

ELDERS OF ZION - 2011 Emergency Instructions

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| Latos, Matt (L) | R | 31 | 184 | 14 | 21 | 14 | 24 | WP2 MF0 | | | | | | | | |
| Sanchez, Anibal (S) | R | 32 | 195 | 9 | 0 | 36 | 26 | WP3 BK0 MF0 | | | | | | | | |
| Pelfrey, Mike (P) | R | 33 | 204 | 8 | 13 | 34 | 26/7 | WP1 MF0 | | | | | | | | |
| Baker, Scott (B) | R | 29 | 170 | 6 | 23 | -15 | 27 | WP3 BK0 MF3 | x | | | | | | | |
| Volstad, Chris (V) | R | 30 | 175 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 28 | WP3 MF0 | | | | | | | | |
| Ely, John (E) | R | 18 | 100 | 5 | -16 | -13 | 28 | WP3 BK0 MF1 | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Jansen, Kenley | R | | 27 | 27* | -62 | 62 | 6* | WP3 BK0 MF0 | x | x | | | x | x | | |
| Perez, Chris | R | | 63 | 22* | -26 | 32 | 6* | WP3 BK0 MF0 | | | | | | | | |
| Uehara, Koji | R | | 44 | 13* | 45 | -12 | 6* | WP2 HB0 BK0 MF0 | | | x | | | | x | |
| Nunez, Leo | R | | 65 | 10* | 14 | 22 | 6* | WP1 HB0 MF3 | | | | | | | | |
| Francisco, Frank | R | | 52 | 10* | 13 | 14 | 6* | WP3 MF0 | | | | | | | | x |
| Rauch, Jon | R | | 57 | 9* | 24 | 41 | 6* | WP1 BK0 MF2 | | | | x | | | | |
| Hawksworth, Blake | R | 8 | 90 | 1/5* | -14 | -24 | 29/8 | WP1 MF1 | x | | x | | | x | | x |
| Dotel, Octavio | R | | 62 | 12* | -31 | -21 | 6* | WP3 BK0 MF0 | | x | | | | | x | |
| | | | v L | v R | SSN | Att. | Spd | Arm | Fldg | | | | | | | |
| Jaso, John | L | 109 | 339 | -7 | 0 | R34 | 4 | 6 | 31 C7/-2 | | | | | | | |
| Hundley, Nick | R | 85 | 273 | +6 | -4 | A5 | | 9 | 32 C7/0 | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Garrett | L | 158 | 592 | -6 | +1 | F27 | 10 | 11 | 31 1B3 OF2 | | | | | | | |
| Hafner, Travis | L | 118 | 396 | -7 | 0 | G26 | 3 | 4 | 29 1B2 | | | | | | | |
| Roberts, Brian | B | 59 | 230 | +1 | -2 | E33 | 14 | 16 | 32 2B8 | x | x | x | x | x | | |
| Hill, Aaron | R | 138 | 528 | -9 | +1 | F20 | 4 | 15 | 35 2B8 | | | | | | | |
| Herrera, Jon | B | 76 | 222 | -1 | -2 | E20 | 4 | 16 | 33 2B8 SS8 3B4 | | | | | | x | x |
| Lopez, Felipe | B | 113 | 391 | +1 | -2 | F31 | 10 | 15 | 36 2B7 SS7 1B3 | x | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Escobar, Yunel | R | 135 | 497 | +2 | -2 | F29 | 8 | 9 | 35 SS9 | | | | | | | |
| Worth, Danny | R | 39 | 106 | +5 | -6 | A14 | 3 | 13 | 31 SS8 3B4 2B7 | | x | | | | | |
| Beltre, Adrian | R | 154 | 589 | 0 | -2 | R26 | 3 | 9 | 32 3B4 | | | | | | | |
| Choo, Shin Soo | L | 144 | 550 | -10 | +3 | E29 | 29 | 17 | 37 OF3 | | | | | | | |
| Abreu, Bobby | L | 154 | 573 | -8 | +2 | D27 | 34 | 15 | 35 OF1 | | | | | | | |
| Gutierrez, Franklin | R | 152 | 568 | +1 | -2 | E34 | 27 | 15 | 33 OF3 | | | | | | | |
| Morgan, Nyjer | L | 136 | 509 | -7 | +1 | C26 | 51 | 19 | 29 OF2 | | | | | | x | |
| Bernadina, Roger | L | 134 | 414 | +1 | -2 | E34 | 18 | 17 | 35 OF2 | | | | x | | | |
| Craig, Allen | R | 44 | 114 | -3 | 0 | D14 | 1 | 11 | 31 1B3 3B3 OF1 | x | | x | | x | | x |

