

Brodingnag Barbarian 2019 Roster & Instructions (Post WW)

Mood Statgmt

“So what ARE we?” bemoaned a bewildered fan as he looked at the news out of the Barbarian’s spring training. “*This doesn’t seem to fish nor fowl? Are we a contender or not? It seems we **should** be, but how do you trade away the best player in baseball if you are a contender?*”

Fair question, and the answer in Vlad’s mind is emphatically “**YES! We are going after the title this year!**” But clearly, this is not the usual way for the Barbarians. The mantle was passed: Eric Davis to Ken Griffey to Alex Rodriguez to Mike Trout—and now he is gone. Mookie Betts inherits that lineage, but having Betts-Trout-Machado hitting 3-4-5 looks a lot more Barbarian-like than having only two of them.

Even Vlad must admit, “*I am not sure how this happened, but we have become the Rumrunners!*” Younger, faster, lots of on base. The team this year may not be as good as if they had kept Trout, but by trading him we have widened the base of young talent, been able to patch the pitching staff to contend now, and hopefully have two-thirds of a lineup that will be stable for the next ten years.

Check back in three years and well see if it worked. Or not.

Administrative stuff

We will play the boards.

For computer opponents, do not use computer managers. Game sheets are not necessary.

2019 cut: Christian Bethancourt

I DO play on sending out monthly instructions--game limits will necessitate monthly roster/line-up adjustments.

The following hitters will be **Game Limited**:
Acuna, Betts, Correa, Hernandez, Machado, Moncada, Nimmo, Santana, Soto

The following hitters will likely be **PA Limited**:
Astudillo, Briceno, Davis, Freese, Peterson, Holliday, Wieters, Narvaez, Villanueva.

Uncarded: **Hays, Middleton.**

Each year I shorten the instructions a bit more. Read for intent, please, and use reasonable judgement—especially for the weird computer “hints” about depth, taking bases, etc.

In the minors by month:

APR: Hays, Middleton, Moncada, Davis, Nimmo, Harris, Kimbrell, Oberg, Osuna, Strasburg

MAY: Hays, Middleton, Moncada, Correa, Davis, Buchholz, Harris, Oberg, Osuna, Strasburg

JUN: Hays, Middleton, Moncada, Correa, Davis, Buchholz, Holder, Oh, Osuna, Strasburg

JUL: Hays, Middleton, Moncada, Acuna, Davis, Buchholz, Glasnow, Holder, Oh, Osuna

AUG: Hays, Middleton, Moncada, Peterson, Soto, Buchholz, Glasnow, Holder, Oh, Osuna

SEP: Hays, Middleton, Moncada, Acuna, Peterson, Buehler, Glasnow, Harris, Holder, Oberg

OCT: Hays, Middleton, Moncada, Peterson, Soto, Buehler, Glasnow, Harris, Oberg, Oh

Offensive Strategy

We will use several starting lineups, and each lineup there will have limited but “obvious” moves to use the bench. I will ask you to read these instructions and try to implement the intent more than the letter of them. Judgement in when to use a PH or PR is an area I trust your decisions more than I trust rigid “rules”. Every lineup will have two positions that need the most thought. Catcher is always one, and the other will be either DH or 3B, whichever one the platoon of Freese/Villanueva is playing.

Bench roles: Please use sound judgement about *when* to use them, but their roles are pretty self-explanatory. If in doubt, use them. --**Davis/Peterson** are there to PR steal bases. They have 43 attempts for the year—RUN! --**Astudillo** think Manny Mota. 97 key PH appearances in game changing moments --**Freese/Villanueva** are a platoon at 3B/DH. There are some extra PAs so they can PH at times, especially Villanueva against a LHRP. --**Wieters/Navraez** are a platoon at C. Many games will see one start, a PH or PR get used in the 5th-7th inning, and then the other comes in. --**Briceno** will hit infrequently, but will get into 100+ games to limit your running game in close games in the late innings (typically after the catcher hits, 7th inning+. With his +9 shift he might PH for Wieters occasionally, especially if he will come in anyway.

