

2021 WHITMAN RIVER RATS EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

I will be playing the computer game for 2021, roster moves TBA as I will be sending monthly instructions.

COMPLETE ROSTER

2019 World Series Champions

Position Players:

Computer managers please send game sheets and do not use auto manager

NAME	TEAM	AGE	BATS	COMP	SHIFT	SSN	SPD	SBA	ARM	GAMES/PA	PB	TH	#24's	31's	HOW ACQUIRED
S. AKIYAMA	CIN	32	L	SA5	-9/0	E27	13	29	32	146/526			0	2	21 5TH RD PICK
T. ANDERSON	CWS	27	R	SA3	+16/-8	E28	19	20	33	132/620			2	2	TRADE 18 RIV
A. AQUINO	CIN	27	R	PL0	-3/+2	F26	15	3	38	62/157			1	1	20 1ST RD PICK
C. GALLAGHER	KC	28	R	SA0	-4/0	N	6	0	33	68/168	1	-4	0	2	TRADE 20 RIV
A. GARCIA	MIL	29	R	SA4	+9/-6	B11	11	11	36	143/580			0	2	TRADE 20 WAR
P. GOLDSCHMIDT	STL	33	R	SA1	+2/-2	R26	12	3	31	157/648			1	1	12 1ST RD PICK
A. HASELEY	PHI	25	L	PR0	0/-3	N	15	0	31	108/258			3	2	20 4TH RD PICK
B. HOLT	WAS	32	L	SA0	+3/-4	F26	12	3	30	97/297			2	2	15 BONUS PICK
N. LOPEZ	KC	26	L	SA5	-9/+2	A5	16	14	32	151/538			0	2	20 5TH RD PICK
N. MARKAKIS	ATL	37	L	SA0	+1/-3	D14	9	0	32	100/395			3	2	07 1ST RD PICK
B. MILLER	STL	31	L	PR4	-8/0	R26	9	3	34	130/480			0	1	20 6TH RD PICK
Y. MOLINA	STL	38	R	SA1	0/-2	N	4	0	35	113/437	2	+6	5	2	TRADE 19 NW
R. MOUNTCASTLE	BAL	24	R	SA0	-6/+1	E14	11	3	30	95/397			0	2	21 1ST RD PICK
T. NAQUIN	CLEV	30	L	SA5	-17/+4	14	16	3	36	112/359					TRADE 21 WAR
C. OWINGS	COL	29	R	SA0	-4/+3	E26	15	3	33	46/121			0	2	21 7TH RD PICK
J. RAMIREZ	CLEV	29	B	SA0	+15/-7	D30	17	36	32	157/712			0	2	15 2ND RD PICK
H. RENFROE	TB	29	R	SA2	+4/-5	F31	10	6	30	113/390			1	1	18 2ND RD PICK
M. ROJAS	MIA	32	R	SA5	+17/-11	E32	8	17	33	108/401			0	2	16 4TH RD PICK
K. WONG	STL	30	L	SA1	-3/-1	E28	18	20	33	143/583			0	2	14 2ND RD PICK

ACTIVE ROSTER

MINOR LEAGUES

*** Innocuous

XC-Active

Pitchers:

