Rye will send specific instructions each month.
Rye plays on the boards. Don't use a micromanager on the road. No need to send me detailed computer files.

## Starting Pitchers

Key

| Sal | Chris Sale |
| :--- | :--- |
| B | Jaime Barria |
| T | Jameson Taillon |
| W | Trevor Williams |
| Sh | James Shields |
| M | Joe Musgrove |
| Spr | Jeffrey Springs |

April (9 home, 11 road, 20 total)

| $1-4$ | GC | Sal1 | B1 | T1 | W1 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $6-8$ | @MAR |  | Sh1 | Sal2 | B2 |  |
| $10-13$ | @NW | T2 | W2 | Sh2 | Sal3 |  |
| $14-17$ | @WHT |  | B3 | T3 | W3 | Sh3 |
| $19-23$ | BH | Sal4 | B4 | T4 | W4 | Sh4 |

May (9 home, 12 away, 21 total)

| 1-5 | STM | Sal5 | B5 | T5 | W5 | Sh5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6-9 | @DET | Sal6 | B6 | T6 | W6 |  |
| 11-14 @ZIO | Sh6 | Sal7 | B7 | T7 |  |  |
| 15-18 @HUD | W7 | Sh7 | Sal8 | B8 |  |  |
| 20-23 | MID | T8 | W8 | Sh8 | Sal9 |  |


| June | (11 home, 8 away, 19 total) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-4$ | MAR | B9 | T9 | W9 | Sh9 |  |
| $6-8$ | NW | Sal10 | B10 | T10 |  |  |
| $9-11$ | @GC | W10 | Sh10 | Sal11 |  |  |
| $12-16$ | @BRO | B11 | T11 | W11 | Sh11 | Sal12 |
| 18-21 | HOB | B12 | T12 | W12 | Sh12 |  |


| July | (12 home, 9 away, 21 total) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $1-5$ | @KNX | Sal 13 | B13 | T13 | W13 | Sh13 |  |  |  |
| 6-9 | @RIV | Sal14 | B14 | T14 | W14 |  |  |  |  |
| 11-14 | MLR | Sh14 | Sal15 | B15 | T15 |  |  |  |  |
| 15-18 | CAY | W15 | Sh15 | Sal16 | B16 |  |  |  |  |
| 19-22 | KAN | T16 | W16 | Sh16 | Sal17 |  |  |  |  |


| August |  | (12 home, 8 away, 20 total) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-4$ | LV | B17 | T17 | W17 | Sh17 |
| $5-8$ | NBO | Sal18 | B18 | T18 | W18 |
| $10-13$ | BRO | Sh18 | Sal19 | B19 | T19 |
| $14-17$ | @MUN | W19 | Sh19 | Sal20 | B20 |
| $18-21$ | @WAR | T20 | W20 | Sh20 | Sal21 |


| September | (8 home, 11 away, 19 total) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $3-5$ | GC | M1 | T21 | W21 |  |  |
| $6-9$ | @MAR | Sh21 | Sal22 | M2 | T22 |  |
| $10-12$ | @NW | W22 | Sh22 | Sal23 |  |  |
| $14-17$ | @BH | M3 | T23 | W23 | Sh23 |  |
| $18-22$ | RIV | Sal24 | M4 | T24 | W24 | Sh24 |

October (9 home, 13 away, 22 total)

| 1-4* | WHT | B21 | M5 | T25 | W25 | Sh25 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6-9 | IND | B22 | M6 | T26 | W26 |  |
| 10-13 | @COL | Sh26 | B23 | M7 | T27 |  |
| 15-18 | @STM | W27 | B24 | M8 | T28 |  |
| 19-23 | @MID | W28 | Sh27 | B25 | M9 | T29 |

November (home 11 away 9, 20 total)

| 2-6 | @HOB | Sh28 | W29 | M10 | Sal25 | T30 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 7-10 | KNX | Sh29 | W30 | M11 | Sal26 |  |
| 11-13 | MAR | T31 | Sh30 | Spr1 |  |  |
| 15-18 | NW | W31 | M12 | Sh31 | B26 |  |
| 19-22 | @GC | Sal27 | T32 | Spr2 | Sh32 |  |

Majors - Realmuto, Hicks, Kendry Morales, DeJong, Mallex Smith, Merrifield, DeShields, Bregman, Daniel Robertson, Guillermo Heredia, Abreu, Ozuna, Tony Kemp, Fletcher (15 hitters); Sale, Barria, Taillon, T Williams, Shields, Hughes, Edubray Ramos, McFarland, Wittgren, Fields, Paul Fry

Minors - Souza, Austin Slater, Ronny Rodriguez, Workman, Bradford, Springs, Olson, Musgrove, Samardzija (Mejia uncarded)

## Starting Lineups

| Vs $\boldsymbol{R H P}$ |  | vs LHP |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Smith | DH | Smith | CF |
| Merrifield | CF | Merrifield | 2B |
| Bregman | 3B | Bregman | 3B |
| Realmuto | C | Abreu | 1B |
| Abreu | 1B | Ozuna | RF |
| Morales | DH | Hicks | C |
| DeJong | SS | Robertson | DH |
| Ozuna | RF | Fletcher | SS |
| T Kemp | LF | Heredia | RF |

Starters are generally to pitch until fatigued. If Rye is behind by 4 or more runs, leave the starter stapled to the mound until he is pounded out.

## Bullpen

Hughes is the closer, for 1 or 2 inning save opportunities. Fields is the setup man for the $7^{\text {th }}$ and/or $8^{\text {th }}$ in close games. Ramos can pitch 4 ip per series in the $6^{\text {th }}, 7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$. The other four guys - McFarland, Ramos, Wittgren and Fry split up all the other relief innings. Mix and match as is appropriate. Fry is a LOOGY, and maybe some more batters. McFarland can come in to get lefties, and stay for however long is appropriate - he has lots of ip.

## Offense

## HIT AND RUN, MOST OF THE TIME: See below.

Hit and Run - Rye wants to use the H\&R this year, but see steals below. We have 11 guys with $2-31$ 's. With one of them up, a guy on first and 0 or 1 out, consider the $H \& R$ with a net steal number of 24 on first. We have ten guys with a steal rating of 28 or higher, and who may have a net steal number of 24 , so this is going to happen frequently. Look for it. The lineups are configured to get guys on base, then hit and run with the guys hitting $3^{\text {rd }}, 4^{\text {th }}$, and $5^{\text {th }}$ in the batting order, and there are other opportunities in the lineup otherwise. The lineup is configured to hit and run. Use it, please. If ahead or behind by 3 or more, don't use the H\&R.

Stealing - Road managers generally don't use base stealing as much as this team's manager at home. With two outs and Smith or Merrifield on first, steal rather than hit and run. With one out and one of them on second, either of them can steal third in a close game. If a tying or winning run is needed late with 0 or 1 out, Smith or Merrifield can steal second and third, depending upon the catcher's arm and the pitcher's MF. Use your judgment. But consider the steal with good base stealers on base. If a tying or winning run is needed, consider bringing in DeShields as a pinch runner for any of the other players, and tell him to steal.

Bench - There is a bench here. In close games, please look to pinch hit. Don't let hitters with hugely negative splits hit in critical situations. Use your judgment, but look at the bench late in games to create an edge. Don't worry about playing time for guys who don't start. Play to win. .

Defensive Replacements - Late in the game with a one or two run lead move Merrifield to second base and Heredia to the outfield. Bring Realmuto back for defensive purposes if Hicks is catching. If Morales is playing first, bring Abreu back in.

Good luck and have fun. Anything not covered by these sparse instructions, use your best judgment.


