



Maracaibo Rumrunners Baseball Club, Inc.

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2009 Standard Instructions

Rumrunners 2009 Roster

Player (MLB Team)	B	BC	(MG)	(CG)	SSN	SPD	Arm	PB	Th	G	AB	SBA	31s	24s
Amezaga, A. (FLA)	B	L-	4 R-	0 SA-0	E31	(15)	32			125	311	10	2	1
Cabrera, O. (CHS)	R	L+	1 R-	2 SA-1	E29	(18)	32			161	661	25	2	2
Coste, C. (PHI)	R	L+	5 R-	4 PL-3	F14	(3)	32	1	-3	98	274	1	1	1
Crede, J. (CHS)	R	L-	19 R+	5 SA-0	A 7	(4)	32			97	335	3	1	2
Delgado, C. (NYM)	L	L-	6 R+	1 PR-4	G20	(4)	31			159	598	2	1	1
Hernandez, A.* (WAS)	B	L+	1 R-	4 SA-0	N	(15)	33			81		0	1	0
Hudson, O. (ARZ)	B	L-	6 R+	1 SA-0	G31	(15)	31			107	407	5	2	4
Johnson, R. (CHC)	R	L+	3 R-	4 SA-2	C18	(13)	34			109	333	11	2	0
Jones, C. (ATL)	B	L-	1 R-	1 SA-0	R34	(8)	32			128	439	4	2	2
Kotchman, C. (ANA)	L	L+	2 R-	3 SA-0	R26	(4)	32			143	523	3	2	3
Miles, A. (STL)	B	L-	0 R-	2 SA-0	E20	(9)	30			134	379	6	2	3
Molina, J. (NYY)	R	L-	4 R-	0 SA-0	N	(4)	33	2	+5	100	258	0	1	2
Posada, J. (NYY)	B	L-	2 R-	1 SA-0	N	(5)	32	2	-4	51	168	0	1	3
Quentin, C. (CHS)	R	L-	2 R-	1 SA-0	F27	(11)	35			130	480	10	1	2
Stewart, S.* (TOR)	R	L+	4 R-	3 SA-2	F29	(11)	27			52	175	4	2	4
Suzuki, I. (SEA)	L	L-	4 R-	0 SA-2	E35	(19)	38			162		47	3	0

Pitcher (MLB Team)	T	Gr	C	HR	HRA	f	Q	WP	HB	BK	MF	St	IP
Arredondo, J. (ANA)	R	22*	C-21	HR+41	G	f7*	Q3*	WP1		BK0	MF+1		61*
Baek, C. (SDP)	R	7 8*	C+16	HR-13		f25/13*	Q4	WP2		BK0	MF+1	21	28*
Balfour, G. (TAM)	R	29*	C-33	HR+35	G	f6*	Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+1		58*
Bautista, D.* (PIT)	R	8*	C-62	HR+15		f7*	Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF-0		60*
Blanton, J. (PHI)	R	7	C+13	HR+ 0		f28	Q3	WP1		BK0	MF-0	33	
Cordero, C.* (WAS)	R		Uncarded in 2008										
Dumatrait, P. (PIT)	L	7 7*	C-44	HR+23		f28/12*	Q4	WP1		BK0	MF+2	11	21*
Durbin, C. (PHI)	R	13*	C+11	HR+35	G	f7*	Q3*	WP3		BK0	MF+2		87*
Escobar, K.* (ANA)	R		Uncarded in 2008										
Hamels, C. (PHI)	L	14	C+26	HR-13		f28	Q2	WP0		BK0	MF-0	33	
Hendrickson, M.* (FLA)	L	2 14*	C+15	HR-12		f30/10*	Q4	WP2		BK0	MF-0	25	33*
Hochevar, L.* (KCR)	R	5	C-11	HR+16		f29	Q4	WP3		BK0	MF-0	22	
Lackey, J.* (ANA)	R	11	C+24	HR-23	L	f28	Q3	WP2		BK0	MF-0	24	
Lewis, J.* (CLE)	R	10*	C-12	HR-11		f8*	Q3*	WP0		BK0	MF+2		66*
Rhodes, A.* (FLA)	L	17*	C-13	HR+62	H	f4*	Q3*	WP2	HB0	BK0	MF-0		35*
Rivera, M. (NYY)	R	24*	C+52	HR+33	G	f6*	Q3*	WP1		BK0	MF-0		70*
Rowland-Smith, R. (SEA)	L	12 14*	C-24	HR+ 0		f26/ 8*	Q4/3*	WP1			MF+1	12	46*
Smith, J. (NYM)	R	14*	C-31	HR+34	G	f5*	Q3*	WP1		BK0	MF-0		63*
Wellemeyer, T. (STL)	R	11	C+12	HR-13		f25	Q3	WP3			MF+2	32	

* Starts in minors.

