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Bryan Baker
Tom Cosgrove
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Kevin Gausman
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Josh Sborz
Jose Soriano
Andrew Wantz
Tyler Wells
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PoS. PLAYERS
Lawrence Butler
Jose Caballero
Triston Casas
C.J. Cron
Jake Cronenworth
J.D. Davis
Tyler Freeman
Riley Greene
Randal Grichuk
Jonah Heim
Ha-Seong Kim
Tucupita Marcano
Andrew McCutchen
Max Muncy
Sean Murphy
Brandon Nimmo
Bryan Reynolds
Miguel Vargas

Gray $=$ minors $/$ italics $=$ innoc
minors Apr
May
June
July
Aug
Sept
Oct
Nov
alternate A \& B

| vs Board RHP A | vs Board RHP B | vs Board LHP |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| McCutchen dh | Nimmo cf | Kim 2b |
| Nimmo cf | R.Greene If | Grichuk If |
| Muncy 3b | Casas 1b | Heim c |
| Casas 1b | Muncy 3b | S.Murphy dh |
| R.Greene If | S.Murphy c | McCutchen rf |
| Reynolds rf | Reynolds rf | Nimmo cf |
| Kim ss | Kim ss | Cron 1b |
| Cronenworth 2b | J.D.Davis dh | J.D.Davis 3b |
| Heim c | Cronenworth 2b | Caballero ss |


| vs Computer RHP | vs Computer LHP |
| :--- | :--- |
| McCutchen dh | Kim 2b |
| Nimmo cf | McCutchen dh |
| Casas 1b | Casas 1b |
| Muncy 3b | Reynolds rf |
| Reynolds rf | Nimmo cf |
| Kim 2b | Grichuk If |
| Heim c | Muncy 3b |
| Grichuk If | Heim c |
| Caballero ss | Caballero ss |

## SUBSTITUTIONS

## 1) POSITION SUMMARIES:

C HEIM \& S.MURPHY usually go all the way, except for a pinch-runner late. MURPHY is the back up, but will DH vs board lefties.
It's OK to dissolve the DH if you need to run for HEIM when MURPHY is DH. HEIM may need a PH lasr AB vs board righties.
1B CASAS usually goes all the way. CRON \& CASAS share the position vs board lefties. CRON may need a PH Both can be removed for a PR or defense late
2B/SS CRONENWORTH platoons at 2B with CABALLERO at SS. KIM usually goes the whole way. MARCANO will have some Apriltime at SS.
3B A loose MUNCY / J.D.DAVIS platoon on the boards. MUNCY may occasionally still be the best option vs LHP despite the -11. Optimal late inning infield defense is MUNCY 3B, CABALLERO SS, KIM 2B, CRONENWORTH 1B.
OF NIMMO \& REYNOLDS usually go all the way, though there are some selective situations vs board lefties where a PH might make sense. R. GREENE \& GRICHUK, lefty killer are a loose platoon. McCUTCHEN will sometimes find himself wandering around out there.

DH Mostly McCUTCHEN \& S.MURPHY and a little J.D.DAVIS. All may need a runner late.

|  | When to Remove | Bench Use | PA/G |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CABALLERO | For PH vs board RP and PH in rbi \& slg situations | primary PR \& defensive sub. <br> PH vs hoard _HP late in _n-hase_situations | G |
| CASAS | For PR if lead or tie run, last $A B$. blowouts For defense after last $A B$ | PH Game winning situations only | G |
| CRON | For PH vs RHP unless rbi stuation | PH late in slg/rbi situations, non-DP situation, blowouts | unlimited |
| CRONENWORTH | for PH behind or tied, not obp situation vs RHP | defensive replacement ar 1B, PH for obp vs RHP, blowouts. | unlimited |
| DAVIS,J.D. | for PR and defense. <br> for PH in_slumaing_situations vs_hoard H HP last ab | PH vs LHP. Use in blowouts | unlimited |
| GREENE,R. | for a PH vs board LHP, unless runner in scoring position | PH in non-slugging situations, Defensive sub for OF1 | PA |
| GRICHUK | For PH vs RHP | PH vs LHP, unless there's a threat of a move to a righty, defense for OF1 ninch-runner | unlimited |
| HEIM | For PR. For PH vs board RHP 9th inning, behind or tied | PH vs LHP, game within 2 | unlimited |
| KIM | For PH vs board RHP, tie or winning run on base, last $A B$ | PH, PR, defensive replacement game within 2 | PA |
| MARCANO | For PH. Behind or tied, game within 3 | PR , defensive replacement, blowouts | unlimited |
| McCUTCHEN | for PH slg situation in last AB , for defense after 7th | PH for weaker hitter, game within 3 | PA |
| MUNCY | For PH vs board lefty unless sig situation OR when_lead_runis in_scoring_nosition_late | PH vs RHP, defense at 3B | unlimited |
| MURPHY | For PR in last $A B$, blowouts | PH game within 2, not a DP situation | G |
| NIMMO | never | PH , defense after 7th, game within 3 | PA |
| REYNOLDS | For PH for obp vs board lefties last $A B$ | PH in Game Winning situations only | PA |
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## BASE RUNNING

