



# Southern California Trojans

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2013, 2014, 2020  
PCL Champions!



## 2024 Team Instructions: Path of the playoffs.

**Path to the Playoffs:** The Trojans made it into the playoffs last year, but were stopped in a one-game play-in game by deGrom and company. So many players graduated that this became a rebuilding year for the Trojans. Our only shot at the playoffs will be because our hitting rings up enough runs to overcome a very average pitching staff.

## Starting Line-ups

	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R
1.	Hampson, 3b	Hampson, 3b	Yelich*, DH	Yelich*, DH	Yelich*, DH
2.	Marte+, 2b	Marte+, 2b	Marte+, 2b	Marte+, 2b	Canha, lf
3.	McNeil*, dh	McNeil*, rf	Benson*, lf	Benson*, rf	Marte+, 2b
4.	Canha, lf	Alonso, 1b	Duvall, rf	Reynolds+, lf	Duvall, rf
5.	Alonso, 1b	Kelenic*, cf	De La Cruz+, 3b	De La Cruz+, 3b	Hampson, 3b
6.	Kelenic*, cf	Canha, lf	Alonso, 1b	1B	Alonso, 1b
7.	Duvall, rf	Yelich, dh	Kelenic*, cf	Kelenic*, cf	Kelenic*, cf
8.	Alvarez, c	Alvarez, c	Catcher	Catcher	Catcher
9.	Abrams*, ss	Abrams*, ss	Abrams*, ss	Abrams*, ss	Abrams*, ss
<b>WEST</b>					
<b>SCT</b>					
<b>BAG</b>	Garrett, Sandoval, Matz		Peralta, Lugo		
<b>PBC</b>	Williamson		Kelly, Perez, Gilbert		Cabrera
<b>SBM</b>	Fried		Gray	Wheeler	Avila, Suarez, Hendricks
<b>CENT RAL</b>	<b>STD vs. L</b>	<b>L vs. L</b>	<b>STD vs. R</b>	<b>L vs. R</b>	<b>R vs. R</b>
<b>LVB</b>			Gallen, Scherzer, Walker	Oviedo	Lorenzen
<b>CDS</b>	Strahm	Stelle	Kirby		Burnes, Musgrove
<b>OBB</b>	Montgomery		Strider	Lopez	Assad, Stroman
<b>UTP</b>	Quintana, Luzardo, Abbott		Elder, Junis	Martinez	
<b>EAST</b>	<b>STD vs. L</b>	<b>L vs. L</b>	<b>STD vs. R</b>	<b>L vs. R</b>	<b>R vs. R</b>

<b>STL</b>					
<b>AGN</b>	Kershaw		Wacha	Irvin	Senga, Gonsolin
<b>CHI</b>	Miley, Manaea		Alcantara	Bassitt	Greene
<b>VBS</b>	Sanchez	Snell	Gray	Miller	Webb
<b>Total</b>	14	2	16	7	13

Notes:

## Special Lineup Notes

### Batting Notes By Position

<b>Catcher:</b>	Alveraz and Diaz are interchangeable. Alveraz starts at BAG, UTP, and CHI v. RHP. Diaz starts otherwise.
<b>1b:</b>	Alonso starts most of the time; McNeil starts at 1b vs RHP in lineup L vs. R at PBC, CDS, OBB, and STL.
<b>2b:</b>	Marte - does not come out
<b>SS:</b>	Abrams - does not come out, but please do PH for him when a LHP is throwing and we're losing late in the game.
<b>3b:</b>	De La Cruz v. RHP, but he does not bat v. LHP. Hampson PH and takes over at 3b. I'll manage Hampson's AB at home.
<b>If:</b>	Benson v. RHP is the best of the bunch, but consider this group equal: Benson, Reynolds, Canha (super clutch!), and McNeil. Benson rarely bats vs LHP. Canha/McNeil are better choices.
<b>Cf:</b>	Kelenic - does not come out.
<b>Rf:</b>	Mostly Duvall in rf, but he comes out in a blowout.
<b>DH:</b>	Mostly Yelich vs RHP and McNeil vs. lefties. Yelich rarely bats v LHP. Canha/McNeil are better choices.

### Batting Instructions

<b>Player Usage:</b>	No one. Everyone should have enough at-bats.
<b>Blowouts</b>	
<b>Stealing: 75% or better!</b>	Lots of speed. Here are the rabbits: AA: De La Cruz and Abrams A: Yelich and Benson B: Hampson, Kelenic, McNeil, Reynolds
<b>PH vs. L</b>	McNeil, Canha, Reynolds
<b>PH vs. R</b>	Reynolds, McNeil, Canha

<b>Ω</b>	Canha
<b>PR:</b>	Hampson, Yelich, De La Cruz
<b>Hit and Run</b>	Marte and Yelich are B's.
<b>Subs right away for opposite side reliever</b>	If RHP comes out before the 6 <sup>th</sup> for LH reliever: bat Hampson for De La Cruz and McNeil/Canha for Benson. If LHP comes out before the 6 <sup>th</sup> for RH reliever: no changes.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> inning and it allows the leading or winning run to score.