MINORS ALL YEAR - Bonderman, Marquis, C Jackson, Sizemore

ROTATION

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| April 1-4 | @ HUD | E, L P, V | Jul 1-5 | @ KNX | B,S,P,V,L | Oct 1-4 | @ MAR | S,P,B,L |
| April 6-8 | @ MLR | E, S L | Jul 6-9 | @ POR | B,S P,V | Oct 6-9 | @ BH | S,P,B,V |
| April 10-12 | @ MUN | P, E V | Jul 11-14 | GC | L,B S,P | Oct 10-14 | @ RIC | L,S,P,B,V |
| April 14-17 | RIC | S, L P, E | Jul 15-18 | BRO | V,L B,S | Oct 15-19 | KAN | L,S,P,B,V |
| April 19-23 | NBO V | S, L P, E | Jul 19-22 | RYE | P,V L,B | Oct 20-23 | CAY | L,S,P,B |
| May 1-5 | MAR B | S,P V,L | Aug 1-4 | @ WHT | S,P V,L | Nov 2-6 | @ MID | V,L,S,P,B |
| May 6-9 | MID | B,S P,V | Aug 5-8 | @ DAL | B,S P,V | Nov 7-10 | @ NBO | V,L,S,P |
| May 11-14 | @ LV | L,B S,P | Aug 10-13 | KNX | L,B S,P | Nov 11-13 | MLR | E,V,L |
| May 15-18 | @ HOU | V,L B,S | Aug 14-17 | NW | V,L B,S | Nov 15-18 | MUN | S,P,B,V |
| May 20-23 | @ COL | P,V L,B | Aug 18-21 | GOH | P,V L,B | Nov 19-22 | HUD | E,S,P,B |
| June 1-4 | HUD | S,P V,L | Sep 3-5 | @ HUD | S,P B | | | |
| June 6-8 | MLR | B,S P | Sep 6-9 | @ MLR | L,V S,P | | | |
| June 9-11 | MUN | V,L B | Sep 10-13 | @ MUN | B,L V,S | | | |
| June 12-16 | @ WAK | S P,V L,B | Sep 14-17 | WAK | P,B L,V | | | |
| June 18-21 | @ KAN | S,P V,L | Sep 19-23 | POR | S,P,B,L,V | | | |

2011 ELDERS OF ZION – Standard Instructions

Emergency Lineups for April (lineups to be typically supplied each month):

Vs LHP – Bernadina LF Worth SS Gutierrez CF Beltre 3B Abreu DH Hundley C Choo RF Herrera 2B Jones 1B

Vs RHP – Morgan CF Escobar SS Choo RF Beltre 3B Abreu LF Hafner DH Jones 1B Jaso C Hill 2B

GENERAL GUIDELINES – OFFENSE/POSITION PLAYERS

There will only be five Elders on the offensive bench each month, and there will be days when they provide a lot of flexibility and other days where there won't be a whole lot there. No position is tight on usage, however, so if a move makes sense, don't worry about making it.

1B – JONES and **HAFNER** have essentially the same shift, so they're not much of a platoon. For the most part, Jones will be the everyday 1B, while Hafner serves as the DH vs. RHP.

2B – ROBERTS is on the DL until September, and will start here the rest of the way after he returns. In the meantime, **HILL** and **HERRERA** will muddle along for the first five months. **HILL** should be PH for vs. a lefty if the game is close and an infield sub is available; either is a candidate for a PR if they somehow are on representing a key run late in a ballgame. Since after the first hundred games both guys become an afterthought, they can both play as needed.

SS – ESCOBAR starts vs. all RHP, **WORTH** vs LH to start the year. Again, the shifts don't match up very well. **ESCOBAR** can replace **WORTH** vs RH or for defense late in games we're leading, but rests if we're trailing.

3B – BELTRE all day every day.

OF – Even with their gi-normous lefty shifts, **CHOO** and **ABREU** will still be in the starting lineup most days, especially on the computer. **MORGAN** will typically round out the trio vs. RH, with **BERNADINA** filling in during September when Morgan is down. **BERNADINA** and **GUTIERREZ** will get the starts vs. LH. In those games, any of the other three who aren't starting can PH or PR freely. Lots of good PR choices among the bench players, or defenders to replace **ABREU** in the late innings if we lead.

DH – HAFNER vs. RH, **CRAIG** vs. LH when he's up. The other months we'll be looking for volunteers when a southpaw is on the hill.

