

The 2018 Barbarian Mood Statement

Vlad was giddy after the World Series victory. He's taking a long tour of Transylvania, Serbia, Griswald CT, and rural locations in Iran, the Yucatan, and China. Visiting relatives he says, and celebrating Brobdingnag tying Zion for the most franchise championships—though he realizes he's still two behind the Sensei and that galls him no end. He is not available to pen the 2018 mood statement for so that has fallen to me, his scribe and biographer. I apologize for the poorer quality of this season's version, but things are what they are.

This is not your 2017 Barbarians. Not even close. The hitters have many of the same names, but they are either injured (Trout, Correa) or regressed (everyone else). The names look scary but their cards are just average. We will score some runs but not 900+ as we did last season. Also missing are some well identified bench players, replaced by guys who are young and will hopefully develop. There is some bench, but not much, and it isn't very useful. Most days the starters will finish unless you can find a creative way to eek an advantage from the limited bench and you are encouraged to do so. Have fun—we aren't going anywhere this season, it is a pietre dish for the 2020 and 2021 Barbarians who will do their best UCONN women's basketball imitation and go on a 108 game winning streak and win add back-to-back titles (so says Psychic Anna, so it must be true!)

As "average" as the offense is, it is still the strength of the team. That will be obvious as soon as you look at the rotation. There are 28 starts of the best Stephen Strasburg to date. There are 25 starts of the two headed "Sanchneda" (almost rhymes with "Sharknado") that would be a marginal #5 starter on most teams. Then there is the rest: 109 starts of, to put it mildly, inflammable, incendiary, self-destructive "stuff". Low grades, wild, and prone to give up extra homers. The bullpen would be adequate for a good+ starting staff, but for these guys not so much. I give some broad relief usage instructions to try and get through the season, but it boils down to this: try to win the winnable games, and cover the eyes of all small children for the rest.

At home we plan on having a lot of "fun giveaways" to try and keep the attendance figures reasonable; we suggest you do the same when the Barbarians come to your town. It should help. Rest your older starters. Enjoy padding your stats. Relish in getting revenge for the past few years. And in the words of Arnie, "We'll be back", and Vlad will remember.

*** I do expect to send out instructions most months, but these will serve as the April instructions

*** We will play the boards.

*** If you play the computer, please do not use any automated managers. I also do not need game sheets or scripts.

*** Have fun!

2018 Broddingnag Barbarians Roster--pre Waiver Wire

Hitters	Ag	B	MLB	Acqd	GM	PA	SB	SA	VL	VR	Sp	Ar	St	J	31	Ave	OBP	SLG	OPS	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	OF
RUPP,Cameron	28	R	PHI	D-16	77	331	1	3	6	-5	S4	33	26	3	1	.217	.299	.417	.716	7					
MESORACO,Devin	30	R	CIN	T-MID	56	165	1	L0	-4	0	S6	33	26	4	1	.213	.321	.390	.711	7					
LEON,Sandy	28	B	BOS	D-17	85	301	0	B0	3	-3	S4	36	N	3	1	.225	.290	.354	.644	8					
RAMIREZ,Hanley	33	R	BOS	T-NW	127	553	4	0	-4	0	10	34	11	2	1	.242	.320	.429	.749	2					
DAVIS,Chris	31	L	BAL	D-09	128	524	2	R4	-6	1	S6	35	20	2	1	.215	.309	.423	.732	4			3		
MONCADA,Yoan	23	B	CWS	D-17	54	231	5	0	-6	1	F16	32	24	4	1	.231	.338	.412	.750		7	6	3		
VILLAR,Jonathan	27	B	MIL	T-RIV	122	436	31	0	-4	0	F17	34	29	2	1	.241	.293	.372	.665		7	6	3	1	
CORDOBA, Alan	22	R	SD	T-NBO	100	227	4	0	-12	2	F18	33	20	3	3	.208	.282	.297	.579		6	7	3	2	
CORREA,Carlos	22	R	HOU	D-16	109	481	3	2	5	-3	F15	36	26	3	2	.315	.391	.550	.941		6	8	3		
MACHADO,Manny ©	24	R	BAL	D-13	156	690	13	1	1	-2	F15	35	27	1	2	.259	.310	.471	.781		5	6	5		
TROUT,Mike	25	R	LAA	D-12	114	507	26	0	-6	0	F18	33	32	2	2	.306	.442	.629	1.071						
BETTS,Mookie	23	R	BOS	D-15	153	712	29	2	5	-2	F18	34	34	1	2	.264	.344	.459	.803						
NIMMO,Brandon	25	L	NYM	D-18	69	215	2	5	-12	2	12	30	31	3	2	.260	.379	.418	.797						
BRADLEY,Jackie	26	L	BOS	T-WAR	133	541	11	R0	1	-2	F17	34	28	2	2	.245	.323	.402	.725						
FISHER,Derek	24	L	HOI	D-18	53	166	6	0	-1	-2	F17	31	20	4	1	.212	.307	.356	.663						
HAYS,Austin (i)	22	R	BAL	D-18	91	N/A	0	2	3	-3	F15	32	N	4	1	.217	.238	.317	.555						
BETHANCOURT,C.	24		SD	T-MAR	0	0	0	2						4	1										

