

2016 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS INSTRUCTIONS AND PLAY GUIDE

MISSION STATEMENT – AFTER THREE LONG YEARS WANDERING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE LOST, THE GAMBLERS HAVE FINALLY EMERGED INTO THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE WINNER'S CIRCLE. A SOLID (IF AVERAGE) ROTATION, A STOCKED AND REVITILIZED BULLPEN AND A MUCH IMPROVED OFFENSE (NOW WITH MORE POWER!) WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE A WINNING CAMPAIGN. WE MAY NOT BE THE BEST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE, NOR THE BEST TEAM IN OUR CONFERENCE OR EVEN THE BEST TEAM IN OUR DIVISION, BUT WE'RE A SCRAPPY LITTLE BUNCH OF GO-GETTERS WHO WILL STORM INTO EVERY VISITOR'S STADIUM WITH A CHIP ON OUR SHOULDERS AND GREET EVERY TEAM AT HOME WITH A TWO-BY-FOUR (METAPHORICALLY SPEAKING), SO DON'T SLEEP ON LAS VEGAS!!!

STARTERS – ANOTHER GOOD BUNCH OF STARTERS TOE THE RUBBER IN 2016 FOR THE GAMBLERS, WITH ONLY SIX MEN MAKING ALL 162 STARTS, ALL IN THE GR8 – GR10 RANGE. VETERANS **R.A.DICKEY** AND **HISASHI IWAKUMA** WERE BROUGHT IT TO SHOW THE GUYS HOW TO PITCH WELL. IN SEASON'S PAST OUR PHILOSOPHY HAS BEEN TO NAIL THE STARTERS TO THE MOUND AND ONLY USE THE BULLPEN LATE IN WINNABLE GAMES. NOT SO THIS YEAR. ***STARTING IN THE 3RD INNING, IF A STARTER PUTS TWO MEN ON BASE IN THE SAME INNING, START BRINGING IN THE BULLPEN! I DON'T CARE WHO GETS WINS OR ABOUT SHUTOUTS. JUST WINNING BABY!***

BULLPEN – I KNOW THAT THE STRATEGY MENTIONED ABOVE MAY DRAIN AWAY OUR BULLPEN STRENGTH, BUT I'LL REEVALUATE THE POLICY LATER IN THE YEAR, IF NEEDED. GOING INTO THE SEASON WE HAVE A REALLY GOOD BULLPEN WITH A NICE VARIETY OF ARMS AND ROLES.

CLOSER – **FRANSISCO “K ROD” RODRIGUEZ** FINALLY HAS A CLOSER'S GRADE AND SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY MAN GETTING THE SAVE CHANCES. WITH ONLY 57 INNINGS, LIMIT HIM TO THE TRADITIONAL 1 INN. SAVE ROLE.

SET UP – **MIKE BLAZEK** AND **CARSON SMITH** FROM THE RIGHT SIDE AND **ANDREW CHAFIN** FROM THE LEFT SHOULD SEE MOST OF THE WORK FROM THE 6TH THRU 8TH INNINGS. CHAFIN AND SMITH BOTH HAVE OVER 70 IP, SO BOTH CAN GO FOR 4 OR 5 OUTS, WHEN NECESSARY.

MIDDLE RELIEF – BOTH **SAM DYSON** AND **SEAN GILMARTIN** WOULD BE GOOD HERE, RESCUING A FAILING STARTER EARLY AND (HOPEFULLY) HOLDING YOUR OFFENSE DOWN SO THAT VEGAS CAN CATCH BACK UP. DYSON ESPECIALLY CAN GO 2.2 INNS. AS A BRIDGE TO THE BETTER BULLPEN ARMS.

EARLY (OR MOPUP DUTY) – **MANNY PARRA** ONLY HAS 32 IP, BUT HAS GREAT PERIPHERALS. USE HIM EARLY FOR A BLOWN OUT STARTER, OR EVEN AS A SITUATIONAL LEFTY. HE CAN BE REPLACED IF USED UP. **“BO” SCHULTZ** MAY GO HERE LATER IN THE SEASON.

EXCEPT FOR PARRA, ALL THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE HAVE BETTER GRADES THAN ALL OF THE STARTERS, SO DON'T BE AFRAID TO USE THEM UP TO WIN US A GAME OR TWO. THESE ARE ONLY GUIDELINES, SO USE THIS 'PEN TO OUR BEST ADVANTAGE.

HIT AND RUN – STILL OUR PRIMARY WAY TO ADVANCE RUNNERS AND SCORE SOME RUNS. THE FOLLOWING RUNNERS CAN GO IN THE H&R WHEN ON BASE:

BOGAERTS, BRYANT, CABRERA, DONALDSON, GARCIA, JACKSON, LAGARES AND H. PEREZ.

H&R WITH ANY ELIGIBLE BATTERS, EXCEPT FOR **DONALDSON** AND **SHAW!**

STEALS – IF THE H&R IS NOT IN ORDER, THEN YOU CAN STRAIGHT STEAL WITH THE FOLLOWING RUNNERS: IN THE 7TH INNING OR LATER, REPRESENTING THE TYING OR GO AHEAD RUN, STEAL WITH **JACKSON, BRYANT OR GARCIA**. UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS, IN THE 9TH OR EXTRA INNINGS, GO WITH THE ABOVE RUNNERS AND **BOGAERTS, DONALDSON, LAGARES AND H. PEREZ**.

