



NORTHBOROUGH PHOENIX

Game of Choice: **APBA Master Board Game, 2007 edition**
 General Managers: **Bob Jordan** (15th year), **Steve Stein** (12th 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**

2014 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)	1		13	-25	29/12*	WP3/BK0	MF+0	20	128.3	22.0
CAPUANO,Chris	LAD	34	P-2	L	14 trade (MAR)	3	Y	33	-11	24/7*	WP3/BK0/HB0	MF+2	28	105.7	4.7
CHATWOOD,Tyler	COL	23	P-1	R	12 NBO#BonA (64)	8		-12	42	24	WP3/BK0	MF+0	20	111.3	0.0
HALLADAY,Roy	PHI	36	P-1	R	00 NRB#1 (10)	4	Y	-62	-34	29	WP3/BK0	MF+0	13	62.0	0.0
HEFNER,Jeremy	NYM	27	P-2	R	13 CAY#6 (151)	6	Y	16	-24	26/7*	WP1/BK0	MF+0	23	130.7	1.0
KENNEDY,Ian	SD	28	P-2	R	13 trade (POR)	6	Y	-26	-23	29	WP3	MF+3	31	181.3	0.0
KLUBER,Corey	CLE	27	P-2	R	13 DAL#2 (134)	8	X	24	13	25/12*	WP1/BK0	MF+0	24	147.3	5.0
RICHARDS,Garrett	LAA	25	P-1	R	13 POR#4 (119)	8/5*		15	24	27/8*	WP3/BK0	MF+0	17	145.0	41.7
CAPPS,Carter	SEA	22	P-2	R	14 MAR#5 (137)	2*	X	12	-32	7*	WP3/BK0	MF+0	0	59.0	79.7
MATTHEUS,Ryan	WAS	29	P-2	R	14 trade (RYE)	1*		-26	53	6*	WP3/HB0	MF+0	0	35.3	35.3
RAMIREZ,Erasmo J.	SEA	23	P-2	R	13 NBO#2 (39)	5		-14	-22	27/10*	WP0/BK0	MF+0	13	72.3	1.7
RASMUS,Cory	LAA	25	P-1	R	14 NBO#8 (196)	5*	Y	-44	-53	7*	WP0/HB0	MF+0	0	21.7	61.0
REED,Addison	CHW	24	P-2	R	13 DAL#2 (42)	12*	X	12	23	6*	WP2/BK0	MF+0	0	71.3	71.3
SANABIA,Alex	MIA	24	P-2	R	14 MAR#7 (185)	2		-24	-32	29	WP1/BK0	MF+0	10	55.3	0.0
SMITH,Burch	SD	23	P-1	R	14 NBO#5 (124)	2	XY	-61	-51	28/9*	WP0/BK0/HB0	MF+1	7	36.3	5.3
WILSON,Alex	BOS	26	P-1	R	14 NBO#7 (172)	3*		-36	62	7*	WP3/BK0	MF+1	0	27.7	64.0
ELBERT,Scott*		28		L	12 NBO #3 (88)										
SANTANA,Johan*		34		L	10 trade (MID)										

Note: Chris Capuano, Carter Capps, Alex Wilson and Cory Rasmus are innocuous.