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Catchers: Rupp PB3/+0, Mesoraco PB2/-2, Leon PB2/+4

All OFs are CF eligible

Pitchers	Ag	Th	MLB	Acqd	GS	IP	Gd	XY	BB	HR	fat	MF	WP	Bk	HB	Sp	fid	J
STRASBURG,Stephen	29	R	WAS	D-11	28		16	XY	23	33	25	1	1	0	--	7	2	3
SANCHEZ,Aaron	26	R	TOR	D-15	8		8	XY	-52	-11	22	0	2	0	--	S6	1	4
PINEDA,Michael	29	R	NYY	D-12	17		7	Y	31	26	25	1	3	--	S6	2	4	
NORRIS,Daniel	25	L	DET	T-STM	18		4		-16	22	27	1	1	0	--	7	2	4
HUGHES,Phil (i)	32	R	MIN	T-BH	23		1	Y	33	-26	28	2	0	0	--	S4	2	4
BAILEY,Horner (i)	32	R	CIN	T-MID	27		1		-23	16	29	0	3	0	--	9	2	4
TILLMAN,Chris (i)	30	R	BAL	D-11	28		1		-45	-34	29	2	3	0	--	S6	1	4
GLASNOW,Tyler	24	R	PIT	D-18	13		1		-62	-23	29	1	3	0	--	10	1	4
KIMBREL,Craig	30	R	BOS	D-11	69		28	XY	25	25	6	2	3	0	--	7	2	1
HARRIS,Will	33	R	TEX	T-MLR	45		14	XY	36	-14	6	1	1	0	--	S5	2	3
OSUNA,Roberto	23	R	TOR	D-16	64		13	XY	42	45	6	0	3	0	--	S5	2	1
BEDROSIAN,Cam	26	R	LAA	D-16	44		10	X	-13	22	6	1	3	0	0	S6	1	3
MIDDLETON,Keynan	24	R	LAA	D-18	58		9	X	16	-23	6	2	3	0	0	7	2	1
HOLDER,Jonathan	25	R	NYY	D-18	39		6	X	35	15	7	0	3	0	--	S4	2	3
OH,Seung-Hwan	35	R	STL	D-17	59		6	Y	52	-16	6	1	1	0	--	7	2	2
MONTAS,Frankie (i)	25	R	OAK	D-18	66		2	X	-62	-51	9	0	2	0	--	S4	1	4
CLAUDIO,Alex	26	L	TEX	D-17	82		13		42	41	6	0	0	--	7	2	0	
KROL,Ian	27	L	ATL	T-RIV	49		7	Y	-25	-14	6	0	3	0	--	S6	1	2

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Limits:

I expect Leon and Cordoba to be PA limited, all others to be game limited.

