



2018 Kansas Koyotes

GM: Bill Schwartz (11th season)

Minor League Affiliates: AAA - Wichita Wranglers, AA - Topeka Capitals, A - Rapid City Chiefs, Rookie - Winner Pheasants
Coaching Staff: Manager- Casey Stengel, Bench Coach – Yogi Berra, Pitching Coach- Whitey Ford, Bullpen coach: Elston Howard,
 Hitting Coach- Don Mattingly, 1st Base Coach- Mickey Mantle, 3rd Base Coach – Willie Randolph

Kansas pre-season cuts: **Uncarded:** G. Beckham, J. Francoeur, C. Friedrich, F. Gutierrez, J. Hazelbaker, B. Holaday, J. Walden. **Carded:** C. Lawrence (SEA), L. Martin (CHC), N. Martinez (TEX), T. Motter (SEA), K. Quackenbush (SD).

Waiver Wire: Adds: Matt Garza, Stephen Drew. Drops: David Holmberg, Neftali Feliz

Game Type: All Kansas home games will be played “the way that God intended it” with the boards and dice.

Emergency Lineups:

VS. LHP (comp)	VS. RHP (comp)	VS. LHP (board)	VS. RHP (board)
1. Pedroia – 2b-8	1. Segura – ss-8	1. Pedroia – 2b-8	1. Segura – ss-9
2. Taylor – lf-2	2. Taylor – rf-2	2. Springer – cf-3	2. Granderson – lf-2
3. Segura – ss-8	3. Valaika – 2b-6	3. Taylor – lf-2	3. Puig – rf-3
4. Smoak – 1b-5	4. Smoak – 1b-5	4. Smoak – 1b-5	4. Smoak – 1b-5
5. Moustakas – 3b-4	5. Moustakas – 3b-4	5. Moustakas – 3b-4	5. Springer – cf-3
6. Hernandez - dh	6. Granderson – lf-2	6. Hernandez – dh	6. Moustakas– 3b-4
7. Puig – rf-3	7. Osuna – dh	7. Valaika – ss-7	7. Osuna – dh
8. Springer – cf-3	8. Springer – cf-3	8. Puig – rf-3	8. Sucre – c-8
9. Sucre – c-8	9. Gomes – c-8	9. Gomes – c-8	9. Pedroia – 2b-8

Notes: I will contact road managers by e-mail each month to give individualized lineups or the go-ahead to use the above lineups. **Very seldom will these lineups be used, though.** The chart showing those in the minors each month is included on the roster sheet, but no doubt will be revised, especially late in the year. Please contact me if you'd like to start early and I'll try to accommodate.

Player Usage:

C: **Yan Gomes** (105 g. of C-8, +5) is the primary catcher with **Jesus Sucre** there for the remaining games or when Gomes is PH for. Miguel Montero, when on the active roster, is also available for late inning defense for Sucre.

1B: **Justin Smoak** (158 g, of 1B-5) will be nailed to first base, with **Mark Reynolds** making 4 rare starts.

2B: **Dustin Pedroia** had another injury-plagued year (105 g.), so a trio of good-hit, no-field suspects (**Pat Valaika, Kike Hernandez, Chris Taylor**) will be called on for 57 starts of 2B-6.

SS: **Jean Segura** will be the fulltime SS, but only has 125 g. Valaika will provide the remaining games of SS-7, but will need a defensive caddy (if one is picked up in the waiver draft).

3B: Mike Moustakas is the everyday 3B with Kike Hernandez providing 14 games of relief.

OF: The OF consists of three mostly regulars – Taylor (140 g.), George Springer (140 g.) & Yasiel Puig (152 g.). Hernandez will fill in for the remaining games. In a pinch, Curtis Granderson, Jose Osuna, or Reynolds may be found there.

DH: Granderson, Reynolds, Valaika & Osuna will share the DH duties, depending on the matchups.

