



## 2024 Instructions

Welcome to Santa Barbara! Well, so the Mooners went back-to-back as Champions of the PCL! Like I said last year, it came with a price. I lost my 1B, 2B, 3B, 4 of my five starting pitchers, and Corey Seager at DH. I have done quite a bit of retooling, resigning Austin Riley and adding Spencer Steer, Christian Encarnacion-Strand, Ezequiel Tovar, Brice Turang, and Max Fried as key pieces. Have fun!

*Path to the Playoffs (How to win with this team):*

**DEFENSE NEEDS TO LEAD THE WAY!!! And a whole lotta luck! Kinda like in the preseason tournament when we won the trophy.**

## Starting Line-ups

Lineup 1, vs. L		Lineup 2, vs. L		Lineup 3 vs. R		Lineup 4, vs. R		Lineup 5, vs. R		Lineup 6, vs. R	
9	Suzuki			8	Marsh	7	Marsh				
7	Grichuk			DH	Bogaerts	DH	Bogaerts				
2	Contreras			9	Suzuki	9	Suzuki				
5	Riley			5	Riley	5	Riley				
3	Bohm			7	Steer	3	Steer				
4	Steer			2	Contreras	2	Contreras				
DH	Bogaerts			3	Encarnacion	8	Thomas				
8	Marsh			6	Tovar	6	Tovar				
6	Tovar			4	Turang	4	Turang				
<b>Standard vs lefty:</b> All lefties				Standard vs righty: Most righties		If your righty is a 4R or greater. Also at PBC, CDS and STL					

## Strategy vs lefty

Mostly just mash the ball. Marsh, Bogaerts, Tovar, and Steer can run a little. Try it.

### **Strategy vs righty**

Marsh, Steer, Bogaerts, Tovar, and Turang can all run a little. Bogaerts, Steer, and Contreras are all B hit and run. We can use this upon occasion. I like using the SAC bunt with Turang.

**Mid-game** refers to anytime after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.

### **Prior to the 5<sup>th</sup>**

If your **lefty** starter comes out and you are likely to bring in a lefty reliever later, leave Grichuk and Bohm in. If an important AB comes up, you can feel free to sub them out. With a lead, I would like Turang in at 2B in Grichuk's spot, Thomas in at CF in Bohm's spot, move Marsh to LF and Steer to 1B.

If your **righty** starter comes out for a lefty, in a big AB you can PH Grichuk for Marsh or Thomas. Bohm can PH vs a lefty for Encarnacion-Strand.

### **After the 5<sup>th</sup>**

If I have a 2-run lead or more, I am looking to keep my better defense in. But in big AB's you can pinch hit for the platoons. The key move with this lead is to get Thomas into CF in Encarnacion-Strand's spot, Marsh to LF, and Steer to 1B. This has a dramatic impact on the defense in a positive way.

### **What about the 3 batter minimum when YOU bring in a reliever?**

If I am behind, be aggressive with the platoons. If I am up by 2 runs or more, be less aggressive, keeping the best defense in.

### **Pinch Hitting**

Since we now have the DH, it feels like pinch hitting will occur mostly with platoons when the starter comes out. Please look at the below breakdowns for guidance. 😊

**1B**. Encarnacion-Strand vs righties and Bohm vs lefties is the big platoon, but Steer will get a lot of time here, as well. He moves to first mid-game with a lead. Encarnacion-Strand should not get more than 3 AB's per game.

**2B** Turang against righties and Steer vs lefties. Turang comes in, generally speaking, mid-game and Steer moves to 1B.

**SS** Tovar all day every day and doesn't come out. Bogaerts backs him up.

**3B**. Riley all day every day and doesn't come out. Steer and Bohm back him up.

**C** Contreras all day every day. Bailey is backup and comes in for defense late.

**RF** Suzuki all day every day and never comes out.

**CF** Marsh starts, but Thomas comes in frequently mid-game with a lead. Marsh then moves to LF

**LF** Steer against righties, Grichuk vs lefties. Mid-game Steer usually moves to 1B and Marsh goes to LF

**OF** Mid-game with a lead, I like to replace Encarnacion-Strand or Bohm with Thomas. Steer moves to 1B. Marsh goes to LF and Thomas plays CF.

