



2023 Instructions

31st year:

1993-2023

PCL Preseason Tourney Champs:

2006, 2008, 2017, 2020 & 2021

Playoffs:

2008, 2014, 2020, 2021

Giants Hall of Fame:

*Edgar Martinez:1995-97

*Bob Tewksbury:1993-97

*Ellis Burks:1996-2003

*Barry Bonds:1993-2008

The Bay Bombers were in the mix for the 2022 Playoffs until their final 2 series and bombed out with a 43-47 record. They made a couple of nice pickups in the 'final' auction with Taylor Ward & Luis Rengifo.

Path to the Playoffs: its all about Starting pitching and timely hitting. With 4 good Starters, the hope is to go 6 or 7 and then pray that the pen holds. Evan Phillips is the Stopper/Closer for the Giants with 63 innings and be used early to stop a rally or close. Harper is a 4(+5) arm in RF and a liability; probably out of game in mid-7th with a lead.

Starting Line-ups: *The PRESET Lineups from the Auction 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, vs. R	
4	Rengifo	4	Rengifo			7	Ward	7	Ward		
7	Ward	7	Ward			4	Wong*	4	Wong*		
5	Longoria	5	Longoria			3	Walker	3	Walker		
3	Walker	3	Walker			DH	Harper*	9	Harper*		
DH	Harper*	9	Kiki Hrndz			6	Crawford*	6	Crawford*		
9	Kiki Hrndz	DH	JD Davis			5	JD Davis	DH	Cron		
6	Crawford*	2	Barnes			2	Higgins	5	JD Davis		
2	Barnes	6	Crawford*			9	DeLaCruz	2	Barnes		
8	Grisham*	8	Grisham*			8	Grisham*	8	Grisham*		
Standard vs Lefty for all Home & road except vs pitchers in lineup #2.		Must Bat RITE vs Pitchers: Gomber, Lodelo, R.Suarez, Sandoval.				Standard vs Ritey for all ROAD games, except @ ballparks listed in Lineup #5.		Standard vs Ritey for all HOME games & at Ballparks: Utah, SCT, Aug, Chi.			

In case of Injury Lineups: Bat the injury replacement guy in the 7th 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 2b, 3b & RF.

IF your righty Starter is replaced by a lefty, NO changes until T6th. At that point if we are losing by 2 or more and Wong is up with 2 runners on & 2 outs vs Lefty Pitcher, replace with a PH using compare.

Top of the 7th

If your Lefty is out for a Ritey, 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 & replace Harper at this point if he is in RF (if tied and Harper is due up in T8th in first 3 batters, leave in). Best defense in mid-8th with any kind of lead.

Position by position breakdown

Catcher Barnes @ home & vs all Lefties (179 AB) and best defense; Higgins on road (201 AB). <I will monitor Barnes AB's after every series>.

1B Christian Walker is back and Never comes out! Cron is the injury backup vs Riteys; Higgins vs Lefties. JD Davis would be the next backup vs both. Higgins is best defense if Walker is out.

2B Wong vs Rities; Rengifo vs Lefties & best defense. Barnes can backup in an emergency (4e71).

3B Longoria vs Lefties; JD Davis vs Rities. Injury backup is Longoria both ways & best defense. Rengifo and then Higgins would be next backups.

SS Crawford is the guy and Never comes out. Rengifo is the backup/Kiki will move to 2b/DeLaCruz to RF vs Lefties.

LF Ward and never comes out. Injury backup is Kiki, then DeLaCruz. Then Harper if necessary from DH role.

CF Grisham always & seldom comes out. Kiki is injury backup.

RF Harper at home & at some ballparks; DeLaCruz on road vs Ritey, Kiki vs Lefty. Injury backup is Kiki, then DeLaCruz. Then Harper from DH role. With a tie or any kind of lead mid-7th, replace Harper. If tied and due up in 8th in first 3 batters, leave in.

DH Harper is the guy vs Lefties & on the road. Cron, then JD Davis are injury backups or whomever is available on the bench.

