

## The Statesmen 2016 Standard Instructions *(Rev 1.1 on 3 March)*

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. I will send out specific road series instructions.*

**Computer Players:** *Please send scripts and both teams' stats.* Please do not use a computer manager.

<u>Player</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Starts</u>	<u>RIP</u>	<u>CTRL</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>FAT</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HB</u>	<u>BK</u>	<u>MF</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>MLB</u>	<u>Acquired</u>
Avilan, Luis	L	10 Y*	---	53.3	+ 16	- 11	5*	3	---	---	0	26	LAD	D-14 (2)
Carrasco, Carlos	R	11 XY	30	---	+ 22	+ 14	24	2	---	0	1	29	CLE	D-14 (6)
Doubront, Felix (INN)	L	3	24	(14.0)	- 13	- 12	27/16*	3	---	0	1	28	OAK	D-16 (6)
Eovaldi, Nathan	R	6	27	---	- 11	+ 35	26	3	---	0	1	26	NYN	T-15 (CAY)
Farquhar, Danny (INN)	R	5*	---	75.7	+ 11	- 25	7*	1	---	---	1	29	SEA	T-16 (MAR)
Finnegan, Brandon	L	15 X*	---	48.0	- 45	- 25	22/9*	0	---	0	0	23	CIN	D-16 (BON)
Heaney, Andrew	L	10	18	---	+ 15	+ 23	24	3	---	0	0	25	LAA	T-16 (BRO)
Layne, Tom	L	12 Y*	---	47.7	- 62	+ 35	5*	1	---	0	1	31	BOS	D-15 (5)
Maurer, Brandon	R	14 Y*	---	51.0	+ 12	+ 34	6*	1	---	0	1	25	SDP	T-15 (WAR)
Montgomery, Mike	L	7	16	---	- 31	0	27	3	---	0	1	27	SEA	T-16 (MAR)
Putnam, Zach	R	11 K*	---	48.7	- 31	- 15	6*	3	---	0	0	29	CWS	T-15 (MAR)
Rondon, Bruce (INN)	R	5 X*	---	65.7	- 62	+ 23	6*	3	---	0	0	25	DET	T-16 (MUN)
Smith, Joe	R	9 Y*	---	65.3	+ 22	+ 35	6*	1	---	0	2	32	LAA	T-12 (MAR)
Vizcaino, Arodys	R	19 XY*	---	33.7	- 16	+ 52	6*	3	0	0	0	25	ATL	D-16 (2)
Vogelsong, Ryan	R	7	22	(19.0)	- 32	- 12	26/10*	1	---	0	0	39	SFG	T-16 (MLR)
<i>Wainwright, Adam</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>UNCARDED</i>										<i>34</i>	<i>STL</i>	<i>T-07 (GC)</i>
Wisler, Matt	R	6	19	(2.0)	- 13	- 16	27/11*	1	---	---	1	23	ATL	D-16 (BON)
Wright, Mike (INN)	R	2	23	(3.0)	- 12	- 31	27/7*	3	---	0	1	26	BAL	D-16 (6)
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<u>Player</u>	<u>Bats</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>BC-MG</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>SBA</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>SPD</u>	<u>ARM</u>	<u>PB</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>MLB</u>	<u>Acquired</u>
Conger, Hyun	B	SA0	-8 / +5	73	229	1	E14	S6	33	1	-4	28	HOU	T-16 (BH)
Davis, Khris	R	SA0	-5 / 0	121	440	8	F29	9	31	--	--	28	MIL	D-14 (1)
Drury, Brandon	R	SA4	+7 / -7	---	59	0	N	9	30	--	--	24	ARZ	D-16 (5)
Gallo, Joey	L	PR5	-12 / +5	36	123	3	E33	7	31	--	--	23	TEX	D-16 (2)
Goins, Ryan	L	SA3	-6 / 0	128	428	3	G26	F 15	31	--	--	28	TOR	D-14 (5)
Hamilton, Billy	B	SA0	+1 / -2	114	454	65	B34	F 20	34	--	--	25	CIN	D-15 (1)
Harrison, Josh	R	SA1	+1 / -2	114	449	18	C22	F 16	32	--	--	29	PIT	T-15 (TAY)
Hechavarria, Adeiny	R	SA4	+10 / -4	130	499	9	F30	13	34	--	--	27	MIA	D-13 (2)
<i>Mesoraco, Devin</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>UNCARDED</i>										<i>27</i>	<i>CIN</i>	<i>D-13 (1)</i>
Murphy, Daniel	L	SA5	-8 / +1	130	538	4	F20	8	29	--	--	31	NYM	T-13 (DAL)
Pena, Brayan	B	SA0	-6 / +1	108	367	2	R31	S 4	32	2	-4	34	CIN	T-15 (WAR)
Peralta, David	L	PR5	-11 / +1	149	517	13	E27	F 15	32	--	--	28	ARZ	D-15 (2)
Ruf, Darin	R	PL5	+16 / -12	106	297	1	R26	S 6	32	--	--	29	PHI	D-14 (BON)
Swihart, Blake	B	SA0	-6 / +1	84	309	6	E26	F16	32	3	-2	24	BOS	D-16 (1)
Upton, Justin	R	SA0	-12 / +1	150	620	24	E31	F15	35	--	--	29	SDP	D-08 (1)
Votto, Joey	L	SA0	0 / -2	158	695	14	F30	10	31	--	--	32	CIN	D-08 (1)
Wieters, Matt	B	SA0	-3 / -1	75	282	0	N	S 6	34	1	0	29	BAL	D-10 (1)

