2013 PORTLAND POSSUM

General Manager/Owner: Ray Murphy/Jon Brinkmann (21st season, 1636-1624 all-time regular season, 49-43 all-time playoffs.) 2006 TBL Champions

Game Type: All home games will be played on the APBA Baseball Blast 5.5 computer game.

NAME	MLB	L/R	BC-BBW	BC-MG	G	PA	SBA	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB/TH	ACQUIRED	
Betemit, Wilson	BAL	B	SA0	-16/+4	102	376	1	F14	6	34		D-11 (BonA)	
Carroll, Jamey	MIN	R	SA3	+7/-5	138	537	14	E25	15	31		T-13 (LV)	
Gomes, Jonny	OAK	R	SA3	+4/-8	99	333	4	G29	10	31		T-10 (DAL)	
Gonzalez, Carlos	COL	L	SA5	-8/+3	135	579	25	E31	16	33		D-09 (1)	
Hairston, Scott	NYM	R	PL2	+2/-4	134	398	10	E31	10	31		W-11	
Hechavarria, Adeiny	TOR	R	SA0	-4/0	41	137	0	N	15	34		D-13 (2)	
Mesoraco, Devin	CIN	R	SA2	+5/-3	54	184	2	E20	8	33	2/-3	D-13 (1)	
Murphy, Daniel	NYM	L	SA2	-4/0	156	612	12	F32	9	29		T-13 (DAL)	
Napoli, Mike	TEX	R	PL0	-8/+2	108	417	1	R26	7	32	3/-3	D-07 (BonA)	
Stewart, Ian	CHC	L	SA5	-11/+2	55	202	3	A07	6	34		D-09(1)	
Thome, Jim	BAL	L	PR4	-7/-0	58	186	0	N	2	27		T-11 (BRO)	
Tulowitzki, Troy	COL	R	SAO	-11/+3	47	203	4	D20	13	38		D-07 (1)	
Upton, BJ	TAM	R	SA1	+1/-2	146	633	37	D32	18	37		T-07 (MUN)	
Upton, Justin	ARI	R	SA1	0/-2	150	628	26	D27	17	37		D-08 (1)	
Votto, Joey	CIN	L	SA5	-9/+2	111	475	8	F25	10	31		D-08 (1)	
Weeks, Rickie	MIL	R	SA1	+1/-2	157	677	19	E32	16	32		T-09 (DAL)	
Wieters, Matt	BAL	В	SA0	+6/-4	144	593	3	R33	6	34	1/+3	D-10(1)	
Wright, David	NYM	R	SA0	-1/-1	156	670	25	D24	16	33		T-12 (MID)	

NAME	MLB	L/R	GRADE	GS	RIP	CTL	HRA	ST. FAT	REL. FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ACQUIRED
Cain, Matt	SF	R	14	32		22	12	27		3		0	+1	D-06(1)
Gallardo, Yovani	MIL	R	11	33		-25	-14	26		2	0	0	0	D-08 (1)
Gonzalez, Gio	OAK	L	15	32		-23	42	26		3			0	D-09 (2)
Lynn, Lance	STL	R	10	29	7.0	-15	15	25	8	1		0	+2	D-12 (BonA)
Wainwright, Adam	STL	R	8	32		21	24	27		3		0	+1	T-07 (GC)
Norris, Bud	HOU	R	8	29		-22	-15	28		3		0	+1	D-10(3)
Street, Huston	SD	R	26*		39.0	12	34		6	2	0	0	+1	T-13 (NBO)
Frieri, Ernesto	LAA	R	24*		66.0	-46	-14		6	1		0	0	T-13 (NBO)
Oliver, Darren	TOR	L	17*		56.7	13	41		6	3		0	+1	T-13 (LV)
Smith, Joe	CLE	R	14*		67.0	-11	36		6	1			+2	T-12 (MAR)
Benoit, Joaquin	DET	R	13*		71.0	12	-34		6	2		0	+2	D-11 (1)
Affeldt, Jeremy	SF	L	12*		63.3	-15	61		6	3		0	+1	T-09 (MLR)
Lyon, Brandon	TOR	R	11*		61.0	14	24		6	3		0	0	T-11 (NWW)
Bedard, Erik	PIT	L	6	24		-33	0	27		1			0	T-13 (DAL)
Hagadone, Nick	CLE	L	4*		25.3	-62	-15		6	3	0	0	0	D-13 (7)
Scheppers, Tanner	TEX	R	1*		32.3	35	-23		6	3		0	0	D-13 (5)
Venters, Johnny	ATL	L	10*		58.7	-32	13		6	3		0	0	D-11 (2)

