



Northboro Phoenix

Game of Choice: **APBA Master Board Game, 2007 edition**

General Managers: **Bob Jordan** (12th year), **Steve Stein** (9th year)

Manager: **Ozzie Guillen**; Bench Coach: **Trot Nixon**; Batting Coach: **Don Baylor**;

Pitching Coaches: **Mike Timlin, David Weathers**; 1B Coach: **Mike Bordick**; 3B Coach: **"Wave 'em in" Wendell Kim**

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

2011 Season Emergency Instructions

Roster:

Pitchers	MLB	Age	Pos	Th	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP
BRADEN,Dallas	OAK	26	P-1	L	11		25	16	26	WP1	Th+3	30	192.7	0.0
HALLADAY,Roy	PHI	33	P-2	R	13	X	45	0	30	WP1	Th+1	33	250.7	0.0
LOPEZ,Rodrigo	ARI	34	P-1	R	4		21	-32	30	WP1/BK0	Th+0	33	200.0	0.0
MOSELEY,Dustin	NYG	28	P-2	R	8		-26	-34	27/11*	WP0/BK0	Th+0	9	65.3	14.3
PETTITTE,Andy	NYG	38	P-1	L	11	Y	14	12	25	WP1/BK0	Th+3	21	129.0	0.0
SANTANA,Johan	NYM	31	P-2	L	12	Y	16	21	28	WP1	Th+1	29	199.0	0.0
VAZQUEZ,Javier	NYG	34	P-2	R	7	Y	-21	-34	28/13*	WP3/BK0	Th+2	26	157.3	13.3
ZAMBRANO,Carlos	CHC	29	P-1	R	12	Y	-53	36	25/7*	WP3	Th+1	20	129.7	16.7
BEIMEL,Joe	COL	33	P-2	L	10*	R	16	-12	5*	WP3/HB0	Th+1	0	45.0	45.0
BETANCOURT,Rafael	COL	35	P-2	R	11*	KY	51	-24	5*	WP3/BK0/HB0	Th+0	0	62.3	62.3
BLEVINS,Jerry	OAK	26	P-1	L	8*	X	11	-15	5*	WP0/BK0	Th+2	0	48.7	48.7
FRIERI,Ernesto	SD	24	P-1	R	25*	K	-44	26	6*	WP3/BK0/HB0	Th+1	0	31.7	31.7
GALLAGHER,Sean	PIT	24	P-1	R	4*		-62	-11	8*	WP0	Th+1	0	57.7	57.7
HENSLEY,Clay	FLA	30	P-1	R	17*	X	-12	43	6*	WP2/BK0	Th+0	0	75.0	75.0
MOYLAN,Peter	ATL	31	P-1	R	15*	Y	-51	22	5*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	63.7	63.7
OHMAN,Will	FLA	32	P-1	L	12*	X	-31	15	5*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	42.0	42.0
SORIANO,Rafael	TB	30	P-1	R	23*	X	31	26	6*	WP0/BK0	Th+0	0	62.3	62.3
STREET,Huston	COL	26	P-2	R	11*	X	41	-12	6*	WP3	Th+1	0	47.3	47.3
Batters	MLB	Age	Pos	Bats	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	PB/Th	G	PA	SBA	Other
CASTRO,Ramon	CHW	34	C-7	R	SA2	+2/-3	G26	4	31	PB1/Th+0	37	128	1	
HERNANDEZ,Ramon	CIN	34	C-8	R	SA1	0/-2	N	4	33	PB1/Th+2	97	352	0	1B-3
ROSS,David	ATL	33	C-8	R	SA0	-1/-1	E14	4	31	PB1/Th+1	59	145	1	
CAIRO,Miguel	CIN	36	3B-4	R	SA0	-5/+1	F34	11	30		91	226	4	1B-3,2B-7,SS-7,OF-1
HARDY,J.J.	MIN	27	SS-9	R	SA0	-6/+1	F20	9	33		101	375	2	
KINSLER,Ian	TEX	28	2B-8	R	SA3	+7/-4	E29	18	31		103	460	20	
ORTIZ,David	BOS	34	1B-2	L	SA5	-14/+5	G14	4	27		145	606	1	
PENA,Carlos	TB	32	1B-5	L	SA2	-4/0	G32	5	28		144	582	6	
ROLEN,Scott	CIN	35	3B-5	R	SA0	-1/-1	E14	10	34		133	537	3	
SANCHEZ,Freddy	SF	32	2B-8	R	SA2	+5/-3	G29	12	33		111	479	4	(3B-4)
CABRERA,Melky	ATL	25	OF-3	B	SA0	-3/-1	F34	15	32		147	509	8	
DUNCAN,Shelley	CLE	30	OF-1	R	SA3	+4/-5	R26	6	30		85	259	1	1B-2
FRANCOEUR,Jeff	TEX	26	OF-2	R	SA3	+5/-4	E28	12	37		139	503	11	
MCDONALD,Darnell	BOS	31	OF-2	R	SA2	+2/-4	E34	17	33		117	363	10	
PAGAN,Angel	NYM	28	OF-2	B	SA0	-5/0	C31	15	31		151	633	46	
SMITH,Seth	COL	27	OF-2	L	SA5	-19/+2	G26	15	30		133	398	3	
WERTH,Jayson	PHI	31	OF-3	R	SA0	-2/-1	F31	17	36		156	652	16	

