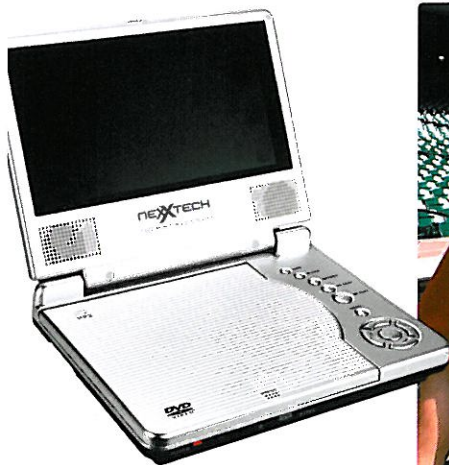


Digital Diamonds!

What The Astros Are Plugging In This Year

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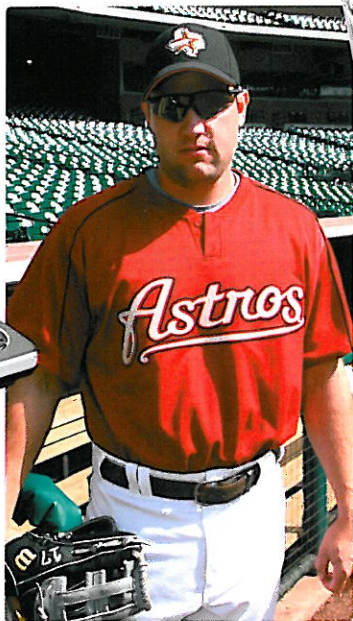
Astros photos by Bryan Anderson



Nextech Portable DVD Player

(\$89.99)
When not slinging some of the league's best leather at the 6-spot, Adam Everett passes time on the road with his Nextech portable DVD player. We can only assume that his film library consists of *The Man With the Golden Gun*, *Goldmember*, *City Slickers II: Legend of Curly's Gold* and the cinematic tour de force that is the Whoopi Goldberg catalog (certainly hope that wasn't too subtle for all the voting managers and coaches out there). Give that man the Gold Glove that he deserves this year! Nextech DVD player available online at circuitcity.com.

Adam Everett



Lance Berkman

Cell Phone

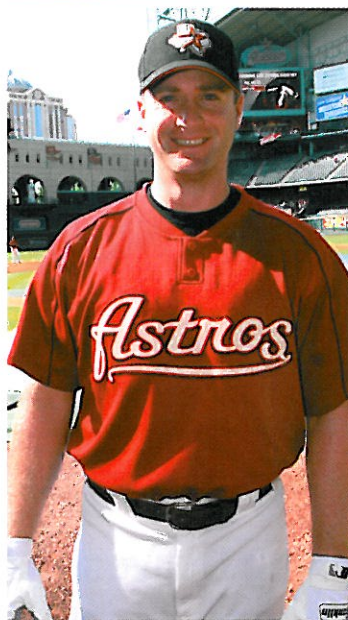
[do you really want one?]
After pausing for a few moments to give the matter the solemn attention it deserves, Berkman admitted that a cell phone is his most coveted on-the-road possession. "I take my iPod and DVD player, too," he said, "but those I could live without. I'd be lost without my cell." When asked what kind of cell it was, he balked (zing!), admitting that he carries a 5-year-old behemoth of a model and that he takes a lot of ribbing from his teammates about it. Lance, if it requires an arm strap, we're really going to have to talk.



Palm Treo 650

(\$299)
Morgan Ensberg seems to be the most technically savvy 'Stro on the field this year, citing his Treo as his can't-live-without piece of equipment. "I wish I had something cooler to tell you, but that's it," he quipped. "I use it to keep up with my email and stuff." Morgan did mention that he's currently in the market for a laptop, so take note you local computer-mongers. After all, you could do a lot worse in the way of a spokesman than the clean-up hitter for a World Series team (like the quarterback for an NFL franchise that went 2-14 last year, for example). Treo available online at palm.com.

Morgan Ensberg



Roy Oswalt

Hotel Television

[um, priceless]
Roy Oswalt, who obviously operates on a higher plane of existence than the rest of us, claims that he takes absolutely nothing on the road with him. "My indispensable electronic device?" he wondered aloud, "Uh... I guess the hotel television." Aghast, we asked him the question again under the assumption that he simply hadn't understood it properly. "Yeah. Right. The hotel TV." And right after we finish hyperventilating into paper bags, we're going to start our research into Roy's affiliation with the neo-Luddite movement.

