



NORTHBORO PHOENIX

2021 TBL CHAMPIONS

Game of Choice: APBA Master Board Game, 2006 edition

General Managers: **Bob Jordan** (24th year), **Steve Stein** (21st year)

Manager: **Terry Francona**; Bench Coach: **Seth Smith**; Batting Coach: **David Ortiz**

Pitching Coach: **Andy Pettitte**; Bullpen Coach: **Mike Timlin**

1B Coach: **J.J. Hardy**; 3B Coach: **“Wave ‘em in” Wendell Kim**

Home Park: **Mo Berg Memorial Stadium, Northboro MA**

2023 Season Emergency Instructions

Starting Pitchers	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Th	Acquired	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP
Nestor CORTES Jr.	NYN	28.3	P-2	3	L	22 NBO #1 (17)	16	X	+22	+13	22	WP1/BK0	Th+1	28	158.3	0.0
Jacob DeGROM	NYM	34.8	P-2	4	R	23 trade (BRO)	16	KX	+43	-21	22	WP0/BK0/HB0	Th+0	11	64.3	0.0
Bailey FALTER	PHI	25.9	P-2	4	L	23 NBO #4 (78)	8	Y	+32	-32	21/10*	WP2/BK0	Th+2	16	84.0	7.3
Dakota HUDSON	STL	28.5	P-2	3	R	20 NBO #2 (34)	7	R	-33	+35	25/13*	WP2/BK0	Th+1	26	139.7	3.0
Corey KLUBER	TBR	37.0	P-2	3	R	13 NBO #5 (134)	4	Y	+44	+0	24	WP1/BK0	Th+2	31	164.0	0.0
Joe RYAN	MIN	26.8	P-1	3	R	23 NBO #1 (6)	12	X	+11	-14	22	WP1/BK0	Th+0	27	147.0	0.0
Justin STEELE	CHC	27.7	P-1	3	L	22 NBO #4 (89)	11	X	-26	+34	21	WP3	Th+0	24	119.0	0.0

Relief Pitchers	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Th	Acquired	Gr	SO	CTL	HA	Fat	WP/BK/HB	MF	GS	IP	RIP
José ALVARADO	PHI	27.9	P-2	2	L	18 LV#4 (116)	14*	KY	-24	+46	6*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	51.0	51.0
Daniel BARD	COL	37.8	P-1	2	R	22 waiver	22*	XY	-26	+43	6*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	60.3	60.3
Jalen BEEKS	TBR	29.7	P-2	3	L	23 NBO #6 (126)	14*	X	-16	+11	8/8*	WP3/BK0	Th+1	7	61.0	48.3
Huascar BRAZOBAN	MIA	33.5	P-1	4	R	23 NBO #8 (174)	14*	XY	-62	+23	7*	WP3/BK0	Th+1	0	32.0	32.0
Dylan COLEMAN	KCR	26.5	P-1	1	R	23 BRO #3 (72)	17*	X	-56	+32	6*	WP3/BK0	Th+2	0	68.0	68.0
Caleb FERGUSON	LAD	26.7	P-1	3	L	20 NBO #4 (82)	20*	X	-52	+53	3/6*	WP0/BK0	Th+1	1	34.7	33.7
Dylan FLORO	MIA	32.3	P-2	2	R	23 trade (BRO)	11*	Y	+25	+31	6*	WP1/BK0/HB0	Th+0	0	53.7	53.7
Matt FOSTER	CHW	28.2	P-2	3	R	21 NBO #3 (54)	8*	Y	-13	-12	6*	WP2/BK0/HB0	Th+0	0	45.0	45.0
Dany JIMÉNEZ	OAK	29.3	P-1	3	R	23 NBO #7 (150)	15*	Y	-31	+36	6*	WP3/BK0/HB0	Th+0	0	34.3	34.3
James KARINCHAK	CLE	27.5	P-1	3	R	21 NBO #2 (40)	22*	KY	-62	+42	6*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	39.0	39.0
Ryan THOMPSON	TBR	30.8	P-1	3	R	21 waiver	9*	Y	+31	+22	6*	WP2	Th+0	0	42.7	42.7
Alex VESIA	LAD	27.0	P-1	1	L	22 NBO #2 (41)	17*	K	-33	+51	6*	WP3/BK0	Th+0	0	54.3	54.3

