



Strong City Statesmen 2017

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2017 Mission Statesmen't - Win 70+ games with lots of new names.

#	PLAYER	MLB AGE TEAM	B	CG SHIFT	MG SHIFT	SPD	ARM	FIELDING	PB/TH	H&R	SSN	LEFT		J	ACQUIRED	
												SBA	G PA			
28	Arenado, Nolan	26 COL	R	SA-0	-3 / -1	10	33	3B5		—	E-16	5	160	696	0	17 trade RIV
41	Contreras, W.	25 CHC	R	SA-1	0 / -2	8	32	C7, OF1, 1B2	3/+3	—	E-20	4	76	283	3	17 draft (1st)
2	Cozart, Zack	32 CIN	R	SA-0	-2 / -1	10	33	SS9		Yes	G-31	5	121	508	2	17 trade IND
4	Davis, Khris	29 OAK	R	SA-1	+2 / -2	9	31	OF2		—	E-14	3	150	610	1	14 draft (1st)
1	Drury, Brandon	25 ARZ	R	SA-0	-1 / -1	8	31	1B2, 2B7, 3B3, OF1		Yes	G-20	2	134	499	2	16 draft (5th)
11	Hamilton, Billy	27 CIN	S	SA-0	-7 / +1	F 20	34	CF3		Yes	B-34	66	119	460	2	15 draft (1st)
5	Harrison, Josh	30 PIT	R	SA-1	+3 / -2	F 16	32	2B9, OF1		Yes	E-32	23	131	522	2	15 trade TAY
3	Hechavarria, A.	28 MIA	R	SA-0	-2 / -1	13	34	SS9		Yes	R-26	1	155	547	1	13 draft (2nd)
24	Lind, Adam	34 SEA	L	SA-1	-3 / -1	S 6	29	1B3		Yes	F-14	1	126	430	2	17 trade KNX
7	Mauer, Joe	34 MIN	L	SA-5	-9 / +1	7	35	1B4		Yes	R-31	2	134	576	2	17 trade BRO
6	Peralta, David	30 ARI	L	PR-3	-5 / 0	F 15	32	CF2		Yes	F-31	2	48	183	4	15 draft (2nd)
8	Upton, Justin ^c	30 DET	R	SA-0	-2 / -1	F 15	35	CF3		—	E-27	13	153	626	1	08 draft (1st)
50	Wainwright, A.	36 STL	R	SA-0	0 / 0	S 5	---	P2		—	N - 0	0	—	69	2	07 trade GC
62	Weaver, Luke	24 STL	R	SA-1	+2 / -2	8	---	P1		—	N - 0	0	—	13	4	17 draft (2nd)
25	Weeks, Rickie	35 ARZ	R	SA-4	+8 / -7	9	32	OF1		—	F-35	5	108	205	3	17 trade CAL
32	Wieters, Matt ^c	31 BAL	S	SA-0	-3 / -1	S 6	34	C8	1/+2	—	R-26	1	124	464	2	08 draft (1st)
13	Gallo, Joey	23 TEX						UNCARD								16 draft (2nd)
39	Mesoraco, Devin	29 CIN						UNCARD								13 draft (1st)
12	Schwarber, Kyle	24 CHC						UNCARD								17 trade COL
23	Swihart, Blake	25 BOS						UNCARD								16 draft (1st)

