

2019 ELDERS OF ZION – Standard Instructions

(Do not use computer managers for the Elders. Please send gamesheets for all road games.)

Emergency Lineups for April (lineups to be typically supplied each month, especially for no-DH games)

Vs LHP (no DH) – Duggar 9 Munoz 6 Blackmon 8 Haniger 7 Gennett 4 Hundley 2 Candelario 5 Mancini 3

Vs LHP (DH) – Duggar 9 Munoz 6 Blackmon 8 Haniger 7 Gennett 4 Hundley 2 Beltre 5 Candelario DH Mancini 3

Vs RHP (no DH) – Benintendi 9 Haniger 7 Gennett 4 Blackmon 8 Beltre 5 Mancini 3 Munoz 6 Phegley 2

Vs RHP (DH) – Choo DH Benintendi 9 Gennett 4 Blackmon 8 Haniger 7 Beltre 5 Mancini 3 Phegley 2 Munoz 6

GENERAL GUIDELINES – OFFENSE/POSITION PLAYERS

There will be 4 Elders on the offensive bench April to October, and the cast will change month to month. Here's how the guys will be used when they are around.

1B – **MANCINI** will start almost every day on the road. **ADRIANZA** and **CANDELARIO** are the backups and at least one of them will be up each month. **MANCINI** may be PH or PR for late in close games as long as the sub is available.

2B – **GENNETT** starts every day vs RHP and only sits vs. selected lefties (Grade 9, 14 up) in the months that **TORREYES** is on the 25 man roster. His shift is small enough that he will usually not be pulled late except for a PR as tying/lead run with a base stealer on the bench. **TORREYES** gets a handful of starts, but his primary role when up is late inning defense (either here or at SS).

SS – **MUNOZ** or **ADRIANZA** get the bulk of the starts but both are SS7s. **ADRIANZA** is a candidate to be PH for late and close, while **MUNOZ** is a candidate to be PR for. If we're up late and he's active, **TORREYES** should come in as the token SS8 to turn outs into outs.

3B – A fairly true platoon, with **BELTRE** (119G in his swan song) starting vs. righties and **CANDELARIO** starting vs. lefties. The only reason to pull Adrian would be for a PR late; when he doesn't start, use him off the bench only in key PH spots where no other good options are available, and the game is on the line. **CANDELARIO** has lots of extra usage and can be a PH or PR option.

OF – **BLACKMON** and **HANIGER** will be in the lineup every day on the road, and will never likely leave the game for a sub except due to injury. The third OF spots will frequently operate as a platoon in the starting lineup, with **BENINTENDI** the starter vs RH and **DUGGAR** the primary option vs LH unless he's in the minors. Because **DUGGAR** is limited to 41G, and **BENINTENDI** has walks and SB potential vs LH relievers, **BENNY** will tend to stay in the game when starting, and can be freely used as a sub when not starting. When **BENNY** is the starter, he's not likely to come out of the game unless **ADRIANZA** is on the bench to take over in the OF. **ALLEN** when up is primarily here to provide a good late inning PR option on a team where several guys could be lifted for one.

DH – **CHOO** DHs vs RHP. DH vs lefties depends on the roster makeup month to month..

C – **HUNDLEY** starts vs LHP and some RHP, and can come off the bench to face LH relief. **PHEGLEY** starts vs. RH in April and then is expected to hit the waiver wire – another C may replace him, or may not. **PEREZ** will start more games than you'd think wise (you'd be right) unless another 3rd C is added. His most useful role is late inning defense behind the dish.

GENERAL GUIDELINES – PITCHING STAFF (Part A – The Starters)

The starting staff is very very schizophrenic. **BAUER** anchors the rotation with 27 starts of a 16, and will likely pitch until he fatigues a second time (unless it's a game critical jam and a 13+ out of the pen offers a much stronger chance of escaping it. Beyond him are a mixed bag of 78 starts from Grades 8-11. 32 of these come from **MIKOLAS** whose peripherals are excellent (looking for 6+ per start if reasonable). The rest come from two lefties with negative peripherals in **MATZ and JOHNSON**, who are more likely to need help as soon as they hit trouble after the 5th ends. Finally, there are 57 starts from the two 4s, **COBB and GRAY**. These games will go one of two ways – to the bullpen quickly (starting with the caddy, see below) at the first sign of trouble 3rd on if we're leading or close, or nailed to the mound til forced out if we fall behind early.