Cuts: BELISARIO,Ronald; NAVA,Daniel; DOWNS,Matt; MEDDERS,Brandon*; STOKES,Brian*; WEATHERS,David*;
ZAVADA,Clay*; MATHER,Joe*

Waived:

Claimed off waivers:

Traded in September:

* = uncarded

2011 Northboro Phoenix Schedule and Pitching Rotation

Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher
4/1/11	POR	Halladay (1)	6/1/11	@KAN	Santana (5)	8/1/11	@NW	Zambrano (4)	10/1/11	MUN	Pettitte (13)
4/2/11	POR	Santana (1)	6/2/11	@KAN	Braden (7)	8/2/11	@NW	Braden (15)	10/2/11	MUN	Zambrano (12)
4/3/11	POR	Lopez (1)	6/3/11	@KAN	Halladay (10)	8/3/11	@NW	Halladay (18)	10/3/11	MUN	Braden (23)
4/4/11	POR	Pettitte (1)	6/4/11	@KAN	Lopez (9)	8/4/11	@NW	Santana (14)	10/4/11	MUN	Halladay (26)
4/5/11			6/5/11			8/5/11	@CAY	Pettitte (5)	10/5/11	WAK	Santana (22)
4/6/11	KAN	Halladay (2)	6/6/11	@MAR	Zambrano (1)	8/6/11	@CAY	Zambrano (5)	10/6/11	WAK	Pettitte (14)
4/7/11	KAN	Santana (2)	6/7/11	@MAR	Santana (6)	8/7/11	@CAY	Braden (16)	10/7/11	WAK	Zambrano (13)
4/8/11	KAN	Lopez (2)	6/8/11	@MAR	Braden (8)	8/8/11	@CAY	Halladay (19)	10/8/11	WAK	Braden (24)
4/9/11			6/9/11	@POR	Halladay (11)	8/9/11			10/9/11	WAK	Halladay (27)
4/10/11	MAR	Pettitte (2)	6/10/11	@POR	Lopez (10)	8/10/11	@GOH	Pettitte (6)	10/10/11	BH	Santana (23)
4/11/11	MAR	Halladay (3)	6/11/11	@POR	Zambrano (2)	8/11/11	@GOH	Santana (15)	10/11/11	BH	Pettitte (15)
4/12/11	MAR	Santana (3)	6/12/11	RIC	Santana (7)	8/12/11	@GOH	Zambrano (6)	10/12/11	BH	Zambrano (14)
4/13/11			6/13/11	RIC	Braden (9)	8/13/11	@GOH	Braden (17)	10/13/11	BH	Braden (25)
4/14/11	@KNX	Braden (1)	6/14/11	RIC	Halladay (12)	8/14/11	WHT	Halladay (20)	10/14/11		
4/15/11	@KNX	Lopez (3)	6/15/11	RIC	Lopez (11)	8/15/11	WHT	Pettitte (7)	10/15/11	@MLR	Halladay (28)
4/16/11	@KNX	Pettitte (3)	6/16/11	RIC	Zambrano (3)	8/16/11	WHT	Santana (16)	10/16/11	@MLR	Santana (24)
4/17/11	@KNX	Halladay (4)	6/17/11			8/17/11	WHT	Zambrano (7)	10/17/11	@MLR	Pettitte (16)
4/18/11			6/18/11	MLR	Santana (8)	8/18/11	DAL	Braden (18)	10/18/11	@MLR	Zambrano (15)
4/19/11	@ZIO	Santana (4)	6/19/11	MLR	Braden (10)	8/19/11	DAL	Halladay (21)	10/19/11	@MLR	Braden (26)
4/20/11	@ZIO	Braden (2)	6/20/11	MLR	Halladay (13)	8/20/11	DAL	Pettitte (8)	10/20/11	@RIC	Halladay (29)
4/21/11	@ZIO	Lopez (4)	6/21/11	MLR	Lopez (12)	8/21/11	DAL	Santana (17)	10/21/11	@RIC	Santana (25)