Defensive Replacements:

Stephen Drew was picked up in the waiver draft for use as a defensive replacement late for Valaika at 2B and SS when up and Pedroia and Segura are not starting. Very few other defensive changes – Gomes for Sucre in 9th if Koyotes lead by 1 and SB threat is in line to bat.

Offense:

Pinch Hit/Run: C will be PH for in the 8th or 9th if PH represents the tying or winning run.

Use best OF/DH type available (Granderson, Osuna, Reynolds, Hernandez, etc.).

Do not use Segura or Pedroia.

Steal Attempts: Only three real threats to steal. Segura, Puig and Taylor will have the green light to steal 2nd in the 9th if the game is tied or Koyotes are down 1 and adjusted SSN is 26+. There are a few others with decent SSN's who will get their steal attempts later in the year or at home.

Hit & Run: H&R anytime allowed with Taylor on 1st & Segura up, Koyotes tied or within two runs either way. **Steal instructions take precedence over the H&R's.** Any other options will be spelled out in the monthly instructions.

Sacrifice: VERY RARE. NEVER SQUEEZE!

Offensive Runner Advancement:

Board Game: Consult Adams Table.

Computer Game: always send runners who are “well around third”, hold runners who are “rounding third”, unless a Fast runner and OF arm <31. Be conservative going for third, more aggressive going home, especially with two outs. General Rule for computer: be aggressive with Fast runners and conservative with Slow runners. Also on the computer, if a batter gets an extra base hit and “hits second base with a full head of steam” do **not** consider going for the triple.

Send Runner on Third: With infield in, hold runner if combined 2b/3b/ss fielding rating >18. Any lesser combination, or runners on first and third, Go Go Go!

Outfield Throws: Make all throws <34 chances. Otherwise hold trailing runners. Throw for trailing runners attempting advancement if lead runner is not tie/lead run and trailer is 10+ chances lower.

Computer Game: Make all throws. If you try to advance a trailing runner along with a runner “well around third” cut the throw home and go for the trailer.

Hold Runner on First: For all 1B's hold runner if SSN >24 or a PL batter at bat. Otherwise let 'em roam.

Intentional Walk: Never.

Pitch from Stretch: Only pitch from stretch if 2 outs, 8th inning on, tying or winning runner on third base has an adjusted SSN > 9.

Infield In/Deep: Never play in with two outs or before the 7th inning. Only play infield in if the tying/winning run is on third base, 7th inning on and less than two outs. If the double play is a possibility, always play deep.

For computer managers, when in doubt about any of these computer instructions, play it as you would your own team – I'm admittedly ignorant about the computer game (and intend so stay that way!)

Pitching:

General Philosophy: The rotation will be made up of no less than 9 starters, with the ninth added via the waiver draft – hence the need for these revised instructions. However this staff has potential to be one of the best rotations in Koyote history, headed up by **Max Scherzer**'s 31 starts of gr. 19. He is backed by no less than three gr. 15's - **Luis Severino** (31 starts), **Dallas Keuchel** (23) & **Alex Meyer** (13). **Sonny Gray** provides 27 more quality gr. 13 starts. Originally that left 37 starts to be handled by undependable grades – **David Holmberg** (gr. 7 – 7 starts), **A.J. Griffin** (gr. 6 – 15 starts) & **Matt Harvey** (gr. 2 – 15 starts). **Matt Garza** was added from the waiver wire and Holmberg was dropped. So Garza will take over 2 of Holmberg's, 4 of Griffin's, and all 15 of Harvey's starts.