NAME	TEAM	AGE	MS	SPD	GRADE	BB	HR	ARM	FAT	STARTS/RIP	WP	BK	HB	MF	HOW ACQUIRED
L. CESSA	NYN	29	Z	7	*11	15	32	R	8	*63	3		0	+1	TRADE 21 KNX
T. CLIPPARD	MIN	36	YZ	6	*15	41	33	R	5/6	5/*65	0	0	0	0	10 BONUS A PICK
J. DIEKMAN	OAK	34	XYW	6	*21	-54	46	L	6	*60	0	0		+1	14 4TH RD PICK
M. FOLTYNEWICZ-xc	ATL	29	W	9	1	-62	-62	R	23	3	2			+1	TRADE 19 KNX
K. GRAVEMAN	SEA	30		7	*8	-24	23	R	24/6	5/*28	0	0	0	0	21 8TH RD PICK
C. HEUER	CHW	24	Y	6	*23	-16	51	R	6	*65	0	0	0	0	21 2ND RD PICK
C. KERSHAW	LAD	33	YZ	11	17	43	-11	L	22	27	0	0		+3	09 1ST RD PICK
C. KUHL	PIT	28	YW	6	14	-62	-15	R	20/13	24/*14	1	0		+2	21 4TH RD PICK
J. LUCCHESI-xc	SD	27	Z	6	1	25	62	L	22/5	5/*1	0	0		+1	19 1ST RD PICK
L. LYNN	TEX	33	YZ	4	14	21	-13	R	26	35	2	0		0	TRADE 19 RIV
A. OTTAVINO	NYN	35	X	5	*3	-25	26	R	6	*53	3	0		0	TRADE 20 MID
E. PAGAN	SD	29	Y	6	*15	-23	-23	R	6	*61	0	0	0	0	18 3RD RD PICK
Y. PETIT	OAK	36	Z	5	*17	31	11	R	5	*61	0	0		0	TRADE 21 GC
D. RASMUSSEN	MIL	25	YW	6	*4	-51	-16	R	8	*43	0	0	0	0	21 9TH RD PICK
A. SELMAN	SF	30	Y	7	*15	-32	25	L	5	*54	3	0		0	21 6TH RD PICK
B. SNELL	TB	28	X	7	14	0	-26	L	18	30	3	0	0	+3	17 1ST RD PICK
R. STRIPLING ***	TOR	31		12	3	13	-43	R	25/13	30/*22	1	0		+1	TRADE 18 RIV
J. URQUIDY	HOU	26	Z	9	15	22	0	R	24	15	0	0		+1	TRADE 21 WAR
A. WAINWRIGHT	STL	39	Z	5	13	31	0	R	26	28	0	0		+2	TRADE 21 IND
D. WINKLER	CUBS	31	YW	7	*18	-62	-14	R	6	*51	0			+1	21 6TH RD PICK

2021 TEAM STATEMENT:

A fantastic 99 win season and a hard fought division title allowed us to begin the defense of the crown but a quick exit in the playoffs made 2020 a disappointment. This year is going to be a wild one, great pitching is a bit more common in 2021 and monster offensive cards seem to populate just about every roster. This team will pitch very well and will play fantastic defense, the offense is good enough in spots to do enough damage to keep us in the win column more often than not. We can get on base, 9 cards OBP of .348 or better and still can run a bit and we can really play defense. There are some shift problems present vs board RHP but we will play 100 (62%) of our 162 games on the computer this year so not many board vs RHP. This team is well positioned to take another run at the division title and to go further in the playoffs than last years edition. Players cut for the 2021 season are as follows: Sipp (U), Agrazal (U), Arano (U), Strop (XC), Stumpf (U), Odom, and Holt. Urquidy and Naquin were dealt for in October and Lopez and Mazara were cut to make room for them on the roster. Mangement wishes the best to these players and hopes that we will not need to draft any of them next year. Good luck and have a great season.

Whitman River Rats Pitching Instructions

Overview: Kershaw is again the ace for 27 starts and will be followed by 98 quality starts of grade 13 or better covering 125 of our starts. Kuhl covers half of the remaining starts as a wild grade 14 and the rest are "opener" starts, overall a solid group that are a strength of the team. The bullpen has been re-tooled again and we have 3 closer grades with 176+ IP and 61 IP of a top notch setup guy in Petit. In total there are 522 very good and versatile bullpen innings which we likely will need. Urquidy was added in October and will beef up the rotation nicely.

WHITMAN RIVER RATS PITCHING ROTATION:

PITCHER IDENTIFICATION KEY:

1-Kershaw, 2-Snell, 3-Lynn, 4- Wainwright 5-Kuhl 6-Stripling, 7-Clippard, 8-Graveman, 9-Urquidy.

