



NORTHBORO PHOENIX

2021 TBL CHAMPIONS

Game of Choice: APBA Master Board Game, 2006 edition

General Managers: **Bob Jordan** (25th year), **Steve Stein** (22nd year)

Manager: **Terry Francona**; Bench Coach: **Seth Smith**; Batting Coach: **David Ortiz**

Pitching Coach: **Andy Pettitte**; Bullpen Coach: **Mike Timlin**

1B Coach: **J.J. Hardy**; 3B Coach: "Wave 'em in" **Wendell Kim**

Home Park: **Mo Berg Memorial Stadium, Northboro MA**

2024 Season Emergency Instructions

Starting Pitchers	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Th	Acquired	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP
Brandon BIELAK	HOU	28.0	P-2	4	R	21 waiver	9		-26	-12	24/23*	WP3/BK0	Th+2	13	80.0	9.3
Jose BUTTO	NYM	26.0	P-2	4	R	24 NBO#4 (87)	14	Y	-55	+35	22/13*	WP0/BK0/HB0	Th+0	7	42.0	5.0
Nestor CORTES	NYX-xc	29.3	P-2	4	L	22 NBO #1 (17)	8	Y	+14	-22	25	WP0/BK0	Th+1	12	63.3	0.0
Jacob DEGROM	TEX-xc	35.8	P-2	4	R	23 trade (BRO)	17	KY	+43	+34	19	WP2/BK0/HB0	Th+0	6	30.3	0.0
Bailey FALTER	PIT	26.9	P-1	4	L	23 NBO #4 (78)	3		+25	-32	23/20*	WP0/BK0/HB0	Th+0	25	80.7	17.7
Dakota HUDSON	STL	29.5	P-2	4	R	20 NBO #2 (34)	6	R	-22	+21	26/15*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	12	81.3	16.3
Joe RYAN	MIN	27.8	P-1	3	R	23 NBO #1 (6)	8	XY	+32	-31	25	WP1/BK0	Th+0	29	161.7	0.0
Justin STEELE	CHC	28.7	P-1	3	L	22 NBO #4 (89)	10	X	+32	+32	24	WP3	Th+1	30	173.3	0.0
Adam WAINWRIGHT	STL	42.6	P-2	4	R	24 trade (WHT)	1	R	-11	-22	30	WP1/BK0	Th+1	28	101.0	0.0

Relief Pitchers	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Th	Acquired	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP
Daniel BARD	COL	38.8	P-1	2	R	22 waiver	11*	Y	-62	+25	7*	WP3	Th+2	0	49.3	49.3
Phil BICKFORD	NYM	28.7	P-2	2	R	24 waivers	10*	X	-43	+16	7*	WP3	Th+0	0	67.3	67.3
Huascar BRAZOBAN	MIA	34.5	P-1	2	R	23 NBO #8 (174)	11*	X	-42	+32	7*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	58.7	58.7
Caleb FERGUSON	LAD	27.7	P-1	0	L	20 NBO #4 (82)	9*	X	-11	+41	5/6*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	7	60.3	53.7
Dylan FLORO	MIN	33.3	P-1	2	R	23 trade (BRO)	2*	Y	+25	+44	6*	WP1/BK0	Th+0	0	56.7	78.5
Grant HARTWIG	NYM	26.3	P-1	4	R	24 NBO#9 (207)	7*		-13	+33	8*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	35.7	35.7
James KARINCHAK	CLE	28.5	P-1	3	R	21 NBO #2 (40)	15*	XY	-62	-13	6*	WP2	Th+0	0	39.0	39.0
Ryan THOMPSON	ARI	31.8	P-2	4	R	21 waiver	14*		+22	+22	6*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	30.7	30.7
Alex VESIA	LAD	28.0	P-1	2	L	22 NBO #2 (41)	7*	XY	+22	-11	5/6*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	1	49.7	48.7

