





## **2013 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS GAMEBOOK PLAY GUIDE**

**STARTING PITCHING** - Staff Ace is Lucas Harrell (GR10), with Samuel Deduno (GR10) around for 15 starts; Gavin Floyd (GR9) is the only holdover from last year's rotation. Next is a pair of GR8's in Cole De Vries and Jose Quintana. Possible future ace is Tommy Milone (GR7). Lastly is the ultimate lottery ticket in Alex White (GR3), forced to make the last 18 starts. Not a horrible rotation, especially if it was supported by a good bullpen and an adequate offense, neither of which is true in 2013! All starters should go at least 5 innings unless injured or blown out.

**BULLPEN** - Really just a collection of middlemen, looking for a Closer! It looks like Josh Kinney (GR\*13, 32 IP) drew the short straw and will "act" as closer until he runs low of innings. Next up then will be another pitching holdover, Santiago Casilla (GR\*13, 63 IP), who will set up for Kinney. The real workhouse will be another Josh, as in Josh Roenicke (GR\*12, 88 IP). Both Casilla and Roenicke should be used to try and preserve leads from the 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> innings. Probably the best of the setup men is Dale Thayer (GR\*10, 41/25 for 57 IP). Bring him in to kill any rallies from the 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> innings. Another holdover is Francisco "K Rod" Rodriguez (GR\*10, 72 IP). Use him as a bulk reliever for when a starter is blow out or removed early for any other reason. Also in that category is Adam Ottavino (GR\*8, 79 IP). When Kinney goes down, Carlos Torres (GR\*7, 53 IP) will take his place and everyone else moved up a peg. Joe Savery (GR\*4, 62 innocuous innings) is the only lefty, so he gets to be the situational lefty. Use Kinney, Casilla, Roenicke and Thayer when we are leading and KRod, Ottavino, Torres and Savery when we are losing. Pretty simple, right!

**HIT & RUN** - With any eligible hitter (2 31's) and the following base runners - Jay, Jackson, Cabrera, Harrison, Pacheco and Carrera.

**STEALS** - Only Jay and Jackson have enough attempts to go with any regularity and limit them to the 7<sup>th</sup> inning or later if they are the tying or go ahead run. Go with any of the guys under H&R if it's the 9<sup>th</sup> inning or later and they represent the tying or go ahead run. Limit everyone to one SBA per series!

**PINCH HITTING, PINCH RUNNING AND DEFENSIVE REPLACEMENT** - We leave these strategies to your decision. There is plenty of usage available so use anyone off the bench in whatever capacity that you think will help us to win.

**BASE RUNNING** - Use the Adams Table.

**INFIELD DEPTH** - Play "**IN**" to try and prevent the 1<sup>st</sup> earned run, no matter what inning it is. After that play "**DEEP**" for the DP, unless there is a runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning or later.

**GAME VERSION** - Las Vegas will, as always, be wrangling the dice and cardboard for 2013.

You can beat us, defeat us and even cheat us this season as we will be one of the worse teams in the league (we got an 18.5 TQ rating from Walter and Rich at the preliminary draft analysis). But remember that BRO owns our 2014 No.1, so every loss you hand us puts Joe Auletta that much closer to another potential superstar. Chew on that one and good luck in 2013!

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