The following are my general thoughts. They are NOT rigid rules.

Catcher: The starter will hit twice. Any time, starting with the third plate appearance, look to see if he should be PH or PR for.
3rd+ PA: If the game is +2 to -2 and a runner is on base, Astudillo will PH—and H&R if legal. The other of Wieters/Navraez will come in, *unless it is time for Briceno*.

3B/DH Platoon: Freese/Villanueva are a platoon. When one starts, the other can PH if you have changed pitchers and it is meaningful at bat from the 6th inning on. Freese is more likely to PH for Villanueva vs LHP than the other way around. When V pinch hits, it is likely for the catcher or Nimmo.

Priority of strategies:

1. Steal: We have a lot of guys who can steal a base, but the SBAs are not high. Limited use.

When: 6th Inn+, -1 or tied

Who: Any runner with 10+ SBA and an adjusted SSN of 28+.

2. Hit & Run: This will be used a lot.

When: -3 to +3, any Inn, runner on 1st (1st & 3rd OK if Astudillo at bat), adjusted SSN of 24+.

Astudillo: His card lets him H&R any time it is legal, with **ANY** runner on 1st or 1st & 3rd.

Other Hitters: **NOT** IF PITCHER BB is <+12. Betts, Correa, Freese, Hernandez, Narvaez

Runners: Acuna, Betts, Davis, Peterson, Hernandez, Machado, Nimmo, Moncada

3a. Sacrifice: Very infrequent. Tie/win run, 0/-1, 0 outs, 6th Inn+, for the catcher, Peterson, or Davis if a PH option isn't reasonable. Occasionally for Correa.

3b. Squeeze: Astudillo, 8th Inn+, tie/win run.

Pinch Hitting: See comments under Catcher and 3B/DH. If Nimmo or Soto or Acuna is getting a day off, they can pinch but only if the monthly instructions allow.

Pinch Running: Davis/Peterson are there to PR/steal. They have 43 good attempts between them. They can run for anyone with a speed under 12 if that is the tie/winning run, 8th Inn+.

Defense: Usually play deep & hold unless obvious not to. Briceno is the defensive sub if I lead by 1-3 runs, Wieters if I lead by 4+.

Base Running: We have the speed, use Adams Tables or be aggressive unless it makes no sense

Other: Drop fouls, etc.: as you would for yours

Parting shots/bits of “wisdom”:

1. The bench is there, and has pretty well defined roles. Please uses them when it seems to warrant.

--Astudillo pinch hits.

--Peterson and Davis steal/run.

--Freese & Villanueva are a sort of platoon

--Narvaez & Wieters are a sort of platoon

--Briceno is the guy to try and control your running game.

2. This is the best pitching staff top to bottom I think I have had. The starters will go deep often enough, and I have enough good to very good relief, that the pen can be used very aggressively if the starters do hit a rough spot. If there was ever a staff to proactively seek to prevent trouble rather than get out of trouble, this is it.

The relievers will come up in waves, so please use them. I will worry about relief innings come August and September if I have to.