Platoon / Injury

- **Do not remove:** Walker, Crawford & Ward. Harper once he is in. Except in a Blowout. (see below).
- **Seldom if ever remove:** Grisham, unless late in the game, losing, and a better offensive matchup & Kiki is available to move/play Cf.
- **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 after 7th when they come to bat next, pull Harper, Walker & Crawford. If Barnes is starting, he can be replaced by Higgins to save AB's.

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

- PH versus lefty or ritey: use Compare for anyone on bench. Try and save Kiki for 7th or later for late defense.
- **Clutch:** vs Ritey—Kiki, Harper, Cron, Higgins; vs Lefty—Harper, Cron, Higgins.
- **Pinchrunning:** use the Pitchers to PR early & position players later with speed. Pitchers—Fried(14), Peralta(13), Buehler(12).
- **Bunters:** Grisham(A), Wong(B) or PJ Higgins(B) from 1st inning on if you have a tough pitcher in.
- **Safety squeeze:** Always try with bunters above, especially Grisham if 42% or above.

Baserunning

- Steal if 70% or better with Harper & Wong 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
Barnes	Walker	Wong	Crawford	JD Davis	Ward	Grisham	DeLaCruz
Higgins	Cron	Rengifo	Rengifo	Longoria	KikiHrndz	Kiki Hrndz	Kiki Hrndz
	Higgins	Barnes	Kiki Hrndz	Rengifo	DeLaCruz	Ward	Harper
	JD Davis		Wong	Higgins	Harper		Ward

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	Peralta	Gallen	Cessa
SBM	Quantrill	Gallen	Cessa
SCT	Quantrill	Fried	Peralta
BAG	###	###	###
Cabo	Quantrill	Fried	Buehler
OXN	Buehler	Gallen	Cessa
LVB	Quantrill	Fried	Buehler
Utah	Fried	Gallen	Peralta
AUG	Quantrill	Gallen	Buehler
CHI	Fried	Gallen	Quantrill
STL	Peralta	Gallen	Buehler
VBS	Quantrill	Gallen	Buehler

Pitching Rotation HOME 3-Gamers

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
Peralta	Gallen	Buehler
Peralta	Fried	Quantrill
Quantrill	Fried	Gallen
###	###	###
Buehler	Fried	Quantrill
Peralta	Fried	Quantrill
Peralta	Fried	Quantrill
Quantrill	Fried	Gallen
Gallen	Fried	Quantrill
Peralta	Fried	Quantrill
Peralta	Gallen	Quantrill
Gallen	Fried	Peralta

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

Team	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
PBC	Buehler	Gallen	Fried	Cessa
SBM	Quantrill	Gallen	Fried	Cessa
SCT	Quantrill	Gallen	Peralta	Fried

Divisional West – HOME 4-Gamers

Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4
Buehler	Gallen	Peralta	Fried
Quantrill	Gallen	Peralta	Fried
Quantrill	Gallen	Peralta	Fried

Fried 20, Gallen 20, Quantrill 20, Peralta 15, Buehler 10, Cessa 5.

Managing the Starters:

Would love to get thru 7 innings with Fried & Gallen. They can go 8 or 9 with a 2+ lead, as can Quantrill with a 4+ lead. Peralta, Buehler & Cessa go 5 max even in dots. All Starters, if blown out early and down 6+ runs, can take one for the team until their max limit, unless BAG starts to rally back. Leads of 3 runs or less after 6 innings need to be managed by the bullpen in most cases.

