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### STARTING SERIES 10! (second trimester on)

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Theme Song : Iris by The Goo Goo Dolls <https://youtu.be/HZM0QiuUS8>

Batters (13):	Altuve (Hou)	Bichette (Tor)	Chapman (Oak)	Dickerson (Mia)	Fisher (Tor)
	Guerrero (Tor)	Hernandez (Tor)	Jansen (Tor)	M Kemp (Col)	T Kemp (Oak)
	Lopes (Sea)	Maldonado (Hou)	Noll (Was - FA)		
Pitchers (13):	Barria (LAA)	Brogdon (Phi)	Cobb (Bal)	Dayton (Atl)	Floro (LAD)
	Foster (CWS)	Mahle (Cin)	Montero (Tex)	Pearson (Tor)	Tanaka (NYY)
	Trivino (Oak)	Sandoval (LAA)	Skubal (Det)		
Alt Site (10)	Alford (Pit)	Baez (SD)	Helsley (StL)	Kay (Tor)	Machin (Oak)
	Lopez (CWS)	White (Tex)	De Los Santos (NC)	Fowler (NC)	Wood (NC)
	Stroman (NC - IL)	Retired Numbers: 2 - Derek Jeter, 23 - Fred McGriff			

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<b>v lhp</b>	<b>v rhp</b>	<b>Platoon Switches - only do if score is within 5 either way</b>
1. Bichette - ss	1. T Kemp - 2b ph?	* If <b>T Kemp</b> faces an lhb, pinch hit with <b>Altuve</b> who stays at 2b
2. Hernandez - cf	2. Hernandez - cf	* If <b>Jansen</b> faces an lhb, pinch hit with <b>M Kemp</b> who dh's (see below)
3. M Kemp - dh ph?	3. Dickerson - lf	* If <b>M Kemp</b> faces an rhb, pinch hit with <b>D Fisher</b> who stays at dh
4. Maldonado - c	4. Jansen - dh ph?	
5. Guerrero - 1b	5. Guerrero - 1b	<b>Late Inning Pinch-Hit in 8th or 9th if Jays tied or down by 1</b>
6. Chapman - 3b	6. Maldonado - c	* If Fisher is available and <b>Lopes</b> come to the plate, pinch-hit with Noll.
7. Altuve - 2b	7. Bichette - ss	Fisher then plays right field. After that, M Kemp will face a RHP if necessary.
8. Dickerson - lf	8. Champan - 3b	
9. Lopes - rf - ph?	9. Lopes - rf - ph?	<b>No Defensive Replacements</b>

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C: Jansen (pitcher bats if nec.) 1b: Noll 2b: Altuve/T Kemp  
SS/3b: Be creative with T Kemp/ Altuve, then call up Machin  
CF: Fisher or T Kemp to finish the game, then call up Alford

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### No Hit and Run or Bunting

**Stealing:** **2nd:** Adjusted 7 (75% chance) **3rd:** Adjusted 8 (75% chance)

**2nd and 3rd:** When both apply

**2nd and Home:** Steal 2nd on a 7; if you throw to 2nd, send runner home if he has an 8 or more

**Baserunning:** Send base runner if adj base running is equal to or greater than the number

	No Out	1 Out	2 Out
Runner to 2nd	9 (70%)	9 (70%)	8 (65%)
Runner to 3rd	11 (80%)	7 (60%)	11 (80%)
Runner to Home	8 (65%)	8 (65%)	8 (65%)

Number of outs depends on current situation:

e.g. if a runner is on 3rd with 1 out and a fly ball is caught, look at the 2 out chart

**Starting Rotation:** **VERY IMPORTANT: Before starting series, decide who is the #3 starter!**

1) Mahle 2) Cobb 3) Sandoval/Pearson! 4) Tanaka 5) Barria

**#3 Starter:** If your typical line-up v rhp has 7 or more rhb, then Pearson will start and Sandoval will go to the pen.

I expect Sandoval to usually start, but Pearson will spot start if you are loaded with rhb. If in doubt, start Sandoval (or e-mail me).

When Pearson starts, if more than 2 lhb or shb end up in your lineup, he will exit after giving up 2 runs when he faces an lhb or shb with a runner on base.

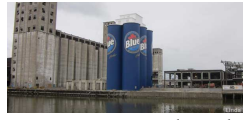
### Regular Starter Usage:

1) Mahle, Tanaka and Cobb will go at least 2 innings. Besides that exception, pull when fatigued.

2) Pull all starters at Stamina+10 to avoid injury.

3) After the 5th inning, pull the starter if he has exceeded his Stamina rating (adj for weather) even if he is not fatigued.

### The Labatt's Blue Pen!



- 1) Generally work from the top of this list down. If you get to the bottom, start working back up.
- 2) Pull relievers if they get fatigued.
- 3) Try to distribute the workload. Montero closes but rotate the others in different games. However, platoon splits do take priority.
- 4) Unless there is an emergency, pull the closer after 6 batters and the others after 8 batters. They can go longer if last game of series.
- 5) Especially if Jays are winning after 6 or with platoon relievers, look to see if another reliever should come in.

### My Basic Strategy

- Use Floro-Foster-Montero 6th-on to protect leads. They can be used to protect big leads if the rest of the pen has been taxed.
- Use Dayton-Trivino-Floro where Jays are losing but in striking distance or winning big. If they are fatigued, also use Foster.
- Use Skubal-Sandoval-Pearson-Brogdon when starter leaves early or game is out of hand. They have big platoon splits.

<b>Closer - Montero</b>	9th inning	• Pull current reliever at start of 9th for him if save situation.
<b>Set-Up - Foster</b>	7th-8th inning	• If Jays winning by 4 or less or tied, bring him in to start the 8th. • Can come in in 7th with small lead if Dayton or Trivino are in trouble.
<b>Set-Up - Floro</b>	6th-8th	• Can come in 6th on if Jays have lead • If Jays are losing, can relieve Dayton or Trivino to try to finish a game.
<b>Mid v lhb - Dayton</b> <b>Mid v rhb - Trivino</b>	4th on	• Both can come in 4th on to protect lead, or if Jays losing but close. • If 2 of next 3 batters are lhb or shb, use Dayton, otherwise Trivino. • If either pitcher faces an opposite side batter with 4 or 5 power with the tying run or worse at the plate, bring in the other pitcher or Floro if possible
<b>Emergency - Brogdon</b>	1st on	• If Skubal-Sandoval-Pearson need help getting out of an inning vs opposite side batter, bring Brogdon in to try to finish it. Also use if the starter leaves in a grave situation. • Brogdon will only pitch 2 innings in a series!
<b>Long v lhb - Skubal</b> <b>Long v rhb - Pearson</b>	1st on	• If Pearson can finish an inning by facing only rhb or Skubal only lhb, do that. • Otherwise, go to Skubal if 2 of next 3 batters are lhb or shb, or Pearson vs rhb • Switch them if they get in big trouble, but they may need to be left in to get to the 5th.
<b>Long - Barria, Sandoval</b>	1st on	• If either is not starting in the series, go to them if Skubal or Pearson need help.

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**Throwing:** Throw at all runners on an adjusted 8 or less. Always throw for runner if there is only one on base.

Always throw home if the tying or winning run is trying to score in the 9th.

If there is a sure out, take it unless the other runner is trying to advance on a 5 or less.

If there are two runners, throw for the one with the lower rating unless it is tying or winning run.

**Infield In:** Only in the 8th on if tying or winning run is on 3rd and less than 2 out

**Holding Runners:** Always

**Intentional Walk:** Never