



2024 Instructions

32nd year:

1993-2024

PCL Preseason Tourney Champs:

2006, 2008, 2017, 2020 & 2021

Playoffs:

2008, 2014, 2020, 2021, 2023

Giants Hall of Fame:

*Edgar Martinez:1995-97

*Bob Tewksbury:1993-97

*Ellis Burks:1996-2003

*Barry Bonds:1993-2008

The Bay Bombers grabbed 2nd place in the West in 2023 with a 50-40 record, but were swept by Augusta in 4 games in the Playoffs. They made a couple of nice pickups in the 'new' draft with Will Smith, Jake Burger, Luis Campusano, and young Sal Frelick.

Path to the Playoffs: its NOT about Starting pitching with this team. Starters go hopefully 6 innings and let the BP close it out. 2 leftys & 2 riteys in the middle innings, and 3 backend closers in Hector Neris, Josh Hader, and Evan Phillips.

Bryce Harper still leads the team in his last contract year, but now at 1st base.

Starting Line-ups: *The PRESET Lineups are NOT correct!!!*

Lineup 1, vs. L		Lineup 2, vs. L		Lineup 3 vs. L		Lineup 4, vs. R		Lineup 5, vs. R		Lineup 6, RvsR	
6	Crawford*	9	Rengifo			6	Crawford*	6	Crawford*	6	Crawford*
9	Rengifo	4	Caballero			4	Rengifo*	4	Rengifo*	4	Caballero
3	Harper*	3	Harper*			3	Harper*	3	Harper*	3	Harper*
DH	Campusano	DH	Campusano			2	Smith	2	Smith	2	Smith
4	Caballero	5	Burger			9	Frelick*	7	Ward	8	Frelick*
5	Burger	7	Ward			7	Ward	5	Burger	7	Ward
7	Ward	2	Smith			5	Burger	8	Grisham*	5	Burger
2	Smith	6	Crawford*			8	Grisham*	9	^Renfroe	9	Renfroe
8	Grisham*	8	Grisham*			DH	Hernandez	DH	Longoria	DH	^Campusano
Standard vs Lefty for all Home & road except vs pitchers in lineup #2.		Must Bat RITE vs Pitchers: Kershaw, Strahm, Miley, Manea, Abbott, Montgomery, Luzardo, RanSuarez, Quintana, C.Sanchez				Standard vs Ritey for all ROAD games, except @ ballparks listed in Lineup #5.		^25 games instead of Frelick. Standard vs Ritey for HOME games & at Ballparks: Utah, SCT.		^DH @ home: Longoria. Must Bat RITE vs Pitchers: Senga, Gonsolin, Burnes, Musgrove, Greene, Stroman, Hendricks	

In case of Injury Lineups: Bat the injury replacement guy in the 8th spot & move all else up 1 slot. See position by position below for Injury replacements.

Prior to the 5th

IF your lefty Starter comes out, NO changes until T6th. At that point vs new Ritey Pitcher and we are tied or losing, compare better offense at Rf (think Frelick).

IF your righty Starter is replaced by a lefty, only pull Frelick when he comes up, for Grisham. If Grisham is already in, use Renfroe. T6th, if we are losing by 2 or more consider replacing Frelick or Renfroe with a PH using compare if a Lefty is in.

Top of the 7th

If your Lefty is out for a Ritey, or Ritey is out for a Lefty and we are winning by 2+ runs, look for best matchups and better defense. If losing, best matchups. Best defense with any kind of lead should be in mid-8th. If your Righty is out and we are losing, look for best hitting matchups. If we are winning by 2 or more, look for best defense to come in mid 7th. Less than 2 or tied, look for best hitting matchups & best defense in mid-8th with any kind of lead. **Best hitting matchups do NOT include Ward, Harper, Crawford, and Will Smith.** **Frelick is OUT if comes up for 4th AB.** Use best PH; then Rf is Renfroe, Grisham should be in Cf.

