

2015 The Statesmen Emergency Instructions (Revised for August 1)

Owner: Eric Sheffler **General Manager:** Carlton Fisk **Field Manager:** Rich Dauer

Pitching Coach: Keith Atherton **Hitting Coach:** Cliff Johnson **Bench Coach:** John Wathan

The Statesmen will play all home games on the boards. Computer Players: Please send game sheets and both teams' stats. I ask that you please play my team and not use a computer manager for I trust you more.

Player	TH	Grade	Starts	RIP	CTRL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	Age	MLB	Acquired
Affeldt, Jeremy	L	13*	---	55.3	+21	+55	6*	3			0	35	SFG	T-09 (MLR)
Avilan, Luis	L	4*	---	71.3	-13	+41	5*	3		0	0	25	ATL	D-14 (2)
Benoit, Joaquin	R	25*	---	54.3	+16	+26	6*	3			1	37	SDP	D-11 (1)
Cain, Matt	R	9	15	---	-16	-24	27	2		0	1	30	SFG	D-06 (1)
Carrasco, Carlos	R	14/15*	14 (22)	43.0	+23	+34	26/8*	2		0	1	28	CLE	D-14 (6)
Cook, Ryan	R	16*	---	50.0	-43	+31	6*	3		0	1	27	OAK	T-14 (NWW)
Eovaldi, Nathan	R	3	33	---	+31	+23	28	2		0	3	25	MIA	T-15 (CAY)
Gallardo, Yovani	R	8	32	---	+14	-13	26	3		0	1	28	MIL	D-08 (1)
Gonzalez, Gio	L	11	27	---	-24	+25	25	1		0	2	29	WAS	D-09 (2)
Layne, Tom	L	19*	---	19.0	-32	+62	5*	3		0	0	30	BOS	D-15 (5)
Lynn, Lance	R	12	33	---	-21	+26	26	3		0	3	27	STL	D-12 (Bon A)
Montero, Rafael	R	9	8	1.3	-61	-34	25/6*	0	0	0	0	24	NYM	T-15 (CAY)
Putnam, Zach	R	18*	---	54.7	-26	+44	6*	3		0	0	28	CWS	T-15 (MAR)
Smith, Joe	R	20*	---	74.7	+33	+32	6*	3		0	1	31	LAA	T-12 (MAR)
Street, Huston	R	20*	---	59.3	+25	+22	6*	0	0	0	0	31	LAA	T-13 (NBO)
Wainwright, Adam	R	14	32	---	+24	+36	28	1			0	33	STL	T-07 (GC)
Whitley, Chase	R	1	12	75.7	+23	-15	26/8*	2		0	2	25	NYN	D-15 (6)
Player	Bats	BC	BC-MG	G	PA	SBA	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB	TH	Age	MLB	Acquired
Cruz, Arnoldi	R	SA0	-4/+1	50	150	3	A7	10	32	2	0	28	STL	T-15 (BRO)
Davis, Khris	R	SA1	0/-2	144	549	5	G31	9	31	--	--	27	MIL	D-14 (1)
Goins, Ryan	L	SA3	-6/0	67	193	1	D14	F 15	31	--	--	27	TOR	D-14 (5)
Gonzalez, Carlos	L	SA3	-5/0	70	281	3	F33	F 16	33	--	--	29	COL	D-09 (1)
Hamilton, Billy	B	SA0	0/-2	152	611	79	B28	F 20	34	--	--	24	CIN	D-15 (1)
Hechavarria, Adeiny	R	SA1	+2/-2	146	574	12	D23	12	34	--	--	26	MIA	D-13 (2)
Mesoraco, Devin	R	SA2	+3/-2	114	440	4	C11	7	33	2	0	26	CIN	D-13 (1)
Murphy, Daniel	L	SA2	-4/0	143	642	18	E28	9	29	--	--	30	NYM	T-13 (DAL)
Napoli, Mike	R	PL3	+6/-4	119	500	5	F24	S 6	32	--	--	33	BOS	D-07 (Bon A)
Peralta, David	L	SA5	-13/+2	88	348	9	E26	F 15	32	--	--	27	ARZ	D-15 (2)
Ruf, Darin	R	PL5	+8/-13	52	117	0	N	S 6	32	--	--	28	PHI	D-14 (Bon A)
Tulowitzki, Troy	R	SA4	+11/-5	91	375	2	G20	11	38	--	--	30	COL	D-07 (1)
Upton, B.J.	R	SA0	-1/-1	141	582	27	D29	F 18	35	--	--	30	ATL	T-07 (MUN)
Upton, Justin	R	SA2	+4/-3	154	641	12	E26	F15	35	--	--	27	ATL	D-08 (1)
Votto, Joey	L	SA0	+4/-3	62	272	2	F20	10	31	--	--	31	CIN	D-08 (1)
Weeks, Rickie	R	SA1	0/-3	121	286	7	C17	12	32	--	--	32	MIL	T-09 (DAL)
Wieters, Matt	B	SA0	-3/0	26	112	1	D14	S 6	34	0	-4	28	BAL	D-10 (1)
Wright, David	R	SA4	+10/-4	134	586	13	E24	F 16	33	--	--	32	NYM	T-12 (MID)