Catchers	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Bt	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	PB/Th	G	PA	SBA	Other
Will D. SMITH	LAD	28.0	C-8(-4)	2	R	20 NBO #1 (10)	PL2	+4/-3	R26	7	32	PB1/Th-4	137	578	1	
Garrett STUBBS	PHI	29.8	C-7(+1)	4	L	23 NBO #5 (102)	SA0	+3/-5	F31	13	31	PB2/Th+1	46	121	2	OF-1(31),P-1
Mike ZUNINO	TBR-xc	32.0	C-8(-2)	4	R	14 BRO #1 (23)	SA1	0/-2	N	5	32	PB2/Th-2	36	123	0	

Infielders	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Bt	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	G	PA	SBA	Other	
Jesús AGUILAR	BAL	32.8	1B-3	2	R	18 NBO #3 (90)	SA0	-6/0	R26	4	30		129	507	1	3B-3
Jose ALTUVE	HOU	32.9	2B-7	1	R	23 trade (MUN)	SA3	+6/-4	F35	15	31		141	604	19	
Cavan BIGGIO	TOR	28.0	2B-8	3	L	22 trade (RCK)	SA4	-8/0	R31	12	31		97	303	2	1B-3,3B-3,OF-2(31)
Aledmys DÍAZ	HOU	32.7	3B-4	3	R	17 NBO #1 (12)	PL2	+3/-3	F20	9	33		92	327	2	OF-1(33),1B-4,2B-8,SS-7
Yandy DÍAZ	TBR	31.6	3B-3	2	R	20 NBO #3 (58)	SA1	+2/-2	F20	8	33		137	558	6	1B-4
Nick GORDON	MIN	27.4	3B-3	2	L	23 trade (MUN)	SA5	-11/+1	D24	17	31		136	443	10	OF-2(31),2B-6,SS-7,P-1
Dansby SWANSON	ATL	29.1	SS-9	0	R	17 NW #1 (7)	SA1	+2/-2	E28	16	34		162	696	25	

Outfielders	MLB	Age	Pos	J	Bt	Acquired	BC	L/R	St	Sp	Arm	G	PA	SBA	Other	
Teoscar HERNÁNDEZ	TOR	30.5	OF-2(33)	2	R	17 MID #3 (73)	PL2	+5/-3	E26	16	33		131	535	9	CF
Kyle ISBEL	KCR	26.1	OF-2(30)	3	L	22 trade (BRO)	SA3	-5/0	B24	16	30		106	278	15	CF
Ramón LAUREANO	OAK	28.7	OF-3(37)	3	R	19 NBO #1 (13)	SA1	+1/-2	C25	18	37		94	383	17	CF
Nomar MAZARA	SDP	27.9	OF-2(32)	4	L	23 NBO #9 (198)	PR0	-1/-2	N	9	32		55	171	0	
Jake MCCARTHY	ARI	25.7	OF-2(31)	3	L	22 NBO #5 (113)	SA1	-2/-1	D34	17	31		99	354	26	CF
Joc PEDERSON	SFG	30.9	OF-2(32)	2	L	16 NBO #1 (11)	PR2	-5/-1	F24	11	32		134	433	5	CF
Jurickson PROFAR	SDP	30.1	OF-2(34)	1	B	14 LV #1 (1)	SA0	0/-2	R32	16	34		152	658	6	CF

Cuts: Daniel CASTANO, Justin DUNN, Garrett RICHARDS, Noe RAMIREZ, Ryan BURR, Jacob BARNES, Cody STASHAK, Yonny HERNANDEZ, Richie PALACIOS, Kole CALHOUN