Batters	MLB	Age	Pos	Bats	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	PB/Th	G	PA	SBA	Other
IANNETTA,Chris	LAA	30	C-8	R	13 trade (BRO)	SA2	+4/-4	G14	6	31	PB2/Th-2	115	399	1	
MCKENRY,Michael	PIT	28	C-7	R	12 NBO#6 (160)	PL0	-2/0	N	6	33	PB1/Th-3	41	122	0	
ZUNINO,Mike	SEA	22	C-7	R	14 BRO#1 (23)	SA1	0/-2	R26	6	32	PB1/Th-2	52	193	1	
ASCHE,Cody	PHI	23	3B-4	L	14 NBO#BonA (52)	SA3	-6/0	G26	15	32		50	179	1	
BELT,Brandon	SFG	25	1B-4	L	13 NBO#1 (15)	SA3	-6/0	F28	13	33		150	571	7	
CARTER,Chris	HOU	26	1B-3	R	13 TAY#2 (38)	SA1	0/-2	R31	6	30		148	585	2	OF-1
FRANSEN,Kevin	PHI	31	1B-3	R	14 trade (BRO)	SA4	+9/-6	R26	10	32		119	278	1	2B-6,3B-3
GARCIA,Leury	CHW	22	2B-7	R	14 waiver	SA2	+3/-3	C30	16	33		45	111	9	3B-3,SS-8,OF-1
HARDY,J.J.	BAL	30	SS-9	R	06 NBO#2 (26)	SA1	+1/-2	R26	9	33		159	644	3	
IZTURIS,Maicer	TOR	32	2B-7	B	14 trade (GOH)	SA0	-1/-1	A8	15	33		107	399	6	3B-4,SS-8
PROFAR,Jurickson	TEX	20	2B-7	B	14 LV#1 (1)	SA0	-5/+1	C14	16	34		85	324	6	3B-3,SS-7,OF-1
CABRERA,Melky	TOR	28	OF-2	B	07 LV#2 (41)	SA0	-6/+1	E20	13	32		88	372	4	
CALHOUN,Kole	LAA	25	OF-1	L	14 MLR#2 (33)	SA0	+3/-3	E20	15	31		58	222	4	1B-2
DICKERSON,Corey	COL	24	OF-2	L	14 NBO#2 (28)	SA5	-9/+1	D20	9	30		69	213	4	
FRANCOEUR,Jeff	TOT	29	OF-2	R	06 NBO#1 (2)	SA1	0/-2	F33	12	37		81	256	3	
SCHAFFER,Jordan	ATL	26	OF-3	L	13 waiver	SA5	-15/+2	B30	15	33		94	265	28	
SMITH,Seth	OAK	30	OF-2	L	09 NBO#BonA (67)	SA3	-6/0	N	15	30		117	410	0	
CHATWOOD,Tyler	COL	23	P-1	R	12 NBO#BonA (64)	SA2		N	10	20		26	45	0	

Cuts: BRADEN,Dallas*; EPPLEY,Cody*; HENSLEY,Clay*; MOSELEY,Dustin*; OHMAN,Will*; ZAMBRANO,Carlos*;
 HERNANDEZ,Ramon*; JACKSON,Brett*; PARRINO,Andy*; ROLEN,Scott*; SANCHEZ,Freddy*; WHEELER,Ryan*

Waived: CLOYD,Tyler

Claimed off waivers: GARCIA,Leury

Traded in September:

