

NORTHBOROUGH PHOENIX

Game of Choice: **APBA Master Board Game, 2007 edition**General Managers: **Bob Jordan** (14th year), **Steve Stein** (11th 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, Northborough MA

2013 Season Emergency Instructions

Roster:

<u>Pitchers</u>	MLB	Age	Pos	Th	Acquired	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP	
AXELROD,Dylan	CHW	27	P-2	R	13 NBO#4 (110)	4		-25	-15	29/10*	WP1/BK0	MF+0	7	51.0	11.7	
CHATWOOD, Tyler	COL	23	P-1	R	12 NBO#BonA (64)	4		-42	-14	23/11*	WP3/BK0/HB0	MF+1	12	64.7	13.0	
HALLADAY,Roy	PHI	35	P-1	R	00 NRB#1 (10)	7	Y	23	-12	28	WP1/BK0	MF+1	25	156.3	0.0	
HEFNER,Jeremy	NYM	26	P-2	R	13 CAY#6 (151)	2		34	15	27/10*	WP3/BK0	MF+0	25i	93.7	24.3	
KENNEDY,Ian	ARI	28	P-1	R	13 trade (POR)	7	Y	23	-15	28	WP2	MF+1	33	208.3	0.0	
KLUBER,Corey	CLE	26	P-2	R	13 NBO#5 (134)	3	Y	15	-13	27	WP2/BK0	MF+0	24i	63.0	0.0	
RAMIREZ, Erasmo J.	SEA	22	P-2	R	13 NBO#2 (39)	13	Y	32	14	23/8*	WP0/BK0	MF+0	8	59.0	12.0	
RICHARDS,Garrett	LAA	24	P-1	R	13 POR#4 (119)	7		-41	22	29/6*	WP2/BK0	MF+0	9	71.0	18.0	
SANTANA,Johan	NYM	34	P-2	L	10 trade (MID)	7	Y	-11	-21	27	WP1/BK0/HB0	MF+1	21	117.0	0.0	
ZAMBRANO,Carlos	MIA	31	P-1	R	03 trade (BRO)	9		-62	32	28/7*	WP1/BK0	MF+3	20	132.3	17.3	
BLEVINS, Jerry	OAK	29	P-1	L	09 MUN#BonA (51)	17*	Y	-12	12	6*	WP2/BK0	MF+1	0	65.3	65.3	
ELBERT,Scott	LAD	27	P-2	L	12 NBO #3 (88)	16*	Y	-25	14	5*	WP3/BK0	MF+0	0	32.7	32.7	
EPPLEY,Cody	NYY	27	P-2	R	13 TAY#4 (109)	10*		-12	34	5*	WP3/BK0/HB0	MF+0	0	46.0	46.0	
HENSLEY,Clay	SF	33	P-2	R	11 NBO#2 (37)	8*		-56	15	6*	WP1/BK0	MF+0	0	50.7	50.7	
OHMAN,Will	CHW	35	P-1	L	11 BRO #5 (129)	5*	R	32	-42	5*	WP0	MF+1	0	26.7	63.3i	
REED,Addison	CHW	24	P-2	R	13 DAL#2 (42)	6*	X	15	14	6*	WP0	MF+0	0	55.0	55.0	
MOSELEY, Dustin*		31		R	11 WAK#5 (136)											
BRADEN Dallas *		36		R	10 trade (BRO)					- N						

Note: Jeremy Hefner, Cory Kluber, and Will Ohman are innocuous.

