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# Fixes for draft-day misses

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Run through your fantasy roster after a draft and you might see a couple of players you regret selecting. Fortunately, there are productive guys who go undrafted. Here are five under-drafted players (ownership percentages included):

**Chase Headley, 3B/OF, San Diego Padres (CBS 35%; Yahoo! 34%)**

Here are two reasons to like Headley. First, he cut his strikeout percentage by seven points to 24.5 percent and improved his walk percentage by nearly two points to 10.1 percent from 2008 to '09.

Second, his .571 combined slugging percentage in Double-A and Triple-A proves he has power potential.

**Player to drop:**  
3B/OF Mark DeRosa

**Luis Castillo, 2B, Mets (ESPN 56%; CBS 17%; Yahoo! 7%)**

One dropped pop-up shouldn't define Castillo's career. He's hit .291 or better seven of the past eight

seasons. He's also swiped between 17 and 25 bags in six of seven seasons since producing a 48-steal average from 1999-2002. In fact, Castillo and Dustin Pedroia were the only second basemen last year to hit at least .290 with 20 or more stolen bases.

**Player to drop:**  
2B Rickie Weeks

**Dexter Fowler, OF, Colorado Rockies (CBS 43%; Yahoo! 20%)**

Expect the Rockies leadoff hitter to approach 100 runs scored if he can reach base at roughly the same clip (.363) as last year. Even though the second-year player might go through rough patches as big league hurlers figure out his tendencies, his 12.9 walk percentage from '09 indicates that he should become a sound hitter.

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CF Vernon Wells

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**Franklin Morales, RP, Rockies (ESPN 9%; CBS 31%; Yahoo! 16%)**

Morales is likely to receive most — if not all — of the save opportunities while Huston Street misses at least the first couple weeks with right shoulder tightness. That means Morales should be owned in almost every format; he could be provided with a slew of save opportunities given his team's expected success.

**Player to drop:**  
RHP Joba Chamberlain

**Brad Penny, SP, St. Louis Cardinals (ESPN and Yahoo! 10%)**

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## Switcheroo! Ambidextrous pitcher throws for Yankees

**YANKEES (11-14) 6**

**BRAVES (16-9) 9**

at Champion Stadium

Ambidextrous pitcher Pat Venditte threw with both arms for the Yankees yesterday, giving up one run in 1 1/2 innings during a 9-6 split-squad loss to the Atlanta Braves.

Venditte switched back and forth, depending on whether he was facing a righty or lefty. He gave up two hits and a walk.

The 24-year-old reliever, who uses a six-finger glove, pitched in Class A last season and went 4-2 with 22 saves and a 1.87 ERA.

Yankees ace CC Sabathia tuned up for his start in the major league opener Sunday night at Boston, allowing five runs and eight hits. He has a 7.23 ERA this spring.

### Tex gets treated

First baseman Mark Teixeira underwent treatment for a bruised right elbow yesterday and expects to play again tomorrow.

Teixeira said the elbow is still sore, but feeling better. He added that returning to the lineup tomorrow is a "pretty safe" plan.

Teixeira was hit by a pitch in a game against the Baltimore Orioles on Monday night. (AP)

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