

2009 BROBDINGNAG BARBARIANS

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

BATTERS		Tm		Age	BA	SLG	OBA	Gms	PA	SBA	BC	vL	vR	St	Sp	Ar	Pb/Th
Balientien	Wladimir	SEA	R	24	.202	.342	.250	71	260	1	SA	0	-2	E14	12	33	
Betancourt	Yuniesky	SEA	R	27	.279	.392	.300	153	590	8	SA	-2	-1	E20	13	32	
Byrd	Marlon	TEX	R	31	.298	.462	.380	122	462	9	SA	-2	-1	F30	F15	29	
Davis	Chris	TEX	L	23	.285	.549	.331	80	317	3	PR	0	-2	D14	7	32	
Drew	Stephen	ARI	L	26	.291	.502	.333	152	663	6	SA	-6	0	E20	12	34	
Dunn	Adam	ARI	L	29	.236	.513	.386	158	651	3	PR	-7	1	R26	S6	30	
Evans	Nick	NYM	R	23	.257	.404	.303	50	119	0	SA	7	-15	N	9	29	
Iannetta	Chris	COL	R	26	.264	.505	.390	104	407	0	SA	0	-2	N	S6	31	2/-3
Konerko	Paul	CWS	R	33	.240	.438	.344	122	514	2	PL	1	-2	R31	S4	32	
Lind	Adam	TOR	L	25	.282	.439	.316	88	349	2	SA	-5	0	R31	8	29	
Lopez	Jose	SEA	R	25	.297	.443	.322	159	687	9	SA	-1	-1	F26	14	34	
Mauer	Joe	MIN	L	26	.328	.451	.413	146	663	2	SA	1	-2	R20	12	35	1/-1
McPherson	Dallas	FLA	L	28	.182	.364	.400	NC	NC	NC							
Patterson	Cory	CIN	L	29	.205	.344	.238	135	392	23	SA	-6	0	A24	F19	30	
Rodriguez	Alex	NYN	R	33	.302	.573	.392	138	594	21	SA	-4	0	E33	F17	36	
Thome	Jim	CWS	L	38	.245	.503	.362	149	602	1	PR	-2	-1	R26	S6	29	
Werth	Jayson	PHI	R	30	.273	.498	.363	134	482	21	SA	4	-4	E35	F15	35	
Young	Chris	ARI	R	25	.248	.443	.315	160	699	19	SA	5	-3	E29	F17	32	

PITCHER		Tm		ST	REL	Ctrl	HA	STF	RF	GS	IP	RIP	WP	HB	BK	MF	
Peavy	Jake	SD	R	15		-11	13	26		27	173.7	0.0	3	--	0	1	
Shields	James	TB	R	11		34	-11	27		33	215.0	0.0	2	--	0	2	
Looper	Braden	STL	R	8		31	-12	26		33	199.0	0.0	1	--	--	3	
Frances	Jeff	COL	L	5		14	15	29		24	143.7	0.0	0	--	0	0	
Morton	Charlie	ATL	R	5		-43	0	28	11	15	74.7	2.0	2	--	0	0	
Penny	Brad	LAD	R	3		-25	-13	30	6	25	94.7	0.0	1	--	--	0	inoc
Masterson	Justin	BOS	R	15	17	-32	-11	26	7	9	88.3	88.3	1	--	0	0	
Samardja	Jeff	CC	R		16	-34	62		7		27.7	27.7	3	--	0	0	
Linebrink	Scot	CHW	R		12	35	-31		6	0	46.3	46.3	3	0	0	0	
Hoffman	Trevor	SD	R		12	41	-32		6	0	45.3	45.3	0	0	0	0	
Hansen	Craig	PIT	R		6	-62	35		7	0	46.3	46.3	3	--	0	0	
Miller	Trevor	TB	L		11	-32	43		5	0	43.3	43.3	2	--	0	3	
Eyre	Scott	PHI	L								25.7	25.7					
Cotts	Neal	CC	L		8	15	31		5	0	35.7	35.7	3	--	0	0	
Gorzalanny	Tom	PIT	L	3		-62	-25	30		5	105.3	80.0	3	--	--	0	inoc
Moylan	Peter	NC															
Hughes	Phil	NC															

NOTE: No +5 for Gorzelany in relief

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MOOD STATEMENT

Though apt, Vlad would not be happy with the metaphor: “*The Owner* [Ed.Note: One *always* treats Vlad’s title as a proper noun] *has been almost civil—did last season satiate the Python?*” Fortunately for the writer who penned that line Vlad doesn’t read the *Brobdingnag Minstrel*. If he did, the paper would be short one beat writer.