No lights out closer, but several adequate candidates, so the late inning leads should be OK. Sept. trade acquisition, **Adam Warren** (gr. 19) and **Ken Giles** (gr. 18) will handle most of the save opportunities. Bonus pick **Jose LeClerc** (gr. 19) will supply additional quality late relief. At least two of the four remaining higher grade relievers (**Jason Motte**, **Chasen Shreve**, **Ariel Hernandez** & **Luis Avilan**) should be available every series and will be the bridge to the setup and closer or will provide late inning relief in close games. Three of the remaining five relievers (**Joakim Soria**, **Liam Hendriks**, **Joaquin Benoit**, **Neftali Feliz** & **Matt Bush** – gr. 8 to 11's) will always be up and are fairly interchangeable. The general rule will be to try to get 7+ innings out of Scherzer and 6 to 7 each from the other gr. 13+ starters. That will allow an early bullpen call for the remaining dicey starters.

No starter should pitch more than 11.2 innings. Don't remove any starting pitcher if he's pitching a shutout.

Starting Pitchers Bio's:

Scherzer – The ace – should go deep in most starts

Severino, Keuchel, Meyer – The other superior (gr. 15) starters, who on previous Koyote teams would be aces..

Gray – Another quality starter (gr. 13).

Garza, Holmberg, Griffin – 37 mediocre grade 6 and 7 starts, will get the hook early fairly often.

Harvey – originally 15 ugly gr. 2 starts, but replaced by Garza – may be used as mopup in November if Koyotes are short on RIP..

Bullpen: With 503 innings of relief available for the remaining 142 games and 112 quality starts, the pen should be able to be tapped early when a lower grade starter is on the mound. Six or seven relievers will usually be on the active roster. One key to the season: wise management of the pen. The roster will be managed so that regardless of RIP allowable, all non-closer relievers can be used equally in any particular month as need be.

Bullpen Bio's:

Warren: The closer, and with 57.3 RIP can be used in most of the save situations. Discretion will be used as the season goes on in 3 run lead 9th inning situations to conserve innings if necessary. Don't let him go more than one inning unless the Koyotes take a lead in the 10th.

Giles: Eighth inning man when Koyotes are up 1 or 2. Will also be used as the closer at times.

LeClerc, Motte: Primary seventh inning options in close games. LeClerc may even find himself closing occasionally.

Shreve: One of the two LH relievers in the pen, so will be asked to neutralize the lefty hitters where possible.

Avilan: The other LH'er – will be used for up to an inning when LH batters are expected.

Soria, Hendriks, Benoit, Bush: At least two of these four lower grade relievers (gr. 8 to 11) will be up in each month and will be used when the pen is required early and also as mopup in the late innings of lost causes.

Grade 8's to 10's to try to get game to 7th inning with lead or to eat up innings if starter is fatigued or "pounded". Soria has very good peripherals, so can be used in more crucial situations. All RH'ers and basically interchangeable.

Pitching Rotation:

April	vs.	Pitchers	May	vs.	Pitchers	June	vs.	Pitchers
1-4 (5)	MLR	S, Ho, K, Sv	1-5	@MUN	Sv,S,K,Gr,Gf	1-4 (5)	SC	M,Gr,Ga,S
6-8 (9)	@SC	S, Ho, K	6-9 (10)	@NBO	Sv,S,K,Gr	6-8	LV	M,Gr,Ga
10-13	@LV	Sv, S, Ho, K	11-14	RYE	Sv,S,K,Gr	9-11	@ MLR	S,Sv,M
14-17 (18)	@ WAR	Gf, Sv, S, Ho	15-18 (19)	MID	Gf,Sv,S,K	12-16 (17)	@ DET	Gr,Ga,S,Sv,M
19-23 (24)	GC	K, Sv, S, Ho,Gf	20-23	NW	Gr,Sv,Gf,K	18-21	COL	Gr,S,Sv,M
July	vs.	Pitchers	August	vs.	Pitchers	September	vs.	Pitchers
1-5	ZIO	Ga, K, S, Gr, Sv	1-4	GC	S, Sv, Gr, K	(1,2) 3-5	MLR	M, Sv, S
6-9 (10)	HUD	Ga, K, S, Gr	5-8 (9)	KNX	Ga, S, Sv, Gr	6-9	@SC	Gr,K,M,Sv
11-14	@RIV	Ga, K, S, Gr	10-13	MAR	Ga, S, Sv, K	10-12 (13)	@LV	S, Gr, K
15-18	@BRO	Sv, Ga,K, S	14-17	@HOB	Gr, Ga, S, Sv	14-17	@GC	Sv,S,Gr,M
19-22 (23)	RIV	Gr, Sv, Ga, K	18-21(22)	@BH	K, Gr, Ga, S	18-22	NBO	K,Sv,S,Gr,M
October	vs.	Pitchers	November	vs.	Pitchers			
1-4* (5)	@COL	Ga,Sv,S,Gf,Gr	(1) 2-6	@HUD	K,M, Sv,Ga,Gr			
6-9	@ZIO	Ga, Sv, S, Gf	7-10	DET	Gf, M, Sv, Ga			
10-14	WAR	Gr,Ga,Sv,S Gf	11-13 (14)	SC	Gr, K, M			
15-18 (19)	MUN	Gr, Ga, Sv, S	15-18	LV	Ga, S, Gr, M			
20-23 (24)	@WHI	Gf, Ga, Sv, Gr	19-22 (23)	@MLR	Gf, Sv, K, Ga			
* DH								

