

## Guide to playing the 2021 Brobdingnag Barbarians

**Mood Statement:** This is a very bipolar team—the good are very good, the bad are very bad. I suspect if you mix it all up it will come out near .500, but as tough as the Ruth is again this season, maybe 75 wins is more realistic. On days we have Dr Jekyll pitching, the line-up should let us win a good number of those games. On the days it's Mr Hyde, life will be a lot tougher but we can score a lot of runs so we will win a few of them as well. We hope. The strategy will be to try and win the winnable games, but realize quite a few will have to be triaged.

### The Offense

We will use the same lineups for most our away games this season, though I will try to send out tailored lineups each month. Here are the default lineups:

	vs RHP			vs LHP	
1	BETTS	CF	1	NIMMO	DH
2	CORREA	SS	2	BETTS	CF
3	SOTO	LF	3	SOTO	LF
4	ACUNA	RF	4	AUNA	RF
5	MACHADO	3B	5	MACHADO	3B
6	MONCADA	DH	6	CORREA	SS
7	HERNANDEZ	2B	7	HERNANDEZ	2B
8	KELLY	C	8	NARVAEZ*	C
9	SANTANA	1B	9	SANTANA	1B

- On computer, KELLY catches in place of NARVAEZ

### The Bench Roles

Technically there is some, just not much of any value. Here are some guidelines on how to use them, but ultimately I trust your judgement on if and when to make a switch, but other than DH, C, and 1B I expect the starters will complete most the games.

**NIMMO & MONCADA/CERVILLI:** DH platoon. Based upon pitching changes can PH for each other.

**KELLY & NARVAEZ:** Both negative shifts vs LHP so are not a good platoon, but I have to manage the # of games here. Surprisingly, NARVAEZ is the DEF sub if I am +1/+2 late.

**CERVELLI:** The closest thing we have to a PH, but not many places to use him. He can PH for the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> place hitters if the tie/win run is on base or at the plate. Can stay in and catch.

**GARCIA:** Mostly an injury replacement in the INF, but +5 vs RHP can make him an effective PH for Hernandez if I trail 8<sup>th</sup>+ inning.

**STRAW:** His +11 vs RHP looks good until you see his card. Might be a case vs high grade relievers where he will hit, but not often. Mostly a PR for the catcher or 1B if the tie/win run 8<sup>th</sup>+ inning.

**ASTUDILLO:** His only real role is to have a second player eligible at 1B. *LAST* resort at C. Only 45 PA so he cannot afford to PH (I will reevaluate in the summer). Almost all his appearances will be after Santana has been PR for.

**BART & Rodgers:** Will be in the minors until November.

## Offensive Tactics

### Innings 1-6:

**H&R** is preferred tactic. If the score is +3/-3, runner has adjusted SSN of 24+ and:

Runners: Betts, Soto, Acuna, Machado, Straw

Batters: Betts, Correa, Machado, Hernandez, Cervelli, Astudillo

**Straight steal:** None

**Sacrifice:** Score +2/-2, 0 out, runners on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Batters: Hernandez, Kelly, Straw, Garcia

### Innings 7+:

**Steal** is the preferred tactic **IF** the score is +2/-1, the runner's adjusted SSN is 27+  
Only steal 2<sup>nd</sup>

Runners: Betts, Soto, Acuna, Machado, Straw

Second priority is **H&R IF** I am ahead by exactly 3 runs, or down 2 or 3 runs.

Same runners and hitters as for H&R above.

**Sacrifice:** Score +2/-1, same batters as for sac above.

## Substitutions

Basically as described in "The Bench Roles" above. PH, PR and Def changes will exist but be far less common than in 2020. Injury subs:

Catcher: Kelly/Narvaez, Cervelli

1B: Astudillo

2B/SS: Garcia

3B: Moncada, Garcia

OF: Straw, Nimmo

## Defense

Nothing exotic here. I tend to hold runners on first unless the score or runner's SSN makes it obvious they are not a threat to steal

I play deep unless it is the tie/winning run on 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 7<sup>th</sup>+ inning with less than two outs.

