

2020 Munich Marauders Series Instructions
(1992, 2007 and 2016 TBL Champions)



Munich will be using the Computer game for Windows (Broadcast Blast 5.75).
Please do NOT use a micro-manager if you are using the computer game.
Please DO send a game sheet (boards) or script (computer) in addition to boxscore/stats. Thanks!

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Waivers –
Mid-season Trades –

General Introduction: The good news – this is a stronger roster overall than last year’s playoff team. The bad news – there are more usage issues with it.... That does NOT mean “no bench use”, though! So, use the instructions below as guidelines, to see if there are moves that will give Munich an edge. LOTS of good innings in the bullpen, but no TBL-closer-grades. So mix and match to give Munich its best chances in close games and use the mops in games that aren’t close late. But, the supreme instruction is (as always): have fun!

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2020 Munich Marauders Batters										FIELDING										In Minors?															
TM	Name	Bats	GM	PA	SBA	Hitting	STL	SPD	Comp.	BMod	BMod	Board	7's	8's	10's	11's	24's	31's	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	Arm	A	M	J	J	A	S	O			
HOU	Altuve, Jose	R	123	548	13	11(1166)3 H	D22	F15	SA-2	+5/-3	1	3	1	3	3						8	[4]	6		31										
ARZ	Avila, Alex	L	63	201	2	7(156)6	R26	S6	PR-3	PR-5/0			2		4	1			8					th+5											
OAK	Barreto, Franklin [r]	R		58	2	5(100)1	C26	F16	SA-2	+3/-4			1	(1x9)							6		6		32	m	m	m	m	m	m	m			
DET	Cabrera, Miguel	R	136	549	0	10(000)3 H	N	S2	SA-3	+9/-4	2	3			3	2								34											
CHC	Caratini, Victor [r]	B	95	279	2	9(100)4+	R26	7	PB-0	PB-2/-1	1	3			1	2			7	3		3		-4 pb2	m	m	m		m	m	m				
CHC	Contreras, Willson	R	105	409	4	9(1100)3(1)	E14	8	SA-2	+5/-3		3							2	7	2			-0 pb2											
COL	Daza, Yonathan [r]	R		105	2	8(0)2	F26	F17	SA-0	-1/-1	1	4					1	1						2	35	m	m	m	m	m	m				
WAS	Eaton, Adam	L	151	656	20	9(000)4(1)	F32	F15	SA-0	-1/-1	1	2	1											3	32										
NYM	Gomez, Carlos	R		99	6	7(16)3(1)	D31	F15	SA-1	+2/-2		2	1											3	37									m	
CHC	Heyward, Jason	L	147	589	13	9(100)4+	F28	F15	PR-5	PR-11/+1		3	1											3	33										
HOU	Maldonado, Martin	R	104	374	0	8(166)3+	N	S6	SA-1	0/-2		3							9	2				-1 pb2	m	m	m	m	m	m	m				
TB	Meadows, Austin [r]	L	138	591	21	10(11000)3+	D25	13	SA-3	-5/0		2	1											2	32										
OAK	Pinder, Chad [r]	R	124	370	2	9(1000)2+	F14	F14	SA-1	+1/-3		3							2	7	3	6	2	2	32	m	m	m	m	m	m	m			
CHC	Rizzo, Anthony	L	146	613	8	10(1000)4(2)	G28	8	PR-4	PR-7/+1		4												5	32										
ARZ	Rojas, Josh	L	41	157	7	8(06)4+	D26	13	SA-0	+4/-4		2	2								5			2	31										
CHC	Schwarber, Kyle	L	155	610	6	9(1166)4+	E16	S6	PR-3	PR-6/0		3							1	5				1	th-4,pb3										
LAA	Simmons, Andrelton	R	102	424	14	10(000)2	E32	12	SA-3	+6/-4	1	4					5	1					9	36											
TB	Sogard, Eric	L	110	442	9	10(166)3 H	F35	12	SA-0	0/-2	2	2	1											8	4	7	1	32							
DET	Stewart, Kristin [r]	L	104	416	2	8(0000)3(1)	F14	S6	SA-2	-4/-1		2												1	29	m	m	m	m	m	m				
LAD	Turner, Justin	R	135	549	3	10(1000)3(1)	R31	10	SA-1	+1/-2	1	3									6	4			30										
CHC	Zobrist, Ben	B	47	176	0	9(00)5	N	8	SA-0	-2/-1	1	4									[3]	7	[3]	6	2	33									

(red = change from previous)

Barreto, Daza, Maldonado, Pinder, Stewart – in the minors until Nov. Others as in table.

