

Philadelphia Phillies

Chris Coste (Catcher)

PA	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SO	BB	SB	CS	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	3-Year	Fielding	Reliability
360	38	85	17	0	9	42	60	20	1	1	.259	.311	.393	.704	—	D	Average

Coste, otherwise known as “The 33-Year-Old-Rookie,” has become a popular figure in Philadelphia over the last two seasons. He is not a great defender and his offense declined last season as well. With Lou Marson waiting in the wings and the acquisition of Ronny Paulino, Coste’s playing time likely will not meet his projections.

Greg Dobbs (Third Base)

PA	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SO	BB	SB	CS	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	3-Year	Fielding	Reliability
334	41	86	17	2	10	44	59	24	3	0	.282	.336	.449	.785	-0.01	D	Average

The best pinch-hitter in baseball, Dobbs looks to build on his 2008 success, perhaps with an extended role. This may come in the form of a quasi-platoon at third base with Pedro Feliz. It is not likely that this righty-masher will become a full-time starter, but if Feliz goes down with an injury, Dobbs is an excellent bet to replace and exceed his production.

Jason Donald (Shortstop)

PA	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SO	BB	SB	CS	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	3-Year	Fielding	Reliability
459	53	103	18	4	11	50	101	38	6	3	.251	.321	.395	.716	+0.04	D	Average

Donald exploded onto the scene at the Olympics, making other major league teams take notice. At shortstop, he has a significant roadblock in front of him in the form of Jimmy Rollins, but he could prove to be a useful role player. With Chase Utley’s surgery, Donald could garner some starts at the beginning of the season, despite his below-average projection.

Pedro Feliz (Third Base)

PA	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SO	BB	SB	CS	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	3-Year	Fielding	Reliability
494	54	116	23	2	17	64	70	31	1	1	.255	.301	.426	.727	-0.06	B	Very High

What Feliz may lack in offensive production he more than makes up for with the glove. His primary value comes on the defensive end, which is why most consider any offense he adds to be a bonus. His back injury this offseason could hinder his availability or force him into a platoon with Greg Dobbs.

Gregory Golson (Center Field)

PA	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SO	BB	SB	CS	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	3-Year	Fielding	Reliability
554	57	122	20	4	13	56	156	19	13	3	.233	.262	.361	.623	+0.04	C	High

The Phillies unloaded Golson, once thought to have five-tool potential, to the Rangers this offseason for John Mayberry Jr. Golson seems to be another Chris Roberson or Michael Bourn: a speedster who plays decent defense but cannot hit a lick. If he does anything in 2009, it will involve replacing an outfielder late in the game or pinch-running for a slowpoke.

Ryan Howard (First Base)

PA	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SO	BB	SB	CS	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	3-Year	Fielding	Reliability
618	93	147	26	1	45	120	174	85	1	0	.281	.384	.592	.976	-0.03	D	Very High

Howard is one of the more curious players in the game, capable of masking flaws with a barrage of home runs. His 2009 projection, in terms of OBP/SLG, looks a lot like the 2008 season of Ryan Ludwick. If Howard can produce like that, he would vastly exceed his 2008 campaign’s value and hop back up amongst the elite, perhaps even justifiably earning MVP votes. His slumps will annoy the heck out of you, but he has proven himself as a 45-plus homer run hitter and there are, well, just about none of them left.