

2011 Brobdingnag Barbarian Emergency Instructions

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The Basics:

- We'll play the boards. One year we'll probably try the computer, but not this season.
- This team is very young & expectations are low (~50 wins), so don't sweat the little things.
- I expect one waiver wire move; if so I'll resend the new version with a new "As Of" date.
- I am trying some new things with the instructions. The basics are here in one place, and there will be an Excel file with the roster, rotation, and month-by-month lineups. So for any month you will need this 2 page overview and the appropriate month's tab with that month's roster & rotation.
- *I've identified "Must Follow" instructions in italicized red* and the "Less Stringent" ones.
 - "Must Follow" instructions deal with usage; it isn't "no subs", but we're not fat either
- Good judgment should override the "Less Stringent" parts of these instructions.

Offense:

- Most months I will have 15 hitters on the roster, but that doesn't mean all 15 will travel to the ballpark on any given day.
- There is one Excel tab in for each month. It will give lineups vs RHP and vs LHP with modifications for computer play if appropriate. It will separately list the bench players for each lineup, and the bench players will be rated "Available", "Rarely", and "Not Available". Along with that, each bench player shows their most likely role(s).
- "Available" players can be use off the bench from the 6th inning on, and only if the score is +3 to -2 (+ means I lead, not an everyday occurrence)
- "Rarely" players can be use off the bench from the 8th inning on, only if the score is +2 to -1
- "Not Available" means just that: *these players should not be used unless the rules require it, and then only after giving up the DH and shuffling other players around.*
- We have 2 quality hitters (Mauer, Rodriguez), and 2 decent ones (Young, Snider)—runs will be hard to come by; though there's versatility it is generally swapping one weak hitter for another.

Running Options, in order of preference:

- Stealing: Chris Young can steal 2nd if the tie/win run, 7th inning or later, adjusted SSN 28+
- H&R: There are few H&R combinations worth mentioning in this lineup:
 - Runners: Patterson, Cabrera, Kalish. Minimum adjusted SSN 22 or better
 - Hitters: Mauer, Sanchez, Pena, Lopez; If Pitcher's control <= +21, also Salazar, Cabrera
 - When: 6th inning or later, score +1 to -2. Max one SBA per runner
- SAC: None out, runner on 1st, 2nd, or 1st & 2nd. Only with 7th-9th place hitters & not with 2 strikes

Base running: With few hitters generally use Adams Tables but be 2 numbers more aggressive

Pinch Hitting/Pinch Running: Identified in the month by month tabs.

Defense

- When we are ahead the infield should typically have a 2B-7, a SS-8, and Chris Davis as a 1B-4
- *Joe Mauer never comes off the bench for defense, only if Iannetta is injured.*
- INF back for DP & hold runners on 1st w/2nd open unless it makes no sense to do so.

Pitching:

- For the first five months this is not a good pitching staff. The starters run from Gd 3-9, and the “Closer” is a very average grade 12. Many games will get ugly and there will be a lot of games the offense just cannot make up for. In those games where we do have a chance, creative use of the limited relief innings is necessary. Unfortunately most months the entire pen will be right handed so even there the creativity will be hard to come by. Do what you can, but most the time it will be in the hands of the dice gods.
- Come September things will get better. Not great, just better. The rotation will go 13-13-10 and we will have an Almost Real Closer in the exceptionally wild Craig Kimbrel.
- Most months (except May and November) we expect to only carry 10 pitchers, five starters and five relievers. Several months a starter will be used in relief but it will be clearly stated as such.

Removing Starters:

- *Innings 1-5: ONLY remove for injury or the rules require (pounding or fatigued on the computer)*
- *Innings 6+: NEVER remove the starter if I trail or I am ahead by 5+ runs*
- Other specifics are in the specific monthly tab

Using Relievers:

- Each month’s tab will list the available relievers and their intended role for the month; these are guidelines. The actual ebb and flow of the game will often cause you to shift when they are used
- Each reliever will also have usage limits for the series. Try to spread around d the use to stay within those numbers, but sometimes that isn’t possible. Philosophically:
 - There will always be an innocuous “Mop” who should soak up hopeless innings
 - The good innings (a relative term to say the least) should be focused on games we can win
 - When Kimbrell is active he should ONLY be used in save situations.

A	@NW	T	Pv	M	Po	X	
P	HOU	Sh	T	Pv	X		
R	DAL	M	Po	Sh	T		
	RYE	Pv	M	Po	Sh	X	
20	@GC	T	Pv	M	Po	Sh	X
M	@CAY	Pn	Pv	M	Po	Sh	
A	@WAK	Pn	Pv	M	Po	X	
Y	RIC	Sh	Pn	Pv	M		
	KAN	Po	Sh	Pn	Pv	X	
21	NBO	M	Po	Sh	Pn		
J	@HOU	Pv	M	Po	Sh	X	
U	@DAL	T	Pv	M			
N	NW	Po	Sh	T			
	COL	Pv	M	Po	Sh	T	X
19	@WHT	Pv	M	Po	Sh		
J	BH	C	T	M	Po	Sh	
U	GOH	C	T	M	Po	X	
L	@MLR	Sh	C	T	M		
	@ZIO	Po	Sh	C	T		
21	@LV	M	Po	Sh	C	X	

Key:

St	Strasburg, Stephen
C	Chacin, Jhoulys
H	Holland, Derek
Pv	Peavy, Jake
Pn	Penny, Brad
T	Tillman, Chris
M	Masterson, Justin
Po	Porcello, Rich
Sh	Shields, James
X	Off Day

A	MAR	Pn	M	Po	Sh		
U	POR	C	Pn	M	Po	X	
G	@COL	Sh	C	Pn	M		
	@HUD	Po	Sh	C	Pn		
20	@MUN	M	Po	Sh	C	X	
S	@NW	X	X	Pv	H	Po	
E	HOU	St	C	Pv	H		
P	DAL	Po	St	C	X		
	GC	Pv	H	Po	St		
19	@GOH	C	Pv	H	Po	St	X
O	KNX	C	H	M	Sh	X	
C	CAY	St	C	H	M		
T	@RYE	Sh	St	C	H	M	
	@MID	Sh	St	C	H		
22	LV	M	Sh	St	C	H	
N	WHT	X	M	St	C	Po	H
O	@BH	M	St	C	Sh		
V	@HOU	Po	M	St	X		
	@DAL	Sh	C	M	Po		
20	NW	St	Pv	C	M	X	