

2009 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS INSTRUCTIONS

TEAM ROSTER

PLAYERS	TEAM	BC	SSN	Sp	Arm	G's	PA's	SBA's	H&R	AGE
RICH AURILIA	SFG	SA+6/-5	20	9	32	140	440	2	Y	38
JASON BAY	BOS	SA-2/-1	35	10	33	155	670	10	N	31
RUSSELL BRANYAN	MIL	PR-18/+3	26	S6	30	50	152	1	N	33
ASDURBAL CABRERA	CLE	SA+11/-5	20	F15	33	114	418	8	Y	23
JAMEY CARROLL	CLE	SA-3/-0	27	F16	31	113	402	10	Y	35
ERIC CHAVEZ	(* ** * ** * ** * UNCARDED FOR 2009 SEASON * ** * ** * ** *)									
RYAN FREEL	CIN	SA+5/-6	24	F17	31	48	143	10	Y	33
VLAD GUERRERO	LAA	SA-4/-0	25	S6	37	143	600	8	N	33
JAMES LONEY	LAD	SA-7/+1	25	9	30	161	651	11	Y	25
XAVIER NADY	NYN	SA-4/-0	26	S6	32	148	360	3	N	30
FERNANDO PEREZ	TBR	SA+2/-4	35	F18	31	****	72	5	N	26
ALEXEI RAMIREZ	CWS	SA+3/-3	23	13	33	136	509	22	Y	28
EDGAR RENTERIA	DET	SA+13/-6	26	14	30	138	547	9	Y	34
DAVID ROSS	BOS	SA-4/+1	14	S6	31	60	182	1	N	32
SKIP SCHUMAKER	STL	SA-17/+3	31	F15	31	153	594	10	Y	29
GEOVANY SOTO	CHC	SA+2/-2	14	8	32	141	563	1	N	26
DEWAYNE WISE	CWS	SA-11/+1	35	F17	33	57	143	9	N	31

DAVE ROSS IS PB3 / TH-0 ***** SOTO IS PB1 / TH-2

PITCHERS	TEAM	L/R	GRADE	CTRL	HR	STS	R/IP	WP	BK	MF	FAT.	FLDG.	AGE
DALLAS BRADEN	OAK	L	9	11	-11	10		0		+3	24	1	26
DOUG BROCAIL	HOU	R	*11X	25	-11		68	1		-0	*6	2	42
GAVIN FLOYD	CWS	R	12Y	13	-16	33		3	0	-0	27	1	26
EDDIE GUARDADO	MIN	L	*11	0	25		56	1	0	-0	*6	1	39
HIROKI KURODA	LAD	R	9	34	31	31		2	0	-0	25	2	34
SHAUN MARCUM	TOR	R	14Y	12	-16	25		1	0	-0	25	2	27
BRANDON McCARTHY	TEX	R	12	-14	-15	5		0	0	-0	19	1	26
KENT MERCKER	CIN	L	*13R	-53	26		13	3	0	+1	*6	1	41
PAT MISCH	SFG	L	5Y	25	-34	7		1		-0	31	1	28
MANNY PARRA	MIL	L	8Y	-26	13	29		3		+1	25	2	26
JOHN PARRISH	TOR	L	9	-12	-12	6	12.1	3	0	+1	24/9	1	31
GREG REYNOLDS	COL	R	1R	11	-34	(24)		2	0	-0	29	1	24
FRANK RODRIGUEZ	LAA	R	*18XY	-35	34		68	3	0	-0	*6	1	27
SERGIO ROMO	SFG	R	*25XY	26	14		34	0	0	-0	*6	2	26
TAKASHI SAITO	LAD	R	*14K	16	55		47	1	0	+2	*6	2	39
BEN SHEETS	MIL	R	*12Y	25	21	31		3	0	+1	26	1	31
SCOTT SHIELDS	LAA	R	*15XY	-31	15		63	2	0	-0	*6	2	34
ROBINSON TEJEDA	KCR	R	*19XY	-62	16		40.1	3	0	+3	*8	1	27

GUARDADO, MERCKER AND PARRISH ARE ALL HBO

MINORS FOR APRIL - S. MARCUM, B. McCARTHY, R. TEJEDA, E. GUARDADO, G. REYNOLDS, P. MISCH D. BROCAIL, F. PEREZ, J. PARRISH AND ERIC CHAVEZ (UNC).

