



Oxnard Beach Bums

PCL 2024

Welcome to Oxnard Shores! Be sure to stop at the Rudder Room for a cold brew while sitting in the sand watching beach volleyball before or after the game!

The 2024 version of the Bums is very similar offensively to the 2023 version. Freddie Freeman and Juan Soto still lead the way, with strong years from Justin Turner, Charlie Blackmon, and a return to form of Max Muncy. We added Pablo Lopez to the rotation, and Spencer Strider has a great card for his final year before TJS. We have a strong bullpen led by Hoffman, Graterol, Swanson, Tyler Rogers, and old man Jesse Chavez.

Road Strategy and Path to the Playoffs:

In order to win, my team will need to score 4+ runs a game, which I believe they can. I have a ton of lefty hitters, but feel free to pitch a lefty as I added some real lefty mashers. Strider, Lopez, Montgomery, Assad, and Stroman make up a pretty good rotation.

Starting Line-ups

Lineup 1, vs. L		Lineup 2, vs. L		Lineup 3 vs. L		Lineup 4, vs. R		Lineup 5, vs. R		Lineup 6, vs. R	
7	Soto	7	Grossman			9	Fraley			9	Fraley
4	Berti					7	Soto			7	Soto
3	Freeman					3	Freeman			3	Freeman
2	O’Hoppe					DH	Turner	DH	Blackmon	2	O’Hoppe
DH	Turner					5	Muncy			DH	Turner
9	Blackmon					2	Raleigh			5	McMahon
5	Urshela					4	McMahon			4	Berti
8	Varsho					6	Adames			6	Adames
6	Adames					8	Varsho			8	Varsho
Lefty		If your lefty is 2L or more, also at AUG				Righty on the road		If your righty is 2R or more		At Augusta and SCT	

Pinch Hitting Note

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. 😊

Position by position breakdown

Catcher Raleigh (513 AB’s) against righty and O’Hoppe (182 AB’s) vs lefty and comes out when your lefty leaves the game. If you bring in a lefty to pitch to Raleigh late in the game who is still in the 3-batter phase, feel free to PH O’Hoppe. O’Hoppe will start against righties at AUG and SCT. O’Hoppe has injury issues.

1B Freeman (637 AB’s) plays every day at 1B and doesn’t come out. Turner is backup.

2B McMahon (555 AB’s) and Berti (388 AB’s) make up the platoon at second. McMahon should not hit against a lefty in an important situation.

3B Muncy (482 AB’s) and Urshela (214 AB’s) make up the platoon. Muncy should not bat vs a lefty in a critical situation.

SS Adames (553 AB’s) plays every day and never comes out. Urshela and Berti back him up.

LF Soto (568 AB’s) play most of the time both ways. Grosman (353 AB’s) will play if I must bat righty.

CF Varsho (527 AB’s) play all day every day and never comes out. Fraley backs up

RF Fraley (336 AB’s) and Blackmon (359 AB’s) will both see time in RF. Blackmon is more balanced, so once he is in the game he should probably stay in the game. Against a tough lefty who kills the lefty, Grossman would be a good PH.

DH Justin Turner (558 AB’s) will get the bulk of time here along with Blackmon if I want to bat lefty. Both are balanced and can stay in the game once they are in.

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

See the notes above for Catcher, 2B, 3B, and RF.

Platoon / Injury

- Do not remove: Freeman, Adames, Soto or Varsho once they are in the game
- Seldom if ever remove: McMahon (defense) and Berti. At DH, Turner or Blackmon
- The platoons are mostly at 2B, 3B, Catcher, and RF.
- Injuries happen a lot with Fraley, O’Hoppe, and Blackmon
- If a lefty starter comes out and Grossman started, replace him with Soto ASAP

After the 7th

If I have a 2+ run lead after 7, then I want my best defense in.

Player Usage Limitations:

- None to speak of. O’Hoppe only plays vs lefty

Pinch hitting: Use compare and common sense here please.

- PH versus lefty: use compare.
- PH versus righty: use compare.
- **Bunters:** Varsho is an A

Baserunning

- Steal if 70% or better with Fraley, Varsho, Berti, Freeman
- Who to **H&R** and when: maybe Adames or Urshela if the guy in front is held on.
- Score at 60%, or 40% with two outs.
- Send trailers to second aggressively, to third conservatively. Don’t make the 1st or 3rd out at 3rd unless we are having trouble scoring. Use your best judgment.
- Send low percentage trailer when tying or go-ahead run is coming to the plate at 70% or less.
- PR(s): Berti

Defense/depth chart: My best defense highlighted.

C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF
Raleigh	Freeman	McMahon	Adames	Berti	Soto	Varsho	Fraley
O’Hoppe	Turner	Berti	Berti	Muncy	Grossman	Fraley	Grossman
				Urshela	Fraley		Blackmon

Intentional Walks

- Not a big fan of this. After the 7th, look to do this if a monster man can be avoided for a weaker hitter or to get at a pitcher.

