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Minors:

April: Strasburg, Pineda, Parnell, Romo, Workman, Bastardo, O'Flaherty	Dunn, Werth, Gordon
May: Tillman, Pineda, Balfour, Janssen, Workman, Loup, O'Flaherty	Ortiz, Murphy, Gordon
June: Fernandez, Pineda, Parnell, Romo, Workman, Bastardo, O'Flaherty	Dunn, Young, Gordon
July: Tillman, Pineda, Balfour, Janssen, Workman, Loup, O'Flaherty	Dunn, Young, Gordon
August: Masterson, Pineda, Parnell, Romo, Workman, Bastardo, O'Flaherty	Dunn, Young, Gordon
Sept'er: Tillman, Pineda, Balfour, Janssen, Workman, Loup, O'Flaherty	Dunn, Young, Gordon
October: Tillman, Pineda, Balfour, Romo, Workman, Bastardo, O'Flaherty	Dunn, Young, Gordon
November: Everyone up	

Venue: We will be playing the boards.
Computer: Please do not use computer managers--I trust you over them!
Scoresheets: Those playing on the computer need not send scoresheets.
Cuts: Bay, Giambi, Nelson, Santiago. All carded

Mood Statement--Seeking number five.

Vlad walked along the frozen river all through the night. The temperatures were consistently reaching the low 20s in midafternoon and he was enjoying the spring nighttime air. He had watched practice the last two days and smiled--well, for him it was a smile though few would have noticed it. The arms were limbering up and fastballs were making the comforting "PLOOOFFF" sound when they hit the snow encrusted catcher's mitts. When a hitter made solid contact the ice shards literally flew off the barrel of the bat, and ducking the shards kept the fielders nimble (and warmer). The newly fallen snow cushioned the slides of the runners. Perfect spring baseball.

The roster was basically set with only a few spots in contention. The turnover in the core had settled down--all nine opening day starters had been on the roster last season. Tomorrow they would leave the comfortable spring training facilities of Brobdingnag and spend a couple weeks in the toughening up stages. Exhibition games in Tampa, Miami, and Cayman. The sunlight and sand can be brutal even in March he thought. Dodging the palmetto bugs in the building that Boomer called a hotel would likely have the players lose sleep, but after their early exit last season he didn't feel particularly paternalistic--Vlad himself would be staying in a private villa on the other side of the island. As he finished his walk he put the final touches in his mind for his Motivational Speech in the morning. Then he walked some more.

The speech was short. He channeled the essence from several of his lost mentors. Vince Lombardi, Al Davis, George Steinbrenner, and Smokin' Joe. "This is a simple game--throw the ball, hit the ball, catch the ball. I opened the check book to give you the best players money can buy, now see to it you do your part. Winning isn't everything--it's the only thing. Just win, baby. Or else." That was it. Then as he left the podium each player and coach and trainer and manager was given a long narrow box wrapped in simple black satin. Inside was a pipe wrench engraved, "In Memory of Joe".

No one said Vlad was a great orator--but not one player or coach missed the message--or the threat.

RH Relievers		St	IP	SG		BB	HR	fat	P	Sp	J	M	W	H	B
Craig	Kimbrel	0	67.0	24	XYK	11	26	6	2	7	1	0	3	0	0
Tanner	Roark	5	53.7	19	Y	23	54	11	1	S5	4	0	0	0	0
Grant	Balfour	0	62.7	16	XY	-31	0	6	1	8	1	2	3	0	0
Bobby	Parnell	0	50.0	15	XY	31	54	6	2	S6	3	0	1	0	0
Casey	Janssen	0	52.7	15	X	23	35	6	2	S6	2	2	0	0	0
Sergio	Romo	0	60.3	12	X	36	15	6	1	8	1	0	1	0	0
Brandon	Workman	3	41.7	6	X	-12	-11	6	1	S5	4	0	2	0	0
LH Relievers		St	IP	SG		BB	HR	fat	P	Sp	J	M	W	H	B
Neal	Cotts	0	57.0	24	XY	-11	46	5	2	8	2	0	3	0	0
Antonio	Bastardo	0	42.7	16	XY	-52	41	6	2	8	3	1	3	0	0
Aaron	Loup	0	69.3	12	Y	43	26	6	1	7	1	3	2	0	0
Derek	Holland	0	213.0	10	Y	12	16	9	1	7	2	1	3	0	0
Eric	O'Flaherty		N/C												

