

## 2016 LP3 All-Star Team

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MLB All-Star break... here'a the top Yahoo guy at each position.

Pos	Bopper	Yahoo rank	Team	Draft Round
C	Buster (sfo)	113	Naperville Flower	2.13
1B	E5 (tor)	8	CRYOGENIC TED	2.11
2B	J Altuve (hou)	5	Vatican City Poap	2.6
3B	<b>Josh Donaldson (tor)</b>	<b>1</b>	Vatican City Poap	1.6
SS	Ian Desmond (tex)	11	Naperville Flower	7.13
OF	Mookie (bos)	2	Thomas Okay Team	2.9
OF	K Bryant (cub)	4	RBI All Day	2.5
OF	M Trout (laa)	6	Plano Tiburon	1.1
DH	M TrumBO (bal)	7	Naperville Flower	13.13
Pos	Pitcher	Yahoo rank	Team	Drafted
SP	C Kershaw (lad)	3	Killer Maltese	1.7
SP	Bummy (sfo)	12	Bay City Brawler	2.3
RP	K Jansen (lad)	29	Plano Tiburon	4.1
RP	Z Britton (bal)	37	KGG	7.14
P	Jose Fernandez (mia)	21	Thomas Okay Team	4.9

Some honorable mention guys:

- Yahoo #9 is Wil Myers (sdg) of the **Luis Legit Team**. What a shocker!
- Yahoo #10 is Nolan Arenado (col) of the Naperville Flower. Not a shocker.
- Crusty old-timers appear as Yahoo #13, #14, and #15. It's Robby Cano (sea) of **Boston**, Ian Kinsler (det) of **CRYOTED**, and Big Papi (bos) of **NOTO Beard**.

Surprise pitchers in the first half? None. Who cares? Pitching is dead to the league in 2016. (ha)

I'm only half kidding. 18 of the top 20 Yahoo players are boppers. You realize what this means. With the big jump in home runs, Yahoo's formulas are broken this year. Bopping and pitching are out of balance compared to their numbers of the recent past. I wonder if Yahoo will adjust next year.

Catchers are a hot mess. (duh) The #2 catcher is J Lucroy (mil) of **KGG**, ranked at Yahoo #153.

Our top player at the break is Josh Donaldson (tor) of **Vatican City**.

How about some tasty Joshy D stats:

- Run = 80, #1 in MLB
- Home run = 23, #4 in MLB
- RBI = 63, #7 in MLB (JD's teammate E5 leads in RBI with 80)
- Total base = 201, #4 in MLB (1 lousy TB behind leaders Robby Cano, Mookie and TrumBO)

And here's a good Joshy recap from Sunday's game.

The home run was his 23rd of the season, but more importantly the run he scored was his 80th, making him the first player to cross the plate 80 times before the All-Star break since Ian Kinsler and Hanley Ramirez did it in 2008 and just the sixth American League hitter in history with 20-plus homers and 80-plus runs before the break. The other five? Merely Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, Reggie Jackson, Frank Thomas and Alex Rodriguez. Donaldson heads into the second half with a .304/.418/.598 slash line and clearly has every intention of repeating as AL MVP.

– [www.cbssports.com/fantasy/baseball/news/blue-jays-josh-donaldson-joins-elite-company-in-sundays-win/](http://www.cbssports.com/fantasy/baseball/news/blue-jays-josh-donaldson-joins-elite-company-in-sundays-win/)

Huzzah to that!

And on to the second half.

play ball... yow, bill

