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"We had Damon all the through our system Baltimore," Melvin said. "We he was as good a center fielder Brady Anderson or Devereaux. He's definitely in same class as those guys."

Melvin said Buford's problem in the outfield last year did give justice to his talent.

"He struggled a little in left right field, but he never had chance to play center for us — know he's a good center fielder Melvin said.

The other major loss for Rangers was born-again shortstop Kevin Elster. Elster, who 24 home runs and batted in runs last season, signed a one-year deal with Pittsburgh in off-season. Taking his spot will Benji Gil, who had a .400 average in five games last season. spent most of last season in Rangers' farm system in Oklahoma City.

Second baseman Mark McLemore said he is confident Gil will step up and have a good year.

"He's played in this league before," McLemore said. "He do fine. Benji's a big boy; He can carry himself on this team."

McLemore said the team is not looking for Gil to repeat Elster's performance from last year, but to just play solidly.

"No one would have ever guessed Elster would have had the kind of year he did," McLemore said. "So who can say Benji won't do the same thing?"

In addition to the starting line-ups changes, the Rangers' roster will also be rounded out with some new, younger faces to replace lost veterans.

The bullpen will boast Danny Patterson (0.00 earned run average in seven games), Jose Alberro (5.79 ERA in five games) and Cory Bailey (3.00 ERA in 51 games), all of whom have less than a year of major league experience. Alberro was a late-season call-up and Bailey was a winter addition from the St. Louis Cardinals. Patterson did not allow an earned run in seven games last season after coming up from Oklahoma City.

Texas will also give catcher Kevin Brown, second baseman Edwin Diaz and third baseman Mike Bell the chance to earn some playing time this season.

RANGERS

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"We think that Xavier Hernandez can do the job as a set-up guy," Melvin said. "We have a youngster in Corey Bailey who will also compete for a spot."

Management also supported homegrown talent by resigning All-Star catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez (.300 avg, 19 HR, and 86 RBI's) and third baseman Dean Palmer (.280 avg, 38 HR and 107 RBI's). Both were signed to one-year contracts to avoid salary arbitration.

Melvin said the front office will continue negotiating multi-year deals until opening day.

Rodriguez has been elected to the last five All-Star games, starting in four of those. Pudge has also won Gold Gloves five years running. Rodriguez has thrown out a phenomenal 44 percent (219-of-493) of would-be base stealers. The All-Star catcher has also picked off 17 runners over the last two seasons.

Righthander Darren Oliver said Rodriguez makes his job easier as a pitcher.

"You don't have to watch the runners close when you have him behind the plate," Oliver said. "He's always picking guys off first base and gunning them down at second. He's also a lot better hitter now. He's not known just for that gun he's got."

Palmer rebounded last year from a career-threatening injury, a complete tear of his right bicep. Not expected to play during the 1996 season, Palmer erupted with 38 home runs and 107 RBIs.

Oliver said Palmer intimidates pitchers with his powerful bat.

"He's a threat," Oliver said. "It seems like he had a quiet 38 home runs, 100 RBI season. There's a lot of pitchers who don't like to face him, especially coming up right after Juan (Gonzalez) in the lineup. When he's hot, he can carry a team."

Greer said only a 162-game season will prove how good the team is, but he is confident in his ability after witnessing management's off-season deals.

"So far they've done a great job," Greer said. "You can't help but be 100 percent behind them. They've done everything that they can do to ensure that we're going to be as competitive as possible."