



2019 Strong City Statesmen



2018 TBL World Series Champions

(Revised 13 April 2019 post Waiver Draft)

Owner: Eric 'Sheff-Dogg' Sheffler)

Field Manager: Rich 'Smooth' Dauer

Bench: John 'Duke' Wathan

Pitching: Keith 'Athy' Atherton

1st Base: Christian 'CJ' Sheffler

General Manager: Carlton 'Pudge' Fisk

Hitting: Cliff 'Heathcliff' Johnson

3rd Base: Noah 'Wave 'em In' Burnison

#	PLAYER	AGE	MLB TEAM	B	CG SHIFT	MG SHIFT	SPD	ARM	FIELDING (PB/TH)	H&R	SSN	SBA LEFT	REMAINING GP	PA	J	ACQUIRED
28	Arenado, Nolan	28	COL	R	SA-4	+11/-6	13	33	3B5	Y	20	4	156	673	1	17 trade RIV
52	Cespedes, Yoenis	34	NYM	R	SA-0	-3 / +1	12	37	OF2	N	33	3	38	157	4	18 trade DET
4	Davis, Khris	31	OAK	R	PL-0	-3 / -1	7	31	OF1	N	N	0	151	654	1	14 draft (1st)
26	Frazier, Adam	27	PIT	L	SA-5	-11/+1	F15	31	2B7, CF2	Y*	11	4	113	352	2	19 trade NW
29	Garcia, Leury	28	CWS	B	SA-0	+4 / -4	12	33	CF2, 2B6, SS7, 3B3	N	35	13	82	275	3	19 trade MID
9	Gordon, Dee	31	SEA	L	SA-2	-4 / 0	F19	34	2B8, CF2, SS7	Y	28	42	141	588	1	19 trade RIV
1	Grandal, Yasmani	30	LAD	B	SA-0	-4 / 0	S6	30	C8, 1B2 (2/-1)	N	26	3	140	518	2	18 trade MUN
11	Hamilton, Billy	29	CIN	B	SA-0	-3 / -1	F20	34	CF3	N	30	44	153	556	1	15 draft (1st)
10	Mercer, Jordy	33	PIT	R	SA-1	+2 / -2	12	34	SS8	Y	31	2	117	394	2	19 trade RIV
20	Murphy, Daniel	34	CHC	L	PR-5	-11/+2	S6	29	2B6, 1B3	Y	33	3	91	351	3	18 trade IND
2	Newman, Kevin	26	PIT	R	SA-3	+8/ -5	13	33	SS7, 2B6	N	14	1	---	97	4	19 draft (6th)
16	Owings, Chris	28	ARZ	R	SA-3	+5/ -7	F15	33	OF2, 2B7, 3B3	N	28	15	106	309	3	19 trade IND
22	Plawewski, Kevin	28	NYM	R	SA-1	+1 / -2	7	31	C8, 1B2 (0/-1)	N	14	1	79	277	3	19 trade HUD
5	Pujols, Albert	39	LAA	R	PL-0	-2 / -1	S3	29	1B3	Y*	26	1	117	498	2	18 trade WAR
27	Russell, Addison	25	CHC	R	SA-2	+3 / -3	F15	34	SS9	N	34	4	130	465	2	19 trade NW
8	Upton, Justin ^c	32	LAA	R	SA-0	-11/+2	F16	35	CF3	N	31	10	145	613	1	08 draft (1st)
3	Ward, Taylor	25	LAA	R	SA-3	+7 / -6	7	31	3B3	N	31	2	40	147	4	19 draft (6th)

ITALICIZED BLACK BOLD = INNOCUOUS c = Team Captains CF = CF eligible Y* = H&R 1st and 3rd

