



2021 Strong City Statesmen



Owner: Eric Sheffler **GM:** Carlton Fisk **Asst GM:** CJ Sheffler **Field Manager:** Rich Dauer **Pitching Coach:** Keith Atherton
Hitting Coach: Dave Winfield **Bench Coach:** John 'Duke' Wathan **1st Base:** Ray Lankford **3rd Base:** Wally Joyner

#	PLAYER	AGE	MLB TEAM	B	CG SHIFT	MG SHIFT	SPD	ARM	FIELDING (PB/TH)	SSN	SBA LEFT	REMAINING GP	PA	J	ACQUIRED
7	Adell, Jo	22	LAA	R	SA-1	+1 / -3	F 18	31	CF2	14	3	103	364	3	21 draft (1st)
28	Arenado, Nolan ^c	30	COL	R	SA-0	-3 / -1	13	33	3B6	N	0	110	479	2	17 trade RIV
56	Arozarena, R.	26	TBR	R	SA-4	+8 / -8	F 15	32	CF2	31	11	52	173	3	21 draft (1st)
11	Bichette, Bo	23	TOR	R	SA-0	-1 / -1	F 15	33	SS8	31	14	67	306	3	20 draft (1st)
4	Davis, Khris	33	OAK	R	PL-5	+6 / -8	S 6	31	OF1	N	0	81	278	3	20 trade MUN
1	Dubon, Mauricio	27	SFG	R	SA-2	+5 / -4	F 17	32	CF2, 2B7, SS7	16	13	131	435	1	21 draft (2nd)
26	Frazier, Adam	29	PIT	L	SA-5	-7 / 0	F 15	31	2B8, CF2	11	11	UNL	UNL	1	19 trade NW
29	Garcia, Leury	30	CWS	B	SA-0	+2 / -5	12	33	SS8, 2B7, OF2	N	0	43	173	4	19 trade MID
24	Grandal, Yasmani	32	CWS	B	SA-0	+2 / -3	S 6	30	C8, 1B3 (3/+6)	N	0	108	463	2	18 trade MUN
27	Guerrero, Vlad Jr.	22	TOR	R	SA-1	+1 / -2	S 6	32	1B3	26	3	UNL	UNL	0	20 draft (1st)
9	Gurriel, Yulieski	37	HOU	R	SA-3	+8 / -5	8	34	1B5 (3B3, 2B5)	14	3	141	592	1	20 trade MID
5	Lopes, Tim	27	SEA	R	SA-0	-1 / -1	13	30	OF1, 3B3	35	14	109	367	2	20 draft (7th)
23	Mondesi, A.	25	KCR	B	SA-0	+9 / -5	F 17	34	SS9 (2B7, 3B4)	29	83	UNL	UNL	0	20 trade MLR
25	Newman, Kevin	27	PIT	R	SA-2	+5 / -4	13	33	SS7, 2B6	14	3	119	485	2	19 draft (6th)
19	Paredes, Isaac	22	DET	R	SA-2	+5 / -4	8	30	3B3	N	0	95	318	3	20 draft (5th)
6	Peralta, David	33	ARZ	L	PR-4	-8 / +1	13	32	CF3	26	1	130	550	1	20 trade WAR
22	Plawecki, Kevin	30	BOS	R	SA-1	0 / -2	7	31	C8, 1B2 (2/+1)	26	3	52	188	3	19 trade HUD
10	Upton, Justin	33	LAA	R	SA-3	+3 / -5	11	34	OF2	9	6	99	417	2	08 draft (1st)

