

blue hill MUDSLIDES

4/1/16

Roster moves TBA as I will be sending monthly instructions. I do not need computer game sheets, and I have no preference of micromanager.



COMPLETE 2016 ROSTER

Position Players:

NAME	TEAM	AGE	SA	SHIFT	SSN	SPD	SBA	ARM	GAMES/PA	PB	TH	#24'S	31'S	ACQUIRED
AHMED, Nick	ARZ	25	3	SA +7/-4	18	15	9	35	134/459			0	1	16 DRAFT
ALONSO, Yonder	SD	28	3	SA -5/0	12	5	7	30	103/402			3	2	12 DRAFT
BLANCO, Gregor	SF	31	3	SA -5/0	28	16	18	31	115/372			0	2	13 DRAFT
DAVIS, Raji	DET	35	0	SA -1/-1	27	18	26	31	112/370			0	2	15 TRADE
DREW, Steven	NYN	32	0	PR +1/-2	9	12	2	34	131/428			1	2	11 TRADE
ESCOBAR, Eduardo	MIN	26	0	SA 0/-2	16	13	5	34	127/446			0	2	15 TRADE
HARPER, Bryce	WAS	23	3	SA -5/0	24	18	10	36	153/654			1	2	13 DRAFT
HERRERA, Elian	MIL	30	0	SA -5/0	29	14	4	32	83/277			0	2	15 DRAFT
HEADLEY, Chase	NYN	32	0	SA +1/-2	9	11	2	31	156/642			2	2	09 DRAFT
LaROCHE, Adam	CWS	36	5	PR -13/+2	N	4	0	31	127/484			1	1	15 TRADE
MURPHY, John R.	MIN	24	1	SA -1/-2	N	8	0	31	67/172	3	-2	1	1	16 DRAFT
SANCHEZ, Carlos	CWS	23	0	SA 0/-2	20	15	4	32	120/420			1	2	15 DRAFT
SANDS, Jerry	CLE	27	4	SA +6/-9	N	10	0	30	50/133			0	1	16 DRAFT
SUZUKI, Kurt	MIN	31	2	SA +2/-3	N	5	1	32	131/479	1	-4	2	2	14 WAIVER
WERTH, Jayson	WAS	36	1	SA +1/-2	14	17	1	36	88/378			2	1	15 TRADE
YELICH, Christian	MIA	23	3	SA -5/0	29	17	21	33	126/525			2	2	14 DRAFT

ACTIVE ROSTER

MINOR LEAGUES

Pitchers:

NAME	TEAM	AGE	GRADE	BB	HR	ARM	FAT	STARTS/RIP	WP	BK	HB	MF	ACQUIRED
AXFORD, John	PIT	32	*9	-53	31	R	6	0/55.67	1	0	0	+0	11 DRAFT
BELISLE, Matt	STL	35	*12	-25	52	R	6	0/33.67	0	0		+1	11 DRAFT
BOLSINGER, Mike	LAD	27	11	-26	13	R	22	21/0	3			+1	15 DRAFT
BOXBERGER, Brad	TB	27	*13	-41	-15	R	6	0/63	3			+1	15 DRAFT
COLLMENTER, Josh	ARZ	30	2/*17	32	-22	R	28/9	12/52.33	1	0		+2	12 DRAFT
COSART, Jarred	MIA	25	10	-46	-16	R	23	13/4	3	0		+2	14 DRAFT
COTTS, Neal	MIN	35	*12	-12	-33	L	6	0/63.33	2	0		+0	16 TRADE
GRAVEMAN, Kendall	OAK	25	7	-12	-12	R	25	21/0	3	0		+0	16 DRAFT
JACKSON, Edwin	CC	32	*14	-25	25	R	7	0/55.67	3			+0	15 TRADE
MANESS, Seth	STL	27	*4	41	0	R	6	0/63.3	2	0		+1	14 DRAFT
McCUELLERS, Lance	HOU	22	13	-15	-25	R	24	22/0	3			+0	16 DRAFT
MORGAN, Adam	PHI	25	7	26	25	L	26	15/0	2			+0	16 DRAFT
OBBERG, Scott	COL	25	*8	-53	-24	R	6	0/58.33	3			+2	16 DRAFT
PEREZ, Oliver	ARZ	34	*9	0	16	L	5	0/41	3	0		+0	15 TRADE
ROE, Chaz	BAL	29	*7	-23	21	R	7	0/41.33	0	0		+3	16 DRAFT
ROSSCUP, Zac	CHC	27	*10	-51	-31	L	6	0/26.67	3	0	0	+0	16 DRAFT
RUSIN, Chris	COL	29	1	15	-15	L	30/16	22/6.7	1			+1	16 DRAFT
VENTURA, Yordano	KC	24	9	-21	24	R	26	28/0	3	0		+3	15 DRAFT
WOOD, Alex	LAD	24	8	11	24	L	26	32/0	2			+1	14 DRAFT

