



NORTHBORO PHOENIX

Game of Choice: **APBA Master Board Game, 2006 edition**
 General Managers: **Bob Jordan** (18th year), **Steve Stein** (15th year)
 Manager: **Ozzie Guillen**; Bench Coach: **Trot Nixon**; Batting Coach: **Don Baylor**;
 Pitching Coach: **Roy Halladay** Bullpen Coach: **Mike Timlin**
 1B Coach: **Mike Bordick**; 3B Coach: **"Wave 'em in" Wendell Kim**
 Home Park: **Mo Berg Memorial Stadium, Northboro MA**

2017 Season Emergency Instructions

Starting Pitchers	MLB	Age	Pos	Th	Acquired	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP
Tyler CHATWOOD	COL	27.3	P-2	R	12 NBO#BonA (64)	11		-33	22	25	WP3/BK0	MF+2	27	158.0	0.0
Ian KENNEDY	KCR	32.3	P-2	R	13 trade (POR)	12	Y	-12	-21	25	WP1/BK0	MF+3	33	195.7	0.0
Corey KLUBER	CLE	31.0	P-2	R	13 NBO#5 (134)	14	X	15	21	27	WP2	MF+3	32	215.0	0.0
Jake ODORIZZI	TBR	27.0	P-1	R	15 RYE#1 (13)	11	Y	15	-14	23	WP1	MF+2	33	187.7	0.0
Drew POMERANZ	BOS	28.4	P-1	L	15 NBO#BonA (49)	14	XY	-21	-11	23/7	WP3/BK0	MF+3	30	170.7	1.3
Garrett RICHARDS	*	28.8			13 POR#4 (119)										

Relief Pitchers	MLB	Age	Pos	Th	Acquired	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP
Chris DEVENSKI	HOU	26.4	P-2	R	17 CAY#BonA (33)	9/20*	X	31	51	21/9	WP1/BK0	MF+1	5	108.3	83.7
Tommy KAHNLE	CHW	27.6	P-2	R	15 RYE#3 (84)	16*	Y	-62	35	6	WP3/BK0/HB0	MF+0	0	27.3	27.3
Corey KNEBEL	MIL	25.3	P-1	R	16 NBO#3 (83)	8*	X	-23	24	6	WP2/BK0	MF+0	0	32.7	32.7
Adam LIBERATORE	LAD	29.9	P-2	L	16 NBO#7 (179)	13*	X	11	44	5	WP2/BK0	MF+0	0	42.7	42.7
Mike MONTGOMERY	CHC	27.8	P-1	L	17 trade (STM)	14/17*	Y	-21	31	21/8	WP3/BK0	MF+2	7	100.0	64.3
Erasmio J. RAMIREZ	TBR	26.9	P-2	R	13 NBO#2 (39)	10*		23	-14	20/8	WP3/BK0	MF+0	1	90.7	85.0
Addison REED	NYM	28.3	P-2	R	13 DAL#2 (42)	16*	XY	44	41	6	WP3/BK0/HB0	MF+1	0	77.7	77.7
Sammy SOLIS	WAS	28.6	P-2	L	17 HOB#3 (82)	17*	XY	-44	55	7	WP3/BK0	MF+1	0	41.0	41.0
Alex WILSON	DET	30.4	P-2	R	14 NBO#7 (172)	12*		24	35	7	WP2/BK0	MF+1	0	73.0	73.0

Catchers	MLB	Age	Pos	Bats	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	PB/Th	G	PA	SBA	Other
Chris IANNETTA	SEA	34.0	C-7	R	13 trade (BRO)	SA3	+5/-5	N	6	31	PB2/Th+0	94	338	0	
Mike ZUNINO	SEA	26.0	C-8	R	14 BRO#1 (23)	SA1	+2/-2	N	6	32	PB2/Th-4	55	192	0	
Anthony RECKER	ATL	33.6	C-7	R	17 NBO#4 (108)	PL2	+3/-3	G26	6	32	PB2/Th-2	33	112	1	
Chris HERRMANN	ARI	29.4	C-7	L	17 NBO#BonA (60)	SA0	+1/-3	F34	9	34	PB2/Th+3	56	166	4	1B-2,OF-1(34)