Batters	MLB	Age	Pos	Bats	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	PB/Th	G	PA	SBA	Other
HERNANDEZ,Ramon	COL	36	C-8	R	10 trade (MID)	SA0	-11/2	E14	4	33	Th-3/PB1	52	196	1	1B-3
IANNETTA,Chris	LAA	29	C-8	R	13 trade (BRO)	SA0	-3/-1	B11	6	31	Th-2/PB3	79	253	4	
MCKENRY, Michael	PIT	28	C-7	R	12 NBO#6 (160)	PL1	1/-2	N	6	33	Th-3/PB1	88	275	0	
BELT,Brandon	SFG	24	1B-4	L	13 NBO#1 (15)	SA2	-4/0	E33	13	33		145	472	14	OF-1
CAIRO,Miguel	CIN	38	1B-3	R	11 KAN#4 (110)	SA2	3/-3	E34	10	30		70	156	4	2B-7,3B-3
CARTER,Chris	OAK	26	1B-2	R	13 TAY#2 (38)	SA2	2/-3	N	6	30		67	260	0	
PENA,Carlos	TBR	34	1B-5	L	08 NBO#1 (13)	PR3	2/-3	E16	4	28		160	600	5	
KINSLER,Ian	TEX	30	2B-7	R	07 NBO#1 (11)	SA4	10/-5	D27	18	31		157	731	30	3B-3
MARTINEZ, Michael	PHI	30	2B-7	В	13 NBO#9 (230)	SA0	3/-5	N	16	32		45	122	0	3B-3,SS-8,OF-2
ROLEN,Scott	CIN	37	3B-4	R	97 MEL#1 (7)	SA0	-4/0	G26	9	34		92	330	3	
WHEELER,Ryan	ARI	24	3B-3	L	13 NBO#3 (86)	SA5	-13/3	G26	6	30		50	119	1	1B-2
HARDY,J.J.	BAL	30	SS-10	R	06 NBO#2 (26)	SA2	3/-3	N	9	33		158	713	0	
CABRERA,Melky	SFG	28	OF-3	В	07 LV#2 (41)	SA0	-8/1	E28	15	32		113	501	18	
FRANCOEUR,Jeff	KCR	29	OF-3	R	06 NBO#1 (2)	SA0	-1/-1	B15	12	37		148	603	11	
JACKSON,Brett	CHC	24	OF-2	L	13 NBO#BonA (62)	SA4	-7/0	A7	15	33		44	142	3	
SMITH,Seth	OAK	30	OF-2	L	09 NBO#BonA (67)	SA5	-12/1	E20	15	30		125	441	4	
ZAMBRANO,Carlos				В		SA0	-6/4	N	4			35	36	0	
SANCHEZ,Freddy*		35		R	04 NBO#4 (103)										

Note: Michael Martinez and Miguel Cairo are innocuous.

Cuts: CARPENTER, David*; LOPEZ, Rodrigo*; VAZQUEZ, Javier*; WANG, Chien-Ming*; DUNCAN, Shelley; MCDONALD, Darnell* Waived:

Claimed off waivers:

Traded in September:

