

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
Sam	Jeff Samardzija
M	Joe Musgrove
W	Trevor Williams
C	Andrew Cashner
H	Adrian Houser
Spa	Glenn Sparkman
B	Jaime Barria

April (10 home, 9 road, 19 total)

1-4	NW	Sam1	M1	Sal1	C1
6-8	MAR	W1	Sam2	M2	
10-12	GC	Sal2	C2	W2	
14-17	@KNX	Sam3	M3	Sal3	C3
19-23	@RIV	W3	Sam4	M4	Sal4 C4

May (12 home, 9 away, 21 total)

1-5	@BH	W4	Sam5	M5	Sal5 C5
6-9	@HOB	W5	Sam6	M6	Sal6
11-14	DET	C6	W6	Sam7	M7
15-18	KAN	Sal7	C7	W7	Sam8
20-23	MUN	M8	Sal8	C8	W8

June (9 home, 10 away, 19 total)

1-4	@MAR	Sam9	M9	Sal9	C9
6-8	@GC	W9	Sam10	M10	
9-11	@NW	Sal10	C10	W10	
12-16	MID	Sam11	M11	Sal11	C11 W11
18-21	WHT	Sam12	M12	Sal12	C12

July (9 home, 12 away, 21 total)

1-5	BRO	W12	Sam13	M13	Sal13 C13
6-9	STM	W13	Sam14	M14	Sal14
11-14	@WAR	C14	W14	Sam15	M15
15-18	@CAY	Sal15	C15	H1	Sam16
19-22	@LV	M16	Sal16	C16	W15

August (12 home, 8 away, 20 total)

1-4	@ZIO	H2	Sam17	M17	Sal17
5-8	@MLR	W16	H3	Sam18	M18
10-13	BH	Sal18	H4	W17	Sam19
14-17	HUD	M19	Sal19	H5	W18
18-21	IND	Sam20	M20	Sal20	H6

September (11 home, 9 away, 20 total)
 3-5 NW Sam21 M21 C17
 6-9 MAR H7 W19 Sam22 M22
 10-13 GC C18 H8 W20 Sam23
 14-17 @MID M23 C19 H9 W21
 19-23 @STM Sam24 M24 C20 H10 W22

October (9 home, 13 away, 22 total)
 1-4 @BRO Sam25 M25 Sal21 H11
 6-9 @NBO Sam26 M26 Sal22 W23
 10-14 @WHT H12 Sam27 M27 Sal23 W24
 15-19 KNX H13 Sam28 M28 Sal24 W25
 20-23 COL H14 Sam29 M29 C21

November (home 9 away 11, 20 total)
 2-6 HOB Spa1 B1 Sal25 H15 Sam30
 7-10 RIV Spa2 B2 W26 H16
 11-13 @MAR C22 Spa3 M30
 15-18 @GC H17 B3 Sam31 Spa4
 19-22 @NW C23 H18 M31 Sam32

Majors/Minors –

Majors – Realmuto, DeJong, Mallex Smith, Merrifield, DeShields, Bregman, Heredia, Abreu, Ozuna, Garneau, Fletcher, Slater, Joyce (13 hitters); Sale, Samardzija, T Williams, Musgrove, Cashner, Houser, Workman, Wittgren, Walden, Hughes, Ranger Suarez, Alcantara (12 pitchers)

Minors – Daniel Robertson, France, Hicks, Tony Kemp, Elias, Osich, Fry, Sparkman, Baria (Taillon uncarded)

Starting Lineups

<u>vs RHP Boards & Computer</u>		<u>vs LHP Boards</u>		<u>vs LHP Computer</u>
Fletcher	LF	Fletcher	RF	Fletcher 2B
Merrifield	2B	Merrifield	2B	Merrifield CF
Bregman	3B	Bregman	3B	Bregman 3B
Realmuto	C	Abreu	1B	Abreu 1B
Joyce	RF	Realmuto	C	Realmuto C
Ozuna	DH	Garneau	DH	Ozuna LF
Abreu	1B	Slater	LF	Slater RF
DeJong	SS	DeJong	SS	DeJong SS
MSmith	CF	DeShields	CF	DeShields DH

Except for Trevor Williams, starters are generally to pitch until fatigued or otherwise reduced in grade.