Cuts: Carded: Gilli, O'Flaherty, Colon, S. Drew, S. Rodriguez Uncarded: Fernandez, Ventura, Arcia, Ortiz

M = In minors	Ap	Ma	Ju	Jl	Au	Se	Oc
RUPP,Cameron					M	M	M
MESORACO,Devin	M	M	M	M			
LEON,Sandy							
RAMIREZ,Hanley	M	M					
DAVIS,Chris							M
MONCADA,Yoan				M	M	M	M
VILLAR,Jonathan	M	M	M				
CORDOBA, Alan							
CORREA,Carlos				M	M		
MACHADO,Manny							
TROUT,Mike	M	M					
BETTS,Mookie							
NIMMO,Brandon				M		M	
BRADLEY,Jackie			M				
FISHER,Derek			M		M	M	M
HAYS,Austin (i)							
BETHANCOURT,Chris'n	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
STRASBURG,Stephen		M					
SANCHEZ,Aaron	M	M		M	M	M	M
PINEDA,Michael		M		M	M		
NORRIS,Daniel			M	M		M	M
HUGHES,Phil (i)	M		M				
BAILEY,Homer (i)	M						
TILLMAN,Chris (i)							
GLASNOW,Tyler			M		M	M	M
KIMBREL,Craig							
HARRIS,Will		M	M		M		M
OSUNA,Roberto	M			M		M	
BEDROSIAN,Cam	M			M		M	
MIDDLETON,Keynan		M	M		M		M
HOLDER,Jonathan							
OH,Seung-Hwan							
MONTAS,Frankie (i)							
CLAUDIO,Alex							
KROL,Ian							

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Coaching staff	
Phill Sciame	Manager
Eric Davis	1B Coach
Alex Rodriguez	3B Coach
Frank Thomas	Hitting instructor
Jake Peavy (when retired)	Pitching Coach
Ken Griffey Jr	Outfield coach
Omar Vizquell	Infield Coach
Jose Fernandez	Bullpen Coach
(It's a quiet job)	

Defense

Let's be honest: What is this "defense" thing?
The OF D is excellent, the INF D is pathetic.
And there's little to nothing we can do about it.
There are very limited **defensive subs**:
--Leon for his +4 arm if I lead by 1 or 2 in 8th+
--Cordoba to SS when a SS-6 starts
That's about it.

This team will not win without good dice rolls.
We need to be a little lucky. Therefore:
--Generally hold runners on 1st
--Generally play the INF deep **BUT....**
In both these cases, please override when
baseball logic says ("do what you would for you")

Bench roles

Leon:

--Defence against SB (see above)
--PH vs LHP in a key situation wher his +3 makes
 enough of a difference to matter
--Injury sub at catcher

Cordoba:

--Pinch runner (though not for steals)
--Some months, Def SS (see above, don't laugh)
--First choice for injury sub

Hays:

--Second choice for injury sub
--Second choice as PR
--Very rarely to PH for Nimmo

Mesoraco

--ONLY if there is no other legal option
(Injury sub at catcher is the only one I can think of)

The Unbench (Guys who don't come out)

I can think of no reason Trout, Betts, Bradley,
Correa, Machado, Fisher, Moncada, or Villar
would ever leave the game voluntarilly. There just
isn't anything better available on the bench.

2018 Brob Rotation

A P R I L	HOB	P	N	G	T	X
	MID	P	St	N	X	
	KNX	G	P	St	X	
	@IND	T	N	P	G	X
M A Y	@NW	St	T	P	N	G X
	WHI	B	H	N	T	G
	CAY	B	H	N	T	X
	@WAR	G	B	H	N	
J U N E	@COL	T	G	B	H	X
	@DET	N	T	G	B	
	@MID	Sn	P	T	St	X
	@KNX	B	Sn	P		
J U L Y	@HOB	T	St	B		
	RIV	Sn	P	T	St	B X
	MAR	Sn	P	T	St	
	@GC	B	H	G	T	St
A U G	@BH	B	H	G	T	X
	STM	St	B	H	G	
	KAN	T	St	B	H	
	RYE	G	T	St	B	X
S E P T O C T	@HUD	H	N	T	St	
	@MUN	B	H	N	T	X
	@WHI	St	B	H	N	
	MLR	T	St	B	H	
N O V	LV	N	T	St	B	X
	HOB	X	X	H	P	T
	MID	St	B	H	P	
	KNX	T	St	B	H	
O C T O B E R	@RIV	P	T	St	B	X
	@MAR	H	P	T	St	B
	@ZIO	H	N	T	St	
	@RYE	B	H	N	T	St
N O V E M B E R	IND	B	H	N	T	St
	NB	B	H	N	T	X
	NW	St	B	H	N	
	BH	X	St	Sn	P	H N
N O V E M B E R	GC	St	Sn	G	B	
	@MID	P	St	Sn	X	
	@KNX	T	P	St	B	
	@HOB	Sn	H	P	St	X