PRESEASON CUTS - J. TAVAREZ, F. OSORIA, B. DONNELLY, T. CLARK, A. PHILLIPS, D. ROBERTS J. CASTRO AND A. DE AZA (UNC).

2009 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS PITCHING ROTATION AND SCHEDULE

APRIL 1 - 4 (5) @ GCB A B C D AUGUST 1 - 4 RIC E D G C

6 - 8 (9) @ RYE	A B C	5 - 8 (9) WAK	A E D G
10 - 13 @ GCI	D A B C	10 - 13 @BRO	C E D G
14 - 17 (18) WHT	F D A B	14 - 17 @MLR	A C E D
19 - 23 (24) BRO	C D A B F	18 - 21 (22) @HUD	G A C E
MAY 1 - 5 @COL	C A B E D	SEPTEMBER 1 (2) ALL STAR BREAK	
6 - 9 (10) @MAR	C A B E	3 - 5 @GCB	A B C
11 - 14 NBO	C A B E	6 - 9 @RYE	E D A B
15 - 18 (19) KNX	D C A B	10 - 12 (13) @GCI	C E D
20 - 23 MID	D C A B	14 - 17 BHM	A B C E
JUNE 1 - 4 (5) RYE	D E C A	18 - 22 (23) NWW	D A B C E
6 - 8 GCI	B E C	OCTOBER 1 - 4 (5) KAN	A B C D
9 - 11 GCB	A D B	6 - 9 COL	A B C D
12 - 16 (17) @BHM	E C A D B	10 - 14 @WHT	F A B C D
18 - 21 @NWW	C A E B	15 - 18 @POR	F A B C
JULY 1 - 5 DAL	D C A E B	19 - 23 HOU	D F A B C
6 - 9 (10) GOH	D C A E	NOVEMBER (1) 2 - 6 @GOH	E D B F A
11 - 14 @MUN	B C A D	7 - 10 @DAL	E D B F
15 - 18 @ZIO	E B C A	11 - 13 (14) RYE	A E D
. 19 - 22 (23) @HOU	D E B C	15 - 18 GCI	B F E D
		19 - 22 (23) GCB	A B G E

STARTERS

(A) FLOYD	33 STS
(B) SHEETS	31 STS
(C) KURODA	31 STS
(D) PARRA	29 STS
(E) MARCUM	25 STS
(F) BRADEN	8 STS
(G) MCCARTHY	5 STS
TOTALS	162 STS

EMERGENCY LINEUP

1. FREEL (VS. LHPS)/ 2. SCHUMAKER (VS. RHPS)	CF
2. RAMIREZ	2B
3. NADY	LF
4. VLAD	DH
5. SOTO	C
6. BAY	RF
7. LONEY	1B
8. RENTERIA	SS
9. A. CABRERA	3B (AS A 4)

2009 LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS GAMEPLAY INSTRUCTIONS

2009 OVERVIEW -

This year's editions of the Boys from Sin City will be light years ahead of last year's squad, which just managed to avoid losing 100 games. Just as the 2007 MLB season tooketh from our 2008 TBL campaign, the 2008 MLB season gave back enough to revive our moribund franchise and put us back into contention once again. The emergence of starters such as Gavin Floyd and Manny Parra and young regulars such as James Loney and Geovany Soto will, hopefully keep us playoff bound for many seasons to come. We're playing to win this year folks and to up the stakes, as it were, we threw most of our 2010 draft into the pot, just to make things interesting. Ante up, gentlemen!!!!

BASESTEALING -

We are not blessed with an overabundance of SBA's for this season, but neither are we a group of lead footed basecloggers. The following crew can try for a steal of second with the score tied or us down by one, 8th inning or later, with an adjusted SSN of 24 or greater: Schumaker, Ramirez, Freel, VLAD, Bay, Loney, Renteria, Carroll, Wise. No steals of 3B or H.P. please!

HITTING & RUNNING

Again this will not be a very frequently used weapon in the Gambler's arsenal, but there will be times will it can be utilized. Follow these guidelines. If any below listed runners burns off a SBA, do not have them go again in the H&R for the rest of the series:

RUNNERS - Ramirez, Loney, Schumaker, Freel, Carroll, Wise, Bay and Renteria.

