

**From the General Manager's Office
GCE Phoenixes
5/6/2013**

SCOUTING ASSIGNMENT

Zoe,

We are desperately seeking new players to turn this ballclub around, and we need your help.

Your assignment over the next two weeks is to track the following players:

- 1) Bronson Arroyo**
- 2) Clay Buchholz**
- 3) AJ Burnett**
- 4) Felix Doubront**
- 5) Barry Zito**

Keep in mind their statistics from 2013 as well as their salaries, since we do not have limitless funds.

Please rank your players in terms of:

Price - how much do they make

Performance - how are their stats these past 2 weeks and in 2013

Value - who are the best buys/bargains, the best of both worlds

Consistency(if you have time) - how reliable/healthy are they

We expect you to present your findings in a written report on Friday the 17th of May at 2:05pm in our Scouting Meeting.

Don't let us down!

**GCE Phoenixes
General Management Team**

Hello Management,

Below are the results of my investigations, but first, please take a moment to read the short biography of each of my players.

Bronson Arroyo:

Bronson Anthony Arroyo is 36 years old and was born on February 24, 1997 in Key West, Florida. He is a right handed, 195 pound, 6 ft 2 pitcher. He attended Hernando High School in Brooksville, Florida. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the third round of the 1995 amateur draft, and was officially signed on June 1st 1995.

Clay Buchholz:

Clay Daniel Buchholz is a right handed, 195 pound, 6 ft 3 pitcher. He is a 28 year old, born in Nederland, Texas. He attended Lumberton High school in Lumberton, Texas. He was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 1st round of the 2005 amateur draft, and signed on June 23 2005.

A.J. Burnett:

Allan James Burnett is from North Little Rock, Arkansas. He was born on January 3 1977. He is a 36 year old right handed, 230 pound, 6 ft 4, pitcher. He attended Central Arkansas Christian HS in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was signed on June 13, 1995 and was drafted in the 8th round of the 1995 amateur round by the New York Mets.

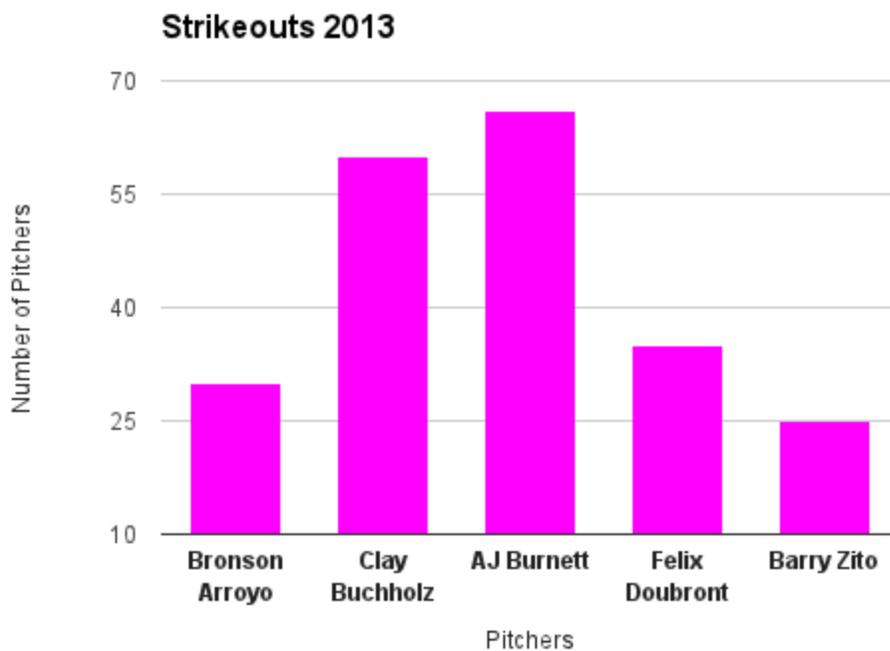
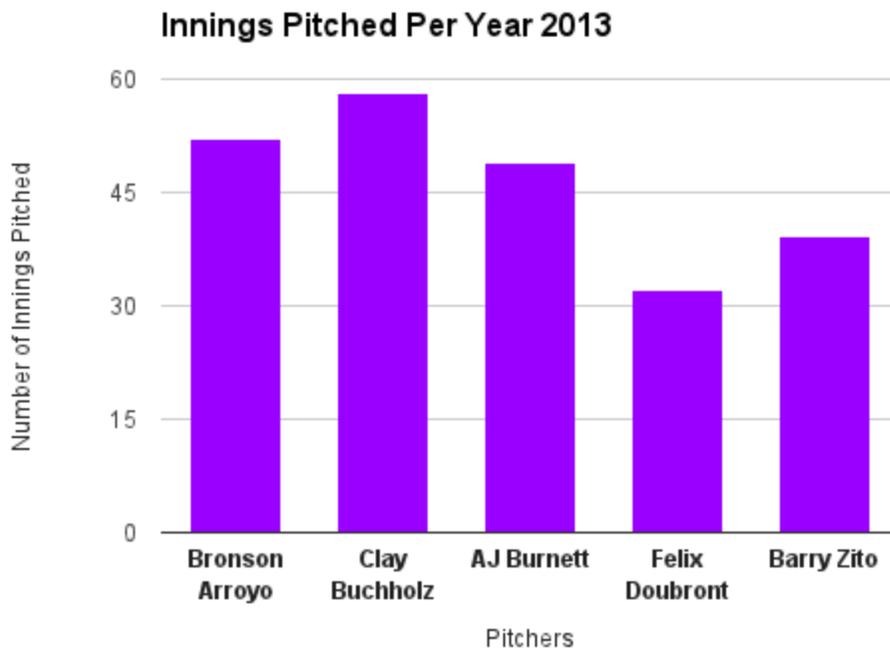
Felix Doubront:

Felix Antonio Doubront is a left handed, 225 pound, 6 ft 2 pitcher. Who was born in Carabobo Venezuela. 25 year old Felix was born on October 23 in 1987. He was signed by the Boston Red Sox in 2005 as an amateur free agent.

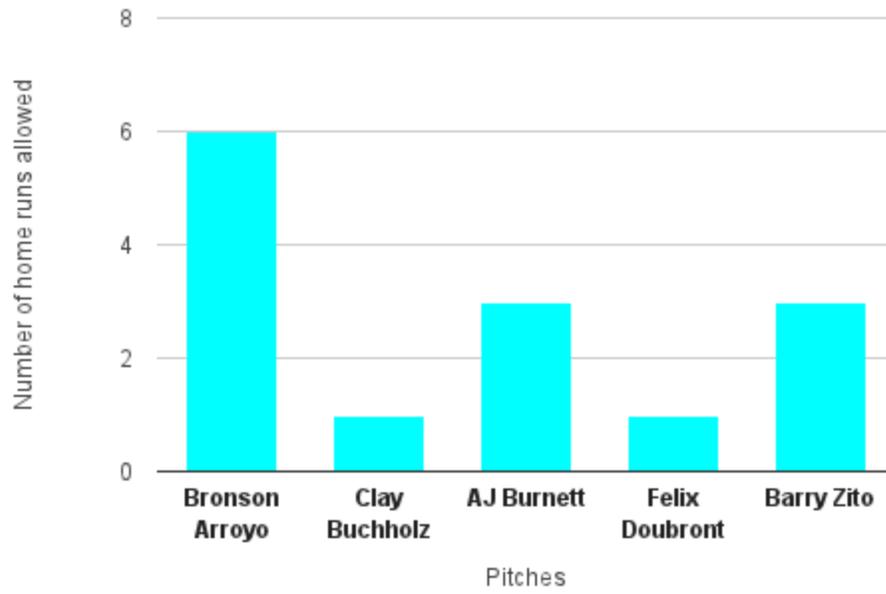
Barry Zito:

Barry William Zito is 35 years old, born May 13, 1978 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He attended University High School in San Diego, California. He was drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the first round of the 1999 amateur draft, with an official signing date of June 12, 1999.

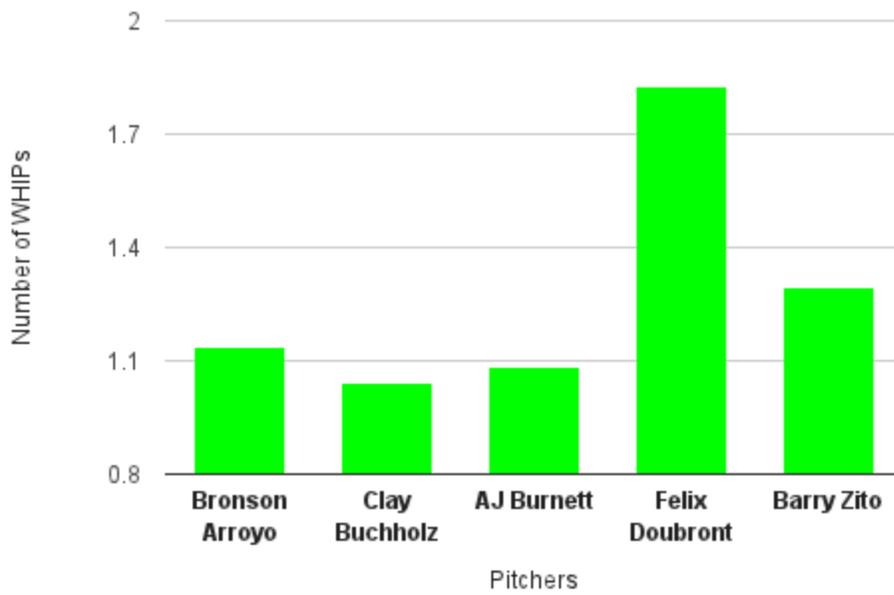
Below are four graphs representing four different stats on each of the five players. These graphs are all for the season of 2013 including their stats from the last two weeks. The stats investigated include: Innings Pitched, Strikeouts, Home Runs Allowed and WHIP.