Cuts: Uncarded - Balfour, Beckett, Cook, & R. Montero. Carded - Cravy, Nesbit, W. Rodriguez, R. Weeks.

### **Minors by month (subject to change in months after April):**

**April:** Avilan, Heaney, Montgomery, Putnam, Rondon, Wainwright, Wright / Drury, Gallo, & Mesoraco

**May:** Finnegan, Heaney, Montgomery, Putnam, Rondon, Wainwright, Wright / Drury, Gallo, & Mesoraco

**June:** Avilan, Heaney, Putnam, Rondon, Wainwright, Wisler, Wright / Drury, Gallo, & Mesoraco

**July:** Finnegan, Heaney, Montgomery, Putnam, Rondon, Wainwright, Wright / Drury, Gallo, & Mesoraco

**August:** Doubront, Finnegan, Rondon, Smith, Wainwright, Wisler, Wright / Drury, Gallo, & Mesoraco

**Sept:** Avilan, Montgomery, Rondon, Smith, Vogelsong, Wainwright, Wisler / Drury, Gallo, & Mesoraco

**October:** Avilan, Eovaldi, Rondon, Smith, Wainwright, Wisler, Wright / Drury, Gallo, & Mesoraco

**November:** All players up

### Line-Ups:

<u>Vs. RHP Boards</u>		<u>Vs. LHP Boards</u>		<u>Vs. RHP Computer</u>		<u>Vs. LHP Computer</u>		<u>N/A</u>		
1	Votto	1B	1	Hechavarria	SS	1	Votto	1B	1	
2	Swihart	C	2	Harrison	2B	2	Harrison	2B	2	
3	Peralta	CF	3	Votto	1B	3	Peralta	LF	3	
4	Murphy	3B	4	Ruf	DH	4	Murphy	3B	4	
5	Pena	DH	5	Peralta	RF	5	Davis	DH	5	
6	Davis	LF	6	Davis	LF	6	Swihart	C	6	
7	Upton	RF	7	Murphy	3B	7	Upton	RF	7	
8	Hechavarria	SS	8	Wieters	C	8	Ruf	DH	8	
9	Goins	2B	9	Hamilton	CF	9	Hechavarria	SS	9	

### OFFENSIVE STRATEGY

**NOTE 1:** Everyone is available to be used in all offensive and defensive substitution situations.

**NOTE 2:** Leverage the bench to win situations throughout the game that could lead to winning games.

**NOTE 3:** Hamilton will attempt to steal 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> anytime, to include double steals, if Adams Tables allow him or both runners in a double steal to attempt the steal(s).