Italics - starts year in minors

Minors by month: April: Betemit, Mesoraco, Stewart, Tulowitzki, Norris, Lyon, Bedard, Hagadone, Scheppers, Venters

May: Betemit, Mesoraco, Stewart, Tulowitzki, Norris, Lyon, Bedard, Hagadone, Scheppers, Venters
June: Betemit, Mesoraco, Stewart, Tulowitzki, Lynn, Lyon, Bedard, Hagadone, Scheppers, Venters
July: Betemit, Mesoraco, Stewart, Hechavarria, Norris, Lyon, Bedard, Hagadone, Scheppers, Venters
Aug: Betemit, Mesoraco, Stewart, Hechavarria, Norris, Benoit, Bedard, Hagadone, Scheppers, Venters
Sept: Betemit, Mesoraco, Stewart, Hechavarria, Norris, Benoit, Bedard, Hagadone, Scheppers, Venters
Oct: Betemit, Mesoraco, Stewart, Hechavarria, Norris, Benoit, Bedard, Hagadone, Scheppers, Venters

Nov: all up (except uncarded)!

Cuts: Collin Balester, Travis Buck, Todd Coffery, Jose Constanza,

Mat Gamel, Henry Sosa, Dontrelle Willis, Omar Vizquel

Waiver Wire: Cut: Claim:

Mid-season Trades: Added: Removed:

Pitching Rotation:

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Apr (19)							Jul (21)							Oct (22)					_
1-4 (5)	NBO	С	L	Z	Υ	Χ	1-5	@MUN	С	L	Ζ	Υ	W	1-4	@LV	WY	С	Z	
6-8 (9)	@MAR	W	С	L	Χ		6-9 (10)	@FO	С	L	Z	Υ	Χ	5-9	@MLR	L W	Υ	С	Z
10-12 (13)	@KAN	Ζ	Υ	W	Χ		11-14	DET	W	С	L	Ζ		10-14	TAY	L W	Υ	С	Z
14-17 (18)	@TAY	С	L	Z	Υ	Х	15-18	BRO	Υ	W	С	L		15-18 (19)	ВН	L W	Υ	С	Χ
19-23 (24)	MID	W	С	L	Ζ	YX	19-22 (23)	MLR	Ζ	Υ	W	С	Χ	20-23	HUD	Z W	Υ	L	
May (21)							Aug (20)						-	Nov (20)					
1-5	KNX	С	L	Z	Υ	W	1-4	@RYE	Ζ	Υ	W	С		(1) 2-6	@HUD	X C	W	Z	Y L
6-9 (10)	COL	С	L	Z	Υ	Χ	5-8 (9)	@GOH	L	Z	Υ	W	Χ	7-10	MUN	C W	Z	Υ	
11-14	@WHT	W	С	L	Ζ		10-13	@KNX	С	L	Ζ	Υ		11-13 (14)	MAR	L C	W	Χ	_
15-18 (19)	@GC	Υ	W	С	L	X	14-17	DAL	W	С	L	Z		15-18	KAN	ZY	L	W	
20-23	@CAY	Ζ	Υ	W	L		18-21 (22)	NW	Υ	W	С	L	Χ	19-22 (23)	@NBO	ZY	L	N	Χ
							Sept (20)				7								
Jun (19)							1 (2)	ASG	Χ	Χ		-		<u>C</u> ain	32				
1-4 (5)	MAR	С	L	Z	Ν	X	3-5	NBO	W	Υ	С		-	ga <u>L</u> lardo	33				
6-8	KAN	W	С	L			6-9	@MAR	Ζ	L	W	Υ		Gon <u>Z</u> alez	32				
9-11	@NBO	Z	N	W			10-13	@KAN	С	Ζ	L	W		L <u>Y</u> nn	29				
12-16 (17)	@ZIO	С	L	Z	Ν	WX	14-17 (18)	@MID	Υ	С	Ζ	L	Χ	<u>W</u> ainwright	32				
18-21	HUD	С	L	Z	W		19-23	FO	W	Υ	С	Z	L	<u>N</u> orris	5				