* = uncarded

2014 Northborough Phoenix Schedule and Pitching Rotation

Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher
4/1/14	@POR	Halladay (1)	6/1/14	@KAN	Kennedy (9)	8/1/14	GOH	Kennedy (17)	10/1/14	MUN	Chatwood (13)
4/2/14	@POR	Richards (1)	6/2/14	@KAN	Hefner (1)	8/2/14	GOH	Hefner (9)	10/2/14	MUN	Capuano (20)
4/3/14	@POR	Kennedy (1)	6/3/14	@KAN	Capuano (5)	8/3/14	GOH	Capuano (12)	10/3/14	MUN	Hefner (17)
4/4/14	@POR	Kluber (1)	6/4/14	@KAN	Halladay (10)	8/4/14	GOH	Kluber (9)	10/4/14*	MUN	Kluber (17)
4/5/14			6/5/14			8/5/14	BRO	Chatwood (6)	10/4/14*	MUN	B. Smith (1)
4/6/14	KAN	Halladay (2)	6/6/14	@MAR	Richards (10)	8/6/14	BRO	Kennedy (18)	10/6/14	DAL	Kennedy (25)
4/7/14	KAN	Richards (2)	6/7/14	@MAR	Kennedy (10)	8/7/14	BRO	Hefner (10)	10/7/14	DAL	Chatwood (14)
4/8/14	KAN	Kennedy (2)	6/8/14	@MAR	Hefner (2)	8/8/14	BRO	Capuano (13)	10/8/14	DAL	Capuano (21)
4/9/14			6/9/14	POR	Capuano (6)	8/9/14			10/9/14	DAL	Hefner (18)
4/10/14	MAR	Kluber (2)	6/10/14	POR	Halladay (11)	8/10/14	LV	Kluber (10)	10/10/14	@WHT	Kluber (18)
4/11/14	MAR	Axelrod (1)	6/11/14	POR	Richards (11)	8/11/14	LV	Chatwood (7)	10/11/14	@WHT	Kennedy (26)
4/12/14	MAR	Halladay (3)	6/12/14	HUD	Kennedy (11)	8/12/14	LV	Kennedy (19)	10/12/14	@WHT	Chatwood (15)
4/13/14	MAR	Richards (3)	6/13/14	HUD	Hefner (3)	8/13/14	LV	Hefner (11)	10/13/14	@WHT	Capuano (22)
4/14/14	KNX	Kennedy (3)	6/14/14	HUD	Capuano (7)	8/14/14	@RYE	Capuano (14)	10/14/14		
4/15/14	KNX	Kluber (3)	6/15/14	HUD	Halladay (12)	8/15/14	@RYE	Kluber (11)	10/15/14	@MLR	Hefner (19)
4/16/14	KNX	Axelrod (2)	6/16/14	HUD	Richards (12)	8/16/14	@RYE	Chatwood (8)	10/16/14	@MLR	Kluber (19)
4/17/14	KNX	Halladay (4)	6/17/14			8/17/14	@RYE	Kennedy (20)	10/17/14	@MLR	Kennedy (27)
4/18/14			6/18/14	@MUN	Kennedy (12)	8/18/14	@COL	Hefner (12)	10/18/14	@MLR	Chatwood (16)
4/19/14	@LV	Richards (4)	6/19/14	@MUN	Hefner (4)	8/19/14	@COL	Capuano (15)	10/19/14	@MID	Capuano (23)
4/20/14	@LV	Kennedy (4)	6/20/14	@MUN	Halladay (13)	8/20/14	@COL	Kluber (12)	10/20/14	@MID	Hefner (20)
4/21/14	@LV	Kluber (4)	6/21/14	@MUN	Richards (13)	8/21/14	@COL	Chatwood (9)	10/21/14	@MID	Kluber (20)
4/22/14	@LV	Axelrod (3)				8/22/14			10/22/14	@MID	Kennedy (28)
4/23/14	@LV	Halladay (5)							10/23/14	@MID	Chatwood (17)
4/24/14											
5/1/14	@TAY	Richards (5)	7/1/14	MLR	Chatwood (1)	9/1/14			11/1/14		
5/2/14	@TAY	Kennedy (5)	7/2/14	MLR	Kennedy (13)	9/2/14			11/2/14	ZIO	Capuano (24)
5/3/14	@TAY	Kluber (5)	7/3/14	MLR	Hefner (5)	9/3/14	@POR	Capuano (16)	11/3/14	ZIO	B. Smith (2)
5/4/14	@TAY	Capuano (1)	7/4/14	MLR	Capuano (8)	9/4/14	@POR	Hefner (13)	11/4/14	ZIO	Kluber (21)
5/5/14	@TAY	Halladay (6)	7/5/14	MLR	Richards (14)	9/5/14	@POR	Kluber (13)	11/5/14	ZIO	Kennedy (29)
5/6/14	@ZIO	Richards (6)	7/6/14	@BH	Chatwood (2)	9/6/14	KAN	Kennedy (21)	11/6/14	ZIO	Chatwood (18)
5/7/14	@ZIO	Kennedy (6)	7/7/14	@BH	Kennedy (14)	9/7/14	KAN	Chatwood (10)	11/7/14	@HUD	Capuano (25)
5/8/14	@ZIO	Kluber (6)	7/8/14	@BH	Hefner (6)	9/8/14	KAN	Capuano (17)	11/8/14	@HUD	Hefner (21)
5/9/14	@ZIO	Capuano (2)	7/9/14	@BH	Capuano (9)	9/9/14	KAN	Hefner (14)	11/9/14	@HUD	Kluber (22)
5/10/14			7/10/14			9/10/14	MAR	Kluber (14)	11/10/14	@HUD	Kennedy (30)
5/11/14	DET	Halladay (7)	7/11/14	@FOG	Richards (15)	9/11/14	MAR	Kennedy (22)	11/11/14	@KAN	Chatwood (19)
5/12/14	DET	Richards (7)	7/12/14	@FOG	Chatwood (3)	9/12/14	MAR	Chatwood (11)	11/12/14	@KAN	Capuano (26)
5/13/14	DET	Kennedy (7)	7/13/14	@FOG	Kennedy (15)	9/13/14			11/13/14	@KAN	Hefner (22)
5/14/14	DET	Kluber (7)	7/14/14	@FOG	Hefner (7)	9/14/14	TAY	Capuano (18)	11/14/14		
5/15/14	NW	Capuano (3)	7/15/14	@GC	Capuano (10)	9/15/14	TAY	Hefner (15)	11/15/14	@MAR	Kluber (23)
5/16/14	NW	Halladay (8)	7/16/14	@GC	Richards (16)	9/16/14	TAY	Kluber (15)	11/16/14	@MAR	Kennedy (31)
5/17/14	NW	Richards (8)	7/17/14	@GC	Chatwood (4)	9/17/14	TAY	Kennedy (23)	11/17/14	@MAR	Capuano (27)
5/18/14	NW	Kennedy (8)	7/18/14	@GC	Kennedy (16)	9/18/14			11/18/14	@MAR	Hefner (23)
5/19/14			7/19/14	MID	Hefner (8)	9/19/14	@KNX	Chatwood (12)	11/19/14	POR	B. Smith (3)
5/20/14	CAY	Kluber (8)	7/20/14	MID	Capuano (11)	9/20/14	@KNX	Capuano (19)	11/20/14	POR	Kluber (24)
5/21/14	CAY	Capuano (4)	7/21/14	MID	Richards (17)	9/21/14	@KNX	Hefner (16)	11/21/14	POR	Chatwood (20)
5/22/14	CAY	Halladay (9)	7/22/14	MID	Chatwood (5)	9/22/14	@KNX	Kluber (16)	11/22/14	POR	Capuano (28)
5/23/14	CAY	Richards (9)	7/23/14			9/23/14	@KNX	Kennedy (24)	11/23/14		

