

Stars of Destiny Player Bio's

Allison Simpson (2B, CF, RF) \$1,500,000/3 years (rookie salary cap)

An athlete cut from the cloth of Bo Jackson, Ali is looking to crack the SOD lineup in her first full year of ball. An intense competitor, she should bring strong leadership skills and a fierce will to win to the SOD squad. Playing alongside her older sister and mentor should no doubt provide some comfort for Ali as she faces the intense scrutiny that comes when you don the SOD jersey.

Bryan Auge (P, RF) \$9,000,000/2 years

Widely regarded as the main cog in the SOD wheel, the BA is the complete package. Referred to as the "Cy Young of the Arctic Circle", he pitched the SOD into the history books as they won their 2nd title in 4 years. Known to hit for average, Bryan is also a force to be reckoned with at all SOD social functions. Unfortunately, with this abundance of skill comes some emotional baggage and Bryan is at odds with SOD management regarding his current contract. Expect this holdout to cause him to miss at the first few weeks of the season.

Caelly Simpson (C, LF, 3B) \$2,000,000/3years

Poised for a breakout season, this feisty young lady has been one of the true success stories out of the SOD's farm system over the past few years. Having put in her time playing in the SOD's Broughton Island AAA system, Caelly has made the most of her opportunity to play in the bigs. She has proven to be one of the teams best on the basepaths and is known to stretch a bloop single into a stand up triple. Be sure to buy up stock in her now!

Cory Taylor (CF, SS) \$25,000/10 day contract

Though technically a "rookie" callup from the Annapolis Valley farm system, Cory Taylor is anything but your typical rookie. At age 38 he promises to be the oldest SOD in recorded history. In what promises to be his last shot at the big leagues, Cory has drawn comparisons to Crash Davis and Jake Taylor. If he wants to secure a place on the SOD roster he will have to make an immediate impact with the club.

Dave Hurley (2B, LF) \$1,500,000/3 years (rookie salary cap)

Figuring one Hurley on the squad just wasn't enough, the Stars went out and brought in Dave Hurley for the 2004/05 campaign. Unfortunately, due to a clerical error in the hiring department, the Stars ended up getting the 25-year-old Dave Hurley when they thought they had nabbed the Elks 314 legend Mr. Dave Hurley. Seeing as how the younger Hurley had quit his job for the summer, the Stars managed to find a roster spot for the Newbie. There are no advance scouting reports at this time.

Damien Healy (LF, CF, 1st, Closer) \$4,375,000/4 years

The self-proclaimed mouthpiece for the SOD in all media related matters, "A**HOLE" has been promising a monster offensive season for some time now. Unfortunately the fans are still waiting. Good for a F1 per outing, Healy has been teasing his legion of diehard fans over the past couple of years with the occasional longball. Will this be the season he puts it all together? Ask him and the answer is a definite "Fo' rizzle".

Desiree Wouters (C, 3rd, RF) \$1,500,000/3 years (rookie salary cap)

The number one pick in the YK Slo-pitch draft this past winter, Desiree is the early favorite to win the SOD Rookie of the Year Award. Despite have never swung a bat Desiree was heavily pursued by a number of teams looking to shore up their roster. Hopefully she'll be able to overcome the distractions that tempt a young rookie (see Toby T) in this league and focus on helping the team on and off the field.

Duey (SS, CF, LF) \$1,500,000/3 years (rookie salary cap)

A late preseason acquisition, a love struck Duey comes to the SOD on the wings of cupid. Much like Gretzky went west to Hollywood in '88, Duey has left behind the rival Swamp Donkeys in an effort to show Toby his true intentions. There is little doubt that he will maintain, if not increase his all-star play from last season now that he's sharing a dugout with his spouse. One simply has to look at the results of Joel Campbell's play since the addition of the shapely Caelly Simpson 2 years ago.

Joel Campbell (UT, OF) \$2,250,000/1year (unrestricted free agent)

Fans of the SOD may remember that the team released Joel in order to make room on their playoff roster at the end of last season. Though the official press release stated "Undisclosed Reasons" for his departure, inside sources have indicated that his personality clash with team captain Josh Campbell was the true cause of his exit. This former Commercial MVP is a known prima donna who's going to have to check his ego at the door if he wants to wear a SOD jersey deep into the playoffs.

