

## 2008 MLB.com Fantasy Preview: First Basemen

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
Albert Pujols	STL	34	.326	106	34	111	3	Ailing right elbow a growing concern.
David Ortiz*	BOS	32	.304	112	39	132	0	Even injuries couldn't stop Big Papi last year.
Ryan Howard	PHI	31	.273	102	54	143	0	Could challenge 60 HR, 150 RBIs.
Prince Fielder	MIL	30	.293	104	45	114	5	Best young power hitter in recent memory.
Mark Teixeira	ATL	29	.296	102	40	117	1	Entering contract year after big second half, look out.
Derrek Lee	CHC	26	.301	90	32	98	10	Wrist no longer bothersome, should increase power.
Justin Morneau	MIN	26	.287	91	35	116	1	Don't read too far into second-half slide.
Lance Berkman	HOU	25	.284	98	33	110	3	Starts slowly but usually finishes north of 100 RBIs.
Garrett Atkins	COL	25	.311	94	27	109	2	Last year was no fluke, so expect more of the same.
Victor Martinez	CLE	24	.300	81	28	100	0	Durable, consistent All-Star in prime of career.
Carlos Guillen	DET	22	.305	98	20	104	11	Hits well enough at 1B, but better for SS.
Travis Hafner	CLE	22	.292	98	27	107	1	No sure thing to bounce back from a disappointing '07.
Adrian Gonzalez	SD	22	.297	85	28	101	0	Power potential limited in PETCO Park.
Carlos Pena	TB	22	.271	81	32	97	2	Fairy tales rarely followed by good sequels.
Paul Konerko	CWS	21	.281	88	34	104	0	Good buy-low candidate.
Nick Swisher	CWS	19	.264	108	33	93	5	Trade to CWS could rekindle power numbers.
Alex Gordon	KC	18	.278	81	23	84	15	Possible value pick after underwhelming debut.
Todd Helton	COL	17	.316	98	20	101	1	Steady source of AVG, RBIs.
James Loney	LAD	16	.313	74	19	94	3	Great rookie year overshadowed by Braun, Tulowitzki.
Jim Thome*	CWS	15	.261	75	29	86	0	Can still lay down the hammer when healthy.
Conor Jackson	ARI	14	.306	90	18	84	2	Breakout candidate heading into third full season.
Carlos Delgado	NYM	14	.272	80	28	94	1	Too soon to throw in the towel.
Billy Butler	KC	13	.296	76	18	92	1	Budding superstar.
Ty Wigginton	HOU	13	.272	68	23	87	1	Should enjoy his new park and favorable lineup spot.
Adam LaRoche	PIT	13	.268	76	27	91	0	Solid second half offers hope for improvement.
Frank Thomas*	TOR	12	.266	60	25	88	0	Revival tour continues.
Ryan Garko	CLE	12	.275	70	23	83	0	Blossomed into key run producer in '07
Chris Duncan	STL	12	.267	65	28	85	1	Return to health to boost power numbers.
Mike Jacobs	FLA	11	.269	65	26	82	2	Right age to take next step forward.
Casey Kotchman	LAA	11	.301	62	13	72	2	Power leaves much to be desired but has legit potential.
Kevin Youkilis	BOS	10	.292	94	15	76	3	No fireworks here, just solid all-around production.
Joey Votto	CIN	7	.281	52	17	62	8	Here's hoping he wins Cincy's 1B job.
Richie Sexson	SEA	7	.258	65	28	76	1	Worth another shot in AL-only play.
Jason Giambi	NYY	7	.247	52	24	70	0	Only if you have health insurance.
Aubrey Huff	BAL	7	.274	55	19	63	3	Usually doesn't heat up until second half.
Lyle Overbay	TOR	7	.279	61	13	62	2	Road back won't be easy after two hand surgeries.
Chad Tracy	ARI	6	.281	61	12	51	1	Must overcome injury, Mark Reynolds to reclaim job.
Casey Blake	CLE	6	.268	71	18	77	5	Steady but unspectacular vet.
Jarrod Saltalamacchia	TEX	6	.264	50	12	53	0	Talented youngster needs everyday AB.
Daric Barton*	OAK	5	.275	80	15	65	2	Time is now for rookie 1B.
Mike Lamb	MIN	5	.283	61	16	64	0	Productive platoon player could steal everyday job.
Dmitri Young	WAS	4	.286	58	14	55	0	Don't expect repeat of '07 magic.
Dan Johnson	OAK	4	.276	55	17	57	0	Seeds are there, but time is running out in Oakland.
Brad Wilkerson	SEA	3	.248	60	23	65	6	Injuries robbed him of peak years.
Ross Gload	KC	3	.308	54	12	56	4	Scrappy contact hitter could surprise.
Nomar Garciaparra	LAD	3	.281	56	11	52	4	Andy LaRoche's injury offers fading vet new life.
Jose Vidro	SEA	3	.302	65	6	49	0	Contributes good AVG but little else at this stage.
Kevin Millar	BAL	2	.263	58	15	63	1	Steady veteran has little upside.
Ben Broussard	TEX	2	.265	44	13	52	2	Should benefit from Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.
Matt Stairs	TOR	2	.270	43	11	41	1	Won't receive same opportunities in '08.
Kendry Morales	LAA	2	.286	31	7	34	1	At-bats hard to come by on deep roster.
Scott Hatteberg	CIN	1	.283	34	6	33	0	Joey Votto insurance.
Nick Johnson	WAS	1	.273	42	7	33	0	Coming off two leg surgeries.
Tony Clark	SD	1	.253	30	14	40	0	Playing time likely to be limited.
Dan Ortmeier	SF	1	.255	44	8	44	13	First-base job there for taking.
Ryan Shealy	KC	1	.266	34	10	43	1	Make-or-break season for former sleeper.
Marcus Thames	DET	1	.255	46	21	43	1	Has power but needs more PT to realize value.
Rich Aurilia	SF	1	.268	35	8	41	1	Huge home park squashes value.
Frank Catalanotto	TEX	1	.272	44	12	42	2	On-base skills helps case for PT.
Mike Sweeney*	OAK	1	.284	35	9	41	0	Vet headed for bench role.
Eric Hinske	TB	1	.253	42	10	40	4	Young enough to turn around career.
Scott Thorman	ATL	1	.259	23	8	25	1	Change of scenery couldn't hurt.
Josh Phelps	STL	1	.273	21	8	27	1	Someone to watch if opportunity arises.
Jeff Baker	COL	1	.268	27	8	34	3	No openings in potent lineup.
Greg Dobbs	PHI	1	.278	37	6	36	2	Value squashed by Pedro Feliz signing.
Wilson Betemit	NYY	1	.266	48	16	49	1	Could make impact if injuries create opportunity.
Jorge Cantu	FA	1	.271	25	9	33	0	Monster '05 seems like ages ago.
Sean Casey	BOS	1	.289	24	3	21	0	Contact hitter fading fast.
Greg Norton*	SEA	1	.246	24	3	24	0	Undone by injuries in '07.
Chris Shelton	TEX	1	.264	36	11	37	2	New lease on life.
Doug Mientkiewicz	PIT	1	.275	21	4	21	0	Defensive specialist.
Chris Marrero	WAS	1	.245	3	2	4	0	Rising fast with power to spare.
Joe Koshansky	COL	1	.259	12	4	16	0	Slugger only needs a shot.
Andy Phillips	CIN	1	.276	25	5	26	1	Best suited for bench role.
Ryan Klesko	FA	1	.252	26	6	28	2	Power nearly drained.

\*DH only