## Best Defense:

C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF
Diaz	Alonso	Marte	Abrams	Elly		Kelenic	
Alvarez	Canha	McNeil	Hampson	Hampson			
	McNeil	Hampson	Elly	Canha			
			McNeil				

- Rf/LF can be patrolled by any of the 3's.

- For the most part, the best D should be in the game most of the time. Elly is better than Hampson at 3b and Benson, Duvall, Canha, Reynolds, and Yelich are all the same in rf/lf. No need to change out one for the other on D.

### 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	
<b>WEST</b>								
BAG –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Clevinger	Keller	
PBC –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Miller	Keller	
SBM –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Miller	Keller	
<b>CENTRAL</b>								
CDS –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Miller	Keller	
OBBS –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Miller	Keller	
LVB –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Clevinger	Keller	
UTP –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Clevinger	Keller	
<b>EAST</b>								
AGN –	Clevinger	Keller	Cobb		Morton	Cobb	Keller	
CHI –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Cobb	Miller	Keller	
STL	Morton	Keller	Cobb		Morton	Cobb	Keller	
VBS –	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb		Morton	Clevinger	Keller	
<b>WEST</b>								
BAG	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb	Keller	Clevinger	Miller	Keller	Cobb
PBC	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb	Keller	Clevinger	Miller	Keller	Cobb
SBM	Clevinger	Miller	Cobb	Keller	Clevinger	Miller	Keller	Cobb

Notes: Miller (20), Clevinger (20), Cobb (20), Keller (19), and Morton (11).

## Starting Pitcher Notes:

Starter	Comments
Miller (120)	Out in dots, 6 innings max.
Cobb (151), Clevinger (131), Morton (163), Keller (194)	These guys are innings eaters. They should pitch until dots.

**General Pitching Game Flow: Intentionally ignoring this section for 2024. I'd rather give you flexibility to use the pen as you see fit.**

<i>Game Flow:</i>	<i>1-6th</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>If we're tied or winning by 3 or less</i>				
<i>If we are losing by 3 or less.</i>				
<i>If we're losing by 4 or more.</i>				
<i>If we're winning by 4 or more.</i>				

## **BULLPEN:**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Pitcher</i>
<i>Closer:</i>	Martin (51) - should pitch one inning in the 9 <sup>th</sup> when tied or in a save situation.
<i>Stopper:</i>	
<i>Setup:</i>	
<i>Situational:</i>	
<i>-R'y gets R'y:</i>	Weeks (55), Ottavino (62)
<i>-R'y gets L'y:</i>	Soriano (42), Butto (42)
<i>-L'y gets L'y:</i>	Speier (55)
<i>-L'y gets R'y:</i>	
<i>Longman/mop-up:</i>	Ottavino (62) and Speier (55)
<i>Additional comments:</i>	Most of the pen are specialists and much better against one side or the other. Use compare and do your best.

**Final comments:** Have a good season!

**Retired Numbers:**

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

**Pitchers: Starters**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<i>Bobby Miller</i>	25	2027	124	(6)
<i>Alex Cobb</i>	36	2024	151	(6)
<i>Mike Clevinger</i>	33	2024	131	(6)
<i>Charlie Morton</i>	40	2025	163	(6)
<i>Mitch Keller</i>	28	2026	194	(7*)

**Pitchers: Relievers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<i>Jose Butto</i>	26	2027	42	
<i>Jose Soriano</i>	25	2027	42	
<i>Adam Ottavino</i>	38	2025	62	
<i>Chris Martin</i>	38	2025*	51	
<i>Jordan Weems</i>	31	2027	55	
<i>Gabe Speier*</i>	29	2027	55	

**Batters: Catchers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<i>Francisco Alvarez</i>	22	2027	382	
<i>Elias Diaz</i>	33	2024	486	

**Batters: Infielders**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<i>Pete Alonso</i>	29	2027	568	
<i>Elly De La Cruz</i>	22	2027	388	
<i>Jeff McNeil*</i>	32	2025	585	
<i>Ketel Marte+</i>	30	2024	569	
<i>CJ Abrams</i>	23	2026	563	
<i>Mark Canha</i>	36	2025	435	
<i>Garrett Hampson</i>	29	2027	221	



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## Batters: Outfielders

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Grad</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Adam Duvall</i>	35	2027	320	
<i>Will Benson*</i>	26	2027	287	
<i>Jarred Kelenic*</i>	24	2025	372	
<i>Christian Yelich*</i>	32	2027	550	
<i>Bryan Reynolds+</i>	29	2027	574	

## Minors

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Grad</i>
<i>Jordan Walker</i>	22	2027
<i>Edwin Diaz</i>	30	2025
<i>Michale Grove</i>	27	2026
<i>Gavin Stone</i>	25	2027
<i>Jake McCarthy</i>	26	2025