

2023 Munich Marauders Emergency Instructions
(1992, 2007 and 2016 TBL Champions)



Munich will be using the Computer game for Windows (Broadcast Blast 5.75).
Please do NOT use a micro-manager if you are using the computer game.
Please DO send a game sheet (boards) or script (computer) in addition to boxscore/stats. Thanks!

Munich cuts (pre-season): Andrelton Simmons, Yoshi Tsutsugo, Chi Chi Gonzalez [xc], Matt Peacock [xc], Manuel Rodriguez, Wander Suero, Luke Weaver [xc]

Waivers – acquired Alex Young, dropped Ian Anderson

Mid-season Trades –

General Introduction: The instructions herein are my best effort to squeeze the most out of what is there. That’s a way of saying “don’t sweat the in-game tactics too much” – do what you can, using the guidance below. Then shrug your shoulders. Hopefully this is the last time I have to use this introduction!

Manager: Orel Hershiser; **Hitting Coach:** Edgar Martinez; **Pitching Coach:** Derek Lowe; **Bench Coach:** Ty Wigginton; **Base Coaches:** Otis Nixon, Lyle Overbay; **Bullpen Coach:** J. J. Putz; **Director of Player Development:** Ken Phelps; **Roving Pitching Instructor** – Brad Ziegler; **Director of Morale** – Ben Zobrist.

2023 Munich Marauders Batters														FIELDING					In Minors?															
TM	Bats	GM	PA	SBA	Hitting	STL	SPD	Comp.	BM	BM	Board	7's	8's	10's	11's	24's	31's	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	Arm	Jrat	A	M	J	J	A	S	O		
MIL	Caratini, Victor	B	96	314	0	7(000)4(1)	N	7	PB-0	PB-6/+2	2							8	3					th0,pb2	3									
DET	Cabrera, Miguel	R	112	433	1	10(00)2+	R26	S 2	SA-2	+3/-3	2	4						2						34	2	m	m	m	m	m	m			
ARZ	Carroll, Corbin [r]	L	32	115	4	9(1000)3(1)+	E26	F19	SA-5	-10/+3	3												3	30	4									
CHW	Grandal, Yasmani	B	99	376	1	8(00)4+	R26	S 6	PB-0	PB+10/-5	4							8	2					th-3,pb:	3									
TEX	Hoerner, Nico	R	135	517	22	11(000)2+	E35	12	SA-1	0/-2	1	4							[7]	3	9			33	2									
CHC	Huff, Sam [r]	R	44	132	2	9(16)3	G26	S 5	SA-1	+1/-3	1	3						6	3					th-4,pb:	4	m	m	m	m	m	m	m		
SEA	Kelenic, Jared [r]	L	54	181	7	6(100)3+	C28	F15	PR-4	PR-6/+1	1												2	32	4	m	m	m	m	m	m	m		
DET	Meadows, Austin	L	36	147	1	9(46)4++	E14	12	PR-4	PR-7/+1	2	3											1	32	4	m		m	m	m	m	m		
CLE	Miller, Owen [r]	R	130	472	2	9(000)2++	R31	13	SA-0	-3/0	1	3						3	7	3	[7]			31	2									
STL	Nootbaar, Lars	L	108	347	5	8(1000)5	F31	8	SA-0	+4/-3	2												2	32	3									
OAK	Pinder, Chad	R	111	379	2	9(166)1	R31	F14	SA-2	+2/-4	1	3						3	6	3	[6]	2		32	3	m	m	m	m	m	m	m		
ARZ	Rivera, Emmanuel [r]	R	102	359	3	9(146)2+	D14	7	SA-2	+3/-3	4							2		4				30	3									
NYJ	Rizzo, Anthony	L	130	548	11	8(1100)4(1)+	D22	8	PR-0	PR+2/-2	2							5						32	2								m	
ARZ	Rojas, Josh	L	125	510	26	10(000)4	E34	F16	SA-3	-5/0	3	1	1						7	3				31	2								m	
CHC	Suzuki, Seiya [r]	R	111	446	16	10(166)3+	D25	11	SA-2	+3/-3	3	2											2	32	3									
ARZ	Thomas, Alek [r]	L	113	411	8	9(000)2+	E23	F15	SA-5	-8/+1	4												3	30	2									
WAS	Thomas, Lane	R	146	548	12	9(166)3+	E26	F15	SA-1	0/-2	3	1											2	33	1									
DET	Torkelson, Spencer [r]	R	110	404	2	8(000)3+	F14	S 6	SA-1	+1/-2	3							3						30	3		m							
KC	Witt Jr, Bobby [r]	R	150	632	41	10(146)2+	C31	F19	SA-0	-2/-1	2	2	1	1						4	8			32										