^c = Team Captains

CF = CF eligible

#	PITCHER	MLB AGE TEAM	TH	START GRADE	RELIEF GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	D	WP	BK	HB	MF	LEFT:		J/Q	ACQUIRED
														ST	RIP		
59	Carrasco, C.	30 CLE	R	12 X		+25	-13	24	2	2			+2	25		3/4	14 draft (6th)
21	Cecil, Brett	31 TOR	R		8* XY	+26	-15	5*	2	0	0		+0	36.7		2/3	17 trade MUN
9	Edwards, Carl	26 CHC	R		23* KY	-25	0	6*	2	3	0	0	+1	36.0		3/3	17 draft (2nd)
43	Farquhar, D.	30 TBR	R		13* XY	-23	-33	7*	1	2	0		+0	35.3		3/3	16 trade MAR
29	Finnegan, B.	24 CIN	L	12 Y		-44	-22	24	1	3			+1	31		3/3	16 draft (Bon)
47	Gonzalez, Gio	32 WAS	L	7 Y		+12	+15	26	2	3	0		+0	32		2/3	17 trade RIV
36	Layne, Tommy	32 NYY	L		13* Y	-32	+36	5*	1	3	0		+3	44.7		1/3	15 draft (5th)
35	Maurer, B.	27 SDP	R		8* X	+22	+21	6*	1	3	0		+0	69.7		0/3	15 trade WAR
57	Putnam, Zach	30 CWS	R		14* X	-22	+34	7*	1	3	0	0	+0	27.3		4/3	15 trade MAR
44	Rondon, Bruce	26 DET	R		18* K	-11	-12	6*	2	2			+1	36.3		3/3	16 trade MUN
31	Salazar, Danny	27 CLE	R	12 XY		-36	+15	24	1	3			+3	25		3/4	17 trade COL
30	Smith, Joe	33 CHC	R		12*	+13	-15	6*	1	0			+3	52.0		2/3	12 trade MAR
34	Swarzak, A.R.	32 NYY	R		8* X	+23	-62	7*	2	2	0		+0	31.0		4/3	17 Waivers
38	Vizcaino, A.	26 ATL	R		10* XY	-62	+33	6*	1	3			+0	38.7		3/3	16 draft (2nd)
50	Wainwright, A. ^c	36 STL	R	5		+16	+14	28	2	1	0		+1	33		2/3	07 trade GC
62	Weaver, Luke	24 STL	R	1 X	(INNOC)	+13	-24	24	11*	1	2	0		16	0.7	2/3	17 draft (2nd)
27	Heaney, A.	26 LAA															16 draft (2nd)

PLAYERS CUT: H. Conger*, F. Doubront*, P. O'Brien, D. Ruf, M. Wright. **WAIVERS:** Added A.R. Swarzak, cut E. Burgos

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

April: Burgos, Farquhar, Rondon, Vizcaino, Weaver.

May: Edwards, Maurer, Putnam, Smith, Weaver.

June: Farquhar, Rondon, Swarzak, Vizcaino, Weaver.

July: Edwards, Maurer, Putnam, Salazar, Smith.

Aug: Carrasco, Edwards, Maurer, Putnam, Smith.

Sept: Farquhar, Rondon, Swarzak, Vizcaino, Weaver.

Oct: Carrasco, Edwards, Maurer, Putnam, Smith.

Gallo, Heaney, Mesoraco, Schwarber, Swihart.

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	Hamilton	CF	1	Hamilton	CF	1	Hamilton	CF	1	
2	Harrison	2B	2	Harrison	2B	2	Harrison	2B	2	
3	Mauer	1B	3	Contreras	C	3	Mauer	1B	3	
4	Arenado	3B	4	Arenado	3B	4	Arenado	3B	4	
5	Davis	LF	5	Davis	LF	5	Davis	LF	5	
6	Drury	DH	6	Weeks	DH	6	Drury	DH	6	
7	Upton	RF	7	Upton	RF	7	Upton	RF	7	
8	Wieters	C	8	Lind	1B	8	Wieters	C	8	
9	Cozart	SS	9	Hechavarria	SS	9	Cozart	SS	9	

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY

NOTE 1: *DO NOT USE* Arenado, Davis, Harrison, Peralta, or Upton off the bench unless emergency requires. Leverage the bench with who is left to win situations throughout the game that could lead to W's.

NOTE 2: *Hamilton will attempt to steal 2nd & 3rd anytime, to include double steals, if Adams Tables allow him, or allow both runners in a double steal, to attempt the steal(s) unless Arenado is at bat.*

HIT & RUN: *Strategy #1 (except if Hamilton on 1st – he should always look Steal before H & R)*

- a) Harrison, Hechavarria & Mauer should H & R always when legal to do so.
- b) Cozart, Drury, Hamilton, Lind, and Peralta should H & R only with runner on 1st anytime the runner is Fast OR has an adjusted SSN of 18 or more and is not Slow.

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

- a) Hamilton-steals any time & any base when eligible by Adams Tables & Arenado not at bat.
- b) All (**except Hamilton**) should not steal if score is OVER a 2-run differential either way.
- c) Players with 10+ SBA remaining have green light after the 6th if tying/lead run, eligible by Adams Tables, no H & R to be executed, b) above not in play, and Arenado not at bat.
- c) Anyone with steal attempts has the green light after the 7th if tying/lead run, eligible by Adams Tables, no H & R to be executed, b) above not in play, and Arenado not at bat.