The four rules to follow absolutely for the rest of the starters are as follows: 1) no starter other than **COBB/GRAY** leaves before the fifth, unless forced out by runs; 2) no starter pitches after being fatigued if the game is within 2 runs 6th on (7th on **BAUER**); 3) that any starter should be replaced 7th on if they put the tying/lead (T/L) run on base (6th on); and 4) that the late inning relievers should be in to protect any 1-2 run lead in the 8th or 9th, and also come on in the 7th to stop a jam if the score is 0/+3, and a change will steal more hits than the P that is in. Everything else is under your discretion, within the reliever guidelines discussed below.

GENERAL GUIDELINES – PITCHING STAFF (PART B – The Relievers)

There are four parts to the 2017 Zion bullpen:

1) Closer – **MORROW** (RH 19, +13/+34 peripherals) is the closer when he's up, but that's only April/June/Sept. and maybe November. Even when up, he's a four out save at most, and preferably just a 3 out guy in the 9th. He never pitches an extra inning if the score gets tied and the game extends.

The rest of the time the closer is a mix and match of the three set-up men (**JANSEN, WATSON, FLORO**). Choose the most logical tool remaining for the job, and be aware that if Tool 1 gets into trouble, it may require a second P to improve our chances of getting out of that jam.

2) The set-up men. There are three setup men (**JANSEN – Gr 14**, bad HR issues, **FLORO – Grade 13**, great peripherals esp. HR, and **WATSON – LH Gr 13**, excellent peripherals) These guys have 202 IP between them, and will handle the 7th and 8th when **MORROW** is up, and the 7th-9th when he isn't.

3) The middle men – **LORENZEN (Gr 11, up all year)**, **HERRERA (Gr 12, alternates with MORROW on active list)**, **DE LA ROSA and JOHNSON (95 more LH relief innings)** There's 220 more innings among this bunch. They are going to need their +5s to be effective, so it will not be uncommon to use two guys within an inning. **LORENZEN** has the added factor of a fairly impressive hitting card and 31 real world plate appearances last year. Particularly when we're playing without the DH and even occasionally when we are, he will be the choice to pitch if it puts him in a position to bat in the next Zion ABs.

4) The caddies. Mister peripheral **KOLAREK (Gr 5 but +45/+62)** and **LEONE (only Gr 4, but at least good control)** can throw another 130 innings between them, and one will be up at all times. They are peripherally superior to both **COBB and GRAY** so if we're leading or tied in the 3rd or 4th and your offense starts a rally, bring the caddy in for an inning or 2 to increase our chances of pushing that close game into the middle/late innings. Don't bother expending them, however, if we're already down 3 or 4 runs early – let the starter take his lumps in that situation.

DEFENSIVE STRATEGY OPTIONS

INTENTIONAL WALK – Rarely, if ever.

HOLD RUNNERS – Always vs. PL batter; otherwise, only hold runners with adjSSN of 23+.

INFIELD IN/DEEP – Play IN 8th on with <2 out if runner on 3rd is T/L run; otherwise, play DEEP.

OUTFIELD THROWS – 1) ALWAYS throw if runner chance is < 33. 2) ALWAYS throw for lead runner, unless he is not T/L run, and trail runner chance is 7+ lower. Computer managers, play as you would your team, but never let the potential winning run cross the plate uncontested 7th on.

DEF. REPLACEMENTS – Defense is not job 1, or 2, or 3 with this year's Elders, but during most of this year there should be 3 possible defensive moves:

- 1) **PEREZ** can sub defensively at C as needed to protect a 1-2 run lead in the 8th or 9th.
- 2) **TORREYES** should substitute for the starting SS to protect a lead 8th or 9th.

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY OPTIONS (Order of Preference – SB, H&R, sacrifice)

STEALS: In order to steal, I like to have an adjSSN (after all P and C adjustments) of 27+; however, if the SB is critical enough to the outcome of the game, I'll take a shot at 25 or 26 (especially if the batter can't H&R).

WHO STEALS WHEN: **BENINTENDI and ALLEN** are the two guys with a large number of attempts (23 and 25), and basically have the green light to steal 2nd any time 5th inning on score is +2/-1 (limit – 2x per series on a straight steal). **BLACKMON** has 16 steals as a 29 and can do the same (limit 1X per series). The others who can be runners in the hit and run (**CHOO, ADRIANZA, HANIGER, PRESLEY**) will only steal on the road from a busted H&R.