**HIT & RUN:** Strategy #1 (Except if Hamilton on 1<sup>st</sup> – he should always look Steal before H & R)

- Hechavarria & Murphy should H & R always when legal to do so.
- Goins, Hamilton, and Harrison should H & R anytime the runner on 1<sup>st</sup> is Fast or has an adjusted SSN of 18+.

**STEAL:** Strategy #2 Look to H & R first (Except when Hamilton is on first)

- Hamilton is only runner eligible to steal if 4 power number hitter up to bat.
- Hamilton has the green light when eligible by Adams Tables.
- Players with 10+ SBA remaining have green light after the 4<sup>th</sup> if tying/lead run, eligible by Adams Tables, and no H & R to be executed.
- All remaining players have green light after the 7<sup>th</sup> if tying/lead run, eligible by Adams Tables, and no H & R to be executed.

**SACRIFICE:** Strategy #3 Always look to H & R or Steal first.

- Sacrifice tying/lead run on 1<sup>st</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with 0 or 1 out in the 5th or later and two better hitting cards behind the player sacrificing.
- NEVER sacrifice with a 4-power number hitter.
- NEVER squeeze

**PINCH HITTING:**

- Don't PH for Davis, Harrison, Hechavarria, Murphy, Peralta, or Votto.
- PH in 5<sup>th</sup> or later, tying OR lead run on base, a defensive replacement available, and a better hitting card on bench. Use best available for the situation.

**PINCH RUNNING:**

- Run for any Slow runner after the 6<sup>th</sup> inning with a FAST runner if he is the tying/lead run and defensive replacement available. If available, Hamilton always the 1<sup>st</sup> choice.

**RUNNER ADVANCEMENT:**

- Always go for home if chance is 28+. Otherwise, use Adams Tables.
- For computer players, go for it if the text says “well around...”. Don't go for optional triples after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Otherwise I trust your knowledge/intuition of computer game.

**SEND RUNNER ON 3RD:**

- If your infield is in, HOLD runner unless combined Fldg rating of your 2B & SS is < 15.

Statesmen 2016 Pitching Rotation															
01-APR 1-4	@MAR	E	B	C	D	OFF		21-AUG 1-4	NW	F	A	G	B		
02-APR 6-8	KAN	E	B	C	OFF			22-AUG 5-8	GC	D	F	A	G	OFF	
03-APR 10-13	NBO	D	E	B	C			23-AUG 10-13	CAY	B	F	A	G		
04-APR 14-17	MID	A	D	E	B	OFF		24-AUG 14-17	@BH	D	B	F	A		
05-APR 19-23	@TAY	C	A	E	D	B	OFF	25-AUG 18-21	@BRO	G	D	B	F	OFF	
06-MAY 1-5	MUN	C	E	A	B	D		26-SEP 3-5	@MAR	ASG	OFF	A	F	C	
07-MAY 6-9	KNX	C	E	A	B	OFF		27-SEP 6-9	KAN	B	H	A	F		
08-MAY 11-14	@WHT	D	C	E	B			28-SEP 10-12	NBO	C	B	H	OFF		
09-MAY 15-18	@HOB	A	D	C	E	OFF		29-SEP 14-17	TAY	F	A	C	B		
10-MAY 20-23	@COL	B	A	D	E			30-SEP 18-22	@KNX	H	F	A	C	B	OFF
11-JUN 1-4	@KAN	G	B	C	A	OFF		31-OCT 1-4*	@MID	F	G	C	A	D	OFF
12-JUN 6-8	@NBO	G	B	D				32-OCT 6-9	@MUN	F	G	C	A		
13-JUN 9-11	MAR	A	C	G				33-OCT 10-14	HUD	D	F	G	C	A	
14-JUN 12-16	MLR	B	D	A	C	G	OFF	34-OCT 15-18	LV	D	F	G	C	OFF	
15-JUN 18-21	@HUD	B	A	D	G			35-OCT 20-23	@WAR	A	F	G	D		
16-JUL 1-5	@LV	E	B	C	A	D		36-NOV 2-6	ZIO	OFF	A	F	E	H	B
17-JUL 6-9	@ZIO	E	B	C	A	OFF		37-NOV 7-10	@MLR	A	F	E	H		
18-JUL 11-14	IND	E	B	D	A			38-NOV 11-13	@KAN	G	A	F	OFF		
19-JUL 15-18	RYE	C	E	B	D			39-NOV 15-18	@NBO	E	H	D	F		
20-JUL 19-22	DET	A	C	E	B	OFF		40-NOV 19-22	MAR	A	E	H	G	OFF	

\* Double Header on 4 Oct

A = Carrasco      B = Eovaldi      C = Doubront      D = Vogelsong  
 E = Wisler      F = Heaney      G = Montgomery      H = Wright, M.