Infielders	MLB	Age	Pos	Bats	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	G	PA	SBA	Other
Brandon BELT	SFG	28.9	1B-5	L	13 NBO#1 (15)	SA0	-1/-1	A6	13	35	156	655	4	OF-1(35)
Chris CARTER	MIL	30.3	1B-2	R	13 TAY#2 (38)	PL1	+1/-2	G29	6	30	160	644	4	
Aledmys DIAZ	STL	26.7	SS-7	R	17 NBO#1 (12)	SA0	-7/+1	E20	9	33	111	460	8	2B-6
Derek DIETRICH	MIA	27.7	2B-7	L	15 waiver	SA5	-13/+1	R26	13	33	128	412	1	1B-3,3B-4,OF-1(33)
J.J. HARDY	BAL	34.6	SS-9	R	06 NBO#2 (26)	SA1	+2/-2	N	8	33	115	438	0	
Jung Ho KANG	PIT	30.0	3B-3	R	16 NBO#2 (35)	PL0	-4/-0	G29	12	32	103	370	4	
Tommy La STELLA	CHC	28.2	3B-3	L	15 trade (BRO)	SA0	-2/-2	E14	12	30	74	169	1	2B-7
Jurickson PROFAR	TEX	24.1	3B-3	B	14 LV#1 (1)	SA0	-12/+2	G26	16	34	90	307	3	1B-3,2B-7,SS-7,OF-1(34)
Cory SPANGENBERG	*													
Dansby SWANSON	ATL	23.1	SS-7	R	17 NW#1 (7)	SA2	+4/-2	C33	16	34	38	145	3	

Outfielders	MLB	Age	Pos	Bats	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	G	PA	SBA	Other
Kole CALHOUN	LAA	29.5	OF-3	L	14 MLR#2 (33)	SA0	-0/-2	F16	16	31	157	672	5	
Brett GARDNER	NYG	33.6	OF-3	L	17 trade (IND)	SA3	-5/+1	E31	18	31	148	634	20	
Teoscar HERNANDEZ	HOU	24.5	OF-2	R	17 MID #3 (73)	SA3	+5/-6	B9	16	33	41	112	2	
Joc PEDERSON	LAD	24.9	OF-3	L	16 NBO#1 (11)	SA5	-16/+2	F29	16	32	137	476	8	
Seth SMITH	SEA	34.5	OF-2	L	09 NBO#BonA (67)	SA5	-11/-0	N	9	30	137	438	0	
Gregor BLANCO	SFG	33.3	OF-3	L	17 waiver	SA0	+2/-2	E26	16	31	106	274	9	

Cuts: Josh FIELDS*, Aaron BARRETT*, Kevin PLawecki*, Chasen SHREVE, Darnell SWEENEY*
 Claimed off waivers: Gregor BLANCO
 Waived: Cody ASCHE
 Traded in September: Alexi AMARISTA