Minors by month (subject to change):

April: Avilan, Cain, Cook, Eovaldi, Montero, Putnam, Whitley, Cruz, C. Gonzalez, and M. Upton

May: Avilan, Carrasco, Eovaldi, Layne, Montero, Whitley, Cruz, Goins, C. Gonzalez, and M. Upton

June: Avilan, Cain, Eovaldi, Layne, Montero, Whitley, Cruz, Goins, C. Gonzalez, and M. Upton

July: Avilan, Carrasco, Eovaldi, Layne, Montero, Whitley, Goins, Ruf, M. Upton, and Wieters

August: Avilan, Cain, Carrasco, Eovaldi, Layne, Whitley, Goins, C. Gonzalez, M. Upton, and Wieters

September: Avilan, Cain, Eovaldi, Layne, Montero, Whitley, Cruz, Goins, C. Gonzalez, and M. Upton

October: Avilan, Cain, Eovaldi, Layne, Montero, Whitley, Cruz, Davis, Goins, and M. Upton

November: All players up

Line-Ups:

Vs. LHP

1. Wright 3B
2. Votto 1B
3. Wieters C
4. Tulowitzki SS
5. J. Upton RF
6. Ruf LF
7. Weeks 2B
8. Hechavarria DH
9. Hamilton CF

Vs. RHP

1. Murphy 2B
2. Napoli 1B
3. Peralta DH
4. Mesoraco C
5. J. Upton RF
6. Davis LF
7. Wright 3B
8. Hechavarria SS
9. Hamilton CF

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY

In general, my offensive strategy is more Weaver-like, less LaRussa-esque.

******* If Tulowitzki and Peralta are not in the starting line-up, they do not play! *******

*** If Mesoraco or Wieters are not in the starting line-up, they do not play unless the starter is injured! ***

HIT & RUN: *Strategy #1 of 3.* Instructions below are for 1st and 1st and 3rd base situations.

- Hechavarria and Murphy should hit and run anytime the runner on 1st is Fast or has an adjusted SSN of 18+.

STEAL: *Strategy #2 of 3.* Limited – always look to H & R first.

- NEVER steal if 4-power number hitter is up to bat **UNLESS** SSN is > 32.
- Hamilton has the green light when a) is met, eligible by Adams Tables, and H&R not called for.
- All others have green light after the 6th under same conditions as Hamilton above.

SACRIFICE: *Strategy #3 of 3.*

- Sacrifice tying/lead run on 1st or 1st and 2nd with 0 out in the 8th or later and two better hitting cards behind the player sacrificing.
- NEVER sacrifice with a 4-power number hitter.
- NEVER squeeze.

PINCH HITTING:

- PH in 7th or later, tying OR lead run on base, a defensive replacement available, and a better hitting card on bench. Use best available **MINUS** Tulowitzki & catchers.
- Don't PH for batters 2 through 5 (EXCEPTION-hit for Peralta vs. LHP if STM tied/-4).
- Weeks and Murphy platoon at 2B if the other is not in the starting line-up at 3B or DH.

PINCH RUNNING:

- Run for Napoli after the 7th inning with a FAST runner if he is the lead run and a defensive replacement is available.

RUNNER ADVANCEMENT:

- Always go for home if chance is 28+. Otherwise, use Adams Tables in all situations.
- For computer players, go for it if the text says “well around...”. Don't go for optional triples unless we are ahead. Otherwise I trust your knowledge/intuition of computer game.

SEND RUNNER ON 3RD:

- If your IF is in, HOLD runner unless the combined Fldg rating of your 2B and SS is < 15.

STATESMEN 2015 PITCHING ROTATION												
APRIL						AUGUST						
@NBO	A	E	D	B	OFF	@CAY	C	A	G	B		
@KAN	A	E	D	OFF		@HOB	D	C	A	G OFF		
@MAR	B	A	E	OFF		@NW	B	C	A	D		
ZIO	C	B	A	E	OFF	RYE	G	B	C	A		
MID	C	B	A	D	E OFF	WAR	D	G	B	C OFF		
MAY						SEPTEMBER						
@MUN	C	A	D	F	B	@NBO	ASG	OFF	E	A	B	
WHT	C	A	D	F	OFF	@KAN	C	D	E	A		
GC	B	A	C	D		@MAR	B	C	D	E		
COL	F	B	A	C	OFF	HUD	A	B	C	D OFF		
@LV	D	B	A	F		TAY	E	A	C	B	D	
JUNE						OCTOBER						
KAN	E	C	B	A	OFF	MUN	E	A	C	B		
MAR	E	D	B			LV	D	E	A	C	B	
NBO	A	C	E			BH	D	E	A	C	OFF	
@HUD	D	B	A	C	E OFF	@ZIO	B	D	E	A	C	
@TAY	B	A	D	E		@MID	B	D	E	A		
JULY						NOVEMBER						
KNX	F	B	C	A	D	@MLR	OFF	C	G	B	D	A
MLR	F	B	C	A	OFF	@KNX	C	G	B	D		
@BRO	F	B	C	A		KAN	E	C	G	OFF		
@GOH	D	F	B	C		MAR	B	E	C	G		
@DET	A	D	F	B	OFF	NBO	A	D	E	C	OFF	

