

2008 MLB.com Fantasy Preview: Shortstops

Stats listed are 2008 projections; dollar values based on standard 5x5 play, \$260 budget per 23-man team

Player	TM	\$\$	AVG	R	HR	RBI	SB	Notes
Hanley Ramirez	FLA	36	.306	108	22	87	44	Will be hard-pressed to match '07 production.
Jimmy Rollins	PHI	35	.288	122	26	85	37	Should come close to '07 MVP numbers.
Troy Tulowitzki	COL	25	.295	106	26	101	8	Capable of approaching .300-30-100.
Derek Jeter	NYN	23	.318	105	14	74	18	Veteran All-Star showing slight signs of decline.
Miguel Tejada	HOU	22	.308	94	25	106	4	Hard-hitting SS should thrive in HOU.
Carlos Guillen	DET	22	.305	98	20	104	11	Hits well enough at 1B, but better for SS.
Rafael Furcal	LAD	20	.286	101	12	61	30	Potential bargain after injury-marred '07.
J.J. Hardy	MIL	17	.272	96	25	88	3	Plenty to like with power, protection.
Michael Young	TEX	17	.312	86	14	87	11	Hitting machine could rebound in HR department.
Edgar Renteria	DET	16	.286	97	10	68	11	Could be headed for downturn in Motown.
Jhonny Peralta	CLE	14	.267	90	24	81	3	Young power hitter still improving.
Khalil Greene	SD	14	.251	84	25	92	4	Offensive abilities suited for smaller park.
Orlando Cabrera	CWS	14	.278	87	12	66	17	Power to rebound a bit.
Stephen Drew	ARI	12	.273	71	15	65	10	Promising SS should enjoy better luck.
Julio Lugo	BOS	12	.270	78	10	66	29	Speedy vet to deliver improved AVG.
Yunel Escobar	ATL	10	.305	90	8	55	10	Primed to excel in everyday role.
Felipe Lopez	WAS	9	.276	66	8	43	24	SB potential too great to ignore in mixed formats.
Ryan Theriot	CHC	8	.279	77	5	48	25	Speedster capable of improved AVG.
Jason Bartlett	TB	8	.277	76	6	47	25	Developing into nice source of SB.
Yuniesky Betancourt	SEA	6	.282	70	9	61	10	Pretty consistent so far.
Alex Gonzalez	CIN	5	.256	43	13	45	1	Sidelined with compression fracture in left knee.
Brendan Harris	MIN	4	.277	59	10	52	3	Bat is legit but could wind up in utility role.
Bobby Crosby	OAK	3	.248	40	12	43	9	Will try once again to remain healthy.
David Eckstein	TOR	3	.288	79	4	42	8	Still effective, but becoming more injury-prone.
Jack Wilson	PIT	2	.278	68	10	52	3	Don't expect repeat of stretch production.
Kevin Frandsen	SF	2	.280	52	8	47	10	Scrappy youngster could claim starting infield job.
Nick Punto	MIN	1	.275	40	1	22	15	Has speed but no value when not hitting for AVG.
Omar Vizquel	SF	1	.265	46	3	39	10	Knee surgery clouds future.
Brendan Ryan	STL	1	.276	36	4	26	10	Contact skills, baserunning ability worth considering.
Cesar Izturis	STL	1	.264	41	2	38	13	Will start, but no longer a helpful SB guy.
Cristian Guzman	WAS	1	.272	47	5	36	6	Comes with considerable injury risk.
Adam Everett	MIN	1	.248	50	6	46	12	Could be mild surprise in new environment.
Erick Aybar	LAA	1	.264	44	3	22	8	Facing tough competition for everyday job.
Jeff Keppinger	CIN	1	.314	42	6	38	3	Good average hitter could see extended PT.
Donnie Murphy	OAK	1	.266	42	11	41	5	Could get opportunities as Bobby Crosby's backup.
