



## Roster Notes

**Melrose Cuts-** James Paxton, Chase Anderson, Tyler Zuber, Reyes Moronta, Asdrubal Cabrera, Brandon Drury- XC, Anderson Tejada, Vimale Machin, Anthony Banda

**Minors-** Michael Conforto, Anthony Rendon, Curt Casli, Kyle McKinstry, Tanner Scott, Andres Machado, Kyle Crick, Matt Barnes, Kyle Wright (UNC), Johan Oviedo, Austin Gomber

**Waiver-** Taylor Clarke added, Kyle Crick drop

**Expected Roster Move-**

**C- Reese McGuire and Pedro Severino** will split time. McGuire will start vs most RHs, Severino vs LH. If we lead let them bat against same side.

**CF- Rafael Ortega** will start vs RH and some LH on the CPU. He's got a big LH shift. He splits time with **Ian Happ** who will also starts 1/3 of the season and has no shift on the CPU.

**RF- JD Martinez**, and his OF1 is the starting RF. Happ or Tucker will carry his glove 7<sup>th</sup> after he bats in the 7<sup>th</sup>, and Melrose leads.

**DH-** When **Shohei Ohtani** starts he will also bat, dissolving the DH. He will move from the mound to the OF if Melrose trails or leads by 1 before he bats in the 7<sup>th</sup>. The LF will come out of the game and the pitcher bats in his spot. On CPU when forced out by fatigue also move him to LF and the Pitcher will hit in the LF spot. When not on the mound he will be the full time DH.

**3B- Josh Donaldson** starts most games at 3B and should finish. **Espinal Santiago** picks up the remaining games and when not starting is available to PH

## Pitching

Starters: 67 Starts of 13 or better. Add Storman and there are 100 starts of 11 or better. Miley and Gomber add another 51 starts of a 9. The starters, like all starters this year, have low fatigue. We're hoping to get 5 out of any of them but there is enough pen not to jeopardize a win just to get innings. The pen has 650 innings, almost 450 of 13 or better. The pen is our friend this year and should be used aggressively.



### Rules for Starters:

- Do not remove a starter if pitching a shout-out
- Remove a starter that is fatigued or reduced, unless we lead by more than 5 runs, in which case he can pitch till the game is within 5 runs

**Shohei Ohtani-** He'll hit in all but 4 games he starts. That means no DH. If he needs to be removed from the mound move to left and remove LF, the double switch. Should try to get through 6 and if Melrose is ahead by +4 or more leave him in.

**Aaron Loup and Dominic Leon** – have 6 starts between them as openers and I'll probably use them. Should go minimum of 3 innings, then turn it over to the bullpen after they've been reduced twice.

**Johan Oviedo** – has a decent fatigue (23) but shouldn't be allowed to fall behind. After 3 if he gives up 3 get him out of there and turn it over to the pen. If not fatigued should be allowed to pitch unless Melrose leads by 3 or less.

Relievers: Lots of innings, over 650, including 174 of 19 or better and 272 additional of 13 or better. Starters have low fatigue so I expect to use a significant volume of relief. 7 or 8 guys will be up at any one time so we'll have plenty of usage

Roles:



**Closers- Aaron Loup (23)/Dominic Leon (20)** - Another year, another closer. In this case 2. Loup will team with Dominic Leon. Loup is the LH, Leone the RH so match up. There are 112 innings between them so each can go 2 innings for the save.

**Fireman- Trienen, Blake (19)-**. Almost 72.3 innings. Will be the fireman arriving as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> to shut things down. Can get a save if Loup or Leone are not available

**Setup- Josh Staumont and Cole Sulser** 129 innings of 17,15 with good HR ratings these guys pitch the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> to get to Trienen/Loup/Leone

**Middle –Matt Barnes, Rich Rodriguez, Carlos Hernandez, Andres Mahado,** - 182 Innings of 13/12 to come in early if game is still close. Can also be used in bulk if starter leaves early. Crick and Hernandez have good HR ratings. Better to pitch to middle of order to quell homers.

**The Lefties- Wandy Peralta, and Tanner Scott** - 103 innings of LH. Peralta will be up to start the season, and can be used 1 batter at a time against larger LH shifts.

**Mop Up-** If he is ever up **Taylor Clarke** can be used in a mop-up road.



**Lineups:**

Expect lineups for every series, however emergencies below for our amusement

**Emergency Lineups vs CPU and Boards**

Vs. RHP		
1.	Indian	2B7
2.	Ohtani	DH/P
3.	Semien	SS8
4.	Olson	1B5
5.	Martinez	RF1
6.	Donaldson	3B4
7.	Brantly	LF2
8.	Ortega	CF
9.	McGuire	C7 +3

- Lineup Usage**
- Available off the bench
    - **Happ** – No shift on CPU
    - **Espinal**
    - **Tucker**
    - **Clement**
  - If we lead the starting C can finish the game.
  - Defense
    - **Happ** and/or **Turner** for any OF1 8<sup>th</sup> inning
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Vs. LHP	
1. Indian	2B7
2. Ohtani	DH/P
3. Semien	SS8
4. Olson	1B5
5. Martinez	RF1
6. Donaldson	3B4
7. Brantly	LF2
8. Severino	C7 -2
9. Happ	CF2

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## Strategy

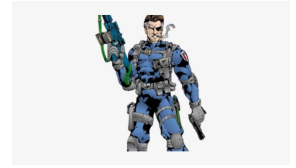
### Offense:

Pinch Hitting: Outside when Ohtani pitches, not much this year as starters are very good, most have minors shifts and are better than guys on the bench.

