

Pebble Beach Crooners 2024

PCL



2024 Instructions

Peb won the “Shohei” sweepstakes, and will try to make something of it in ’24. There were many holes to fill so it remains to be seen if they can translate the club into a winner. Solid starting pitching will be key. After last place finishes twice in a row, the “Bings” hope to dig out a respectable season.

Hitting

Starting Line-ups

<u>lineup#1 v. Ly</u>		<u>lineup#2 v. Ry</u>		<u>lineup#3 v. Ry</u>	
DH	Ohtani*	DH	Ohtani*	DH	Ohtani*
4	Albies	6	Perdomo+	3	Arraez*
8	Tucker*	8	Tucker*	7	Soler
7	Soler	3	Arraez*	8	Tucker*
3	Arraez*	7	Suwinski*	2	Contreras
2	Contreras	9	Heyward*	9	Suwinski*
9	Profar+	2	Contreras	5	Wisdom
5	Wisdom	5	Rojas*/Wisdom	6	Perdomo+
6	Rosario	4	Albies+	4	Rosario
	all Lys		Bassitt, Plopez, Wacha, Irvin		Senga, Gonsolin
			Strider, Nola, Lugo, Alcantara		Peralta, Greene
			Castillo, Beck, Gallen, Oviedo		Walker, Lorenzen
			Gausman, Scherzer, JosiahGray		Stroman, Assad
			Woodruff, Clevinger, BryceMiller		Hendricks, BobMiller
			Silseth, Elder, Junis, Nmartinez		Cobb, Webb
			Wheeler, Keller, Morton, Jon Gray		

In **lineup #2** Wisdom starts v SCT,BAG, AGN and UTP, otherwise Rojas starts.

Guidelines on Positions

- **C: Willson Contreras** (428 AB) plays all day every day and does not come out. **Riley Adams** (143ab) is the sub and PH option at any point in the game.
- **1B: Luis Arraez** (574ab) aka “Tony Gwynn” plays 1B all day every day and does not come out. Profar, Wisdom or Heyward are the injury sub options.
- **2B: Ozzie Albies** (596ab) plays both ways unless you must bat righthanded against a righty starter, in which case Rosario starts. Albies does not come out once in, and he is the go-to for late D.
- **SS: Gerardo Perdomo** (407ab) plays against righties and **Ahmed Rosario** (510ab) plays against lefties. Perdomo comes in when you switch to a righthander, and he is the late glove so leave him in if you switch to a lefty midgame if I am leading.
- **3B: Josh Rojas** (314ab) plays v righties when you want to bat left, and **Patrick Wisdom** (268ab) plays the rest of the time. I will

watch his abs at home if it gets close, but please remove him if we get down or up by 4 or more. Wisdom subs in also when you change to a lefty reliever, but he does not come out once he is in, except in routes.

- **LF/RF:** It's a "mix and match" group of 4: **Jurickson Profar** (459 AB) plays RF v lefties, **Jorge Soler** (504ab) plays LF against lefties and those righties where you need to bat Ry (if he does start, I am reluctant to take him out, except for late in the game when you have a righty reliever who kills righties), **Jack Suwinski** (447ab) plays both ways when you really need to bat lefty (LF if Heyward is in, otherwise RF and he is a late defense option for Profar or Soler), and **Jason Heyward** (334ab) plays RF against righties and should really avoid hitting against a lefty reliever. Heyward and Suwinski are the ideal late defense if they are available. They can also sub for Profar when your righty reliever comes in. Profar for Heyward when the lefty comes in, and it is close whether Suwinski stays in v a lefty reliever or Profar PH's (use compare and favor Suwinski if I am ahead).
- **CF:** **Kyle Tucker** (574 AB) plays all day every day and does not come out.
- **DH:** #1 draft pick **Shohei Ohtani** (497ab) plays all day every day and does not come out.
- **Platoon summary:** Ohtani, Arraez, Contreras and Tucker do not come out. The other 5 positions are more mix and match platoons. **Note to AGN, OBB, SBM, SCT and VBS: if 1) you bring in one of the below listed relievers, and 2) you are within his first three batters, and 3) it is not one of the four players who do not come out, and 4) we are up one or worse, and 5) it is a key inning with runners on, then PH with a righty hitter(use compare). If not all of these 5 factors apply, then never mind. These pitchers are: Holderman, JessChavez, Peguero, Jansen, Butto, Soriano or Bird.**

WHEN YOUR LEFTY STARTER EXITS THE GAME BEFORE THE 6TH See above. Generally, status quo if I'm way up, and changes if I am tied or losing.

WHEN YOUR RIGHTY STARTER EXITS THE GAME BEFORE THE 6TH

See above

Late Defense: Albies at 2B, Perdomo at SS, anybody at 3B, Suwinski in RF. Don't worry about the rest.