Trevor Williams is to be pulled when the potential third run is on base. He has three caddies – see bullpen below.

Bullpen

From April through July this team has a superb bullpen.

Houser (24*) is the closer for all one inning save opportunities (i.e. Rye ahead by 1 to 3 runs). I am looking for 7 or more save opportunities a month for him until he goes into the starting rotation mid-year. Workman (29*) is the setup man for one or two innings in close games. Workman makes us nervous when the bases are loaded, so generally avoid having him pitch with the bases full. Wittgren and Walden are the 6th and 7th inning guys. Hughes, Ranger Suarez and Alcantara are the long relievers, mops, and caddies for Trevor Williams. Ranger Suarez is the only lefty, so use him as a LOOGY, unless he is busy caddying.

Generally, relievers are to pitch less than 2 2/3 innings per game.

Through the 7th inning, go to the pen regularly to maximize the 5 point bumps.

Offense

Hit and Run – With a batter with 2 -31's at the plate and a guy on first with 0 or 1 out, consider the H&R with a net steal number of 24+ on first. We have nine guys with a steal rating of 25 or higher, and who may have a net steal number of 24, so this is going to happen frequently. Look for it. Use it, please. If ahead or behind by 3 or more, don't use the H&R. With Abreu or Ozuna at the plate and 0 or 1 outs with a man on first, the hit and run needs to be considered, as they have 3 and 4 24's respectively. Use the H&R in those circumstances with a 24+ SSN baserunner.

Stealing - With two outs and Smith or DeShields on first, steal rather than hit and run. With one out and one of them on second, either of them can consider stealing third in a close game. If a tying or winning run is needed late with 0 or 1 out, Smith or DeShields 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 or Smith as a pinch runner for any of the other players, and tell him to steal.

Last year, Rye was freaking out about wanting to run. This year, it's not so much, but there are still lots of opportunities.

Base Advances – Use the Adams Tables.

Bench – There is some 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. Smith and DeShields are the pinch runners/base stealers on the bench. Joe Musgrove (Sp 15) and Jeff Samardzija (Sp13) can pinch run when they don't start. Consider using them in close games.

Defensive Replacements – Late in the game with a one or two run lead move Merrifield to second base and Fletcher and Heredia to the outfield to maximize corner outfield arms. That's it.

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

In what is likely to be a reasonably close race, Rye is competing for a playoff spot. Rye will scramble to play to win every game, of course, and player usage should never be a constraint.