* = uncarded

2017 Northboro Phoenix Schedule and Pitching Rotation

Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher
4/1/17	WAR	Kluber (1)	6/1/17	@CAY	Odorizzi (9)	8/1/17	@HOB	Odorizzi (17)	10/1/17	MLR	Odorizzi (25)
4/2/17	WAR	Pomeranz (1)	6/2/17	@CAY	Kluber (10)	8/2/17	@HOB	Kluber (18)	10/2/17	MLR	Kluber (26)
4/3/17	WAR	Kennedy (1)	6/3/17	@CAY	Pomeranz (10)	8/3/17	@HOB	Pomeranz (18)	10/3/17	MLR	Pomeranz (26)
4/4/17	WAR	Odorizzi (1)	6/4/17	@CAY	Chatwood (5)	8/4/17	@HOB	Kennedy (18)	10/4/17	MLR	Kennedy (26)
4/5/17			6/5/17			8/5/17	@WHT	Chatwood (13)	10/5/17	MUN	Chatwood (20)
4/6/17	CAY	Kluber (2)	6/6/17	@ZIO	Kennedy (10)	8/6/17	@WHT	Odorizzi (18)	10/6/17	MUN	Odorizzi (26)
4/7/17	CAY	Pomeranz (2)	6/7/17	@ZIO	Odorizzi (10)	8/7/17	@WHT	Kluber (19)	10/7/17	MUN	Montgomery (3)
4/8/17	CAY	Kennedy (2)	6/8/17	@ZIO	Kluber (11)	8/8/17	@WHT	Pomeranz (19)	10/8/17	MUN	Kluber (27)
4/9/17			6/9/17	@WAR	Pomeranz (11)	8/9/17			10/9/17	MUN	Pomeranz (27)
4/10/17	ZIO	Odorizzi (2)	6/10/17	@WAR	Chatwood (6)	8/10/17	@BH	Kennedy (19)	10/10/17	NW	Kennedy (27)
4/11/17	ZIO	Kluber (3)	6/11/17	@WAR	Kennedy (11)	8/11/17	@BH	Chatwood (14)	10/11/17	NW	Chatwood (21)
4/12/17	ZIO	Pomeranz (3)	6/12/17	DET	Odorizzi (11)	8/12/17	@BH	Odorizzi (19)	10/12/17	NW	Montgomery (4)
4/13/17			6/13/17	DET	Kluber (12)	8/13/17	@BH	Kluber (20)	10/13/17	NW	Odorizzi (27)
4/14/17	@COL	Kennedy (3)	6/14/17	DET	Pomeranz (12)	8/14/17	MAR	Pomeranz (20)	10/14/17		
4/15/17	@COL	Odorizzi (3)	6/15/17	DET	Chatwood (7)	8/15/17	MAR	Kennedy (20)	10/15/17	@KAN	Pomeranz (28)
4/16/17	@COL	Kluber (4)	6/16/17	DET	Kennedy (12)	8/16/17	MAR	Chatwood (15)	10/16/17	@KAN	Kennedy (28)
4/17/17	@COL	Pomeranz (4)	6/17/17			8/17/17	MAR	Odorizzi (20)	10/17/17	@KAN	Chatwood (22)
4/18/17			6/18/17	KAN	Odorizzi (12)	8/18/17	KNX	Kluber (21)	10/18/17	@KAN	Odorizzi (28)
4/19/17	@STM	Kennedy (4)	6/19/17	KAN	Kluber (13)	8/19/17	KNX	Pomeranz (21)	10/19/17	@KAN	Kluber (28)
4/20/17	@STM	Odorizzi (4)	6/20/17	KAN	Pomeranz (13)	8/20/17	KNX	Kennedy (21)	10/20/17	@DET	Pomeranz (29)
4/21/17	@STM	Kluber (5)	6/21/17	KAN	Kennedy (13)	8/21/17	KNX	Montgomery (2)	10/21/17	@DET	Kennedy (29)
4/22/17	@STM	Pomeranz (5)				8/22/17			10/22/17	@DET	Chatwood (23)
4/23/17	@STM	Montgomery (1)							10/23/17	@DET	Odorizzi (29)
4/24/17											
Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher
5/1/17	HUD	Kennedy (5)	7/1/17	@MLR	Chatwood (8)	9/1/17			11/1/17		
5/2/17	HUD	Odorizzi (5)	7/2/17	@MLR	Odorizzi (13)	9/2/17			11/2/17	COL	Kluber (29)
5/3/17	HUD	Kluber (6)	7/3/17	@MLR	Kluber (14)	9/3/17	WAR	Odorizzi (21)	11/3/17	COL	Pomeranz (30)
5/4/17	HUD	Pomeranz (6)	7/4/17	@MLR	Pomeranz (14)	9/4/17	WAR	Kluber (22)	11/4/17	COL	Kennedy (30)
5/5/17	HUD	Chatwood (1)	7/5/17	@MLR	Kennedy (14)	9/5/17	WAR	Pomeranz (22)	11/5/17	COL	Chatwood (24)
5/6/17	LV	Kennedy (6)	7/6/17	RYE	Chatwood (9)	9/6/17	CAY	Kennedy (22)	11/6/17	COL	Odorizzi (30)
5/7/17	LV	Odorizzi (6)	7/7/17	RYE	Odorizzi (14)	9/7/17	CAY	Chatwood (16)	11/7/17	STM	Kluber (30)
5/8/17	LV	Kluber (7)	7/8/17	RYE	Kluber (15)	9/8/17	CAY	Odorizzi (22)	11/8/17	STM	Montgomery (5)
5/9/17	LV	Pomeranz (7)	7/9/17	RYE	Pomeranz (15)	9/9/17	CAY	Kluber (23)	11/9/17	STM	Kennedy (31)
5/10/17			7/10/17			9/10/17	ZIO	Pomeranz (23)	11/10/17	STM	Chatwood (25)
5/11/17	@RIV	Chatwood (2)	7/11/17	GC	Kennedy (15)	9/11/17	ZIO	Kennedy (23)	11/11/17	@CAY	Odorizzi (31)
5/12/17	@RIV	Kennedy (7)	7/12/17	GC	Chatwood (10)	9/12/17	ZIO	Chatwood (17)	11/12/17	@CAY	Kluber (31)
5/13/17	@RIV	Odorizzi (7)	7/13/17	GC	Odorizzi (15)	9/13/17	ZIO	Odorizzi (23)	11/13/17	@CAY	Montgomery (6)
5/14/17	@RIV	Kluber (8)	7/14/17	GC	Kluber (16)	9/14/17	@HUD	Kluber (24)	11/14/17		
5/15/17	@IND	Pomeranz (8)	7/15/17	MID	Pomeranz (16)	9/15/17	@HUD	Pomeranz (24)	11/15/17	@ZIO	Kennedy (32)
5/16/17	@IND	Chatwood (3)	7/16/17	MID	Kennedy (16)	9/16/17	@HUD	Kennedy (24)	11/16/17	@ZIO	Chatwood (26)
5/17/17	@IND	Kennedy (8)	7/17/17	MID	Chatwood (11)	9/17/17	@HUD	Chatwood (18)	11/17/17	@ZIO	Odorizzi (32)
5/18/17	@IND	Odorizzi (8)	7/18/17	MID	Odorizzi (16)	9/18/17			11/18/17	@ZIO	Kluber (32)
5/19/17			7/19/17	@MUN	Kluber (17)	9/19/17	@LV	Odorizzi (24)	11/19/17	@WAR	Montgomery (7)
5/20/17	@BRO	Kluber (9)	7/20/17	@MUN	Pomeranz (17)	9/20/17	@LV	Kluber (25)	11/20/17	@WAR	Kennedy (33)
5/21/17	@BRO	Pomeranz (9)	7/21/17	@MUN	Kennedy (17)	9/21/17	@LV	Pomeranz (25)	11/21/17	@WAR	Chatwood (27)
5/22/17	@BRO	Chatwood (4)	7/22/17	@MUN	Chatwood (12)	9/22/17	@LV	Kennedy (25)	11/22/17	@WAR	Odorizzi (33)
5/23/17	@BRO	Kennedy (9)	7/23/17			9/23/17	@LV	Chatwood (19)	11/23/17		