Starter#1 Gallen (long and hard)	Better vs Lefties. He should go at LEAST 7 innings even in dots. B7th if in dots, and we are within 2 runs either way and 2 runners are on or you score a run and you have a couple of Rities due up, go ahead and pull him if enough BP arms are available. Can go 8 or 9 with a lead, and even in dots with a huge lead can finish the game. If we are blown out let him finish.
Starter#2 Fried (long and hard)	Slightly better vs Lefties. He should go at LEAST 7 innings even in dots. B7th if in dots, and we are within 2 runs either way and 2 runners are on or you score a run and you have a couple of Rities due up, go ahead and pull him if enough BP arms are available. Can go 8 or 9 with a lead, and even in dots with a huge lead can finish the game. If we are blown out let him finish.
Starter#3 Peralta (patience)	15 starts <5 inning max> Fairly even vs both. Needs to get thru 5 innings to his max, even in dots.
Starter#4 Quantrill (patience)	Fairly even vs both. Would like to see him get thru 7 innings. He should go at LEAST 6 innings, even in dots. B7th—if 1 runner gets on and we are within 2 runs either way, go to the BP. If we are getting killed or winning by 4+ runs, leave him in thru 7. Can go 8 or 9 with a huge lead, until you start to comeback.
Starter#5 Buehler (some patience)	10 starts <6 innings max> Needs to get thru 5 innings even in dots. Would like to see him get thru 6 innings, but B6th and 2 runners get on and we are within 2 runs either way, go ahead and pull him.
Starter#6 Cessa (some patience)	S/R with 5 starts. <5 inning max> Needs to pitch his max, even in dots. Will also relieve (56 innings) when not starting your series. Better vs Lefties, big HR vs Riteys, thus he starts in your park.
Specific innings limitations:	5 inning Max for Cessa & Peralta. 6 inning Max for Buehler.
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 4-6. 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: Buehler(inj 6), Peralta(inj 4), and reliever Underwood(inj 4) are the most likely to be affected. If losing by 4+ runs, Hader(L) or Cessa will come in and throw 1-3 innings until better relief is available (both give up HR vs Ritey). If we are within 3 runs either way, bring in Gallegos for a couple or Mantiply(L), whichever is better vs upcoming players.

Bullpen philosophy: Innings 4-6, If I start a Ritey and he goes his Max innings and not a blowout situation and you have 4 or more lefties in, try to bring in Mantiply to turn you around. Cessa is better vs Lefty. Gallegos is better vs the Ritey. **7th inning:** if Starter is out, Mantiply could pitch to 2 of 3 Lefties. Gallegos could pitch to 2 of 3 Riteys. Underwood could pitch an inning here. And 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:** With a 2+ lead, Underwood could start the inning. With a tie or close ballgame, Neris could start and go 2 innings if Phillips is unavailable. Phillips in tie or save situation can start the 8th and go 2 innings to close the game.

BULLPEN

R'y stopper/closer:	Evan Phillips has the best card (63 innings) and gives up no HR's. Can come in as early as the 7 th to stop a rally and go 2 innings.
R'y setup/closer:	Hector Neris (65 innings). Gives up no HR's. Can pitch 2 innings if needed & start the 7 th .
L'y setup/closer:	None
R'y setup:	Duane Underwood (57 innings). Little better vs Ritey, but gives up NO HR's. Can go an inning plus a couple extra outs, if needed. Like him for the 7 th & 8 th .
R'y setup:	Giovanny Gallegos (59 innings). Better vs Ritey, gives up HR vs lefty. 2 of 3 vs Ritey hitters applies to start an inning. Like him as a RvsR with 1 or 2 outs already. Rather not see him in 8 th or 9 th and a tie or 1-run ballgame vs a Lefty.
L'y setup:	Joe Mantiply (60 innings). Better vs Lefty. Gives up HR vs ritey. 2 of 3 vs Lefty hitters applies to start an inning. Like him as a LvsL with 2 out situation. Rather not see him in 8 th or 9 th and a tie or 1-run ballgame vs a Ritey.
Mid:	Cessa, Hader, Mantiply & Gallegos – see all situational below.
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	Gallegos
-R'y gets L'y:	Luis Cessa (51 innings). Gives up beef vs Rities. 2 of 3 applies to start an inning.
-L'y gets L'y:	Mantiply
-L'y gets R'y:	None
Longman/mopup:	Hader (50 innings). Not great vs either especially vs Ritey, hence the mopup and Longman if needed. Cessa also applies here. <i>See Starting Pitcher Injurys above.</i>
Additional comments:	Mix & match of up to 7 guys in bullpen depending if available for your series. Cessa starts for 25 innings & relieves for 56 innings. Versus Riteys -- Hader, Mantiply, & Cessa will work really well in ballparks @ SB, VB, Oxn, PB & Stl with their BP homeruns vs Ritey.