**MANAGING THE PITCHING STAFF**

**Starters:** Should never go long enough to warrant them missing their next start.

**REMOVE BEFORE 6<sup>th</sup>:** When pounded out OR downgraded (unless score is STM -4 or more)

**6<sup>th</sup> INNING ON:** Remove any starter if the winning run reaches base OR if any two runners on base with the score STM +4/-2.

**Bullpen:** Use as a committee with this grid and the comments below as guidelines:

INNING	Score								
	-4/more	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4/more
5th -	A1	A1	A1/A2	B	B	B	B	A2	A2
6th	A1	A1/A2	A2	B	B	B	B	A2	A2
7th	A1	A2	B	B	C	C	C	B	A2
8th	A1/A2	B	B/C	C	C	C	C	B/C	B
9th +	A1/A2	B	C	C	C	D	D	C/D	B

**A1** - Farquhar, Rondon      **A2** - Avilan, Putnam, Smith  
**B** - Avilan, Layne, Putnam, Smith (Farquhar included for 1 or 2 batters w/bad RH Shift)  
**C** - Finnegan, Layne, Maurer, Putnam  
**D** - Vizcaino

**CLOSER:** Vizcaino – Should enter *during* the 9<sup>th</sup> in save situations. If game becomes tied, remove.

**MIDDLE & SET-UP:** All *except* Rondo and Vizcaino can be used. Get the benefit of the lefty/righty advantages as much as possible at the critical times during the game.

**MOP/LONG MAN:** Farquhar &/or Rondon will be the first to absorb innings in blowouts. They should stay in until required to be pulled by TBL Rules or score gets within 4. After they are used and abused, spread the work around (-Vizcaino) in order to not fatigue anyone during the series.

*Only the Mop/Long reliever should ever pitch over 2.2 innings per game.*

## **DEFENSIVE STRATEGY**

**INTENTIONAL WALKS:** If lead run in scoring position after 4<sup>th</sup> & 1B 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 3<sup>rd</sup> only if game within one run in 8<sup>th</sup> 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 PL 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> unless runner on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.  
CAVEAT – with 1 out, Bases Full, play deep if batter has 2+ 24s)

**OUTFIELD THROWS:**

- a) Throw for lead runner if < 34 chances. Otherwise hold trailing runners.
- b) In 6<sup>th</sup> or later, hold trailing runner if they are tying run UNLESS lead runner has <15 chances.
- c) **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:** Swihart, Wieters, and Pena share time. Platoon all 3 to best advantage.

**FIRST BASE:** Votto. If injured, put in best player given the pitching and game situations.

**SECOND BASE:** Harrison and Goins.

**SHORTSTOP:** Hechavarria and Goins.

**THIRD BASE:** Murphy and Goins. If STM +1 to +3 in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning on AND Goins on bench with Harrison ALREADY in at 2B, move Harrison to 3B and bring Goins in to 2B.

**OUTFIELD:** Upton, Hamilton, Peralta, Ruf, Davis, and Conger. When Ruf or Conger is in the OF, replace with Upton, Hamilton, or Davis if STM +1 to +3 in 7<sup>th</sup> inning on.

**DESIGNATED HITTER:** Filled by multiple players as needed. There may be the need to dissolve 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. Please call or email if concerned about the decision.

## **OVERALL THOUGHTS**

- Feel free to contact me via phone, text, IM, etc. if you have any questions when playing my team.
- I'm open to playing face-to-face if anyone wants to do so. I've plenty of room in my house. This will be my last season played at West Point so, if this interests you, this is the year to do it. I would be glad to travel to you if I can work my schedule out. I am also open to playing online with Skype, Google Chat, or some other video process.