HITTERS - Schumaker, Ramirez, Loney, Renteria, Cabrera, Carroll, Aurilia and Freel.

H&R Situation - 6th innings onward, score up one/ tied / down two, man on 1st or 1st& 3rd.

PINCH HITTING -

VS. RHP'S : Branyan, Schumaker, Wise or Loney.

VS. LHP'S : Aurilia, Freel, Renteria or Cabrera.

PINCH RUNNING -

Best choices are usually going to be Wise, Freel / Schumaker (whichever one is currently on the bench) or Carroll. Best people to run for late, if they are the tying / go ahead run, 8th inning or later: Nady, VLAD (he's finally been rated an S!), Soto, Loney and Branyan. Obviously if Ross has come into a game defensively for Soto, he can't leave for a PR, as he is the only other catcher, but if he starts the game, he can leave for a PR and then use Soto off the bench.

DEFENSIVE REPLACEMENT

Here is where road managers will really need to pay attention when playing Las Vegas at home. For the first time in Gambler's history we will be employing a six man bench. This will give us more latitude in PH, PR, as well as making defensive changes. If we are nursing a small lead after we have batted in the 7th inning or later, the following changes should be made:

Ross in at C for Soto (his zero arm is better than Soto's negative limb).

Aurilia in at 1B for Loney. Carroll is at 2B for Ramirez. (Don't use Cabrera here!)

Cabrera will be using his 2B9 this year to cover our deficiency at 3B (thanks a lot Eric Chavez!)

As per the Constitution, he can play third as a 3B4. Don't remove him unless he's hurt.

Wise can sub for any OF in case of injuries, as can Ramirez.

BASE RUNNING -

Always go for any base with 24 or more chances to make it, go with 18 chances if it is tying run late in a close game. If in doubt, refer to the Adams table. For the computer game, always go if runner is "well round the base", otherwise hold the runner. Be aggressive in taking the extra base.

INFIELD -

Always play close to prevent the 1st earned run, after that play in with a runner at third, game is within 1 run either way and there is less than 2 outs, otherwise play deep.

LAS VEGAS WILL BE USING THE LASTEST EDITION OF THE FLIP CHART BOARDS.

STARTING PITCHERS

This is definitely a team strength this campaign, as there will be no starter below Grade 8 all season, and most will be in the GR12 to GR14 range. Management would like to see most of the guys pitch into the 6th inning, but guys like Braden (f24) and McCarthy (f19) may have trouble achieving that. Thankfully those two worthies account for only 13 starts in 2009. The rest of the starters have a fatigue rating in the 25-27 range. If a starter looks to be struggling in the 6th inning onward, don't hesitate to go to the bullpen. Don't remove a starter pitching a shutout, nor let a starter go more than 11.2 innings.

RELIEVERS

Another plus for the Gamblers this season! We are a tad light on innings (just over 400 IP), but there are some quality grade available. The above mentioned 6 man bench will necessitate the use of a 5 man bullpen, also a Las Vegas first (unfortunately). Sergio Romo will act Closer for the 1st 2 or 3 months of the season, owing to his tiny number of IP (34). Frankie Rodriguez (Krod) will pick up the baton, when Romo tires. Romo should be the classic, 9th inning, 1 inning guy. Krod can be more liberately used, going for the occasional 4 or 5 out save. While Romo is closing, Krod will be his best setup guys, along with Robinson Tejeda (when available), Scot Shields and and Takashi Saito. In April, Kent Mercker will act as a lefty specialist and then will be tossed on the trash heap. After he's gone, Everyday Eddie Guardado will fill that role. Later on in the season guys like Doug Brocail and John Parrish (no +5 upgrade) will be available for long and middle relief. Basically any one available (except Romo) can be used in any capacity if you think is to our advantage in a close game. We trust your judgement, bunky!!!

In summation, this is our 13 season in TBL and we hope this is our year to reach to the top of the mountain. Of course any team from my conference that makes the World Series will probably be treated like a pinata at a Tijuana birthday party by whoever survives the IC death scrum. We would just like to be playing games at next year's Draft. Hell, it not like we'll be drafting anyone!!! If you have any problems with this instructions email me at: pjh5000@hotmail.com or call me cellphone at 617 - 407 - 7625. Good luck and, please enjoy yourselves. It is only a hobby, after all!!

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