

## MLB - 2010 Fantasy Baseball Florida Marlins Team Preview

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We have many great articles planned leading up to the 2010 Fantasy Baseball season including sleepers, busts, rookies, strategy, full player rankings and projections all wrapped up into a nifty draft kit to help you win your league next year. Stay tuned for more, but for now, here's a team preview for you.

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2009 RECORD: 87-75, 2nd in NL East

The Marlins enjoyed a rather remarkable season in 2009, remaining in the playoff hunt until nearly the very end, despite having baseball's lowest payroll. Success on the field did not translate to success at the box office, though, as the Fish regularly played in front of friends and family only-style crowds. A new ballpark is scheduled to open in 2012, and the Marlins have to hope that they'll be able to provide enough fans to fill those brand-new seats. There is a solid young nucleus here, but whether the budget-conscious Marlins will be able to hold that group together remains to be seen.

**Stat table note:** The better the ranking number, the better the stat, in all categories. For example, for the SO cat for hitting, a #2 ranking means that the team tallied the second fewest strikeouts. For the BB and SB cats for pitching, the #1 teams allowed the fewest bases on balls and steals.

Hitting	BA	R	HR	BB
Stats	268	772		
159				
568				
1226	75			
NL	3			
5				
7				
10				
13				
11T				

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MLB	7T				
13					
19					
15					
25					
23T					
Pitching	BAA	ERA	HR	BB	
Stats	257				
4.29					
160					
601					
1248	129				
NL	5				
9					
8T					
12					
4					
16					
MLB	7				
13T					
9T					
26	5				
28					

### LINE-UP

1. Coghlan, Chris, LF
2. Maybin, Cameron CF
3. Ramirez, Hanley SS
4. Cantu, Jorge 1B
5. Uggla, Dan 2B
6. Ross, Cody RF
7. Baker, John C
8. Bonifacio, Emilio 3B

On offense, the Marlins put the ball in play and wait for something good to happen. Good things tend to happen when **Hanley Ramirez** has a bat in his hands. **Cantu** is solid with the stick but leaky with the leather. A move back to third is possible, but the Fish figure to keep him at first if 1B prospects

**Morrison**  
and

**Logan**

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### **Gaby Sanchez**

aren't ready for The Show.

### **Coghlan**

surprised everyone by batting .321, but he lacks power. Without second base eligibility, his fantasy value will suffer.

### **Maybin**

had another hot September, and maybe this is the year he finally fulfills the hype.

### **Ugla**

has a ton of power, but his awful contact rate (150 Ks in 564 ABs) suppresses his fantasy worth.

### **Bonifacio**

is the starter by default at third, but this situation is far from settled.

### **Ross**

should be good for .270-20-80 again and makes a solid OF4 or OF5 in fantasy play. 3B

### **Wes Helms**

and C

### **Ronny Paulino**

could see some time off the bench.

## STARTING ROTATION

1. Johnson, Josh RHP
2. Nolasco, Ricky RHP
3. Sanchez, Anibal RHP
4. West, Sean LHP
5. Volstad, Chris RHP
6. Miller, Andrew LHP
7. VandenHurk, Rick RHP

The Marlins rotation finished in the middle of the NL pack in just about every category last season, and the club has to hope that the youngsters take a step forward in 2010. **Johnson** is a beast when healthy, and his 209 innings last season was a career high.

### **Nolasco**

stumbled badly out of the gate, but put up serviceable numbers following his horrific May.

### **Sanchez**

looks to have the tools (if not the command), but the 25-year-old is still trying to put it all together.

### **West**

enjoyed a decent rookie campaign, but the big lefty will have to improve his command before he'll warrant fantasy consideration.

### **Volstad**

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was a popular sleeper last season, but has yet to live up to the promise he showed in '08.  
Former hot-shot prospect

### **Miller**

still has some upside, but his star is fading fast.

## BULLPEN

1. Nunez, Leo RHP
2. Meyer, Dan LHP
3. Pinto, Renyel LHP
4. Sanches, Brian RHP
5. Badenhop, Burke RHP
6. Jones, Hunter LHP
7. Tankersley, Taylor LHP (elbow, missed 2009, should be ready for spring training)
8. Badenhop, Burke RHP
9. Penn, Hayden RHP

The Marlins tied for the NL lead with 45 saves last season, including 26 by incumbent closer **Nunez**

. Leo wasn't all that, though, as his seven blown saves and 4.06 ERA should easily attest. With the trade of former closer Matt Lindstrom, though, Nunez doesn't have much in the way of competition for the ninth inning duties.

### **Meyer**

amassed a team-best 20 holds last season, but he'll likely share the set-up role with

### **Pinto**

and

### **Sanches**

-- Sanches was a nice surprise last season.

### **Badenhop**

progressed nicely last season, but he lacks overpowering stuff.

### **Jones**

and

### **Penn**

figure to provide bullpen depth and little else this season. All told, the Marlins bullpen is good, not great -- but a great deal of the 2010 fortunes rides on Nunez's ability to hold down the fort in the ninth inning.

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