(red = change from previous)

No innocuous batters this year.

Huff, Kelenic, Pinder in the minors until Nov. Others as in table.

2023 Season Munich Marauders Pitchers														In Minors?									
TM	Name	Th	GS	RIP	SPGrd	RPGrd	Ctl	HA	Fatg	WP	HB	BK	MF	Def	Jrat	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	
SEA	Brash, Matt [r]	R	5	30	2/3	9*XWG	-62	+41	21/ 6	3	0	+3	1	3				m	m				
PIT	Contreras, Roansy [r]	R	18		11Y		-23	-13	21/12	3	0		2	4						m	m	m	
CWS	Crochet, Garrett	L	uncarded													m	m	m	m	m	m	m	
SEA	Festa, Matt [r]	R		54		11*XYL	-12	-32	6	1	0		2	2									
SEA	Gilbert, Logan	R	32		10YZ		+22	+15	24	2	0	+1	2	2									
WAS	Gray Josiah	R	28		8YM		-32	-51	27	3	0		2	3					m				
CHC	Hendricks, Kyle	R	16		6L		+15	-25	25	0	0		1	4	m	m						m	
KC	Hernandez, Carlos [inn]	R	22	63	1/3	1W	4*W	-44	+13	28/ 8	3	0	+1	1	3	m	m						
CHC	Hughes, Brandon [r]	L		57	2/3	15*XYL	+11	-33	6	3	0		2	2									
CIN	Lodolo, Nick [r]	L	19		11XY		-16	-11	23	3	0	+1	2	4					m	m	m		
TEX	Otto, Glenn [r]	R	27	135	2/3	9WL		-35	-16	24	3	0		3									
CHC	Rucker, Michael [r]	R		54	2/3	10*Y		-15	-15	8	3	0		3									
PIT	Underwood, Duane	R	1	56	1/3	6*YH		-23	+61	7	3	0	+1	2	2								
SD	Weathers, Ryan [xc]	L	1		1W		-62	+62	28	2		+1	1	4	m	m	m	m	m	m	m		
SF	Webb, Logan	R	32		11YZG		+22	+36	25	2	0		2	2									
CHC	Wick, Rowan [innoc]	R		82		4*Y		-23	-12	7	3	0		1	1								
SF	Young, Alex	L	1	26		10*H		-24	+62	6 / 7	3	0		2	4	m	m	m	m	m	m		


C.Hernandez and Wick are innocuous per TBL rules; allowed GS and IP includes the 50% extra.


Otto will be used only in relief; total IP are listed, see Pitching instructions for more detail.


Minors By Month – players who are in the minors listed in rightmost seven columns in roster charts (“m”).
Make sure to make changes from previous instructions, that are noted in red (if any)!


