



# 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:

Pitchers	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	NYN	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)										

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	B	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	B	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				B		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



## 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> inning or later, no out, runner on second or runners on first and second, 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> inning on, if the tying or lead run is at bat or on base, consider pinch-hitting for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the order.

**Pinch Running:** From the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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, **Erasmio 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	1. 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	5. Hardy,SS
6. Pena, 1B	6. 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	7. 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  
August 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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