3) STEALING - A player may steal any base when eligible by the Adams tables and $\boldsymbol{m y} \boldsymbol{y}$ allowance letters on page one If you don't like that system you can use the guidelines below.
a) Use Adams tables. If adjusted $\mathrm{SSN}<\mathbf{2 8}, \mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{R}$ takes precedent.
b CABALLERO \& KIM straight steal with Adams approval anytime game is within 3 after the 3 rd .
c) CRONENWORTH, R. GREENE \& REYNOLDS straight steal only if game within one, 7th or later.
d) Add 2 to Adams tables with CASAS, NIMMO \& McCUTCHEN at bat. Don't ever run with MUNCY at bat.
e) Subtract 2 from the Adams table with 0 or 1 out and CRON, R. GREENE \& KIM at bat.
f No one steals 3rd until the 8th, home until the 9th. No straight steals for non A's if margin $>3$.
4) HIT \& RUN a) Hit \& run if Adams gives the greenlight but my steal restrictions say no. Also hit \& run if runner cannot steal by the Adams tables but SSN is over 24. Do not H\&R 1st \& 3rd. (except B below)
b) DAVIS, GREENE \& NIMMO; only H\&R if SSN > 23 (pre-penalty)
c) DAVIS only H\&R with with 0 or 1 out.
d) Only H\&R with KIM \& NIMMO vs Z pitchers.
e) Don't H\&R with CRONENWORTH or McCUTCHEN.
f) Don't H\&R with a slow runner if 8's are good.

## 5) SACRIFICE Only with 0 out / Squeeze only with 1 out

a) Use the sac when a crippling negative shift needs to stay in the game for defense or it's too early to PH.
b) CABALLERO \& MARCANO can sacrifice the lead or tie run to 2 nd or 3 rd with 0 out, 6 th or later
c) MARCANO can squeeze the lead run in the 9th, runner on 3rd only.
d) Never bunt with two strikes. Never pinch-hit to sacrifice.

## PITCHING

6) ROTATION G-Gausman, H-Heaney, L-P.Lopez, O-Olson, P- F.Peralta, AW-Wantz, W-Wells

| APR | 1-4 | COL | G,P,L,H | MAY | 1-5 | MLR | O,L,W,G,P | JUNE | 1-4 | @MUN | G,H,L,P | JULY | 1-5 | @NBO | G,W,L,O,P |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 6-8 | MUN | G,P,L |  | 7-10 | ZIO | H,O,G,P |  | 6-8 | @RCK | G,W,H |  | 6-9 | @HOB | G,W,L,O |
|  | 10-13 | RCK | H,G,P,L |  | 11-14 | @RYE | L,H,O,G |  | 9-11 | @COL | L,P,G |  | 11-14 | MID | P.G,W,0 |
|  | 14-17 | @LVG | W,H,G,P |  | 16-19 | @GC | AW,P,L,G |  | 12-16 | KAN | W,H,L,P,G |  | 15-18 | WHT | L,P,G,W |
|  | 19-23 | @WAR | L,H,W,G,P |  | 20-22* | @IND | H,O,W,P |  | 18-21 | CAY | W,L,H,P |  | 19-22 | STM | O,L,P,G |
| AUG | 1-4 | BH | H,L,W,P | SEPT | 3-5 | COL | L,W,G | OCT | 1-4 | KNX | L,G,H,P | NOV | 2-6 | LVG | O,L,G,H,P |
|  | 5-8 | RIV | O,H,L,W |  | 6-9 | MUN | H,P,L,W |  | 6-9 | NBO | L,G,H,P |  | 7-10 | WAR | O,L,G,H |
|  | 10-13 | @KAN | P,O,H,L |  | 10-12 | RCK | G,H,P |  | 10-14 | @CAY | O,L,G,H,P |  | 11-13 | @MUN | W,O,L |
|  | 14-17 | @NW | W,P,O,H |  | 14-17 | @MLR | L,G,H,W |  | 15-18 | @BRO | O,L,G,H |  | 15-18 | @RCK | G,H,O,L |
|  | 18-21 | @MAR | L,W,P,AW |  | 18-22 | @ZIO | P,L,G,H,W |  | 20-23 | IND | P,O,L,G,H |  | 19-22 | @COL | P,G,H,AW |

