

2023 Midwest Mongrels

Emergency Instructions

1562-1688-.481

Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013, 2015, 2018-2020

Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012, 2014

Ruth Division Champion—2021

National Conference Champion—2009, 2014

TBL Champion—2009

GEN. MANAGER **VICTOR MARTINEZ**

Bench Coach

Pitching Coach

1B Coach

Nick Punto

Ervin Santana

Nate McLouth

SABERMETRICS

Hitting Coach

Bullpen Coach

3B Coach



Manager Adam Jones

RENE RIVERA

Oscar Salazar

Henry Blanco

Mike Aviles

Player	TM	B	BC-MG	BC-CG	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB	TH	G	PA	REM SBA	J
Jorge Alfaro	SD	R	SA +3/-3	SA-2	25	9	33	3	-4	82	274	1	3
Cody Bellinger	LAD	L	PR -4/0	PR-2	32	17	34			144	550	17	1
J. P. Crawford	SEA	L	PR -2/-1	PR-1	24	13	33			145	603	5	1
Nelson Cruz	WAS	R	SA +2/-3	SA-2	34	4	31			124	504	4	2
Elias Diaz	COL	R	SA +3/-4	SA-2	14	6	31	1	-1	105	381	1	3
Eduardo Escobar	NYM	B	SA +2/-3	SA-0	9	11	34			136	542	2	2
Josh Harrison	CWS	R	SA -2/-1	SA-0	26	14	32			119	425	3	2
Eric Hosmer	BOS	L	PR +1/-2	PR-0	N	9	33			104	419	0	3
<i>Trevor Larnach</i>	<i>MN</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>SA 0/-2</i>	<i>SA-0</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>36</i>			<i>51</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>
Vimalael Machin	OAK	L	SA -7/-1	SA-3	20	15	31			73	253	2	3
Joey Meneses	WAS	R	SA +5/-4	SA-2	26	6	29			56	240	1	4
Mickey Moniak	LAA	L	SA-10/+1	SA-5	26	15	31			37	112	1	4
Cedric Mullins	BALT	L	SA -8/+2	SA-5	30	18	33			156	670	44	1
Rougned Odor	BAL	L	PR -5/0	PR-3	33	16	32			135	472	7	2
Victor Robles	WAS	R	SA +8/-6	SA-4	30	18	37			132	407	19	2
Julio Rodriguez	SEA	R	SA -2/-1	SA-0	30	15	33			132	560	32	2
Kyle Schwarber	PHIL	L	PR -6/+1	PR-4	35	6	34			155	669	11	1
<i>Pavin Smith</i>	<i>ARI</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>SA -6/0</i>	<i>SA-3</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>30</i>			<i>75</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Terrin Vavra</i>	<i>BALT</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>SA -6/-1</i>	<i>SA-3</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>30</i>			<i>40</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>
PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP	J
<i>Joan Adon</i>	<i>WASH</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-54</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>4</i>
Javier Assad	CC	R	12	-53	16	20/7	2	0	0	0	8	1	4
Zach Davies	ARI	R	10	-22	-21	22	1		0	1	27		3
<i>Tony Gonsolin</i>	<i>LAD</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>19Y</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>3</i>
Rich Hill	BOS	L	7Y	14	0	22	0		0	0	26		3
<i>Dustin May-XC</i>	<i>LAD</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>12Y</i>	<i>-42</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>4</i>
Shane McClellanahan	TB	L	16XY	24	-11	23	3		0	0	28		3
<i>Justin Verlander</i>	<i>HOU</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>18X</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>3</i>
Garrett Whitlock	BOS	R	6/16*X	32	-13	20/9	2		0	0	9	39.3	3
White P-1 Orange P-2													
RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP	J
Enyel de los Santos	CLEV	R	13*XY	12	36	6	3			0		53.3	2
Edwin Diaz	NYM	R	24KXY*	13	42	6	2		0	0		62	2
Sam Hentges	CLE	L	17*XY	12	43	6	3		0	0		62	2
<i>Adrian Morejon</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>8*</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>34</i>	<i>4</i>
Cionel Perez	BALT	L	19*Y	14	51	6	2		0	1		57.7	1
David Price	LAD	L	12*Y	35	-16	6	0	0	0	0		40.3	3
A.J. Puk	OAK	L	13*X	13	14	7	3			0		66.3	2
Brooks Raley	TB	L	15*X	15	41	6	3		0	1		53.7	2
<i>Players in italics are not on the roster this month</i>											170	469.7	

Cuts-- Carded and XC—Willians Astudillo, Alex Claudio, Wilmer Difo, Jeurys Familia, Erik Gonzalez, Steven Piscotty, Brent Rooker, Travis Shaw, Joe Smith