CUTS: Gordon BECKHAM, Drew BUTERA, Buddy CARLYLE, Joba CHAMBERLAIN, Dillon GEE, A.J. GRIFFIN, T.J. McFARLAND, Roman MENDEZ, Tyler MOORE, Daniel NAVA

WAIVER WIRE PICK-UPS:

WAIVER WIRE CUTS:

These instructions should be used as a guide only, please use your baseball judgment as the deciding factor in any moves unless explicitly outlined in monthly instructions.

ANTICIPATED ROSTER MOVES

May: Cosart, McCuellers down, Graveman, Rusin up
 June: Graveman, Rusin down, Cosart, McCuellers up
 July: Bolsinger, Cosart, McCuellers down, Graveman, Morgan, Rusin up
 August: Morgain, Ventura down, Bolsinger, McCuellers up
 September: Graveman, Rusin down, Cosart, Ventura up
 October: Bolsinger, Cosart, McCuellers down, Graveman, Morgan, Rusin up

Lineups: I intend to send out lineups each month. These are to be used only as an emergency.

Board Game Lineups:

Computer Game Lineups:

EMERGENCY LINEUPS:	vs. RHP #1	vs. RHP #2	vs LHP	vs RHP	vs LHP
	1. Blanco CF				
	2. Yelich LF				
	3. Harper RF				
	4. Davis DH				
	5. Escobar 2B				
	6. Alonso 1B	6. Murphy C	6. Sands 1B	6. Murphy C	6. Sands 1B
	7. Headley 3B	7. Alonso 1B	7. Headley 3B	7. Herrera 3B	7. Headley 3B
	8. Ahmed SS	8. Headley 3B	8. Suzuki C	8. Alonso 1B	8. Suzuki C
	9. Suzuki C	9. Ahmed SS	9. Ahmed SS	9. Ahmed SS	9. Ahmed SS

2016 BLUE HILL MUDSLIDES PITCHING ROTATION:

PITCHER KEY: 1-McCuellers (22), 2-Bolsinger (21), 3-Cosart (13), 4-Ventura (28), 5-Wood (32), 6-Graveman (19), 7- Rusin (17), 8- Morgan (9), 9-Collmenter (1)

APR	1 - 4. at WHT	1,2,3,5	MAY	1 - 5. RYE	7,5,4,6,2	JUN	1 - 4. at WAR	1,2,3,5	JUL	1 - 5. at HOB	6,8,7,5,4
	6 - 8. WAR	1,2,3		6 - 9. DET	7,5,4,6		6 - 8. at COL	1,2,3		6 - 9. at IND	6,8,7,5
	10-12. COL	4,1,2		11-14. at KNX	7,5,4,6		9 - 11. WHT	5,4,1		11-14. MUN	6,8,7,5
	14-17. BRO	3,5,1,2		15-18 at LV	2,7,5,4		12-16. CAY	2,3,5,4,1		15-18. MAR	4,6,8,7
	19-23 at NW	3,5,1,4,2		20-23. at ZIO	2,7,5,4		18-21. at GC	2,3,5,4		19-22. NBO	5,4,6,8
AUG	1 - 4. at MLR	1,2,4,5	SEP	3 - 5. at WHT	2,1,3	OCT	1 - 4. at RYE	7,6,5,4	NOV	2 - 6. IND	4,8,1,5,7
	5 - 8. at MID	6,1,2,4		6 - 9. WAR	4,5,2,1		6 - 9 at TAY	7,6,5,8		7 - 10. at CAY	4,6,1,5
	10-13. HOB	5,1,2,7		10-13. COL	3,4,5,2		10 -14. at BRO	4,7,6,5,8		11-13. at WAR	3,4,6
	14-17. STM	6,5,1,2		14-17. NW	1,3,4,5		15-19. GC	4,7,6,5,8		15-18. at COL	1,5,4,6
	18-21. HUD	7,6,5,1		19-23. at DET	2,1,3,4,9		20 -23. KAN	4,7,6,5		19-22. WHT	2,1,5,4

2016 PITCHING STAFF:

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Overview: The rotation is young and hopefully coming together. First pick McCuellers has the best grade so its up to him to lead the staff. Ventura & Wood both took a step back in their sophomore years but hopefully will step it up. Bolsinger had a nice +10 grade increase Cosart was a little better. Collmenter leaves the rotation and becomes the closer this year and after him its going to be a plethora of relievers chipping in.