Position by position breakdown

Catcher Big Bad Will Smith is the guy and Never comes out!! Campusano (163 AB) is the backup. If an injury & he is already in at DH, put him in at C, and do the current pitcher in the DH slot (see below for DH moves to defense).

1B Bryce Harper is back to health, but now at 1B, and Never comes out! Nolan Schanuel (109 AB) is injury replacement during a game; Ward & Renfroe are 4e25 and start a game as injury replacement.

2B Rengifo vs riteys; Caballero (231 AB) vs leftys & some rities. Caballero is injury and late defense replacement.

3B Jake Burger and only comes out if Longoria is on bench for late defense. Injury backup is Rengifo or Longoria (use compare), with Caballero going in to 2B.

SS Crawford and Never comes out. Caballero is the injury backup. Rengifo is 4e42.

LF Ward and Never comes out. Injury backup is Renfroe, Grisham or Frelick (use compare).

CF Frelick (191 AB) vs some riteys (OUT of game when comes up for 4th AB). Grisham vs both. Like to see Grisham in after Frelick's 3rd AB if BAG is leading, unless Frelick needed for best defense in RF until 4th AB. Injury backup is each other. Renfroe & Grisham will start for Frelick for 25 games. **<I will monitor ALL Frelick's AB's>**

RF Renfroe vs some riteys. Frelick when Grisham is in CF. Rengifo vs leftys. Injury backup is Renfroe, Frelick, or Hernandez (use compare), moving Grisham to CF for Frelick. Best defense is Frelick, or Renfroe if Frelick is out. Frelick can come in B8th for defense if did not start.

DH Longoria, mostly at home. Compusano vs leftys and Hernandez vs rities. Schanuel can be in game injury replacement, but cannot start. B/u is each other or Longoria in small parks.

Platoon / Injury

- **Do not remove:** Harper, Crawford, Smith, Ward. Except in a Blowout. (see below).
- **Seldom if ever remove:** Burger, unless Longoria is not DH for late defense. Grisham, once he is in.
- **Injury:** see above position by position breakdown.
- **DH moves to defense**...in case of injury, the DH may have to move to defense. Then the pitcher of record will take over the slot of the injured player. When the pitcher bats, PH for him if possible going forward, or if he needs to stay in the game for better matchups, let him bunt, and if no one is on base, let him bat.

Player Usage Limitations:

- If a **blowout** either way of 7+ runs in 7th when they come to bat next, pull Harper, Smith, & Crawford.

Pinch hitting / Pinchrunning: Use compare for situations & below guidelines.

- **PH versus lefty or ritey:** Schanuel is the #1 guy! Compare anyone else on bench. Note late defense guys.
- **Clutch:** vs Ritey or Lefty—Hernandez, Grisham.
- **Pinchrunning:** use the Pitchers to PR early & position players later with speed. Pitchers—Peralta(12).

- **Bunters:** N/A.
- **Safety squeeze:** N/A.

Baserunning

- Steal if 70% or better with Harper, Grisham, Frelick, & Caballero if you are not holding them.
- Who to **H&R** and when: none. We don't use this.
- Score at 65%, or 50% with two outs. If 2 outs & down 4+ runs, hold the runners unless anti-clutch hitter is up.
- Send low percentage trailer (10 or less) to 2nd, never to 3rd, when tying or go ahead run is trying to score at 70% or less.
- Extra base to 3rd: 65% or better if not 1st or 3rd out at 3rd.
- Tagup to 3rd: Always try for it if out chance is only 5%.

Defense

- Holding runners: Hold all * stealer; hold a non-* only if chances are 25% to get lead & 90% or more to steal.
- Corners in: With runner on 3rd, bring in corners from 2nd inning on.
- Infield in: Play infield in to cut down tying or go-ahead run from 6th inning on.
- Outfield throws: throw to plate at 1-18 or less. Hold tying or winning run at 1st or 2nd with cutoff
- Always get sure out on defensive plays, unless runner is 1-3 or less.