2020 Season Munich Marauders Pitchers															In Minors?						
TM	Name	Th	GS	RIP	SPGrd	RPGrd	Ctl	HA	Fatg	WP	HB	BK	MF	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	
SD	Castillo, Jose G. [r]	L		uncarded										m	m	m	m	m	m	m	
CHC	Chavez, Jesse	R	9	48	5YZ	8*YZ	+21	+12	19/7	1			0	+2	m	m	m	m	m	m	
CHC	Darvish, Yu	R	31		13XYL		+12	-22	24	3			0								
NYM	deGrom, Jake	R	32		16XYZG		+26	+26	25	1			0								
SF	Dyson, Sam	R		62 1/3		12*YZG	+31	+26	6	1			0	+1						m	
DET	Farmer, Buck	R	1	65 2/3		12*YG	+12	+23	9/6	3			0		m					m	
STL	Gant, John	R		66 1/3		14*YWH	-53	+43	6	1	0	0									
CIN	Garrett, Amir [r]	L		55 2/3		15*XYW	-62	+21	6	3											
ARZ	Greinke, Zack	R	33		13YZG		+43	+24	25	1				+3							
CHC	Hendricks, Kyle	R	30		10ZG		+35	+24	24	1			0	+2							
PIT	Liriano, Francisco	L		70		13*YWG	-43	+23	6	1			0		m					m	
CHC	Ryan, Kyle [r]	L		61		12*YH	-33	+34	6	1			0							m	
LAD	Ryu, Hyun-Jin	L	29		13YZG		+44	+26	25	0			0	+3							
SD	Stammen, Craig	R		82		10*YZ	+41	-12	6	0			0	+1							

Minors By Month – pitchers who are in the minors listed in rightmost seven columns in roster charts (“m”).
Make sure to make changes from previous instructions, that are noted in red (if any)!

Munich Rotation 2020									
		Days							
April	@ COL	Gr	dG	Da	Hn				
20	@ DET	Ry	Gr	dG					
	@ HUD	Da	Hn	Ry	Gr				
	WAR	dG	Da	Hn	Ry				
	KAN	Gr	dG	Da	Hn	Ry			
May	MLR	Gr	dG	Da	Hn	Ry			
21	NBO	Gr	dG	Da	Hn				
	@ WHT	Ry	Gr	dG	Da				
	@ MAR	Hn	Ry	Gr	dG				
	@ RYE	Da	Hn	Gr	Ry				
June	DET	dG	Da	Hn	Gr				
19	HUD	dG	Ry	Da					
	COL	Hn	Gr	dG					
	@ CAY	Ry	Da	Hn	Gr	dG			
	@ LV	Ry	Da	Hn	Gr				
July	@ ZIO	dG	Ry	Da	Hn	Gr			
21	@ IND	dG	Ry	Da	Hn				
	KNX	Gr	dG	Ry	Da				
	RIV	Hn	Gr	dG	Ry				
	MID	Da	Hn	Gr	dG				
August	HOB	Ry	Da	Hn	Gr				
20	STM	dG	Ry	Da	Hn				
	BRO	Gr	dG	Ry	Da				
	@ BH	Hn	Gr	dG	Ry				
	@ GC	Da	Hn	Gr	dG				

Munich Rotation 2020									
		Days							
Sept.	@ COL			Gr	dG	Da			
19	@ DET	Ry	Hn	Gr	dG				
	@ HUD	Da	Ry	Hn					
	CAY	Gr	dG	Da	Ry				
	IND	Hn	Gr	dG	Da	Ry			
Oct.	@ WAR	Ch	dG	Gr	Da	Ry			
22	@ MLR		Hn	Ch	dG	Ry			
	LV	Gr	Da	Hn	Ch	dG			
	ZIO	Gr	Da	Ry	Hn				
	@ NW		dG	Gr	Ch	Da			
Nov.	@ NBO		Hn	Gr	dG	Ch	Ry		
20	@ KAN	Hn	Gr	Da	Ch				
	DET	dG	Hn	Gr					
	HUD	Ry	Da	Hn	Ch				
	COL	dG	Gr	Ry	Da				

KEY	
	Day off
dG	deGrom, Jake
Gr	Greinke, Zack
Ry	Ryu, Hyun-Jun
Da	Darvish, Yu
Hn	Hendricks, Kyle
Ch	Chavez, Jesse
Xx (italics, red border)	= double header

PITCHING

Starters: Handle them by these principles:

- **deGrom, Greinke, Ryu** – Study in all respects. Go as deep as possible, until downgraded by fatigue or runs.
- **Darvish** – Good grade, but doesn’t stop HR’s. Mediocre control. Hence, will give way to the bullpen by middle innings unless he is pitching a shutout, in which case he stays until the shutout is gone.
- **Hendricks** – “Only” grade 10, but control and HA say he’s a GOOD 10. Try to get 6 IP out of him, but not at the cost of endangering a lead. After that, it’s a quick hook at any sign of trouble (unless the game is a blowout, in which case, he can stay in a bit longer rather than waste bullpen – but even then, if it starts to get close, go to the relievers).
- **Chavez** – Has to cover 7 starts (unless the waiver wire changes that). Only a 5 (though with good control), so the phrase Quick Hook was invented for him. He may have a caddy; look for series-specific instructions for Oct/Nov.