Narvaez will be the only realistic defensive sub.

***Everything not covered in here, please use your judgement and do as you would for your team.***

## Pitching

As with the hitters, the pitching is bi-polar as well. There are 87 good starts of Buehler, Woodruff, and Glasnow. There are 75 starts of guys who will hopefully be better in 2022. The instructions below bifurcate depending upon “good starter” vs “everyone else”.

The relievers fall into three groups:

The Closer: Gallegos (closer is a relative term, and he is clearly better than the other guys)

Pitchers who carry small gas cans: Kimbrell, Sadler, Harris, Middleton, Patino, Maton, Osuna

Pitchers who carry big gas cans: Stanek, Bashlor, Toussant, Guerra, Romero.

## Removing the Starters

**The good starters:** (Buehler, Woodruff, and Glasnow)

Innings 1-3: Remove if:

--Only if the rules require it

Innings 4-6: Remove if either:

--They are reduced below a grade 5 **AND** the score is +4 to -3 **or**

--The rules require it

Innings 7-8: Remove if:

--They are reduced below a grade 8 **AND** the score is +4 to -2 **or**

--They are reduced below a grade 10 **AND** the score is +4 to -2 **AND** there is a runner on base **or**

--The rules require it

Innings 9+:

--They are reduced below a grade 13 **AND** the score is tied **AND** there is a runner on base **or**

--They are reduced below a grade 13 **AND** the score is +2 to +1 **or**

--They are reduced below a grade 10 **AND** the score is +4 to +3 **AND** they put a runner on base **or**

--The rules require it

**The other starters:**

Innings 1-5: Remove if:

--Only if the rules require it

Innings 6-7: Remove if either:

--They are reduced below a grade 5 **AND** the score is +4 to -3 **or**

--The rules require it

Innings 8+: Same as for the good starters.

## Using the Relievers

Innings 1-4: Use whoever is active among **Stanek, Bashlor, Toussant, Guerra, Romero**. Try and spread the usage roughly evenly with a lot of guys going .7 to 1.7 IP, and getting the +5 bump to try and keep a runner on 1<sup>st</sup> from becoming worse (yes, “try” is the operative word). The earlier the relievers have to come in, the longer they may have to go.

Innings 5-8+:

--If the score is +5 or better, or -4 or worse, treat as innings 1-5.

--If the score is in the range +4/-3 the pitchers to use here are **Kimbrell, Sadler, Harris, Middleton, Patino, Maton, Osuna**. Still use multiple relievers for short periods to cover the innings get the upgrade. If the game starts close and deteriorates, go back to the inning 1-4 guys. The two lefties **Guerra, Romero** can also be used here for a batter or two if a big negative lefty shift makes them useable.

Closer: In the 9<sup>th</sup> or extra innings if I am up +1 to +3 and the starter is not at least a grade 13, bring in **Gallegos** to try and close. If he fails, he can finish the inning but then comes out. Use the Inning 5-8 guys after Gallegos.

<b>BROB 2021</b>	<b>Starters</b>	<b>MLB</b>	<b>L/R</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>RIP</b>	<b>Gd-S</b>	<b>Gd-R</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>f-s</b>	<b>f-r</b>
BUEHLER	Walker	LAD	R	22	98.7		16		16	-25	18	
WOODRUFF	Brandon	MIL	R	35	206.0		14		25	23	23	
GLASNOW	Tyler	TB	R	30	157.3		13		-12	-24	22	
SANDOVAL	Patrick	LAA	L	16	101.0	31.3	6	6	15	-46	23	17
VERLANDER-xc	Justin	HOU	R	3	16.7		6		35	-62	21	
HOLLAND-inoc	Derek	PIT	L	25	114.7	40.3	3	3	12	-53	30	11
STRASBURG-xc	Stephen	WAS	R	5	14.3		1		36	-21	19	
TEHERAN-inoc	Julio	LAA	R	30	86.3	13.7	1	1	-26	-62	21	7

List of minors is on next sheet with Rotation

All Ofs can play CF

Brob will play on the boards

We will likely send out tailored instruction for most months, but if you don't have them by the 4th, please use these April-Sept.

