



Red Raiders Emergency Instructions 2014

Season two is here and the same old problems for The Taylorville Red Raiders. The problems to be faced are the same as any team in a rebuilding mode. We can put on the field, some of the components of a good team. However, there are serious gaps and concerns that need to be addressed. This season will be the second of that project. Here's how we would like to put our resources to work:

Starting Pitching:

The 2014 Red Raiders feature a 7 man rotation. There will be a full season of starts from: Vargas, Wood, Morton, Happ, Santiago, Arrieta and Guthrie. Beckett will most likely be in the Minors all season. Niemann is uncarded for this year. There will be instances where an early eruption of runs will force the starter to stay in until pounded out. We don't anticipate going to the bullpen before the 3rd inning.

Relief Pitching:

There is a good mix of relief support available. This season the closer role goes to Chapman. His top end grade and ample innings make him the man to go to in Save situations. There will be 6 relievers active all season. With the exception of the mop-up/blow out role, all will have better grades than the Starter. Use them from the 3rd inning on, to keep the Red Raiders in the game,

Early Relievers: Typically, this will be either Ondrussek or Thornton. There should be at least 1 of this group active all season. One RHP and one LHP.

Middle Relievers: If we are close in the game (-2 runs to ahead in the game) and its in the 4th or 5th inning, look to use any of the group of: Dunning, Otero and Ramos. All have ample innings available to pitch, but Dunning and Otero are also very negative in Control. Ramos will also be used in a set up role as well. We would like to piece this group together to get the ball to the Set-Up men

Set-Up: There is only a Righty option here. Use to your greatest disadvantage. Ramos and Thornburg are the pitchers in this role. IP will have to be monitored, but this duo should cover this role.

Closer: Chapman, Any Save situation. He can come in as early the 8th inning for a 4 out, or possibly, 5 out Save. He has 63.6 innings of Gr. 21* relief. Again, use him to your disadvantage.

General Pitching Guidelines: No starter goes more than 11.7 innings. No pitcher pitching a shut-out is removed. For example, it is permissible for an early reliever to hand the ball over to a Set-Up pitcher, without going thru the Middle men. Use your judgment here. Play any game from + any amount of runs to -2 or -3 runs as a game the Rebels can win.

Hitting

Hit and Run/Steals

In general the H/R takes precedence over the straight steal and can be used at any time during the game. There are a few good base stealers on this team and they can be given the green light to steal from the 7th inning on, to get the game tying or game-winning run into scoring position. I would use Bourn, Gardner, Ramirez, and Parra in a straight steal attempt from the 7th inning on in a game where the score is -2 to +1 and the H/R is not in order and the Catcher's arm does not reduce the SSN below 27. Bianchi, Kendrick and Grossman can be added to this group, but with limited attempts all season, they will have to be used carefully. *We would like to see Ramirez, Bourn and Gardner have one stolen base attempt per series.*

Pinch Hitting and Pinch Running

Unless overridden by monthly instructions any bench player is available for either role. The general strategy is to use the PH in the 8th or 9th inning to get the game tying or game-winning run on base or to PR to improve the tying or winning runner's speed. Parra and DeWitt can be used in a late game PH role (particularly in the Board game)

PH vs. LHPs: Gyorko, Bianchi, Middlebrooks and Laird or any starting player who is on the bench.

PH vs. RHPs: Laird, Grossman, Bianchi and Lobaton or any starting player who is on the bench.

Pinch Running: Any bench player who is faster than the runner in question, particularly: Bianchi, Grossman.

Runner Advancement:

With less than two outs, in all situations before the 5th inning, go with a 27+ chance (Computer Game: go any time the runner is "well around" the base). With two outs, in any inning after the 5th, with the tying or go-ahead run, attempt to score with 24+ chance. Otherwise, use the 27+ guideline. For situations that do not fit this exactly, please refer to the Adams Chart.

Sacrifice:

Sacrifice more often with the bottom 1/3 of the order (except Bourn if he is batting at the bottom of the line-up). Do not bring a PH to sacrifice. Use the Sacrifice from the 7th inning on in order to get the game tying or winning run into scoring position unless you are in the #3-#6 part of the order. Do not Squeeze.

DEFENSE

Holding Runners and Infield Depth:

Hold all runners with less than two outs, Exceptions: "S" runners and runners with no SBAs left, do not need to be held. Do not hold with two outs.