Emergency Lineups: (I will send monthly instructions. I may just tell you to use these lineups, but please wait for confirmation.)

vs. LHP	v. RHP (alternate use of R1 with R2)
Boards and Computer	Boards and Computer
LINEUP L1	LINEUP R1
SS Carroll	CF Gonzalez
CF Gonzalez	2B Murphy
3B Wright	3B Wright
DH Gomes	1B Votto
LF Hairston	DH Napoli
RF J Upton	RF J Upton
C Wieters	LF B Upton
2B Weeks	C Wieters
1B Murphy	SS Carroll

Injury Replacement/Depth Chart:

C: Wieters, Napoli, Mesoraco

1B: Votto, Murphy, Napoli, Betemit, Thome

2B: Weeks, Murphy, Carroll, Hechavarria, Wright, Tulowitzki, Betemit, Hairston

SS: Carroll, Tulowitzki, Hechavarria, Wright

3B: Wright, Hechavarria, Carroll, Tulowitzki

OF: Gonzalez (CF), J. Upton (CF), B Upton (CF), Hairston (CF), Gomes, Betemit

PLAYER BIOS/USAGE INFORMATION: here's a position-by-position look at the Possum:

Catcher: Primarily Wieters, but periodic appearances by Napoli.

1st base: Almost always Votto vs RHP, with Murphy and Napoli filling in the rest.

2nd base: A loose platoon between Weeks (vs. LHP and + Ctl pitchers) and Murphy (vs. RHP and neg. Ctl pitchers)

Shortstop: Lots of Carroll, with Tulowitzki and Hechavarria sharing the backup role

3rd base: Almost always Wright.

Outfield: Gonzalez is the primary CF, with the Uptons on the corners. But Hairston/Gomes will get a lot of work here too.

DH: A revolving door: some Thome, some Hairston/Gomes when not in the OF, some Napoli, maybe even some Betemit or Weeks/Murphy.

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY:

Pinch-hitting: There are enough mix-and-match positions on this team, and more than enough games coverage, that you can deploy just about any asset off the bench if an opportunity presents itself.

Pinch-running: Most days you will find at least one of B. Upton, Weeks/Murphy, or Hechavarria available to pinch-run. All have nice Spd ratings, and all but Hechavarria are SB threats.

Steal: We have a number of guys who can pick their spots to run, generally in 5th inning or later. Check H&R first before 7th inning!!

- B. Upton can steal anytime, score -2 to +3, 0 or 1 out, when SSN > 27. Limit two attempts per series.
- Gonzalez, Weeks and J. Upton can steal anytime after 4^{th} , score -2 to +3, 0 or 1 out, when SSN > 27. Limit one attempt per series.
- Anyone else can steal as tying/lead run in 7th or later, 0 out, SSN 28 or greater. Limit once per player per series.

Hit & Run: Not a strength this year. <u>Batters:</u> Wieters, Carroll, Murphy, Weeks, Hechavarria. <u>Runners:</u> any runner with adjusted SSN over 21 and SBAs remaining. H&R any inning, 0 or 1 out, pitcher CTL -14 or better (no W in BBW).

Sacrifice: Generally only the #9 spot in the lineup will sacrifice. They can sacrifice in the following conditions:

- ANY inning if 1st & 2nd 0 out, score –2 or better.
- 6th or later if 2nd only, 0 out, score –2 or better.
- 6th or later, 1st only, 0 out, and H&R/steal not in order., score –1 to +2
- Don't squeeze!

Baserunning: Generally, go with 28 or more chances, hold 19 or less. Otherwise see Adams Tables. With 3/4/5 in lineup due up next, add 2 to all needed chances. With 8/9 batters up, subtract 3. With two outs, score on 11 chances or more. **Computer game: go when the announcer says the runner is "well around" the base, hold when runner is "rounding" the base. When runner is "around" the base, try to score:**

- with 0 out only if (OF Arm Runner Speed) < 15
- with 1 out if (OF Arm Runner Speed) < 25
- 2 out if (OF Arm Runner Speed) < 30.

