## blue hill MUDSLIDES

All home games will be played on the COMPUTER in 2013
Roster moves TBA as I will be sending monthly instructions. I do not need computer game sheets, and I have no preference of micromanager.



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These instructions should be used as a guide only, please use your baseball judgment as the deciding factor in any moves unless explicitly outlined in monthly instructic
ANTICIPATED ROSTER MOVES

| May: <br> June: <br> July: <br> August: <br> September: <br> October: | Hudson \& LeBla <br> Griffin down, Hu <br> Hughes \& Gee <br> Francis \& LeBan <br> Griffin down, Fr <br> Gee down, Griffí | Hendriks, Gee <br> fin \& LeBlanc up Hughes \& Gee up |  |
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| October: | EMERGENCY LINEUPS: |  |  |
|  | vs RHP (Board) | vs Computer | vs LHP (Board) |
|  | 1. Johnson SS | 1. Johnson SS | 1. Blanco CF |
|  | 2. Blanco CF | 2. Blanco CF | 2. Alonso DH |
|  | 3. Headley 3B | 3. Headley 3B | 3. Headley 3B |
|  | 4. Harper RF | 4. Harper RF | 4. Harper RF |
|  | 5. Alonso 1B | 5. Cooper DH | 5. Moore LF |
|  | 6. Rivera LF | 6. Alonso 1B | 6. Sanchez 1B |
|  | 7. Cooper DH | 7. Ellis C | 7. Beckham 2B |
|  | 8. Ellis C | 8. Rivera LF | 8. Ellis C |
|  | 9. Beckham 2B | 9. Beckham 2B | 9. Johnson SS |

I intend to send out lineups each month. These are to be used only as an emergency.

2013 BLUE HILL MUDSLIDES PITCHING ROTATION:
PITCHER KEY:1-Hughes(32), 2-Francis(30), 3-Hudson(28), 4-Hendriks(26), 5-Gee(17), 6-Griffin(15), 7-LeBlanc(9), 8-Collmenter(5)
APR 1-4(5) COL 1,2,3,7 MAY 1-5. DET 1,2,4,5,6 JUN 1-4(5) LV 1,2,3,4 JUL 1-5. at GC 2,3,4,6,7

$10-13$ at WHT $7,1,2,3 \quad$ 11-14. at MUN 1,2,4,5 $\quad 9-11$. at COL 4,5,1 $11-14$. KAN 2,3,4,6
$14-17$ at BRO $8,7,1,2 \quad 15-18$ at HUD 6,1,2,4 12-16( at RYE 2,3,4,5,1 $\quad$ 15-18. KNX 7,2,3,4
19-23 DAL 8,7,1,2,3 20-23. at NW 6,1,2,4 18-21. GOH 2,3,4,1 19-22(2FO 6,7,2,3

AUG 1-4. MID 1,3,4,5 SEP 3-5. COL 5,1,2 OCT 1-4. MAR 1,2,6,3 NOV 2-6. at CAY5,3,4,1,2
5-8. TAY 6,1,3,4 6-9. at LV 3,4,5,1 6-9 GC 1,2,6,4 7-10. RYE 5,3,8,1
10-13 at DAL $5,1,3,4 \quad$ 10-12. at WHT $2,3,4 \quad 10-14$ at GOH 3,1,2,6,8 11-13. LV 2,5,3
$14-17$ at MLR $\quad 6,5,1,3 \quad 14-17$. at DET $1,2,3,4 \quad 15-18$. at POR 4,1,2,6 $\quad 15-18$. WHT 7,8,5,1
$18-21$ at ZIO 4,6,5,1
18-22. BRO 5,1,2,3,4
19-23. NW 3,4,1,2,6
19-22. at COL 3,7,4,5

## 2013 PITCHING STAFF: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The starters are going to struggle this year as I have 56 games that will be started by a Grade 1! Rookie A.J.Griffin has the best grade of 12 but that is only good for 15 starts. The bullpen only has 168 RIPs of Grade 14 or better so there will be some high scoring games. Collmenter will slide out of the rotation to be the closer for most of the season with some support from Boggs. There are over 500 innings in the pen so use the relievers as much as you need to.

