2020

ELDERS OF ZION – Standard Instructions

(Do not use computer managers for the Elders. Please send game sheets for all road games.) Emergency Lineups for April road games

Vs LHP (no DH) – Benintendi 9 Mercado 7 Haniger 8 Mancini 3 Farmer 5 Munoz 4 Phegley 2 Adrianza 6 Vs LHP (DH) – Benintendi 9 Mercado 7 Haniger 8 Blackmon DH Mancini 3 Farmer 5 Adrianza 6 Phegley 2 Munoz 4

Vs RHP (no DH) – Benintendi 9 Seager 6 Hiura 4 Blackmon 8 Mancini 3 Mercado 7 Perez 2 Candelario 5 Vs RHP (DH) – Choo DH Benintendi 9 Hiura 4 Blackmon 8 Seager 6 Mancini 3 Mercado 7 Candelario 5 Perez 2

GENERAL GUIDELINES - OFFENSE/POSITION PLAYERS

There will be 5 Elders on the offensive bench April to October, and the cast will not change much month to month. Here's how the guys will be used when they are around.

1B - MANCINI will play every inning every day on the road

2B - HIURA starts vs RHP (replaced by Gennett in May and Munoz in July when he is in the minors). MUNOZ starts vs lefties. Despite HIURA's huge lefty shift, for the first half of the season, the starter remains in the game unless there is a game tying or game winning move to be made 7th on, as extra usage is tight unless GENNETT gets more roster time. If the starter is lifted, don't sub in the other 2B starter – use ADRIANZA or FARMER as the replacement.

SS – SEAGER and ADRIANZA platoon for the SS starts. SEAGER can sub in freely if RH relievers enter the game, and can come out vs a LH reliever (8th or later - earlier than that he'll stay in and bat).

3B – Although they will start the year platooning, **FARMER** will start against some RH as serve as a PH vs LH relievers. **CANDELARIO** is a black hole offensively, and will always be a candidate for a PH late in games if we're in it.

OF – **BENINTENDI, BLACKMON, and MERCADO** will be in the lineup almost every day on the road, and will never likely leave the game for a sub except due to injury. **HANIGER** plays the 3rd OF spot vs LHP, and is a PH and defensive replacement if not starting. DUGGAR is up for a couple of months and will start in July vs RH in place of the resting **MERCADO**. For the moment, ALLEN is riding the Triple A pine. Remember that LORENZEN is a 2-OF who is Fast and has several steal attempts. There may be times when it makes sense to move him from the mound to the OF or vice versa.

DH – **CHOO** DHs vs RHP. **BLACKMON** DHs vs LHP. **CHOO** can be used freely off the bench as a PH or PR. **BLACKMON** has to miss 20G so usually sits if not starting.

C - PHEGLEY starts vs. LHP, and a few RH grades. **PEREZ** will start vs. most RH and should be in to shut down the running game if we lead late. They have 220 G between them, so they can subbed in freely as appropriate. FARMER is the emergency C sub..

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

The starting staff is very, very middling. **BAUER** anchors the rotation with 34 starts of a 11, and will likely try to pitch into the 7th with his higher fatigue to help out the pen. The remaining 128 starts are spread between Grades 7-10, and will hope to get into the 6th inning.

The four rules to follow absolutely for the starters are as follows: 1) no starter leaves before the fifth, unless forced out by runs; 2) no starter pitches after being fatigued if the game is within 2 runs 6^{th} on $(7^{th}$ on BAUER); 3) that any starter should be replaced 7^{th} on if they put the tying/lead (T/L) run on base $(6^{th}$ on); and 4) that the late inning relievers should be in to protect any 1-2 run lead in the 8^{th} or 9^{th} , 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 three parts to the 2017 Zion bullpen – although the most important single role is murky for half the year.

1) Closer – **WICK** (RH 18 for 33 IP, -35/+62 peripherals) is the closer when he's up, but that's only April/June/Sept. and maybe November. Even when up, he's a 4-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 set-up men (LORENZEN, POCHE, TAYLOR, BAEZ). 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 the 9th.

2) The set-up men. There are four setup men. **LORENZEN** is a R14 for 83 IP and up all year; he's the one constant. **POCHE** (15) and **TAYLOR** (14) are LHP with 99 IP between them and at least one is up every month Finally **BAEZ** is normal up when WICK is not. These four guys have 212 IP between them, and will handle the 7th and 8th when WICK is up, and the 7th-9th when he isn't.

3) The middle men – JANSEN (Gr 12, up all year but August), BARD (R10), FLORO (R8) and WATSON (8L). Another 213 IP of relief, supplemented in August by WOJO using up 15-20 extra innings as a 9 with no +5. They pitch the 6^{th} and earlier when we're in the game and need early help, and late innings when the game isn't close.

4) The starting staff is decent enough to not need caddies and will stay in to throw bulk innings (as long as legal) if they blow up early. There is no real long man unless Herrera sees the field late in the year as other options burn out, so if we need 4-5 bullpen innings in a game, try to share the load.

DEFENSIVE STRATEGY OPTIONS

INTENTIONAL WALK – Rarely, if ever.