Claimed off waivers:

Cut in the waiver draft:

Acquired in mid-season trade:

2023 Northboro Phoenix Schedule and Pitching Rotation

Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher	Date	Opp	Pitcher
4/1/23	WAR	Cortes (1)	6/1/23	ZIO	Kluber (3)	8/1/23	@GC	Cortes (15)	10/1/23	@MLR	Cortes (20)
4/2/23	WAR	deGrom (1)	6/2/23	ZIO	Falter (5)	8/2/23	@GC	Hudson (10)	10/2/23	@MLR	Ryan (22)
4/3/23	WAR	Steele (1)	6/3/23	ZIO	Steele (10)	8/3/23	@GC	Ryan (14)	10/3/23	@MLR	Ferguson (1)
4/4/23	WAR	Falter (1)	6/4/23	ZIO	Cortes (11)	8/4/23	@GC	Steele (19)	10/4/23	@MLR	Hudson (18)
4/5/23			6/5/23			8/5/23	@RIV	Kluber (10)	10/5/23		
4/6/23	@ZIO	Cortes (2)	6/6/23	CAY	Ryan (6)	8/6/23	@RIV	Cortes (16)	10/6/23	@STM	Cortes (21)
4/7/23	@ZIO	deGrom (2)	6/7/23	CAY	Falter (6)	8/7/23	@RIV	Hudson (11)	10/7/23	@STM	Ryan (23)
4/8/23	@ZIO	Steele (2)	6/8/23	CAY	Steele (11)	8/8/23	@RIV	Ryan (15)	10/8/23	@STM	Kluber (16)
4/9/23			6/9/23	@WAR	Cortes (12)	8/9/23			10/9/23	@STM	Hudson (19)
4/10/23	@CAY	Falter (2)	6/10/23	@WAR	Kluber (4)	8/10/23	HUD	Steele (20)	10/10/23	@RCK	Falter (12)
4/11/23	@CAY	Cortes (3)	6/11/23	@WAR	Ryan (7)	8/11/23	HUD	Cortes (17)	10/11/23	@RCK	Cortes (22)
4/12/23	@CAY	deGrom (3)	6/12/23	@COL	Falter (7)	8/12/23	HUD	Hudson (12)	10/12/23	@RCK	Ryan (24)
4/13/23			6/13/23	@COL	Steele (12)	8/13/23	HUD	Ryan (16)	10/13/23	@RCK	Kluber (17)
4/14/23	@IND	Steele (3)	6/14/23	@COL	Cortes (13)	8/14/23	MAR	Kluber (11)	10/14/23	@RCK	Hudson (20)
4/15/23	@IND	Falter (3)	6/15/23	@COL	Kluber (5)	8/15/23	MAR	Steele (21)	10/15/23	IND	Falter (13)
4/16/23	@IND	Cortes (4)	6/16/23	@COL	Ryan (8)	8/16/23	MAR	Cortes (18)	10/16/23	IND	Cortes (23)
4/17/23	@IND	Beeks (1)	6/17/23			8/17/23	MAR	Hudson (13)	10/17/23	IND	Ryan (25)
4/18/23			6/18/23	RCK	Steele (13)	8/18/23	KNX	Ryan (17)	10/18/23	IND	Kluber (18)
4/19/23	LV	Steele (4)	6/19/23	RCK	Cortes (14)	8/19/23	KNX	Kluber (12)	10/19/23	IND	Hudson (21)
4/20/23	LV	Falter (4)	6/20/23	RCK	Falter (8)	8/20/23	KNX	Steele (22)	10/20/23	HOB	Falter (14)
4/21/23	LV	Cortes (5)	6/21/23	RCK	Ryan (9)	8/21/23	KNX	Cortes (19)	10/21/23	HOB	Cortes (24)
4/22/23	LV	Beeks (2)				8/22/23			10/22/23	HOB	Ryan (26)
4/23/23	LV	Hudson (1)							10/23/23	HOB	Kluber (19)
