



# Southern California Trojans

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## 2023 Team Instructions: Path of the playoffs.

**Path to the Playoffs:** The Trojans made a run into the playoffs last year but were upended by St. Louis in the first round! We have a competitive roster this year and hope to be back into the playoffs this season. The path to the playoffs goes through road wins where we will play our best players.

## Starting Line-ups

	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R
1.	Baez, ss		Abrams*, ss	Abrams*, ss	Canha, lf
2.	McNeil*, lf		Canha, lf	Canha, lf	McNeil*, DH
3.	Pollock, cf		McNeil*, 2b	McNeil*, 2b	Meneses, 1b
4.	Smith, C		Meneses, DH	Meneses, DH	Thompson, cf
5.	Escobar, 3b		Thompson, cf	Thompson, cf	Smith, C
6.	Wisdom, 1b		Escobar+, 3b	Escobar+, 3b	Wisdom, 3b
7.	Marte+, DH		Smith, C	Smith, C	Abrams*, ss
8.	Story, 2b		Tellez*, 1b	Tellez*, 1b	Story, 2b
9.	McCarthy*, rf		McCarthy*, rf	McCarthy*, rf	McCarthy*, rf
<b>WEST</b>					
<b>SCT</b>					
<b>BAG</b>	Fried		Buehler		Gallen, Peralta, Cessa, Quantrill
<b>PBC</b>	Suarez, Gonzales			Wright, Kelly	Cabrera, Gilbert
<b>SBM</b>	Urias, Rodon, Rogers		Burnes, Wheeler, Thompson, Greinke		
<b>CENT RAL</b>	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R
<b>LVB</b>			Castillo, Scherzer, Walker		Darvish, Oviedo
<b>CDS</b>	Lodolo, Steele		Brash	Hicks, Williams	Gonsolin, Musgrove, Flexen, Kirby
<b>OBB</b>	Montgomery, Sandoval, Ray, Suarez		Strider		Sampson
<b>UTP</b>	Luzardo, Peterson, Lauer		Martinez	Elder, Marquez	Alcantara
<b>EAST</b>	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R

<b>STL</b>					
<b>AGN</b>	Kershaw			Gray, Stroman	deGrom, Mahle
<b>CHI</b>			Gibson	Bassett, Syndergaard, Eflin	Greene, Contreras
<b>VBS</b>	Snell, Alexander		Wainwright	Webb	Ramirez
<b>Total</b>	17		13	12	19

Notes: Abrams, Thompson, and Meneses are playing heavily on the road this year. I'll manage their home AB. That stated, both should come out of the game in blow outs. McCarthy is batting 9<sup>th</sup> and playing every day. This should keep his AB under his 321 limit.

### Special Lineup Notes

#### Batting Notes By Position

<b>Ohtani:</b>	Ohtani is an "8" hitter, "A" stealer, "A" bunter, "1-16" runner, and a clutch neutral batter for this year only. He can PH, PR, or bunt once each game and then must come out.
<b>Catcher:</b>	Smith starts every day and never comes out.
<b>1b:</b>	Tellez and Wisdom share 1b. Tellez rarely bats against LHP. Canha and Meneses are other guys who can play 1b.
<b>2b:</b>	McNeil starts at 2b against RHP and Story against LHP. PH for Story against RHP unless we are tied or winning when he bats. Consider PH Canha, Marte, or Ohtani to PH.
<b>SS:</b>	Abrams starts at ss against RHP and rarely bats against LHP. Baez starts against LHP. Abrams is the better fielder.
<b>3b:</b>	Escobar starts every day and never comes out.
<b>If:</b>	Canha starts against RHP and McNeil against RHP.
<b>Cf:</b>	Thompson starts against RHP and rarely bats against LHP. Pollock starts against LHP.
<b>Rf:</b>	McCarthy starts in RF and never comes out.
<b>DH:</b>	Meneses starts at DH against RHP and Marte vs. LHP

#### Batting Instructions

<b>Player Usage:</b>	Please remove these players in a blowout: Abrams (284),
<b>Blowouts</b>	Thompson (219), and Meneses (222)
<b>PH vs. L</b>	Pollock, Wisdom, Story, Marte, Ohtani, Baez,
<b>PH vs. R</b>	Meneses, Thompson, Ohtani
<b>Ω</b>	Ohtani
<b>PR:</b>	Ohtani (16)
<b>Hit and Run</b>	Nope

**Subs right away for opposite side reliever**      **If RHP comes out before the 6<sup>th</sup> for LH reliever:** bat for Abrams, Thompson, and Tellez.  
**If LHP comes out before the 6<sup>th</sup> for RH reliever:** Baez, Pollock, Story, Wisdom

**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 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
Smith	Tellez	Story	Abrams	Escobar	Pollock	Thompson	McCarthy
Diaz	Wisdom	McNeil	Baez	Wisdom	Canha	McCarthy	Canha
	Meneses	Marte		McNeil	McNeil		McNeil

- Insert the best D if we are winning going into the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Story should come in for McNeil only if we are winning. If the game is tied keep McNeil in the game.