- A= Lynn
- B=Wainwright
- C= Gallardo
- D= Gonzalez
- E= Carrasco
- F= Cain
- G=Montero

MANAGING THE PITCHING STAFF

** CARRASCO—I'm using all innings for starts - he will pitch NO MORE THAN 6.1 IP in road starts. **

Starters: Two general guidelines: (1) Do not remove a starter who is pitching a shutout, and (2) starters should never go long enough to warrant them missing their next start. Otherwise, remove...

BEFORE 6th: (1) when downgraded due to earned runs & score STM +3/-3, (2) when fatigued and score STM +3/-3, (3) or when required by the TBL 'no pounding' rules.

6th INNING ON: when the lead run reaches base or if any two runners reach with score STM +3/-2.

Bullpen: Please use as a committee with the comments below and your innate baseball intuition as guidelines:

CLOSER: Benoit – should be handed the ball in the 9th inning in save situations.

SET-UP: Smith primary with Street secondary if/when Smith not available.

LATE: Affeldt, Cook, Putnam, and Street can come in to kill rallies & hold the score from the 6th on.

MOP/LONG/MIDDLE: Cook is primary but use all pitchers to absorb innings in blowouts by spreading the work around.

* To reduce hitter advantages, any reliever can be used anytime in a game if available and appropriate. *

*** Grade 20 and above relievers can work past their fatigue reduction one time if it makes sense. ***

*** Series Relief Limits – Affeldt 1.3 IP or less - all others 3.0 IP or less. ***

DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

INTENTIONAL WALKS: If lead run is in scoring position after the 4th and first base is open, issue free pass when:

- a) 1 out - to set up the double play unless on-deck hitter is superior to player to be walked.
- b) 2 out - to get to an inferior hitter.
- c) NEVER load the bases unless the ensuing hitter/pitcher match-up is favorable and makes a walk highly unlikely.

PITCH FROM THE STRETCH: Pitch from stretch with runner on 3rd only if game within one run in 8th or later, adj. SSN > 10, and two outs.

HOLD RUNNER: When 1B4 is playing first always hold. Otherwise:

- a) Hold all fast runners.
- b) Hold all medium runners unless I have a lead of 2 or more and there is a PR hitter.
- c) Hold slow runners only with a RH hitter or less than 2 out unless I lead by 2 or more.
- d) Don't hold with 2 out & men on 1st & 3rd unless runner on 1st is the lead or tie run.

INFIELD IN: Three cases:

- a) Runner on 3rd only: 0 or 1 out, 6th or later, STM +1 to -4.
- b) Runners on 1st and 3rd: 8th or later, 0 out, STM 0 to -4.
- c) 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)

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, score is STM +1/-2, always throw for the lead runner. Always hold trailing runner if tying run. **Computer game:** throw for lead runner UNLESS "well around" & is non-slow OR trailing runner is tying run.

OVERALL PLAYER STRATEGY BY POSITION/DEFENSIVE REPLACEMENTS

CATCHER: Whoever starts the game stays in the game. If injury occurs, the other carded catcher comes in. If both are injured and Cruz is not on the major league roster, Napoli is emergency catcher.

FIRST BASE: Whoever starts the game stays in the game. Exception made for Napoli who is a candidate to be PR for late in game if any 1B is available defensively.

SECOND BASE: Weeks platoons with Murphy. Replace either player with **Goins (when up)** if we are ahead going into the bottom of the 6th unless they are due up in top of 7th. If they are due up in the 7th then replace them with Goins, in accordance with pinch running instructions, in top of 7th or defensively in bottom of 7th if we are ahead.

SHORTSTOP: Whoever starts the game stays in the game. Hechavarria backs up Tulowitzki.

THIRD BASE: If Wright does not start he can come in if STM +1/+3 from 7th inning on.

OUTFIELD: J. Upton, Hamilton, Peralta, Ruf, Davis, and **Gonzalez (when up)**. When Ruf is in the OF, replace him w/Gonzalez, Davis, or Hamilton (in that order) if STM +1 to +3 from 7th inning on.

DESIGNATED HITTER: Filled by multiple players as needed. There may be the need to remove the DH position during the game to necessitate moves for injuries/ejections/defense/etc. Don't be afraid to do this if it is STM best option at the time. If this comes into play, do not let the pitcher bat.

INJURIES: Use your best judgment in making the necessary changes.

OVERALL THOUGHTS

- Feel free to contact me via phone, text, IM, etc. if you have any questions when playing the STM.
- I'm open to playing face-to-face if anyone wants to do so. I've plenty of room in my house. The cost if you came to West Point would be gas-only (and a dog who will demand your attention). I'd be glad to give you the nickel tour as well. I would be willing to travel to you if time allows and I can work my schedule out. I am also open to playing online with Google Chat or some other video process.