Munich Rotation 2023														
Days					Days									
April	COL	Gi	Wb	Lo	Co	1-3	Sept.	COL	Gr	CH	Gi			
19	HUD	Gr	Gi	Wb		0-3	20	HUD	Wb	Hn	Gr	CH		
	RCK	Lo	Co	Gr		2-1		RCK	Gi	Wb	Hn	Gr		
	@ CAY	Gi	Wb	Lo	Co	1-3	@	WAR	CH	Gi	Wb	Hn		
	@ MLR	Gr	Gi	Wb	Lo	Co	@	IND	Gr	CH	Gi	Wb	Hn	
May	ZIO	Gr	Gi	Wb	Lo	Co	Oct.	@ RYE	Gr	CH	Gi	Wb		
21	MAR	Gr	Gi	Wb	Lo		22	@ KAN	Lo	Gr	CH	Gi	Wb	
	@ GC	Co	Gr	Gi	Wb			CAY	Lo	Gr	CH	Gi	Wb	
	@ STM	Lo	Co	Gr	Gi			NW	Lo	Gr	CH	Gi		
	@ RIV	Wb	Lo	Co	Gr			MLR	Wb	Lo	Gr	CH		
June	@ HUD	Gi	Wb	Lo	Co		Nov.	NBO		Gi	Wb	Lo	CH	Gr
19	@ RCK	Hn	Gi	Wb			20	LV	Gi	Wb	Lo	CH		
	@ COL	Lo	Co	Hn			@	HUD	Co	Gi	Wb			
	WAR	Gi	Wb	Lo	Co	Hn	@	RCK	CH	Gr	Co	Gi		
	IND	Gi	Wb	Lo	Co		@	COL	Wb	CH	Lo	Gr		
July	@ LV	Hn	Gi	Wb	Gr	Co								
21	@ NBO	Hn	Gi	Wb	Gr									
	HOB	Co	Hn	Gi	Wb									
	KNX	Gr	Co	Hn	Gi									
	KAN	Wb	Gr	Co	Hn									
August	@ BH	Gi	Wb	Gr	CH									
20	@ WHT	Hn	Gi	Wb	Gr									
	@ ZIO	CH	Hn	Gi	Wb									
	BRO	Gr	CH	Hn	Gi									
	MID	Wb	Gr	CH	Hn									


KEY


 Day off


 Gilbert, Logan


 Webb, Logan


 Gray, Josiah

 Hendricks, Kyle

 Hernandez, Carlos

 Lodolo, Nick

 Contreras, Roansy

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Pitching

Starters: Basically middling grades with more or less combustible peripherals, with two exceptions. Handle them by these principles:

- **Webb, Gilbert** – Reasonable grades with pretty good peripherals. Get as much as possible out of them. But when they are reduced for any reason, you need to relieve them.
- **Others** – Range from **Lodolo** and **Contreras**, rookie 11’s with small negative peripherals, to **Gray** (an 8 with big negatives), to **Hendricks** (a 6 with a bit of control but homer-prone) and **Hernandez** (wild 1, yikes). I’d love to say the bullpen is better – but it really isn’t.... Relieve them when reduced for any reason.

The general rules: [1] Max of 11.2 IP for any starter. [2] Do not relieve if they are pitching a shutout.

Relievers: There will be 6 or 7 active relievers each month. Use the opportunities for +5’s and platoon advantages as best you can, and spread the innings around (except: **use Otto a LOT**). (BTW, there should be plenty of IP – just not GOOD ones.) A bit of general guidance on roles within the bullpen:

Hughes – The nominal closer, though his HA is a heart attack waiting to happen in save situations. He’s the only lefty in the pen most of the year, so may be used to face your big lefty hitters to stop a rally in the 6th on.

Rucker, Festa, Brash - use in mid/late innings when game is close; they’re about as “setup” as it gets.... (Note that Brash has fewer IP than the others, so don’t extend his outings.)

Otto – **LOTS’o’IP, but without the +5**. Lean on him for long outings when the starter gets shelled, and/or Munich trails. He may also be needed in closer games to avoid one of the lower-grade relievers. Try to start an inning with him, because of the lack of the +5.

Young – Active for October/November, and depending on usage issues, may have to assume any role up to and including closer. Hopefully, he can concentrate on middle-inning work, and perhaps be the token anti-lefty.

Underwood, Hernandez, Wick – They don't stop hits AND all have at least one negative peripheral (although Underwood's +61 HA makes him actually desirable to use when the biggest threat for you is the homer). Use as needed, hopefully in non-critical situations for the most part.

Lineups and Usage

General – 1. Use these boxes for guidance regarding usage and substitution decisions. Note that there are **few voluntary subs** (pinch-hitting, pinch-running, or defense) due to usage limits. The exceptions are the OF-only guys, see the chart below.