Relief Philosophy: This is a very deep relief staff. Nearly 350 RH relief innings and 350 LH ones. We will have seven relievers each month, 3 closers and 4 set-up pitchers grade 10* to 16*. Three left handers, four right handers. The intent of the closers is to squash rallies, not to only automatically pitch the 8th and 9th. Generally the battle rhythm is as follows, more details next page:

Starter gets in trouble

Closer guy kills rally, hands ball to set-up guy

Set-up either gets in trouble and hands ball to a second closer, or pitches 1.7 to 2.0 innings and hands it to another set-up guy

Repeat unto the 9th inning

Multiple relievers in an inning are fine; I expect most games will use 3 to 6 relievers

A closer starts the 9th+ if it is a +1/+3 game, otherwise they generally don't start an inning

Relievers should go no more than 1.7 to 2.0 innings per outing in most cases max, except....

Holland is the sponge with 200+ innings

Relief Staff:

The Closers: Kimbrel, Roark (no +5), Cotts. All are good, but they are different and each is a better fit for different situations. I don't care which one gets the saves.

Kimbrel: Gd 24* RH with decent peripherals.

Roark: A Gd 19* with no +5, he will give up a few more hits but he is still a 19* but his +23/+54 is a very useful tool against high walk/high power teams.

Cotts: The LH part of the triumvirate.

This means I can use a closer to kill two rallies and then still have one available for the 9th if the game is close (+1/+3).

Typically they will finish the inning they come in, then hand the ball off to one of the set-up guys. Try to spread the usage among the closer.

The set-up relievers: Everyone else, including Derek Holland. There will be 2 RH and 2 LH every month so many opportunities to get the +5 in match-ups—please take advantage of this. With the +5 I should be throwing effectively a grade 18* or a very good 17* against almost every batter in a key situation of the game. Mix and match these guys to spread the usage around somewhat evenly.

Holland: He is one of the set-up crew but also has a huge number of innings, and since every start this year will be made by a RHP he should find work in almost every game. Look for that part of your line-up, usually a run of 3 or 4 guys, that is susceptible to LHPs. If it is significant, and Holland would have a better effective grade than the starter against this stretch, then when they come up in the 4th through 7th inning strongly consider putting Holland in to face that stretch before passing it to a RHP. This is a judgment call and not automatic. Use good judgment considering how covers the LH shifts are, how

Broddingnag 2014 Rotation								
A	DET	H	M	F	B	T	X	
P	DAL	A	M	F	C	X		
R	NW	A	T	M	B	X		
1	COL	A	F	C	M	T	X	
9	WHI	H	F	C	B	M	T	X
M	GC	A	S	C	B	F	M	
A	FOG	A	S	C	B	F	X	
Y	TAY	H	M	S	C	B		
2	ZIO	H	F	M	S	C	X	
1	MEL	H	B	F	M	S		
J	DAL	H	C	B	T	M	X	
U	NW	H	S	C	B			
N	DET	A	T	M	S			
1	GOH	A	C	B	T	M	S	X
9	RYE	H	C	B	T	M		
J	BH	H	S	C	B	F	M	
L	CAY	H	S	C	B	F	X	
Y	POR	A	M	S	C	B		
2	KNX	A	F	M	S	C		
1	MAR	A	B	F	M	S	X	
A	LV	A	C	B	F	T		
U	NBO	A	S	C	B	F	X	
G	GC	H	T	S	C	B		
2	MID	H	F	T	S	C		
0	HUD	H	B	F	T	S	X	
S	DET	H	X	X	B	S	F	
E	DAL	A	M	C	B	S		
P	NW	A	F	M	C	B		
2	WHI	A	S	F	M	C	X	
0	FOG	H	B	S	F	M	C	
O	BH	A	B	S	F	M	X	
C	KAN	A	C	B	S	F		
T	RYE	A	M	C	B	S	F	
2	COL	H	M	C	B	S	F	
2	MUN	H	M	C	B	S		
N	CAY	A	X	M	F	B	S	C
O	GOH	H	M	F	B	S		
V	DAL	H	C	M	F	X		
2	NW	H	B	S	C	M		
0	DET	A	F	B	S	C	X	