S – Scherzer, Sv – Severino, K – Keuchel, Gf – Griffin, Ga – Garza, Gr – Gray, Ho – Holmberg, M – Meyer

Summary: In 2017, the Koyotes ended up 79-82, just missing their optimistic goal of .500 after trading away two pitchers in September for future help. This year's version has excellent starting pitching and decent relief and much more power than last year (but then, who doesn't?). So ever-optimistic management is hoping for a deep run in the playoffs – but have you seen Strong City lately!!

The defense may cost the Koyotes a few games this year. All of the backup 2B's are 2B-6's and the backup SS will be a SS-7. However, Smoak's 158 games of premier 1B-5 and Moustakas' 148 games of quality 3B-4 will supply good defense at the corners. All three catchers are C-8's and Gomes has a Th+5. Puig's 38 rifle arm and the OF-3's of Puig and Springer supply excellent OF defense. September trades acquired needed bullpen arms, so even though Chad Green didn't drop down to the Koyotes at #12, the pen should be adequately manned with six arms (and 276 RIP) between grade 15 and 19.

If you have any questions, use your best baseball judgment and do whatever gives Kansas the best chance at a win. We are looking to have fun in a legitimate pursuit of a playoff spot.

Have a Fun Season!

NOTE: Please provide scoresheets from road board games and boxscores from computer games (scanned and attached to an e-mail will be fine). Last year, some computer road managers also supplied the play by play file. If it is not too much trouble, I'd appreciate that this year (but not mandatory). I keep GWH's and GWR's in my personal stats, so I would appreciate it if those who only supply boxscores would list those stats when you send the boxscores. I can figure them out if I have the scoresheets. Thanks.

Do not use any automatic managers.