BOLD ITALIC numbers represent innocuous limits

Catchers	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Bt	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	PB/Th	G	PA	SBA	Other
Blake SABOL	SFG	26.2	C-6(-2)	3	L	24 NBO#8 (183)	SA5	-14/+1	E26	9	30	PB3/Th-2	110	344	6	OF-1(30)
Will D. SMITH	LAD	29.0	C-8(-1)	2	R	20 NBO #1 (10)	PL0	-1/-1	R33	7	32	PB1/Th-1	126	554	3	
Garrett STUBBS	PHL	30.9	C-7(-1)	4	L	23 NBO #5 (102)	SA0	-2/-2	F31	13	31	PB1/Th-1	41	125	2	OF-1(31)

Infielders	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Bt	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	G	PA	SBA	Other	
Jose ALTUVE	HOU	33.9	2B-7	3	R	23 trade (MUN)	SA0	-4/0	E34	15	31		90	410	16	
Jonathan ARANDA	TBR	25.9	1B-2	4	L	24 NBO#6 (135)	SA4	-7/-0	N	7	30		34	103	0	2B-6,3B-3
Cavan BIGGIO	TOR	29.0	2B-8	3	L	22 trade (RCK)	SA0	-0/-2	F28	12	31		111	338	7	1B-3,3B-4,SS-7,OF-2
Aledmys DIAZ	OAK	33.7	3B-4	3	R	17 NBO#1 (12)	PL1	+1/-2	R26	9	33		109	344	1	1B-4,2B-7,SS-8,OF-1
Yandy DIAZ	TBR	32.6	1B-4	2	R	20 NBO #3 (58)	SA2	+5/-3	R14	9	33		137	600	1	3B-4
Dansby SWANSON	CHC	30.1	SS-9	1	R	17 NW#1 (7)	SA1	-0/-2	F34	16	34		147	638	10	
Jordan WESTBURG	BAL	25.1	2B-7	3	R	24 WHT#3 (71)	SA2	+3/-4	E31	15	30		68	228	5	3B-3

Outfielders	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Bt	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	G	PA	SBA	Other	
Nick GORDON	unc	28.4				23 trade (MUN)										
Teoscar HERNANDEZ	SEA	31.5	OF-2	0	R	17 MID #3 (73)	PL1	+2/-2	F30	16	33		160	678	9	CF
Kyle ISBEL	KCR	27.1	OF-3	3	L	22 trade (BRO)	SA0	+1/-2	E34	16	30		91	313	8	CF
Ramon LAUREANO	CLE	29.7	OF-2	3	R	19 NBO #1 (13)	SA2	+5/-4	E35	18	37		105	404	13	CF
Jake MCCARTHY	ARI	26.7	OF-2	3	L	22 NBO #5 (113)	SA1	-2/-1	C33	17	31		99	312	30	CF
Joc PEDERSON	SFG	31.9	OF-1	2	L	16 NBO#1 (11)	PR4	-7/-0	N	11	32		121	425	0	1B-2
Jurickson PROFAR	SDP	31.1	OF-2	2	B	14 LV#1 (1)	SA0	+3/-3	R26	15	34		125	521	1	1B-3,2B-6, CF
Joey WIEMER	MIL	25.1	OF-2	2	R	24 NBO#5 (111)	SA3	+6/-4	D28	15	33		132	410	15	CF

Cuts: Jesus AGUILAR (xc), Jalen BEEKS (xc), Kole CALHOUN, Matt FOSTER, Corey KLUBER, Nomar MAZARA, Mike ZUNINO (xc)

Claimed off waivers: Phil BICKFORD

Cut in the waiver draft: Dylan COLEMAN

Acquired in mid-season trade:

The 2024 Northboro Phoenix

Northboro plays the Board Game. Please don't use micro managers. Please send game sheets and scripts.