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
@ BH	1 thru 4 1,2,3,4	@ NW 1 thru 5 3,1,2,4,6	@ STM 1 thru 4 7,2,3,5	VS KNX 1 thru 5 4,3,5,2,8
VS STM	6 thru 8 1,2,3	@ KAN 6 thru 9 3,1,2,4	@ RIV 6 thru 8 1,7,3	VS RYE 6 thru 9 4,3,5,2
VS RIV	10 thru 13 5,1,2,3	VS MLR 11 thru 14 3,6,1,2	VS BH 9 thru 11 2,5,1	@ HUD 11 thru 14 4,3,5,2
VS GC	14 thru 17 4,5,1,2	VS CAY 15 thru 18 4,3,6,1	VS HOB 12 thru 16 7,3,2,5,1	@ RCK 15 thru 18 8,4,3,5
@ MAR	19 thru 23 3,5,1,2,4	VS WAR 20 thru 23 2,3,6,1	@ MID 18 thru 21 3,7,2,1	@ BRO 19 thru 22 2,8,4,3
	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
VS ZIO	1 thru 4 5,1,4,3	@ BH 3 thru 5 1,2,3	VS LV 1 thru 4 5,3,9,4	VS MID 2 thru 6 4,2,3,9,5
VS NBO	5 thru 8 2,5,1,4	VS STM 6 thru 9 4,5,1,2	VS NW 6 thru 9 1,3,9,5	@ KNX 7 thru 10 4,2,3,9
@ HOB	10 thru 13 3,5,2,1	VS RIV 10 thru 12 3,4,5	@ GC 10 thru 14 4,1,3,9,5	@ STM 11 thru 13 5,4,2
@ COL	14 thru 17 4,3,5,2	VS MAR 14 thru 17 1,3,2,4	@ IND 15 thru 18 4,1,3,9	@ RIV 15 thru 18 3,9,4,2
@ MUN	18 thru 21 1,4,3,5	@ RYE 19 thru 23 5,3,2,4,1	VS BRO 19 thru 23 5,4,1,3,9	VS BH 19 thru 22 1,3,9,4

Starting Pitchers

Ace(s) Kershaw the best starter on the staff again, he should get every chance to pitch deep into games. His nice grade and solid control should allow him to get through 5+ fairly easily most days but he does have a shorter 22 fatigue rating so look to lift him after any reduction with a strong bullpen and lots of better options late.

Remove If he is reduced for any reason innings 5-6 consider removing him. If we lead by 5+ he can pitch through 1 reduction. Once we hit the 6th or score is +2/-2 if reduced, remove him for better bullpen options. He can pitch out of trouble early but let the pen take it if he fatigues or is in any trouble after 6.

Ace 2 Urquidy now becomes the second best starter on the staff. He should get every chance to pitch deep into games. His nice grade and solid control gets him through 5+ fairly easily most days but he does have a shorter 23 fatigue rating so look to lift him after any reduction with a strong bullpen and lots of better options late.

Remove If he is reduced for any reason innings 5-6 consider removing him. If we lead by 5+ he can pitch through 1 reduction. Once we hit the 6th or score is +2/-2 if reduced, remove him for better bullpen options. He can pitch out of trouble early but let the pen take it if he fatigues or is in any trouble after 6.

Remove (26/18) their day is done. Plain and simple, remove if reduced for any reason at all. There will be plenty of BP so don't let them lose a lead 5th+.

Remove I would like to get 6 IP but will settle for less. Remove if reduced for any reason at any point after 5th with a lead of less than 5 as there are better options in the pen.

Tier III Wainwright He is looking like a guy who can go deeper into games as a B grade with nice control. Ultimately he is trying to reach the 6th inning and I believe he will do that often. The bullpen is deep and has many grades better than his but his combo of grade and control should let you allow him to get 5-6 most days.

Remove No real minimum IP but I do hope to get 5/6+ most days. If reduced for any reason, remove immediately for better options.

Tier IV Kuhl I hope to get 5 IP which will happen some days but the bullpen should take over as early as needed. His fatigue is 20 so doubtful he will ever get more than 6.

Remove I would like at least 4 IP from him and more when leading but always remove when fatigued or after 4th the lead is in any doubt at all.

Relief pitchers

Overview: Here are some simple ideas of how I would like to see the bullpen managed when we trail and when tied or ahead followed by guidelines for when to use our "normal" bullpen and when to use our "early" bullpen dictated by who is starting that day.

Below are 2 different scenarios dictated by the starter. Our better starters are "normal" BP days and the other guys are "early" BP days.

Normal Bullpen Starts: When Kershaw, Snell, Lynn, or Wainwright start, the hope is that they go 5-7 IP followed by our best relievers to secure the win. Middle guys Clippard, Winkler and Selman. Setup is Petit and Diekman and the closer is Heuer.

Early Bullpen Starts: We will need a bridge to get to the "normal" bullpen when openers Clippard and Stripling go or to rescue a very early departure (Kuhl/Graveman) to soak up innings. Early relief comes from Graveman, Cessa, Kuhl and Pagan who total 166 IP which should be plenty.

This is a deep and strong bullpen with some versatility and it will get lots of usage. There are some decisions to make but here are the roles:

Heuer The rookie has the best overall grade/peripheral combo so he is usually the closer. He can get us 4 outs as his 65 RIP are too many to be a one inning closer. I don't really care who closes but want the best guy in there when possible. Diekman or Petit could close if Heuer is knocked out, used up or blows a save.

