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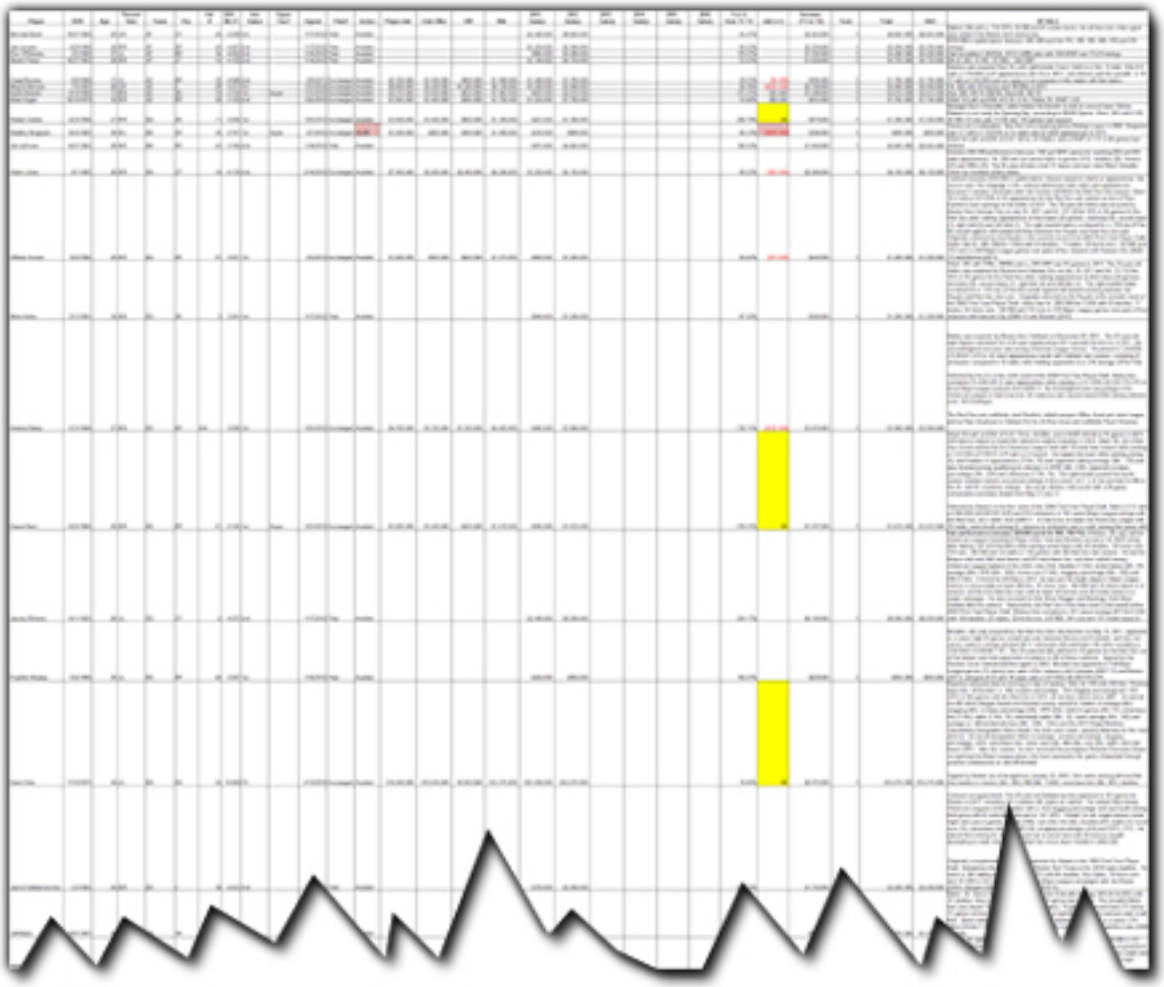

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Detailed information for the 142 players in the 2012 class of players is available for download. The spreadsheet (or CSV file) is broken into these 29 categories:

1. Player
2. DOB
3. Age
4. Throws/Bats
5. Team
6. Position
7. Uni #
8. 2011 Major League Service Time (MLST)
9. Arb
10. Status (is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. eligble)
11. Super Two? (is the player a Super Two)
12. Signed (Date signed)
13. Filed? (Filed, Exchanged figures)
14. Action (Avoided, Extension, Hearing outcome)
15. Player Ask figure
16. Club Offer figure
17. Diff between ask and offer
18. Mid-point between ask and offer
19. 2011 Salary
20. 2012
21. Salary
22. (subsequent salary for yrs in multi-yr deals)
23. % (+/-) from '11-'12 salary
24. mid (+/-) based on club #
25. Increase ('11 to '12) in terms of dollars
26. Term (Length of contract)
27. Total contract dollars
28. Annual Average Value (AAV)
29. Details (player notes on performance, bonus info, etc)

While an expansive analysis of the data will be available via an article on Baseball Prospectus this Monday (link provided at that time), here are some key notes on the data:

- Salaries for the 142 players increased 83 percent from what will be earned in 2011 and salaries in 2012 (not factoring bonuses or deferments).
- Salaries in 2011 totaled $276,328,860 for the 142 compared to $504,847,000 for those same players.
- The 83 percent increase is a decline from 2011 when salaries totaled $417,617,250 compared to $222,894,345 for the same players in 2010.
- According to Ronald Blum of The Associated Press , using AAV in mult-year contracts, not actual salary in 2012, as defined in this study, "The 142 players who filed for arbitration last month averaged an 89 percent increase, according to a study of agreements by The Associated Press. That was down from an average jump of 123 percent last year and was the lowest increase since a 73 percent rise in 1996."

- The largest salary increase went to NL Cy Young winner **Clayton Kershaw** . As Kershaw was in his first year as salary arb eligible, he went from $500,000 in 2011 to $7.5 million in 2012 as part of his 2-year, $19 million extension, or an increase of 1400%

- Two players saw salaries go down: Third-baseman **Ian Stewart** of the Cubs ($2.29 million down to $2.237 million) and **Francisco Rodriguez** of the Brewers who as a free agent that accepted salary arbitration went from $11.5 million in 2011 to $8 million in 2012 as part of changing from closer to reliever.

- Nine players reached "mid-point deals" – deals that see their 2012 salary exactly between the figure the player was asking and the figure the club was offering. They were: **Robert Andino** , **Daniel Bard** , **David Ortiz** , **Shaun Marcum** , **Brett Gardner** , **Hunter Pence** , **Casey McGehee** , **Jason Motte** , **Casey Janssen**

- In terms of multi-year extension there were seven 2-year contracts, three 3-year deals, and one 5-year deal (**Gio Gonzalez**)
- The two largest contracts by total dollars were the 5-year/$42 million deal for Gio Gonzalez with the Nationals, and 2-year, $40.5 million deal between the Giants and **Tim Lincecum**

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- Lincecum's 2-year deal had the highest average annual value ($20.25 million)
- The biggest single-year deal avoiding arbitration was with the Phillies and SP **Cole Hamels** ($15 million), followed by the FA arb deal between the Red Sox and DH David Ortiz ($14.575 million)

- The clubs beat the players 5-2 in hearings this year. If not for the two losses by the Marlins (**Anibal Sanchez** and **Emilio Bonifacio**), the clubs would have had their first-ever clean sweep in hearings.
- Overall, owners lead 291-214 in 505 cases (a 57.62% to 42.38% advantage) since arbitration began in 1974 (see the total scorecard)

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