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The trading season continues briskly with a smaller deal announced in the shadow of the Oswalt to Philadelphia extravaganza. The **Marlins** sent third baseman **Jorge Cantu** to the **Texas Rangers** for a pair of AA pitching prospects. The Rangers will send Class AA RHP **Evan Reed** and Class AA RHP **Omar Poveda**, who is on DL recovering from Tommy John surgery, according to Fox Sports Ken Rosenthal to the Marlins for Cantu, who has struggled since a solid start in April.

Cantu is still owed approximately $2 million on his one year deal that he signed in January to avoid arbitration with the club. According to Bob Nightengale of USA Today, The Marlins have informed the Rangers they are willing to pay most, if not all, of the remainder of Cantu's contract.

UPDATE: Cantu was second on the team in 2009 with 100 RBIs but his .289/.345/.443 batting line was only slightly above average, disappointing production from a player who played primarily at first. He may supplant **Chris Davis** at first. Since dealing **Justin Smoak** in the **Cliff Lee** trade, Texas has endured 16 games of Davis as he went 10 for 53 with no home runs.

Reed has been working in relief for the Rangers AA Texas League affiliate. He's appeared in 30 games, saving five of them with 34 strikeouts in 39 innings pitched. More impressively, in 89.2 relief innings in the last two seasons, Reed's given up just two home runs.

Poveda is currently rehabbing from Tommy John surgery and has missed the entirety of the 2010 baseball season. He pitched 140.1 innings last season with all but ten in Frisco, Texas' AA club. His peripherals were well off his career norms. Whether he's on his way back to the

excellent strikeout numbers he posted in the low minors remains to be seen.

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