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Hitters Rye Herons, 2020

Team	Name	Bats	G	PA	Split	SBA	STL	SPD	Fielding	Arm	Hitting	14's	7	8	9	24	31	Age	
Catchers																			
PHI	JT Realmuto	R	145	592	SA -1/-1	10	F34	F17	C8,PB2,Th+6	33	10(1566)	42	2	0	3	2	1	2	29
LAA/OAK	Dustin Garneau	R	35	100	SA +4/-5	0	0	S6	C7,PB1,TH-0,1B2	30	8(160)	5	0	3	2	0	2	32	
DET	John Hicks	R	95	333	SA +3/-3	2	E20	8	C6,PB0,Th-0, 1B3	30	8(156)	1	0	3	2	1	1	30	
Infielders																			
HOU	Alex Bregman	R	156	690	SA +5/-4	6	R32	14	3B5,SS9	34	10(1166)	5	0	3	2	0	2	26	
SD	Ty France	R	69	86	SA +1/-2	2	B9	9	3B4,2B7,1B2	31	8(156)	2	0	3	2	4	1	25	
CWS	Jose Abreu	R	159	693	PL +7/-4	4	F20	S6	1B3	30	10(1000)	3	1	3	2	3	1	33	
SL	Paul DeJong	R	159	663	PL -3/-1	14	E25	11	SS9	33	9(1000)	4	0	2	2	1	1	26	
KC	Whit Merrifield	R	162	735	SA -2/-1	30	D26	F18	2B8,OF2,1B2	32	11(0000)	2	0	4	1	0	2	31	
LAA	David Fletcher	R	154	653	SA -1/-1	11	F28	13	3B5,2B8,SS8,OF2	33	10(000)	3	2	3	2	1	2	26	
TB	Daniel Robertson*	R	118	237	SA +2/-3	4	E20	F15	3B4,2B7,SS7	32	8(00)	5	0	3	2	4	1	26	
Outfielders																			
HOU	Tony Kemp	L	110	279	SA +1/-2	8	C20	F17	2B7,OF2	31	7(100)	4	0	2	1	0	2	28	
STL	Marcell Ozuna	R	130	549	SA -5/-1	14	E33	10	OF2	29	9(1000)	4	0	2	2	4	2	28	
TEX	Delino DeShields	R	118	408	SA +3/-3	30	D31	F19	OF2	29	9(06)	3	0	3	2	1	2	27	
ATL	Matt Joyce	L	129	238	PR -5/-1	0	0	11	OF2	33	10(160)	5	1	4	2	0	1	35	
TB	Guillermo Heredia	R	89	231	SA +5/-9	4	D20	F16	OF2	33	8(000)	4	0	3	2	1	1	29	
TB	Mallex Smith*	L	148	566	SA +2/-2	55	C32	F19	OF2	30	8(06)	4	0	2	2	1	1	26	
SFG	Austin Slater*	R	115	192	SA +4/-6	1	R26	12	OF2,1B2,2B5	31	8(0000)	4	0	2	2	0	1	26	

*Innocuous player - GP/GS/ip limits have been increased (four players this year)

Pitchers

Team	Name	TH	GS	RIP	Grade	CTL	HA	FATG	WP	HB	BK	MF	Age	Speed
Starters														
BOS	Chris Sale	L	25		11	23	-11	2	1		0	0	31	S5
PIT	Trevor Williams	R	26		4	21	-16	28	1		0	1	28	S6
BOS/BAL	Andrew Cashner	R	23	23.3	9	-16	25	25/7	3		0	3	33	11
SF	Jeff Samardzija	R	32		12	23	-12	23	2		0	0	35	13
KC	Glenn Sparkman*	R	30	17.7	3	21	-23	27/12	3		3	28	S6	
LAA	Jaime Barria	R	13	22.3	4	14	-44	25/20	1		0	2	23	S6
PIT	Joe Musgrove	R	8	2	8	26	16	24/8	1		0	2	27	F15
PIT	Jameson Taillon (no card)													

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Relievers

CIN/PHI	Jared Hughes	R		71	13	-16	-22	6	1		0	1	34	S4
MIL	Adrian Houser	R	18	31	7/24*	12	15	21/9	1		0	1	27	S5
BOS	Brandon Workman	R		72	29*	-62	62	6	3			1	31	S5
MIA	Nick Wittgren	R		58	15	23	-15	6	0	0	0	1	28	S6
BOS	Marcus Walden	R		78	14	-22	36	7	3			0	31	8
BAL	Paul Fry	L		57	9	-36	24	6	3		0	0	27	8
PHI	Ranger Suarez	L		49	9	32	16	8	1			2	24	8
DET	Victor Alcantara	R		43	8	0	-15	6	3		0	1	27	7
SEA/WAS	Roenis Elias	L		50	11	11	-21	7	1			0	31	8
CWS	Josh Osich	L		68	10	31	-32	7	3	0	0	0	31	S6

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