The general rules that apply to all starters: Max of 11.2 IP for any starter.

Relievers: Can you say “by committee”? Sure, I knew you could! There’s over 500 IP of grade 8* and up – but no TBL closer grade. SO, you’ll have lots of occasions to use the +5, perhaps multiple times in an inning to stop a rally. I don’t give a hoot who gets saves, so mix and match as needed to keep your offense under control. There are 6 relievers with grades of 12* to 15* who all stop homers – four are active in any given month, so use them as the situation requires, mainly when the game is close or Munich leads. They combine for 381 IP, so you can lean on them.

The only set roles are:

- **Situational Lefty** – Two of the three southpaws will be active in all months. They all have enough IP that they don’t need to be treated as LOOGY’s. But they are all wild, so they may need to yield to a righty before their fatigue.
- **Long/Mop/(and Middle when trailing)** –
 - **Stammen (and after him Chavez may be called up)** – lots of IP so you can be generous in using him up to 2.2 IP/game if needed. I’ll handle any roster changes that their usage may require.

Lineups and Usage

- General** – 1. Use these boxes for guidance regarding usage and substitution decisions. (Apply to boards or BBW.)
2. Definitely follow the DEF and BLOWOUT instructions, as I've worded them to account for most/all of the usage handling. All batters will be going by PA; but I can't waste key hitters' PA during blowouts. If you ignore or over-ride these instructions, please leave a note on the scoresheet as to why you did it.
3. **CATCHER** – Contreras gets 3 PA (*less if it's an early blowout*). At that point if it's tied or Munich trails by 1 or 2 runs, leave him in, else replace him with Avila.

R1 vs RHP grade 12 or less		
1	RF	Eaton Plays entire game; see DEF
2	2B	Altuve Plays entire game except in BLOWOUT
3	1B	Rizzo Plays entire game except in BLOWOUT
4	LF	Meadows See DEF and BLOWOUT
5	DH	Schwarber See PH/PR
6	C	Contreras See DEF and BLOWOUT; also read 3.CATCHER above
7	3B	Turner See BLOWOUT
8	CF	Heyward See PH/PR
9	SS	Simmons See PH/PR; Sogard or Zobrist at SS if Simmons is hit for
BENCH Avila, Cabrera, Gomez, Rojas, Sogard, Zobrist		
PH/PR Anyone on the bench can PH depending on the circumstances. Cabrera should PH for Schwarber if you bring in a LH reliever and the game is close. Anyone except Gomez can PH for Heyward vs a LH, or for Simmons, if Munich trails. Gomez is the 'designated PR' for any slow or average runner who is tying/lead run late.		
DEF When [1] MUN leads by 4+ any time after the top of the 5th; or [2] MUN leads by any amount after top of 8th - outfield becomes Eaton (LF) / Heyward (CF) / Gomez (RF), Sogard replaces Zobrist at 2B (but not Altuve), and Avila becomes the C. Put Gomez in the lineup spot where he has LEAST chance of having to bat!		
BLOWOUT If you lead by 5 or more any time after the 5th , make these moves: Avila replaces Contreras at C, Cabrera to 1B (remove Rizzo), Zobrist replaces Altuve, Sogard replaces Turner, Rojas replaces Meadows.		

R vs RHP grade 13 or more		
1	RF	Eaton Plays entire game; see DEF
2	1B	Rizzo Plays entire game except in BLOWOUT
3	LF	Meadows See DEF and BLOWOUT
4	DH	Schwarber See PH/PR
5	C	Contreras See DEF and BLOWOUT; also read 3. CATCHER above
6	3B	Turner See BLOWOUT
7	CF	Heyward See PH/PR
8	2B	Zobrist See DEF
9	SS	Simmons See PH/PR; Sogard or Zobrist at SS if Simmons is hit for
BENCH Altuve, Avila, Cabrera, Gomez, Rojas, Sogard		
PH/PR Anyone on the bench can PH depending on the circumstances. Cabrera should PH for Schwarber if you bring in a LH reliever and the game is close. Altuve can PH for Zobrist or Simmons if Munich trails and it's close. Anyone except Gomez can PH for Heyward vs a LH, or for Simmons, if Munich trails. Gomez is the 'designated PR' for any slow or average runner who is tying/lead run late.		
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BLOWOUT If you lead by 5 or more any time after the 5th , make these moves: Avila replaces Contreras at C, Cabrera to 1B (remove Rizzo), Zobrist to 2B, Sogard to 3B, Rojas replaces Meadows.		