MISCELLANEOUS - Game Strategies

- **Pinch Hit Guidelines:** Generally, use "compare".
- **Pinch Run:** Not really.
- **Typical stealing decisions:** Steal 2nd at **75%**; 65% if we went through the order once and have had trouble getting going; Steal to 3rd at 75% (but don't make 1st or 3rd out trying for 3B).
- **Who to H&R and when:** Albies maybe against a tough righty and no outs.
- **Sacrifice:** Not really.
- **Squeeze Plays:** Perdomo ("A") or Rojas ("B") if 40% or more and the run gives us the lead.
- **Scoring:** Same as your team. Run home at 65%, 60% if tying or leading run, 50% with two outs, 40% if weak hitter or pitcher coming up. If I am down 4 or more, hold the runner.
- **Advancing to 3B:** always try to tag up to go to 3B on a flyout unless the "out" percentage is more than 10%. Advance to 3B on singles at 65% unless it would be the 1st or 3rd out.
- **Trailers:** To second 50% and above, but to third at 65%. Send the trailer only when we are down by a run or tied, from the 7th inning on.
- **Throwing Guidelines:** Cut the throw off from the outfield early in the game unless runner is heading home with a safe chance at less than 55%. Let the throw through even if the runner is as high as 65% with two outs and the 8th or 9th hitter is due up.
- **Defense:** Always get the sure out on Defense Option plays, unless runner represents the go-ahead run and his safe chance is less than 40%. Same with the trailing runners.
- **Intentional Walks:** Use your best judgment. I will do it with 2 outs to get to a much more favorable hitter. I also see lots of "boppers" (8+8 or more HRs); so, in key situations I would walk that bopper, but only 7th or later. Doesn't help to walk someone if you have two in a row.

Pitching

Starting Rotation

ROAD GAMES YOU PLAY					Home Games - I Play				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3		Game #1	Game #2	Game #3		
BAG	Gilbert	Kelly	Perez		Cabrera	Kelly	Williamson		
PBC	XXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX		
SBM	Gilbert	Kelly	Perez		Cabrera	Gilbert	Williamson		
SCT	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson		Cabrera	Perez	Williamson		
LVB	Gilbert	Kelly	Perez		Cabrera	Gilbert	Williamson		
UTP	Gilbert	Kelly	Perez		Cabrera	Gilbert	Williamson		
OBB	Cabrera	Gilbert	Kelly		Cabrera	Gilbert	Williamson		
CDS	Cabrera	Kelly	Perez		Cabrera	Perez	Williamson		
CHI	Gilbert	Kelly	Perez		Cabrera	Kelly	Williamson		
AGN	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson		Cabrera	Kelly	Williamson		
STL	Gilbert	Kelly	Perez		Cabrera	Gilbert	Williamson		
VBS	Perez	Kelly	Williamson		Cabrera	Perez	Williamson		
Divisional Games - ROAD GAMES					Divisional Games - Home Games				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4	
BAG	Perez	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson	Cabrera	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson	
SBM	Perez	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson	Cabrera	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson	
SCT	Perez	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson	Perez	Gilbert	Kelly	Williamson	

Kelly (20), Gilbert (20), Williamson (20), Eury Perez (15), and Cabrera (15)

Starters Summary

This year it is skinny on bullpen innings (301 IP), so I would like to get 6 innings out of the starters. More, if possible, from Kelly and Gilbert. I got 23 complete games last year so I am hoping for at least a share of that this year. However, for the non-complete games, this may mean that if they get bopped early and go into dots, they may have to take one for the team. Generally, the starters need to go at least 4/5 innings whether they get bopped or not.

Starting Pitcher Notes

Merrill Kelly 178 IP	He is our #1 starter. Righty. He goes long and hard. Out if dots. Can complete games, but will be in dots in the 9 th , so we must be leading by 2 or more, and even then yielding a base runner will end his night.
Logan Gilbert 191 IP	#2 starter. Righty. Also goes 20 times long and hard. Same instruction as Kelly. Can complete games since he is a 7-inning starter.
Brandon Williamson 117 IP	#3 starter and the lefty. Goes 20 times with a 6-inning max (I will manage the extra 3 innings if necessary), and out if dots. Dots or a serious 6 th inning situation with lefty masher(s) coming up will take him out earlier.
Eury Perez 91 IP	#4 starter. Righty goes 15 starts with a strict 6-inning limit. Out if dots, and careful in the 6 th if a rally starts and your park's diamonds are 8 or more.
Edward Cabrera 100 IP	#5 starter. Righty and 15 starts. Will pitch only at home, except for the OBB series. Eric: 6-inning max for him, and quick hook in the 5 th or 6 th if two runners get on and righties coming up. Munoz to try to kill the rally, then Law.

Bullpen

Closer	Carmen Mlodzinski (36 IP) from the right, and Robert Garcia (32 IP) from the left. Depends on your three coming up. Both can only pitch in the 9 th and when leading.
Setup	Andres Munoz (49 IP) or Justin Topa (69 IP) in the 8 th , or occasionally in the 7 th of a tight game. Munoz is used selectively to face righty batters. Topa is the righty who does better v lefties, and he is also more of a workhorse.
The Other Lefty	Gregory Soto (60 IP) is the lefty loogy. He pitches midgame or he can set up in the 8 th , as needed, if a majority of lefty hitters are coming up. He and Derek Law below are the long reliever choices.

Righty Midgame or Long	Derek Law (55 IP) is the long man (with Soto) for innings 5-7. Fairly balanced.
General comments	Total innings for the pen is only 301, so I need decently long starts. I will manage bullpen over usage at home. "Zin" and Garcia should each only pitch 1 inning per series, not more than 2. The other 4 carry the load to get to the 9 th . Topa or Soto or Law can go more than 1 inning per outing. The other three generally are for 1 inning only. Tight, but it is what it is.

Have fun!