## Brobdingnag Emergencies 2015

These are "Emergency emergency instructions", I will polish them and get new ones out soon. Still having serious computer issues and hopefully my new one is coming shortly as Toshiba has acknowledged mine has some "serious issues".

I also intend to send instructions each month.

We will play the boards yet again in 2015. For those using the computer, game sheets are not required, and do not use any automated "managers".

This version of the Barbarians is actually quite rare: they look like a "real" baseball team, albeit a very middle of the run one. This is most certainly not the 2013 or 2014 version, but in a down Ruth Division we do have playoff expectations. We hope we can be competitive enough to make most the games fun, but rarely will your fans wonder who steamrolled them this season.

Cuts: Abreu, Hayes, Lake, Murphy, Nicasio, Scutaro, Tomlin, Young. Only Scutaro is uncarded.

The line-ups are pretty consistent on the road. I will mostly rest guys at home, however I will send lineups so please look for those and use them.

Catcher: Mauer is the main guy as a $\mathrm{C}-8 /+4$. Susac will come up in the later part of the season and catch vs LHP. Navaro will DH most games, so Arencibia is the catcher on the bench.

1B: Chris Davis has some power, but is a shell of himself from last season. Hope he connects. He can be PR for late in close games for an important run.

2B: Gordon basically fill time. Ackley can play 2B as a 7.

SS: Ramirez, one more season before he takes over in LF.
3B: Olt first half, then Machado is the everyday guy in the second half. Olt can be PH for if you think it helps when tied or behind $7^{\text {th }}+$. But there won't be great stuff on the bench either.

LF: Willingham/Ackley early when it's his. Willingham playes when his BBs are good.
CF: Trout. Period.

DH: Navaro

Strategy: The good news is we would like to move the runners along more because we don't have the big bats this season. The bad news is we will give the K record a run for its money this season. The bottom of the order where we would want to move runers along is manned by guys like Chris Davis and Mike Olt. Just look at their cards and let the 13 s ooze over your hand. THAT is why we will not run as we would like.

H\&R: The obvious runners are Gordon, Rios, and Cabrera. The hitters can be anyone with 2 31s, but mostly it's Mauer. H\&R almost any time it is legal with Gordon/Mauer or Rios/Mauer. Other combos only if your catcher is a negative Th OR from the $6^{\text {th }}$ inning on.

Steals: Gordon, Rios, Trout, Cabrera, and Ramirez can steal $2^{\text {nd }}$
Bunting: We just don't have the right kind of guys for this in 2015.

Bench: Anyone can be used if:
(1) The game is close, and
(2) You think they fit the situation at hand.

Having said that the bench is not exciting. Here are some general thoughts.
Willingham: Pinch hitter when his walks and power are needed
Ackley: PH vs RHP, general utility guy when someone comes out for PH or PR
Arencibia: Back-up catcher, power PH
Cabrera: PR, infield sub
Liriano: PH vs RHP
Bradley: PR, defensive OF
PH \& PR: If you see an opportunity to use the bench in a productive way, please do so. It will be mostly to PR or counter some shifts.

Defense: If I lead any time after I bat in the 7th, put the best defense you can out there.

Pitching: We have put the best arms we have in the bullpen. We will have six relievers each month, and the success of the team will be dependent upon them. The strategy is to have the starters stay in to see if the game will be competitive/winnable, and if it is go to the big arms in the pen. If the game is not close, the starters and the mop-up guys suck it up.

Starters: Let them go 4 innings unless the rules require they come out. We don't have the pen to relieve them earlier than that. Do not let a starter go long enough to affect his next start, and let him try to go for a shutout unless it puts the win seriously at risk (i.e. time for Kimbrel or Sanchez).

## $5^{\text {th }} \& 6^{\text {th }}$ inning:

-- If we are 4 or more they stay as long as they can, even fatigued.
-- If we are ahead 5 or more they stay in until the tie run is on deck.
-- In the $5^{\text {th }} / 6^{\text {th }}$ innings any time from the $5^{\text {th }}$ on and the game is within +4 to -3 , and a runner gets on, go to the pen if the starter is fatigued.

## $7^{\text {th }}$ inning on:

-- +6 or more leave the starter in until a run scores and he is fatigued
--+4 or +5 remove if two runners get on or fatigued
--+0 to +3 , go to the pen-do not wait for a runner to get on base.
---1 to -3 , remove if fatigued or a runner gets on base
--4 or more, suck it up as long as he can

## Bullpen:

Mop: Pimentel
Long: Chen (a lefty, so look at your line-up for a good place to start his shift. He has 180 innings, so use him early and often. He will be the most common first guy in. Also Pimentel \& Jannsen can pitch here.
Set-up: Pineda, Fernandez, and the LH Loup. As a 1 or 2 batter specialist, Janssen can go here if needed.
Closer: Kimbrel, Sanchez. They have 90+ innings between them so they can go for 4-out saves. If they blow the save let them close the inning but then remove them.


Brobdingnag Rotation 2015

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|  | NW | M | G | T | S |  |  |
|  | WHI | Y | M | G | T | X |  |
|  | @COL | S | M | C | T | Y | X |
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|  | BH | S | M | T | W | X |  |
|  | @HUD | S | M | T | C |  |  |
|  | @MID | W | S | M | T | X |  |
|  | @ZIO | C | S | M | W |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \mathrm{J} \\ \mathrm{U} \\ \mathrm{~N} \\ 1 \\ 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | @DET | T | C | S | M | X |  |
|  | NW | T | B | S |  |  |  |
|  | HOB | M | C | T |  |  |  |
|  | GC | B | S | M | C | T | X |
|  | @GOH | S | M | B | T |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \mathrm{J} \\ \mathrm{U} \\ \mathrm{~L} \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | @WAR | C | S | M | B | T |  |
|  | @RYE | C | S | M | B | X |  |
|  | STM | T | S | M | C |  |  |
|  | KAN | B | T | S | M |  |  |
|  | LV | C | B | T | S | X |  |


| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \mathrm{A} \\ \mathrm{U} \\ \mathrm{G} \\ 2 \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | KNX | M | B | W | S |  |  |
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|  | MAR | T | M | B | W | X |  |
|  | NBO | T | S | M | B |  |  |
|  | @MLR | W | T | S | M |  |  |
|  | @TAY | B | W | T | S | X |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{S} \\ & \mathrm{E} \\ & \mathrm{P} \\ & 1 \\ & 9 \end{aligned}$ | @HOB | X | X | T | S | M |  |
|  | DET | B | W | T | S |  |  |
|  | NW | M | B | W | X |  |  |
|  | COL | T | S | M | B |  |  |
|  | @BH | W | T | S | M | B | X |
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|  | @CAY | T | S | M | B |  |  |
|  | GOH | W | T | S | M | B |  |
|  | WAR | W | T | S | M | X |  |
|  | @MUN | B | T | S | M |  |  |
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|  | @GC | T | S | B | G |  |  |
|  | @DET | Y | T | S | X |  |  |
|  | @NW | B | G | T | S |  |  |
|  | HOB | Y | B | M | G | X |  |


| T | TILLMAN,Chris |
| :---: | :---: |
| S | STRASBURG,Stephen |
| M | MASTERSON,Justin (i) |
| B | BAILEY,Homer |
| G | GARCIA,Jaime |
| W | WORKMAN,Brandon |
| C | CHACIN,Jhoulys |
| Y | CHEN,Wei-Yin |
| X | Day off |

