

Here's the skinny on the TBL Draft, as smuggled out of the Maximum Security Prison where Whitey is currently being unfairly held, if by "unfairly" you mean that he no longer gets to bask in the Southern California sunshine. And by the way, did we mention that he hates orange? It will never be the new black.

Before we get to his list, keep in mind that the longer Whitey stays in prison, the more deranged he becomes. It's possible that his view of the upcoming TBL Draft is not the work of the clear-headed, analytical genius he once was. Be that as it may, here is the list he provided.

1. Las Vegas

Our beloved Commissioner longs to compete. It's been too long. Now he's got a good little team put together, and a few late trades have bolstered his rotation. But he still needs an ace: **Noah Syndergaard** is the best available.

2. Hoboken

Dr. Steve knows he needs almost everything, but he's got a long-range plan. He needs players who will be there when he needs them. The first step: take a shortstop to replace Starlin Castro's blasted move to second. Which of the four in the draft does he like best? Whitey thinks **Addison Russell** gives him what he wants: games now and a promise of future greatness.

3. Brobdingnag

Vlad the Impaler, The Prince of Darkness, or Dr. Evil ("I didn't go to evil medical school for four years to be called 'Mr. Evil,' thank you very much") -- whatever you call him, you always know Joe has something up his sleeve whenever he makes a move. He has calculated every possible decision and weighed every possible advantage. And when he says something, always suspect the opposite. He traded for this pick, and so he takes the defensive whiz **Francisco Lindor**.

4. Hudson

Clay is a learned, studied baseball man. And he's put together a solid team. It doesn't need much, but if even if Kung-Fu Panda hadn't have had a bad season, he'd still say **Kyle Bryant**.

5. Zion

When is the last time you remember the mighty Elders picking fifth in the draft because that's what they earned? The Sensei knows he has a ways to go to get back to the top rung, and **Carlos Correamight** get him part of the way there.

6. Calusa

There is joy in Florida. Somewhere, but not in Calusa. The team is in disarray after an off-season fire sale. How can Miguel Cabrera, the foundation of the franchise play anywhere else? Newcomer (and somewhat unknown quantity) Gordon seems to like speed, so it seems a safe bet that he'll go for the very young and very talented **Delino DeShields**.

7. Columbus

From Florida to Ohio. Are there any other swing states represented in TBL? In this election year, Vic leans decidedly to the left to take a first baseman to fill the glaring hole in his infield. So on draft day, he'll call out the name of likely Democrat and obvious Hispanic **Miguel Sano**.

8. New Westminster

From the wilds of cold Canada, Jim is trying to rebuild his franchise. Since he traded away Prince Fielder, he needs to replace those big shoes and that big waist. He also needs some help out in the outfield. So he takes **Kyle Schwarber**. The next Prince of New West?

9. Taylorville

Most people don't realize that the Taylor boys, Bruce and Glenn, have a pecking order. Bruce often gets his way because he's the elder brother. And Bruce wants to win now. They've got almost everything they need. Almost. Another full-season outfielder would help, someone who plays good defense and can contribute on offense. Last year it was a surprise when they selected Josh Harrison. This year it won't be a surprise when they take **Kevin Pillar**.

10. Brobdingnag

Having secured a shortstop with pick #3, where does Joe go next? Not to a pitcher, that's for sure. Although he's tempted by other players, he must take a catcher because he doesn't pick again until pick #34. In keeping with his defense-first strategy (the new way to win in Brobdingnag), he chooses **James McCann**.

11. Northboro

This pick should have been easy to predict, since third base is manned by... Cody Asche? But Steve and Bob are die-hard Red Sox fans and cannot pass up the opportunity to say the name **Blake Swihart**, assuming they can pronounce it correctly.

12. Blue Hill

Mark is poised, like a mistake hitter waiting on a high fastball. When the pitch comes and he correctly identifies it, he swings for the fences. So on this draft day, he wastes no time in selecting the last of the four shortstops: **Cory Seager**. Just wait until next year!

13. The

Eric's first draft in how many years? For his sake, let's not count. He's been patiently biding his time, crossing out the names of players taken in heavy magic marker, cursing after each selection. In all fairness, Eric cursing is like Barney having a bad hair day. And contrary to popular belief, he still has a formidable team. Well, a formidable offense, since he traded away most of his starters. So time to replace them, starting with **Lance McCullers**.

14. Rye

What does Craig take here? What does a team with everything but youth take? Well, youth. Duh. He continues his assault on the Mays Division with the token young guy: the only catcher left worth taking. **J.T. Realmuto**.

15. Kansas

It's pay-off (and play-off) time for Bill. And he'd like nothing better than to top off his run for the roses by selecting one of his favorite Yankees. But that won't happen here. He knows it's time to go get a young player who can help NOW. So he reaches into the National League to take **Stephen Piscotty**.

16. Maracaibo

Uncle Walter has a lot of enviable pieces on his team. The Rumrunners are never as bad as you think they'll be, and they're often better than you expect. He likely knows he can't compete head-to-head with Kansas, but he has enough now to avoid his first 100-loss season. So he shrewdly goes for the Kid: **Byron Buxton**.

17. Hoboken

In keeping with his long-term strategy that accounted for his picking Russell at pick #2, Dr. Steve takes **Taijuan Walker**: lots of starts, mediocre grade, but an exceptional arm for the future.

18. Taylorville

With the outfielder they needed taken at pick #9, they can focus on another starter. But they don't need a two-start pitcher for the playoffs, they need a one-start pitcher with the best grade they can find who is under 30 years old (sorry, Mike Tomlin). That would be **Luis Severino** (a grade 14, for those of you scoring at home).

19. Grand Cayman

A team near and dear to Whitey's cold, cold heart. Boomer needs a few pieces still to put together another contender. He probably won't get them all in this draft. But he can get a young full-time outfielder with some of that power he loves: **Joc Pederson**.

20. Hudson

Where do you go after taking Kyle Bryant at pick #4? At first, it seemed like the first reliever of the draft would fall here, but not when there's still a useful player to be had -- and a Met, no less, for Clay: **Michael Conforto**.

21. Hoboken

This is Dr. Steve's third pick in the round. And he sticks with his theme of excellent bets for the future with his closer for the year and into the future: **Roberto Osuna**.

22. Calusa

Gordon continues to build his starting rotation by taking good young arms. This time, it's **Carlos Rodon**.

23. Gotham City

Anton takes a lot of abuse for being, well, Anton, but he's a smart guy. A very smart guy. From 2001 to 2011, his team played in four World Series. Not many managers can make that claim. He calmly squints at the remaining players on his list and asks, "Is **Maikel Franco** still available?" And everyone groans.

24. Midwest

Darrell, welcome back to Hell. You've been here before, so you know what to expect. But why subject Madison Bumgarner to this? You will ruin his career. Oh well, time to start building so you have someone besides Victor Martinez to root for. How about Twinkie **Eddie Rosario**?

And that's a wrap on the Rap Sheet. Hope you enjoyed it. Remember, Whitey sees all and guarantees nothing. Just like he did when he was on the Outside. Good luck to all in the upcoming draft.