

Scoresheet Baseball July 13th, 2009

Hello Again: It is time for our 'halfway point of the season' review of things that we generally get the most questions about. Hopefully something that you've always wondered about will be covered here.

1) Lineup Juggling: Our computer sometimes juggles your batting order when one of your bench players has to start a game for you. The reason we don't simply put the sub in the same spot as the starter is because often the sub is a far weaker hitter than your starter. For instance, you may have Hanley Ramirez batting third, but if JJ Hardy is your backup SS you certainly don't want him hitting third if he has to start a game. Before we do any lineup juggling we figure out who your starters are; the juggling procedures occur **after** your starters are determined. Here are the rules we follow when juggling lineups.

A) A **starter** never moves down in the order.

B) A starter batting leadoff, 2nd, or 3rd never moves at all.

C) A starter who is in your 3, 4, 5 or 6 slot never moves higher than the third slot.

D) Since we never move a 3 thru 6 hitter above the 3rd slot, your new leadoff and 2nd batter (if either is subbed for) comes from a sub or your 7th or 8th hitter (and/or 9th hitter in the AL.) If your leadoff or second batter is out we first look for a batter who has a Y in his steal column to fill that spot. If more than one batter has a Y we put the batters with the better PH rank (the lower the number the better - #1 is best) at the top of the order. Also, a catcher will **not** be moved to the leadoff spot.

E) In the 3 thru 8 (or 9) spots, we put the guy with the best pinch hit number highest in the batting order. (We never move a starter down in the order. But when a sub comes in the decision of whether to move other guys up, or to bat the sub higher than a starter, is based on PH rank.) Lineup juggling is another reason that ranking your hitters in the PH column is important, as we do put the hitters with the better rank higher up in the order.

2) If a pitcher's hook number is tied then he will come out of the game if he's facing a batter with the platoon advantage, but he'll stay in if he has the advantage (throws from the same side as the batter hits from.)

3) If you need a starter out of the pen we just go down your pitchers in the order they are listed in the pen until we come to one who had a start that week in the majors - if none had a start we use the top listed pitcher who had at least 3 innings pitched that

week (and is not on our short reliever list).

4) If a pitcher from your bullpen is used as a starter he uses the same hook numbers as your #5 starter. The strategy columns in the bullpen are only used when that pitcher is used as a reliever.

5) If a reliever has an earliest inning of 6 or more he is designated as a **set-up man**. These are generally a team's better relievers, and so owners do not want them wasted; a set-up man will NOT come in a game that you are trailing by more than 3 runs. Also, for **all** relievers, they never come in as a reliever before the 'earliest inning to use' you put for them.

6) If you have a player who is qualified at a position, and you are playing him there, but he is a DH in the majors, then we give him the average number of errors for that position. We do that because we feel it would not be fair at all to the other teams in your league if you could play David Ortiz at 1B all year and have him make zero errors for you just because he is playing DH for the Red Sox. In fact, anytime you play a guy in Scoresheet at a different position than he is playing in the majors (and he qualifies at that position) then we base his errors on the number he is making compared to the average number made at that position.

7) You can only use 8 pitchers, and up to 16 hitters, in a single game. If your 8th pitcher used runs out of innings we will bring in Paaa, and then he will pitch till the game is over.

Have a great week! - Jeff Barton