

2009 Richmond Rebels Emergency Instructions

The Richmond Rebels have a newly energized line-up for the 2009 Campaign. Off-season trades and a good Draft have added many components to a team that struggled in 2008. This edition of the Rebels features what we hope will be, a high-powered offense backed by strong starting pitching and a rejuvenated bullpen. I feel that we have the necessary pieces in place to compete for a play-off spot this season. Here is a look at the Rebels and how I perceive the various roles:

Starting Pitching:

The 2009 Richmond Rebels feature a 5 man rotation combining for 160 of the 162 starts. New acquisition Armando Galarraga becomes the new Ace of the Staff with his Gr. 13, for 28 starts. The other 4 starters: A.J. Burnett, Gil Meche, Scott Olsen, and Mike Mussina each go to the mound 33 or 34 times to support him. This group is expected to go to their fatigue limit in each start. However, if they get in trouble any time after the 3rd inning, there are better arms and ample innings in the bullpen to rescue them. Do not let games slip away from the Rebels. We have a solid rotation, backed by a very good bullpen, and an offense that has the capability to come back from deficits.

Relief Pitching:

This is a very talented group of pitchers to support the starters. It is a good mix of RHPs and LHPs with solid grades and should provide the means to stop rallies and preserve wins. Use the bullpen the same way if the Rebels are leading or if they trail by 5 runs or less. There should be ample opportunities to use this group in short bursts to counter your line-up and pinch-hitting options. They are set-up as follows:

Early Relievers: The Early group has the most choices for use. I will probably only have one of these pitchers active at any one time. The true relievers (and eligible for the +5 bonus) are RHP Brian Wilson and LHP Charlie Manning. Also available are starters Brett Myers and Kason Gabbard. You may see them in this role during the season. Use this group as the blow-out/mop-up pitchers and any time a starter comes unglued early.

Middle Relievers: A much improved area since last season. This unit will consist of LHP Matt Thornton and RHP Manny Delcarmen as well as the starter/relievers RHP Chris Sampson and Wil Ledezma. There is over 200 innings of relief from this group. Brian Wolfe will also be seen in this group during the season. Use them to preserve leads as well as to prevent opposition leads from growing.

Set-Up: This becomes the realm of newly acquired Steve Shell. Although he is primarily an 8th inning pitcher, he can come in during the 7th if necessary to put down rallies.

Closer: Joe Nathan. Any Save situation. He can come in as early the 8th inning for a 4 or 5 out Save if Shell has dipped into the 7th, or if the middle relievers carry the game to the 8th and you skip Shell for that game.

General Pitching Guidelines: No starter goes more than 11.7 innings. No pitcher pitching a shut-out is removed unless the 11.7 innings condition applies. There is no requirement that a relief pitcher must come out at a certain time. For example, it is permissible for an early reliever to hand the ball over to a Set-Up pitcher, without going thru the Middle men. Use your judgment here. Play any game from + any amount of runs to -5 runs as a game the Rebels can win.

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Hit and Run/Steals

In general the H/R takes precedence over the straight steal and can be used at any time during the game. There are many good base stealers on this team and they can be given the green light to steal from the 7th inning on, to get the game tying or game-winning run into scoring position. I would use Victorino, Beltran, Soriano, Hamilton, Kendrick, Burriss, and Pujols in a straight steal attempt from the 7th inning on in a game where the score is -2 to +1 and the H/R is not in order and the Catcher's arm does not reduce the SSN below 27.

Pinch Hitting and Pinch Running:

Unless overridden by monthly instructions any bench player is available for either role. The general strategy is to use the PH in the 8th or 9th inning to get the game tying or game-winning run on base or to PR to improve the tying or winning runner's speed. Gerut can be used in a late game PH role (particularly in the Board game) if you bring on a Pitcher to face Hamilton or Soriano. Also available will be Belliard, Pierzynski/Flores, Kendrick/Burriss.

PH vs LHPs: Belliard, Flores, Gerut, Burriss/Kendrick, Bloomquist, or any starting player who is on the bench.

PH vs RHPs: Gerut, Pierzynski, Kendrick/Burriss, or any starting player who is on the bench.

Pinch Running: Any bench player who is faster than the runner in question, particularly: Burriss/Kendrick, Bloomquist, Pena, or Belliard,

Runner Advancement:

With less than two outs, in all situations before the 5th inning, go with a 27+ chance (Computer Game: go any time the runner is "well around" the base). With two outs, in any inning after the 5th, with the tying or go-ahead run, attempt to score with 24+ chance. Otherwise, use the 27+ guideline. For situations that do not fit this exactly, please refer to the Adams Chart.