The 2014 Northborough Phoenix

Welcome to the 2014 edition of the Phoenix! The rebuilding continues. Only 6 players on the roster were here as recently as 3 years ago. So, an acknowledgement to many retirements is in order:

Carlos Zambrano – a charter member of the Phoenix, joining the team in its inaugural 2003 season, Carlos started 301 games and posted a 122-114 record in 11 years. He won 20 in 2008, leading the Phoenix to 103 wins and an Aaron Division title.

Scott Rolen – drafted into the old Melrose Avengers which became the Phoenix in 2003, Scott Rolen has held down the hot corner for 17 with this franchise. He retires with 328 career HRs, 40 in his career-best 2005 season, when he posted a 983 OPS, with 123 RBI.

Freddy Sanchez – drafted with the 103rd pick of the 2004 draft, Freddy crafted a wonderful career with Northboro, where his sure glove, his flexibility and his 3 31s made him a joy to manage.

Ramon Hernandez – finished off his 14-year TBL career which started with the old Northboro Apocalypse in 2000 with 4 years as a Phoenix. His flexibility and good glove made season planning easy, and the guy could hit, too: .297 in 2011; 17 HRs in 2012.

So, back to 2014: Oy, such troubles we have! Usage is tight everywhere. The starting pitching is poor. The bullpen is horrible.

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

Usage is tight. The starters will generally finish the game. In case of injury, the replacement player will usually be obvious.

C: **Chris Iannetta** will be the main catcher. **Mike Zunino** and **Michael McKenry** will be the backups.

1B: **Brandon Belt**, just about every day. **Kevin Frandsen** is the backup.

2B: **Jurickson Profar** and **Macier Izturis** share duties.

3B: **Kevin Frandsen** half the season. **Cody Asche** the other half, against RH pitchers. **Macier Izturis** is the backup.

SS: **JJ Hardy**, just about every day. **Macier Izturis** is the backup.

LF: **Seth Smith**, mostly. **Jordan Schafer** occasionally.

CF: **Melky Cabrera** half the season; **Corey Dickerson** the other half.

RF: **Jeff Francoeur** half the season; **Kole Calhoun** the other half.

DH: **Chris Carter**, almost every day. Occasionally, **Tyler Chatwood** will hit for himself.