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

- a) Sacrifice tying/lead run on 1st or 1st and 2nd with 0 or 1 out in any inning and there are two better hitting cards behind the player sacrificing.
- b) NEVER sacrifice with a 4-power number hitter.
- c) NEVER squeeze

PINCH HITTING:

- a) Don't pinch hit for Arenado, Contreras, Davis, Drury, Harrison, and Mauer.
- b) Pinch hit in 7th 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 within guidelines of **NOTE 1** above.
- c) Look at '**Overall Player Strategy...**' on page 3 for further platoon position guidance.

PINCH RUNNING:

- a) Pinch run for any Slow runner in 7th inning on with a non-Slow runner if they are the tying/lead run & defensive replacement available. Hamilton always the 1st choice if available.
- b) Look at '**Overall Player Strategy...**' on page 3 for further platoon position guidance.

RUNNER ADVANCEMENT:

- a) Always go if chance is 26+ for home and 29+ for 3B. Otherwise, use Adams Tables.
- b) **Computer game**, use the standards for advancement that you use for your team.

SEND RUNNER ON 3RD:

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

DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

INTENTIONAL WALKS: If lead run in scoring position after 4th & 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 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 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 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.
CAVEAT - with 1 out, Bases Full, play deep if batter has 3 or more 24s)

OUTFIELD THROWS:

- a) Throw for lead runner if < 34 chances. Otherwise hold trailing runners.
- b) In 6th 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: Contreras and Wieters share time. Mauer is the emergency C.

FIRST BASE: Mauer and Lind share time. Bring in Mauer if STM lead in the home 8th. Weeks is emergency 1B.

SECOND BASE: Harrison and Drury share time. Hechavarria is emergency 2B.

SHORTSTOP: Cozart and Hechavarria share time. Lord knows who could be emergency SS.

THIRD BASE: Nolan 'all day, every day' Arenado. Weeks is emergency 3B.

OUTFIELD: Upton, Hamilton, Davis are the primary starters. Drury and Peralta will spell them throughout the season. Weeks can also throw on a glove here, too, in a situation of need.

DESIGNATED HITTER: Drury, Lind, and Weeks share time. There may be the need to dissolve the DH 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.

ADAM WAINWRIGHT and LUKE WEAVER: Adam and Luke will bat for themselves periodically throughout the season as long as they have PA left. The plan is to have them bat when they start at home.

Strong City Statesmen 2017 Pitching Rotation

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

A = Wainwright B = Gonzalez C = Finnegan D = Carrasco E = Salazar F = Weaver

MANAGING THE PITCHING STAFF

Starters: My relief innings are thin so starters will have to try and hold on for the 7th whenever possible. They should never go long enough to warrant them missing their next start.

REMOVE BEFORE 7th: When required to by TBL rules or downgraded, unless score is STM -2 or more.

7th INNING ON: Remove any starter, unless pitching a shutout with a chance to advance in grade, if the tying/winning run reaches base OR if any two runners reach base with the score STM +2 to -2.

Bullpen: We are carrying 6 relievers each month so get the benefit of the advantages as much as possible at the critical times during the game using the bullpen by committee approach.

CLOSER: Edwards and Rondon – Enter only in the last inning in save situations. If game becomes tied, remove.

MIDDLE & SET-UP: All (EXCEPT closers) can be used to create advantages for the pitchers.

MOP/LONG MAN: Maurer, Swarzak, and Weaver will be the first to absorb innings in blowouts when starter has to be removed early. Maurer and Swarzak should stay in until they are reduced to Grade 1*. All three should be taken out and replaced with better reliever if STM get within 3 runs. After they are used and abused, spread work around to others (EXCEPT closers and Putnam) trying not to fatigue any Grade 10*+ during the series.

Except for Maurer, Swarzak, and Weaver, try your best not to let other relievers pitch over 1 inning per game.

ZACH PUTNAM: A true RTOGY(?) He can enter at ANYTIME from the 6th on in a key situation when the game is tied or the Statesmen lead and you will not pinch hit for the current batter OR you will pinch hit for him with a weaker batter. I am trying to get his 27.3 IP to last through as much of the year as possible so **No more than 2 outs per game though I would prefer only 1 out per game.**

FINAL THOUGHTS

- I will send out specific instructions for each road series. Contact me if you do not receive anything from me.
- Statesmen play on the boards. Computer users, please do not use a computer manager.
- *Please send both teams' stats for BOTH board and computer series.*
- Feel free to contact me via phone, text, IM, etc. if you have any questions.
- I'm open to playing face-to-face if anyone wants to do so. I am also open to playing online with Steve's program and Skype, Google Chat, or some other modern technology.