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NAME	TEAM	BATS	BC-COMP	BC-MG	SSN	Spd	ARM	g.				Hits	14's	24's	31's	13's
								G	PA	SBA	Rem.					
Montero, Miguel	TOR	L	PR-2	-4/-1	26	56	31	76	213	1		8 (1-6)	4	2	1	6
Gomes, Yan	CLE	R	PL-2	+4/-4	0	6	32	105	383	0		8 (1-0-0)	3+	1	1	8
Sucre, Jesus	TB	R	SA-1	+1/-2	31	6	31	63	192	2		10 (1-0-0-7)	1	3	2	5
Reynolds, Mark	COL	R	PL-0	-4/0	26	56	33	148	593	3		9 (1-5-5-7)	4	1	1	9
Smoak, Justin	TOR	B	PB-0	+4/-3	14	55	30	158	637	1		9 (1-1-6-6)	4	2	2	6
Pedroia, Dustin	BOS	R	PL-3	+8/-3	23	10	29	105	463	7		10 (0-0-10-7-7)	4	1	2	3
Segura, Jean	SEA	R	SA-1	+2/-2	28	F17	33	125	566	30		11 (0-0-0-11-10-7)	2	3	2	4
Valaika, Pat	COL	R	SA-2	+4/-5	0	11	31	110	195	0		10 (1-1-0-0-0)	1	0	2	7
Drew, Stephen	WAS	L	PR-0	-1/-1	0	9	34	46	106	0		9 (0-0-0-7)	3	1	2	6
Moustakas, Mike	KC	L	PR-2	-4/0	0	8	33	148	598	0		10 (1-1-5-6-7)	2	2	2	4
Puig, Yasiel	LAD	R	SA-0	-10/+2	28	11	38	152	570	21		9(1-5-5-11)	4	3	2	5
Springer, George	HOU	R	SA-2	+3/-3	17	F16	33	140	629	12		10 (1-0-0-0)	4	2	2	5
Taylor, Chris	LAD	R	SA-0	-1/-1	31	F17	34	140	568	21		10 (1-4-5-6-11)	3	0	2	8
Hernandez, Enrique	LAD	R	SA-5	+8/-11	33	F15	32	140	342	3		8 (1-4-6-6)	4	0	1	7
Granderson, Curtis	LAD	L	SA-3	-6/0	29	12	30	147	527	8		7 (1-0-0-0)	5	0	1	7
Osuna, Jose	PIT	R	SA-2	+2/-4	0	S-5	30	104	227	0		9 (1-0-0-0)	1	4	1	4

A "+" in the hit column above indicates a "42" on the player's card.

NAME	TEAM	Th	Grade	Sym	CTL	HRA	Sym	FAT	Def.	WP	HB	BK	MF	GS	RIP
Scherzer, Max	WAS	R	19	KZ	16	14	-	25	2	1	-	0	1	31	
Severino, Luis	NYN	R	15	XYZ	21	22	-	25	1	2	-	0	1	31	
Keuchel, Dallas	HOU	L	15	Y	0	23	G	25	2	1	-	0	2	23	
Meyer, Alex	LAA	R	15	XW	-62	32	G	22	1	3	-	-	0	13	
Gray, Sonny	NYN	R	13	Y	-12	16	-	25	2	3	-	0	0	27	
Garza, Matt	MIL	R	6	-	0	-12	-	25	1	3	-	0	0	22	2.7
Griffin, A.J.	TEX	R	6	-	-12	-42	M	25	2	2	-	0	1	15	5.3
Harvey, Matt*	NYM	R	2	-	-32	-31	L	29	2	3	-	-	0	18	4.0
Warren, Adam	NYN	R	19	XZ	23	35	G	7	2	3	-	0	0		57.3
LeClerc, Jose	TEX	R	19	XYW	-62	33	G	6	2	3	-	0	3		45.7
Giles, Ken	HOU	R	18	K	-13	41	G	6	1	3	-	0	0		62.7
Motte, Jason	ATL	R	16	W	-44	-13	-	6	2	2	-	0	0		40.7
Shreve, Chasen	NYN	L	15	XYW	-43	-15	-	7	2	3	0	0	2		45.3
Hernandez, Ariel	CIN	R	15	XW	-62	-41	M	8	1	3	0	0	0		24.3
Avilan, Luis	LAD	L	13	X	-26	46	H	5	1	1	-	0	3		46.0
Soria, Joakim	KC	R	11	X	11	61	H	6	2	3	-	0	2		56.0
Hendriks, Liam	OAK	R	11	XY	-13	23	G	6	2	3	0	0	0		64.0
Benoit, Joaquin	PIT	R	11	Y	-25	-11	-	6	1	1	-	0	1		50.3
Bush, Matt	TEX	R	8	X	0	15	-	6	1	3	-	0	0		52.3

* Innocuous

180 547.3

Keuchel has 12 speed rating.