Strategies on Offense

Check Steal before H&R

Steal: (of second with 0,1,2 out; of third with 0 or 1 out) With **Schafer** - Down by one tied, any inning when advised by Adams tables.

With **Francoeur** – down by one or tied, 8th inning or later.

Steal of home: (two out, 8th or later, tying or winning run) with **Zunino, Asche, Belt, Carter, Frandsen, Francoeur, Schafer**

Hit and Run: Except as noted*, whenever legal and the adjusted SSN is 24 or more for when **Belt, Francoeur, or Schafer** 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: Never (may be superseded by monthly instructions)

Pinch Running: Never (may be superseded by monthly instructions)

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.

The Pitching Staff and Pitching Strategies

The starters are young and promising, but mediocre to poor. The only collection of pitchers worse is the one in the bullpen. The “aces”: **Tyler Chatwood**, **Corey Kluber**, and **Garrett Richards**, all grade 8, **Ian Kennedy** is a grade 6. These starters stay in the game until the eighth inning, even if reduced. Then there’s **Roy Halladay** and **Chris Capuano** (innocuous), and a handful of **Burch Smith** and **Dylan Axelrod** starts – do your best with this group, and use the lower grades in the bullpen liberally.

- Never let a starter go more than 11 2/3 innings.
- Other than that, never remove a starter pitching a shutout.

Relievers:

Addison Reed and a parade of clowns. For 115 starts, the starters will have higher grades than any reliever except Reed.

Closer: **Addison Reed**. 8th inning or later, tied or ahead by 1-3.

Setup: **Erasmó Ramirez**, 6th inning, tied or ahead by 1-3, higher grade than the starter.

Pounded out or down by more than 5: **Alex Sanabia**

Otherwise: **Carter Capps**, **Cory Rasmus**, **Alex Wilson** - this trio is all innocuous. Use them whenever you want. Garrett Richards will join this group in the bullpen late in the year. **Ryan Mattheus** will be a 7th bullpen arm some months.

Remove relievers when reduced 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.

If you’re into extra innings, stay with Reed until he’s pitched 2 2/3 innings. Then just go with what’s left and leave Sanabia holding the bag.

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:

Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov

v RH
 1. Profar, 2B
 2. Iannetta, C
 3. Belt, 1B
 4. Dickerson, CF
 5. Hardy, SS
 6. Carter, DH
 7. Calhoun, LF
 8. Asche, 3B
 9. S. Smith, RF

v LH
 1. Izturis, 2B
 2. Iannetta, C
 3. Frandsen, 3B
 4. Calhoun, LF
 5. Carter, DH
 6. Belt, 1B
 7. Hardy, SS
 8. Dickerson, CF
 9. S. Smith, RF

May, Jul, Aug, Oct

v RH
 1. Schafer, RF
 2. Iannetta, C
 3. Belt, 1B
 4. Hardy, SS
 5. Carter, DH
 6. S. Smith, LF
 7. Cabrera, CF
 8. Profar, 2B
 9. Izturis, 3B

v LH
 1. Cabrera, CF
 2. Iannetta, C
 3. Belt, 1B
 4. Hardy, SS
 5. Carter, DH
 6. S. Smith, LF
 7. Frandsen, 3B
 8. Profar, 2B
 9. Schafer, RF

In the minors:

All season (uncarded): Santana, Elbert

April	Capuano, Chatwood, Cloyd, Hefner, Mattheus, B. Smith, Cabrera, Francoeur
May	Axelrod, Chatwood, Hefner, B. Smith, Asche, Garcia, Dickerson, Kalhoun
June	Axelrod, Chatwood, Kluber, Mattheus, B. Smith, Garcia, Cabrera, Francoeur
July	Axelrod, Halladay, Kluber, Mattheus, B. Smith, Garcia, Cabrera, Francoeur
August	Axelrod, Halladay, Richards, B. Smith, Asche, Garcia, Dickerson, Kalhoun
September	Axelrod, Halladay, Richards, Mattheus, B. Smith, Garcia, Cabrera, Francoeur
October	Axelrod, Halladay, Richards, Mattheus, Asche, Profar, Dickerson, Kalhoun
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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