Released: J. Encarnación (unc), Fultz (unc), Kata (unc), O. Hernandez (unc)

Starters by month: (* split grade, will be in bullpen part time):

April:	Baek, Blanton, Dumatrait*, Hamels, Wellemeyer
May:	Baek, Blanton, Hamels, Lackey, Wellemeyer
June:	Baek*, Blanton, Hamels, Rowland-Smith, Wellemeyer
July:	Blanton, Hamels, Lackey, Rowland-Smith, Wellemeyer
August:	Baek, Blanton, Dumatrait*, Hamels, Lackey, Wellemeyer
September:	Baek, Blanton, Hamels, Lackey, Wellemeyer
October:	Blanton, Dumatrait*, Hamels, Lackey, Rowland-Smith, Wellemeyer
November:	Baek, Blanton, Dumatrait*, Hamels, Lackey, Wellemeyer

Lineups

Lineups will be provided on a per-series basis. The following are emergency lineups:

vs. LHP (computer)	vs. RHP (computer)	vs. LHP (board)	vs. RHP (board)
Suzuki, rf	Suzuki, rf	Suzuki, rf	Suzuki, rf
O. Hudson, 2b	O. Hudson, 2b	Miles, 2b	O. Hudson, 2b
Quentin, dh	C. Jones, 3b	Quentin, dh	Quentin, lf
C. Jones, 3b	Delgado, 1b	C. Jones, 3b	C. Jones, 3b
R. Johnson, lf	Quentin, dh	R. Johnson, lf	Delgado, dh
Amezaga, cf	R. Johnson, lf	Amezaga, cf	Kotchman, 1b
Kotchman, 1b	Posada, c	Kotchman, 1b	Amezaga, cf
Coste, c	Amezaga, cf	Coste, c	Posada, c
O. Cabrera, ss	O. Cabrera, ss	O. Cabrera, ss	O. Cabrera, ss

Roles

- **C:** Jorge **POSADA** and Chris **COSTE** will share the catching spot for nearly every game. Jose **MOLINA** will get 13 starts at some point during the season, and should be used for defense when the Rumrunners are leading late in the game. He should be brought in after the starting catcher gets his last expected at bat.
- **Infield:** The Orlandos (**HUDSON** and **CABRERA**) will get most of the middle infield time, with Aaron **MILES** replacing **HUDSON** for a third of the games at second base (particularly against board lefties). Do not use **HUDSON** if not starting, but **MILES** is available to play any infield position. At third base, **JONES** will start every day; when the Rumrunners lead, he should be replaced as indicated below, allowing him to be in more games. **CREDE** may get a few starts against board righties, when a team has no lefty reliever to bounce him from the lineup. Carlos **DELGADO** will play first base when not at DH; Casey **KOTCHMAN** will start at first sometimes or be available for defense.
- **Outfield:** Ichiro **SUZUKI** will start every day. The remaining spots will be shared between Alfredo **AMEZAGA**, Reed **JOHNSON** and Carlos **QUENTIN** (when not at DH). **JOHNSON** does not play on days he does not start, but **AMEZAGA** will be available for defense.
- **DH:** Split between **QUENTIN** and **DELGADO**.

Defensive Management

- **Substitutes.** Jose **MOLINA** and Joe **CREDE** are the primary defensive replacements off the bench. **MILES**, **AMEZAGA** and **KOTCHMAN** are available if not starting to substitute for defense. When the Rumrunners are leading by two or more runs, **JONES** will always be removed for defense after three plate appearances; whenever the Rumrunners lead after six innings, **POSADA** or **COSTE** will be replaced by **MOLINA**. **QUENTIN** can be replaced whenever the Rumrunners lead late in the game.
- **Throws.** Throw for the best chance, except always throw for the game winner; otherwise, don't bother with 34+ chances (or "well around" in the computer game), cut off instead. Use your best judgement on multiple advances. In the computer game, throw when baseball sense suggests, and when in doubt go with the recommended strategy unless it's the game winner.
- **Infield/Stretch/IW.** IF always deep before the 7th inning; always deep with 2 outs. 7th or later, with tying or winning run on 3rd, 0 or 1 out, play in unless first and third and your instructions call for hit and run – then play deep for the DP. The only exception, of course, is if the game winner is on third. Wind up 0 or 1 out; with 2 outs, if the runner on 3rd has SSN 12+ and the game is within 3, stretch; otherwise wind up. I rarely intentionally walk and only with the game winner already on base to set up the DP; use your judgement.