4/22/11	@ZIO	Pettitte (4)				8/22/11			10/22/11	@RIC	Pettitte (17)
4/23/11	@ZIO	Halladay (5)							10/23/11	@RIC	Zambrano (16)
4/24/11											
5/1/11	MID	Moseley (1)	7/1/11	@MUN	Moseley (6)	9/1/11			11/1/11		
5/2/11	MID	Lopez (5)	7/2/11	@MUN	Santana (9)	9/2/11			11/2/11	KNX	Braden (27)
5/3/11	MID	Braden (3)	7/3/11	@MUN	Braden (11)	9/3/11	POR	Pettitte (9)	11/3/11	KNX	Halladay (30)
5/4/11	MID	Halladay (6)	7/4/11	@MUN	Halladay (14)	9/4/11	POR	Zambrano (8)	11/4/11	KNX	Santana (26)
5/5/11	MID	Vazquez (1)	7/5/11	@MUN	Lopez (13)	9/5/11	POR	Braden (19)	11/5/11	KNX	Zambrano (17)
5/6/11	HUD	Moseley (2)	7/6/11	COL	Moseley (7)	9/6/11	KAN	Halladay (22)	11/6/11	KNX	Pettitte (18)
5/7/11	HUD	Lopez (6)	7/7/11	COL	Santana (10)	9/7/11	KAN	Santana (18)	11/7/11	ZIO	Braden (28)
5/8/11	HUD	Braden (4)	7/8/11	COL	Braden (12)	9/8/11	KAN	Pettitte (10)	11/8/11	ZIO	Halladay (31)
5/9/11	HUD	Halladay (7)	7/9/11	COL	Halladay (15)	9/9/11	KAN	Zambrano (9)	11/9/11	ZIO	Santana (27)
5/10/11			7/10/11			9/10/11	MAR	Braden (20)	11/10/11	ZIO	Zambrano (18)
5/11/11	@GC	Vazquez (2)	7/11/11	LV	Lopez (14)	9/11/11	MAR	Halladay (23)	11/11/11	@KAN	Pettitte (19)
5/12/11	@GC	Moseley (3)	7/12/11	LV	Santana (11)	9/12/11	MAR	Santana (19)	11/12/11	@KAN	Braden (29)
5/13/11	@GC	Lopez (7)	7/13/11	LV	Moseley (8)	9/13/11	MAR	Pettitte (11)	11/13/11	@KAN	Halladay (32)
5/14/11	@GC	Braden (5)	7/14/11	LV	Braden (13)	9/14/11	@MID	Zambrano (10)	11/14/11		
5/15/11	@RYE	Halladay (8)	7/15/11	HOU	Halladay (16)	9/15/11	@MID	Braden (21)	11/15/11	@MAR	Santana (28)
5/16/11	@RYE	Vazquez (3)	7/16/11	HOU	Lopez (15)	9/16/11	@MID	Halladay (24)	11/16/11	@MAR	Zambrano (19)
5/17/11	@RYE	Moseley (4)	7/17/11	HOU	Santana (12)	9/17/11	@MID	Santana (20)	11/17/11	@MAR	Pettitte (20)
5/18/11	@RYE	Lopez (8)	7/18/11	HOU	Moseley (9)	9/18/11			11/18/11	@MAR	Braden (30)
5/19/11			7/19/11	@WAK	Braden (14)	9/19/11	@HUD	Pettitte (12)	11/19/11	@POR	Halladay (33)
5/20/11	@BRO	Braden (6)	7/20/11	@WAK	Halladay (17)	9/20/11	@HUD	Zambrano (11)	11/20/11	@POR	Santana (29)
5/21/11	@BRO	Halladay (9)	7/21/11	@WAK	Lopez (16)	9/21/11	@HUD	Braden (22)	11/21/11	@POR	Zambrano (20)
5/22/11	@BRO	Vazquez (4)	7/22/11	@WAK	Santana (13)	9/22/11	@HUD	Halladay (25)	11/22/11	@POR	Pettitte (21)
5/23/11	@BRO	Moseley (5)	7/23/11			9/23/11	@HUD	Santana (21)	11/23/11		