While Vlad may indeed be as cold blooded as the great snake he may also be savoring the team’s winning ways in 2008, though “satiated” is not how most folks would describe him. “*I’ll rest when I have 1 more than the Sensei*” he has oft been heard saying. Nor would Vlad take kindly to know his staff treated 2009 with the less urgency—and fear—than they did in 2008.

No matter how diligently they work, no matter how many smiles the dice gods send their way, the reality is this is a mediocre team and their record will likely reflect it. Fortunately, so is the Ruth Div as a whole.

Most last season’s hired guns are gone, replaced with younger blood [Vlad *will* like that part.] But it is still taking form. The wins will generally come when the offence beats teams into submission and/or when Peavy or Shields are pitching. The losses will usually come when the bullpen does what it does best, self immolate.

*Make hay while the sun shines.
While the cat’s away the mice will play.
Don’t look a smiling Vlad in the eyes.*

Giuseppi

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

Offensively this team will be easier to manage than last season. The position starters are pretty good and will tend to stay deep into the games. The bench as enough usage, *they* just aren’t very good. When it is time to make a move, it will generally be quite obvious, e.g. Cory Patterson’s OF-3 replacing an OF-1 or 2 to protect a lead.

We are missing many of the stolen base threats we had last season as well. Patterson, Werth, and Young are the only effective SBAs we have. A-Rod has 21 attempts but with the big mashers hitting behind him he will not run very often.

The pitching staff will require more care—and a bio-hazard suit. The relief staff is woefully lacking in good innings. The two-headed closer would be a 7th inning guy on many teams; the set-up guys look more like mid/long relievers, and the long relievers look decent only by comparison to most the starters. The “good” relief must be used with cunning & surgical skill and only in games we realistically can win. More detail inside.

Please read these instructions for intent and keep to usage limits as best you can. Within that please apply good BB judgment as appropriate. Enjoy the games. This is a team likely to finish in the middle of the pack almost regardless of how it is managed.

- I will play the boards again
- I expect to send out monthly instructions
- I expect to make a waiver wire move
- Have fun

IN THE MINORS, BY MONTH

Apr	Peavy	Frances	Masterson	Hoffman	Hughes	Moylan	Balentien	Davis	Evans	McPherson
May	Frances	Miller	Masterson	Hoffman	Hughes	Moylan	Balentien	Davis	Evans	McPherson
Jun	Morton	Cotts	Samardja	Hoffman	Hughes	Moylan	Balentien	Davis	Evans	McPherson
Jul	Morton	Cotts	Samardja	Linebrink	Hughes	Moylan	Balentien	Lind	Evans	McPherson
Aug	Morton	Eyre	Samardja	Linebrink	Hughes	Moylan	Balentien	Lind	Evans	McPherson
Sep	Morton	Eyre	Samardja	Hansen	Hughes	Moylan	Balentien	Lind	Evans	McPherson
Oct	Penny	Eyre	Samardja	Hansen	Hughes	Moylan	Balentien	Lind	Evans	McPherson

Note: This may change, especially if I do pick up a waiver wire player.

LINEUPS: APRIL-JUNE

vs RHP			vs LHP			Bench	Roles
1	CF	Byrd	1	RF	Werth	Betancourt	Sub across inf; moves to 2B if Lopez PH for
2	C	Mauer	2	C	Mauer	Konerko	PH vs LHP, Def at 1B
3	3B	Rodriguez	3	3B	Rodriguez	Lind	PH vs RHP
4	LF	Dunn	4	LF	Dunn	Patterson	Def OF, PR
5	DH	Iannetta	5	DH	Iannetta	Young	Def OF, PR, PH vs LHP. DH if Iannetta to C
6	1B	Thome	6	1B	Thome		
7	SS	Drew	7	CF	Byrd		
8	RF	Werth	8	SS	Drew		
9	2B	Lopez	9	2B	Lopez		

LINEUPS: JULY-NOVEMBER

vs RHP			vs LHP			Bench	Roles
1	CF	Byrd	1	RF	Werth	Betancourt	Sub across inf; moves to 2B if Lopez PH for
2	C	Mauer	2	C	Mauer	Konerko	PH vs LHP, Def at 1B
3	3B	Rodriguez	3	3B	Rodriguez	Patterson	Def OF, PR
4	LF	Dunn	4	LF	Dunn	Young	Def OF, PR, PH vs LHP. DH if Iannetta to C
5	DH	Iannetta	5	DH	Iannetta		Use these 4 as much as necessary.
6	1B	Thome	6	1B	Thome		
7	SS	Drew	7	CF	Byrd	Davis	Try hard not to use these 3 when they don't start
8	RF	Werth	8	SS	Drew	Iannetta	
9	2B	Lopez	9	2B	Lopez	Thome	

Note: if your SP has Ctl >+16 Davis plays 1B and hits clean-up

H&R, STRAIGHT STEAL, SACS, PH, DEF

H&R has priority: Only Mauer at bat, 9+ SBA on 1st. Max 1SBA per runner per series.