St	STRASBURG, Stephen
Sn	SANCHEZ, Aaron
P	PINEDA, Michael
N	NORRIS, Daniel
H	HUGHES, Phil (i)
B	BAILEY, Homer (i)
T	TILLMAN, Chris (i)
G	GLASNOW, Tyler
X	Day Off

The Starters

These fall into three groups:

Every starter MUST pitch 4 innings unless the rules require him to leave. Other than that:

Strasburg:

The goal is to win almost all the games he starts. He will stay in until either: (1) he is reduced twice and the score is +3/-2, **or** (2) he's reduced once, the score is +3/-1, and runner gets is on base in the 7th or later, **or** (3) it is time for Kimbrell.

Sanchez & Pineda:

Some days they will get pounded, some days they will give us a chance. When they have a good day, we will use some of our better relievers. When they are getting pounded, let them suffer. It builds character, or so they say.

Relieve them if: (1) they are reduced and the game is +3/-2 **or** (2) the score is +3/-2, and runner gets is on in the 7th or later **or** (3) it is time for Kimbrell.

All others

Relieve them if the score is +4/-2 and they put a runner on in the

The Relievers

Holder, Oh, Montas, Krol: Any Inning. Generally their pitch:
(1) Whenever I trail by 4 or more and the starter is out of the game
(2) A starter leaves in the 4th inning or earlier regardless of score

The grades 9 through 14: Not before the 6th inn. Their roles:

(1) The game is in the 6th Inn+ and the score is +3/-2
(2) Kimbrell has blown a save and we go into extra innings
NOTE: Krol can also be used here as a lefty killer for 1 or 2 outs

Kimbrell: ONLY in save situations:

Can start the 9th if we lead by 1 or 2
Can come in **if a runner is on** as early as one out in the 8th
If he blows the save he can finish that half inning then comes out
Limit Kimbrell to 4 IP per series.

Note: I will have 8 relievers up each month with 2 LHP.

Mix and match, play the shifts, and leverage the +5s

Harris + Osuna is essentially one reliever with 119 innings

Bedrosian + Middleton is one reliever with 102 innings

Claudio is 82 innings of the only good LH I have

I trust your judgement to use these guys in the games that are winnable, but if it is--or later becomes--out of hand, same them to fight another day. This is not the offense that will erase big leads very often.

April & May

vs RHP		vs LHP	
1 Nimmo	DH	1 Betts	RF
2 Betts	RF	2 Bradley	CF
3 Correa	SS	3 Correa	SS
4 Machado	3B	4 Machado	3B
5 Moncada	2B	5 Rupp	C
6 Bradley	CF	6 Moncada	2B
7 Davis	1B	7 Davis	1B
8 Rupp	C	8 Fisher	LF
9 Fisher	LF	9 Hays	DH
Bench		Bench	
Leon		Leon	
Cordoba		Cordoba	
Hays		Nimmo	

August

vs RHP		vs LHP	
1 Villar	2B	1 Villar	2B
2 Nimmo	DH	2 Betts	LF
3 Betts	LF	3 Trout	RF
4 Trout	RF	4 Machado	SS
5 Machado	SS	5 Ramirez	1B
6 Ramirez	1B	6 Bradley	CF
7 Bradley	CF	7 Davis	3B
8 Davis	3B	8 Leon	C
9 Mesoraco	C	9 Hays	DH
Bench		Bench	
Leon		Mesoraco	
Cordoba		Cordoba	
Hays		Nimmo	

June

vs RHP		vs LHP	
1 Nimmo	DH	1 Betts	CF
2 Betts	CF	2 Moncada	2B
3 Correa	SS	3 Correa	SS
4 Trout	RF	4 Trout	RF
5 Machado	3B	5 Machado	3B
6 Moncada	2B	6 Rupp	C
7 Davis	1B	7 Davis	1B
8 Ramirez	DH	8 Ramirez	DH
9 Rupp	C	9 Hays	LF
Bench		Bench	
Leon		Leon	
Cordoba		Cordoba	
Hays		Nimmo	