The 2011 Northboro Phoenix

The 2011 edition of the Phoenix has a little less speed than last year, but a lot more pop to go with the pitching, and a deep bullpen to maintain those late-inning leads.

Offense/Defense by Position

C: Three catchers – *Ramon Hernandez, Ramon Castro* and *David Ross* – will split the duties. At least 2 will be on the roster each month. All will be game limited. Hernandez will get some time at 1B.

1B: *Carlos Pena* is best fielding first baseman on the roster. Unfortunately he forgot his bat, so things get complicated. Pena will still start some games, and in the games he doesn't start he will serve as a late-inning defensive replacement. Ramon Hernandez and *Miguel Cairo* will start against righties, *Shelley Duncan* will get starts early on against lefties.

2B: *Ian Kinsler* with appearances by *Freddy Sanchez* and *Miguel Cairo*.

3B: *Scott Rolen* with appearances by *Freddy Sanchez*, who can play 3B as fielding 4 in replacement.

SS: *JJ Hardy* is the main guy here; *Miguel Cairo* will get frequent starts later in the season. Note that *Freddy Sanchez* can play SS as fielding 7 in replacement.

LF: *Seth Smith* against RHers; *Darnell McDonald* against LHers, with possible appearances by *Jeff Francoeur* against LHers.

CF: *Angel Pagan*, mostly. Almost never removed.

RF: *Jayson Werth*, all year. Never removed.

DH: *David Ortiz* almost all year, with occasional appearances by *Shelley Duncan*.

Strategies on Offense:

Steal: Down by one or tied, 6th inning or later, when advised by Adams tables with *Kinsler, McDonald, Pagan* or *Werth*.

Hit and Run: In general, whenever legal and the adjusted SSN is 24 or more for when *Kinsler, McDonald, Pagan* or *Werth* is on first. **Exception: Don't hit and run with 1st and 3rd against a drawn-in infield.**

Sacrifice: Down by one or tied, 7th inning or later, no out, runner on second or runners on first and second, 6th-9th in the batting order at bat.

Runner advancement: use Adams tables numbers. On computer game, go when "well around". But play safe with slow runners.

