



Southern California Trojans

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PCL Champions!



2022 Team Instructions: Path of the playoffs.

Path to the Playoffs: The Trojans have developed a nice core base over the last year and are now ready for another playoff run. The Trojans should be one of the more talented teams in the PCL this year and another playoff opportunity might await them at year's end. The lineup is stacked from top to bottom and SCT should score a lot of runs. The starters are solid and the bullpen is even better. However, the West is tough and the Trojans may find themselves in a struggle with Santa Barbara for both the western title and the PCL crown.

Starting Line-ups

	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R
1.	Story, ss		Pollock. Cf	Pollock. Cf	Pollock. Cf
2.	Martez, lf		Walsh*, 1b	Walsh*, 1b	Schwindel, 1b
3.	Schwindel, 1b		Smith, c	Smith, c	Castellanos, rf
4.	Escobar+, 3b		Ortega*, lf	Ortega*, lf	Smith, c
5.	Pollock, cf		Castellanos, rf	Martez, rf	Ortega*, lf
6.	Castellanos, rf		Martez+, 2b	Baez, ss	Baez, 2b
7.	Baez, 2b		Baez, ss	Escobar+, 3b	Escobar+, 3b
8.	Diaz, c		Escobar+, 3b	McNeill*, 2b	Story, ss
9.					
WEST					
SCT					
BAG	Fried, Kim		Peralta, Quantrill, Gallen		
PBC	Gonzales		Woodruff, Gilbert	Nola	Kelly
SBM	Rogers			drGrom, Buehler, Burns	Greinke
CENT RAL	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R
SDB	Urias		Castillo	Weaver	Walker, Darvish
CDS	Gomber			Musgrove, Alzolay, Dunn	Anderson, Flexen
PHB	Suarez, Sandoval, Smith, Ray		Flaherty	Houser	Paddock
UTP	Wood, Lauer, Petersen		Mayers	Alcantara, Marquez, Senzatela	

EAST	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R
STL					
AGN	Kershaw				Gray, Mahle, Stroman, Pivetta
CHI				Gibson, Desclafani, Bauer	Eflin, Gausman
VBS	Snell		Wainwright	Scherzer, Webb, Thompson	
Total	15	0	9	18	13

Notes

Special Lineup Notes

Batting Notes By Position

P:	Ohtani has unlimited PH AB. He is an "A" stealer and clutch neutral situation.
Catcher:	Smith starts against RHP and Diaz against LHP. Smith is the primary option and will get most of the AB, but Diaz has the better arm and should be inserted in the 9 th in save situations for D.
1b:	Walsh-Schwindel. This is a platoon. Walsh starts against most RHP, but Schwindel has one of the best hitter's cards in the league. Walsh never bats against a LHP. Schwindel bats for Walsh against LHP and rarely comes out once in the game.
2b:	Baez is the starter in all lineups and never comes out. He mostly plays 2b, but can slide over to ss in the L vs. R lineup and if Estrada PH for Story. Estrada will generally stay in the game after PH for Story and play 2b. Marte and McNeil can also play 2b.
SS:	Story is the starting ss, but Estrada has quite the batting card vs RHP! Estrada can PH for Story late in the game against RHP if we're losing. If Estrada has PH for Story then he can stay in the game and play 2b shifting Baez to ss.
3b:	Escobar starts and rarely comes out.
If:	Ortega starts against RHP and rarely bats against LHP. Marte generally bats for Ortega vs. LHP and stays in the game in If after that. If Marte is already in the game at 2b then bat Story for Ortega. Story goes to ss, Baez to 2b, and Marte to If. Marte starts vs. LHP.
Cf:	Pollock starts and never comes out.
Rf:	Castellanos starts and only comes out for D late in the game.

Batting Instructions	
Player Usage:	Schwindel and Estrada should come out in blowouts.
Blowouts	
PH vs. L	Marte, Schwindel, Ohtani
PH vs. R	Estrada, Schwindel, Walsh, Ortega, Ohtani, Marte
Ω	Walsh and Ohtani
Speed:	Story (A), Ohtani (A), and Baez (B)
Hit and Run	Marte and McNeil.
Subs right away for opposite side reliever	<p>If RHP comes out before the 6th for LH reliever: Walsh and Ortega don't bat vs. lefties. Schwindel for Walsh and Marte for Ortega. Schwindel/Marte can finish the game.</p> <p>If LHP comes out before the 6th for RH reliever: Stay with Schwindel and Marte until late in the game and they might finish the game.</p>

MISCELLANEOUS

Pitcher hitting / Pinch hitting

Pitchers sacrifice, even with two strikes.