Starters (All RHP)		St	IP	SG	BB	HR	fat	P	Sp	J	MF	WP	HB	Bk
Jose	Fernandez	28	172.7	18	XY	-14	31	24	2	7	3	1	1	
Stephen	Strasburg	30	183.0	14	XY	-12	12	24	2	8	3	0	3	
Justin	Masterson	29	193.0	13	X	-26	33	27	2	S4	3	0	3	0
Chris	Tillman	33	206.3	11	Y	-12	-24	26	2	S6	2	3	2	
Homer	Bailey	32	209.0	11	X	16	0	27	2	9	2	0	2	
Jhoulys	Chacin	31	197.3	9		11	33	27	2	S6	3	1	2	
Michael	Pineda		N/C											

Starting Pitchers:

This part of the instructions need the greatest care. There are no real weak spots—no grade <9 will go to the mound until Fan Appreciation Day. Control is both good and bad, but almost all have positive HR ratings. I am asking you to look at the tools, read the instructions below, and pick the tool that fits best.

There are 700 relief innings; when in doubt, remove the starter. No one goes long enough to impact their next start. A starter working on a shut-out will get the benefit of the doubt but don't lose a game trying for a shut-out.

Fernandez (and any starter upgraded to 18+): His grade 18, +31 HR, and the Barbarian hitters should allow him to go deep in many starts, often past a fatigue if the game is +5 or more. Try to get at least 5 innings, typically into the 6th or 7th, but I don't care if his ERA is tarnished a little in a 12-5 win. It is the wins that matter. Don't let him blow a lead for fear of the pen usage. If the game is +3/-3 and a runner gets into scoring position from the 6th inning on, probably time to think about the hook if he is not an 18+ to the next batter. Once downgraded treat him as "The Others" ↓

The Others (and Fernandez if reduced by fatigue/runs):

- Remove if rules require
- Otherwise, **do not remove** if the game is +/6 or more
- If the game is +5/-4 or closer, remove if **any** of these:
 - The starter is fatigued
 - The game is +4, +5, or -4, 6th+ inning and a runner gets into scoring position
 - The game is +3/-3 and a runner gets on base
 - It is the 8th+ and I am up +1 or +2

