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Tejada finally traded

Lee Sinins just sent an email alert that Miguel Tejada has been traded to the Astros for Luke Scott plus four dudes I haven't heard of (which doesn't mean they're not good, just that I haven't heard of them). Five players seems like quite a haul for a guy who (a) couldn't crack a .450 slugging last year; (b) will have to play third base; (c) has been linked to PED's (and the trade comes on the eve of the Mitchell Report's release!).

Tejada's numbers took a nosedive last year, and he also was hurt for the first time in his career. That said, his OPS+ was still 109, and I think there's a good chance he'll bounce back this year, even at 32. I doubt he'll ever crack a neutral .500 SLG again, even in the Juicebox, but he remains a high-contact hitter and a workout freak. But is he a clear upgrade over Mike Lamb? Lamb's averaged basically 295/363/460 the last two years. Isn't that basically what you're going to get out of Tejada? And the Astros gave up a right-fielder with an 850 OPS to get this?

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