2. Lineups are given for all months except November. I may send series instructions with adjusted lineups as the season goes on, but if you don't get anything from me by the 4th of the month, you can use these. Make sure you note the adjustments by month, by board vs PC game, and for RHP vs LHP!

Note variations by month at some positions; by game type and/or P hand at others!	
1 SS	Witt (Apr) / Hoerner (May-Oct)
2 2B	Rojas (Apr-Sept) / Miller (Oct)
3 3B	Rivera (Apr) / Witt (May-Oct)
4 1B	Rizzo (Apr-Sept) / Cabrera (Oct)
5 LF	Nootbaar (Board LHP, all PC) / A.Thomas (Board RHP)
6 CF	Suzuki (Board LHP, all PC) / Carroll (Board RHP)
7 RF	L.Thomas
8 DH	Torkelson (Apr, June-Oct) / Meadows (May)
9 C	Grandal vs LHP / Caratini vs RHP
Bench	use only in case of injuries
PH / PR / Def sub	There are few spare games, and in general I'll manage them at home. BUT - in late inning, game on the line situations, Carroll, Nootbaar, Suzuki, or Alek Thomas can pinch-hit, pinch-run, or be used for defense.
Injury subs	Grandal/Caratini for each other at C. Rivera at any INF spot. A.Thomas in OF.

(Outfield injury when Alek Thomas is already in the game – use Nootbaar as the sub.)

Offensive Tactics (General Guidance):

Hit-and-Run (#1 tactical choice):

Batters with two 31's should look to hit and run often: if the game is within two runs and the runner on 1st (only) has an adjusted SSN of 25+, then hit and run. This year, Munich doesn't have a lot of raw power, so **seek out opportunities to use the hit and run to generate offense!** Exceptions Don't hit and run with men on 1st and 3rd.

Steal (#2 tactical choice):

There are some good runners, even some with a lot of attempts.

[1] **Anyone** can straight steal second in the **8th or later** with an *adjusted* SSN of 26+ when he is the **-1/tie/+1/+2 run**..

[2] In addition, if the hit and run isn't allowed, look to steal second with **Witt, Hoerner, Rojas, Suzuki, and Lane Thomas** when they are the tying or lead run, **4th inning on**. (**Don't worry about trying to steal third or home**). If steal is in order per above, it's okay to PR to steal.

Exception to both [1] and [2] - Do NOT steal with **Rizzo** at bat.

Bunt (#3 tactical option):

Basically, only in very late innings of a one-run or tie game, to move a man to scoring position when NEITHER the current batter nor the on-deck man have much power (basically, less than 4 power numbers with no first-column 1), AND the steal or hit-and-run are not indicated by the above instructions. **Don't squeeze.**

Runner Advancement:

The general guidelines are:

- With runners whose speed is 13 or more be **responsibly aggressive**, especially when heading home, and especially with two out. (The term is “aggressive”, though, not “stupid” – I don't want even a fast runner to go home on 6 chances, or a slow/average runner to try going first to third on a single to left, for example....)
- **With slow runners, be content to play station to station**, unless the hit is so deep that the chance is 30+ and it makes sense in game terms.
- With average runners whose speed is 12 or less, use your judgment based on the game situation. **But this year, thanks to the general lack of good hitting cards, tend to be aggressive with average runners, especially if they are heading home.**
- Have *fast* trailing runners try to advance if you throw for the leading runner; do not have slow or average trailing runners try to advance.
- Computer gamers: always send my runner home if he is "well around" third. Send a runner who is "well around" second on to third IF Munich LEADS or is TIED, with 0 or 1 out. Never send a runner who is “rounding” the base. Otherwise, be aggressive with fast runners when the game is within 3 runs. **Have Carroll and Witt try for the triple when that choice is given.**

Infield In; Outfield Throws; Hold Runners – Use your best baseball judgment and common sense.

Injury Subs:

See the lineup chart for the injury sub guidance.

If you aren't sure about anything after reading through these instructions, shoot me a quick email (montaguep494@gmail.com) or phone call, and I'll be happy to clarify.

And have fun (oh, you WILL have fun against this year's Marauders....) – and remember, “there's no crying in baseball”!



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