Defense/depth chart: With a lead in the mid-8th, my best defense highlighted should be in.

C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF
Smith	Harper	Rengifo	Crawford	Burger	Ward	Grisham	Renfroe
Campusano	Schanuel	Caballero	Caballero	Longoria	Frelick	Frelick	Frelick
	Renfroe		Rengifo	Rengifo	Grisham	Rengifo	Hernandez
	Ward			Caballero	Rengifo		Rengifo

Intentional Walks

- In the 8th or later, do this with your stud hitters even if 1B is occupied & sets up a better matchup, and in extra innings to setup a DP with runner on 2nd.

Pitching Rotation ROAD 3-Gamers LOOK HERE!

Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
PBC	Matz	Garrett	Peralta
SBM	Lugo	Peralta	Garrett
SCT	Matz	Garrett	Sandoval
BAG	###	###	###
CDS	Lugo	Peralta	Garrett
OBB	Matz	Garrett	Sandoval
LVB	Lugo	Peralta	Garrett
UTH	Lugo	Garrett	Sandoval
AUG	Lugo	Peralta	Sandoval
CHI	Peralta	Garrett	Sandoval
STL	Lugo	Peralta	Garrett
VBS	Matz	Garrett	Peralta

Pitching Rotation HOME 3-Gamers

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
Matz	Garrett	Peralta
Lugo	Peralta	Sandoval
Matz	Garrett	Sandoval
###	###	###
Lugo	Peralta	Garrett
Matz	Garrett	Sandoval
Lugo	Peralta	Sandoval
Peralta	Garrett	Sandoval
Lugo	Peralta	Sandoval
Lugo	Peralta	Sandoval
Matz	Garrett	Sandoval

Divisional West - ROAD 4-Gamers LOOK HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
PBC	Matz	Sandoval	Peralta	Lugo
SBM	Lugo	Peralta	Garrett	Sandoval
SCT	Matz	Sandoval	Garrett	Lugo

Divisional West – HOME 4-Gamers

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
Matz	Sandoval	Peralta	Lugo
Lugo	Peralta	Garrett	Sandoval
Matz	Sandoval	Garrett	Lugo

Garrett*20, Peralta 20, Lugo 18, Sandoval*20, Matz*12.

Managing the Starters:

These Starters are NOT the strength of the team. Would love for 1st four to get thru 6 innings. They can all go their Max limit (past 6th inn) if leading by 4+ run lead until they get a runner on. Otherwise they are out after 6 innings and bullpen is in. If blown out early and down 6+ runs, can take one for the team until their Max limit, unless BAG starts to rally back and is within 3 runs.

Starter#1 Garrett (long and semi-hard)	1st LEFTY. Super vs Lefties. He should go at LEAST 5 innings even in dots. In the 6 th , if goes into dots and we are within 3 runs either way, go ahead and pull him. In 7 th , BP should be in if we are leading by 4 or less. Leading 4 runs or more & not in dots, he can go 8 Max until a runner gets on . Down 6+ runs he can go Max innings.
Starter#2 Peralta (long and semi-hard)	Slightly better vs Rities, but gives up beef. He should go at LEAST 5 innings even in dots. Rest is same as Garrett. 8 inn Max.
Starter#3 Lugo (patience)	Fairly even vs both, but with beef vs Lefties. Needs to get thru 5 innings even in dots. In the 6 th , he is out once he hits dots if we are within 4 runs either way. Leading by 4+ runs & not in dots he can go his Max 8 innings until a runner is on, or is out if 2 of 3 Lefties are due up. Down 6+ runs he can go his Max innings.
Starter#4 Sandoval (patience)	2nd LEFTY. Way better vs Lefties. He should go at LEAST 5 innings even in dots. In the 6 th , he is out once he hits dots if we are within 4 runs either way. Leading by 4+ runs & not in dots he can go his 7 inning Max until a runner gets on, or is out if 2 of 3 Rities are due up. Down 6+ runs he can go his Max innings.
Starter#5 Matz (some patience)	3rd LEFTY - 12 starts <5 innings max> Better vs Lefties. Will also relieve (45 innings) when not starting your series. Needs to get thru 4 innings even in dots. B5th he is out if in dots if we are within 3 runs either way. If not in dots yet and 1 runner gets on and we are within 3 runs either way, go ahead and pull him, especially if a Ritey is due up. Down 6+ runs he can go his Max 5 innings.
Specific innings limitations:	5 inning Max for Matz. 7 inning Max for Sandoval. 8 inning Max for Garrett, Lugo & Peralta.
1st Reliever in 5th, 6th or 7th :	See Bullpen Philosophy below.
Top of 6th & 7th:	See Bullpen Philosophy below.
Additional comments:	<i>If blown out early, starters can go their Max. See within each Starter above..</i>

