

ELDERS OF ZION - 2018 Emergency Instructions

IN MINORS (X)

	Th	GS	IP	Gr	Ctl	HR	Fat			A	M	Jn	Jl	A	S	O
Gray, Jonathan (G)	COL	R	20	110	9	21	26	23	WP2 MF0		x	x				
Bundy, Dylan (Bu)	BAL	R	28	170	10	13	-12	26	WP0 BK0 MF+1			x				
Bauer, Trevor (B)	CLE	R	31	178	10	0	11	25/5	WP1 MF+2							
Nelson, Jimmy (N)	MIL	R	29	175	10	21	25	25	WP3 MF0					x		
Matz, Steven (M)	NYM	L	13	67	1	25	-21	28	WP1 BK0 MF0	x	x		x	x		x
Blackburn, Paul (Bl)	OAK	R	10	59	11	16	32	24	WP1 BK0 MF+3	x		x	x		x	x
Cobb, Alex (C)	TAM	R	29	179	10	21	26	26	WP3 MF0						x	
Jansen, Kenley	LAD	R		68	22*	46	32	6*	WP2 MF0							
Leone, Dominic	TOR	R		70	16*	13	31	6*	WP3 HB/BK0 MF0							
Morrow, Brandon	LAD	R		44	17*	33	62	6*	WP3 BK0 MF0	x		x			x	
Schugel, AJ	PIT	R		32	15*	-15	25	6*	WP3 HB/BK0 MF+2		x		x	x		x
Delgado, Randall (D)	ARI	R	5	63	12/9*	26	24	20/10	38 RIP	x			x		x	x
Lorenzen, Michael	CIN	R		83	9*	0	22	7*	WP3 MF0							
de la Rosa, Jorge	ARI	L		51	10*	11	0	5*	WP3 BK0 MF0	x	x			x	x	
Watson, Tony	LAD	L		67	9*	34	0	6*	WP0 BK0 MF0							
Herrera, Kelvin	KCA	R		59	9*	14	-11	6*	WP3 BK0 MF0	x	x	x	x	x		x
Asher, Alec	BAL	R	6	60	2/11*	0	-13	29/10	30 RIP	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
				vL	vR	SSN	Att.	Spd	Arm Fldg							
Maxwell, Bruce	OAK	L	76	219	-8	0	N	5	32 C7 (PB1/Th+1)		x					
Hundley, Nick	SFO	R	101	287	+9	-6	N	7	32 C7 (PB2/Th+1)							x
Perez, Roberto	CLE	R	73	217	+4	-4	E14	1	5 33 C8 (PB2/+5)					x		
Mancini, Trey	BAL	R	147	543	-5	0	R26	1	9 30 1B3 OF1							
Candelario, Jeimer	DET	B	38	127	+2	-3	N	8	33 1B2 3B3	x		x	x		x	x
Torreyes, Ronald	NYN	R	108	315	+2	-2	R31	2	15 30 2B8 SS8 3B4 OF1			x				
Rivera, TJ	NYM	R	73	214	-4	0	R26	1	10 30 2B6 3B3 1B3 OF1	x					s	
Seager, Corey	LAD	L	145	539	+1	-2	G26	6	15 33 SS9							
Gennett, Scooter	CIN	L	136	498	-1	-1	F24	5	11 32 2B6 3B3 OF1							
Escobar, Yunel	LAA	R	89	350	+4	-4	B9	9	36 3B3		x			x		
Beltre, Adrian	TEX	R	94	340	+9	-4	R26	1	6 32 3B5				x			
Benintendi, Andrew	BOS	L	151	573	-7	0	E31	25	15 31 OF2							
Choo, Shin Soo	TEX	L	149	544	-1	-1	F31	15	10 34 OF1							
Adrianza, Ehire	MIN	B	70	162	+6	-5	E34	9	12 34 OF2 SS7 3B3 1B3							
Blackmon, Charles	COL	L	159	644	-3	0	D23	23	15 29 OF2							
Presley, Alex	DET	L	71	245	-8	0	F35	5	15 31 OF2	x	x		x	x		x
Haniger, Mitch	SEA	R	96	369	-7	0	D22	9	10 30 OF3			x			x	
Uncarded: Yasmany Tomas																
ROTATION																
April 1-4	WAR		N,Bu	C,B	Jul	1-5 @	KAN	Bu	N,G	C,B	Oct	1-4	BRO	C,G,B,N		
April 6-8	@ NBO		N,Bu	C	Jul	6-9 @	KNX	Bu,N	G,C		Oct	6-9	KAN	C,G,Bu,N		
April 10-13	@ CAY		B,N	G,C	Jul	11-14	HOB	Bu,B	N,G		Oct	10-14	@ MLR	B,C,G,Bu,N		
April 14-17	@ DET		Bu,B	N,G	Jul	15-18	BH	C,Bu	B,N		Oct	15-18	@ MID	B,C,G,Bu		
April 19-23	HUD	C	B,Bu	N,G	Jul	19-22	WHT	G,C	Bu,B		Oct	19-23	MUN	N,B,C,G,Bu		
May 1-5	COL	C	B,Bl	N,Bu	Aug	1-4	IND	G,Bl	Bu,B		Nov	2-6	@ STM	N,M,C,D,Bu		
May 6-9	STM		C,B	Bl,N	Aug	5-8	RIV	C,G	Bl,Bu		Nov	7-10	LV	N,B,M,C		
May 11-14	@ MAR		Bu,B	Bl,N	Aug	10-13 @	HUD	C,G	Bl,Bu		Nov	11-13	NBO	Bu,N,B		
May 15-18	@ GC		C,Bu	B,Bl	Aug	14-17 @	NW	B,C	G,Bl		Nov	15-18	CAY	C,Bu,N,B		
May 20-23	@ MUN		C,N	B,Bl	Aug	18-21 @	RYE	Bu,B	C,G		Nov	19-22	@ WAR	Bl,C,Bu,N		
June 1-4	NBO		M,C	D,N	Sep	3-5	WAR	M,Bu	B							
June 6-8	CAY		B,M	D,C	Sep	6-9 @	NBO	G,N	M,Bu							
June 9-11	@ WAR		C,N	B	Sep	10-12 @	CAY	B,G	N							
June 12-16	@ LV	M	D,C	N,B	Sep	14-17 @	COL	M,Bu	B,N							
June 18-21	MLR		M, D	C,B	Sep	18-22	DET	G,M	Bu,B,N							