* = uncarded

2013 Northborough Phoenix Schedule and Pitching Rotation

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Date	Opp	<u>Pitcher</u>	Date	Opp	<u>Pitcher</u>	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	<u>Pitcher</u>
4/1/13	@POR	Kennedy (1)	6/1/13	KAN	Halladay (1)	8/1/13	@CAY	Halladay (9)	10/1/13	@WHT	Zambrano (13)
4/2/13	@POR	Zambrano (1)	6/2/13	KAN	Hefner (9)	8/2/13	@CAY	Hefner (17)	10/2/13	@WHT	Richards (1)
4/3/13	@POR	Hefner (1)	6/3/13	KAN	Santana (9)	8/3/13	@CAY	Santana (13)	10/3/13	@WHT	Ramirez (1)
4/4/13	@POR	Santana (1)	6/4/13	KAN	Kluber (8)	8/4/13	@CAY	Kluber (16)	10/4/13	@WHT	Kennedy (26)
4/5/13			6/5/13			8/5/13	@GC	Kennedy (18)	10/5/13	@MUN	Halladay (18)
4/6/13	@KAN	Kennedy (2)	6/6/13	MAR	Kennedy (10)	8/6/13	@GC	Halladay (10)	10/6/13	@MUN	Zambrano (14)
4/7/13	@KAN	Zambrano (2)	6/7/13	MAR	Halladay (2)	8/7/13	@GC	Hefner (18)	10/7/13	@MUN	Richards (2)
4/8/13	@KAN	Hefner (2)	6/8/13	MAR	Hefner (10)	8/8/13	@GC	Santana (14)	10/8/13	@MUN	Ramirez (2)
4/9/13			6/9/13	POR	Santana (10)	8/9/13			10/9/13	@MUN	Kennedy (27)
4/10/13	@MAR	Santana (2)	6/10/13	POR	Kluber (9)	8/10/13	@TAY	Kennedy (19)	10/10/13	KNX	Halladay (19)
4/11/13	@MAR	Kluber (1)	6/11/13	POR	Kennedy (11)	8/11/13	@TAY	Halladay (11)	10/11/13		Zambrano (15)
4/12/13	@MAR	Kennedy (3)	6/12/13	@HUD	Halladay (3)	8/12/13	@TAY	Hefner (19)	10/12/13	KNX	Richards (3)
4/13/13			6/13/13	@HUD	Hefner (11)	8/13/13	@TAY	Kluber (17)	10/13/13		Ramirez (3)
4/14/13	ZIO	Zambrano (3)	6/14/13	@HUD	Santana (11)	8/14/13	BRO	Santana (15)	10/14/13	KNX	Kennedy (28)
4/15/13	ZIO	Hefner (3)	6/15/13	@HUD	Kluber (10)	8/15/13	BRO	Kennedy (20)	10/15/13	COL	Halladay (20)
4/16/13	ZIO	Santana (3)	6/16/13	@HUD	Kennedy (12)	8/16/13	BRO	Halladay (12)	10/16/13	COL	Zambrano (16)
4/17/13	ZIO	Kluber (2)	6/17/13			8/17/13	BRO	Hefner (20)	10/17/13	COL	Richards (4)
4/18/13	\ \		6/18/13	@KNX	Halladay (4)	8/18/13	DET	Kluber (18)	10/18/13	COL	Ramirez (4)
4/19/13	FOG	Kennedy (4)	6/19/13	@KNX	Hefner (12)	8/19/13	DET	Santana (16)	10/19/13		
4/20/13	FOG	Zambrano (4)	6/20/13	@KNX	Santana (12)	8/20/13	DET	Kennedy (21)	10/20/13	HUD	Kennedy (29)
4/21/13	FOG	Hefner (4)	6/21/13	@KNX	Kluber (11)	8/21/13	DET	Halladay (13)	10/21/13	HUD	Halladay (21)
4/22/13	FOG	Santana (4)	7/1/13	TAY	Kennedy (13)	8/22/13			10/22/13		Zambrano (17)
4/23/13	FOG	Kluber (3)	7/2/13	TAY	Halladay (5)	9/1/13			10/23/13	HUD	Richards (5)
4/24/13			7/3/13	TAY	Zambrano (9)	9/2/13			11/1/13		
5/1/13	@MLR	Kennedy (5)	7/4/13	TAY	Hefner (13)	9/3/13	@POR	Hefner (21)	11/2/13	@ZIO	Ramirez (5)
5/2/13	@MLR	Zambrano (5)	7/5/13	TAY	Kluber (12)	9/4/13	@POR	Kluber (19)	11/3/13	@ZIO	Kennedy (30)
5/3/13	@MLR	Hefner (5)	7/6/13	BH	Kennedy (14)	9/5/13	@POR	Santana (17)	11/4/13	@ZIO	Halladay (22)
5/4/13	@MLR	Santana (5)	7/7/13	BH	Halladay (6)	9/6/13	@KAN	Kennedy (22)	11/5/13	@ZIO	Santana (21)
5/5/13	@MLR	Kluber (4)	7/8/13	BH	Zambrano (10)	9/7/13	@KAN	Halladay (14)	11/6/13	@ZIO	Richards (6)
5/6/13	@MID	Kennedy (6)	7/9/13	BH	Hefner (14)	9/8/13	@KAN	Hefner (22)	11/7/13	@FOG	Ramirez (6)
5/7/13	@MID	Zambrano (6)	7/10/13			9/9/13	@KAN	Kluber (20)	11/8/13	@FOG	Kennedy (31)
5/8/13	@MID	Hefner (6)	7/11/13	@LV	Kluber (13)	9/10/13	@MAR	Santana (18)	11/9/13	@FOG	Halladay (23)
5/9/13	@MID	Santana (6)	7/12/13	@LV	Kennedy (15)	9/11/13	@MAR	Kennedy (23)	11/10/13	@FOG	Zambrano (18)
5/10/13			7/13/13	@LV	Halladay (7)	9/12/13	@MAR	Halladay (15)	11/11/13	KAN	Richards (7)
5/11/13	NW	Kluber (5)	7/14/13	@LV	Zambrano (11)	9/13/13	@MAR	Hefner (23)	11/12/13	KAN	Ramirez (7)
5/12/13	NW	Kennedy (7)	7/15/13	@GOH	Hefner (15)	9/14/13	MLR	Kluber (21)	11/13/13	KAN	Kennedy (32)
5/13/13	NW	Zambrano (7)	7/16/13	@GOH	Kluber (14)	9/15/13	MLR	Santana (19)	11/14/13		• , ,
5/14/13	NW	Hefner (7)	7/17/13	@GOH	Kennedy (16)	9/16/13	MLR	Kennedy (24)	11/15/13	MAR	Halladay (24)
5/15/13	DAL	Santana (7)	7/18/13	@GOH	Halladay (8)	9/17/13	MLR	Halladay (16)	11/16/13	MAR	Zambrano (19)
5/16/13	DAL	Kluber (6)	7/19/13	@RYE	Zambrano (12)	9/18/13	1 W	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	11/17/13	MAR	Richards (8)
5/17/13	DAL	Kennedy (8)	7/20/13	@RYE	Hefner (16)	9/19/13	MID	Hefner (24)	11/18/13	MAR	Ramirez (8)
5/18/13	DAL	Zambrano (8)	7/21/13	@RYE	Kluber (15)	9/20/13	MID	Kluber (22)	11/19/13	POR	Kennedy (33)
5/19/13		. ,	7/22/13	@RYE	Kennedy (17)	9/21/13	MID	Santana (20)	11/20/13	POR	Halladay (25)
5/20/13	MUN	Hefner (8)	7/23/13			9/22/13	MID	Kennedy (25)	11/21/13	POR	Zambrano (20)
5/21/13	MUN	Santana (8)				9/23/13	MID	Halladay (17)	11/22/13		Richards (9)
5/22/13	MUN	Kluber (7)			/		\ "		11/23/13		(-)
5/23/13	MUN	Kennedy (9)					V.				