Base running

Run all the A's with aggressiveness (65% or better).

Score at 60%, or 50% with two outs.

Send trailers to second aggressively, to third conservatively

Send low percentage trailer when a runner is also coming home and the chances of him scoring are marginal without help (between 50-70%) and the game beyond the 5th inning and it's close (between ahead by 5 runs and down 2 runs).

If the chances of him scoring are greater than 70% then don't create an additional out by sending a low percentage trailer. The only exception is if the pitcher is coming up and you are not going to PH for him. In that case, try to create a run prior to his at-bat by sending the trailer!

Throwing

Outfield throws/cutoffs: Generally be conservative early in the game and more aggressive late in the game.

Always get the sure out on Defense Option plays, unless (1) the chances of the leading runner being safe are less than 35%, or (b) its past the 7th inning and it allows the leading or winning run to score.

Best Defense:

C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF
Diaz	Walsh	Baez	Baez	Escobar	Ortega	Pollock	Marte
Smith	Schwindel	Marte	Story	Estrada	Kelenic	Kelenic	Kelenic
	Estrada	McNeil	Estrada	McNeil	McNeil		Castellanos
	Smith	Estrada	Escobar	Smith			Walsh

- Insert the best D if the game is tied or we're leading after we bat in the 8th. The most important move is to shift Marte from 2b to rf. The best up the middle D has Story at ss and Baez at 2b; however, another common late-game defensive configuration, if Estrada PH for Story or the pitcher in the 8th/9th, is Baez at ss and Estrada at 2b.

Intentional Walks

Use this aggressively, especially late in tight games with runner on base. Don't let your best hitter beat us!

Pitching Rotation

Road Games					Home Games				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3		
WEST									
BAG	Cobb	Wheeler	Gray		Cobb	Wheeler	Ohtani		
PBC	Cobb	Wheeler	Gray		Cobb	Gray	Ohtani		
SBM	Glasnow	Wheeler	Gray		Cobb	Wheeler	Glasnow		
CENTRAL									
CDS	Glasnow	Wheeler	Ohtani		Glasnow	Gray	Ohtani		
PHB	Glasnow	Wheeler	Ohtani		Cobb	Gray	Ohtani		
SDB	Glasnow	Wheeler	Ohtani		Glasnow	Gray	Ohtani		
UTP	Cobb	Wheeler	Gray		Cobb	Wheeler	Gray		
EAST									
AGN	Glasnow	Wheeler	Ohtani		Glasnow	Gray	Ohtani		
CHI	Cobb	Wheeler	Gray		Cobb	Wheeler	Glasnow		
STL	Glasnow	Gray	Ohtani		Glasnow	Gray	Ohtani		
VBS	Glasnow	Wheeler	Ohtani		Glasnow	Gray	Ohtani		
WEST	#1	#2	#3	#4				#4	
BAG	Cobb	Wheeler	Gray	Ohtani		Cobb	Wheeler	Gray	Ohtani
PBC	Cobb	Wheeler	Gray	Ohtani		Cobb	Wheeler	Gray	Ohtani
SBM	Glasnow	Wheeler	Gray	Ohtani		Cobb	Wheeler	Gray	Ohtani

Notes: Wheeler=20; Gray=20; Ohtani=20; Glasnow=15; Cobb=15.

Starter	Comments
Wheeler (213)	Wheeler is the ace and only 8* starter in the league. He should pitch until dots and may complete most games he starts. PH for him if we are losing in the 8 th or 9 th .
Gray (135) / Ohtani (130)	Gray and Ohtani come out in dots. They have a 7-inning max.
Glasnow (88) / Cobb (93)	Glasnow and Cobb come out in dots. They have a 6-inning max.
Additional Comments:	These are 5 pretty good starters who should generally pitch to their innings limit. Stammen (sub Cousins at Utah) is the innings eater and should come in early if someone goes into dots. He can stay in for a while to see if we get back into the game.