2018 ELDERS OF ZION – Standard Instructions

Emergency Lineups (lineups to be typically supplied each month, especially for no-DH games)

Vs LHP – Choo 7 Seager 6 Blackmon 8 Beltre 5 Torreyes 4 Escobar DH Hundley 2 Adrianza 9 TJ Rivera 3

Vs RHP Gr 8, 13 – Choo DH Benintendi 7 Blackmon 8 Beltre 5 Gennett 4 Haniger 9 Mancini 3 Seager 6 Perez 2

Vs RHP Gr 9,10 – Benintendi 7 Seager 6 Blackmon 8 Gennett DH Mancini 3 Haniger 9 Torreyes 4 Beltre 5 Maxwell 2

Vs RHP Gr 1-3, 6-7 – Choo DH Benintendi 7 Seager 6 Blackmon 8 Gennett 4 Haniger 9 Escobar 5 Mancini 3 Maxwell 2

Vs RHP Gr 4-5 – Choo DH Benintendi 7 Seager 6 Blackmon 8 Gennett 4 Haniger 9 Torreyes 5 Rivera 3 Hundley 2

All other RHP – Choo DH Benintendi 7 Seager 6 Blackmon 8 Haniger 9 Mancini 3 Gennett 4 Beltre 5 Maxwell 2

GENERAL GUIDELINES – OFFENSE/POSITION PLAYERS

There will be 5 Elders on the offensive bench April to October, and the cast will change month to month. Here's how the guys will be used when they are around.

1B – **MANCINI** will start almost every day. **CANDELARIO** will get some starts vs LHP here the couple of months he is up. Otherwise both **RIVERA** and **ADRIANZA** are rated 1B3, and can sub there if **MANCINI** gets lifted late vs. a LH reliever or for a PR.

2B – **GENNETT** starts every day vs RHP; however, at times he will be DHing allowing **TORREYES**, the better defender, to start here. **TORREYES** will start vs. LH, and when not starting can sub for **GENNETT** vs a lefty reliever late or for defense 8th on. Similarly, as **GENNETT** has 136 games and will be riding the pine vs LH, in those games he can be used as a PH freely unless I indicate otherwise in series instructions.