#	PITCHER	AGE	MLB TEAM	TH	START GRADE	RELIEF GRADE	CTL	HRA	FATIGUE ST	REL	D	WP	HB	BK	MF	LEFT: ST	RIP	I/Q	ACQUIRED
59	Carrasco, C. ^c	32	CLE	R	11 X Z		+31	+16	25	15	2	3		0	0	30	5.3	3/3	14 draft (6th)
54	Cashner, A.	33	BAL	R	4		-22	-14	28		2	3		0	3	28		3/3	18 trade MLR
58	<i>Claudio, Alex</i>	27	TEX	L		1* Z G	+43	+43	5	7	2	0			1	1	84.0	1/4	19 trade RIV
33	Duke, Zach	36	SEA	L		6* YZ H	+13	+61		5	1	3		0	0		52.0	0/3	19 trade MUN
6	Edwards, Carl	28	CHC	R		17* XYWH	-62	+51		6	1	3	0	0	0		50.0	2/3	17 draft (2nd)
33	Flynn, Brian	29	KCR	L		7*	-25	+41		9	1	3		0	0		75.7	3/2	19 Waivers
66	Garcia, Jarlin	26	MIA	L	16 M	1* M	-21	-46	19	9	1	0	0	0	1	7	66.0	3/4	19 trade MLR
25	Godley, Zack	29	ARZ	R	7 Y G		-31	+25	27	7	1	3		0	1	32	1.0	2/3	18 trade MUN
49	Hicks, Jordan	23	STL	R		13 W H	-62	+55		7	2	3		0	0		77.7	0/3	19 draft (3rd)
24	Miller, Andrew	34	CLE	L		10* X G	-26	+32		6	2	2		0	1		34.0	3/3	18 trade MUN
47	Montas, F.	26	OAK	R	6 G		+13	+34	25	5	1	3		0	1	11	1.3	4/4	19 trade BRO
45	Norris, Daniel	26	DET	L	5 Y L		-24	-16	24	15	2	3			0	8	8.3	4/4	19 trade BRO
61	Perdomo, Luis	26	SDP	R	1 G		-22	+31	28	6	2	3		0	0	23	2.0	4/4	19 trade BH
35	<i>Pineda, Michael</i>	30				UNCARD													19 trade BRO
13	Pomeranz, D.	30	BOS	L	3 W		-56	-12	27	9	2	3			3	24	22.7	3/4	19 trade NBO
56	Rodney, F.	42	OAK	R		12* YW	-41	+22		6	1	3		0	0		64.3	1/3	19 trade MID
55	Romo, Sergio	36	TBR	R	3 X	10* X	+14	-15	12	6	1	2		0	0	5	62.7	0/3	19 trade MUN
44	<i>Rosenthal, T.</i>	28				UNCARD													19 trade MUN

PRE-SEASON CUTS: A. Amarista (U), J. Axford, C. Bassitt (U), A. Bibens-Dirkx (U), S. Feldman (U), P. Johnson, A. Lind, (U), R. Madson, J. Martinez (U), J. Marte, A. Swarzak, M. Wisler, J. Yacabonis

WAIVERS – Picked up Brian Flynn and cut Tommy Hunter

Minors by month (subject to change):

MAY: Cespedes, Newman, Owings, Ward, Claudio, J. Garcia, Montas, Norris, *Pineda, & Rosenthal (un-carded).*

June through November: TBD plus *Pineda, & Rosenthal (un-carded).*

Strong City is trying something new and playing on the computer this season. I will send out specific instructions for each road series. Please do not use a computer manager for me. Also, please send BOTH teams' stats for ALL away series.



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GENERAL PHILOSOPHY:

*The Statesmen want to be competitive and as close to .500 as possible.
To do that, the bullpen will need your loving care & attention to be successful.*

SPECIAL GUIDANCE

DO NOT use Mercer off the bench unless emergency situation & DO NOT use an OF3 off the bench for defensive purposes.

Line-Ups:

VS RHP COMPUTER			VS LHP COMPUTER			VS RHP BOARDS			VS LHP BOARDS			Vs.	
1	Grandal	C	1	Grandal	C	1	Grandal	C	1	Garcia	LF	1	
2	Upton	RF	2	Upton	RF	2	Upton	RF	2	Mercer	SS	2	
3	Murphy	1B	3	Davis	DH	3	Murphy	1B	3	Davis	DH	3	
4	Arenado	3B	4	Arenado	3B	4	Arenado	3B	4	Arenado	3B	4	
5	Frazier	LF	5	Mercer	SS	5	Frazier	LF	5	Grandal	C	5	
6	Davis	DH	6	Pujols	1B	6	Davis	DH	6	Pujols	1B	6	
7	Mercer	SS	7	Hamilton	CF	7	Mercer	SS	7	Gordon	2B	7	
8	Gordon	2B	8	Garcia	LF	8	Gordon	2B	8	Upton	RF	8	
9	Hamilton	CF	9	Gordon	2B	9	Hamilton	CF	9	Hamilton	CF	9	

STRATEGY BY POSITION AND DEFENSIVE REPLACEMENTS

CATCHER: Grandal starts, Plawecki sometimes vs LHP. Pinch Run for starter late in game if tying/lead run. The other replaces them defensively.

FIRST BASE: A platoon situation a lot of the time. Murphy starts vs most RHP, Pujols vs LHP though Pujols will get multiple starts vs RHP.

SECOND BASE: Gordon starts all games and plays the entire game.

THIRD BASE: Arenado starts all games and plays the entire game.