Infield Depth:

Play "Deep" for innings 1-5. The Rebels will go for the double play or the out at 1st, at the expense of a run scoring. Play the IF "In" from the 7th on with a runner representing the tying or go-ahead run on base. In the 6th inning use your best judgement. In tight games, play "In", for slugfests, play "Deep".

Defensive Replacements:

The Starters are listed on the batting orders below. For defensive substitutions, use this guideline:

C: McCann, Laird, Hanigan and Lobaton

1B: Arias, Kendrick, Middlebrooks

2B: Solano, Kendrick, Arias, Gyorko, Bianchi, Middlebrooks

SS: Arias, Bianchi

3B: Arias, Solano, Pujols, Bianchi, Gyorko, Middlebrooks

OF: Robinson, Grossman, Bianchi, Kendrick

DH: Extra OF, Laird, Bianchi, Gyorko

LINE-UPS

Vs RHP

Gardner LF

Ramirez SS

Kendrick DH

Pujols 1B

McCann C

Arendo 3B

Parra RF

Solano 2B

Bourn CF

Vs LHP

Gardner LF

Solano 2B

Ramirez SS

Kendrick DH

Pujols 1B

Laird C

Arendo 3B

Bourn CF

Robinson RF

Note: Check for monthly line-up changes. We will send something to our away managers by the 4th of each month.

MINORS

The following players will begin the season playing for the Montgomery Grays (AAA):

Hanigan, Lobaton, Grossman, Middlebrooks, Pastornicky, Happ, Vargas, Niemann, Beckett, Dunning

Waiver Draft:

CONCLUSION

The Taylorville Red Raiders will be playing from the computer game this season. Hand written score sheets are not required from opposing managers. Please do not use any BBW micromanagers. *We will be e-mailing monthly line-up changes, roster moves, and any changes to these instructions.* There will be many changes during the season due to strict platooning requirements and juggling in the positions mentioned, so be sure to check for updates.

All monthly instructions supercede these instructions.

The Red Raiders are into a rebuilding mode. There are far fewer good options on this roster than we have been able to offer in the past. Please make the best decision possible for the Red Raiders within the parameters of these instructions. If a situation arises that is not covered by the instructions, please use the course of action that makes the best baseball sense. If any serious issues come up, please feel free to contact us.

Best of luck to everyone in 2014!

Bruce and Glenn Taylor

Taylorville Red Raiders

“A Baseball Tradition Since 1998”

2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011 Williams Division Champions

Number	Player	(Team)	Shift (Boards)	SBA	SSN	SP	Arm	PB	Th	Gms	PA
28	N. Arenado	(Col)	SA0 (+5/-4)	2	26	8	33			133	514
3	J. Arias	(SF)	SA0 (-2/-1)	1	26	F15	33			102	236
19	J. Bianchi	(MIL)	SA0 (-2/-1)	8	20	F15	33			100	252
9	M. Bourn	(CLV)	SA1 (-2/-1)	35	26	F18	32			130	575
11	B. Gardner	(NYY)	SA1 (-2/-1)	32	29	F19	31			145	609
18	B. Grossman	(HST)	SA0 (+2/-2)	13	19	F15	31			63	288
8	J. Gyorko	(SD)	PL2 (+2/-3)	2	20	11	32			125	525
17	R. Hanigan	(CIN)	SA1 (+1/-2)	1	14	S4	31	PB1	Th +6	75	260
5	H. Kendrick	(LAA)	SA2 (+3/-2)	9	26	F16	30			122	513
6	G. Laird	(ATL)	SA0 (+4/+1)	2	20	10	34	PB1	Th +3	47	141
27	J. Lobaton	(TB)	SA0 (-4/+0)	1	14	6	32	PB1	Th -3	100	311
24	B. McCann	(ATL)	SA5 (-10/+2)	1	14	S4	33	PB1	Th +0	102	402
14	W. Middlebrooks	(BOS)	PL2 (+3/-3)	4	29	11	33			94	374
15	G. Parra	(ARZ)	SA5 (-11/+3)	20	20	F15	34			156	663
10	T. Pastornicky	(ATL)	Uncarded								
7	A. Pujols	(LAA)	SA0 (-5/+0)	2	20	S4	29			99	443
4	A. Ramirez	(CWS)	SA0 (-1/-1)	39	30	13	35			158	674
12	S. Robinson	(STL)	SA0 (-4/+2)	6	32	F17	31			99	171
2	D. Solano	(MIA)	SA0 (-4/+0)	4	29	F15	33			102	395
Number	Pitcher	(Team)	L/R	GRD	CTRL/HA	WP	BK	MF	ST	RI	FAT
23	J. Arrieta	(CC)	R	11	(-62/-13)	WP1	BK0	0	14		26
20	J. Beckett	(LAD)	R	2	(13/-33)	WP0	BK0	(+1)		43.1	28
35	A. Chapman	(CIN)	L	21*	(-52/-13)	WP3	BK0	(+2)		63.2	6
45	J. Dunning	(SF)	R	14*	(-34/16)	WP3	BK0	(+1)		25.1	6
29	J. Guthrie	(KC)	R	7	(15/-15)	WP2	BK0	(+1)	33		28
21	J.A.Happ	(TOR)	L	8	(-43/14)	WP3	BK0	0	18		25
31	C. Morton	(PITT)	R	9	(11/35)	WP3	BK0	(+1)	20		25
33	J. Niemann	(TB)	Uncarded								
34	L. Ondrusek	(CIN)	R	8*	(14/-23)	WP3	BK0	(+1)		55.0	6
41	D. Otero	(OAK)	R	14*	(43/62)	WP0	BK0	(+1)		39.0	7
36	A.J. Ramos	(MIA)	R	15*	(-56/36)	WP1	BK0	(+1)		80.0	7
57	H. Santiago	(CWS)	L	12	(-42/12)	WP1	BK0	(+1)	23		25/9
56	T. Thornburg	(MIL)	R	16*	(-25/56)	WP2	BK0	(+1)		66.2	24/11
54	M. Thornton	(BOS)	L	8*	(0/22)	WP3	BK0	0		43.1	5
37	J. Vargas	(LAA)	L	7	(13/11)	WP0	BK0	(+1)	24		29
22	T. Wood	(CC)	L	13	(-14/12)	WP3	BK0	(+2)	32		26