Diekman/Petit This pair will be the primary setup crew this year, 120 combined IP of quality lefty/righty use. Use them as early as the 7th and together they can get 5-6 outs then hand it to the closer. Either guy can go up to 2IP per outing but more likely shifts will dictate that distribution of usage. Either could close a game if needed.

Clippard His grade does not show it but he is the best option to hold a 1 run lead in the 6th or 7th and should be used more when it's a 1 run lead or in a tie game. He can go up to 2 IP per outing if needed, think of him as our closer in the 6th or 7th inning. Selman is the middle lefty so you can mix and match these two guys.

Selman He is the main lefty in this pen prior to the setup crew, he can be used for 1 batter or can go up to 1.1 IP per outing. Combine him with Clippard in the middle innings to get the ball to the setup and closer roles. His control and fatigue both point to shorter outings which is how I would like to see him used most days.

Winkler He has a closer grade but is a middle reliever in this pen. His job is basically to help keep a game close by killing a rally in innings 4-6. His poor control and lack of ability to stop the HR mean he is not ideal for late innings. He can go up to 2IP per outing but best used for 1 inning. He will spend some time caddying.

Pagan/Cessa These guys are the usual Caddys for Stripling, Kuhl and Graveman. When not in that role they are the early innings guys and can also be used as the long guy. Between them there are 124 innings so they can go up to 2.2IP if needed to soak up some innings. They should not be pitching in a tight game after the 6th.

Graveman/Kuhl They have 42 combined relief innings to use so when they are available in the pen they will be an extra arm to be used the same way as Pagan and Kuhl. They will may both see time as a Caddy to catch a weaker starter who had a planned or unplanned early exit. They can be a mop if we need one.

Items Of Note- Any starter pitching a shut out should be left in with a chance to advance his grade. There is plenty of bullpen so if in doubt, go to the pen and don't let a game get out of hand particularly after the 5th inning.

Pitching Strategy

Intentional Walks: At any point in the game vs a stud with 2 out and 1st base open with a better match up waiting on deck in a spot you are not going to PH for with a poor matchup for me. Never to load the bases though.

Pitch from Stretch: Computer Game- Always with a SB threat on 3B and less than 2 out after the 7th inning.

Boards: Only in the 9th or Xtra innings with tying or winning run on 3rd, 2 out with adjusted SSN of 15 or better.

Hold Runner: Computer Game- Always with +/-5 score with adjusted SSN of 20+ any time during game. Hold any runner with 7+ speed. Board Game- Hold SB threat with adjusted SSN of 23+ any time when game is +/- 3 runs.

Offensive Guidelines:

Lineups: I normally send lineups monthly, use these lineups if you don't hear from me by the 4th.

Board Game Lineups:				Computer Game Lineups:	
VS RHP Grade 10>	VS RHP Gr 9<	VS LHP Grade 11>	VS LHP Grade 10<	VS LHP	VS RHP
1 Akiyama CF	1 Wong 2B	1 Goldschmidt 1B	1 Goldschmidt 1B	1 Haseley CF	1 Akiyama CF
2 Goldschmidt 1B	2 Haseley CF	2 Rojas SS	2 Rojas SS	2 Rojas SS	2 Anderson DH
3 Mountcastle LF	3 Mountcastle LF	3 Anderson DH	3 Anderson DH	3 Anderson DH	3 Mountcastle LF
4 Ramirez 3B	4 Ramirez 3B	4 Ramirez 3B	4 Ramirez 3B	4 Ramirez 3B	4 Ramirez 3B
5 Gallagher C	5 Goldschmidt 1B	5 Markakis LF	5 Markakis LF	5 Goldschmidt 1B	5 Goldschmidt 1B
6 Miller DH	6 Anderson SS	6 Garcia RF	6 Garcia RF	6 Markakis LF	6 Rojas SS
7 Anderson SS	7 Miller DH	7 Molina C	7 Molina C	7 Garcia RF	7 Gallagher C
8 Wong 2B	8 Markakis RF	8 Haseley CF	8 Haseley CF	8 Molina C	8 Miller 2B
9 Haseley RF	9 Molina C	9 Wong 2B	9 Wong 2B	9 Wong 2B	9 Haseley RF

State of the team: The 2021 Rats offense will walk far more than previous editions and will hit fewer HR than we did last year but we still have some pop in the middle of the order. Good thing we play 70% of our games on the computer as our vs RHP shifts are mostly negative but lefties will suffer greatly. There are some good base stealers and while there are fewer H&R options due to the walks on some cards, we have some good options. There are platoons at C, RF, LF, CF and a bit at DH.

