

# Remembering 2011: Jamie Hoffmann

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**The setup:** After playing in 14 games for the Dodgers in 2009, Hoffmann went to the Yankees via the Rule 5 route, ended up returning to the Dodger organization and spent all of 2010 with Albuquerque, leading the team in hits with 169 while OPSing .800. A strong defender, Hoffmann has seemed worthy of a backup spot on a major-league roster to me, though professional opinions tend to differ.

**The closeup:** Hoffmann turned out to be the second position player called up by the Dodgers this year, coming up [April 11](#) essentially to replace the latest Dodger injury victim, Hector Gimenez. Hoffmann pinch-hit that night and grounded out, then started three nights later and went 0 for 3 with a strikeout. The following day, Hoffmann was sent back to Albuquerque in another domino-effect series of moves, and did not make it back to Los Angeles the remainder of the year despite having his best year with the Isotopes: .356 on-base percentage, .497 slugging percentage and 22 home runs. He set [a Pacific Coast League record](#) for consecutive errorless games by an outfielder that is still going strong at 188, and was ultimately named the [Isotopes' 2011 Most Valuable Player](#).

**Coming attractions:** Hoffmann remains on a [Dodger 40-man roster](#) that, once free agency begins, will have only five outfielders on it. The chances of him holding that same spot next April seem slim.