Fernandez	F
Strasburg	S
Masterson	M
Tillman	T
Bailey	B
Chacin	C
Off day	X

April Hitters		B	G	PA	SA	vL	vR	SSN	SA	Ar	Sp	J	PN	Single hits	14	31	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	OF	#
Mike	Trout	R	157	716	42	-1	-1	32	SA0	33	F18	0	1 5 5 6	8 8 8 9 9 10 11	5	1						3	1
Everth	Cabrera	B	95	435	49	8	-5	29	SA0	34	F19	3	0 6	8 8 8 9 9 11 11 11	3	2		7	9	4			2
Joe	Mauer	L	113	508	1	-2	-1	14	SA1	35	8	2	0 0 0 0	7 7 8 8 8 9 9	4	3	9						3
Chris	Davis	L	160	673	5	-12	5	31	PR5	35	S 6	0	1 1 5 5 6	8 8 8 9 9	4	1		4					4
Alex	Rios	R	156	661	49	5	-3	33	SA2	36	F18	1	0 0 0	8 8 9 9 10 11 11	2	2					2		5
David	Ortiz	L	137	600	4	-12	5	34	PR5	27	S 4	2	1 5 5 6	7 8 8 8 9 9 10	4	1		2					6
Donnie	Murphy	R	46	163	2	4	-3	31	SA2	32	F15	4	1 1 5 6	8 8 9 9 10	2*	1			6	7	3		7
Manny	Machado	R	156	710	13	0	-2	19	SA1	35	F16	1	0 0 0 0	7 8 8 8 8 9 9	1	1			6	7	3		8
Chris	Young	R	107	375	13	2	-4	30	SA2	32	F17	3	0 0	8 8 9 9 11	3	1					3		9
Hanley	Ramirez	R	86	336	12	3	-3	32	SA2	36	F15	3	1 1 4 6 6	7 8 8 8 9 9 11	3	2			6	8	3		
Dustin	Ackley	L	113	427	5	-1	-1	16	SA0	32	13	2	1 5 6	7 7 8 8 8	3	2			8	7	4	2	
Dioner	Navarro	B	89	266	1	10	-5	14	SA0	21	S 4	3	1 0 0	7 7 8 8 8 8 9 9	3	2	7						
Chris	Getz	L	78	237	19	1	-2	32	SA0	32	F17	3	0 0	8 8 9 9 10	3	1			8	7	4		

I expect to send line-ups each month

Mauer PB1/Th+6 Navarro PB2/Th+0

Board/computer vs RHP		Boards vs LHP		Computer vs LHP	
1 Trout	RF	1 Rios	LF	1 Trout	RF
2 Mauer	C	2 Cabrera	SS	2 Cabrera	SS
3 Davis	1B	3 Trout	RF	3 Mauer	C
4 Ramirez	SS	4 Davis	1B	4 Davis	1B
5 Ortiz	DH	5 Navarro	C	5 Rios	LF
6 Machado	3B	6 Ortiz	DH	6 Ortiz	DH
7 Rios	LF	7 Murphy	2B	7 Murphy	2B
8 Ackley	2B	8 Machado	3B	8 Machado	3B
9 Young	CF	9 Young	CF	9 Young	CF

May Hitters		B	G	PA	SA	vL	vR	SSN	SA	Ar	Sp	J	PN	Single hits	14	31	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	OF
Joe Mauer	L	113	508	1	-2	-1	14	SA1	35	8	2	0 0 0 0	7 7 8 8 8 9 9	4	3	9						
Dioner Navarro	B	89	266	1	10	-5	14	SA0	21	S 4	3	1 0 0	7 7 8 8 8 8 9 9	3	2	7						
Chris Davis	L	160	673	5	-12	5	31	PR5	35	S 6	0	1 1 5 5 6	8 8 8 9 9	4	1		4					
Adam Dunn	L	149	607	2	-5	0	20	PR3	30	S 4	1	1 1 6	8 8 8 9 9	4	1		2					1
Dustin Ackley	L	113	427	5	-1	-1	16	SA0	32	13	2	1 5 6	7 7 8 8 8	3	2			8	7	4	2	
Chris Getz	L	78	237	19	1	-2	32	SA0	32	F17	3	0 0	8 8 9 9 10	3	1			8	7	4		
Everth Cabrera	B	95	435	49	8	-5	29	SA0	34	F19	3	0 6	8 8 8 9 9 11 11 11	3	2			7	9	4		
Hanley Ramirez	R	86	336	12	3	-3	32	SA2	36	F15	3	1 1 4 6 6	7 8 8 8 9 9 11	3	2			6	8	3		
Manny Machado	R	156	710	13	0	-2	19	SA1	35	F16	1	0 0 0 0	7 8 8 8 8 9 9	1	1			6	7	3		
Alex Rios	R	156	661	49	5	-3	33	SA2	36	F18	1	0 0 0	8 8 9 9 10 11 11	2	2							2
Mike Trout	R	157	716	42	-1	-1	32	SA0	33	F18	0	1 5 6	8 8 8 9 9 10 11	5	1							3
Jayson Werth	R	129	532	11	6	-3	35	SA3	36	F17	2	0 0 0 0	7 7 8 8 9 9 10 10	4	1							3
Chris Young	R	107	375	13	2	-4	30	SA2	32	F17	3	0 0	8 8 9 9 11	3	1							3