The 2013 Northborough Phoenix

Welcome to the 2013 edition of the Phoenix! Rebuilding doesn't begin to describe this team – unbuilding is more like it for now. Less taste! Less Filling! Less offense! Less pitching! Runs by the thimbleful, bring out the bucket brigade for the pitching. Please note that we have added "ugh" to our name. That should give you some idea of how we expect the season to go.

There's not a whole lot of depth and not a whole lot of strategy to playing this team. Usage is tight, the starting lineup will generally finish the game.

We will ALWAYS send out lineups and roster changes at the beginning of the month. If you don't get a mailing by the second day of the month, please contact Steve.

Offense/Defense by Position

- C: Michael McKenry and Chris Iannetta will share duties here. Ramon Hernandez will be available for backup.
- 1B: Carlos Pena, just about every day. Ramon Hernandez is the backup.
- 2B: Ian Kinsler, just about every day. Mike Martinez serves as his primary replacement.
- *3B*: **Scott Rolen** and **Ryan Wheeler** will share this position. **Miguel Cairo** will be the primary starter in April. **Mike Martinez** will serve as backup.
- SS: **JJ Hardy** is the main guy here. **Mike Martinez** will get few starts in April, and will be available in case of injury.
- LF: Mostly Seth Smith. Occasionally Brandon Belt. Sometimes Mike Martinez.
- CF: Melky Cabrera once he finishes serving his 2-month suspension. Brett Jackson until then (with occasional appearances by Seth Smith).
- RF: Jeff Francoeur, almost all year with occasional appearances by Belt.
- *DH*: Chris Carter will be the eventual starter here, until then Brandon Belt and Michael McHenry. And every once in a while, Carlos Zambrano will hit for himself.