HIT & RUN: I'm a huge believer in the H&R. However as the team continues to transition, this year though a lot of guys have 2 31s, not a lot of guys can steal, and not everyone with 2 31s is a great H&R candidate. On the current team, **BELTRE, BLACKMON, HUNDLEY ADRIANZA and TORREYES** should hit and run 1st or 1st and 3rd anytime the runner on 1st has an adjSSN of 20+. **MUNOZ, GENNETT, and ALLEN** will also H&R with a man on 1st only, adjSSN of 24+. **HANIGER, BENINTENDI and CANDELARIO** have 2 31s but will not H&R this year.

SACRIFICE: Sacrifice tying/lead run on 2nd to 3rd with exactly 0 outs 8th or later. (Exceptions: Never bunt with a serious power hitter unless all of his non-power hits are stolen)

NEVER, EVER SQUEEZE!!! (Just say NOOOO!)

OFFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS Anyone not starting can usually come in whenever he may be helpful – please consult the general usage by position, however, as there are some exceptions..

PINCH HITTING – Traditionally, I PH a lot, especially to counter pitching changes, or to maximize our scoring chances in a rally situation. This year there will be a lot of opportunities to PH given our often sizable shifts..

WHO TO PH FOR: 1) **CHOO, ALLEN**, occasionally **BENINTENDI** vs. LH relievers (especially when they are first batter faced). 2) **Starting C, ADRIANZA, CANDELARIO** vs. a RH 7th on

PH vs LH – **CANDELARIO, MUNOZ**

PH vs RH – **CHOO, BENINTENDI** and **MANCINI** should all be able to come off the bench freely when you go to right-handers in the pen.

PINCH RUNNING – **ALLEN** is the best base-stealer and base runner off the pine.

RUNNER ADVANCEMENT: 1) **ALWAYS** go if chance is 28+. **NEVER** go if chance is less than 20, except home with T/L run 8th on and 2 out (15+). 3) Otherwise, use Adams tables to determine go/no go. When playing computer game, be aggressive with the fastest runners, and conservative with the lead-foots). Otherwise, I'll rely on your knowledge of hit descriptions to try and match up with these general parameters, as your knowledge would greatly exceed my own on this topic.

SEND RUNNER ON 3RD: If your IF is in, HOLD runner unless the combined Fldg rating of your 2B and SS is < 15.

Zion will be using the boards again in 2019. This team can hit, but will require you to pay attention to your own batting matchups when using our pen. Please do the best you can, and I'll do the same for you here.

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IN MINORS (X)