## The Starters:

Phil Hughes: He was traded for in the hope he could anchor the staff but a dead arm derailed that. Things are looking up though as Hughes was able to take the mound 32 times like an ace should. The Grade 8 isn't what I wanted but with positive control and 27 fatigue give him every chance to pitch out of trouble. I would let him pitch with a lead as late in the game as the 7 th. In a 2 run game that is as far as he should go unless pitching a shutout since there are better options in the pen.
Jeff Francis: He gets 30 innocuous starts this year and they should be interesting. Try to get 5 innings out of him unless he gets pounded out first. Don't let him start the 6th unless somehow he is pitching a shutout.
Tim Hudson: The long time ace is still a 10 with good peripherals and a 27 fatigue rating. Give him every chance to pitch out of trouble and try to get 7 inning out of him but remove him if he gets reduced or fatigued. If he gets to the 7 th please remove after first baserunner.
Liam Hendriks: He gets 26 innocuous starts this year and similar to Francis try to get 5 innings out of him unless he gets pounded out first. Don't let him start the 6th unless somehow he is pitching a shutout.
Dillon Gee: Because of his high fatigue number I am hoping that he can pitch into the 7 th. Similar to Hughes if he gets to the 7 th and the game is in within 2 either way go to a better option out of the bullpen.
A.J. Griffin: He is going to be counted on to be a big part of the BH rotation for years to come. He is limited in his rookie year to only 15 starts and because he only has a fatigue rating of 22 he probably won't pitch as deep into games as l'd like. Because of that I will let him pitch through 1 grade reduction if he hasn't gotten through 5 . But please remove first base runner in the 7th for a better option if the game is within 2 runs either way.
Wade LeBlanc: His low fatigue will make it hard for him to get me five most games but I want to try anyway. Please leave him in until reduced unless he gets pounded out first.
Josh Collmenter: I plan to start him only 5 times and use the rest of his innings as my closer. So let him pitch 5 unless he gets reduced first and then please go to the bullpen to start the 6th.

## The Bullpen:

Josh Collmenter: Besides the 5 series he pitches in he will be my choice for closer. He will pitch the 9th anytime it is a closing situation and can come in the 8th if the tying run is in scoring position. He has 34 RIPs where he will get the +5 increase.
Mitchell Boggs: He has moved up into the setup role with his Grade 16 and his 73 RIP should get him a lot of action in the 7th and 8th innings. I am going to count on him to get the ball to Josh in close games BH leads and be the closer when Josh is out. Chad Durbin: He will be the setup man when Boggs is not available or may come in earlier to get the ball to Mitchell. He can be used in the 6th to stop a rally. His primary time to pitch should be the 6th and/or 7th. Don't let him pitch more than 2 innings per.
John Axford: The former closer has been reduced to middle relief. A right-hander use him in tandem with Luetge to bridge the gap between the starters and the setup men.
Lucas Luetge: A lefty to use in tandem with Axford to get through those middle innings again to bridge the gap between the starters and the setup men.
Chad Gaudin: He will be used in early relief when a starter needs to be rescued. I expect he will be used early in games and depending on the situation pitch until the 5th inning unless pounded out.
Matt Belisle: He is going to be used the same Gaudin, come in early to rescue the starter and try to save the bullpen. The 2.2 rule does not apply to Belisle or Gaudin.

Remove any relief pitcher after a grade reduction unless the lead is greater than 6 runs either way. Never remove a starter with a possible grade increase intact. Below is a reference chart for bullpen usage that should be used as a guide only to help you make a decision.

## USE THIS CHART TO DETERMINE RELIEVER USAGE:

| INNING | Down 4+ Down3 | Down 2 Down 1 | E | Up 1 | Up 2 | Up 3 | Up 4+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6th prior 7th inning 8th inning 9th inning $x$ inning | 1 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
|  | 1 | 23 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
|  | 12 | $3 \quad 3$ | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
|  | Use the best available arm in descending order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Use the best available from each group for any given situation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group 1 Belisle, Gaudin, Luetge (L) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group 2 Durbin, Gaudin, Belisle, Luetge (L) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group 3 Boggs, Durbin, Axford, Luetge (L) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grou | Collmenter, Bogg |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Monthly instructions will give you specific usage for each series. Please try to limit relievers to $22 / 3$ innings per outing but in extra innings or long relief stints with lower grades, you may exceed that limit.