PINCH RUNNING – **HERNAN PEREZ** IS FAST AND CAN PR FOR ANY SLOW OR AVERAGE RUNNER (EXCEPT FOR DONALDSON!) IN THE 8TH INNING OR LATER, REPRESENTING THE TYING OR GO AHEAD RUN. **COLE GILLESPIE** COULD GO HERE AS WELL.

PINCH HITTING – **COLE GILLESPIE** IS THE BEST BAT OFF THE BENCH, VS. LEFTIES OR RIGHTIES, SO USE HIM MOSTLY. TRY NOT TO USE **PHEGLEY** OR **SHAW** OFF THE BENCH UNLESS IT'S NECESSARY.

BASERUNNING - USE THE ADAMS TABLE FOR RUNNER ADVANCEMENT.

DEFENSIVE SUBS – **LONEY** CAN SUB FOR **SHAW**, WHEN HE STARTS, DON'T SUB **CERVELLI** FOR **PHEGLEY** THOUGH, UNLESS THERE'S AN INJURY OR EJECTION. **H. PEREZ** BACKS UP MOST OF THE INFIELD.

DEPTH CHART

CATCHER – CERVELLI, PHEGLEY.

1ST BASE – LONEY, SHAW, H. PEREZ.

2ND BASE – CABRERA, H. PEREZ, SCHUMAKER.

3RD BASE – DONALDSON, BRYANT, H. PEREZ.

SHORTSTOP – BOGAERTS, H. PEREZ, CABRERA.

OUTFIELD – JACKSON (CF), LAGARES (CF), GARCIA (CF), E. PEREZ (CF)
SCHUMAKER (CF), R. CASTILLO, GILLESPIE.

(CF) MEANS THEY ARE CENTER FIELD ELIGIBLE.

GAME VERSIONS – WHY THE OLD DICE AND BOARDS OF COURSE, NEED YOU EVEN ASK!

ANYTHING NOT COVERED HERE, I LEAVE TO YOUR GOOD BASEBALL JUDGEMENT. WE ARE EXPECTING BETWEEN 85 – 90 WINS AND, POSSIBLY THE 2ND WC SPOT, SO PLAY US TO WIN EVERY GAME! GOOD LUCK TO ALL THIS SEASON!

YOURS,
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LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

2016 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS ----- PITCHING ROTATION AND SCHEDULE							
APRIL (20)				AUGUST (20)			
1 – 4 (5)	AT MID	E A B C		1 – 4	HOB	A C B D	
6 – 8 (9)	KNX	D A B		5 – 8 (9)	COL	E A C B	
10 – 13	TAY	C D A B		10 – 13	ZION	D A C E	
14 – 17 (18)	MLR	E C D A		14 – 17	AT DET	B D A C	
19 – 23 (24)	AT ZION	B C D A E		18 – 21 (22)	AT IND	E B D A	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
MAY (21)				SEPTEMBER 1 (2) (19) - ALL STAR BREAK			
1 – 5	AT HUD	B F D C A		3 – 5	AT MID	D A B	
6 – 9 (10)	AT KAN	B F D C		6 – 9	KNX	C E D A	
11 – 14	WAR	A B D C		10 – 12 (13)	TAY	B C E	
15 – 18 (19)	BHM	F A B D		14 – 17	HUD	A D B C	
20 – 23	BRO	C A B D		18 – 22 (23)	AT MLR	E A D B C	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
JUNE (19)				OCTOBER (22)			
1 – 4 (5)	AT KNX	E C F A		1 – 4* (DH) (5)	MAR.	E D B (A/C)	
6 – 8	AT TAY	B E C		6 – 9	WHT	E D B A	
9 – 11	MID	A F B		10 – 13 (14)	AT RYE	C E D B	
12 – 16 (17)	NBO	E C A F B		15 – 18	AT STM	A C D B	
18 – 21	AT MAR	E A C B		19 – 23	AT MUN	E A C D B	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
JULY (21)				NOVEMBER (20)			
1 – 5	STM	F D A C B		(1) 2 – 6	KAN	F C D E B	
6 – 9 (10)	AT CAY	F D A C		7 – 10	AT NBO	F C D E	
11 – 14	AT GCB	B D A C		11 – 13 (14)	AT KNX	A F C	
15 – 18	AT NWW	F B D A		15 – 18	AT TAY	D A F C	
19 – 22 (23)	MUN	C F B D		19 – 22 (23)	MID	E D A B	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
PITCHING KEY				EMERGENCY LINEUPS			
A	DICKEY	33 STARTS		VS. RHP's		VS. LHP's	
B	GIBSON	32 STARTS	1	BOGAERTS	SS	1	BOGAERTS SS
C	QUINTANA	32 STARTS	2	CERVELLI	C	2	JACKSON LF
D	KOEHLER	31 STARTS	3	LONEY	1B	3	SHAW 1B
E	IWAKUMA	20 STARTS	4	DONALDSON	3B	4	DONALDSON 3B
F	MILONE	14 STARTS	5	BRYANT	DH	5	BRYANT DH
	TOTAL	162 STARTS	6	*CABRERA	2B	6	PHEGLEY C
			7	JACKSON	LF	7	GARCIA RF
			8	LAGARES	CF	8	*CABRERA 2B
			9	GARCIA	RF	9	LAGARES CF
				*CABRERA IS A "LEGACY" 2B8			