Have fun, and I hope your scoreboard can handle big numbers.

Cuts: Dyson  
Guerra (Javy, not Javy A.)  
Lin  
McHugh (NC)  
Oberg (NC)  
Freese (NC)

	<b>Relievers</b>	<b>MLB</b>	<b>L/R</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>RIP</b>	<b>Gd-S</b>	<b>Gd-R</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>f-s</b>	<b>f-r</b>
GALLEGOS	Giovanny	STL	R	0	46.0	46.0		15	22	36		6
KIMBREL	Craig	CC	R	0	42.7	42.7		12	-62	16		6
SADLER	Casey	SEA	R	0	54.0	54.0		12	-62	0		5
HARRIS	Will	WAS	R	0	50.7	50.7		9	-26	-11		6
MIDDLETON	Keynan	LAA	R	0	33.0	33.0		7	-34	-13		6
PATINO	Luis	SD	R	3	48.3	43.7	6	6	-62	0	13	10
MATON-inoc	Phil	CLE	R	0	79.3	79.3		5	33	51		6
OSUNA-xc	Roberto	HOU	R	0	12.0	12.0		4	62	62		6
STANEK-xc	Ryne	MIA	R	0	28.7	28.7		2	-62	-51		7
BASHLOR	Tyler	PIT	R	0	23.7	23.7		1	-25	-33		7
TOUSSAINT	Touki	ATL	R	14	67.3	11.0	1	1	-55	-42	26	15
GUERRA-inoc	Javy A	SD	L	0	72.7	72.7		1	16	43		7
ROMERO	JoJo	PHI	L	0	31.0	31.0		1	41	31		6

	<b>Hitters</b>	<b>MLB</b>	<b>L/R</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>SBA</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>OBP</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>vL</b>	<b>vR</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Sp</b>	<b>Ar</b>	<b>St</b>	<b>31s</b>	<b>Th</b>	<b>PB</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>OF</b>
ACUNA	Ronald	ATL	R	124	558	25	.250	.406	.581	-2	-1	SA0	18	33	34	1								3
ASTUDILLO-xc	Willians	MIN	R	22	45	0	.250	.250	.500	-4	2	SA0	9	35	N	1	Th-3	PB3	6	2				
BART	Joey	SF	R	89	310	0	.233	.288	.320	-3	0	SA0	6	32	N	1	Th-3	PB2	7					
BETTS	Mookie	LAD	R	149	661	32	.292	.366	.562	-17	4	SA0	18	35	32	2								3
CERVELLI	Francisco	MIA	R	43	178	3	.245	.355	.453	-6	3	SA0	6	36	N	2	Th-4	PB3	7					
CORREA	Carlos	HOU	R	157	610	0	.264	.326	.383	1	-2	SA1	15	36	N	2					7	9	4	
GARCIA	Luis V	WAS	L	108	399	6	.276	.302	.366	-16	5	SA5	13	30	20	2					6	7		
HERNANDEZ	Cesar	CLE	B	157	705	0	.283	.255	.408	1	-2	SA0	18	31	N	2					8	7	4	
KELLY	Carson	ARI	R	105	360	0	.221	.264	.385	-9	4	SA0	5	31	N	1	Th-4	PB2	7					
MACHADO	Manny	SD	R	162	707	35	.304	.370	.580	-1	-1	SA0	15	35	26	2					5	6	5	
MONCADA	Yoan	CWS	B	140	634	0	.225	.320	.385	0	-2	SA0	14	32	N	1								4
NARVAEZ	Omar	MIL	L	108	353	0	.176	.294	.269	-6	-1	SA3	6	32	N	1	Th+1	PB0	7					
NIMMO	Brandon	NYM	L	149	634	8	.280	.404	.484	-15	4	PR5	16	30	14	2								2
RODGERS-xc	Brendan	COL	R	19	58	0	.095	.095	.143	3	-3	SA2	12	31	N	1					6	6		
SANTANA	Carlos	CLE	B	162	689	0	.199	.349	.350	0	-2	PB0	7	33	N	2				3				
SOTO	Juan	WAS	L	127	563	23	.351	.490	.695	-1	-1	SA0	15	31	29	2								2
STRAW	Myles	HOU	R	89	238	22	.207	.244	.256	-14	11	SA0	18	32	29	1					5	7		2