Pitching Rotation

You play these

Road Games			
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
BAG	Assad	Strider	Lopez
PBC	Assad	Lopez	Monty
SBM	Assad	Strider	Monty
SCT	Assad	Strider	Lopez
CDS	Stroman	Lopez	Monty
OBB	None	None	None
UTP	Assad	Strider	Lopez
LVB	Assad	Strider	Lopez
CHI	Asad	Strider	Lopez
AUG	Assad	Monty	Lopez
STL	Assad	Strider	Lopez
VBS	Assad	Strider	Monty

Home Games		
Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
Stroman	Lopez	Monty
Stroman	Lopez	Monty
Stroman	Lopez	Monty
Stroman	Lopez	Monty
Stroman	Strider	Monty
None	None	None
Stroman	Strider	Assad
Stroman	Strider	Monty
Stroman	Strider	Monty
Stroman	Strider	Monty
Stroman	Strider	Assad
Stroman	Lopez	Monty

Divisional Games – ROAD GAMES				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
CABO	Assad	Strider	Monty	Lopez
UTP	Assad	Strider	Monty	Lopez
LVB	Assad	Strider	Monty	Lopez

Divisional Games – HOME GAMES			
Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
Assad	Strider	Monty	Lopez
Assad	Strider	Monty	Lopez
Assad	Strider	Monty	Lopez

Strider 20, Monty 20, Lopez 20, Assad 18, Stroman 12

(NOTES)

Starter#1 Strider (long and hard)	He will be a 7-inning starter with 187 innings, so he is long and hard. He comes out when tired, but he can complete games with a 3-run lead, or more. I am hoping he can complete 40% of his games.
Starter#2 Lopez (long and hard)	See Strider. Lopez has 194 innings. If you load up on lefties in your lineup, Rogers is a good first choice if the lefties are staying in. Graterol and Swanson are more balanced.
Starter#3 Montgomery (lefty)	Also a 7-inning starter with 189 innings. He is a lefty, but same directions as Strider and Lopez thru 7 innings. If your lefty masher come up in the 8 th and 9 th innings, go to the pen unless it is a 4-run lead or more.
Starter#4 Assad (6 inning max)	6 innings max! He will get 18 starts with 109 innings. He comes out when tired, but should go 6 innings most of the time.
Starter#5 Stroman (quick hook)	12 starts, good against the lefty so in lefty dominant lineups he should be able to go 5-6 innings. But he comes out when tired or having given up 4 runs. If your lineup is stacked with righty batters, get Stroman out early.
Specific innings limits	Assad 6-inning max.
Additional Comments	Stroman is in the bullpen in series he does not start. He should have at least 60 bullpen innings available.

BULLPEN

R’y closer:	Hoffman is the primary (52 innings) and most balanced, but Miller (42 innings) can be used against a series of righty’s that won’t be PH for. Chavez can be used
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	against a series of lefty's that won't be PH for. Feel free to mix and match, but be mindful of the 3 batter rule. Graterol is balanced and also can close.
L'y closer:	None
R'y setup:	Graterol (67 innings), Swanson (67 innings), and Rogers (74 innings). These three cover innings 5-8 when the starter is pulled and each can go multiple innings. I prefer Graterol when we are tied or ahead, Swanson when we are behind, and Rogers when you are lefty dominant (3 of 5, 4 of 6).
L'y setup:	None
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	Hoffman, Miller, Graterol
-R'y gets L'y:	Chavez, Rogers, Graterol
-L'y gets L'y:	None
-L'y gets R'y:	none
Longman/mopup:	Rogers when Stroman is starting in the series. If Stroman is not starting in your series, he is the longman.
Additional comments:	Miller and Chavez are specialists. They can come in to close out an inning when the starter comes out at any time. Miller when righties are 2 of 3 or 3 of 5. Chavez if lefties are 2 of 3 or 3 of 5. There are no lefty relievers, so Chavez and Rogers are used like lefty specialists. Graterol and Swanson each have a ton of innings, so use and abuse them. Graterol can be the closer if Hoffman is tired and can go 2 innings at a time.

Game Flow

Starter	Starter usage	1st in for 7th	2nd in for 8th	Closer think 3-4 outs	Blowouts of 4+ runs after 3rd for many innings
Strider	7 to 9 innings	Swanson or Graterol	Swanson or Graterol	Hoffman, Miller, Chavez, Graterol	Stroman or Rogers
Montgomery	6 to 9 innings	With a lead or close, Swanson or Graterol. Behind by more than 3, Rogers	With a lead, Swanson or Williams. Within 2 runs Graterol. Behind by more Barria or Sampson.	Hoffman, Miller, Chavez, Graterol	Stroman or Rogers
Lopez	7 to 9 innings	Swanson or Graterol	Swanson or Graterol	Hoffman, Miller, Chavez, Graterol	Stroman or Rogers
Assad	6 innings max.	With a lead or close, Swanson or Graterol. Behind by more than 3, Rogers	Swanson or Graterol	Hoffman, Miller, Chavez, Graterol	Stroman or Rogers
Stroman	Anywhere from 4 to 8 innings	Innings 4-6, Rogers. 7 th and 8 th Swanson or Graterol with a lead.	Swanson or Graterol with a lead	Hoffman, Miller, Chavez, Graterol	Rogers

