



2022 Instructions

Welcome to Santa Barbara! We are loaded this year, but then I thought we were loaded last year. Perhaps I was loaded??? We should make the playoffs this year and then it is dice and cards. We are led by Buehler, Burnes, and DeGrom in the rotation. The offense is led by Juan Soto, Corey Seager, Austin Riley, Buster Posey, and Joey Votto. Have fun!

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

We need decent dice rolls. This team should make it, but they play in a VERY tough division with BAG and SCT!

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	
7	McCutchen			7	Verdugo						
9	Soto			9	Soto						
2	Posey			2	Posey						
3	Cooper			3	Votto						
6	Seager	6	Rojas	5	Riley						
8	Taylor			6	Seager						
5	Riley			4	McMahon	4	Taylor				
4	McMahon			8	Marsh						
Standard vs lefty: All lefties		If your lefty is a 3L or greater.		Standard vs righty: Most righties		If your righty is a 5L or greater					

Strategy vs lefty

Bop it! The only real possibility is that Taylor can steal and Riley bats behind him as a B hit and run. So, if we are struggling to score you can either steal or try the hit and run especially if your lefty is a K machine like Hader.

Strategy vs righty

Bop it! The only real possibility is Marsh can steal batting 8th. This allows for a steal followed by a pitcher SAC. Otherwise....just swing, baby!

Prior to the 5th

If your **lefty** starter comes out and you are likely to bring in a lefty reliever later, leave Cooper and Taylor in. McCutchen comes out if I have a 3 run lead or more prior to the 5th.

If your **righty** starter comes out for a lefty, Marsh leaves for Taylor. Cooper can pinch hit for Votto in a big situation. Verdugo stays in if I have a 2 run lead or more as he is a better fielder.

After the 5th

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 in LF, CF, and 1B.

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. But if it is something like 2nd and 3rd with one out and you bring in the lefty vs Votto, go for Cooper. Same for LF with Verdugo and McCutchen.

1B Joey Votto against righties and Garrett Cooper against lefties.

2B McMahan will play most of the time and is the defensive caddy late at 3B when Guillorme comes in at 2B. Rarely comes out, unless we are behind and a lefty is on the mound to face him.

SS Seager plays against righty and most lefties. Rojas against some lefties. Rojas is the better defender, so if I have a big lead of 3 or more runs then get him in (or leave him in).

3B Austin Riley all day every day and doesn't come out until after the 7th for defense. McMahan slide over to 3rd and Guillorme comes in at 2B.

C Posey all day every day and doesn't come out. Contreras backs him up.

RF Soto all day every day and never comes out.

CF Taylor vs lefty and Marsh vs righty.

LF Verdugo against righty, McCutchen vs lefty.

OF In general, the main guys are Soto, Taylor (Marsh has limited AB's of 236), and Verdugo.

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

Do not remove: Soto, Posey

Rarely remove: Taylor, Seager, McMahan, Riley (until late for defense)

Always remove: McCutchen late for defense.

What to do after the top of the 7th

If I have a 2+ run lead in the top of the 7th, bring Rojas in for Seager and Guillorme in for Riley with McMahan moving to 3B.

Player Usage Limitations:

Marsh has 236 AB's but bats 8th and only plays vs rightys, so he should be fine.

Pitcher hitting / Pinch hitting

- Pitchers sacrifice, even with two strikes.
- PH versus lefty: use compare (DeGrom is a 5 hitter so a great clutch option)
- PH versus righty: use compare (DeGrom is a 5 hitter so a great clutch option)
- **Bunters: Burnes (B) and Buehler (B)**

Baserunning

- Stealing decisions, 70% Marsh and Taylor
- Take the extra base at 1-14, but don't make the 1st or 3rd out at 3rd if you can help it. Use your judgment.
- Who to **H&R** and when: Riley vs lefty in combo with Taylor. Really only use if we are struggling to score runs against a tough pitcher.
- 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): Marsh (1-16), Taylor (1-15), DeGrom (1-14), Greinke (1-14)
- Squeeze play. Not this year.

Defense best defense is highlighted.

C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF
Posey	Votto	Guillorme	Rojas	McMahon	Verdugo	Marsh	Soto
Contreras	Cooper	McMahon	Seager	Riley	McCutcheon	Taylor	Cooper
		Taylor		Guillorme			

Intentional Walks

Not a fan of this. Only for the monsters like Trout or Harper type players.

Pitching Rotation

You play these

	Road Games		
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
BAG	DeGrom1	Burnes1	Buehler1
PBC	DeGrom2	Buehler2	Greinke1
SBM	none	None	none
SCT*	DeGrom3	Burnes2	Buehler20
CABO	Greinke2	Buehler3	Rogers1
PHB	Greinke3	Buehler4	Rogers2
UTP	Rogers3	Buehler5	Burnes3
SDB*	Greinke4	Buehler6	Burnes4
CHI*	DeGrom4	Buehler7	Rogers4
AUG	DeGrom5	Buehler8	Rogers5
STL	Greinke5	Buehler9	Burnes5
VBS	Greinke6	Buehler10	Rogers6

Home Games		
Game #1	Game #2	Game #3
DeGrom14	Buehler14	Greinke8
Degrom 15	Buehler15	Greinke9
None	None	none
DeGrom13	Burnes9	Buehler16
Greinke10	Burnes10	Rogers9
DeGrom12	Burnes11	Greinke11
Greinke12	Burnes12	Rogers10
Greinke13	Burnes13	Rogers11
Greinke14	Burnes14	Rogers12
Greinke15	Burnes15	Rogers13
Greinke16	Burnes16	Rogers14
Greinke17	Burnes17	Rogers15

