

2019 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS PLAY GUIDE

OVERVIEW - As good as the 2017 season was that's how bad the 2018 season turned out to be. We had a 30 game turn around to finish at 65-97 and that was only good enough for the SIXTH draft pick! Las Vegas management, disgusted with finding the entire starting pitching staff always feasting on shrimp and champagne (this is Vegas after all) in the clubhouse, decided to trade them all away and start from scratch with the 2019 draft. There was already a young crew of positional players ready to lead when the pitching got right. Maybe in 2020?

STARTERS - As mentioned above all the starting pitchers from last year were shipped away with extreme prejudice and a new cast of characters was taken in the recent draft. The most effective for the upcoming season (at least grade wise) is Caleb Smith, a GR11 for a total of 16 starts. Felix Pena is a GR9 scheduled for 17 starts. The 33 starts these two are slated to make are the Gamblers best chances to win all year. Next up are a pair of GR6 starters, Lucas Giolito and Andrew Suarez. Both should be in their respective MLB team's rotations all of 2019, barring injuries. As for the 2019 TBL season...well there will be many "learning opportunities". Tyler Mahle (GR4) make 23 mostly futile starts and Elieser Hernandez makes 5 starts in April before returning to the bullpen for most of the season. Former glory boy Homer Bailey, desperate to jump start his career, will make 28 horribly innocuous starts this season. His +32 control will go a long way towards making most of the HR's his -33 homer rating generates into solo shots. Old friend Martin Perez is also innocuous, but only makes 11 starts. **ALL** starters must pitch **FIVE** innings, unless injured or pounded out! With 61 starts made by GR6's and another 68 made by D grades it will be a long season for Gamblers fans and for their bullpen...

RELIEVERS - ...speaking of which where is our bullpen? Oh yeah! We were so busy scouring the draft list for bright young prospects we forgot to draft one! 2018 holdover Craig Stammen (a nifty GR*12X) is the de facto closer. On a mediocre bullpen he'd make a decent middle reliever. Here he'll try to save some games. His peripherals (34/46) will help. Former starter, and lefty, Adam Conley (GR*12Y) and righty Tyler Bashlor (GR*11) try to set up Stammen in the 7th - 8th innings. Lefty Tim Hill (GR*7Y) and righty Taylor Williams (GR*8Y) pitch mostly in the 6th and 7th innings. Oliver Drake (GR*4Y) and Elieser Hernandez (GR*5) mostly pitch when a starter fails to go 5 inns., so most of the time! Tim Mayza (GR*11X) will make a cameo later in the season when someone (Bashlor) run low on innings.

Hitting Strategy – Don't use Cano or Jackson off the bench, Anyone else is OK. Just use whoever looks the best in any given situation. There are plenty of plus lefties just mooching around on the bench.

Steals – Bogaerts and Dickerson can try for 2nd in the 8th inning or later in a tied or -1 game. Roman Quinn can PR off the bench and try for 2nd under the same conditions.

H&R – Just say “NO”. Don't do it! Please think of the children!

PLAYER USAGE – Cervelli and Diaz will platoon at catcher. Cano and Rosell Herrera will platoon at 2nd. The rest of the starters will only need to miss a handful of games here and there. As mentioned above don't use Cano or Jackson off the bench.

PINCH HITTING – Whoever looks good, minus Cano or Jackson.

PINCH RUNNING – If we are leading late and Bryant gets on base, pinch run with Quinn and have him stay in defensively.

DEFENSIVE REPLACEMENTS – The defense had a rebound for 2019. Both Bogey and Cervelli are 8's again. Travis Shaw is a 3B5 and Cano is a 2B8 for half a season. And the Gamblers can field three OF3's quite frequently. Despite our many problems, defense aint one of them in 2019.

BASERUNNER ADVANCEMENT – Use the Adams Table here please.

SACRIFICES – Oh, Hell no! Don't even think about it.

GAME VERSION – Las Vegas always uses the Master Game Boards.

In conclusion use your best baseball judgement and everything should be fine. You can email me at pjh5000@hotmail.com with any questions.

Good luck to all in 2019

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2019 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS ----- PITCHING ROTATION AND SCHEDULE							
APRIL (19)				AUGUST (20)			
1 – 4 (5)	AT KAN	H A B C X		1 – 4	AT RYE	E F A B	
6 – 8 (9)	AT IND	H A B X		5 – 8 (9)	AT MID	G E F A X	
10 - 12 (13)	AT MLR	C H A X		10 – 13	ZION	B E F A	
14 – 17 (18)	WAR	B C H A X		14 – 17	BRO	G B E F	
19 – 23 (24)	MUN	B C H A D X		18 – 21 (22)	WHT	A G B E X	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
MAY (21)				SEPTEMBER 1 (2) (20) - ALL STAR BREAK			
1 – 5	HUD	B C A D G		3 – 5	AT KAN	A C D	
6 – 9 (10)	CAY	B C A D X		6 – 9	AT IND	E F A C	
11 – 14	AT NWW	B C A D		10 - 13,	AT MLR	D E F A	
15 – 18 (19)	AT KNX	G B C A X		14 - 17 (18)	NBO	C D E F X	
20 – 23	AT GCB	D B C A		19 - 23	DET	A C D E F	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
JUNE (19)				OCTOBER (22)			
1 – 4 (5)	IND	G D B C X		1 - 4 (5)	AT HUD	A B D C X	
6 – 8	MLR	A D B		6 – 9	AT MAR	A B D F	
9 – 11	KAN	C G A		10 - 14.	AT WAR	C A B D F	
12 – 16 (17)	AT NBO	D B C G A X		15 - 19	COL	C A B D F	
18 – 21	AT COL	B C D A		20 - 23	BHM	C A B D	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
JULY (21)				NOVEMBER (20)			
1 – 5	AT ZION	E B C G A		(1) 2 – 6	AT CAY	X E F C D A	
6 – 9 (10)	AT DET	E B C G X		7 – 10	AT MUN	E F B D	
11 – 14	STM	A B C E		11 – 13 (14)	IND	C E F X	
15 – 18	HOB	G A B C		15 – 18	MLR	D B E F	
19 – 22 (23)	RIV	E G A B X		19 – 22 (23)	KAN	C D A H X	
	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL		HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MONTH				MONTH			
YTD				YTD			
PITCHING KEY				EMERGENCY LINEUPS			
A	GIOLITO	32 STARTS		VS. RHP's		VS. LHP's	
B	SUAREZ	29 STARTS		1 CERVELLI C		1 BRYANT 3B	
C	BAILEY	28 STARTS		2 CANO 2B		2 E.DIAZ C	
D	MAHLE	22 STARTS		3 SHAW 3B		3 BOTE 2B	
E	F, PENNA	17 STARTS		4 BOGAERTS SS		4 BOGAERTS SS	
F	C, SMITH	16 STARTS		5 DICKERSON LF		5 DICKERSON LF	
G	M, PEREZ	12 STARTS		6 J.MARTINEZ 1B		6 J.MARTINEZ 1B	
H	HERNANDEZ	6 STARTS		7 BRYANT RF		7 DUVALL RF	
	TOTAL	162 STARTS		8 GUZMAN DH		8 GUZMAN DH	
X	OFF DAY			9 JACKSON CF		9 QUINN CF	