SS – **SEAGER** all day every day on the road.

3B – **BELTRE** all day when he can play, but that's only 94 games this time around. As a result, **ESCOBAR**, **CANDELARIO**, and **TORREYES** will all fill in from time to time. No use off the bench for **BELTRE**.

OF – **BLACKMON** will be in the lineup every day on the road, and will never leave the game for a sub. The other two spots will operate as a platoon. In LF, **BENINTENDI** and **CHOO** will split the starts vs RH and LH, respectively. The same will be true in RF, where either **HANIGER** or **PRESLEY** (one is up every month) will start vs RH, and **ADRIANZA** vs LH. All of them except **HANIGER** should have free usage off the bench to counter late game pitching changes.

DH – **ESCOBAR** DHs vs LHP, with some backup from **CANDELARIO**. **CHOO** and **RIVERA** get the bulk of starts vs RH, though as noted **GENNETT** will also play here when **TORREYES** plays 2B vs some RH.

C – **HUNDLEY** starts vs LHP and some rare RHP, and can always come off the bench to face LH relief. **MAXWELL** starts vs. most but not all RH due to usage limits. **PEREZ** shouldn't need to start too many games, and can be used as God intended him this time around, as a late innings defensive specialist. In any late game key AB, chances are good that someone off the bench is a better option than whatever C is scheduled to hit, so don't be afraid to mix and match.

GENERAL GUIDELINES – PITCHING STAFF (Part A – The Starters)

The starting staff is solidly, consistently mediocre. Other than 15 starts of 11s and 12s from short timers **BLACKBURN and DELGADO**, most of the season (137 other starts) are all in the hands of right-handed Grade 9s and 10s. Beyond them are 10 starts of **MATZ** as a LH 1. Given the bulk amount of Grade 9 and 10 relief in the bullpen corps, I would expect **MATZ** to be yanked most times out (in favor of **LORENZEN**, or **DELGADO** when he's in the pen) as soon as he gives up 2 runs, earned or not. The only exception would be if he falls well behind early thanks to an untimely 3 run or grand slam HR, he'll remain in that game til pounded out or we catch up.

The four rules to follow absolutely for the rest of the starters are as follows: 1) no starter other than **MATZ** leaves before the fifth, unless forced out by runs; 2) no starter pitches after being fatigued if the game is within 2 runs 6th on; 3) that any starter should be replaced 7th on if they put the tying/lead (T/L) run on base (6th on); and 4) that the late inning relievers should be in to protect any 1-2 run lead in the 8th or 9th , and also come on in the 7th to stop a jam if the score is 0/+3, and a change will steal more hits than the P that is in. Everything else is under your discretion, within the reliever guidelines discussed below.

GENERAL GUIDELINES – PITCHING STAFF (PART B – The Relievers)

There are four parts to the 2017 Zion bullpen:

- 1) Closer – **JANSEN** (RH 22, +46/+32 peripherals) is almost as good as it gets. He saves the 9th , and can also get the last out or 2 in the 8th if things start to blow up.
- 2) The set-up men. There are three setup men (**LEONE, MORROW, and SCHUGEL**) but the latter two have only 76 IP between them so only one is up at a time. The two guys that are up handle the 7th and 8th if we're leading, or the 9th if we're tied.
- 3) The middle/long men – **WATSON** (the LH specialist) and **LORENZEN**, both Grade 9s, are up all year, and are joined by a rotating third man from **DELGADO, DE LA ROSA, ASHER, and HERRERA**. They're going to need their +5s to be effective, so it will not be uncommon to use two guys within an inning (or occasionally all three).

DEFENSIVE STRATEGY OPTIONS

INTENTIONAL WALK – Rarely, if ever.

HOLD RUNNERS – Always vs. PL batter; otherwise, only hold runners with adjSSN of 23+.

INFIELD IN/DEEP – Play IN 8th on with <2 out if runner on 3rd is T/L run; otherwise, play DEEP.

OUTFIELD THROWS – 1) ALWAYS throw if runner chance is < 33. 2) ALWAYS throw for lead runner, unless he is not T/L run, and trail runner chance is 7+ lower. Computer managers, play as you would your team, but never let the potential winning run cross the plate uncontested 7th on.