**DH.** Bogaerts is the DH and never comes out. If Tovar is injured and Bogaerts moves to SS, replace Tovar in the lineup with Thomas (CF), Marsh (LF), and Steer 1B. Either Bohm or Encarnacion-Strand becomes the DH.

**Platoon / Injury see the defensive chart for injury backups. Use compare for the best choice.**

**Do not remove: Bogaerts, Suzuki, Riley, Tovar, Steer**

**Rarely remove: Contreras, Turang (once in the game), Marsh**

**Always remove: Bohm when a lefty leaves, unless you have a lefty likely to come in later. Bohm is ok vs righties.**

**What to do after the top of the 6<sup>th</sup>**

**If I have a 1+ run lead after the top of the 6<sup>th</sup>, bring in Thomas to CF in Encarnacion-Strand's spot and move Marsh to LF and Steer to 1B.**

**Player Usage Limitations:**

Encarnacion-Strand has 222 AB's. Steer will play 1B at PBC, CDS, and STL. He also comes out mid-game when we have a lead, and does not start vs lefties.

**Pinch hitting**

- PH versus lefty: use compare Bohm is clutch
- PH versus righty: use compare Bohm is clutch
- **Bunters: Turang is a B**

**Baserunning**

- Stealing decisions, 70% Marsh, Bogaerts, Steer, Tovar, Turang, Thomas
- Take the extra base at 1-14, but don't make the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> out at 3<sup>rd</sup> if you can help it. Use your judgment.
- Who to **H&R** and when: Bogaerts, Steer, and Contreras are all B hit and run. If we are struggling scoring runs you can use this with no outs, particularly with Steer or Marsh on base.
- Score at 60%, or 40% with two outs
- Send trailers to second aggressively, to third conservatively
- Send low percentage trailer when tying or go ahead run is coming to the plate at 70% or less.
- PR(s): Thomas or Turang. Midgame if Encarnacion-Strand gets on, pinch run Thomas as he will replace him for better defense anyway with a lead.
- **Squeeze play. Not this year, unless with Turang.**

**Defense best defense is highlighted.**

C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF
Contreras	Encarnacion	Turang	Tovar	Riley	Marsh	Thomas	Suzuki
Bailey	Steer	Steer	Bogaerts	Bohm	Steer	Marsh	Steer
	Bohm			Steer	Grichuk		

**Intentional Walks**

Not a fan of this. Only for the monsters like Seager, Ohtani or Harper type players.

## Pitching Rotation

### You play these

Road Games			
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
BAG	Hendricks	Wheeler1	Gray1
PBC	Suarez1	Wheeler2	Hendricks
SBM	None	None	None
SCT	Fried1	Wheeler3	Hendricks
CABO	Suarez2	Wheeler4	Gray2
OBB	Fried2	Wheeler5	Hendricks
UTP	Fried3	Wheeler6	Hendricks
LVB	Fried4	Wheeler7	Gray3
CHI	Fried5	Wheeler8	Hendricks
AUG	Fried6	Wheeler9	Gray4
STL	Fried7	Wheeler10	Hendricks
VBS	Suarez3	Wheeler11	Fried8

Home Games		
Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
Gray8	Wheeler15	Fried9
Suarez7	Wheeler16	Hendricks
None	None	None
Hendricks	Wheeler17	Gray9
Suarez8	Gray10	Fried10
Suarez9	Gray11	Hendricks
Suarez10	Gray12	Hendricks
Suarez11	Gray13	Hendricks
Suarez12	Gray14	Fried11
Gray15	Hendricks	Fried12
Suarez13	Gray16	Hendricks
Suarez14	Gray17	Fried13

Road Games				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
SCT*	Hendricks	Wheeler12	Gray5	Suarez4
PBC	Hendricks	Wheeler13	Gray6	Suarez5
BAG	Hendricks	Wheeler14	Gray7	Suarez6

Home games			
Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
Hendricks	Wheeler18	Gray18	Suarez15
Hendricks	Wheeler19	Gray19	Suarez16
Hendricks	Wheeler20	Gray20	Suarez17