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All OF are CF eligible except Dunn

Board/computer vs RHP		Boards vs LHP		Computer vs LHP	
1 Trout	CF	1 Rios	LF	1 Trout	CF
2 Mauer	C	2 Cabrera	SS	2 Cabrera	SS
3 Davis	1B	3 Werth	RF	3 Mauer	C
4 Ramirez	SS	4 Trout	CF	4 Werth	RF
5 Werth	RF	5 Davis	1B	5 Davis	1B
6 Machado	3B	6 Navarro	C	6 Rios	LF
7 Rios	LF	7 Murphy	2B	7 Murphy	2B
8 Ackley	2B	8 Machado	3B	8 Machado	3B
9 Dunn	DH	9 Dunn	DH	9 Dunn	DH

June through November

Hitters		B	G	PA	SA	vL	vR	SSN	SA	Ar	Sp	J	PN	Single hits	14	31	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	OF
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David	Ortiz	L	137	600	4	-12	5	34	PR5	27	S 4	2	1 5 5 6	7 8 8 8 9 9 10	4	1		2				
Dustin	Ackley	L	113	427	5	-1	-1	16	SA0	32	13	2	1 5 6	7 7 8 8 8	3	2			8	7	4	2
Chris	Getz	L	78	237	19	1	-2	32	SA0	32	F17	3	0 0	8 8 9 9 10	3	1			8	7	4	
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Donnie	Murphy	R	46	163	2	4	-3	31	SA2	32	F15	4	1 1 5 6	8 8 9 9 10	2*	1			6	7	3	
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Board/computer vs RHP

Boards vs LHP

Computer vs LHP

1 Trout	CF
2 Mauer	C
3 Davis	1B
4 Ramirez	SS
5 Ortiz	DH
6 Werth	RF
7 Machado	3B
8 Rios	LF
9 Ackley	2B

1 Rios	LF
2 Cabrera	SS
3 Werth	RF
4 Trout	CF
5 Davis	1B
6 Navarro	C
7 Ortiz	DH
8 Murphy	2B
9 Machado	3B

1 Trout	CF
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3 Mauer	C
4 Werth	RF
5 Davis	1B
6 Rios	LF
7 Ortiz	DH
8 Murphy	2B
9 Machado	3B

The Positions

CATCHER: Mauer is the man vs RHPs, with Navarro and his +10 starting against LHPs. Mauer can come in defensively late in close games. Navarro can pinch hit (see below). Both PA limited.

FIRST BASE: Chris Davis every road game. Will only come out for the very rare pinch runner.

SECOND BASE: This requires some attentive management. Whoever starts will hardly ever finish.
-- vs RHP Ackley starts vs RHPs, will be PH for in most games (often Navarro), then Getz finishes.
-- vs LHP Murphy starts with Getz his defensive caddy. Getz plays almost every game but rarely hits.
All the secondbasemen will be PA limited/

SHORTSTOP: Ramirez vs RHPs, Cabrera vs LHPs. They have enough games, but not a lot extra and will likely be PA limited when it's all said and done. For now Cabrera can come in to play defense, but Ramirez should almost never come off the bench.

THIRD BASE: Machado every game, all game.

