

**Pitchers**

**Joe Blanton (Starter)**

W	L	ERA	TBF	IP	Hit	HR	SO	BB	HBP	3-Year	Reliability
10	10	4.56	788	183	206	23	109	53	5	+0.37	Very High

The “big” midseason pickup for the Phillies in 2008, Blanton, for the most part, failed to live up to his innings-eating moniker. His performance improved in September and October, but Blanton’s issues all seemingly stem from control. He is not going to strike out many hitters, but if he limits free passes, there is no reason he could not amass 200 innings of 4.30 ERA baseball again.

**Clay Condrey (Reliever)**

W	L	ERA	TBF	IP	Hit	HR	SO	BB	HBP	3-Year	Reliability
4	4	4.56	304	69	80	7	34	23	3	+0.25	Average

One of the better mop-up men of the 2008 season, Condrey will return in a similar role in 2009. His playing time largely depends on where Chan Ho Park ends up on the team. If Park earns the fifth rotation spot, expect Condrey to see plenty of long relief outings. Should Park be relegated to the bullpen, he would likely get those, leaving Condrey’s pitching limited to blowouts.

**Chad Durbin (Reliever)**

W	L	ERA	TBF	IP	Hit	HR	SO	BB	HBP	3-Year	Reliability
4	6	4.71	374	86	90	12	54	34	4	+0.21	Very High

Durbin pitched himself to a career year in 2008. He will be back as the seventh-inning pitcher for the Phillies, likely platooning with either Scott Eyre or J.C. Romero in his role. Though Durbin’s BABIP in 2008 did not portend too much luck on balls in play, his 77 percent rate of stranding runners is very likely to regress. He probably will not revert to the pre-2008 Durbin, but his performance moving forward will be a bit different than what Phillies fans saw last season.

**Adam Eaton (Starter)**

W	L	ERA	TBF	IP	Hit	HR	SO	BB	HBP	3-Year	Reliability
5	10	5.93	613	134	165	24	72	55	8	+0.26	Very High

Few people understood why Adam Eaton was given the lucrative three-year deal he received prior to 2007. Even more people are struggling to grasp why he is still taking up an active roster spot. His bright spots have been few and far between, and with four rotation spots committed, the fifth likely will go to either J.A. Happ, Kyle Kendrick or Carlos Carrasco. This leaves Eaton out of the loop, and with the Phils’ full and effective bullpen, he’s out of luck with this team.

**Scott Eyre (Reliever)**

W	L	ERA	TBF	IP	Hit	HR	SO	BB	HBP	3-Year	Reliability
3	2	4.18	202	47	44	6	45	22	2	—	Low

While the Joe Blanton move near the trading deadline garnered publicity in Philadelphia, the more important move involved acquiring Scott Eyre from the Cubs. That allowed J.C. Romero to become more of one-and-two-batter specialist, stabilizing the bullpen. Eyre will be the lefty responsible for longer outings out of the Phillies bullpen. He may not be pitching too much longer, but his projection makes him a pretty valuable reliever.

**Tom Gordon (Reliever)**

W	L	ERA	TBF	IP	Hit	HR	SO	BB	HBP	3-Year	Reliability
3	2	4.19	211	49	47	6	40	20	2	—	Very Low

Tom Gordon’s tenure in Philadelphia did not go as planned. Injuries and spurts of ineffectiveness kept him from contributing at the level he would have preferred. He will not be returning to the Phillies, and at 38 and with his injury history, he will be lucky to latch on elsewhere. He could be a good bargain; he can still bring the heat and would not cost much.