Alfredo Amezaga	FLA	1	.268	30	2	16	9	PT likely to drop with OF prospect Maybin on board.
Josh Wilson	FA	1	.260	41	7	39	8	Scrappy utilityman still looking for big break.
Juan Uribe	CWS	1	.251	32	10	38	1	Likely headed for backup IF duty.
Tony Pena Jr.	KC	1	.258	53	4	49	9	Not much to like other than few SB.
Aaron Miles	STL	1	.286	25	1	18	2	One-category contributor headed for decreased PT.
Omar Infante	ATL	1	.268	30	6	32	4	Could see extra AB following trade to Atlanta.
Rich Aurilia	SF	1	.268	35	8	41	1	Huge home park squashes value.
Willie Bloomquist	SEA	1	.262	26	1	15	8	Diminishing speed hurts utility value.
Wilson Betemit	NYN	1	.266	48	16	49	1	Could make impact if injuries create opportunity.
Alex Cintron	CHC	1	.259	16	2	18	1	Backup infielder has minimal value.
Alex Cora	BOS	1	.240	22	2	15	2	Backup MI unlikely to deliver much at plate.
Jed Lowrie	BOS	1	.269	9	1	8	1	Can hit and play three IF spots.
Chin-Lung Hu	LAD	1	.282	10	1	8	2	Defensive whiz can hit and run.
Ben Zobrist	TB	1	.262	26	4	18	5	Capable of improving AVG.
Alcides Escobar	MIL	1	.241	6	0	3	3	Young MI blocked by J.J. Hardy for now.
Reid Brignac	TB	1	.238	13	2	10	4	Looks like '09 will be his year.
Chris Gomez	CLE	1	.288	18	2	17	1	Versatile veteran provides solid batting average.
Clint Barmes	COL	1	.261	35	5	33	4	In the running for starting 2B job.
Cody Ransom	HOU	1	.244	9	2	8	1	Career Minor Leaguer won't get serious look.
Craig Counsell	MIL	1	.242	35	3	20	5	Versatile vet offers little.
Freddy Bynum	BAL	1	.266	32	6	21	11	Will deliver more SB with more PT.
Geoff Blum	HOU	1	.248	27	4	22	0	Veteran to see decreased PT with move to Houston.
Jamey Carroll	CLE	1	.270	28	2	20	5	Contact hitter should improve poor '07 average.
John McDonald	TOR	1	.254	28	2	25	5	Headed back to utility duty.
Luis Hernandez	BAL	1	.246	31	3	29	5	Bat lags way behind defense.
Marco Scutaro	TOR	1	.256	28	4	26	2	Versatile vet has little value.
Mark Loretta	HOU	1	.281	24	3	26	1	Veteran contact hitter to see more of a backup role.
Miguel Cairo	SEA	1	.250	16	0	14	7	Diminishing offensive skills limit value as utilityman.
D'Angelo Jimenez	STL	1	.254	21	4	24	3	Former top prospect still trying to find niche in Majors.
Ramon Santiago	DET	1	.254	19	3	17	5	Starting hopes dashed by Edgar Renteria trade.
Ramon Vazquez	TEX	1	.231	23	5	20	1	Has a little pop but won't play enough to help.
Ronny Cedeno	CHC	1	.263	32	6	27	5	Regained some luster with strong Triple-A season.
Royce Clayton	FA	1	.241	11	1	8	2	Big league career winding down.
Eric Bruntlett	PHI	1	.248	15	2	17	7	Subpar hitter stuck behind All-Star duo.
Jason Smith	KC	1	.227	14	5	16	1	Still looking for big league job.
Neifi Perez	FA	1	.247	15	2	13	1	Long shot to contribute.
Angel Berroa	KC	1	.242	8	2	9	2	Running out of big league chances.
Manny Burriss	SF	1	--	--	--	--	--	Future leadoff type with speed to spare.
Carlos Triunfel	SEA	1	--	--	--	--	--	Keeper leaguers take note, a future stud in the making.
Brent Lillibridge	ATL	1	.261	15	3	13	7	SS with speed could get crack in OF.