OUTFIELD: Rios, Trout, Werth will be the mainstays. When Young is up and he can replace Rios defensively, other than that there should be no reason to remove them. In April, Young starts while Werth is in the minors. The starters will be game limited, Dunn and Young will be PA limited.

DESIGNATED HITTER: Papi most games except April. He'll need a PRer occasionally. Dunn is the April DH. Papi will rest against some LHPs, but I'll send out individual lineups in those cases. When he is not starting, he is left sleeping in the hotel and is not available to play.

In priority order

#1: Stealing 2nd: to get the tie/winning run into scoring position: **8th inning or later**, anyone with at least 5 SBA on the roster sheet and an adjusted SSN of 30+.

#2: Hit and Run: This team has a lot of obvious power but also some good H&R options. Use them aggressively, **any inning where the score is +3/-3**. Primary combinations are:

--**Runners:** Trout, Cabrera, Rios

--**Hitters:** Cabrera, Mauer, Ackley.

#3: Stealing 2nd in any other situation: If the score is +1 to -2, **innings 4 through 8**, any runner with 10+ SBA on the roster sheet and an adjusted SSN of 30+

#4: Bunting: In amongst the big lumber we do have a few small-ball folks. Cabrera, Getz, and Ackley can bunt in these situations:

--**7th inning+**, tie/lead run on 1st or 2nd (could have runners on both)

--**No outs**

--**NOTE:** If the runner on 2nd has adjusted SSN of 30 to steal 3rd, steal instead.

Pinch Hitting: Generally for Ackley. Occasionally for Mauer/Navarro. There may be occasions—*very rarely*—where the right move is to PH for Davis or Papi, but never if you can instantly counter with a RHRP. ***If there is any doubt about the right move*** I would rather have Davis/Ortiz hitting vs a LHRP than the PH going against a RHRP.

Navarro is the primary PH. Murphy can PH but should be a secondary option because of his limited PAs. When they are on the roster, Dunn and Young can PH freely. Getz can PH ***in blow-outs*** to save PAs for Murphy and then Getz plays defensively anyway.

Generally I will let Ackley get 2 PAs. On his third PA, if it is a key situation (men on, close game) you can PH if that seems the reasonable option. If you don't PH on the third PA, be a little quicker to do so on the 4th time through. It should be exceedingly rare for Ackley to get a 5th PA.

Pinch Running: This won't happen often, but when it does it will often be in conjunction with a double switch. There are only four slow runners—Davis, Ortiz, Dunn, Navarro. When one of them is the tie/win run on 1st or 2nd in the **8th+ inning** consider pinch running. Getz is the primary pair of legs, though Cabrera or Murphy can PR. All three will probably be PA limited. Often if Davis comes out, Ortiz or Dunn will need to give up the DH to play 1B, so Davis will typically only leave in the **9th+**.

Extra Base Advancement: Be reasonably aggressive. Apply your best judgment—especially on the computer—if you are comfortable doing so (I am comfortable with that), or use the Adams tables.

Defensive Subs: These are largely self-evident.

--Getz after someone has PH for Ackley

--Getz for Murphy & Cabrerra for Ramirez if we have a lead from the bottom of the 5th on.

--Young for Rios & Mauer for Navarro if we have a 1 to 4 run lead going into the home 7th+

Infield: Generally I play for the DP unless up by 3+ late in the game, and I hold all runners unless it is obvious not to.

Stretch:

-- If my pitcher is an adjusted 17- then only if tie/win run is on 3rd, 2 outs, 8th+ inning

-- If my pitcher is an adjusted 18+ then only if tie/win run is on 3rd, 1 or 2 outs, 8th+ inning

Intentional Walks: I am not the Zion-like Anti-IBB xenophobe, but I do it rarely. Only late in close games when you have a Miggy, McCutchen, etc. like guy at bat and 1B is open, and I can get a noticeable edge with my pitchers (considering my bullpen options) against your next batter (considering likely PHers)

All Else: Play it as you would for your team.