3 man pitching rule & situation: If a reliever has pitched to 3 batters, then continue to monitor the best matchups going forward, especially with back to back ritey/lefty combinations and a slanted reliever vs 1 way or other still in pitching. What I want to try and avoid is my team subs a different reliever and you counter with a Lefty/Ritey Killer pinch-hitter or two, with men on base in innings 5-6. In innings 7-9, it's pretty much a straight forward setup & closer situation. If a reliever gets a 3rd out and still has 2 outs he can get next inning or be pulled now, evaluate with compare when you start the next inning or depending on BP pitchers available.

Starting Pitcher Injuries: N/A.

Bullpen philosophy: ALL the relievers other than Hader & Phillips, have runner held issues!! ***Innings 5-6***, If I start a Ritey and he goes into dots and not a blowout situation, and you have 2 of 3 lefties due up, try to bring in Moll (or Matz if available) to turn you around. Likewise same scenario if I start a Lefty, and you have 2 of 3 rities due up, try to bring in Barlow or Kelly. ***7th inning:*** if Starter is out, look at Barlow, Neris or Moll here in next 3 of 4 batters (use compare). Kelly can pitch an out or two here, but only to 1 or 2 riteys only. If there is a need to stop a rally in a close game, Phillips can come in and pitch 2 innings. Neris could start the 7th and pitch 2 innings. ***Setup/closer in the 8th:*** Phillips, Neris and Barlow in the 8th. Hader or Phillips in the 9th.

BULLPEN

L'y closer:	Josh Hader (56 inn) 8th or 9th inning in a tie or with a lead. (-4 hold).
R'y stopper/closer:	Evan Phillips (61 inn) Better vs Riteys, as he gives up some HR's vs Leftys. 2 of 3 applies here. (-2 hold).
R'y setup/closer:	Hector Neris (68 inn) Better vs Leftys. Gives up some HR's vs Rityes. 2 of 3 applies here. (+4 hold).
R'y setup:	Scott Barlow (68 inn)(+7 hold) Slightly better vs Riteys, never gives up HR.
L'y setup:	Sam Moll (62 inn)(+8 hold) Better vs Leftys, never gives up HR.
L'y mid:	Matz (45 inn)(+5 hold) Can come in 5th or 6th inning to bridge to setup/closers. Only pitches 1 inning or less.
Mid:	Barlow, Kelly, Matz & Moll – see all situational below.
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	Kelly (39 inn)(0 hold) Would like to see him enter game with already 1 or 2 outs.
-R'y gets L'y:	Neris. Gives up beef vs Rities. 2 of 3 applies to start an inning.
-L'y gets L'y:	Moll and Matz

-L'y gets R'y:	Hader
Longman/mopup:	Moll or Barlow will do the mopup.
Additional comments:	Mix & match of up to 7 guys in bullpen depending if available for your series. Matz starts for 60 innings & relieves for 45 innings.