 62 innings and ranked among the Texas League leaders with 17 saves and 60 games.

Blake Gailen has played in five different independent leagues and appeared in 29 games for the Angels' Double-A Arkansas club in '11, but he accrued the most personal honors this season. He won Atlantic League MVP honors, the BA Independent Leagues Player of the Year award and earned a minor league deal with the Rockies.

Detroit Tigers

Signed: RHP Cesar Carrillo (re-signed), RHP David Kopp (re-signed), LHP Ramon Garcia (re-signed), LHP Efrain Nieves (re-signed), SS Argenis Diaz (re-signed), OF Marcus Lemon (re-signed)

Elected free agency: OF Don Kelly

Houston Astros

Released: RHP Yoiner Angulo, RHP Xavier Baso, RHP Blake Ford, RHP Juan Mojica, RHP Nate Pettus, RHP Brad Propst, RHP Rodney Quintero, LHP Ricardo Batista, LHP Steve Dennison, LHP Brad Dydalewicz, LHP Gabriel Garcia, LHP Kilby Pena, C Kenny Diaz, C Franny Polanco, 1B Kyle Redinger, 2B Matt Downs, 2B Neiko Johnson, 3B Jordan Kreke, SS Jimmy Howick, OF Emilio King, OF Jarrod McKinney, OF J.B. Shuck, OF Garen Wright

Removed from 40-man: RHP Jorge DeLeon, RHP Chuckie Fick, RHP Edgar Gonzalez, RHP Jose Valdez, RHP Kyle Weiland, LHP Fernando Abad, LHP Sergio Escalona, 2B Matt Downs, OF Brian Bogusevic, OF J.B. Shuck (all players outrighted to Triple-A)

Among those outrighted to Triple-A, Chuckie Fick and Kyle Weiland remain in the Astros organization, but six others appear on the list of minor league free agents published yesterday. Those free agents are righties Jorge De Leon, Edgar Gonzalez and Jose Valdez; lefties Fernando Abad and Sergio Escalona and outfielder Brian Bogusevic. Matt Downs and J.B. Shuck were granted their release. Houston's 40-man roster stands at 31 players and includes offseason waiver claims Sam Demel, Jake Elmore and Che-Hsuan Lin.

Kansas City Royals

Signed: RHP Anthony Ortega (released by Angels Nov. '11), LHP Carlos Herrera, SS Sharlon Schoop (re-signed), OF Paulo Orlando (re-signed), OF Jose Angel Sanchez (Hawaii (North American))

Removed from 40-man: C Manny Pina (outrighted to Triple-A)

Los Angeles Dodgers

Signed: RHP Blake Johnson (re-signed), RHP Luis Vasquez (re-signed), LHP Geison Aguasviva (re-signed), OF Alfredo Silverio (re-signed)

Removed from 40-man: OF Alfredo Silverio (outrighted to Triple-A)

Miami Marlins

Reinstated from DL: 2B German Duran

Milwaukee Brewers

Signed: RHP Jairo Asencio, C Anderson de la Rosa (re-signed)

Elected free agency: 1B Travis Ishikawa, OF Nyjer Morgan

Removed from 40-man: 1B Travis Ishikawa, OF Nyjer Morgan (both players outrighted to Triple-A)

The Brewers struck early to secure two of the best relievers available on the minor league free agent market. They signed righthanders **Jairo Asencio** (minor league deal) and Michael Olmsted (major league deal) hours after they were eligible to sign with new clubs. The Red Sox didn't have room to protect Olmsted on their 40-man roster, but he offers intriguing upside, having touched 97 mph in the Eastern League this season and striking out 31 in 20 innings for Double-A Portland this season while allowing no homers or earned runs.

[On 24th Jan. 2013, **Morgan** signed a \$1.5M plus incentives contract with the Yokohama BayStars of Japan Central League]

Minnesota Twins

Signed: RHP Sam Deduno (re-signed after electing free agency), RHP Luis Perdomo (re-signed), RHP P.J. Walters (re-signed after electing free agency)

Elected free agency: RHP Sam Deduno

Removed from 40-man: RHP Sam Deduno (outrighted to Triple-A)

New York Mets

Removed from 40-man: C Mike Nickeas (outrighted to Triple-A)

Philadelphia Phillies

Signed: RHP Juan Morillo (re-signed), 2B Michael Martinez (re-signed), SS Andres Blanco (re-signed)

Pittsburgh Pirates

Signed: C Wyatt Toregas (re-signed)

Removed from 40-man: C Ali Solis (outrighted to Triple-A)

St. Louis Cardinals

Removed from 40-man: RHP Adam Reifer, C Bryan Anderson, C Steve Hill (all players outrighted to Triple-A)

San Francisco Giants

Signed: RHP Boof Bonser (re-signed), RHP Omar Javier (Newark (Can-Am)), 1B Mark Minicozzi (re-signed)

Removed from 40-man: 2B Emmanuel Burriss (outrighted to Triple-A)

Seattle Mariners

Released: RHP Yao Wen Chang

Tampa Bay Rays

Added to 40-man roster: LHP Frank de los Santos

Signed out of the Dominican Republic in '06, **Frank de los Santos** reached Triple-A Durham for the first time this season and impressed with a three-pitch mix—firm low-90s fastball, quality slider and change—out of the bullpen. The 24-year-old worked in 27 games for the Bulls, notching 6.8 strikeouts and 2.7 walks per nine innings.

Toronto Blue Jays

Signed: RHP Fernando Hernandez (re-signed), 2B Oliver Dominguez (re-signed), SS Amadeo Zazueta (re-signed)

Washington Nationals

Signed: C Kris Watts (re-signed), 1B Jimmy VanOstrand (re-signed)