Sacrifice:

Sacrifice more often with the bottom 1/3 of the order. Do not bring a PH to sacrifice. Use the Sacrifice from the 7th inning on in order to get the game tying or winning run into scoring position unless you are in the #3-#6 part of the order. Do not Squeeze.

DEFENSE

Holding Runners and Infield Depth:

Hold all runners with less than two outs, Exceptions: "S" runners and runners with no SBAs left, do not need to be held. Do not hold with two outs.

Infield Depth:

Play "Deep" for innings 1-5. The Rebels will go for the double play or the out at 1st, at the expense of a run scoring. Play the IF "In" from the 7th on with a runner representing the tying or go-ahead run on base. In the 6th inning, use your judgement. In tight games, play "In", for slugfests, play "Deep".

Defensive Replacements:

The Starters are listed on the batting orders below. For defensive substitutions, use this guideline:

C: Pierzynski, Flores

1B: Belliard, Bloomquist

2B: Kendrick, Burriss, Belliard, Pujols

SS: Belliard, Burriss, Bloomquist

3B: Belliard, Bloomquist

OF: Gerut, Bloomquist

DH: Gerut, Pierzynski, Burriss, Belliard, Bloomquist

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LINE-UPS

Vs RH (boards)	LH and Computer
Victorino RF	Victorino RF
Kendrick 2B	Guzman SS
Pujols 1B	Pujols 1B
Hamilton LF	Beltran CF
Beltran CF	Hamilton LF
Gerut DH	Soriano DH
Guzman SS	Kendrick 2B
Pierzynski C	Lowell 3B
Lowell 3B	Flores C (always on the Boards/will platoon on Computer game)

Note: Check for monthly line-up changes. I will send something to my away managers by the 4th of each month. There will be some platooning requirements for 2B, DH, and 3B. Line-ups will be adjusted for each series.

MINORS

The following players will begin the season playing for the Montgomery GraySox (AAA): Bloomquist, Riggans, A. Gonzalez, Metcalf, Pena, Myers, Gabbard, Wilson, Wolfe, and Mitre

CONCLUSION

The Richmond Rebels will be playing from the computer game this season. Hand written scoresheets are requested from opposing managers. Please do not use any BBW micromanagers. *I will be e-mailing monthly line-up changes, roster moves, and any changes to these instructions.* As I said there will probably be many changes during the season due to strict platooning requirements and juggling in the positions mentioned, so be sure to check for updates. All monthly instructions supercede these instructions.

The Rebels are contending for a play-off spot this season in a very competitive situation. The roster should supply opposing managers with a variety of options for all the decisions that will have to be made during a game or series. Please make the best decision possible for the Rebels within the parameters of these instructions. If a situation arises that is not covered by the instructions, please use the course of action that makes the best baseball sense. If any serious issues come up, please feel free to contact me.

Best of luck to everyone in 2009!

Bruce Taylor
Richmond Rebels
“A Baseball Tradition Since 1998”

2009 Richmond Rebels Team Roster
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 Williams Division Champions

Number	Player	(Team)	Shift (Boards)	SBA	SSN	SP	Arm	PB	Th	Gms	PA
14	R. Belliard	(Was)	SA +6/-4	5	24	13	31			96	337
21	C. Beltran	(NYM)	SA +5/-4	28	29	F17	34			161	700
19	W. Bloomquist	(Sea)	SA +6/-7	17	32	F16	32			71	192
2	E. Burriss	(SF)	SA -1/-1	18	28	F18	33			95	273
22	J. Flores	(Was)	PR +5/-3	1	14	S4	32	PB2	-3	90	320
9	J. Gerut	(SD)	SA +1/-2	10	24	12	34			100	356
18	A. Gonzalez	(Cin)	Uncarded								
11	C. Guzman	(Was)	SA +4/-4	11	22	F15	36			138	608
25	J. Hamilton	(Tex)	PR -6/+1	10	34	F18	36			156	695
5	H. Kendrick	(LAA)	SA -2/-1	15	28	F17	30			92	357
8	M. Lowell	(Bos)	SA +7/-4	4	20	S4	32			113	462
4	T. Metcalf	(Tex)	Uncarded								
3	T. Pena	(KC)	SA +8/-5	4	29	F15	37			95	233
24	A.J. Pierzynski	(CWS)	SA 0/-2	1	26	S5	35	PB1	-4	134	564
7	A. Pujols	(StL)	SA +5/-4	10	27	10	29			148	633
20	S. Riggans	(TB)	SA +4/-5	0	N	S6	31	PB2	-4	44	156
27	A. Soriano	(CC)	SA +9/-5	22	33	F18	36			109	499
17	S. Victorino	(Phi)	SA +1/-2	47	30	F18	38			146	627