Stealing: *Max once per series with Patterson, Werth, or Rodriguez.* 8th+ if tie/winning run on 1st base.

Sacrifice: Only in *blatantly* obvious situations vs high grade pitchers. Only with Lopez & bench guys.

PH: Lopez is the obvious weak bat and *can* be PH for 8th+ if the PHer gives me noticeably better odds. Also, it won't happen often but sometimes the situation will scream out for a PH because of the pitching match-up

Def: Any lead mid-7th+ bring in best defense the bench allows *without* using Davis, Iannetta, Thome

Def: I play the INF deep unless the tie/win run is on 3rd, 7th+, and no inning ending DP is available.

Def: I tend to: (1) hold all runners on 1st (2) pitch from the stretch (3) throw for lead runners <30 chances to score, otherwise throw for the one most likely to make the out (4) take extra base on >=28.

All these are tendencies. Please override if the game/score/matchups clearly say otherwise.

Pitching

2009 Barbarian Rotation

A	@NW	G	N	M	L	X	
P	HOU	G	N	M	X		
R	DAL	L	G	N	M		
I	GC	S	L	G	N	X	
L	@LV	S	L	G	N	M	X
M	@LA	S	L	N	M	P	
A	@COL	S	L	N	M	X	
Y	KNO	S	L	N	M		
	MID	P	S	L	N	X	
	NBO	M	S	L	N		
J	@HOU	P	F	S	L	X	
U	@DAL	N	P	S			
N	NW	L	F	N			
E	WHI	P	S	L	F	N	X
	@BH	S	P	L	F		
J	GOH	N	S	P	L	F	
U	@MUN	N	S	P	L	X	
L	@ZIO	F	S	N	P		
Y	@MAR	L	F	S	N		
	RYE	P	L	F	S	X	
A	KAN	N	P	L	F		
U	RIC	S	N	P	L	X	
G	LV	S	F	N	P		
S	@POR	L	S	F	N		
T	@MLR	P	L	S	F	X	
S	@NW	X	X	S	L	F	
E	HOU	P	N	S	L		
P	DAL	F	P	N	X		
T	LA	S	L	F	P		
	@GC	N	S	L	F	P	X
O	BH(dh)	S	M	L	P	F	X
C	WAK	S	M	L	P		
T	@HUD	F	S	M	L	X	
B	@GOH	P	S	F	M		
R	@RYE	L	P	S	F	M	
N	COL	X	P	S	L	F	M
O	@WHI	P	S	L	F		
V	@HOU	M	P	S	X		
E	@DAL	L	F	P	N		
M	NW	S	L	F	P	X	

F	= Frances	N	=peNny
G	=Gorz'lany	P	=Peavy
L	=Looper	S	=Shields
M	=Morton	X	=Off Day

Pitching Instructions

The Relievers: Before looking at removing starters you need to see what's in the bull pen. The pen is very limited and I need to save what semi-decent relief there is for games I can win.

Gorzelany will be a starter in April and then be the long reliever the rest of the season. He should *always* be the first guy out of the pen if he's available and I lead by 5+ or trail by 3+. He is also the only guy I want to use if the starter is forced out in the first 5 innings with any score.

Cotts, Eyre, Hansen: The plan is these are 100 innings to cover the 6th/7th. If they come in and then I later go down 4+, pull and use Gorzelany. If I get farther ahead they can stay longer.

Miller, Hoffman, Linebrink: 7th & 8th primarily, can pitch 9th at times. They *only* pitch if the score is +/-3 or if I'm up 4 with 2 runners on. If it later gets out of this range pull them and use the guys above.

Samardja & Masterson: *Only* used in save situation in the 9th (and once per series can be used for a 4 out save). If it is no longer a save situation, pull them and use the appropriate guys above.

Relieving the Starters:

Innings 1-5: Only if required by pounding, injury, death, of Congressional subpoena.

Starting in the 6th: Only relieve the starter if *all* apply:

- The score is +4 to -2 (from my point of view) and runner on
- The relievers eligible to pitch based on the above* are better than the starter.
- Rules require it

Once the relief staff is put in play try to get the L/R shifts and +5 bonuses as you can to keep rallies to a low roar. The bull pen is not pretty this year.

NOTE: Look for a pitcher to be added off the WW and appropriate changes to the relief usage.