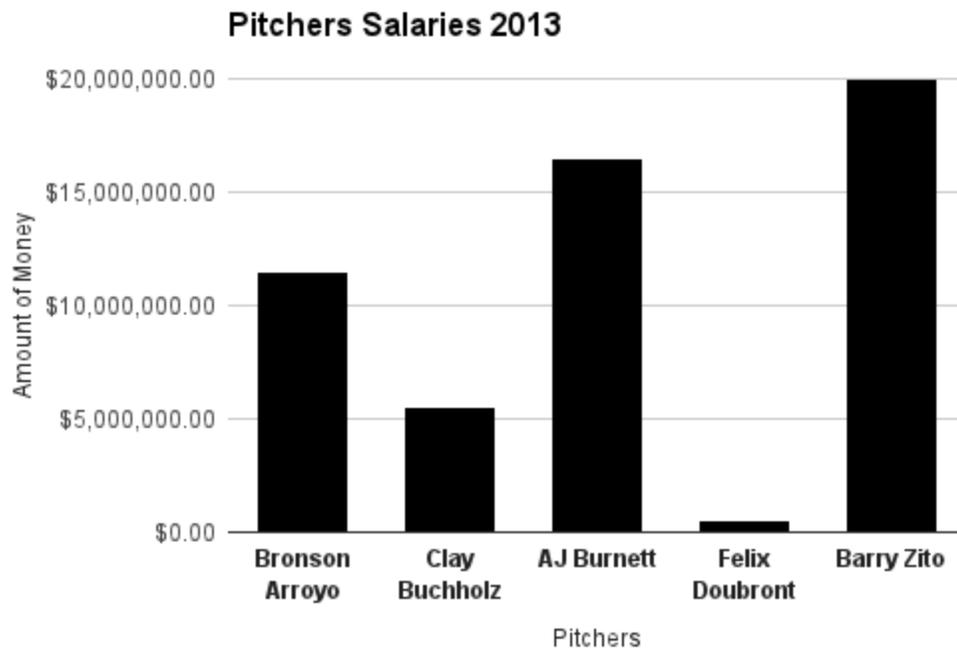
Home Runs Allowed 2013



WHIP 2013



Salaries:



As you can see from the graph above Barry Zito makes the most amount of money. I think he is overpaid because he doesn't pitch for very many innings and when he does pitch he doesn't do very well. He has the lowest number of strikeouts compared to the four other players, the second highest WHIP and number of home runs allowed.

Felix Doubront makes the least amount of money, but I think that is fair because he has the worse stats out of the five players. He pitches the least amount of innings and still has the highest WHIP out of all the players.

I think Clay Buchholz is underpaid because he pitches the most innings per game out of the five players. When he pitches he does very well, he has the second highest amount of strikeouts, and allows the least amount of home runs. He also has the lowest WHIP.

I think A.J Burnett is paid very well for what he does, although in my opinion he is a little overpaid. He pitches a good amount of innings and has good stats, like a low WHIP and a decent amount of home runs allowed. However I feel like you can do better for less money.

As for Bronson Arroyo, I think he is a good player, but gets paid too much money. He pitches a lot of innings and has a low WHIP but allows a lot of home runs. He gets a lot of strikeouts, but I feel like there are better deals out there.

Ranking The Best to worst: Player & Buy

Best To Worst Player:

1. Clay Buchholz
2. A.J Burnett
3. Bronson Arroyo
4. Barry Zito
5. Felix Doubront

I think Clay Buchholz is the best player. He strikes out a lot of batters, allows few home runs, and has the lowest WHIP. A.J Burnett is the second best player, he is very similar to Clay Buchholz, his stats just aren't as good and his salary is much higher. Bronson Arroyo is a decent player but he allows a lot of home runs and too few strikeouts. Barry Zito isn't a very good player because he allows too many home runs and has a high WHIP. Felix Doubront is the worst player, he pitches the least amount of innings and still has the highest WHIP.

Best To Worst Buy:

1. Clay Buchholz
2. A.J Burnett
3. Bronson Arroyo
4. Felix Doubront.
5. Barry Zito

I picked Clay Buchholz as the best bargain because he is the best player and he has the second lowest salary. A.J Burnett is the second best player because he is almost as good as Clay Buchholz but not as good. Also his salary is way higher than Clay Buchholz. Bronson Arroyo is the third best player because even though his salary is a lot lower than A.J Burnett his stats aren't good enough to compete with A.J Burnett. Felix Doubront is the the fourth pick because his WHIP is extremely high, he doesn't pitch a lot, and he isn't worth his salary. I picked Barry zito as the worst player because he has the highest salary and is the second worst player out of the five. He is not a bargain or a good purchase.