4/24/23											
5/1/23	@HUD	Steele (5)	7/1/23	MLR	Kluber (6)	9/1/23			11/1/23		
5/2/23	@HUD	Cortes (6)	7/2/23	MLR	Steele (14)	9/2/23			11/2/23	@MUN	Hudson (22)
5/3/23	@HUD	Ryan (1)	7/3/23	MLR	deGrom (4)	9/3/23	WAR	Ryan (18)	11/3/23	@MUN	Cortes (25)
5/4/23	@HUD	Hudson (2)	7/4/23	MLR	Hudson (6)	9/4/23	WAR	deGrom (8)	11/4/23	@MUN	Beeks (5)
5/5/23	@HUD	Kluber (1)	7/5/23	MLR	Ryan (10)	9/5/23	WAR	Beeks (3)	11/5/23	@MUN	Kluber (20)
5/6/23	@KAN	Steele (6)	7/6/23	MUN	Kluber (7)	9/6/23	@ZIO	Hudson (14)	11/6/23	@MUN	Falter (15)
5/7/23	@KAN	Cortes (7)	7/7/23	MUN	Steele (15)	9/7/23	@ZIO	Kluber (13)	11/7/23	COL	Hudson (23)
5/8/23	@KAN	Ryan (2)	7/8/23	MUN	deGrom (5)	9/8/23	@ZIO	Ryan (19)	11/8/23	COL	Cortes (26)
5/9/23	@KAN	Hudson (3)	7/9/23	MUN	Hudson (7)	9/9/23	@ZIO	deGrom (9)	11/9/23	COL	Beeks (6)
5/10/23			7/10/23			9/10/23	@CAY	Falter (9)	11/10/23	COL	Kluber (21)
5/11/23	NW	Steele (7)	7/11/23	@BH	Ryan (11)	9/11/23	@CAY	Hudson (15)	11/11/23	ZIO	Falter (16)
5/12/23	NW	Cortes (8)	7/12/23	@BH	Steele (16)	9/12/23	@CAY	Beeks (4)	11/12/23	ZIO	Hudson (24)
5/13/23	NW	Ryan (3)	7/13/23	@BH	deGrom (6)	9/13/23	@CAY	Ryan (20)	11/13/23	ZIO	Cortes (27)
5/14/23	NW	Hudson (4)	7/14/23	@BH	Hudson (8)	9/14/23	@LV	deGrom (10)	11/14/23		
5/15/23	BRO	Kluber (2)	7/15/23	@RYE	Kluber (8)	9/15/23	@LV	Falter (10)	11/15/23	CAY	Steele (23)
5/16/23	BRO	Steele (8)	7/16/23	@RYE	Ryan (12)	9/16/23	@LV	Hudson (16)	11/16/23	CAY	Beeks (7)
5/17/23	BRO	Cortes (9)	7/17/23	@RYE	Steele (17)	9/17/23	@LV	Kluber (14)	11/17/23	CAY	Hudson (25)
5/18/23	BRO	Ryan (4)	7/18/23	@RYE	deGrom (7)	9/18/23			11/18/23	CAY	Cortes (28)
5/19/23			7/19/23	@WHT	Hudson (9)	9/19/23	KAN	Ryan (21)	11/19/23	@WAR	Ryan (27)
5/20/23	MID	Hudson (5)	7/20/23	@WHT	Kluber (9)	9/20/23	KAN	deGrom (11)	11/20/23	@WAR	Kluber (22)
5/21/23	MID	Steele (9)	7/21/23	@WHT	Ryan (13)	9/21/23	KAN	Falter (11)	11/21/23	@WAR	Steele (24)
5/22/23	MID	Cortes (10)	7/22/23	@WHT	Steele (18)	9/22/23	KAN	Hudson (17)	11/22/23	@WAR	Hudson (26)
5/23/23	MID	Ryan (5)	7/23/23			9/23/23	KAN	Kluber (15)	11/23/23		

The 2023 Northboro Phoenix

Northboro plays the Board Game. Please don't use micro managers. Please send game sheets and scripts.