2019 BROBDINGNAG	Ag	TM	Aq'd	SG	RG	BB	HR	Sf	Rf	GS	IP	RIP	Th	fld	WP	BK	J	Sp	
VERLANDER,Justin	36	HOU	T-STM	16		34	-11	XY	25		34	214.0		Th+3	P-2	WP2		2	S6
BUEHLER,Wil	24	LAD	D-19	16		16	22	X	23	11	23	137.3	1.0	Th+2	P-1	WP2	BK0	3	8
STANEK,Ryne	27	TBR	D-19	16	19	-31	11	XY	6	5	29	66.3	26.3	Th+1	P-1	WP3	BK0	0	S6
MORTON,Charlie	35	HOU	T-MID	15		-22	21	X	23		30	167.0		Th+2	P-2	WP2	BK0	3	S4
BUCHHOLZ,Clay	34	ARI	D-19	15		26	21		25		16	98.3		Th+2	P-2	WP1	BK0	4	12
GLASNOW,Tyler	25	TBR	D-18	13	11	-36	-12	X	22	9	11	111.7	56.0	Th+0	P-2	WP3		2	10
STRASBURG,Stephen	30	WSN	T-STM	10		16	-14		25		22	130.0		Th+1	P-2	WP1		4	7
PEREZ,Oliver	37	CLE	T-WAR		25	43	52	XY		4		32.3	32.3	Th+1	P-1	WP2	BK0	2	S5
KIMBREL,Craig	31	BOS	D-11		24	-56	14	XY		6		62.3	62.3	Th+0	P-2	WP3	BK0	1	7
MCHUGH,Collin	32	HOU	T-CAY		20	13	26	XY		7		72.3	72.3	Th+3	P-1	WP0	BK0	2	7
OH,Seunghwan	36	COL	D-17		15	24	12	X		6		68.3	68.3	Th+1	P-1	WP3	BK0	0	7
OBBERG,Scott	29	COL	T-RIV		14	26	32	Y		6		58.7	58.7	Th+0	P-2	WP3	BK0	2	7
OSUNA,Roberto	24	HOU	D-16		13	46	54	Y		6		38.0	38.0	Th+0	P-2	WP3	BK0	3	S5
HOLDER,Jonathan	26	NYN	D-18		13	23	41	Y	5	7	1	66.0	65.0	Th+1	P-2	WP1	BK0	2	S4
HARRIS,Will	34	HOU	T-MLR		11	24	43	X		6		56.7	56.7	Th+1	P-2	WP3	BK0	2	S5
YARBOROUGH,Ryne	27	TBR	D-19	6	10	14	13		22	18	6	147.3	118.7	Th+0	P-2	WP1	BK0	3	S5
MIDDLETON,Keynan	25	LAA	D-18	NC															

2019 BROBDINGNAG	Ag	MLB	Aq'd	G	PA	SBA	B	H	PN	14+	31s	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	J	vL	vR	BC	Sp	Ar	St
ACUNA,Ronald	21	ATL	D-19	111	478	21	R	11	4	3	1						2	3	2	-2	SA1	F17	32	29
ASTUDILLO,Williams	28	MIN	D-19	29	97	0	R	13	3	1	2	6		5	3		1	4	-1	-1	SA0	11	35	N
BETTS,Mookie	24	BOS	D-15	136	614	36	R	12	5	5	2			6			3	2	5	-3	SA2	F18	35	32
BRICENO,Jose	26	LAA	D-19	46	128	1	R	9	2	2	1	6	2					4	9	-10	SA5	S 6	31	14
CORREA,Carlos	23	HOU	D-16	110	468	3	R	8	3	4	2			6	3	8		3	4	-3	SA2	F15	36	33
DAVIS,Rajai	38	CLE	T-IND	101	196	28	R	8	2	2	1						2	3	-3	0	SA0	F18	31	29
FREESE,David	35	TOT	T-RIV	113	312	0	R	11	3	3	2		3		4			2	2	-4	SA2	S 6	33	N
HAYS,Austin	23	BAL	D-18	NC																				
HERNANDEZ,Cesar	29	PHI	T-IND	161	708	25	B	9	2	5	2			7	3	6		0	-1	-1	SA0	F15	31	29
MACHADO,Manny	25	TOT	D-13	162	709	16	R	11	4	3	2			6	5	8		0	0	-2	SA1	F15	35	34
MONCADA,Yoan	24	CHW	D-18	149	650	18	B	8	3	4	1			6				1	-6	1	SA0	F16	32	26
NARVAEZ,Omar	27	CHW	T-RIV	97	322	2	L	10	3	4	2	7						3	-9	0	SA5	S 6	32	9
NIMMO,Brandon	26	NYM	D-18	140	535	15	L	9	4	6	2						2	2	-8	2	PR5	F16	30	24
PETERSON,Jace	29	BAL	WW-19	93	235	15	L	7	3	5	1			7	4	6	2	3	-9	1	SA5	F15	34	31
SANTANA,Carlos	33	PHI	T-IND	161	679	3	B	8	3	6	2		3		3			0	0	-2	PB0	7	33	26
SOTO,Juan	20	WSN	D-19	116	494	7	L	10	4	5	2						2	2	-6	0	SA3	F15	31	28
VILLANUEVA,Christian	28	SD	D-19	110	384	3	R	9	3	3	1		2	6	4	7		3	14	-9	SA5	8	33	33
WIETERS,Matt	33	WAS	T-IND	76	271	1	B	9	2	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-2	PB0	S 6	34	14