Game Flow: When the starter goes into dots.

Game Flow:	1-6th	7th	8th	9th
If we're winning by 3, tied, or down by 2 (close game)	Stammen	Pressley	Kimbrel / Pressley	Kimbrel / Pressley
If we're losing by 3 or more.	Stammen	Patino	Patino	x
If we're winning be greater than 3.	Stammen	Patino	Patino	Cousins

- The idea is that starters pitch until dots or they reach an innings limit.
- **Nelson is the stopper** to stop a problematic inning from becoming a disaster. He will most likely come in with runners on base and hopefully get out of it.
- PH for Nelson (or double switch) and insert the next reliever so he doesn't bat anytime soon.
- Stammen is the mid-game innings eater.
- **Kimbrel and Pressley close out close games.** Patino and Cousins pitch when the game is not close.

BULLPEN:

Type	Pitcher
Closer:	Kimbrel (60) - Kimbrel closes and he can work a 2-inning save.
Stopper:	Nelson (29) - When a starter goes into dots and there are runners on base in a close game, Nelson is the guy I want pitching to finish off the problematic inning. Nelson comes in at any point in the game to prevent disaster relief and can pitch to the end of the inning. Please bat for him or replace him after that inning ends.
Setup:	Pressley (64) - Pressley acts as a setup reliever or the #2 closer and generally pitches anywhere from the 7 th through 9 th in close games.
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	Patino (77) - but be careful about his opportunities. Don't let LH hurt him.

-R'y gets L'y: **Stammen** (88) is the innings eater out of the pen. He can relieve long and hard.

Cousins (30) is the innings eater at Utah only. He replaces Stammen at Utah and might pitch many relief innings there.

-L'y gets L'y:

-L'y gets R'y:

Longman/mop-up: Patino (77)

Additional comments: "Close games are defined as being if we are down/ahead by 2 runs or less.

Final comments: Have a good season!

Retired Numbers:

No.	Name
42	Jackie Robinson.
31	Mike Piazza - the 1996 PCL MVP!
30	Ken Griffey, Jr. - the 1998 PCL MVP!

Pitchers: Starters

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	IP	Notes
Zach Wheeler	32	\$1	2022	213	
Shohei Ohtani	27	\$4	2023	130	
Tyler Glasnow	28	\$1	2022	88	
Sonny Gray	32	\$23	2023	135	
Alex Cobb	34	\$18	2024	93	

Pitchers: Relievers

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	IP	Notes
Craig Kimbrel	34	\$9	2023	60	
Ryan Pressley	33	\$12	2023	64	
Jimmy Nelson	32	\$5	2024	29	
Craig Stammen	38	\$8	2024	88	
Luis Patino	22	\$10	2024	77	
Jake Cousins	27	\$1	2025	30	

Batters: Catchers

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
Will Smith	27	\$11	2023	414	



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Batters: Infielders

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
<i>Frank Schwindel</i>	30	\$16	2024	242	
<i>Jarad Walsh*</i>	28	\$5	2024	530	
<i>Javier Baez</i>	28	\$8	2024	502	
<i>Jeff McNeil*</i>	30	\$4	2025	386	
<i>Trevor Story</i>	29	\$22	2024	526	
<i>Eduardo Escobar+</i>	33	\$1	2023	549	
<i>Thairo Estrada</i>	26	\$2	2024	121	

Batters: Outfielders

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
<i>Ketel Marte+</i>	28	\$17	2024	340	
<i>A.J. Pollock</i>	34	\$15	2024	384	
<i>Nick Castellanos</i>	30	\$3	2023	531	
<i>Rafael Ortega*</i>	31	\$11	2024	296	
<i>Jarred Kelenic*</i>	22	\$4	2025	337	

Minors

Name	Age	Salary	Grad
<i>Sixto Sanchez</i>	23	\$37	2023
<i>Miles Mikolas</i>	33	\$3	2023
<i>Mike Clevinger</i>	31	\$16	2024
<i>Spencer Howard</i>	25	\$6	2024
<i>Josiah Gray</i>	24	\$6	2025