



## 2022 Instructions –

Gordon did a solid job of digging Augusta out of a hole coming into the auction. Typical strong starting staff that should average 6-7 innings per start. Several complete game possibilities for Stroman, and Kershaw may get a CG or two. Strong bullpen led by Sewald (65 innings), Jackson (64 innings), Hudson (52 innings), and Bickford (51 innings). We will all regret the low price paid for Arenado (\$10) for years to come! Rizzo was also a key pickup in the WWW. **Tatis is a monster if he can stay healthy!**

### Starting Line-ups

Lineup A Standard vs left		Lineup B vs Left		Lineup C Vs Right		Lineup E Std vs Right		Lineup F Vs R, bat L	
4	Flores			2	Stephensen	2	Stephensen	2	Stephensen
2	Stephensen			4	Villar	4	Escobar	9	Smith
6	Tatis			6	Tatis	6	Tatis	6	Tatis
5	Arenado			9	Duvall	7	Tapia	7	Tapia
3	Rizzo			3	Rizzo	9	Duvall	8	Duvall
9	Haniger			7	Haniger	3	Rizzo	3	Rizzo
7	Tapia			5	Arenado	5	Arenado	4	Escobar
8	Pillar			8	Pillar	8	Pillar	5	Arenado
<b>All Leftys</b>				At <b>UTP and SCT</b> vs righty		<b>All Other Rightys</b>		If your righty pitcher is 4R or more.	

### Platoon / Injury s

- **Do not remove** Stephensen, Arenado
- Seldom remove Tapia, Rizzo, Tatis (only in blowouts), Pillar (best defense in CF)
- If Lefty Starter comes out, Escobar in for Flores and Duvall in for Haniger.
- If Righty Starter gives way to a lefty reliever we mostly stand pat for a while but late in the game a big at bat will see Flores or Haniger as PH opportunists.

**Positions:**

<b>C</b>	Stephensen plays every day and never comes out. D'Arnaud backs up.
<b>1B</b>	.Rizzo plays every day and seldom comes out. Smith or Flores can back up
<b>2B</b>	Escobar is primary and Flores backs up.
<b>SS</b>	Tatis never comes out except for blowouts and injury. Escobar backs up.
<b>3B</b>	Arenado never comes out. Backed up by Flores or Villar.
<b>OF</b>	Four main guys are Tapia (LF), Pillar (CF), and a platoon of Duvall and Haniger (RF). Occasionally we will sneak Pavin into RF with Duvall in CF. Rosario backs up and pinch hits

**Player Usage Limitations:**

- Pillar only has 325 AB's but bats 8<sup>th</sup> so won't be an issue. Escobar has 319 AB's but only plays vs. righties. I will monitor him. Stephensen has 350 AB's but walks a ton. I will monitor and give d'Arnaud some home AB's in blowouts.

**Pitcher hitting / Pinch hitting –**

- Pitchers sacrifice, even with two strikes.
- Pinch hitting is mostly for late in the game. PH versus LHP: use compare
- PH versus RHP: use compare
- **Bunters:** Kershaw B, Mahle B, Stroman B, Escobar B.

**Baserunning**

- Typical stealing decisions, 70%.
- Who to **H&R** and when: not really our thing.
- 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.

**Defense**

- **Throwing Defense:** Use the chart below to guide you. Override to throw home on the winning run in the 9<sup>th</sup>. This chart should keep the double play in order more often, at least that is the intent.

Two Outs Throwing				Less Than Two Outs Throwing			
Play at	... on a	Throw if	cut if trailer	Play at	... on a	Throw if	cut if trailer
Home	Single	<70%	<40%	Home	Single	<60%	<40%
Home	Double	<75%	<40%	Home	Double	<70%	<40%
Third	Single	<85%	< lead runner	Third	Single	<70%	<40%

- Best Defense is in Bold.

<b>C</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>LF</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>RF</b>
<b>Stephensen</b>	<b>Rizzo</b>	<b>Escobar</b>	<b>Tatis</b>	<b>Arenado</b>	<b>Tapia</b>	<b>Pillar</b>	<b>Duvall</b>
D'Arnaud	Flores	Flores	Escobar	Flores	Smith	Duvall	Haniger
	Smith	Villar	Villar	Villar			Smith

**Intentional Walks**

- Only the mega beef guys when men on and 1B open, or empty bases late and tied. Otherwise, I don't use it much except to get to a bad hitting pitcher or a weak clutch hitter.