SHORTSTOP: Mercer starts, Russell sometimes vs LHP. Russell can come in defensively for Mercer if STM ahead in 7th inning or later.

OUTFIELD: A 4-headed monster with Frazier, Hamilton, and Upton being the main starters from left to right. Garcia will spell each of them once in most every series. Whoever starts plays the entire game.

DESIGNATED HITTER: Davis starts all games and plays the entire game.

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY

HIT & RUN: Strategy #1 (*Except for Gordon and Hamilton steal attempts*)

- 1) Arenado, Frazier, Gordon, Mercer, Murphy, and Pujols can H & R with a runner on 1st ONLY who has an adjusted SSN of 20 or more AND is NOT slow. **EXCEPTION - DO NOT H & R WITH MERCER ON 1st IN ANY SITUATION.**
- 2) Frazier and Pujols can H & R with runners on 1st & 3rd.

Computer game - H & R with 2 outs ONLY IF Garcia, Gordon, Hamilton, Owings, or Upton are on 1st.

STEAL: Strategy #2

- 1) Hamilton and Gordon steal attempts become the #1 strategy over the Hit & Run.
- 2) Hamilton and Gordon can steal second after the 2nd, third after the 4th, and home in 8th or later when eligible by Adams Tables.
- 3) Garcia, Owings, and Upton have the green light to steal 2nd base (if no H & R to be executed) or 3rd base from the 5th inning on if they are the tying or lead run and eligible by Adams Tables. They can steal home in 8th or later when eligible by Adams Tables.



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SACRIFICE: Strategy #3

- 1) Gordon & Hamilton will sacrifice if the tying or lead run is on 2nd, OR 1st & 2nd, w/ 0 out from the 6th inning on.
- 2) NEVER squeeze.

PINCH HITTING:

- 1) Strict platoon at 1st base with Murphy and Pujols. No other pinch hitting to occur.

PINCH RUNNING: Can PR for **starting** catcher or **starting** 1st basemen if they are the tying/lead run in the 7th or later.

RUNNER ADVANCEMENT:

- 1) Always go if chance is 28+ for home and 32+ for 3B. Otherwise, use Adams Tables.
- 2) **Computer game - use the standards for advancement that you use for your team.**

SEND RUNNER ON 3RD:

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

DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

HOLD RUNNER:

- 1) Hold all fast runners.
- 2) Hold all medium runners unless I have a lead of 2 or more and there is a PR hitter.
- 3) Hold slow runners only with a RH hitter or less than 2 out unless I lead by 2 or more.
- 4) Don't hold with 2 out & men on 1st & 3rd unless runner on 1st is the tying/lead run or a steal threat.

INFIELD IN: Three instances:

- 1) Runner on 3rd only: 0 or 1 out, 6th inning or later, STM +1 to -2.
- 2) Runners on 1st and 3rd: 8th inning or later, 0 out, STM +1 to -2.
- 3) 2nd & 3rd OR Bases Full: only if winning run on 3rd, 9th inning or later, 0 or 1 out.
EXCEPTION – with 1 out, Bases Full, play deep if batter has 3 or more 24s.

OUTFIELD THROWS:

- 1) Throw for lead runner if < 33 chances otherwise hold trailing runners.
- 2) In 6th inning or later, hold trailing runner if they are tying run UNLESS lead runner has <16 chances.
- 3) **Computer game - use standards for throws that you use for your team, BUT, don't try for lead runner if:**
 - a. runner is "well around" & not slow OR
 - b. trailing runner is tying run from the 7th inning on.

INTENTIONAL WALKS: If lead run is in scoring position after 4th inning & 1B open, issue free pass with:

- 1) 1 out - to set up the double play unless on-deck hitter is superior to player to be walked.
- 2) 2 out - to get to a much more inferior hitter.
- 3) NEVER walk the bases full unless the ensuing hitter/pitcher match-up is favorable and makes a walk highly unlikely.

PITCH FROM THE STRETCH: Runner on 3rd, 8th inning or later, STM +1 to tied, and adjusted SSN > 10.

MANAGING THE PITCHING STAFF

Starters should be allowed the latitude to try and complete 5 innings to get the W for their free-agent status.

STARTERS:

- 1) **should not**
 - a. be removed if they are Gr13+ AND are pitching a shutout (except if #2c below occurs),
 - b. pitch over 11.7 innings per start,
 - c. be removed before the 6th unless pounded out.
- 2) **should be removed**
 - a. in the 6th/7th if they fatigue, surrender a run, or allow a runner to get into scoring position, STM+4 to -4,
 - b. in the 8th/ 9th if they fatigue, surrender a run, or runner gets on base, STM +3 to -3,
 - c. if they are less than Grade 20 and the tying run reaches from the 8th on.