492.3

322.0

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1-1	Apr. 1-4		Melrose	Scherzer	Holmberg	Keuchel	Severino	Off	
1-2	Apr. 6-8	at	Strong City	Scherzer	Holmberg	Keuchel	Off		
1-3	Apr. 10-13	at	Las Vegas	Severino	Scherzer	Holmberg	Keuchel		
1-4	Apr. 14-17	at	Warrenton	Griffin	Severino	Scherzer	Holmberg	Off	
1-5	Apr. 19-23		Grand Cayman	Keuchel	Severino	Scherzer	Holmberg	Griffin	Off
2-1	May 1-5	at	Munich	Severino	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray	Griffin	
2-2	May 6-9	at	Northboro	Severino	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray	Off	
2-3	May 11-14		Rye	Severino	Scherzer	Keuchel	Gray		
2-4	May 15-18		Midwest	Griffin	Severino	Scherzer	Keuchel	Off	
2-5	May 20-23		New West	Gray	Severino	Griffin	Keuchel		
3-1	June 1-4		Strong City	Meyer	Gray	Garza	Scherzer	Off	
3-2	June 6-8		Las Vegas	Meyer	Gray	Garza			
3-3	June 9-11	at	Melrose	Scherzer	Severino	Meyer			
3-4	June 12-16	at	Detroit	Gray	Garza	Scherzer	Severino	Meyer	Off
3-5	June 18-21		Columbus	Gray	Scherzer	Severino	Meyer		
4-1	July 1-5		Zion	Garza	Keuchel	Scherzer	Gray	Severino	
4-2	July 6-9		Hudson	Garza	Keuchel	Scherzer	Gray	Off	
4-3	July 11-14	at	Riverwoolf	Garza	Keuchel	Scherzer	Gray		
4-4	July 15-18	at	Brobdingnag	Severino	Garza	Keuchel	Scherzer		
4-5	July 19-22	at	Calusa	Gray	Severino	Garza	Keuchel	Off	
5-1	August 1-4		Gotham City	Scherzer	Severino	Gray	Keuchel		
5-2	August 5-8		Knoxville	Garza	Scherzer	Severino	Gray	Off	
5-3	August 10-13		Maracaibo	Garza	Scherzer	Severino	Keuchel		
5-4	August 14-17	at	Hoboken	Gray	Garza	Scherzer	Severino		
5-5	August 18-21	at	Blue Hill	Keuchel	Gray	Garza	Scherzer	Off	Off Off
6-1	Sept. 3-5		Melrose	Meyer	Severino	Scherzer			
6-2	Sept. 6-9	at	Strong City	Gray	Keuchel	Meyer	Severino		
6-3	Sept. 10-12	at	Las Vegas	Scherzer	Gray	Keuchel	Off		
6-4	Sept. 14-17	at	Grand Cayman	Severino	Scherzer	Gray	Meyer		
6-5	Sept. 18-22		Northboro	Keuchel	Severino	Scherzer	Gray	Meyer	
7-1	Oct. 1-4*	at	Columbus	Garza	Severino	Scherzer	Griffin	Gray	
7-2	Oct. 6-9	at	Zion	Garza	Severino	Scherzer	Griffin		
7-3	Oct. 10-14		Warrenton	Gray	Garza	Severino	Scherzer	Griffin	
7-4	Oct. 15-18		Munich	Gray	Garza	Severino	Scherzer	Off	
7-5	Oct. 20-23	at	Whitman	Griffin	Garza	Severino	Gray	Off	
8-1	Nov. 2-6	at	Hudson	Keuchel	Meyer	Severino	Garza	Gray	
8-2	Nov. 7-10		Detroit	Griffin	Meyer	Severino	Garza		
8-3	Nov. 11-13		Strong City	Gray	Keuchel	Meyer	Off		
8-4	Nov. 15-18		Las Vegas	Garza	Scherzer	Gray	Meyer		
8-5	Nov. 19-22	at	Melrose	Griffin	Severino	Keuchel	Garza	Off	