Josh Campbell (UT, CF) \$14,500,000/4 years

A tumultuous offseason filled with allegations of steroid and drug abuse have left the reclusive slugger an emotional wreck. Forced into exile in the Far East for the past few weeks, the SOD's loquacious team captain has found refuge in the arms of his former Shidoshi, Pedro Cerrano. It's only through his intensive training schedule that Josh has been able to refocus on the key elements which contributed to his on-field success – White Russians and Pep N' Cheds. His agent claims that Josh will report to training camp in the shape of his life. A bold statement to say the least.

Karyne Daniels (1B, 2B, LF) \$15,000,000/3 years

Coming off an impressive rookie campaign Karyne has signed the largest contract in SOD history and a quick glance at the stat sheet from last years proves that she's worth it. Hitting out the number 2 spot in the lineup Karyne was 3rd on the team in runs scored and 4th in RBI's. Known affectionately as "Boot" to her teammates, Karyne not only played exceptionally well, she partied like it was Grad '84 all over again. The SOD look for continued success in all areas.

Kim Hurley (3B, C, 1B, LF) \$2,225,000/3 years

Rebounding from a potentially career ending injury suffered at a National tournament in the previous year, Kim bounced back with a solid effort on the diamonds last season. A combination of bat speed and pitch selection landed her in the top 10 for team batting average. Her true strength comes from her leadership skills though, and she has quickly become a role model for all new recruits to the team. Needless to say her veteran leadership is one of the elements which saw the SOD produce such a bumper crop of rookies last season.

Lynda Ruptash (2nd, 1B, LF, RF) \$2,225,000/3 years

With a sharp wit and a mouth like a sailor, Lynda has come to exemplify what the SOD are all about over the past few years. Not one to back down to from challenge, Lynda has the battle scars to prove her toughness. Widely regarded as a thug among the YK slo-pitch community, Lynda isn't afraid to mix it up when one of her teammates needs backup. It's for this reason that she was dubbed the resident Enforcer among her teammates, a title she clearly relishes.

Leah Laxdal (C, 2nd, RF) \$1,750,000/2 years

Another second year standout on the SOD, Leah has made the transition from the Prairies to the Great White North seamlessly. The only player able to coax a complete game from temperamental pitcher Bryan Auge, her value to the team is immeasurable. Able to get inside the head of the opposing players while crouching behind the plate, Leah should be getting partial credit for every K Ba chalks up. Factor in her improving offensive game with her mental toughness and she's sure to be a staple on the SOD roster for some time to come.

Mike Soloy (C) \$750,000/1 year (acquired via the waiver wire)

Having already played a stint in the previous season with the SOD, Mike was again picked up off waivers in this past offseason. As a result of posting big numbers (he already ranks 7th all-time in SOD homers) in his brief sojourn with the SOD, management has high expectations for Soloy in the upcoming season. One has to wonder if age and conditioning will be a factor over the course of the grueling slo-pitch schedule.

Odessa Hewlko (1B, 3B, CF, RF) \$7,500,000/2years

Pulling in the 4th highest salary among active players, Odessa has proven that she's worth every penny of it. A monster at the plate and a riot in the beer-gardens, O Dogg (her birthname) is one of the SOD dugout leaders. Though her quiet demeanor is often mistaken for snobbery, she's actually quite friendly once you get to know her. Having recently completed her grueling 7-year collegiate career, management hopes that she can now focus solely on the SOD.

The Rug (P, SS, 2B, LF, CF) \$16,000,000/6 years

One half ball player, one half ladies man and one half legend, Rug is among the elite in the YK slo-pitch community. Local folklore would have you believe that he's some sort of manmade hitting/drinking machine, but I have it on the highest authority that this stud is 100% natural. Able to have an impact on the game when he's not even playing, Rug is willing to do anything it takes in order to help the team win. It's that kind of dedication and hard work that finds him in the 1st year of a lucrative 6-year deal.

Toby Taylor (1B, 2B, LF) \$2,000,000/2 years

Romantically linked to half of the YK Slo-pitch association at one point or another in her rookie campaign, Toby has spent the offseason trying to shed her image as the SOD's resident playa. Unconfirmed sources have connected her to a certain rookie SOD member, but this rumor could not be verified at press time. Her actions on the field were very impressive in her rookie season, and management has high hopes for her in the upcoming season.