HOLD RUNNERS – Always vs. PL batter; otherwise, only hold runners with adj SSN 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 2 possible defensive moves:

- 1) **PEREZ** can sub defensively at C as needed to protect a 1-2 run lead in the 8^{th} or 9^{th} .
- 2) HANIGER can play defense in the OF late game.
- 3) At the moment, we are not lifting HIURA for a defensive 2B late. That may change as the year progresses.

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

STEALS: In order to steal, I like to have an adj SSN (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).

<u>WHO STEALS WHEN</u>: MERCADO and CHOO are the two guys with a large number of attempts (19 and 15), and basically have the green light to steal 2^{nd} any time 5th inning on score is +2/-1 (limit – 1x per series on a straight steal). BENINTENDI has 13 steal attempts as a 30 and can do the same thing 7^{th} on (limit 1X per series). The others who can be runners in the hit and run (HIURA, MUNOZ, HANIGER, CANDELARIO) 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, **SEAGER, BLACKMON, MUNOZ and ADRIANZA** should hit and run 1st or 1st and 3rd anytime the runner on 1st has an adj SSN of 20+.

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 Most players not starting can usually come in whenever they 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, SEAGER, HIURA vs LHP (especially when they are first batter faced). 2) CANDELARIO vs any P 7th on, FARMER and starting C vs RHP late

PH vs LH - FARMER, HANIGER, PHEGLEY

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

PINCH RUNNING – unless ALLEN gets to the 25 man more in the second half, the most likely PR who isn't in the starting lineup is LORENZEN.

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 2020. 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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Bauer, Trevor (B)	CIN	R	34	213	11	-15	0	28				WP3 BK0 MF0						
Bundy, Dylan (Y)	BAL	R	30	162	8	0	-13	25				WP3 MF0						
Cobb, Alex	BAL	R										(Uncarded)	X	x	х	x	х	Х
Gray, Jonathan (G)	COL	R	25	150	10	-11	16	25/6				WP3 BK0 MF+1				х		
Wojciechowski, A. (W)	BAL	R	16	82	9	12	-21	24/5				WP3 BK0 MF0	x	x	х			Х
Matz, Steven (Z)	NYM	L	30	154	8	21	-13	23/5				WP1 BK0 MF0						
Mikolas, Mike (M)	STL	R	32	184	7	36	0	24				WP2 MF1						
Wick, Rowan	CHC	R		33	18*	-35	62	7*				WP3 BK0 MF0		X		х	Х	
Lorenzen, Michael	CIN	R		83	14*	11	23	7*				WP2 BK0 MF0						
Poche, Colin	TAM	L		52	15*	-13	-15	6*				WP3 BK0 MF0		X				х
Taylor, Josh	BOS	L	1	47	14*	12	25	6/6				WP3 BK0 MF3			х	x		
Baez, Michel	SDG	R	1	30	14*	-22	26	7/7				WP3 MF0	x		х			х
Jansen, Kenley	LAD	R		63	12*	23	11	6*				WP2 MF0					х	_
Bard, Luke	LAA	R	3	49	10*	23	-12	6/8				WP3 MF0	x		x			х
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Perez, Roberto	CLE	R	119	389	+3	-3	SA2			5	33	C9 (PB0/+5)	_			$ \rightarrow$		
Mancini, Trey	BAL	R	154	602	-1	-1	SA1	R26	1	9	30	1B4 OF1						
Candelario, Jeimer	DET	В	94	335	-3	-1	SA0		4	9	33	3B4 1B3						
Hiura, Keston	MIL	R	84	314	-12	+2	SA0		12	9	30	2B6			Х		Х	
Munoz, Yairo	STL	R	88	172	+1	-2	SA1	D28	11	13	31	SS8 2B7 3B4 OF2						
Seager, Corey	LAD	L	134	489	-7	+2	SA3		1	15	33	SS8 2B7 3B4 OF2						
Gennett, Scooter	SFO	L	42	133	-7	+1	SA4			9	32	2B7	Х	X		х	Х	Х
Adrianza, Ehire	MIN	В	84	202	-1	-1	SA0		4	13	34	SS8 3B3 1B3 OF1						
Farmer, Kyle	Cln	R	97	183	+6	-5	SA3	E31	5	6	31	2B7 3B4 C6/-4						
Benintendi, Andrew	BOS	L	138	541	0	-2	PR0	F30	13	15	33	OF3						
Choo, Shin Soo	TEX	L	151	563	-9	+2	PR5	F35	15	10	34	OF1						
Allen, Greg	CLE	В	89	231	-9	+2	SA0	E31	10	17	33	OF2	X	x	х	x	х	х
Blackmon, Charles	COL	L	140	550	-2	-1	PR1	D12	7	15	29	OF2						
Duggar, Steven	SFO	L	73	261	-7	2	SA4		5	15	33	OF2	x	x	х			х
Haniger, Mitch	SEA	R	63	246	+5	-3	SA2		4	10	30	OF3						
Mercado, Oscar	CLE	R	115	438	-1	-2	SA1	E30	19	16	32	OF2				x		_
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May 15-18 BH			Y,Z		Aug	14-17	-	KNX		Z,B	-	Nov 15-18		CA		B,Ⅳ		
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June 9-11 WAR			G,Z	В	Sep	10-12	@	CAY		M,Z	В							
June 12-16 @ IND		М	Y,G	Z,B	Sep	14-17	-	LV		G,Y								
June 18-21 @ COL			M,Y	G.Z		18-22		DET	В	G,Y		1						