Note: Only Otero is HBO

Coaching Staff:

Manager: Honus Wagner	Bench: Willie Stargell
Hitting: Roberto Clemente	1st Base: Paul Waner
Pitching: Elroy Face	3rd Base: Bill Mazerowski
	Bullpen: Smokey Burgess
Affiliations:	
AAA Montgomery Greys	Mgr: Lloyd Waner Southern League
AA Yazoo City Dixies	Mgr: Vernon Law Bayou League
A Kentucky Stills	Mgr: Elbie Fletcher Hatfield/McCoy League
Director of Scouting	Arky Vaughn

ROTATION:

STARTERS	Arrieta	Guthrie	Happ	Morton	Santiago	Vargas	Wood			
D	April	May	June	July	D	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	D
1	vs MID W	vs NBO G	at KNX H	at MUN A	1	vs FOG S	ALL STAR	vs GC H	OFF	1
2	G	W	S	M	2	H	GAME	W	vs KAN A	2
3	S	S	V	G	3	W	vs MID H	M	S	3
4	M	V	W	V	4	G	G	V	M	4
5	OFF	M	OFF	W	5	vs BH V	S	OFF	W	5
6	vs KNX A	vs HUD G	at LV G	at GOH A	6	S	vs KNX V	vs MUN G	G	6
7	W	W	H	M	7	H	W	H	vs ZIO A	7
8	G	S	S	G	8	W	H	W	H	8
9	OFF	V	at MID V	V	9	OFF	G	M	M	9
10	vs LV S	OFF	W	OFF	10	at MAR G	vs LV S	at MEL V	W	10
11	M	at BRO M	G	vs RYE W	11	V	V	G	at KNX S	11
12	A	G	vs MAR H	A	12	S	W	H	A	12
13	W	W	S	M	13	H	OFF	W	G	13
14	at KAN G	S	V	G	14	at DET W	at NBO H	M	OFF	14
15	S	at DAL V	W	vs COL V	15	G	G	at CAY V	at LV W	15
16	M	M	G	W	16	V	S	G	M	16
17	A	G	OFF	A	17	S	V	H	A	17
18	OFF	W	vs MEL H	M	18	at NW H	at HUD W	W	G	18
19	at Zio W	OFF	S	vs WHT G	19	W	H	vs POR M	at MID S	19
20	G	at POR S	V	V	20	G	G	V	W	20
21	S	V	W	W	21	V	S	G	M	21
22	M	M		A	22	OFF	V	H	A	22
23	A	G		OFF	23		OFF	W	OFF	23
24	OFF				24					24