### 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 – R	Gray	Ohtani	Mikolas		Mikolas	Ohtani	Cobb	
PBC – L	Gray	Ohtani	Mikolas		Mikolas	Gray	Cobb	
SBM – R	Morton	Ohtani	Gray		Mikolas	Ohtani	Cobb	
<b>CENTRAL</b>								
CDS – R	Morton	Ohtani	Mikolas		Morton	Gray	Cobb	
OBBS – E	Gray	Ohtani	Mikolas		Mikolas	Gray	Cobb	
LVB – R	Morton	Ohtani	Mikolas		Mikolas	Ohtani	Cobb	
UTP – E	Cobb	Ohtani	Gray		Mikolas	Gray	Cobb	
<b>EAST</b>								
AGN – RR	Morton	Ohtani	Cobb		Morton	Gray	Cobb	
CHI – E	Gray	Ohtani	Cobb		Mikolas	Gray	Cobb	
STL	Morton	Gray	Cobb		Morton	Gray	Cobb	
VBS – R	Morton	Ohtani	Mikolas		Mikolas	Ohtani	Cobb	
<b>WEST</b>	#1	#2	#3	#4				
BAG	Mikolas	Ohtani	Gray	Cobb	Mikolas	Ohtani	Morton	Cobb
PBC	Mikolas	Ohtani	Gray	Cobb	Mikolas	Ohtani	Morton	Cobb
SBM	Morton	Ohtani	Gray	Mikolas	Mikolas	Ohtani	Morton	Cobb

Notes: Ohtani=20; Gray=17; Cobb=20; Mikolas= 20; Morton = 13.

<i>Starter</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<b>Ohtani (166)</b>	He's in the game for at least 7 innings even in dots. He should pitch the 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> if not in dots.
<b>Gray (120)</b>	Gray comes out in dots and has a 7-inning max when not in dots.
<b>Mikolas and Cobb</b>	These starters come out in dots. I only really trust Ohtani and he can complete games. If we have a lead then Mikolas, Gray, and Cobb pitch until the 8 <sup>th</sup> where they hand the ball to the closer.
<b>Morton</b>	Out in dots. Try to get 4-5 innings out of him and then he comes out. Keller early and Ottavino late are R vs. R pitchers who are good picks to pitch a couple of innings after Morton.

## General Game Flow:

<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>	Stoppers/ Keller	Martin	Martin	Pressly
<i>If we are losing by 3 or less.</i>	Stoppers/ Keller	Martin	Martin	Pressly
<i>If we're losing by 4 or more.</i>	Keller	Keller	Ottavino	
<i>If we're winning by 4 or more.</i>	Keller	Keller	Ottavino	Ottavino

- The idea is that starters pitch until dots or they reach an innings limit.
- **Almonte/Overton are the stoppers** to get out of a problematic inning at any time in the game. They will most likely come in with runners on base in high leverage situations. I expect them to finish that one inning and then come out. You can use them both in the same close game to bail us out of jams.
- Keller comes in after the stoppers get us out of a jam before the 6<sup>th</sup>. He has 3 relief innings, so he can pitch a while if we're winning or losing big.
- Martin and Ottavino are the mid-game innings eaters to get to Pressly.
- **Pressley is the closer**. Overton is the closer if Pressley is not available.

## BULLPEN:

<i>Type</i>	<i>Pitcher</i>
<b>Closer:</b>	Pressly (48) - pitches the 9 <sup>th</sup> in save opportunities
<b>Stopper:</b>	Overton (33) - comes in to stop a rally and is the alternative closer.
<b>Setup:</b>	Martin (56) -
<b>Situational:</b>	
-R'y gets R'y:	Ottavino (66) -
-R'y gets L'y:	Almonte (35) - can pitch one inning
-L'y gets L'y:	
-L'y gets R'y:	

Longman/mop-up: Keller (159)

Additional comments:

**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
<i>Shohei Ohtani</i>	28	\$4	2023	166	
<i>Miles Mikolas</i>	34	\$3	2023*	202	
<i>Alex Cobb</i>	35	\$18	2024*	150	
<i>Sonny Gray</i>	33	\$23	2023	120	
<i>Charlie Morton</i>	39	\$1	2025*	172	

### Pitchers: Relievers

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	IP	Notes
<i>Ryan Pressly</i>	34	\$12	2023*	48	
<i>Yency Almonte</i>	29	\$9	2025*	35	
<i>Connor Overton</i>	25	\$5	2025*	33	
<i>Chris Martin</i>	37	\$9	2025*	56	
<i>Adam Ottavino</i>	37	\$2	2025*	66	
<i>Mitch Keller</i>	27	\$4	2026*	159	

### Batters: Catchers

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
<i>Will Smith</i>	28	\$11	2023	508	
<i>Elias Diaz</i>	32	\$1	2024	351	

### Batters: Infielders

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
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<i>Joey Meneses</i>	31	\$13	2025*	222
<i>Rowdy Tellez*</i>	28	\$3	2026*	529
<i>Patrick Wisdom</i>	31	\$3	2025	469
<i>Jeff McNeil*</i>	31	\$4	2025*	533
<i>Trevor Story</i>	30	\$11	2024	357
<i>Ketel Marte+</i>	29	\$9	2024	492
<i>Javier Baez</i>	30	\$4	2024	555
<i>C.J. Abrams*</i>	22	\$6	2026*	284
<i>Eduardo Escobar+</i>	34	\$1	2023*	495

**Batters: Outfielders**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Grad</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Mark Canha</i>	34	\$9	2025*	462	
<i>Jake McCarthy*</i>	25	\$13	2025*	321	
<i>A.J. Pollock</i>	35	\$8	2024	489	
<i>Trayce Thompson</i>	32	\$12	2025*	219	

**Minors**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Grad</i>
<i>Luis Patino (NC)</i>	23	\$10	2024*
<i>Jared Walsh</i>	29	\$3	2024*
<i>Jarred Kelenic</i>	23	\$4	2025*
<i>Mike Clevinger</i>	32	\$8	2024*