This is not going to be a happy year in Northboro. The hitters took the year off, when they weren't injured. There's enough pitching, but it's mostly really bad pitching. Send the guys out, nail the starters to the mound and hope for the best.

We will ALWAYS send out lineups and roster changes at the beginning of the month. If you don't get a mailing by the second day of the month, please contact Steve.

Player-by-Player Usage

Razor-thin. Position players will finish the game unless they are injured.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Roles</u>	<u>Injury replacement</u>
Smith	C	Stubbs
Sabol	C,DH	Stubbs
Y.Diaz	1B	
Pederson	DH,1B	
Altuve	2B	Biggio, A. Diaz
Biggio	2B,3B	A. Diaz, Aranda
Westburg	3B	A. Diaz, Aranda
A.Diaz	3B,SS	Aranda
Swanson	SS	A. Diaz
Hernandez	OF	Laureano
Profar	OF	Wiemer, McCarthy
Laureano	OF	Wiemer, McCarthy
Isbel	OF	Wiemer, McCarthy
Wiemer	OF	McCarthy
Aranda	1B, DH, Sub IF	
McCarthy	Sub OF, PR	
Stubbs	Sub C	

Strategies on Offense

Steal: (of second with 0,1,2 out; of third with 1 out) When we are behind by one or tied, and advised by Adams tables, steal with **Jose Altuve, Joey Weimer, Ramon Laureano, Kyle Isbel** or **Jake McCarthy** from the 8th inning on.

Hit and Run: Check Steal before H&R, then, Hit and run with runner on first or runners on first and third with

Batters: **Jose Altuve, Jurickson Profar, Kyle Isbel**

Runners: **Jose Altuve, Joey Weimer, Ramon Laureano, Kyle Isbel, Jordan Westburg, Cavan Biggio, Dansby Swanson, Teoscar Hernandez, Garrett Stubbs** or **Jake McCarthy**

Sacrifice: down by one or tied, 7th inning or later, no out, runner on second or runners on first and second, 8th-9th in the batting order at bat.

Runner advancement: use Adams tables. On computer game, go when “well around”, but play safe with slow runners and fewer than 2 outs.

Pinch Hitting: Nope.

Pinch Running: Nope (until further notice).

Strategies for Defense

Hold runner on first: If the firstbaseman is 1B-4 or better, hold the runner. Otherwise, if the batter is PL, hold the runner. Otherwise, only hold runners with an adjusted SSN of 23 or more.

Infield in: Never with 2 out. Never before the 7th inning. Otherwise, play in if we are between 2 runs down to 1 run ahead.

Pitch from the Stretch: if the runner on third has 10 or more chances to steal home, and we are between 2 runs down to 1 run ahead, pitch from the stretch.

Throw for runners: Always throw to get the runner representing the go ahead or lead run after the 5th inning. Otherwise:

- on the boards, throw for the lead runner if the chance is 32 or less, otherwise throw for the second runner.

- in the Computer game, throw for the lead runner if he is slow, or unless the runner “well around”; otherwise throw for the second runner.

Defensive replacements: Nope.

The Pitching Staff and Pitching Strategies

Starters : Managing the pitching staff will be difficult this year. We have 6 games of one very good starter – **Jake deGrom**. Let him go until reduced twice. **Jose Butto** (7 starts) can also go until reduced twice. Then there’s 96 starts of middling guys **Justin Steele, Joe Ryan, Brandon Bielak, Nestor Cortes,** and **Dakota Hudson**. 8 starts of openers **Caleb Ferguson** and **Alex Vesia**. And then 45 innocuous starts of **Adam Wainwright** and **Bailey Falter**.

We really have to try to get 6 innings per game out of the starters (except for the openers – we’ll issue special instructions). Everyone except for deGrom and Butto pitch until they are reduced or pounded out.

- Never let a starter go more than 11 2/3 innings.

- Other than that, never remove a starter pitching a shutout.