## 7) REMOVE PITCHER

a) STARTERS - Never remove a starter pitching a shutout.

Try to get 6 out the starters, 5 from HEANEY. Most games starters will go until fatigued. But if there is a game-threatening rally in the 5th inning on, Squash it. I have over 600 relief innings.
b) CLOSER \& LATE - HADER is back. He pitches the 9th or later with a lead of 2 or tied. But COSGROVE \& B.ABREU can also close. Someone from this trio should be on the mound anytime the game is on the line, 7 th or later.
c) SETUP \& MIDDLE - Every month will have three of the group of R.IGLESIAS, WANTZ, BAKER, SORIANO \& SANDLIN. They have decent grades but poor peripherals, making the ridiculous +5 important.
d) MIDDLE - The next tier acts as a bridge from the low fatigue starters to the late innings. They'll be busy.

There will be at least two available from the group of BAKER, WANTZ, GIVENS and the occasional starter.
e) LEFTIES - COSGROVE can come in as early as the 6th to face some lefties in a game threatening situation.

LEE will be up a couple months as mid-game loogy
e) EARLY \& BULK - WINCKOWSKI's 80+ innings, and occasionally SBORZ or D.LEE will soak up innings in lost causes (in either direction).

Then the middle crew will spread it around.
My pitching instructions are intended as guidelines not rules. Pitching changes are the most
difficult part of playing the road team. I will accept your judgement.

## DEFENSIVE OPTIONS

8) INTENTIONAL WALKS - If the Generals trail at anytime, by any amount, or the lead run is in scoring position after the 6th, and first base is open, intentionally walk the batter in the following circumstances:
a) 1 out, men on - to set up the DP (on-deck hitter must be a DP threat) unless on-deck hitter is superior to batter.
b) 2 out, men on - to get to an inferior hitter.

Never load the bases unless the ensuing hitter/pitcher combo makes a walk unlikely.
9) PITCH FROM STRETCH - If the runner on 3rd has an adjusted SSN of 12 or more with 2 out, game within 1 run.
10) HOLD RUNNER - When 1B(4 or 5) is playing first always hold. Otherwise:
a) Hold all fast runners.
b) Hold all medium runners unless I have a lead of 2 or more and there is a PR hitter.
c) Hold slow runners only with a RH hitter or less than 2 out unless I lead by 2 or more
d) Do not hold with 2 out and men on 1 st and 3 rd unless runner on 1 st is the lead or tie run.

## 11) INFIELD IN

a) Play "in" with a runner on 3rd only, 1 out, tied or behind, ANY INNING , unless its before the 6th with 1-3 hitters up.
b) Play "in" with the lead run on 3rd only, with 0 or 1 out after the 7 th.
c) Play "in" with the lead run on 3rd after the 8th, 1st base occupied and 0 out.

## 12) OUTFIELD THROWS

a) Throw for the lead runner anytime the trailing runner cannot advance $O R$ the lead chance is $<25$.

Exception: The trailing runner is the tie run with a good chance to advance after the 7th.
b) Throw home to get the lead or tie run after the 6th if there is $<36$ chances. If the trail runner is the WINNING run and the lead runner's chance is $>32$, stop the trail runner.
c) On the computer game, play your best guess using common baseball strategies.
13) RUNNER ADVANCEMENT - Use Adams Tables. If computer, see 16(c). Go for it if the text says "well around".

Only go for optional triples if all conditions are ideal; NOT behind by 2 or more AND plus speed/arm combo AND 1 out.
14) HOLD RUNNER ON THIRD - Hold all runners with 0 out and slow runners with 1 out.
15) INJURIES - Use logical replacement

Feel free to give me a call with any problems. Overall I will accept your good judgement. When I play my team at home I do not "count hits" etc. for my team and don't expect you to. But if you are into that aspect of the game feel free. GOOD LUCK!