DEF. REPLACEMENTS – Defense is not job 1, or 2, or 3 with this year's Elders, but during most of this year there should be 3 possible defensive moves:

- 1) As previously noted, until further notice **PEREZ** can sub defensively at C as needed to protect a 1-2 run lead in the 8th or 9th.
- 2) **TORREYES** should substitute for **GENNETT** at 2nd if we lead the game late.
- 3) If **CHOO** or any other bench OF1 starts a game in the OF, replace them with a 2 from the bench (**BENINTENDI** is probably the best choice, followed by **PRESLEY and ADRIANZA**) late if game is close.

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY OPTIONS (Order of Preference – SB, H&R, sacrifice)

STEALS: In order to steal, I like to have an adjSSN (after all P and C adjustments) of 27+; however, if the SB is critical enough to the outcome of the game, I'll take a shot at 25 or 26 (especially if the batter can't H&R).

WHO STEALS WHEN: **BENINTENDI** is the one guy with a large number of attempts (25), and basically has the green light to steal 2nd any time 5th inning on score is +2/-1 (limit – 2x per series on a straight steal). The others who can be runners in the hit and run (**CHOO, BLACKMON, ADRIANZA, SEAGER, PRESLEY**) will only steal on the road from a busted H&R.

HIT & RUN: I'm a huge believer in the H&R. However as the team continues to transition, this year though a lot of guys have 2 31s, not a lot of guys can steal, and not everyone with 2 31s is a great H&R candidate. On the current team, **RIVERA, ESCOBAR, BELTRE, BLACKMON, PRESLEY and TORREYES** should hit and run 1st or 1st and 3rd anytime the runner on 1st has an adjSSN of 20+. **MANCINI, GENNETT, and HUNDLEY** will also H&R with a man on 1st only, adjSSN of 24+. **SEAGER, HANIGER, BENINTENDI and CANDELARIO** have 2 31s but will not H&R this year.

SACRIFICE: Sacrifice tying/lead run on 2nd to 3rd with exactly 0 outs 8th or later. (Exceptions: Never bunt with a serious power hitter unless all of his non-power hits are stolen)

NEVER, EVER SQUEEZE!!! (Just say NOOOO!)

OFFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS Anyone not starting can usually come in whenever he may be helpful – please consult the general usage by position, however, as there are some exceptions..

PINCH HITTING – Traditionally, I PH a lot, especially to counter pitching changes, or to maximize our scoring chances in a rally situation. This year there will be a lot of opportunities to PH given our often sizable shifts..

WHO TO PH FOR: 1) **BENINTENDI, HANIGER, PRESLEY, MAXWELL** vs. LH relievers (especially when they are first batter faced). 2) **ESCOBAR, HUNDLEY or ADRIANZA** vs. a RH 7th on

PH vs LH – **ESCOBAR, HUNDLEY, CANDELARIO**

PH vs RH – **RIVERA, PRESLEY, GENNETT, BENINTENDI** and **MANCINI** should all be able to come off the bench freely when you go to right-handers in the pen.

PINCH RUNNING – **CHOO and ADRIANZA** are the best base-stealers and base runners off the pine, with **PRESLEY** the backup choice.

RUNNER ADVANCEMENT: 1) **ALWAYS** go if chance is 28+. **NEVER** go if chance is less than 20, except home with T/L run 8th on and 2 out (15+). 3) Otherwise, use Adams tables to determine go/no go. When playing computer game, be aggressive with the fastest runners, and conservative with the lead-foots). Otherwise, I'll rely on your knowledge of hit descriptions to try and match up with these general parameters, as your knowledge would greatly exceed my own on this topic.

SEND RUNNER ON 3RD: If your IF is in, HOLD runner unless the combined Fldg rating of your 2B and SS is < 15.

Zion will be using the boards again in 2017. This team can hit, and should be able to hold a late lead most of the time. However, there should also be a number of days where hope gets extinguished early. Save the better high end relief resources we possess for the contests where we have a shot at the W – but make moves that are appropriate on the offensive side every day, as there is enough usage for everyone but **HANIGER** and **BELTRE** to enter games as needed.