All OF are CF eligible except Astudillo

Catchers: Astudillo Th0/PB0, Narvaer Th-2/PB3, Weiters TH+1/PB1, Briceno TH+5/PB2

2019 BROBDINGNAG LINEUPSI DO intend to
send tailored lineups.**vs LHP B&C**

2B 1 HERNANDEZ,Cesar
 SS 2 CORREA,Carlos
 CF 3 BETTS,Mookie
 3B 4 MACHADO,Manny
 RF 5 ACUNA,Ronald
 DH 6 VILLANUEVA,Christian
 1B 7 SANTANA,Carlos
 LF 8 SOTO,Juan
 C 9 WIETERS,Matt

April: Holliday is the DH, hits 6th

May & June: Machado at SS,
Freese at 3B batting 8thJuly & Sept: Villanueva hit 5th
Soto to RF, hits 6th
Nimmo in LF, hits 8th

Aug & Oct: Nimmo to LF, hits 8th

vs RHP Boards & Computer

2B 1 HERNANDEZ,Cesar
 DH 2 NIMMO,Brandon
 CF 3 BETTS,Mookie
 3B 4 MACHADO,Manny
 RF 5 ACUNA,Ronald
 LF 6 SOTO,Juan
 1B 7 SANTANA,Carlos
 SS 8 CORREA,Carlos
 C 9 NARVAEZ,Omar

IF BB >+36, swap Nimmo & Soto

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May & June: Machado at SS,
Freese at 3B batting 8thJuly & Sept: Soto moves up to 5th
Freese at DH batting 6thAug & Oct: Nimmo to LF
Freese at DH batting 6th