The 2017 Northboro Phoenix

Finally, the rebuild that began after the 2012 season is nearing completion. There's still a lot of mix-and-match at catcher and the infield, and we still have some situational weaknesses, but 2017 Phoenix is a legitimate contender.

We will ALWAYS send out lineups and roster changes at the beginning of the month. If you don't get a mailing by the second day of the month, please contact Steve.

Player-by-Player Usage

C: A platoon. Against RHPs, **Mike Zunino** and **Chris Herrmann** will split time. Against LHPs, mostly **Anthony Recker**, with **Chris Iannetta** picking up the rest.

1B: **Brandon Belt** every day.

2B: For 5 months **Derek Dietrich** against RHPs, **Tommy La Stella** against LHPs. The other 3 months, **Tommy La Stella**. **Jurickson Profar** may make occasional appearances at 2B and 3B.

3B: **Jung Ho Kang** for 5 months, **Derek Dietrich** for the other 3 months.

SS: **Aledmys Diaz** against RHPs, **Dansby Swanson** against LHPs. **J.J. Hardy** will make occasional starts, and serve as a defensive replacement otherwise.

OF: **Joc Pederson** in CF for 7 months, **Kole Calhoun** for the other month. Calhoun will play RF otherwise, with **Gregor Blanco** filling in the other month. There is a platoon in LF: **Seth Smith** against RHPs and **Teoscar Hernandez** against LHPs.

DH: **Chris Carter** every day.

Strategies on Offense

Steal: (of second with 0,1,2 out; of third with 1 out) When we are behind by one or tied, and advised by Adams tables, steal with **Pederson**, **Carter** or **Gardner** (as pinch runner) from the 9th inning on.

Hit and Run: **NOTE: The monthly lineups will indicate when to H&R against the particular starting pitcher.** Otherwise, Check Steal before H&R, then, except as noted*, H&R whenever legal and the adjusted SSN is 24 or more with **Herrmann**, **Kang**, **Blanco**, **Pederson**, **Swanson**, **Diaz** or **Gardner** on first. *Exception: Don't hit and run with 1st and 3rd against a drawn-in infield.

Sacrifice: by one or tied, 7th inning or later, no out, runner on second or runners on first and second, 8th-9th in the batting order at bat.

Runner advancement: use Adams tables. On computer game, go when "well around", but play safe with slow runners.

Pinch Hitting: Look to pinch-hit for the 8th or 9th in the order in the 8th or later when we are tied or down by less than 3 runs and a suitable defensive replacement exists. Monthly instructions will have more detail.

Pinch Running: Consider pinch-running for slow catchers in the 8th inning or later with **Brett Gardner** when they represent the tying or winning run. Monthly instructions will have more detail.

Strategies for Defense

Hold runner on first: If Belt is the firstbaseman, hold the runner. Otherwise, If the runner is slow, don't hold him. If there are fewer than two out and the runner's adjusted SSN is less than 18, don't hold him. Otherwise, hold the runner.