^c = Team Captains

CF = CF eligible

#	PITCHER	AGE	MLB TEAM	TH	START GRADE	RELIEF GRADE	CTL	HRA	FATIGUE ST	REL	D	WP	HB	BK	MF	LEFT: ST	RIP	J	ACQUIRED
75	Alexander, Scott	32	LAD	L		12*	-62	-14		6	1	0	0	0	1		25.3	3	21 trade MAR
46	Bedrosian, Cam	29	LAA	R		14*	-23	+62		7	2	3	0	0	1		37.7	4	19 trade WAR
59	Carrasco, Carlos ^c	34	CLE	R	14 X		-15	+16	23		1	3	--	0	2	27		2	14 draft (6th)
33	Fedde, Erick	28	WAS	R	10 R		-11	-23	23	17	2	3	--	0	1	22		3	21 trade IND
50	Fiers, Mike	36	OAK	R	5		+25	0	25		2	1	--	0	0	23		3	21 trade KNX
13	Jackson, Luke (I)	30	ATL	R		1*	-16	+42		9		3	--	0	0		81.3	2	21 Waiver
21	Miller, Andrew	35	STL	L		13*Y	-11	+62		5	1	3	--	0	0		36.0	3	18 trade MUN
44	Norris, Daniel	28	DET	L		11*Y	+26	+36		10	1	0	0	0	0		61.7	3	19 trade BRO
35	Pineda, Michael	32	MIN	R	10 Y		+24	+62	22		2	0	--	0	0	10		4	19 trade BRO
15	Pomeranz, Drew	32	SDP	L		18*XY	-61	+44		6	1	0	0	0	0		47.3	2	19 trade NBO
54	Romo, Sergio	38	MIN	R		12*Y	+13	0		6	1	0	--	0	0		49.0	1	19 trade MUN
41	Rosenthal, T.	30	SDP	R		23*K	0	+31		6	1	0	--	--	1		56.3	2	19 trade RIV
51	Smith, Will M.	32	ATL	L		13*Y	+24	-62		5	1	0	0	0	1		44.3	3	20 trade GC
40	Soroka, M. (XC)	23	ATL	R	12		-44	+62	19		2	3	--	0	0	8		4	20 draft (1st)
62	Trivino, Lou	30	OAK	R		15*Y	-26	+13		7	2	3	--	0	2		57.3	2	21 trade KNX
99	Walker, Taijuan	29	TOR	R	15 Y		+12	-11	20		1	1	--	0	0	26		3	20 trade HUD
45	Wheeler, Zack	30	PHI	R	11		+34	+51	26		1	0	--	0	2	26		3	20 trade WAR
47	Zimmer, Kyle	29	KCR	R		23*X	-32	+62		7	1	3	--	0	1		52.7	3	21 draft (4th)
48	<i>Clase, Emmanuel</i>	23	<i>U</i>																20 draft (3rd)
12	<i>Hicks, Jordan</i>	24	<i>U</i>																19 draft (3rd)

MINOR LEAGUERS IN FADED ITALICS (I) = INNOCUOUS

WAIVER DRAFT: Acquired L. Jackson Cut E. inciarte

PRE-SEASON CUTS: Adams, A.L. (XC), Mercer, J. (XC), Murphy, D.

MID-SEASON TRADES:

2021 OUTLOOK – We will go as far as the pitching staff takes us while the offense is looking to score enough runs to help them out – especially in division. All of this adds up to management believing that reaching the playoffs is possible.



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Vs RH Board			Vs LH Board			Vs RH Computer			Vs LH Computer			Vs	
1	PERALTA	9	1	MONDESI	6	1	PERALTA	9	1	DUBON	8	1	
2	PLAWECKI	2	2	GRANDAL	2	2	GRANDAL	2	2	GRANDAL	2	2	
3	GUERRERO	0	3	DUBON	8	3	AROZARENA	7	3	AROZARENA	7	3	
4	ARENADO	5	4	GURRIEL	3	4	BICHETTE	6	4	BICHETTE	6	4	
5	MONDESI	6	5	GUERRERO	0	5	ARENADO	5	5	GUERRERO	0	5	
6	FRAZIER	4	6	ARENADO	5	6	GUERRERO	0	6	ARENADO	5	6	
7	DAVIS	7	7	DAVIS	7	7	GURRIEL	3	7	GURRIEL	3	7	
8	GURRIEL	3	8	UPTON	9	8	FRAZIER	4	8	FRAZIER	4	8	
9	DUBON	8	9	FRAZIER	4	9	DUBON	8	9	PERALTA	9	9	