L vs LHP		
1	CF	Eaton Plays entire game; see DEF
2	2B	Altuve Plays entire game except in BLOWOUT
3	RF	Meadows See DEF and BLOWOUT
4	C	Contreras See DEF and BLOWOUT; also read 3.CATCHER above
5	3B	Turner See BLOWOUT
6	DH	Cabrera See PH/PR and BLOWOUT
7	1B	Rizzo Plays entire game except in BLOWOUT
8	SS	Simmons See PH/PR; Sogard or Zobrist at SS if Simmons is hit for
9	LF	Rojas See PH/PR, and DEF
BENCH Avila, Gomez, Heyward, Schwarber, Sogard, Zobrist		
PH/PR Anyone on the bench can PH depending on the circumstances. Schwarber should PH for Cabrera if you bring in a RH reliever and the game is close. Anyone except Gomez can PH for Rojas vs a RH (Heyward is logical), or for Simmons, if Munich trails. Gomez is the 'designated PR' for any slow or average runner who is tying/lead run late.		
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BLOWOUT If you lead by 5 or more any time after the 5th , make these moves: Avila replaces Contreras at C, Cabrera to 1B (remove Rizzo and dissolve the DH), Zobrist to 2B, Sogard to 3B, Heyward replaces Meadows.		

Offensive Tactics (General Guidance):

Hit-and-Run (#1 tactical choice – but very limited this year):

[1] **Altuve** should hit and run whenever legal and the runner has an adjusted SSN of at least 22.

[2] **Cabrera, Sogard** as batters should hit and run any time they are eligible and the runner on 1st has an adjusted SSN of at least 22, *unless* the pitcher's control is -24 or worse ("W" on the computer game).

(NOTE – not everyone with two 31's is in this list; this is intentional, please hit and run only with the listed players.)

Steal (#2 tactical choice):

There are some good runners, but not a whole lot of attempts. **Eaton, Gomez, Heyward, Meadows, Rizzo, Rojas, Simmons, Sogard** – can straight steal second in the 8th or later with an *adjusted* SSN of 26+ when he is the **-1/tie/+1/+2 run** when *Meadows, Rizzo or Schwarber* are **not** the batter. (**Don't worry about trying to steal third or home.**)

Bunt (#3 tactical option):

Basically, only in very late innings of a one-run or tie game, to move a man to scoring position when **NEITHER** the current batter nor the on-deck man have much power (less than 4 power numbers and no first-column 1), **AND** the steal or hit-and-run are not indicated by the above instructions. **Don't squeeze.**

Runner Advancement:

The general guidelines are:

- With runners whose speed is 13 or more be **responsibly aggressive**, especially when heading home, and especially with two out. (The term is "aggressive", though, not "stupid" – I don't want even a fast runner to go home on 6 chances, or a slow/average runner to try going first to third on a single to left, for example...)
- **With slow runners, be content to play station to station**, unless the hit is so deep that the chance is 30+ and it makes sense in game terms.
- With average runners whose speed is 12 or less, use your judgment based on the game situation. But don't be overly aggressive and take the bat away from a big hitter (anyone with first-column 1, or four or more power numbers).
- Have fast trailing runners try to advance if you throw for the leading runner; do not have slow trailing

runners try to advance.

- **Computer gamers:** always send my runner home if he is "well around" third. Send a runner who is "well around" second on to third IF Munich LEADS or is TIED, with 0 or 1 out. Never send a runner who is "rounding" the base. Don't have anyone try for the triple when that choice is given. Otherwise, be aggressive with fast runners when the game is within 3 runs.

Infield In; Outfield Throws; Hold Runners – Use your best baseball judgment and common sense.

Injury Subs:

C – Contreras (offense); Avila (defense); Caratini when active

1B – practically everyone has a carded rating at 1B, so if Rizzo gets hurt, use the most logical option

2B – Altuve, Sogard, Zobrist, Rojas, Turner

3B –Turner, Sogard, Zobrist, Caratini if active, Altuve (as a 4)

SS – Simmons, Sogard, Zobrist (and note that Altuve can play SS under the TBL infield rules as SS-6)

OF – prefer an OF-3 if Munich is tied or leading, Zobrist, Meadows, Rojas; Schwarber as last resort

DH – available bat; let pitcher hit in blowout

(In making injury subs, remember there is a LOT of position flexibility.)

If you aren't sure about anything after reading through these instructions, shoot me a quick email or phone call, and I'll be happy to clarify.

And have fun – remember, "there's no crying in baseball"!

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