The Starters:

Alex Wood: Only a Grade 8 this year but the lefty will lead the staff with 32 starts. I would like to see him pitch through 6 innings unless he is pounded out. Starting in the 7th remove him after the first baserunner if the game is within 2 runs either way.

Yordano Ventura: Last years ace has dropped to a Grade 9 and can be a little wild but will take the hill 28 times. Pitch him through 5 unless pounded out, then remove him after the first baserunner if the game is within 2 runs either way.

Lance McCuellers: The rookie has the best Grade of 13 but his low fatigue number may knock him out of games earlier than I would like. But give him every chance to pitch out of trouble and try to get 7 innings out of him but remove him if he gets reduced or fatigued. If he gets to the 8th remove after the first baserunner unless pitching a shutout.

Mike Bolsinger: He's a Grade 11 but wild with a low fatigue number will probably prevent him from pitching past 5. If he makes it that far remove him in the 6th first baserunner if game is within 2 runs either way.

Kendell Graveman: Only a Grade 7 so try and get 5 out of him unless fatigued or reduced. Then replace him in the 6th unless pitching a shutout.

Chris Rusin: A Grade 1 who will make 19 starts unless something changes. He needs to go 3 innings, after that look to go to get him out as soon as possible. I will be assigning a "valet" to all his starts that I will name in the monthly instructions.

Jarred Cosart: A Grade 10 who can get a little wild. Pitch him through 5 unless he is pounded out, then remove him after the first baserunner if the game is within 2 runs either way.

Adam Morgan: A Grade 7 who will make 7 starts so try and get 5 out of him unless fatigued or reduced. Then replace him in the 6th unless he is pitching a shutout. I anticipate using most of his innings as Rusin's "valet."

The Bullpen:

Josh Collmenter: He moves into the bullpen this year as the teams closer. He should pitch anytime it is a closing situation, and because of his high fatigued look to get him the ball in the 8th after one out.

Edwin Jackson: He also moves to the bullpen and can be used anytime after the 5th inning.

Brad Boxberger: He can also pitch anytime after the 5th inning, probably earlier in the game than Jackson because of grade and control. Most of the bullpen have similar grades so just run them in and out of the game to try and prevent rallies.

Neal Cotts: Bring him in anytime after the 5th to face left handed batters. Hopefully most of the time he pitches his grade will be better than his base Grade *12.

Matt Belisle: Another Grade *12 who also can pitch anytime after the 5th inning. Mix and match him with the others.

Zac Rosscup: A lefty Grade *10 who should pitch in 5th or 6th but no later if possible due to his bad peripherals.

John Axford: Most likely he will be used early to relieve a starter who is in a jam or fatigued.

Oliver Perez: Pretty similar to Axford but throws left-handed. Use him instead if lefty shifts are coming up.

Scott Oberg: A wild Grade *8 use him when a starter has been knocked out early.

Chaz Roe: The same as Oberg, use him when a starter has been knocked out early.

Seth Maness: He is likely to see limited action this year but when active his role would be long relief mop up duty. Burn up his RIPS in a blowout if he is on the active roster.

Note: Any starter pitching a shutout should be left in with a chance to advance his grade. There is plenty of bullpen so if in doubt, go to the pen and don't let a game get out of hand if possible. I will be using the "valet" system in games Rusin starts.

Pitching Strategy:

Intentional Walks: If 7th inning or later, score 0/-2 and 1st base open with 1 or 2 out and a big power hitter up with no real shift advantage.

Pitch from Stretch: *Computer Game* - Always with a SB threat on 3B and less than 2 outs.

Boards - Only from 7th inning on, tying or winning run on 3rd with adjusted SSN of 15 or better.

Hold Runner: *Computer Game* - Always with +/-5 score with adjusted SSN of 20+ any time during game.

Board Game - Hold SB threat with adjusted SSN of 25+ any time after the 5th inning when game is +/-3 runs.