DEFENSIVE STRATEGY:

Defensive replacements: after POR bats in top 7th, score +1 to +4: (any fielder to be replaced can stay in another inning if due up in the 8th)

- Hechavarria/Tulowitzki (whichever active) to SS, moving Carroll from SS to 2B.
- BUpton to LF for Gomes or Hairston.

Outfield throws: Throw for lead runner if < 34 chances. Otherwise hold trailing runners. Do not throw for lead runner if he is not tie/lead run, and other runner's chances are 5+ lower. In 7th or later and score is +1/-2, always throw for lead runner. Always hold trailing runner if he is tying run (i.e. POR +2). Computer game: throw for lead runner UNLESS he's "well around" and is non-slow; or trailing runner is tying run.

Infield In: Three cases:

- Runner on 3rd only: 0 or 1 out, 6th or later, POR +1 to -4.
- Runners on 1st and 3rd: 8th or later, 0 out, POR 0 to -4
- 2nd & 3rd or bases full: only if winning run on 3rd, 9th or later, 0 or 1 out. (1 out, bases full, play deep if batter has 2+ 24s)

Pitch from stretch with runner on 3rd.: Only if game within one run in 8th or later, adi. SSN > 11, and two outs.

Hold runner on 1st: Always with PR hitter up. Otherwise, only if score is ± -3 , and adj. SSN > 22.

Intentional walk: 8th or later, Possum -2 to 0, 1st is open, and it makes sense (i.e. enough inferior batters coming up to end inning). If IBB will load bases, pitcher must have +16 control or better.

Steal throws: Always throw on single steal unless effective SSN is 36 or higher. Throw for lowest SSN on multiple steals, except throw for lead runner if tying/winning run in 7th or later regardless of SSN.

MANAGING THE PITCHING STAFF:

Removing Starters: SP are the strength of the team, but so is the bullpen... which creates options, but leads to some tough decisions.

<u>The very good:</u> (Cain, Gonzalez): combination of good grades and reasonable fatigue ratings should allow this group to take a run at the 7^{th} inning more often than not. That doesn't mean they have to get there, though. If the game is in doubt and a jam arises in the 6^{th} , you don't automatically have to make a move, but should at least consider it based on matchups, etc.

<u>The merely good:</u> (Lynn, Gallardo, Wainwright, Norris): this group will require a slightly shorter leash. They will also look to get into the 7^{th} , like their friends above, but will more frequently fall short. When the jam arises in the 6^{th} , unlike the aces above, these guys don't get the benefit of the doubt. Similarly, if they escape the 6^{th} but the dangerous part of your lineup is coming up in a tight game in the 7^{th} , or the platoon matchups are unfavorable, we're not opposed to letting the pen start the 7^{th} before these SPs start a fire.

Using the Bullpen: This is a deep and diverse collection of arms and grades, so hopefully there is an alternative for most if not all situational needs here.

Closer: Huston Street. Strictly a 9th-inning option, only in save situations, max 1 IP/appearanc. If he blows it, pull him. Frieri/Oliver can also handle the 9th if a need arises (Street has pitched couple of days in a row, etc.)

Primary RH setup: Ernesto Frieri. He should work sometime in the $7^{th}/8^{th}$ when we lead, mix and match with Oliver based on lineup position, etc.

Primary LH setup: Darren Oliver is the southpaw counterpart to Frieri. Neither of these setup options has a ton of innings, so just spread the work between them as it makes sense.

Middle: Jeremy Affeldt (L), Joe Smith (R), Brandon Lyon (R) and Joaquin Benoit (R) provide the bulk/middle relief. Three of the four should be active each month. In the group, the only really problematic peripheral is Benoit's HR rating, so avoid using him in situations where the HR would be particular painful. In all, this group should be fairly effective as a tag-team to reach the setup guys or occasionally the closer directly..

Mop/long man: We're not really carrying one to start the year, so just let the middle-men absorb innings in blowouts, and spread the work around.

<u>CONCLUSION:</u> That's it from Portland. This is a very talented team, mostly we are just asking the home manager to get out of their way and let them do their thing. We'll see how that works out.... *Good luck to all!*