Hopes for the Phoenix are high this year. Strategic moves will be few, although we can run a bit now. Managing the pitching staff will be the main challenge.

We will ALWAYS send out lineups and roster changes at the beginning of the month. If you don't get a mailing by the second day of the month, please contact Steve.

Player-by-Player Usage

Razor-thin. Position players will finish the game unless they are injured.

Player	Roles	Injury replacement
Smith	C	Stubbs
Stubbs	C,DH	Smith
Y. Diaz	1B	Aguilar, Biggio
Altuve	2B, DH	Biggio at 2B
A. Diaz	3B	Gordon, Biggio
Biggio	1B,2B	Profar
Swanson	SS	A. Diaz, Gordon
Gordon	3B,DH	A. Diaz, Biggio
T. Hernandez	LF	Profar
Profar	RF	Laureano
McCarthy	OF,DH	Profar
Pederson	CF	Profar
Laureano	Sub OF	Sub into RF, move other OF to the vacant position
Mazara	Sub OF	
Aguilar	Sub 1B, 3B	
Isbel	Sub OF, PH	
Zunino	Sub C	

Strategies on Offense

Steal: (of second with 0,1,2 out; of third with 1 out) When we are behind by one or tied, and advised by Adams tables, steal with **Jose Altuve** or **Jake McCarthy** from the 8th inning on.

Hit and Run: Check Steal before H&R, then,

Hit and run with runner on first or runners on first and third with

Batters: **Jose Altuve, Yandy Diaz, Will Smith, Jurickson Profar, Aledmys Diaz**

Runners: **Jose Altuve, Jake McCarthy, Garrett Stubbs, Dansby Swanson, Nick Gordon, Teoscar Hernandez, Kyle Isbel, Jurickson Profar, Ramon Laureano**

Sacrifice: down by one or tied, 7th inning or later, no out, runner on second or runners on first and second, 8th-9th in the batting order at bat.

Runner advancement: use Adams tables. On computer game, go when "well around", but play safe with slow runners and fewer than 2 outs.

Pinch Hitting: Nope.

Pinch Running: Nope (until further notice).

Strategies for Defense

Hold runner on first: If the firstbaseman is 1B-4 or better, hold the runner. Otherwise, if the batter is PL, hold the runner. Otherwise, only hold runners with an adjusted SSN of 23 or more.

Infield in: Never with 2 out. Never before the 7th inning. Otherwise, play in if we are between 2 runs down to 1 run ahead.

Pitch from the Stretch: if the runner on third has 10 or more chances to steal home, and we are between 2 runs down to 1 run ahead, pitch from the stretch.

Throw for runners: Always throw to get the runner representing the go ahead or lead run after the 5th inning. Otherwise:

- on the boards, throw for the lead runner if the chance is 32 or less, otherwise throw for the second runner.

- in the Computer game, throw for the lead runner if he is slow, or unless the runner “well around”; otherwise throw for the second runner.

Defensive replacements: Nope.

The Pitching Staff and Pitching Strategies

Starters

Managing the pitching staff is the key to success for Northboro. We have a very strong bullpen with a lot of innings.

We have some good starters – **Nestor Cortes Jr.** and **Jake deGrom** are the aces. **Joe Ryan**, and **Justin Steele** are good. **Bailey Falter** is OK. **Dakota Hudson** and **Corey Kluber** are not so good and will warrant an early hook if we’re still in the game. **Jalen Beeks** and **Caleb Ferguson** are good openers, but they will probably need valets.

Cortes, deGrom, Ryan and Steele should try for at least 6 innings. The rest are subject to replacement from the 4th inning on.