September

vs RHP		vs LHP	
1 Villar	2B	1 Villar	2B
2 Betts	LF	2 Betts	LF
3 Correa	SS	3 Correa	SS
4 Trout	RF	4 Trout	RF
5 Machado	3B	5 Machado	3B
6 Davis	1B	6 Bradley	CF
7 Bradley	CF	7 Ramirez	DH
8 Ramirez	DH	8 Leon	C
9 Mesoraco	C	9 Davis	1B
Bench		Bench	
Leon		Mesoraco	
Cordoba		Cordoba	
Hays		Hays	

July

vs RHP		vs LHP	
1 Villar	2B	1 Villar	2B
2 Betts	LF	2 Betts	LF
3 Machado	SS	3 Machado	SS
4 Trout	RF	4 Trout	RF
5 Ramirez	1B	5 Bradley	CF
6 Bradley	CF	6 Ramirez	1B
7 Davis	3B	7 Rupp	C
8 Rupp	C	8 Fisher	DH
9 Fisher	DH	9 Davis	3B
Bench		Bench	
Leon		Leon	
Cordoba		Cordoba	
Hays		Nimmo	

October

vs RHP		vs LHP	
1 Nimmo	DH	1 Villar	2B
2 Villar	2B	2 Betts	LF
3 Correa	SS	3 Correa	SS
4 Trout	RF	4 Trout	RF
5 Betts	LF	5 Machado	3B
6 Machado	3B	6 Bradley	CF
7 Ramirez	1B	7 Ramirez	1B
8 Bradley	CF	8 Leon	C
9 Mesoraco	C	9 Hays	DH
Bench		Bench	
Leon		Mesoraco	
Cordoba		Cordoba	
Hays		Nimmo	

November: TBD based upon useage left**Bench Ues:**

Cordoba, Hays, and Leon are likely PA limited and can come off the bench
However, even with the shifts Hays' card is usually not worth PH with

Mesoraco and Nimmo will be game limited and should not come off the bench
unless there is no other option (injury, etc.)

General comments:

This offence has 2 quite good hitters (Correa, Trout), a few servicable ones, and far too many bad ones. This is not a team that can wait for a lot of three-run homers, but it also doesn't have the good on-base and contact hitters to play small ball very effectively. There's speed but few good H&R options since as all Barbarian offenses, we love our 13s.

SBA limits:

For now, limit Villar to 2 SBA attempts (straight steal or H&R resulting in a SBA) per series

Machado, Trout, Betts, and Bradley limited to 1 SBA per series. ***That does not imply they have to use them!***

Small Ball general thinking:

In general with Betts or Machado at bat I will opt for H&R over steals. Others do not H&R on the road. Stealing, if appropriate, will take precedence over a SAC. Having said that, here is some guidance.

When to H&R (priority over steal or SAC):

- Any inning, any # of outs, runner on 1st base only
- Betts or Machado at bat, Villar, Machado, Trout, Betts, or Bradley on 1st
- Adjusted SSN 22 or better (***or*** use Adams tables if you use them for your team)

When to steal (priority ove SAC):

- Score must be +2/-2, innings 4 through 7 ***or*** +2/-1 in 8th inning or later
- Adjusted SSN 28 or better (***or*** use the Adams tables if you do that for your team)

When to SAC:

Runner on 1st only, or 1st & 2nd:

- Only with no outs (or with 1 out if it is the #9 hitter at bat)
- Score must be +3/-3, innings 4 through 7 ***or*** +2/-1 in 8th inning or later
- With any of the bottom three in the order, but ***NOT with Davis***
- call it off with 2 strikes if the batter is ***Fisher***

Runner on 2nd only:

- Only with no outs
- Score must be +3/-3, innings 4 through 7 ***or*** +2/-1 in 8th inning or later
- With any of the bottom three in the order, but ***NOT with Davis***
- call it off with 2 strikes if the batter is ***Fisher***

Baserunning: tagging up, taking the extra base, etc.

We need to be more aggressive than normal, and fortunately we have a good amount of speed.

If you use the Adams, please use them for mine, except subtract 2 unless Correa or Trout is the next hitter

If you do not use the Adams tables, please be slightly more aggressive than you would be for your guys

- If you are uncertain, send them

Pinch hitting, pinch running:

These will be quite rare this season. The guys on the bench just don't have much to offer. See comments on the "Minors, Defense, & Bench" page.