



2011 Kansas Koyotes

GM: Bill Schwartz (4th 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: B. Howry (CHC), J. Weaver (LAD), C. Jakubauskas (Unc), R. Igarashi (NYM), B. Ausmus (Unc.), O. Santos (Unc.), G. Sheffield (Unc), M. Redmond (CLE), R. Langerhans (SEA).

Waiver Wire: TBA

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. Crisp – cf-3	1. Pedroia – 2b-8	1. Crisp – cf-3	1. Pedroia – 2b-8
2. Cameron – rf-3	2. Young – 3b-3	2. Cameron – rf-3	2. Young – 3b-3
3. Ellis – 2b-9	3. Granderson – cf-3	3. Ellis – 2b-9	3. Granderson – cf-3
4. M. Young – dh	4. Torres – rf-3	4. M. Young – dh	4. Torres – rf-3
5. Conrad – 3b-3	5. Gonzalez – ss-9	5. Conrad – 3b-3	5. Gonzalez – ss-9
6. Gonzalez – ss-9	6. Nix – lf-2	6. Gonzalez – ss-9	6. Nix – lf-2
7. Nix – lf-2	7. Hawpe – 1b-2	7. Nix – lf-2	7. Hawpe – 1b-2
8. Mora – 1b-3	8. Montero – c-7	8. Mora – 1b-3	8. Montero – c-7
9. Snyder – c-8	9. Cust – dh	9. Snyder – c-8	9. Cust – dh

Notes: I'll contact road managers by e-mail beginning 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 is included on the roster sheet, but may 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:

Catcher: **Miguel Montero** and **Chris Snyder** will share the catcher's duties. Since a third catcher will not be on the roster, PH'ing for Snyder and PR'ing for either will be very limited. 190 games are available, so Snyder will occasionally be late inning defense. PR'ing for Montero will be an option, but only in a gamewinning situation.

1B: **Brad Hawpe** has 105 games and will use most of them at 1B, but occasionally will see duty in the OF with his 36 arm. **Nick Johnson** will use most of his 24 games at 1B, but may be used as a get on base PH'er with his 9 14's. **Melvin Mora** will provide the remainder of the 1B games.

2B: **Dustin Pedroia's** injury card has only 75 games. **Mark Ellis'** 2B-9 will provide the rest of the games.

SS: **Alex Gonzalez** will play every day at SS. In case of injury, **Ellis** or **Mora** will sub.

3B: **Josh Fields** will use his 13 games vs. LHP. **Brooks Conrad** will start against the remainder of LHP and will use the rest of his 103 games vs. RHP. **Michael Young** will play every day, providing the remainder of the 3B needs and will be the DH the rest of the time. Tony Abreu will provide late inning defense when he is on the active roster. Melvin Mora can also play at 3B.

OF: The outfield alignment will be a mix and match every day again this year. **Mike Cameron** and **Coco Crisp** will platoon, **Andres Torres** and **Curtis Granderson** will be regulars, and **Laynce Nix**, **Rick Ankiel** & **Jack Cust** will also be in the mix, with **Cust** being used mostly in a DH or PH role. Domonic Brown & Cole Gillespie will probably only be active in November. All but Cust and Brown are CF-eligible.

DH: This spot will be manned primarily by **Michael Young**, with some of the OF cast showing up as well when Young is used at 3B.

Defensive Replacements: For games the Koyotes lead by 1-2 runs, 8th inning on, Abreu will replace a 3B-3, Snyder can replace Montero if up and 1-run lead in 9th. Very rarely, if ever, will we start an OF-1, so not much defensive replacement help will be necessary. Ankiel may occasionally find himself in that role if he ever is up. Never waste a start for the OF-3's by using them as a defensive replacement.

Pinch Hit/Run: Not a whole lot of flexibility, especially on the road. PH and PR options are limited. Mora can PR late for Hawpe or Johnson if crucial run and will go in to play 1B. 28 extra games available at catcher, so PR for Montero in 9th if tying or lead run.

Steal Attempts: Koyotes finally have some legitimate threats to steal in Crisp and Torres. Granderson and Pedroia will also pick their spots. The former will run if they represent the tying or lead run, 7th inning on. The latter two, only in the 9th if they represent the lead run.

Hit & Run: Not too many H&R candidates in the lineup. When utilized, will be addressed in the instructions sent out each month.

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.