Strategies on Offense

Steal: Down by one or tied, 6th inning or later, when advised by Adams tables with Kinsler, Cabrera, Belt, Cairo. *Hit and Run*: Except as noted*, whenever legal and the adjusted SSN is 24 or more for when Kinsler, Cabrera, Belt, or Cairo 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 (Martinez or Jackson will usually be the best first option 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, replace McKenry with Hernandez.

The Pitching Staff and Pitching Strategies

Starting pitchers:

Mostly harmless. A couple of months of a 13, **Erasmo J. Ramirez**, then 5 months of a wild 9 **Carlos Zambrano**, a bunch of 7s – **Roy Halladay, Ian Kennedy, Garrett Richards** and **Johan Santana**, and then 49 starts of the young, innocuous arms of grade 2 **Jeremy Hefner** and grade 3 **Cory Kluber**. Everyone 7 and above pitches until fatigued or pounded out. Hefner and Kluber pitch 5 innings if possible, then relieved if we're within 2 runs.

- 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, sometimes 7. Use relievers as you see fit. Here are the (loosely-defined) bullpen roles:

The closer is **Jerry Blevins**. He should have the ball in save situations in the 9th inning or later. **Scott Elbert** (**LH**) or **Cody Eppley (RH**) should have the ball in the 7th and 8th innings when we lead or are tied. If the game is close before then **Clay Hensley** and **Addison Reed** are competent options. Occasionally starters **Ramirez**, **Richards** or **Zambrano** will be in the bullpen – they fall into this "competent" category. After that, it gets ugly. At least 2 of **Tyler Chapman**, **Dylan Axelrod**, and **Will Ohman** (LH, innocuous) will be available for work when we trail, which will be often. Ohman can also be used as a Lefty One Out GuY in strategic spots.

Remove relievers when reduced (if they are grade 8 or better or if we lead), or if they get pounded 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 Northborough. 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:

April		May		June - November	
v RH	v LH	v RH	v LH	v RH	v LH
1. Jackson, CF	1. Belt, LF	1. Wheeler, 3B	1. Belt, LF	1. Wheeler,3B	 Cabrera,CF
2. Iannetta, C	2. Pena, 1B	2. Iannetta, C	2. Pena, 1B	2. Belt,DH	2. Pena,1B
3. Belt, DH	3. Carter, DH	3. Belt, DH	3. Kinsler, 2B	3. Cabrera,CF	3. Carter, DH
4. Smith, LF	4. Kinsler, 2B	4. Smith, LF	4. Hardy, SS	4. Smith, LF	4. Kinsler,2B
5. Kinsler, 2B	5. Hardy, SS	5. Kinsler, 2B	5. McKenry, DH	5. Kinsler,2B	Hardy,SS
6. Pena, 1B	McKenry, C	6. Jackson, CF	6. Iannetta, C	6. Hardy,SS	6. Belt,LF
7. Hardy, SS	7. Francoeur, RF	7. Pena, 1B	7. Francoeur, RF	7. Iannetta,C	McKenry,C
8. Francoeur, RF	8. Cairo, 3B	8. Hardy, SS	8. Rolen, 3B	8. Pena,1B	8. Francoeur, RF
9. Cairo, 3B	9. Jackson, CF	9. Francoeur, RF	9. Jackson, CF	9. Francoeur, RF	9. Rolen,3B

In the minors:

All season (uncarded): Moseley, Vazquez, Sanchez

April Chatwood, Halladay, Ramirez, Richards, Rolen, Wheeler, Cabrera May Axelrod, Halladay, Ramirez, Richards, Cairo, Carter, Cabrera June Chatwood, Ramirez, Richards, Reed, Cairo, Carter, Jackson July Axelrod, Ramirez, Richards, Santana, Cairo, Carter, Jackson Chatwood, Ramirez, Zambrano, Elbert, Cairo, Carter, Jackson September Axelrod, Richards, Zambrano, Elbert, Hensley, Cairo, Jackson October Axelrod, Hefner, Kluber, Santana, Elbert, Cairo, Jackson

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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