**Warren Spahn**  
Last Left to Start a Game  
for the Augusta Nationals

## Pitching Rotation

Opp.	Away Games – Look here		
	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
BAG	Mahle1	Stroman1	Gray1
PBC	Mahle2	Gray2	Kershaw1
SBM	Mahle3	Stroman3	Kershaw2
SCT	Pivetta16	Stroman4	Gray3
CDS	Mahle5	Pivetta1	Kershaw3
PHB	Gray20	Pivetta2	Kershaw4
SDB	Mahle7	Pivetta3	Kershaw5
UTP	Mahle8	Pivetta4	Gray4
CHI	Mahle9	Stroman8	Pivetta5
STL	Mahle10	Stroman9	Kershaw6
VBS	Mahle11	Stroman10	Kershaw7

Opp.	Games at Augusta		
	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
BAG	Mahle6	Stroman2	Gray8
PBC	Mahle12	Pivetta9	Gray9
SBM	Mahle13	Stroman20	Kershaw11
SCT	Mahle 4	Pivetta10	Gray10
CDS	Kershaw12	Pivetta11	Gray11
PHB	Pivetta12	Stroman5	Gray12
SDB	Pivetta13	Stroman6	Gray13
UTP	Pivetta14	Stroman7	Gray14
CHI	Pivetta15	Stroman19	Gray15
STL	Kershaw13	Stroman18	Gray16
VBS	Kershaw14	Stroman17	Pivetta17

Divisional Games – ROAD GAMES				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
CHI	Kershaw8	Stroman11	Pivetta6	Gray5
STL	Kershaw9	Stroman12	Pivetta7	Gray6
VBS	Kershaw10	Stroman13	Pivetta8	Gray7

Divisional Games – HOME GAMES				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
CHI	Kershaw15	Stroman16	Pivetta18	Gray17
STL	Kershaw16	Stroman15	Pivetta19	Gray18
VBS	Kershaw17	Stroman14	Pivetta20	Gray19

<b>Starter Comments:</b>	<b>Patience with the starters!!! Particularly Stroman and Pivetta do not come out before their innings target unless they are tired.</b> If we're blown out early, let them go for a while to save the pen, if it is still a game, yank them. The bullpen is STRONG, so once you get 7 innings from the starters you can look to the pen. Ok to pinch hit for any pitcher in a BIG AB starting in the top of the 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Stroman</b>	20 starts and is the workhorse. Can complete games and should certainly pitch until tired with a lead and into the 7 <sup>th</sup> most games.
<b>Gray</b>	20 starts. Be patient and look to get 6 innings. After 6 go batter by batter. He can stay in if NOT tired with a lead of 3 or more runs for the 7 <sup>th</sup> . Then look to the pen. Stratton is a good early choice.
<b>Kershaw</b>	17 starts so 7 innings needs to be the average. He can pitch 8 or 9 in a couple of starts, but I would prefer the bullpen after 7 on the road. Pinch hit in the top of the 7 <sup>th</sup> if behind.
<b>Pivetta</b>	20 starts and a solid card. Should go 7 innings most starts. Can go 8 innings if not tired. Should not pitch the 9 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Mahle</b>	13 starts. He kills lefties but can get hit hard against righties. He is the one starter I worry about and can be removed in dots or after giving up 4 runs. Stratton is the best first man in for 2-3 innings.
<b>Limitations:</b>	Kershaw has 122 innings for 17 starts, so he can average a little more than 7 innings.

Stroman (20), Gray (20), Pivetta (20), Kershaw (17), Mahle (13)

**BULLPEN** There are five really good relievers in Sewald, Bickford, Jackson, Stratton and Hudson for 311 innings. Use and abuse them. **Select reliever based on the 2 of 3 concept. We should get 6-7 innings out of the starters so it may well work.**

<b>Sewald</b>	65 IP	Best card, so he is the closer. But he does give up the HR. He can be used two innings at a time, but in small parks there may be a better choice. Probably not.
<b>Bickford</b>	51	Alternate closer. Good WHIP and a one inning guy. Think 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> inning. Hand off to Sewald.
<b>Jackson</b>	65	Can go two innings at a time, especially in large parks vs righty. Good mid game and setup choice. Walks too many vs lefties, so not a good choice in lefty dominated lineups.
<b>Hudson</b>	52	A one inning guy can be used anywhere from the 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> . Too many doubles given up, but a good WHIP. <b>Not a good choice at UTP or SCT</b> , so try to avoid in close games where the diamond HR's will cause issues.
<b>Stratton</b>	79	Great long man and tough vs the righty. Great first reliever when Mahle or Gray starts for 2-3 innings. Use compare because in many cases he might be better than Hudson or Jackson vs righty.
<b>Santana</b>	40	<b>Mops up in the blowouts.</b>