2019 Brobdingnag Rotation								
A	1-4 (5)	HOB	Sk	V	M	Bu	X	
P	6-8 (9)	MID	Bc	V	G	X		
R	10-13	KNX	M	Bu	Bc	V		
	14-17 (18)	@GC	G	M	Bu	Bc	X	
20	19-23 (24)	@WHT	V	G	M	Bu	Bc	X
M	1-5	NW	V	G	M	Bu	Sk	
A	6-9 (10)	STM	V	G	M	Bu	X	
Y	11-14	@KAN	Sk	V	G	M		
	15-18 (19)	@MLR	Bu	Sk	V	G	X	
21	20-23	@MAR	M	Bu	Sk	V		
J	1-4 (5)	@MID	G	M	Bu	Sk	X	
U	6-8	@KNX	V	G	M			
N	9-11	@HOB	Bu	Sk	V			
E	12-16 (17)	RYE	G	M	Bu	Sk	V	X
19	18-21	BH	G	M	Bu	Sk		
J	1-5	@RIV	V	Sb	M	Bu	Sk	
U	6-9 (10)	@CAY	V	Sb	M	Bu	X	
L	11-14	ZIO	Sk	V	Sb	M		
Y	15-18	HUD	Bu	Sk	V	Sb		
21	19-22 (23)	DET	M	Bu	Sk	V	X	
A	1-4	MUN	Sb	M	Bu	Sk		
U	5-8 (9)	COL	V	Sb	M	Bu	X	
G	10-13	@RYE	Sk	V	Sb	M		
	14-17	@LV	Bu	Sk	V	Sb		
20	18-21 (22)	@IND	M	Bu	Sk	V	X	
S	(1) (2) 3-5	HOB	X	X	Sb	M	Bc	
E	6-9	MID	Sk	V	Sb	M		
P	10-12 (13)	KNX	Bc	Sk	V	X		
T	14-17	@NW	Sb	M	Bc	Sk		
19	18-22 (23)	@STM	V	Sb	M	Bc	Sk	X
O	1-4	WAR	V	Sb	M	Bc		
C	(5)6-9	RIV	X	Sk	V	Sb	M	
T	10-14	@BH	Bc	Sk	V	Sb	M	
	15-18	@NBO	Bc	Sk	V	Sb		
	19-23 (24)	MAR	M	Bc	V	Sk	Sb	
N	(1) 2-6	GC	X	V	Bc	Sk	M	Sb
O	7-10	WHT	V	Bu	Bc	Sk		
V	11-13 (14)	@MID	V	M	Bu	X		
	15-18	@KNX	V	Sk	Bc	Bu		
	19-22 (23)	@HOB	V	Sb	Sk	Bc	X	
V	VERLANDER		34					
Bu	BUEHLER		23					
Sk	STANEK		29					
M	MORTON,Charlie		30					
Bc	BUCHHOLZ		16					
G	GLASNOW,Tyler		11					
Sb	STRASBURG		19					
X	Off Day							

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General Pitching Comment:

The starters are all grade 10-16, and the relief is good and abundant (650+ RIP) so I am going to try something and be even more general, with just a few specific instructions. **I trust you to be aggressive within these few guidelines.**

I want to prevent dangerous situations instead of relying on the high-grades to pitch out of them. I think the staff will be pretty easy to use and I will modify in the monthly instructions as needed for IP.

Be aressive with the pen! Innings abound.
Stanek is weird, Yarborough is there to help
I don't care who gets the Wins or Saves

Starters

Generally they will pitch until **fatigued OR until 4th+** inning & a game turning moment. I expect starter typically exits between 4th & 7th unless we have a comfortable lead, but even then he'll be on a short leash. Starters should **rarely** loose a lead after 5th

Relievers

They have reasonably well defined roles. Use these as guides but override if it makes sound BB sense. Within the descriptions below, play match-ups & +5s.

The Big Guys (Grade 20+): 3 active each month

McHugh: Primary closer. Typically pitches the 9th+ in save situations. Can kill a rally in the 8th & stay. Remove at end of inning if he blows the save.

Kimbrell: Secondary closer, but main job is to kill a rally in the 5th-8th innings. Rarely starts an inning.

Perez: The super 1 or 2 batter guy to kill a rally when a LHP is best. Looking to get 45-50 innings from his 32 innings. Saves will happen as a side effect.

Stanek: Reliever in April with lots of RIP, then starts.

The RH long/middle: 2 active each month

All RHRP other than McHugh & Kimbrell

There's 5 of these guys with lots of IP. They are the bulk relief and are good enough to give multiple inns starting as early as the 4th if a game is close & starter is in trouble. Spread the use, use as needed to get to Yarborough or closers. Target is 6-8 IP/series each but can pitch up to 10 IP/series each if needed.

Yarborough

His primary role is as Stanek's caddy. Most games Stanek starts, Y relieves him upon fatigue and will pitch 2.7 to 3.7 innings depending somewhat on your lineup & how the game goes. The two together should get into the 5th-7th most games.

His other role is as a LH specialist for limited (1 or 2) hitters--usually vs key LH shifts you don't want to sub for. He may well pitch in 90+ games this year.