Pitching:

General Philosophy: Starting pitching is a lot deeper than last year with no starts under grade 9. Relief innings and quality grades are also a little deeper in grade, although no "lights-out" closer. Since there are only 429 innings in addition to McDonald's leftover after his two starts, the general rule is to take the starters until they fatigue (or if close to fatigue and Koyotes lead) before handing the ball over to the bullpen. With the grade 9 starters if the Koyotes lead and it's the 5th inning and things are getting tense go to the bullpen. With the grade 12's, let them work out of trouble in the 5th. No starter should pitch more than 11.2 innings in an outing unless he has 4 or more days until his next start. Don't remove any starting pitcher if he's pitching a shutout. No pitcher should pitch beyond his fatigue point, unless the Koyotes are out of it.

Starting Pitchers Bio's:

Lilly, Scherzer, Garland – Grade 12 "aces" with 94 starts will give decent leadership for the staff.

Matusz, Wolf – Their grade 9's will supply all but two of the remaining required starts.

McDonald: His grade 9 will be used for two starts.

Milking innings out of the starters may become crucial. May occasionally have to flirt with the TBL no-pound rule. But if in the 5th or 6th innings and the Stogies are leading a tight game feel free to go to the bullpen.

Bullpen: Bullpen is stronger than 2010 overall, BUT no dominant closer like 2010's grade 31 of Neftali Feliz. With only 429 innings plus approximately 55 of McDonald's leftover innings after his two starts, there won't be a lot of quick hooks. Another year of close management of relief to avoid running out of quality innings early in the year is anticipated. Hopefully won't have to pull off a September trade to have enough relief.

Bullpen Bio's:

N. Feliz: Will be a tossup as to whether Soria or Feliz gets the call to close out the games the Koyotes lead.

J. Soria: The co-closer. Not a whole lot of difference between him and Soria. For sentimental reasons, he may get the majority of the chances, especially since it appears that the Rangers are wanting to convert Feliz to a starter. Pretty low grades (18,17) for a closer, but both have good positive peripherals. In months when both are up, they will have the setup/closer roles.

Takahashi: Only LH in the pen, so will be used mainly in matchup situations.

Motte: Will setup when only one of Feliz/Soria are up, otherwise will be a 6th-7th inning person.

Ramirez: Sometimes a middle man, sometimes a 6th inning man. This grade 15* with marginal control peripherals has the most innings of anyone in the pen, so will be a workhorse.

Ray, Contreras: Usually only one up per month. They will pitch in early innings. Also can face a batter late in close games. Both have 56 RIP, so can't be overworked.

McDonald: Use to save innings for the higher grades. Long man in early blowouts. Also mopup late when Koyotes are out of it to save higher RIP's. Will also start two games.

Pitching Rotation:

April	vs.	Pitchers	May	vs.	Pitchers	June	vs.	Pitchers
1-4 (5)	MAR	W, Ma, G, S	1-5	KNOX	L, W, Ma, G, S	1-4 (5)	NBO	S, G, L, W
6-8 (9)	@ NBO	W, Ma, G	6-9 (10)	MUN	L, W, Ma, G	6-8	POR	S, G, L
10-12	@ POR	S, W, Ma	11-14	@ RYE	L, W, Ma, G	9-11	@ MAR	W, Ma, S
14-17 (18)	@ MID	G, S, W, Ma	15-18 (19)	@ BRO	S, L, W, Ma	12-16 (17)	@ MLR	G, L, W, Ma, S
19-23 (24)	WAK	G, S, W, Ma, Mc	20-23	@ GC	G, L, W, Ma	18-21	ZIO	G, L, W, Ma
July	vs.	Pitchers	August	vs.	Pitchers	September	vs.	Pitchers
1-5	@ HUD	S, G, L, W, Ma	1-4	@ GOH	L, W, Ma, S	(1,2) 3-5	MAR	L, W, Ma
6-9 (10)	LV	S, G, L, W	5-8 (9)	@ NW	G, L, W, Ma	6-9	@ NBO	S, G, L, W
11-14	HOU	S, G, L, W	10-13	@ CAY	S, G, L, W	10-13	@ POR	Ma, S, G, L
15-18	COL	Ma, S, G, L	14-17	DAL	Ma, S, G, L	14-17 (18)	@ KNOX	W, Ma, S, G
19-22 (23)	@ RIC	W, Ma, S, G	18-21(22)	BH	W, Ma, S, G	19-23 (24)	MID	L, W, Ma, S, G
October	vs.	Pitchers	November	vs.	Pitchers	W:	Wolf	34
1-4 (5)	HUD	L, W, Ma, S, G	(1) 2-6	@ MUN	Ma, S, G, L, W	L:	Lilly	30
6-9	RIC	L, W, Ma, S	7-10	MLR	Ma, S, G, L	S:	Scherzer	31
10-13 (14)	WHIT	G, L, W, Ma	11-13 (14)	NBO	W, Ma, S	G:	Garland	33
15-19	@ ZIO	S, G, L, W, Ma	15-18	POR	G, L, W, Ma	Ma:	Matusz	32
20-23	@ WAK	S, G, L, W	19-22	@ MAR	S, G, L, Mc	Mc:	McDonald	2

