

# **Have Your Team Prepared For Every Situation**

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I have always prided myself in attempting to prepare my team for every situation. If anything happens in a game and I have not practiced and covered that situation then I better figure out how to incorporate it into my practice plan. I also believe that we must attempt to ultimately try to practice at game speed.

One thing we do is put the JUGS machine on the mound with a pitcher and defense behind the machine. I then want to practice with the machine throwing with the following situations with 0, 1 and 2 outs:

1. No one on base
2. Man on 1st
3. Man on 2nd
4. Man on 1st and 2nd
5. Man on 3rd
6. Man on 2nd and 3rd
7. Bases loaded

With this controlled situation you can explain to the players offensively and defensively what you expect and how to handle the situation.

I want our players to be able to “play the game” offensively and defensively. Repetition and drills make it happen.