Bullpen: **Ryan Thompson** is the closer. When we’re up by 1-3 in the 9th or later, he’s the man. He pitches until we win or he gives up the lead. **Huascar Brazoban, Daniel Bard** and **James Karinchak** are the setup guys. These guys also handle middle relief, along with **Phil Bickford, Alex Vesia, Caleb Ferguson** and **Grant Hartwig**, and (for a month or two) **Dakota Hudson** and **Brandon Bielak**.

Dylan Floro is the mop. He needs to work A LOT. Grit your teeth and use him.

Inning\Lead	-4 or worse	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4 or better
Before the 4 th	D	D	D	C	C	C	C	C	C
4 th – 5 th	D	D	D	C	C	B	B	B	C
6 th – 7 th	D	D	D	C	C	B	B	B	C
after 7 th	D	C	C	C	C	A	A	A	C

A: **Thompson**

B: **Karinchak, Brazoban, Bard, Ferguson (LH)**

C: **Brazoban, Bickford, Bard, Ferguson (LH), Vesia (LH), Hartwig, Hudson, Bielak**

D: **Floro**

Lineups and minor league assignments:

Same old story in Northboro. Roster and lineups change often, and Steve will always send details on or about the first of the month. And if he doesn't, please bug him. Here are some representative lineups:

On Boards		On Computer	
<u>against LHP</u>	<u>against RHP</u>	<u>against LHP</u>	<u>against RHP</u>
1. Profar, CF	1. Smith, C	1. Profar, RF	1. Pederson, LF
2. Smith, C	2. Y. Diaz, 3B	2. Smith, C	2. Smith, C
3. Y. Diaz, 1B	3. Altuve, DH	3. Y. Diaz, 1B	3. Y. Diaz, 1B
4. Hernandez, DH	4. Pederson, LF	4. Altuve, DH	4. Altuve, DH
5. Altuve, 2B	5. Swanson, SS	5. T. Hernandez, CF	5. T. Hernandez, CF
6. Westburg, 3B	6. T. Hernandez, CF	6. Swanson, SS	6. Swanson, SS
7. Wiemer, LF	7. Westburg, 3B	7. Westburg, 3B	7. Profar, RF
8. Laureano, RF	8. Laureano, RF	8. Pederson, LF	8. Aranda, 3B
9. Swanson, SS	9. Biggio, 2B	9. Biggio, 2B	9. Biggio, 2B

DO NOT FOLLOW THIS SECTION! STEVE WILL SEND MINOR LEAGUE ASSIGNMENTS EVERY MONTH!

In the minors:

Apr: Bielak, Cortes, Steele, Wainwright, Ferguson, Hartwig, Sabol, McCarthy, Aranda, Gordon (unc)
 May: Bielak, Butto, deGrom, Hudson, Thompson, Bard, Smith, Altuve, Laureano, Wiemer, Gordon (unc)
 Jun: Butto, Cortes, deGrom, Hudson, Karinchak, Hartwig, Aranda, McCarthy, Westburg, Gordon (unc)
 Jul: Bielak, Butto, deGrom, Hudson, Thompson, Brazoban, Altuve, McCarthy, Wiemer, Gordon (unc)
 Aug: Butto, deGrom, Hudson, Ryan, Karinchak, Vesia, Smith, Westburg, Aranda, Gordon (unc)
 Sep: Butto, Cortes, deGrom, Falter, Bard, Hartwig, Aranda, Biggio, Isbel, Gordon (unc)
 Oct: Bielak, Butto, Cortes, deGrom, Hudson, Thompson, Altuve, Aranda, McCarthy, Gordon (unc)
 Nov: all up

In conclusion

Use these instructions as a guide; use your own instincts as well. Steve will be in touch with special instructions for road managers by the first of every month. I trust everyone in the league to manage our squad competently. **If you send hard-copy results please mail them to Steve.** If you email results, send them to us both.

But most of all -

Have Fun!

Steve and Bob

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