	Th	GS	IP	Gr	Ctl	HR	Fat	Bats			A	M	Jn	Jl	A	S	O
Bauer, Trevor (B)	CLE	R	27	175	16	11	44	26/16		WP3 BK0 MF1					x		
<i>Bundy, Dylan</i>	BAL	R	31	172	4	14	-36	28		WP3 MF0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cobb, Alex (C)	BAL	R	28	152	4	24	-14	26		WP2 MF3		x					
Gray, Jonathan (G)	COL	R	31	172	4	15	-16	27		WP3 MF0							
Johnson, Brian (J)	BOS	L	13	99	8/9*	-15	-14	21/9		WP1 BK0 MF0	x			x		x	
Matz, Steven (Z)	NYM	L	30	154	11	-14	-22	23		WP1 BK0 MF0							
Mikolas, Mike (M)	STL	R	32	201	10	44	25	25		WP1 MF3							
de la Rosa, Jorge	CHC	L		56	11*	-24	15	6*		WP3 MF0			x				x
Floro, Dylan	LAD	R		64	13*	21	44	7*		WP1 MF0							
Herrera, Kelvin	WSH	R		44	12*	25	-12	6*		WP0 MF0	x		x				x
Jansen, Kenley	LAD	R		72	14*	25	-32	6*		WP0 MF0							
Kolarek, Adam	TAM	R		67	5*	45	62	7*	39 RIP	WP0 BK0 MF2					x	x	
Leone, Dominic	STL	R		62	4*	32	0	6*		WP0 HB/BK0 MF2	x	x	x	x			x
Lorenzen, Michael (L)	CIN	R	3	81	11*	-22	32	19/9*	-4/+3	WP2 BK0 MF1							
Morrow, Brandon	CHC	R		31	19*	13	34	5*		WP2 BK0 MF0		x		x	x		x
Watson, Tony	SFO	L		66	13*	35	35	6*		WP0 BK0 MF0							
<i>Holmes, Clay</i>	PIT	R	4	26	1	-62	34	26/10		WP3 BK0 MF0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
			G	PA	vL	vR	Com.	SSN	Att.	Spd	Arm	Fldg					
Phegley, Josh	OAK	R		102	-3	+1	SA0	N		5	33	C7 (PB3/Th+2)		x	x	x	x
Hundley, Nick	SFO	R	96	305	+4	-5	SA2	F26	3	7	32	C7 (PB2/Th-3)					
Perez, Roberto	CLE	R	62	210	+6	-3	SA2	G26	1	5	33	C8 (PB2/0)	x				
Mancini, Trey	BAL	R	156	636	-4	0	SA0	G14	1	11	30	1B3 OF1					
Candelario, Jeimer	DET	B	144	605	+4	-3	SA0	F24	5	9	33	3B4 (1B2 - legacy)					x
Torreyes, Ronald	NYN	R	41	102	+1	-2	SA1	N		15	30	2B8 SS8 3B3	x		x		x
Munoz, Yairo	STL	R	108	329	+3	-3	SA2	C18	11	13	31	SS7 2B7 3B3 OF1			x		x
<i>Seager, Corey</i>	LAD	L										(Uncarded)	x	x	x	x	x
Gennett, Scooter	CIN	L	154	638	-4	0	SA2	G26	6	9	32	2B7					
Adrianza, Ehire	MIN	B	114	366	0	-2	SA0	F32	6	12	34	SS7 2B6 OF2 1B3	x	x			
Beltre, Adrian	TEX	R	119	481	-4	0	SA0	R26	1	5	32	3B5					
Benintendi, Andrew	BOS	L	148	661	-8	+1	PR5	E34	23	15	33	OF3					
Choo, Shin Soo	TEX	L	146	665	-9	+2	PR5	R33	7	10	34	OF1					
Allen, Greg	CLE	B	91	279	-9	0	SA0	C32	25	17	33	OF2			x		x
Blackmon, Charles	COL	L	156	696	-4	0	PR2	F29	16	15	29	OF2					
Duggar, Steven	SFO	L	41	151	+5	-4	SA0	D32	6	15	33	OF2		x		x	
Haniger, Mitch	SEA	R	157	683	1	-2	SA1	D22	9	10	30	OF3					
<i>Uncarded: Jimmy Nelson</i>													x	x	x	x	x
ROTATION																	
April 1-4 @ WAR			G,M	Z,B	Jul	1-5		LV	G	M,C	B,Z	Oct 1-4	@	HOB	M,C,B,Z		
April 6-8 @ CAY			C,G	M	Jul	6-9			MID	G,M	C,B	Oct 5-9	@	HUD	G,M,C,B,Z		
April 10-12 @ NBO			B,Z	G	Jul	11-14	@		BRO	G,M	Z,C	Oct 10-14		KAN	G,M,C,B,Z		
April 14-17 MUN			M,B	C,Z	Jul	15-18	@		WHT	B,G	M,Z	Oct 15-18		KNX	G,M,C,B		
April 19-23 MLR	G		M,B	C,Z	Jul	19-22	@		BH	C,B	G,M	Oct 20-23		DET	Z,G,M,C		
May 1-5 @ COL	J		G,M	B,Z	Aug	1-4	@		RIV	J,C	Z,G	Nov 2-6	@	MUN	J,Z,B,C,G		
May 6-9 @ IND			J,G	M,B	Aug	5-8	@		STM	M,J	C,Z	Nov 7-10	@	MLR	J,M,Z,B		
May 11-14 RYE			Z,G	J,M	Aug	10-13	@		LV	G,M	J,C	Nov 11-13		CAY	C,J,G		
May 15-18 MAR			B,Z	G,J	Aug	14-17			NW	Z,G	M,J	Nov 15-18		NBO	M,C,Z,B		
May 20-23 HUD			M,B	Z,J	Aug	18-21			GC	C,Z	G,M	Nov 19-22		WAR	L,M,C,J		
June 1-4 CAY			C,M	B,G	Sep	3-5	@		WAR	B,C	L						
June 6-8 NBO			Z,C	M	Sep	6-9	@		CAY	Z,G	M,C						
June 9-11 WAR			B,L	Z	Sep	10-13	@		NBO	B,Z	G,M						
June 12-16 @ DET	G		M,C	B,Z	Sep	14-17			COL	C,B	Z,G						
June 18-21 @ KAN			M,C	B,Z	Sep	19-23			IND	M,C	B,Z,G						