STRATEGY/ROLES CHART BY PLAYER

PLAYER	ROLE(S)	WHEN TO REMOVE	USE OFF OF BENCH
Arenado	Primary 3B	Never	If STM ahead, 8 th or later, PH &/or 3B
Arozarena	OF in all division games	Never	Never
Bichette	SS in all division games	If STM +1 or 2, 8 th or later w/Mondesi	Never
Davis	OF vs LH/bench bat vs LH	Semi-platoon with Peralta	PH only if best card in go ahead situation
Dubon	Primary CF	Never	Never
Frazier	Primary 2B	If 2B on bench vs LHP late, key situation (unless SAC called for) or to lead off inn.	Frazier can move to CF/OF if needed & a 2B available on bench
Garcia	OF/IF spot starter	Never	Never
Grandal	Primary C & spot starter at 1B	Never	Only if Plawecki injured
Guerrero	Primary DH	Never	Never
Gurriel	Primary 1B	As per Frazier except vs RHP	Defensively in 7 th if ahead
Lopes	Bench/3B/OF	For defensive 3B/OF if ahead in 8 th	Main PR to steal a base and a run
Mondesi	Starts at 2B, 3B, and SS	Never	Def SS for Bichette or 2B if Frazier PH for
Peralta	Primary RF	As per Frazier, semi-platoon w/Davis	Defensively if STM +1 or 2, 8 th or later
Plawecki	Backup Catcher	STM leading in 7 th on, Grandal already in at 1B, move Grandal to C, Gurriel to 1B	Only if Grandal injured
Upton	Bench/OF	As per Frazier except vs RHP	Defensively in 8 th if ahead or as PH if his Double 1's can make a difference

Newman and Paredes will be very limited in use. The individual series instructions I send will address their strategy/role usage if they are playing.

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY

HIT & RUN: Strategy #1 (Mondesi & Lopes steal attempts become the #1 strategy over the Hit & Run)

- 1) Arenado, Dubon, Frazier, Garcia, Guerrero, Gurriel, Peralta, and Plawecki will H&R with a runner **ONLY on 1st** who has an adjusted SSN of 20 or more & is NOT slow,
- 2) Do not H&R with runners on 1st & 3rd,
- 3) **Computer players** - if there are 2 outs, H&R only if Lopes or Mondesi are on 1st.

STEAL: Strategy #2

- 1) Mondesi and Lopes can steal 2nd & 3rd when eligible by Adams Tables. They can steal home from 7th on if they are the lead run and there are 2 outs.
- 2) If no H&R to be used and eligible by the Adams Tables, Arozarena and Bichette can steal 2nd or 3rd from the 5th on if score STM +2 to -1. They can steal home from 8th on if lead run and 2 outs.

SACRIFICE: Strategy #3

- 1) Frazier, Gurriel, Newman, and Paredes will sacrifice runner from 2nd to 3rd **OR** 1st and 2nd to 2nd and 3rd in the 5th or later, 0 or 1 out, and their large shift is detrimental to their hit numbers.

PINCH HITTING / PINCH RUNNING: See Strategy/Roles chart above.

RUNNER ADVANCEMENT:

- 1) Always go if chance is 28+ for home and 32+ for 3B. Otherwise, use Adams Tables.
- 2) **Computer game** - use the standards for advancement that you use for your team.

SEND RUNNER ON 3RD:

- 1) If your infield is in, HOLD runner unless combined fielding rating of your 2B & SS is < 15.



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DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

DEFENSIVE REPLACEMENTS: See Strategy/Roles chart above.

HOLD / DON'T HOLD RUNNER:

- 1) Hold all runners.

INFIELD IN:

- 1) Runner on 3rd only: 0 or 1 out, 4th inning or later, STM +1 to -2,
- 2) Runners on 1st and 3rd: 6th inning or later, 0 out, STM +1 to -2,
- 3) 2nd & 3rd OR Bases Full: only if winning run at 3rd, 9th inning or later, 0 or 1 out.
EXCEPTION – with 1 out, Bases Full, play deep if batter has 3 or more 24s.

OUTFIELD THROWS:

- 1) Throw for lead runner if < 33 chances otherwise hold trailing runners.
- 2) In 6th inning or later, hold trailing runner if they are tying run UNLESS lead runner has <16 chances.
- 3) **Computer game** - use standards for throws that you use for your team.

INTENTIONAL WALKS: If lead run is in scoring position after 4th inning & 1B open, issue free pass with:

- 1) 1 out - to set up the double play unless on-deck hitter is superior to player to be walked.
- 2) 2 out - to get to a much more inferior hitter.
- 3) NEVER walk the bases full.

PITCH FROM THE STRETCH: Runner on 3rd, 5th inning or later, 2 outs, STM +1 to -1, and adjusted SSN > 10.