Summary: After squeaking into the playoffs last year with 91 wins, but exiting again in the first round at the hands of Hudson in a series eerily reminiscent of 2008, the Koyotes are hoping to challenge for postseason play again. The starters are deeper, with no start under a grade 9, but with no "ace". Relievers are also a little deeper in quality innings, but with no lights out stopper like Feliz was last year.

The team has a few decent bats in the lineup this year and other than at first base should throw some leather at the opposition. Lots of "half season" cards will call for several platoon situations. The Koyotes were short of quality draft choices due to trades to fill the holes at SS and C and used their only premium choice on Dominic Brown, a future stud but one who won't provide any help this year. Would like to think we can approach 90 wins again. Hopefully

should be a fun group to manage, but will have to step it up at home because matching last year's road record of 50-31 will be practically unattainable.

If you have any questions, use your best baseball judgment and do whatever gives Kansas the best chance at a win.

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). **Please do not use any automatic managers.**

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		Rotation						
		1	2	3	4	5		
1-1	Apr. 1-4	Maracaibo	Wolf	Matusz	Garland	Scherzer	Off	Lilly in minors
1-2	Apr. 6-8	at Northboro	Wolf	Matusz	Garland	Off		McDonald can relieve in all April series.
1-3	Apr. 10-12	at Portland	Scherzer	Wolf	Matusz	Off		
1-4	Apr. 14-17	at Midwest	Garland	Scherzer	Wolf	Matusz	Off	
1-5	Apr. 19-23	Wakefield	Garland	Scherzer	Wolf	Matusz	McDonald	Off
2-1	May 1-5	Knoxville	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Garland	Scherzer	
2-2	May 6-9	Munich	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Garland	Off	
2-3	May 11-14	at Rye	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Garland		
2-4	May 15-18	at Brodingnag	Scherzer	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Off	
2-5	May 20-23	at GC	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz		Stat Report Due
3-1	June 1-4	Northboro	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Off	
3-2	June 6-8	Portland	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly			
3-3	June 9-11	at Maracaibo	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer			
3-4	June 12-16	at Melrose	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer	Off
3-5	June 18-21	Zion	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz		
4-1	July 1-5	at Hudson	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	
4-2	July 6-9	Las Vegas	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Off	
4-3	July 11-14	Houston	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf		
4-4	July 15-18	Columbus	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly		
4-5	July 19-22	at Richmond	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Off	Stat Report Due
5-1	August 1-4	at Greater Ohio	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer		
5-2	August 5-8	at New West	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Off	
5-3	August 10-13	at Grand Cayman	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf		
5-4	August 14-17	Dallas	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly		
5-5	August 18-21	Blue Hill	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Off	Off Off
6-1	Sept. 3-5	Maracaibo	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz			
6-2	Sept. 6-9	at Northboro	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf		
6-3	Sept. 10-13	at Portland	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly		
6-4	Sept. 14-17	at Knoxville	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Off	
6-5	Sept. 19-23	Midwest	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Off Stat Report Due
7-1	Oct. 1-4	Hudson	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer		
7-2	Oct. 5-9	Richmond	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer	
7-3	Oct. 10-13	Whitman	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	Off	
7-4	Oct. 15-19	at Zion	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz	
7-5	Oct. 20-23	at Wakefield	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Off	
8-1	Nov. 2-6	at Munich	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	
8-2	Nov. 7-10	Melrose	Matusz	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly		
8-3	Nov. 11-13	Northboro	Wolf	Matusz	Scherzer	Off		
8-4	Nov. 15-18	Portland	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Matusz		
8-5	Nov. 19-22	at Maracaibo	Scherzer	Garland	Lilly	McDonald	Off	Final Stat Report Due

		Total	Allowed	Left
1	Lilly	30	30	0
2	Scherzer	31	31	0
3	Garland	33	33	0
4	Matusz	32	32	0
5	Wolf	34	34	0
6	McDonald	2	2	0
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