Usage: Most of the time our everyday guys will be playing on the road so there should be very little need to worry about usage. There are multiple PR/D options and SBA threats and some useful PH options so look for monthly instructions there please.

Bench Usage: *Below is a brief description of best uses for the bench regulars with limits if any exist.*

Garcia- He will be available to PH vs board LHP's when we need a baserunner with his +9 shift. His speed rating of 11 can be used as PR if no better option and his OF2 and 36 arm rating make him a top late innings defense option, he can play LF/RF/CF.

Akiyama- He starts vs board RHP so will be available all season as PH when we need a BB, PR for speed or stolen base or for D as an OF3 with a 32 arm, CF is his best position but he can play all three spots. He can hit for other OF when shift is key.

Miller- Most of his usage will be as the DH vs RHP but when he is not starting he can be used as a PH. He will get the occasional start at 2B and should be removed for D if we lead after we bat in the 7th. Can backup SS and 3B in case of injury.

Owings- He will start in RF vs board RHP so he is always available when not starting. His card is better than it first appears, use him as a PH when we need a baserunner or a HR. He is a nice PR but not a SB threat. He is an adequate D replacement if needed.

Rojas- He will be available to PH vs LHP vs board gamers and vs both sides for computer users. His likely primary role off the bench will be to come in for late innings D to replace Anderson who started at short. He could cover an injury at 1B and PR for SB.

Molina- He is always available off the bench, most likely for his C9 and +6 arm to protect a late innings lead. His batting card is good enough to use as a PH as a secondary option when the primary guys were used up or to hit for Gallagher if appropriate.

Markakis/Anderson/Goldy/Mountcastle/Ramirez- When not starting only use them as a PH in a game tying/winning situation.

Haseley/Wong/Gallagher/Renfore- These players will usually start but can be used freely off the bench if they do not start.

Naquin- He is unlikely to play much but can PH vs RHP with is nifty +4 shift and come in for late innings D with his 36 arm.

Hit-And-Run Attempts:

This year's team will hit and run far less than we normally like to, Molina and Markakis will always H&R and a few others will in spots but 9 of the 14 active have 0 24's and many have 4+ walks so just not a good fit this year for many.

Computer: Runner on 1st only with Molina, Markakis and Haseley any inning, lets H&R. Never 1st & 3rd.

Baserunners: *Any Inning:* Rojas, Ramirez, Wong, Akiyama, Anderson. *7th or later:* Renfro or Garcia.

Boards: Runner on 1st 0 or 1 out for Markakis, Hasley and Molina. 1st & 3rd any outs with Molina any baserunner listed on.

Baserunners: *Any Inning:* Rojas, Akiyama, Ramirez, Wong, Anderson. *7th or later:* Renfro, Goldy, Miller. *9th or later:* Garcia.

Stolen Base Attempts:

There are 3 groups of base stealers that will have the green light as indicated. Board gamers should think steal first.

I like to steal with 29+ SSN but for the tying/winning run from 7th inning on I would drop that down to 27+.

Group 1: Anderson/Akiyama/Rojas/Wong/Ramirez. They have the green light with runner on 1st only H&R not an option and it is not Ramirez or Mountcastle at the plate. Later in the game be more aggressive and steal 2nd if tying/winning run 7th+ anyone at bat no H&R.

Group 2: Nobody this year. After the 7th inning these guys now have the green light under the same conditions listed above. No more than 1 SBA per series for these guys please.

Group 3: Owings, Goldschmidt and Miller. These guys are 9th inning+ under the above conditions. They are very limited so no more than 1 SBA per series please.

Defensive Guidelines:

Outfield Throws: Boards- Throw for lead runner w/ advance # of 34 or less unless winning run 9th+ (then throw regardless).

Otherwise throw behind lead. **Computer Game-** Always throw for lead runner who is "S", non-S runners do not throw for lead when runner is "well-around". Always throw on a steal attempt of second with no runner on 3rd.

You may use Adams Tables or your own judgement if it differs greatly from my instructions.

Infield: Play deep for the first 7 innings. I don't like playing close but game winning/tying run I will with 0 outs. With 1 out consider IBB to a quality hitter so we can play for the DP unless it is the winning run then just play close.