- When to PH:
  - PH for Ortega vs LH and bring in Happ to play OF but not when Melrose leads
  - PH for Servino vs RH 8<sup>th</sup> inning or later GW, situation, bring in Casali to catch
  - PH for McGuire vs LH 8<sup>th</sup> inning or later, GW situation, bring in Casali to catch
  - PH for Tucker/Clement 7<sup>th</sup> on score -1 to +1
  - When Ohtani starts there will be no DH. If/when Ohtani is forced off the mound, he will go into play LF. We'll need to PH for relievers unless we lead by 5 or more, or on CPU when forced out because of fatigue
- Eligible PHs:



- Santiago Espinal – Primary with almost no shift
- Anthony Rendon- -4 vs LH on boards but no shift on CPU
- Ernie Clement- 9 hits. +1 vs
- Ian Happ- No shift on the CPU. Good for a walk
- Kyle McKinstry- Some power



Pinch Running:

- 8<sup>th</sup> inning or later GW run on 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Any F runner off the bench
- Not much available for steals off the bench

Stealing:

- Stealing should take place 7<sup>th</sup> inning or later tying or winning run, use Adams table
- Ohtani is limited to 2 SBA per series
- Every other player is limited to 1 SBA per series

Hit & Run:

- **Martinez, Semien, McKinstry, Espinal, Clement, McGuire, and Brantly** can Hit&Run any eligible runner
- Eligible runner SSN >=24

Sacrifice: Don't bother. Don't Squeeze

Runner Advancement: **Be Aggressive, especially with 2 outs**

**Boards:** Use Adams table

**Computer:** *Go when runner is well around bag*  
 2 out F runner on second send them home  
 2 out F runner on third send them home  
 F runner on third <2 out on Fly Ball arm <=30 send runner  
 Runner on 2<sup>nd</sup>, ball hit to CF or RF arm <=31 send runner

Defense:

Substitutions:

- Any OF2 should come in for any OF1
- Otherwise not much

Infield:

- <2 out tying or winning run on third 7<sup>th</sup> inn or later infield should play in. Infield plays back all other times.
- Always hold runner on 1<sup>st</sup> adjusted SSN > 14. Don't hold N's
- Pitch from stretch if runner on third is eligible to steal home SSN >15 7<sup>th</sup> or later

# Rotation:

## April

1-4 (5) @IND	Mo1	Oh1	St1	Mi1		
6-8 (9) KAN	Mo2	Oh2	St2			
10-13 LV	Go1	Mo3	Oh3	St3	X	
14-17 (18) COL	Mi2	Go2	Mo4	Oh4		
19-23 (24) @MUN	St4	Mi3	Mo5	Oh5	Go3	

## May

1-5 @RCK	St5	Mo6	Oh6	Mi4	Go4	X
6-9 (10) @ZIO	Mo7	Oh7	St6	Mi5		
11-14 MID	Mo8	Oh8	St7	Go5	X	
15-18 (19) KNX	Mi6	Mo9	Oh9	St8		
20-23 MAR	Go6	Mo10	Oh10	St9	X	

## June

1-4 (5) @KAN	Mi7	Go7	Mo11	Oh11		
6-8 @LV	St10	Mi8	Mo12	X		
9-11 IND	Oh12	Go8	St11	X		
12-16 (17) NBO	Mi9	Mo13	Oh13	Go9	St12	
18-21 @WAR	Mi10	Mo14	Oh14	St13	X	

## July

1-5 CAY	Go10	Mi11	Mo15	Oh15	St14	X
6-9 (10) @STM	Go11	Mi11	Mo16	Oh16		
11-14 @WHT	St15	Go12	Mo17	Oh17	X	
15-18 @RYE	Mi12	St16	Go13	Mo18	X	
19-22 (23) HUD	Oh18	Mi13	St17	Go14		

St=Stroman	33
Go=Gomber	23
Mo=Morton	33
He=Hernandez	11
Oh=Ohtani	23

## August

1-4 NW	Mo19	Oh19	St18	Mi14	X
5-8 (9) BRO	Go15	Mo20	Oh20	St19	
10-13 MUN	Mi15	Mo21	Oh21	St20	X
14-17 @GC	Go16	Mi16	Mo22	Oh22	X
18-21 (22) @RIV	St21	Go17	Mi17	Mo23	

## September

1-2					
3-5 @IND	Oh23	Mo24	St22	X	
6-9 KAN	He1	Mi18	Go18	Mo25	
10-12 (13) LV	St23	Le1	Mi19		
14-17 RCK	Mo26	He2	St24	Go19	X
18-22 @COL	Mi20	Mo27	He3	St25	Go20 X


## October

1-4, 4 WAR	Mi21	Mo28	He4	St26	Le2
(5) 6-9 HOB		Ov1	Mo29	He5	St27 X
10-13 (14) @BH	Mi22	Ov2	Mo30	He6	
15-18 @CAY	St28	Mi23	Mo31	He7	X
19-23 @HUD	Ov3	St29	Mi24	Mo32	He8 X

## November

(1) 2-6 ZIO		St30	Mi25	Mo33	Ov4 G021
7-10 @NBO	He9	St31	Mi26	Go22	X
11-13 (14) @KAN	Ov5	He10	Lo1		
15-18 @LV	St32	Mi27	He11	Go23	X
19-22 (23) IND	Le3	St33	Mi28	Lo2	

Mi=Miley	28
Ov=Oviedo	14
Lo=Loup	2
Le=Leone	4
Pe=Peralta	1

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