Road Games				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
SCT*	DeGrom6	Burnes6	Buehler11	Rogers7
PBC	DeGrom7	Burnes7	Buehler12	Greinke7
BAG	DeGrom8	Burnes8	Buehler13	Rogers8

Home games			
Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4
DeGrom11	Burnes18	Buehler17	Greinke18
DeGrom10	Burnes19	Buehler18	Greinke19
DeGrom9	Burnes20	Buehler19	Greinke20

Buehler 20, deGrom 15, Burnes 20, Greinke 20, Rogers 15

(NOTES)

Starter#1 deGrom (6 innings only)	Best card in history? Gave up 10 hits and 9 runs in the pre-season tourney so dice and cards. He has 15 starts with a 6 inning max EXCEPT he can go 7 innings at SCT and BAG!! He is a 5 hitter and can bat for himself in the top of the 7 th with a lead. He should pitch 6 innings minimum unless we are down 5 runs, then you can pull him early. Use Kelly, Castillo, or Bleier to pitch the 7 th and Jansen to close in the 8 th and 9 th . With a big lead of 4 or more runs you can avoid using Jansen
Starter#2 Buehler (long and hard)	Great card and can complete many games (10-12?). I am looking for him to pitch 7 innings or more each outing. If he goes into dots after the 5 th you can consider removing him, but ideally he either completes the start or hands the ball to Jansen.
Starter#3 Burnes (long and hard)	Burnes won the Cy Young. See Buehler for instructions.
Starter#4 Greinke (use patience)	Righty kills the lefty and the bulk of his starts will be at home. He can be removed in dots or after giving up 4 runs. Before the 5 th , look to Bleier or Castillo. In the 7 th you can add Kelly to the mix if we are leading. In a blow out where we are down 4 or more runs, you can go to Familia to eat an inning or two.
Starter#5 Rogers (lefty see comments)	Lefty kills the righty for 15 starts. He does not give up HR's on his card. Try to get 5-6 innings out of him. If he is cruising, he can go 7 innings. Remove in dots or after giving up 4 runs. Bleier or Castillo are good choices in the 5 th and 6 th . Familia in a blowout.
Specific innings limitations:	DeGrom has a 6 inning limit for his 15 starts EXCEPT at SCT and BAG!!
Additional comments:	Buehler and Burnes need to eat up the innings. I am shooting for 160+ innings on the season from each. Looking for 110+ from Greinke, 90-92 from DeGrom, and 90 from Rogers. If this happens, then Miller and Familia can be limited to under 10 innings. Jansen has 68 innings and can be used for 2 innings in most of his outings!

BULLPEN

R'y closer:	Jansen has 68 very good innings so he can come in for 2 innings at a time. Perhaps I repeat myself? Use and abuse him in any close game of 2 runs or less. In particular, he can be abused in the starts from Greinke and Rogers. Hopefully, in the DeGrom starts we will have a larger lead and he might catch a rest there.
L'y closer:	Bleier has a very good card for 58 innings, but he is a one inning guy. You might be able to squeeze and extra out or two if he pitches a clean first inning so batter by batter after one inning.
R'y setup:	Kelly for 44 innings and should only be used for one inning at a time and Castillo 58 innings. Castillo gives up the HR vs leftys and should be avoided at BAG, PBC, SCT, UTP, and CHI. In other parks he might be able to get 4-5 outs if he pitches a clean first inning. Batter by batter after that.
L'y setup:	Bleier is excellent and is someone I would like to see in the 5 th -7 th inning when needed.
6-8TH INNINGS	Bleier, Castillo, Kelly
Prior to 5th inning	Familia
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	Castillo, Kelly, Familia(early in the game)
-R'y gets L'y:	Kelly
-L'y gets L'y:	Miller. He is a guy who can try to get the tough lefty out early in the game who won't be removed. Think two outs and Freddie Freeman in up. Try to end the inning. The 3 batter minimum is tough with him. He will probably pitch less than 5 innings all year.
-L'y gets R'y:	Bleier
Longman/mopup:	Familia. You can use Miller when it gets really bad.
Additional comments:	My starters, for the most part should go long and then hand it off to Bleier, Kelly, Castillo, and Jansen. Keep in mind that you can use Jansen for two innings at a

	time.
3 batter minimum guidelines	I am only nervous about Miller here. If a string of lefties come up who won't be pinch hit for, or two of three that won't be pinch hit for, he can do this prior to the 5th. Otherwise, don't use him and go with someone else.

Game Flow preferences, but go with the best matchups:

Starter	Before 5th	5 th -7th	setup	closer
Buehler	Shouldn't happen	Shouldn't happen but Bleier or Castillo	Might not be necessary, but Kelly or Jansen for two, Bleier if lefty needed	Jansen, Kelly backup
Burnes	Shouldn't happen	Shouldn't happen but Bleier or Castillo	Kelly, Bleier, or Jansen for two	Jansen, Kelly backup
DeGrom	Shouldn't happen	7 th Kelly, Castillo, or Bleier	Probably Jansen for two	Jansen, Kelly backup
Greinke	Familia if blowout, Bleier or Castillo	Kelly, Castillo, or Bleier	Kelly, Castillo, Bleier, or Jansen for two	Jansen, Kelly backup
Rogers	Familia if blowout, Bleier or Castillo	Kelly, Castillo, or Bleier	Kelly, Castillo, Bleier, or Jansen for two	Jansen