Offensive Management

- **Hit and Run** whenever available with any hitter, when steal of second has at least 22+ SSN. Remember that the computer game does not assess TBL's -3 penalty on hit and run steal attempts. Do not hit and run with runners on first and third with **AMEZAGA** or **CABRERA**. Use H&R in preference to straight steal.
- **Steal** with **SUZUKI** 2/series; anyone else 1/series if steal attempts are available. Steal 2nd with an SSN of 26+; steal 3rd with an SSN of 24+; steal home with an SSN of 15+.
- **Bunt** with **SUZUKI**, **CABRERA**, **MILES**, **MOLINA** or **HERNANDEZ** 2nd to 3rd base, tying (0 out) or winning (0 or 1 out) run, 8th or later. NEVER EVER EVER SQUEEZE. *JUST SAY NO*. I will occasionally bunt 1st to 2nd against a very high grade pitcher, tying or winning run, 0 out only.
- **Pinch Hit** with **HERNANDEZ** in game-critical situations if available. However, anyone else may be used off the bench except **QUENTIN**, **HUDSON**, **JOHNSON** or **JONES**; they should not be used if not starting.
- **Baserunning.** Go with 28+ chances; hold with 22-. Otherwise, use Adams Tables. Always go if "well around" in the computer game; otherwise, do what you'd do.

Pitching

Maracaibo came out of this year's off-season with a solid rotation and a very deep bullpen that should keep us in any game where we are close. Lots of useful middle innings will allow a quick hook. Use the following guidelines when determining when to remove starters and relievers. Use the reliever chart to determine who to bring into the game.

Starter	Condition For Removal
Hamels	Fatigued/reduced, or Rumrunners -3/+3, 6th inning or later, baserunner in scoring position
Lackey, Wellemeyer, Rowland-Smith	Fatigued/reduced, or Rumrunners -3/+3, 5th inning or later, baserunner in scoring position
Blanton, Baek, Dumatrait	Fatigued/reduced, or Rumrunners -3/+4, 5th inning or later, baserunner in scoring position
Don't remove if pitching a shutout. Don't let any starter pitch more than 11.2 innings.	

Reliever Conditions For Removal

RIVERA is the primary closer; use **ARREDONDO** and **BALFOUR** in close games – either or both – to set him up or keep us in the game (they usually will *not* close due to control ratings). **DURBIN** is the primary middle-innings reliever and **RHODES** is the quintessential lefty specialist. Everyone else can be used according to the charts below; mix and match depending on situation and availability. Try to avoid having any reliever pitch more than 2.2 innings.

Rivera	1 inning, 9 th inning or later. If the game isn't still a save situation after an inning is completed, remove.
Balfour, Arredondo	Remove if the game becomes -4/+4 or more; replace with a lesser pitcher to save innings.
Rhodes	Use against key lefties that are unlikely to be removed. He is the "situational lefty" and will rarely pitch to more than a few batters.
Hendrickson, Baek, Dumatrait	1 inning due to limited usage. They can pitch to one or two more batters if warranted.
Anyone else	Fatigued/reduced, or the situation suggests it

Score								
Inning	-4 <	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3 >
6th-	C	C	C	B	B	B	C	C
7th	C	C	C	B	B	A	A	B
8th	C	B	B	A	A	A	A	B
9th+	B	B	B	A	A	R	R	A

Pick the first available pitcher from the list, taking left- and right-handedness into consideration. Please don't make a move that can be massively countered; use your own judgement.

Code	Options	
R	Rivera	
A	Balfour, Arredondo; Rhodes as situational lefty	
Code	Left Handed Options	Right Handed Options
B	Rhodes (situational); Hendrickson, Rowland-Smith	Durbin, Smith, Lewis
C	Hendrickson, Dumatrait, Rowland-Smith	Lewis, Bautista, Baek, Smith

Final Comments

As always, instructions are only guidelines for managing the team. I haven't protested a game in more than twenty years, and have been very pleased for many years with the skill and fairness of managers in TBL both new and old. When pinch-hitting or going to the bullpen, don't bother making a move you can immediately and massively counter; use your own judgement. I trust that I will receive as fair treatment on the road as opponents do at home. Do the best you can, and I'll be more than satisfied. Have a great year.

Walter

