

All Nine MLB Player Offered Qualifying Offers Reject Them, Now Free Agents

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You could say these players batted 1.000. A new system where clubs offer a “qualifying offer” of \$13.3 million for the upcoming season to potential free agents got its first test, and with it, all nine players that were made the offers rejected them. In doing so, the clubs will now get a compensatory pick in the upcoming Rule 4 draft, and the players that rejected the offers are now free agents. This doesn’t mean a player can’t re-sign with their former club, it simply means that the player is now a free agent. Of the nine, one has already re-signed with their former club. Designated hitter, [David Ortiz](#) rejected the one-year, \$13.3 million offer as he and the Red Sox reached a two-year, \$26 million deal that with incentives, could push to \$30 million.

The following are the nine players that rejected the qualifying offers, thus becoming free agents:

Player

Club

[Michael Bourn](#)

Atlanta

[Josh Hamilton](#)

Texas

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[Hiroki Kuroda](#)

New York Yankees

[Adam LaRoche](#)

Washington

[Kyle Lohse](#)

St. Louis

David Ortiz *

Boston

[Rafael Soriano](#)

New York Yankees

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[Nick Swisher](#)

New York Yankees

[B.J. Upton](#)

Tampa Bay

**Reached deal before today's deadline*

Source: MLB Players Association



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