Number	Pitcher	(Team)	L/R	GRD	CTRL/HA	WP	BK	MF	ST	RI	FAT
28	A.J. Burnett	(Tor)	R	11	(-15/22)	WP3	^	0	34		28
45	M. Delcarmen	(Bos)	R	15*	(-15/31)	WP0	BK0	0		74.3	6
34	K. Gabbard	(Tex)	L	7	(-62/23)	WP3	BK0	0	12		24
52	A. Galarraga	(Det)	R	13	(0/-23)	WP2	BK0	0	28		26
38	W. Ledezma	(Ari)	L	6/16*	(-62/33)	WP3	BK0	0	6	58.3	26/9
30	C. Manning	(Was)	L	11*	(-62/-26)	WP3	BK0	0		42	5
46	G. Meche	(KC)	R	10	(0/16)	WP2	BK0	0	34		26
31	S. Mitre	(Fla)	Uncarded								
58	M. Mussina	(NYY)	R	9	(43/21)	WP1	BK0	(+1)	34		24
44	B. Myers	(Phi)	R	8	(14/-21)	WP1	BK0	0	30		29
40	J. Nathan	(Min)	R	24*	(26/23)	WP2	BK0	(+2)		37.6	6
33	S. Olsen	(Fla)	L	10	(16/-21)	WP2	^	(+1)	33		27
43	C. Sampson	(Hst)	R	1/14*	(41/31)	WP0	BK0	(+1)		117.3	26/7
47	S. Shell	(Was)	R	20*	(-24/12)	WP1	BK0	(+1)		50	5
54	M. Thornton	(CWS)	L	17*	(21/24)	WP3	BK0	0		67.3	6
53	B. Wilson	(SF)	R	9*	(-15/11)	WP2	BK0	(+1)		62.3	6
36	B. Wolfe	(Tor)	R	16*	(24/13)	WP3	BK0	0		22	6

Coaching Staff:

Manager: Honus Wagner
Hitting: Roberto Clemente
Pitching: Elroy Face

Bench: Willie Stargell
1st Base: Paul Waner
3rd Base: Bill Mazerowski
Bullpen: Smokey Burgess

Affiliations:

AAA Montgomery Greys
AA Yazoo City Dixies
A Kentucky Stills

Mgr: Lloyd Waner Southern League
Mgr: Vernon Law Bayou League
Mgr: Elbie Fletcher Hatfield/McCoy League

Director of Scouting

Walter "Rabbit" Maranville

2009 Richmond Rebels Rotation

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Date								
1	vs KNX 3	at MAR 3	vs WAK 1	vs MUN 4	at LV 1	<i>All Star</i>	at MUN 2	<i>off</i>
2	5	4	5	2	3	<i>off</i>	3	at NBO 5
3	4	5	2	1	4	vs KNX 2	4	2
4	2	1	3	3	2	4	1	3
5	<i>off</i>	2	<i>off</i>	5	at BRO 5	3	<i>off</i>	6
6	at WAK 3	at ZIO 3	vs MID 4	vs NBO 4	1	at WAK 5	at HST 2	4
7	5	4	1	2	3	1	3	vs KAN 5
8	4	5	2	1	4	2	4	2
9	<i>off</i>	1	at KNX 3	3	<i>off</i>	4	5	3
10	at MID 1	<i>off</i>	5	<i>off</i>	vs MAR 2	at MID 3	at POR 1	1
11	2	vs LA 2	4	at NW 5	5	5	2	vs WAK 4
12	3	3	at KAN 1	2	1	1	3	5
13	<i>off</i>	4	2	1	3	2	4	6
14	at MLR 4	5	3	3	vs RYE 4	at HUD 4	5	<i>off</i>
15	1	vs COL 1	5	at GC 4	2	3	vs MLR 1	vs MID 2
16	2	2	4	5	5	5	2	3
17	5	3	<i>off</i>	2	1	1	3	4
18	<i>off</i>	4	vs POR 2	1	vs WHT 3	<i>off</i>	4	1
19	vs HUD 3	<i>off</i>	1	at DAL 3	4	vs ZIO 2	5	at KNX 5
20	1	vs GOH 5	3	4	2	3	vs BH 1	2
21	4	2	5	5	5	4	2	3
22	5	3		2	<i>off</i>	1	3	4
23	2	4		<i>off</i>		5	4	<i>off</i>
24	<i>off</i>							
Galarraga (1)		28 starts						
Burnett (2)		34 starts						
Meche (3)		34 starts						
Olsen (4)		32 starts						
Mussina (5)		32 starts						
Myers (6)		2 starts						
		162 starts						