**2021 Rotation**

<b>A</b>	@KNX	W	G	Sa	T	X
<b>P</b>	HOB	W	G	Sa	X	
<b>R</b>	MID	V	W	G	T	X
	RIV	Sa	W	G	T	X
<b>20</b>	@STM	Sa	W	G	T	V X
<b>M</b>	@BH	W	G	T	H	B
<b>A</b>	@RYE	W	G	T	H	X
<b>Y</b>	DET	W	G	T	H	
	HUD	B	W	G	T	X
<b>21</b>	KAN	H	W	G	T	
<b>J</b>	@HOB	B	H	W	G	X
<b>U</b>	@MID	T	H	W		
<b>N</b>	KNX	G	B	T		
<b>E</b>	MAR	H	W	G	B	T X
<b>19</b>	@GC	W	G	H	T	
<b>J</b>	NW	B	W	G	H	T
<b>U</b>	@CAY	B	W	G	H	X
<b>L</b>	@WAR	T	W	G	H	
<b>Y</b>	@MLR	B	T	W	G	
<b>21</b>	WHI	H	B	T	W	X

<b>A</b>	IND	H	B	T	W	
<b>U</b>	COL	Sa	H	B	T	X
<b>G</b>	STM	W	H	B	T	
	@LV	Sa	W	H	B	
<b>20</b>	@ZIO	T	Sa	W	H	X
<b>S</b>	@KNX	X	X	W	T	H
<b>E</b>	HOB	B	G	W	T	
<b>P</b>	MID	H	B	G	X	
<b>T</b>	BH	W	T	H	B	
<b>19</b>	@RIV	G	W	T	H	B X
<b>O</b>	GC	W	G	Sa	B*	St*
<b>C</b>	MUN	X	W	G	Sa	B
<b>T</b>	@NBO	St	W	G	Sa	X
	@NW	B	W	G	Sa	
<b>22</b>	@WHI	St	B	W	G	Sa
<b>N</b>	RYE	X	B	W	G	Sa St
<b>O</b>	@MAR	B	W	G	Sa	
<b>V</b>	@HOB	V	B	T	X	
	@MID	Sa	G	B	St	
<b>20</b>	KNX	W	Sa	G	B	X

<b>B</b> BUEHLER	<b>H</b> HOLLAND
<b>W</b> WOODRUFF	<b>St</b> STRASBURG
<b>G</b> GLASNOW	<b>T</b> TEHERAN
<b>Sa</b> SANDOVAL	<b>X</b> Off day
<b>V</b> VERLANDER	<b>*</b> Double header

**In the Minors:**

- April Bart, Rodgres, Cervelli, Buehler, Holland, Strasburg, Kimbrel, Harris, Middleton Osuna, Stanek, Guerra
- May Buehler, Holland up; Sandoval, Verlander down
- June Middleton, Guerra up; Patino, Romero down
- July Kimbrel, Stanek up; Sadler, Bashlor down
- August Cervelli, Sandoval, Middleton up; Harris, Glasnow, Moncada down
- September Glasnow, Osuna up; Sandoval, Maton down
- October Sandoval, Strasburg up; Holland, Teheran down

There will likely have to be other moves of relievers in October, but I do not know those yet.