Uncarded—Shogo Akiyama, Josh Fuentes, Josh Reddick

Waiver Wire—

Monthly Player Roster

U—on roster

D—in minors

MONTHLY ROSTER	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N		MONTHLY ROSTER	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
	P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O			P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O
HITTERS	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V		PITCHERS	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V
Jorge Alfaro	U									STARTERS								
Cody Bellinger	U									Joan Adon	D							
J. P. Crawford	U									Javier Assad	U							
Nelson Cruz	U									Zach Davies	U							
Elias Diaz	U									Tony Gonsolin	D							
Eduardo Escobar	U									Rich Hill	U							
Josh Harrison	U									Dustin May	D							
Eric Hosmer	U									Shane McCannahan	U							
Trevor Larnach	D									Justin Verlander	D							
Vimal Machin	U									Garret Whitlock	U							
Joey Meneses	D																	
Mickey Moniak	D									RELIEVERS								
Cedric Mullins	U									Enyel de los Santos	U							
Rougned Odor	U									Edwin Diaz	C							
Victor Robles	U									Sam Hentges	U							
Julio Rodriguez	U									Adrian Morejon	D							
Kyle Schwarber	U									Cionel Perez	U							
Pavin Smith	D									David Price	U							
Terrin Vavra	D									A.J. Puk	U							
										Brooks Raley	U							
APR. ROSTER																		
14 hitters																		
12 pitchers																		
C=Closer S=Situational Lefty, 1-2 batters per outing to end an inning										Number = Maximum innings per series (if no numbers, rotate the innings for all the non-closing pitchers as evenly as you can)								

MIDWEST PITCHING ROTATION

April (20)

1-4 @HOB 1284X
 6-8 BRO 912X
 10-13 KNX 8491
 14-17 BH 2849X
 19-23 @WHI 12849X

May (21)

1-5 MAR 12845
 6-9 STM 1284X
 11-14 @ZIO 5198
 15-18 @COL 4519X
 20-23 @NBO 8451

June (19)

1-4 @BRO 7345X
 6-8 @KNX 193
 9-11 HOB 451
 12-16 RYE 93451X
 18-21 @NW 9345

July (21)

1-5 @RIV 12345
 6-9 @GC 1234X
 11-14 IND 5123
 15-18 LV 4512
 19-22 RCK 3457X

STARTERS

1—Hill 2—Davies 3—Gonsolin 4—McClanahan 5—Verlander
 6—May 7—Adon 8—Assad 9—Whitlock

August (20)

1-4 HUD 2345
 5-8 KAN 1234X
 10-13 MLR 5123
 14-17 @CAY 4512
 18-21 @MUN 3451X

September (19)

3-5 @HOB XX237
 6-9 BRO 5123
 10-12 KNX 751X
 14-17 WHT 2375
 18-22 @STM 12375

October (22)

1-4* @BH 62345X
 6-9 @MAR 6234
 10-14 NW 56234
 15-18 RIV 5623X
 20-23 @WAR 4562

November (20)

2-6 GC X34512
 7-10 @RYE 3451
 11-13 @BRO 234X
 15-18 @KNX 5123
 19-22 HOB 4562X

The Dawgs will play the board game this year as always. Please wait for instructions each month; I will send them by the first of the month always.

No electronic gamesheets necessary from computer managers. Please play the games personally with your computer **without** using a computer manager.

Vs LHP		vs RHP	
Rodriguez	CF-3	Mullins	LF-3
Harrison	2B-8	Hosmer	1B-4
Schwarber	DH	Rodriguez	CF-3
Cruz	1B-2	Schwarber	DH
Escobar	3B-3	Escobar	3B-3
Larnach	LF-2	Odor	2B-7
Robles	RF-3	Bellinger	RF-3
Diaz	C-8	Crawford	SS-8
Crawford	SS-8	Alfaro	C-7
29/37 plus pitcher		29/38 plus pitcher	

Starting catcher never leaves the game except when injured.

If Dawgs lead going into the bottom of the 8th inning, Machin replaces Escobar at 3B, and Bellinger replaces Larnach in LF. No other moves this month as the bench is thin.

Midwest on Offense

The Dawgs will be more competitive this season, so offensive moves are possible in a way that they were not last season.

Hit and Run: Runners include Bellinger, Mullins, Robles, Rodriguez, and Schwarber with Hosmer, Escobar, Crawford, Harrison, or Diaz hitting. Do not hit and run with men on first and third, and only H-R twice per game in general, usually in the final three to four innings of a game that is +/- one run and less than two outs.

Bunt: After a lead off double with any hitters except Schwarber, Rodriguez, Bellinger, Larnach. You can suicide in the top of the ninth if the game is tied with Harrison or Mullins batting. Otherwise, swing away and hope for a hit or sacrifice fly.

Stolen Base: Let's start the season cautiously, with a preference for the hit and run first. SB can take place in the eighth inning or later when game is tied, and any runner with a corrected SSN of 31 or higher is at first base. Do not steal third base or home.