MANAGING THE PITCHING STAFF

STARTERS: Your gut feeling & first-hand knowledge of the situation is always a trusted guide to help us win on the road. The “mostly” rigid rules I try to follow are:

- 1) **Starters except for Fiers (see 3 below) should NOT be removed**
 - a. before 5th unless pounded out **OR**
 - b. if they are pitching a shutout (**UNLESS** #2d below occurs).
- 2) **All starters should be removed**
 - a. after 11.7 innings pitched, **OR**
 - b. in 5th if they fatigue **AND** either surrender a run or allow a runner to get into scoring position with the score STM+3 to -2, **OR**
 - c. from the 6th on if they fatigue, surrender a run, or runner gets on base, STM +4 to -3, **OR**
 - d. if they are less than Grade 20 and the tying run reaches from the 8th on.
- 3) **Fiers should be removed** after the 3rd if he has given up 4 runs and the score is within 3 either way.

BULLPEN: Use all the pitchers you need to stop you from scoring and to keep the game close. With 8+ pitchers in the pen every month, I expect very few games where someone Grade 13 and above pitches over an inning. Use the RIP LEFT on the attached roster sheet to determine how much use, on average, they should each receive. Never use anyone over 2.7 unless in extra innings.

CLOSER: Zimmer. He comes in (1) to start the 9th in a save situation (2) during the 9th if a save situation develops.

SET-UP: Rosenthal and Pomeranz are the guys here though Rosenthal can come in as early as the 7th to squelch a rally.

MIDDLE to LATE: All others.

EARLY to MIDDLE: Alexander, Norris and Romo. These three will be the first guys in for Fiers.

GENERAL NOTES: We will play the boards at home. I will send out specific instructions for each road series. Please do not use a computer manager for me. No need for scripts from computer managers, just the stats for both teams.



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STATESMEN 2021 ROTATION																
A P R I L	1-4 (5)	@RIV	C	N	P	Z	OFF	A U G	1-4	COL	W	Z	C	E		
	6-8 (9)	@WHT	W	C	P	OFF	5-8 (9)		MUN	F	W	Z	C	OFF		
	10-13	@BH	Z	W	C	P	10-13		@BRO	E	F	W	Z			
	14-17 (18)	MAR	N	Z	W	C	OFF		14-17	@ZIO	C	E	F	W		
	19-23 (24)	BRO	P	Z	W	N	C		OFF	18-21 (22)	@NBO	Z	C	E	F	OFF
M A Y	1-5	@RYE	E	F	W	Z	C	S E P T	(1 & 2) 3-5	@RIV	OFF	OFF	S	E	C	
	6-9 (10)	@MLR	E	F	W	Z	OFF		6-9	@WHT	W	Z	S	E		
	11-14	KAN	C	E	F	W	10-12 (13)		@BH	C	W	Z	OFF			
	15-18 (19)	DET	Z	C	E	F	OFF		14-17	GC	S	E	C	W		
	20-23	HUD	W	Z	C	E	18-22 (23)		KNX	Z	S	E	C	W	OFF	
J U N E	1-4 (5)	WHT	F	W	Z	P	OFF	O C T	1-4	IND	F	Z	C	P		
	6-8	BH	C	F	W	(5) 6-9	RYE		OFF	F	Z	C	P			
	9-11	RIV	Z	P	C	10-14	@MAR		W	F	Z	C	P			
	12-16 (17)	@GC	F	W	Z	P	C		OFF	15-18	@LV	W	F	Z	C	
	18-21	@KNX	F	W	Z	P	19-23		HOB	P	W	F	Z	C		
J U L Y	1-5	MID	E	F	W	Z	C	N O V	(1) 2-6	@NW	OFF	S	E	W	C	P
	6-9 (10)	NW	E	F	W	Z	OFF		7-10	@MID	S	E	W	C		
	11-14	@CAY	E	F	W	Z	11-13 (14)		WHT	Z	S	E	OFF			
	15-18	@WAR	C	E	F	W	15-18		BH	C	W	P	S			
	19-22 (23)	@HOB	Z	C	E	F	OFF		19-22 (23)	RIV	E	C	Z	F	OFF	
			C	Carrasco	F	Fiers		P	Pineda	W	Walker					
			E	Fedde	N	Norris		S	Soroka	Z	Wheeler					