- Never let a starter go more than 11 2/3 innings.

- Other than that, never remove a starter pitching a shutout.

In the bullpen

Daniel Bard is the closer. When we’re up by 1-3 in the 9th or later, he’s the man. He pitches until we win or he gives up the lead.

Caleb Ferguson and **James Karinchak** are the setup guys.

Alex Vesia, **Dylan Coleman**, **Jalen Beeks**, **Dylan Floro**, **Huascar Brazoban**, **Jose Alvarado** and **Dany Jimenez** are good relief for the 5th inning on.

Ryan Thompson and **Matt Foster** are mops.

Inning\Lead	-4 or worse	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4 or better
Before the 4 th	D	D	D	C	C	C	C	C	C
4 th – 5 th	D	D	D	C	C	B	B	B	C
6 th – 7 th	D	D	D	C	C	B	B	B	C
after 7 th	D	C	C	C	C	A	A	A	C

A: **Bard**

B: **Karinchak (RH), Ferguson (LH)**

C: **Vesia (LH), Coleman (RH), Beeks (LH), Floro (RH), Brazoban (RH), Alvarado (LH), Jimenez (RH)**

D: **Thompson, Foster**

Lineups and minor league assignments:

Same old story in Northboro. Roster and lineups change often, and Steve will always send details on or about the first of the month. And if he doesn't, please bug him. Here are some representative lineups:

On Boards		On Computer	
against LHP	against RHP	against LHP	against RHP
1. Y. Diaz, 1B	1. Y. Diaz, 1B	1. Y. Diaz, 1B	1. Y. Diaz, 1B
2. Altuve, 2B	2. Gordon, 3B	2. Altuve, 2B	2. Gordon, 3B
3. T. Hernandez, RF	3. Pederson, CF	3. Pederson, CF	3. Pederson, CF
4. Smith, C	4. Altuve, 2B	4. T. Hernandez, LF	4. Altuve, 2B
5. Stubbs, DH	5. T. Hernandez, RF	5. Smith, C	5. T. Hernandez, LF
6. Pederson, CF	6. Smith, C	6. Swanson, SS	6. Smith, C
7. Swanson, SS	7. Stubbs, DH	7. Stubbs, DH	7. Stubbs, DH
8. A. Diaz, 3B	8. Swanson, SS	8. McCarthy, LF	8. Swanson, SS
9. McCarthy, LF	9. McCarthy, LF	9. Gordon, 3B	9. Profar, RF

DO NOT FOLLOW THIS SECTION! STEVE WILL SEND MINOR LEAGUE ASSIGNMENTS EVERY MONTH!

In the minors:

Apr: Ryan, Kluber, Floro, Brazoban, Jimenez, Alvarado, Mazara, Isbel, Aguilar, Zunino
 May: deGrom, Falter, Mazara, Brazoban, Jimenez, Coleman, Beeks, Aguilar, Isbel, Zunino
 Jun: deGrom, Beeks, Hudson, Thompson Jimenez, Coleman, Mazara, Isbel, Aguilar, Zunino
 Jul: Anderson, Barnes, Castano, Kluber, Thompson Jimenez, Mazara, Isbel, Aguilar, Zunino
 Aug: Barnes, Castano, Cortes, Dunn, Steele, Vesia, Mazara, Isbel, Aguilar, Zunino
 Sep: Barnes, Castano, Cortes, Kluber, Foster, Steele, Mazara, Isbel, Aguilar, Zunino
 Oct: Anderson, Castano, Kluber, Ramirez, Jimenez, Thompson, Mazara, Isbel, Aguilar, Zunino
 Nov: all up

In conclusion

Use these instructions as a guide; use your own instincts as well. Steve will be in touch with special instructions for road managers by the first of every month. I trust everyone in the league to manage our squad competently. **If you send hard-copy results please mail them to Bob.** If you email results, send them to us both.

But most of all -
 Have Fun!
 Steve and Bob

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