Wheeler 20, Gray 20, Hendricks 20, Fried 13, Suarez 17

### (NOTES)

<b>Starter#1 Wheeler (long and hard)</b>	192 innings and will be a 7-inning starter. The goal should be 7 to 9 innings each start. Remove when tired. I would like to see 40% complete games.
<b>Starter#2 Gray (patience)</b>	159 innings, he will be a 6-inning starter. Try to get 6 to 7 innings from him. Remove when tired. Remove after 7 innings with a lead.
<b>Starter#3 Hendricks (patience)</b>	137 innings and has a <b>7-inning max</b> . If you have a lot of lefties, he should do well. If you load up on righties, it could be a long day. Remove when tired. Faster hook with righty dominant lineup.
<b>Starter#4 Fried (use patience, lefty)</b>	78 innings with 13 starts, so <b>6 innings max</b> . He is a lefty, so try to get 5 to 6 innings from him. Remove when tired.
<b>Starter#5 Suarez (use patience, lefty)</b>	125 innings and 17 starts. Because he is a lefty, he will most likely NOT reach his innings limit. Anywhere from 5 to 7 innings would be awesome. Do not let the game get away from him by trying to squeeze out an extra inning. If we have the lead, and you are wondering "should I take him out?", that is a good sign to remove him.
<b>Specific innings limitations:</b>	Hendricks and Fried. I will monitor Suarez.
<b>Additional comments:</b>	<b>I have a 12-man staff, so there are plenty of choices in the bullpen. Just not very many good ones. Notice I say, "remove when tired". I did NOT say after 4 runs. Suarez can be out after 4 runs, but pretty much the rest go until tired or their max inning limit.</b>

### BULLPEN

<b>R'y closer:</b>	Adam. 54 innings of a good card. He can be used for both the 8 <sup>th</sup> and the 9 <sup>th</sup> , Jansen is the alternate closer
<b>L'y closer:</b>	nope

<b>R'y setup:</b>	Jansen has 45 innings and is a good pick for the 8 <sup>th</sup> inning if he faces more lefties than righties. Limit him to 1 inning at a time. Merryweather is a little better vs righty lineups.
<b>L'y setup:</b>	nope
<b>6-8<sup>TH</sup> INNINGS</b>	Combination of Wilson, Peguero, Merryweather, and Duarte. Use compare. Merryweather (72 innings) and Peguero (61 innings) are balanced and can be used for 2 innings at a time.
<b>Prior to 5<sup>th</sup> inning</b>	Avila (50 innings) and Wilson (53 innings). Avila is a 4-inning reliever, so if we are down by 3-4 runs he can pitch several innings to save the rest of the pen.
<b>Situational:</b>	
<b>-R'y gets R'y:</b>	Wilson, Duarte (32 innings)
<b>-R'y gets L'y:</b>	Jansen, Merryweather, Peguero
<b>-L'y gets L'y:</b>	nope
<b>-L'y gets R'y:</b>	nope
<b>Longman/mopup:</b>	Avila, once he is in the game, he is likely to go 3-4 innings.
<b>Additional comments:</b>	
<b>3 batter minimum guidelines</b>	<b>All of my relievers are similar except for Adam, so I am not worried about this. Go with the 2 out of 3 or 3 out of 5 rule. We have 367 innings in the pen.</b>

Game Flow preferences, but go with the best matchups:

Starter	Before 5th	5 <sup>th</sup> -7th	setup	Closer if needed
Wheeler	Shouldn't happen	Shouldn't happen ever but in a blowout Avila. Blowout is down 6 runs or more AND/OR tired.	Might not be necessary, but Jansen or Wilson	Adam, 4-5 out saves are fine, Jansen backs up.
Gray	Hope this doesn't happen, take one for the team?	Merryweather or Peguero. Plan on 2-inning stints for whichever you choose. Duarte can try to get you out of an inning, but not start the next.	Jansen, Wilson	Adam, 4-5 out saves are fine, Jansen backs up.
Hendricks	Hope this doesn't happen, take one for the team?	Merryweather or Peguero. Plan on 2-inning stints for whichever you choose. Duarte can try to get you out of an inning, but not start the next.	Jansen, Wilson	Adam, 4-5 out saves are fine, Jansen backs up.
Fried	Hope this doesn't happen, Avila	Merryweather or Peguero. Plan on 2-inning stints for whichever you choose. Duarte can try to get you out of an inning, but not start the next.	Jansen, Wilson	Adam, 4-5 out saves are fine, Jansen backs up.
Suarez	Avila	If Avila came in, he is probably still in. If we are in the game, try Wilson, Peguero, or Merryweather.	Jansen, Wilson	Adam, 4-5 out saves are fine, Jansen backs up.