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BULLPEN:

We will have 7 relievers (4 right/3 left) up each month. Even though there are three single-digit grade relievers on the roster, do not just reach for and use the double-digit grade relievers all of the time. Every reliever will have to pitch in key game situations throughout the year so use them all even if it feels awkward. It is okay; really it is.

This year's philosophy, whether ahead or behind, is to utilize multiple relievers in each game in order to maximize the +5 opportunities. Let your intimate knowledge of the current game situation dictate how you would best see fit to use them. In a blowout for either team, Flynn will take a larger role with his 9 fatigue then use the others equally. No one should ever, unless an extra inning game occurs, pitch over 2.7 IP per game. Relievers will most often be used a little more than an inning per game they pitch with the exceptions being Claudio and Flynn in long man roles and Miller as a true LOOGY.

DUKE - Anytime lefty out of the pen. FLYNN - Anytime lefty & long man out of the pen with 9 fatigue.

MILLER - Strictly a 1 or 2 out pitcher in middle to late innings this year. His 34 IP need to last the entire season.

RODNEY - Anytime righty out of the pen. ROMO - Anytime righty out of the pen when not starting.

HICKS - Anytime righty & main set-up man. EDWARDS - Closer; 9th inning or later only.

CLAUDIO - When up, long man out of pen for blowouts either way. Strong peripherals allow him to be a LOOGY as well anytime during the game.

STATESMEN 2019 ROTATION																		
A P R I L	1 - 4	(5)	vs WHT	ZG	CC	AC	SR	OFF		A U G	1-4	vs DET	CC	AC	DN	ZG		
	6 - 8	(9)	@ RIV	DP	ZG	CC	OFF		5-8		(9)	vs ZIO	LP	CC	AC	DN	OFF	
	10 - 13		@ BH	AC	SR	DP	ZG		10-13			vs HUD	ZG	LP	CC	AC		
	14 - 17	(18)	@ KNX	CC	AC	SR	DP	OFF			14-17		@ CAY	DN	ZG	LP	CC	
	19 - 23	(24)	vs HOB	ZG	CC	AC	DP	SR	OFF			18-21	(22)	@ KAN	AC	DN	ZG	LP
M A Y	1 - 5		@ RYE	ZG	CC	AC	DP	LP		S E P	(1 & 2) 3-5	vs WHT	ASG	OFF	ZG	DP	CC	
	6 - 9	(10)	@ BRO	ZG	CC	AC	DP	OFF			6-9		@ RIV	AC	FM	ZG	DP	
	11-14		vs MUN	LP	ZG	CC	AC				10-12	(13)	@ BH	CC	AC	FM	OFF	
	15-18	(19)	vs WAR	DP	LP	ZG	CC	OFF			14-17		@ HOB	ZG	DP	CC	AC	
	20-23		vs COL	AC	DP	LP	ZG				18-22	(23)	vs BRO	FM	ZG	DP	CC	AC
J U N E	1 - 4	(5)	vs RIV	CC	AC	DP	LP	OFF		O C T	1-4 *	@ GC *	ZG	DP	JG	CC	DN	
	6 - 8		vs BH	ZG	CC	AC			(5) 6-9		@ MID	OFF	ZG	DP	JG	CC		
	9-11		@ WHT	DP	LP	ZG			10-14			vs KNX	DN	ZG	DP	JG	CC	
	12-16	(17)	@ NW	CC	AC	DP	LP	ZG	OFF			15-18		vs RYE	DN	ZG	DP	JG
	18-21		vs GC	CC	AC	DP	LP				(19) 20-23	@ MLR	OFF	CC	DN	ZG	DP	
J U L Y	1-5		vs MID	ZG	CC	AC	FM	LP		N O V	(1) 2-6	@ MAR	OFF	AC	FM	SR	CC	DP
	6-9	(10)	vs MAR	ZG	CC	AC	FM	OFF			7-10		vs NW	AC	FM	JG	ZG	
	11-14		@ LV	LP	ZG	CC	AC				11-13	(14)	vs RIV	LP	DP	AC	OFF	
	15-18		@ NBO	FM	LP	ZG	CC				15-18		vs BH	JG	FM	ZG	DP	
	19-22	(23)	@ IND	AC	FM	LP	ZG	OFF			19-22	(23)	@ WHT	AC	JG	FM	CC	OFF

ZG = Godley CC = Carrasco AC = Cashner DP = Pomeranz LP = Perdomo FM = Montas DN = Norris JG = Garcia SR = Romo

Double Header in October