Pinch Hitting: From the 7th inning on, if the tying or lead run is at bat or on base, consider pinch-hitting for the 8th and 9th spot in the order.

Pinch Running: From the 7th inning on, if the catcher or DH represents the tying or lead run, and there's an adequate replacement on the bench, consider pinch-running (the spare OF or *Sanchez* will usually be the only good options here).

Strategies for Defense

Hold runner on first: If the runner is slow, don't hold him. If there are fewer than two out and the runner's adjusted SSN is less than 18, don't hold him. Otherwise, hold the runner.

Infield in: Never with 2 out (duh). 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: If after we bat in the 7th we’re ahead by 1-4 runs, if Hardy, Rolen, Pena or an OF-3 is on the bench, bring them into the game.

The Pitching Staff and Pitching Strategies

Starting pitchers:

The Phoenix staff features good-graded starters (*Roy Halladay, Johan Santana, Carlos Zambrano, Dallas Braden and Andy Pettitte*), and a few lower-grade guys (*Dustin Moseley, Rodrigo Lopez and Javier Vazquez*).

I expect the good starters to go until fatigued then yield to the deep bullpen. With the lesser guys, let them go 3 innings. Then look at the scoreboard. If we're ahead, pull him at the first sign of trouble. If we're behind by 1 or 2, pull him at the first sign of trouble. If we're behind 3 or more, pull him.

- Never let a starter go more than 11 2/3 innings.
- Other than that, never remove a starter pitching a shutout.

Relievers:

We will be carrying at least 6 relievers per month. We have 500+ innings of relief, so there’s no need to stint on going to the bullpen. The closer is *Rafael Soriano*. He should have the ball in save situations in the 9th inning or later. Early on, the main setup man is *Clay Hensley*. Late in the season *Ernesto Frieri* will be the principal in this role, with help from Hensley. Then we’ll have a couple of lefties (two of *Will Ohman, Joe Beimel, Jerry Blevins*), and a long man (*Huston Street, Rafael Betancourt*).

Bullpen roles notwithstanding, use relievers as you see fit. Remove relievers when reduced, or if they go three batters without recording an out. Try not to use a reliever for more than 2 2/3 innings. If you have to go to the bullpen before the 5th, though, limit the first couple of relievers to 3 2/3 innings.

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:

v RH

1. Werth, RF
2. Hernandez, 1B
3. Ross, C
4. Ortiz, DH
5. Rolen, 3B
6. Smith, LF
7. Pagan, CF
8. Hardy, SS
9. Kinsler, 2B

v LH

1. Kinsler, 2B
2. Sanchez, 3B
3. Werth, RF
4. Ross, C
5. Duncan, DH
6. McDonald, LF
7. Hernandez, 1B
8. Hardy, SS
9. Pagan, CF

In the minors:

Apr: Moseley, Vazquez, Zambrano, Gallagher, Frieri, Street, Beimel, Cabrera, Cairo, Ross

May: Pettitte, Santana, Zambrano, Gallagher, Frieri, Street, Beimel, Cabrera, Cairo, Ross

June: Pettite, Moseley, Vazquez, Gallagher, Frieri, Street, Beimel, Cabrera, Cairo, Ross

July: Pettitte, Vazquez, Zambrano, Gallagher, Frieri, Betancourt, Beimel, Cabrera, Francoeur, Ross

August: Lopez, Moseley, Vazquez, Gallagher, Frieri, Betancourt, Blevins, Cabrera, Francoeur, Duncan

September:, Lopez, Moseley, Vazquez, Gallagher, Frieri, Betancourt, Blevins, Cabrera, Francoeur, Duncan

October: Lopez, Moseley, Vazquez, Gallagher, Frieri, Betancourt, Blevins, Cabrera, Francoeur, Duncan

November: 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. Please mail hard-copy results to Bob. If you email results, send them to us both.

But most of all -

Have Fun!

Steve and Bob

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