## When the Mudslides are at Bat:

Philosophy: The top of the order should be able to produce with a good mix of speed and power. Blanco will be counted on to steal bases and get in scoring position for Headley \& Harper. When available Moore will also be counted on to drive in some runs as will Alonso. After that things will be a little tough.

Usage: The lineups will have more consistency this year with Alonso, Beckham \& Headley playing almost every game.

Pinch Hitters: Since there isn't much on the bench these are the 3 bats that will most likely be available to choose from each month. Here are some suggestions on who to use in what situation:
Daniel Nava: He will be available most days to hit against RHP
Juan Rivera: He will be available most days to hit against LHP
Elliot Johnson: If not starting he can be used to lead off an inning against either lefty or righty
Pinch Run: When we are in the 7th tied/trailing by 3 or up 1, consider pinch running. Candidates to run for are:
Alonso, Conger, Cooper, Ellis and Rivera. Also any non " F " in the 8th winning or tying run. Please use in this order: Johnson, Florimon, Hudson (speed = 15), and Drew.

Hit and Run: Always H\&R when Beckham, Ellis, Harper, Marson and Rivera are at Bat and any of these guys are on first base: Blanco, Florimon, Headley, Harper, Johnson \& Rivera.

Stealing: Innings 1-6 Blanco can run with adjusted SSN of 27+. After 6th anyone can steal with less than 2 outs and SSN of 28+. Do not steal home.

Sacrifice: Only late in one run game with runner on 1st or 2nd with no outs when the H\&R is not in order and no SBA can be made. Sacrifice with Barton, Beckham, Drew, Florimon, Johnson, Liddi and Nava.

Base running: Please send runner with $28+$ chances and never with less than 18 chances. Otherwise use your best judgment. COMPUTER: Always send runner who is "well around."

## When the Mudslides are on Defense:

Defensive Guidelines: This years defense is more stable in the infield than it has been and actually has an outfielder that can throw someone out. Here is a breakdown of the defense by position to give you some idea of what I am looking for.

## Defense by Position:

Catcher:A.J. Ellis and Lou Marson will share the catching duties this season with A.J. getting the majority of them. Hank Conger will be a end of the year call up to prepare him for 2014.
1B: Yonder Alonso will play most of his 155 games here. Gabby Sanchez will start against some LHP and will be available to come in as a defensive replacement most others. David Cooper will also be available usually as a DH but can move to firstbase if needed there.
2B: Gordon Beckham starts here 151 times and will not need to be removed for defense. Elliot Johnson will start the other 11.
3B: Just like at secondbase this position has mainly 1 occupant Chase Headley. With his best season Chase will start all but 1 game and will never come out for defense.
SS: Elliot Johnson will start approximately 100 games here as he is the best option. Rookie Pedro Florimon will get a chance to get his feet wet for most of the others to see what he can do. Veteran Stephen Drew will also get some starts to see if he can reclaim his old spot in the future.
Outfield: The outfield has been totally revamped with only 1 player left from last season. Gregor Blanco will start 141 games in centerfield. 1st overall pick Bryce Harper will play the rest of the CF games and otherwise be the starting right fielder. Tyler Moore and Daniel Nava will make up a platoon in leftfield. That leaves Juan Rivera and occasionally Yonder Alonso to see some time in the outfield.

Overall Defense: Not that it would take much but this year the defense is much better than lasts. Headley is a solid 5 at third and there will always be fielding 8 at second and shortstop. The catcher will always be an 8 although he won't be throwing out to many runners. There are 2 good defensive options at first. The outfield is average but just seeing Harper out there makes it seem so much better.

Other: IBB - If 7th inning or later, score $0 /-2$ and 1st base is open with 1 or 2 out and a big power hitter up with no real shift advantage.

INFIELD - Play IN 8th inning or later with 0 or 1 out for lead run with runner on 3rd and 1B open and IBB doesn't apply. Play IN 9th inning or later with 1 out with tying lead or lead run on 3rd and 1B is open. The infield defense should play for the double play in most other situations.

HOLD RUNNER - Board: Hold and runner with adjusted SSN 20+. Always hold PL batter. Always pitch from the stretch. Computer: Always hold runners.

OUTFIELD THROWS - Throw for the lead runner with adjusted advance number of 34 or less unless winning run in 9th+ inning. Otherwise hold the trail runner from advancing.

Please use these instructions as a guideline, you should use your best judgment if something comes up that is not covered here.