C – Other than the OF, the one true platoon spot. **HUNDLEY** starts vs. LH, **JASO** vs. most RH, and with 30+ extra games they can sub for one another, at least to start the year. Not enough defensive advantage to make a move for that reason here.

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

The starting staff is marginally better than a year ago thanks to LATOS' Grade 14, but the rest will look eerily familiar, with full seasons of a 9 and an 8 with good peripherals in the 2-3 spots, and a pair of sixes at the back end. 162 starts, all right handed. The bullpen contains better grades, but only about 375 innings of 8+ relief. As a result, the decent starters will be candidates for replacement from the 7th on if it's close, but there will be other days when the starter will have to take one for the team if we're down by four or more early, and he isn't fatigued (and sometimes even when he is).

The four rules to follow absolutely are as follows: 1) no starter 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; and 4) that the late inning relievers should be in to protect any 1-2 run lead in the 9th, and also come on in the 8th 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 three parts to the 2011 Zion bullpen:

1) Closer – And this year, Chris **PEREZ** is a real live 22. He has 63 innings, and the set-up options are limited for the 7th and 8th, so four or five out saves may be fairly common. He never pitches more than 1.2 innings per outing, however; in extras, go to another option.

2) The set-up men. Really only one legitimate set-up man, as either **UEHARA** or **JANSEN** is up each month and together offer 71 whole innings. They are the 'last out of the 7th, start of the 8th' guy when we're leading. Other than that, in the 7th, in tie games, and close games when we trail, the 10s and 9s with good peripherals (**RAUCH, NUNEZ, FRANCISCO**) will be forced to serve in this capacity all too often. The latter trio are more 'mix and match' guys to be used for short stints (1-3 batters, maybe a full inning) 6th on; err on the side of aggressiveness on switching in and out if an edge is there to be taken. If it takes two or three guys to get us out of an inning, so be it. There should be 6 relievers up every month, so there are choices to be had.

3) The middle/long men – The three guys above, abetted by either peripherally challenged 12* **DOTEL** or the totally challenged 5* **HAWKSWORTH** (the staff mop-up man). Again, there are a reasonable number of bodies, but not a lot of weight to their base grades. If you make a reasonable effort to find the best option when serious jams erupt, I'll live with the outcomes that result. What won't make much sense, on the other hand, would be to leave any of the many Grade 9-12s on the mound for an extended stretch in a rally situation when a pitching change will reduce your hit or on-base chances in a major way. Anyone who's been around this league knows that I will use your pitching staff to the best of its abilities when your club is here – in this year in particular, it is important that you give us the same consideration. Thanks in advance for your doing so.

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 – Mostly ESCOBAR at short, and an OF2 or 3 for ABREU when he's in the field, as outlined in the general position player guidelines. I normally err on the side of better offense if a man is scheduled to appear the next inning, so these changes are mostly after a last AB (note that some of the defensive subs are also PR options who may PR and stay in the game afterwards for D).

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: **MORGAN, CHOO, ABREU, ROBERTS, BERNADINA** and **GUTIERREZ** have the largest number of attempts, and basically have the green light to steal 2nd any time 4th inning on score is +2/-2 (limit – 2x per series). **JONES and ESCOBAR** can straight steal in the 8th or 9th as the T/L run, but will probably get most of their attempts on busted H&Rs.

HIT & RUN: I'm a huge believer in the H&R, and love to use it every chance it's available. However as the team continues to transition, not all of our offensive players have either base stealing speed or 2 31s. And not everyone with 2 31s is a great H&R candidate. On the current team, **HERRERA, HILL, WORTH, MORGAN, BELTRE, and ESCOBAR** should hit and run 1st or 1st and 3rd anytime the runner on 1st has an adjSSN of 20+. **HUNDLEY, ROBERTS, and GUTIERREZ** may H&R with a man on 1st only, adjSSN of 24+.

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.

PINCH HITTING – Traditionally, I PH a lot, especially to counter pitching changes, or to maximize our scoring chances in a rally situation.

WHO TO PH FOR: 1) Obvious platoon type players (C, OF spots), if the general guidelines suggest that they can be replaced. 2) HILL vs LH. 3) WORTH vs RH.

PINCH RUNNING – **GUTIERREZ** is probably the best base-runner on the pine most days, but most of the OF's can all be used in this capacity as needed.

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 (the Cs, HAFNER, ESCOBAR). 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 2011. This appears to be 'not our year'. Still, the Elders should be able to put up a solid battle to reach .500, if you are kind enough to make sure that the 25 man roster available each month is utilized to best effect.