Runner Advance: Only if runner is "well around" for you computer players. For MG players, play S runners safe, but others may attempt the extra base if the value factor is 26 or greater and the game is +/-2 two runs. If one or both of these conditions is not met, the runner plays safe. When a runner tries to move up, trailing runners do not try for an extra base. We have some power on the team this year and don't mind playing a bit safer on the bases.

Everything else: Use your judgment and play my team as you would your own. Roll the dice and enjoy the games!

Midwest on Defense

This is not a strong defensive team this season. The bench is going to be generally thin when it comes to defensive replacements, so most often the starters will play the entire game. Machin is on the roster to replace Escobar at 3B in games the Dawgs lead in the eighth inning or later. Any OF-3 on the bench can replace any OF-1 or OF-2 in the same situation. Catchers start and finish their games unless injured, as do the second basemen as the season starts. Special instructions for the month will give you an idea of what to do when the Dawgs lead and Cruz is starting at 1B.

As for game situations, generally speaking play my team as you would your own. Here are some things to consider as you play the games:

I still hate the infield in play. If score is +/-2 runs, play infield deep with zero or one out. If the score is tied, play the infield in for those situations; but if you DO score and there is still a runner on third base, go back to playing deep.

Let fast runners take an extra base when running if the final valuation number is greater than 24. Make the throw if it is 24 or less. Generally do not make the throw to attempt to catch the trailing runner. IF you are unsure what to do, play my team as you would your own if it were in the field. Again, emphasis is on having fun instead of following these instructions to the letter of the law.

Catchers always make the throw to try to stop a stolen base.

Everything else is your judgment. Like MLB, keep the game moving along with your decisions so that my fielders are alert and ready to make the few plays they will be capable of making this season—LOL!

Midwest Pitching

We have an actual honest to goodness pitching staff this season. Only two starters need to be handled with care: Joan Adon and Garrett Whitlock. See the chart on the next page when they start a game in our series. The rest of the starters are solid and you should try to get 5 or 6 innings out of Rich Hill and Zach Davies, and 6 to 7 innings out of everyone else. Bullpen roles are listed in the chart on the next page as well.

The decision to remove a starter is always difficult. Go with your gut and give me the best chance to win a game. There will always be seven guys in the pen, so you can mix and match with the goal to get to closer Edwin Diaz for the save. Don't be afraid to bring in relievers in the middle of the inning to get a five point bump.

Starter	In case of pounding in first 4 innings	Bullpen Usage
Joan Adon 6 starts during the season	Adrian Morejon will be the caddy, going up to 2-2/3 innings. Remove Adon if he falls behind by three or more runs and go to Morejon	<p>If Dawgs lead when the starter comes out, in general follow these usage patterns</p> <p>Morejon is reserved as a caddy for Adon and otherwise will see limited duty this season.</p> <p>Raley, Puk, and Price are all used in the fourth through 6th innings, no more than one inning at a time. Wish I had a right hander here to balance them out, but I don't, although Whitlock IS available for 39 innings in this role when he is not starting. So it is best to take my lumps early here and hope they keep the game close. Price is reserved to be the control guy when runners are in scoring position in those middle innings.</p>
Garrett Whitlock 9 starts during the season	Whitlock does not pitch in relief in the series in which he starts. In his starts, he tries for 5 complete innings, more if possible. Remove him when he reaches his first fatigue point.	<p>de los Santos and Hentges work the seventh inning, rotating games so that they are available for the entire series and leaving at least one free for potential extra inning duty if need be.</p> <p>Perez is the 8th inning set up man</p>
Rich Hill and Zach Davies	Remove when they reach their first fatigue point. Be careful with Davies—he has a high homerun number and should come out BEFORE he gives up a two or three run homer in the fifth or later.	<p>Diaz is the closer. One inning max, and if he yields the lead, remove him immediately.</p> <p>In extra innings, anyone can be used as available.</p> <p>Bullpen usage is a bit tight this season. It is imperative to ride Verlander, Gonsolin, and McClanahan into seven innings, through several fatigue points if necessary, to preserve innings for the season. If you are going to make an error, err on the side of letting those three starters ride along rather than the other guys.</p>
All other starters	Try to get them into the seventh inning. They can be fatigued twice before leaving the game as the season starts—this may change later in the season if it fails to produce enough wins.	<p>I have 470 innings of relief at this point. There are 40 series. So roughly speaking, that means there are about 12 innings of relief available for each series. Try to stay as close to that number of innings as best you can. In a three game series, drop that limit to 9; in a five game series, raise it to 15. These are not hard and fast rules, but they are good guidelines for the way to optimize my pen for the entire season. If you can stretch the starters to make this work, yea! If you can't, don't let the starter get battered in a winnable game for the Dawgs. Your judgment and I won't question how you work this out!</p>

Best of luck to everyone in TBL this season. The Dawgs are better than last season, but as with most teams in the league, we have flaws. Try to win what you can for me on the road, and I will play hard at home to try to beat you as well!!

Darrell