Monthly instructions will give you specific usage for each series. Please try to limit relievers to 2 2/3 innings per outing but in extra innings or long relief stints with lower grades, you may exceed that limit.

Offensive Guidelines:

The philosophy is much similar this year. I'm hoping the table setters get on base and then Harper or Davis drive them in! My stolen base attempts are down this year so most SBA will be on broken Hit & Run attempts. The bench is very thin with few options so most likely whoever starts will play most of the game.

Bench:

Drew - He'll get some starts but will mostly be on the bench so he'll be available to pinch hit most games.

Herrera - He can be used off the bench to PH against RHP and then most likely stay in the game at 3B.

LaRoche - His only use most likely will be to come in to play 1B when no one else is available.

Murphy - he will get some starts but because of games played will mostly be the backup catcher to Suzuki.

Sanchez - He will primarily be used as a pinch runner when I need his speed, but not to steal. He will also come in to games late as the defensive replacement at second base.

Sands - His role will mostly be as a PH against LHP.

Werth - he is reduced to a defensive replacement in the outfield or a pinch runner.

Stealing:

Blanco and **Yelich** will be the only ones who can straight steal, anyone else will only steal on H&R attempts.

Attempt steal of second when the adjusted SSN is 28 or greater, otherwise look to H&R or just hit away.

After 5th inning: Blanco & Yelich - straight steal when the above criteria is met. Steal 3B when tying/winning run. Please limit anyone to 2 SBA per series.

Hit-and-Run:

Taking the conditions above into consideration, if the straight steal is not in order, H&R with the following:

Baserunners: Blanco, Davis & Yelich

Batters: Alonso & Suzuki

Pinch-Hitting:

The best batters will generally be in the game but if playing the **Boards** shift issues may require you to consider Pinch Hitting for Ahmed, LaRoche & Sands. On the Computer since shifts are less of an issue I would ask you to try and put the best hitter in a key situation late in the game.

Pinch-Running:

Please consider using a pinch runner any time after the 6th inning when the game is +2/-2 and slow runner on base. Please run:

- 1.) When a stolen base is critical to getting the tying run or winning run advanced. Potential runners would be: Blanco, Davis, Herrera, Yelich
- 2.) When we need a baserunner with faster speed. Potential runners would be: Ahmed, Blanco, Davis, Harper, Sanchez, Werth, Yelich.

Sacrifice Bunts:

Please bunt anytime the leadoff hitter is on second base, unless the hitter is Harper or Davis.

Also please consider bunting with no outs, score +/- 1-2 runs in the fifth inning or later.

Base running:

Be more conservative moving from 2nd to 3rd particularly in the computer game (don't do this vs. any OF arm of 34+). On attempts to score, please send runner with 28+ chances and never with less than 18 chances on the board game. For the computer game do not try to stretch a double to a triple, and always send a runner who is "well around".

Defensive Guidelines:

Outfield Throws: Boards - Throw for lead runner w/ advance of 34 or less unless winning run 9th+ (then throw regardless). Otherwise throw behind the lead. Computer Game - Always throw for lead runner who is "S", non-S runners do not throw for lead when runner is "well-around." You may use the Adams Table or your own judgement if it differs greatly from my instructions.

Infield: Play deep for the first 7 innings. After 7 play close with 0 or 1 out, first base open, IBB is not an option tied or trailing by 4 runs or fewer.

Most games we should be fielding an overall one defense. First base & SS will normally be fielding ones as will 2/3's of the outfield.

CATCHER: Suzuki remains the starter and retained his C8 but his bat is much weaker. **Murphy** has a better bat but less games and C7 will limit his time behind the dish.

1B: Alonso is a 1B5 for 103 starts. **LaRoche** has begun to show his age but will play when needed.

2B: Escobar slides over to the other side of the bag for most starts. **Sanchez** will be available for defensive substitution when required. **Drew** will get some starts against LHP.

3B: Headley will be the usual starter but since both his offense & defensive have slipped I will make sure that **Herrera** gets his share of starts.

SS: Ahmed was acquired in the draft and his SS9 will start there 134 times. **Escobar** may get some time as well as **Drew**.

Outfield: Yelich will be the everyday LF and because of his 11 hits should never leave the game. The majority of the starts in CF will be handled by **Blanco**. **Harper** is the regular RF and should never leave a game unless forced out by injury. **Davis** will spend most of his time as DH but will get some time in the outfield. **Werth** and **Sands** will be available off the bench most games to fill in where needed.