Defensively this team is very strong however there will likely be moves to make when we lead late in games. D replacements are fairly obvious Wong/Rojas/Molina/Akiyama when not starting on the road for most of those guys.

CATCHER: Molina will face all LHP and some RHP as the everyday catcher. Gallagher will play all road board games vs RHP and for select home games. Molina should come in for D if we lead by 1 or 2 runs in the 8th. Both are available off the bench.

1B: Goldschmidt is a 1B5 and never leaves except for injury when Rojas (1B4) would play there. He will start every road game.

2B: Wong will start most road games and Miller will get some starts vs Board game RHP. Both are available to PH and PR as needed. Wong should always be in the game for D after we bat in the 7th with any size lead.

3B: Ramirez will be the everyday 3B and never comes out. Miller is the backup as a 3B3 in case of injury. Ramirez has 36 spectacular SBA for use. His -7 board shift vs RHP is not ideal but his power and OBP will likely mean we just roll with it.

SS: Rojas will start all computer games and boards vs LHP while Anderson will be the DH. Anderson plays vs board RHP with Rojas available off the bench to hit vs LHP or to take over at SS late in games. On the computer Rojas is going to always remain in at SS and Anderson at DH. On the boards be prepared to hit for either if we trail and vs RHP 7th or later, Owings to SS.

CF: Haseley and Akiyama will platoon CF on the road. Either can be hit or run for if we need a SB. Owings and Garcia can both play the position as well and will see some time there. Aquino/Renfroe/Naquin may not see roster time but can also cover center.

LF: Markakis and Mountcastle will likely play in left, Mountcastle will require a defensive replacement late in a close game.

RF: Garcia, Markakis and Owings will cover RF with Garcia vs LHP and a mix of the others vs RHP. Garcia is the best D option here. The ideal defensive lineup is Akiyama in CF, Garcia in RF and Naquin in LF when possible in a 1 or 2 run game 9th inning.

Offensive Strategies:

Pinch Hitting:

There are a few platoons that will leave guys like Rojas, Miller and Garcia available to hit off the bench and then there are a handful of starters who can PH and a few actual bench bats like Owings and Akiyama. Shifts will be key to PH on the road vs board gamers.

Boards- Shifts are more relevant, Garcia, Akiyama, Miller, Rojas, and Owings will sometimes need a PH'er. Look to PH 7th or later -3/tied. If we need a baserunner vs LHP Garcia or Rojas. Vs RHP Akiyama, Miller, Owings or Naquin. If we need a HR or an extra base hit vs LHP Rojas or Markakis, vs RHP Miller or Owings. Both catchers can PH in a game tie/win situation 7th or later.

Computer- Shifts are less relevant but same guys above are likely to need a PH. Garcia should be lifted for a better bat in a game tying/winning situation. Same strategy as above. No limits on usage when we trail or are tied considering a PH.

Pinch Running:

Please begin to consider using a pinch runner any time after the 6th inning when the game is tied/-2 and a lead foot reaches.

The two possible scenario's that would require a pinch runner are 1.) When a SBA attempt is critical to getting the tying run or winning run advanced OR 2.) When we need a baserunner strictly for speed at any point after the 6th inning for a key run.

Of the regulars, Catcher, Markakis, Garcia, Rojas and Miller in a game win/tying spot should be run for with better options available.

Scenario 1, use Wong, Akiyama or Rojas. These guys are SBA specialists and Wong has speed to burn anyway.

Scenario 2, use Wong, Haseley or Akiyama and then look to Garcia (11 speed) or Kershaw too (11).

Sacrifice Bunts:

Boards- When the SB or H&R are in order, I prefer them to a straight sacrifice. But on those occasions when that is not the case, after the 6th inning with 0 out and runners on 1st or 1st & 2nd with the score +1/-1 please consider bunting when the batters is Wong, Haseley or Akiyama.

Computer- I don't like the sacrifice bunt in the computer game unless Wong is at bat in the 9th+ tying or winning run on 2nd and there are 0 out or 1st & 2nd with 0 out in the same situation.

Baserunning:

Be more conservative moving from 2nd to 3rd particularly in the computer game (don't do this vs any OF arm of 34+). As for attempts to score, please send runner with 28+ chances and your best judgement otherwise on the board game. For computer players, use your best judgement but always send a runner who is "well around". Finally, do not try to stretch a 2B to a 3B!