Infield in: Never with 2 out. Never before the 7th inning. Otherwise, play in if we are between 2 runs down to 1 run ahead.

Pitch from the Stretch: if the runner on third has 10 or more chances to steal home, and we are between 2 runs down to 1 run ahead, pitch from the stretch.

Throw for runners: Always throw to get the runner representing the go ahead or lead run after the 5th inning. Otherwise:

- on the boards, throw for the lead runner if the chance is 32 or less, otherwise throw for the second runner.
- in the Computer game, throw for the lead runner if he is slow, or unless the runner "well around"; otherwise throw for the second runner.

The Pitching Staff and Pitching Strategies

Northboro's rotation is **Corey Kluber**, **Drew Pomeranz (LH)**, **Jake Odorizzi**, **Ian Kennedy** and **Tyler Chatwood**, with occasional appearances by **Mike Montgomery (LH)**. I expect these guys to pitch into the 6th inning, or until reduced.

- Never let a starter go more than 11 2/3 innings.
- Other than that, never remove a starter pitching a shutout.

- If a starter is reduced by giving up 5 runs in 3 innings, and we're down by 4 or more, leave him in until pounded out. Otherwise go to the pen if he's under grade 8.

The bullpen is deep and varied this year. The closer is **Chris Devenski** (20* X +31/+51). Setup duties will be filled by RH **Addison Reed**, and LHers **Mike Montgomery** and **Sammy Solis**. **Adam Liberatore (LH)**, and RHers **Alex Wilson**, **Tommy Kahnle**, **Erasmus Ramirez**, and **Corey Knebel** are the other bullpen arms, Ramirez acting as the mop.

NOTE: In extra-inning situations, Devenski can go 2.2 innings (as can all our relievers if necessary).

Inning\lead	<-3	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	>+3
before 6th	C	C	C	B	B	B	B	B	C
6th	C	C	B	B	B	B	B	B	C
7th	C	C	B	B	A	A	A	B	B
8th	C	B	A	A	A	X	A	A	B
after 8th	C	B	A	A	X	X	X	A	B

X: Devenski

A: Reed (RH), Montgomery (LH) Solis (LH)

B: Solis (LH), Wilson (RH), Libertore (LH), Kahnle (RH)

C: Ramirez, Knebel

Lineups and minor league assignments:

Same old story in Northboro. **Roster and lineups change often, and Steve will always send details** on or about the first of the month. And if he doesn't, please bug him. Here are some representative lineups:

On Boards

against LHP

- Swanson, SS
- Belt, 1B
- Recker, C
- Kang, 3B
- Calhoun, RF
- Carter, DH
- Pederson, CF
- Hernandez, LF
- La Stella, 2B

against RHP

- Dietrich, 2B
- Belt, 1B
- Pederson, CF
- Diaz, SS
- Carter, DH
- Kang, 3B
- Zunino, C
- Smith, LF
- Calhoun, RF

On Computer

against LHP

- Calhoun, RF
- Diaz, SS
- Belt, 1B
- Kang, 3B
- Recker, C
- Carter, DH
- Pederson, CF
- La Stella, 2B
- Hernandez, LF

against RHP

- Dietrich, 2B
- Calhoun, RF
- Belt, 1B
- Pederson, CF
- Diaz, SS
- Carter, DH
- Kang, 3B
- Zunino, C
- Smith, LF

In the minors:

All season (uncarded): Richards, Spangenberg

Apr: Chatwood, Kahnle, Knebel, Liberatore, Iannetta, Herrmann, Profar, Asche

May: Kahnle, Knebel, Liberatore, Zunino, Recker, Kang, Profar, Blanco

Jun: Kahnle, Knebel, Solis, Iannetta, Herrmann, La Stella, Profar, Blanco

Jul: Knebel, Liberatore, Solis, Iannetta, Zunino, Dietrich, Profar, Blanco

Aug: Knebel, Kahnle, Liberatore, Zunino, Recker, Swanson, Hernandez, Pederson

Sep: Kahnle, Knebel, Liberatore Herrmann, Recker, Diaz, Profar, Blanco

Oct: Kahnle, Solis, Wilson, Herrmann, Recker, Profar, Hernandez, Blanco

November: all up

In conclusion

Use these instructions as a guide; use your own instincts as well. Steve will be in touch with special instructions for road managers by the first of every month. I trust everyone in the league to manage our squad competently. **If you send hard-copy results please mail them to Bob.** If you email results, send them to us both.

But most of all -

Have Fun!

Steve and Bob