

# 2013 Kansas Koyotes 

GM: Bill Schwartz (6th 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, $3^{\text {rd }}$ Base Coach - Willie Randolph

Kansas pre-season cuts: J. Hester (LAA), B. Conrad (Unc.), M. Cameron (Unc.), B. Hawpe (Unc.), P. Beato, A. Cabrera, P. Dumatrait, T. Lilly (Unc.), J. Outman (Unc.), H. Takahashi (PIT), C. Wade (NYY).

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) |  | S. RHP (board) |
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|  | Torres - If-3 |  | risp - If-3 |  | orres - If-3 |  | Crisp - If-3 |
|  | Pedroia - 2b-8 |  | droia-2b-9 |  | edroia - 2b-8 |  | Pedroia-2b-9 |
|  | Wells - rf-2 |  | ntero - c-8 |  | ells - rf-2 |  | Montero - c-8 |
|  | Granderson - cf-3 |  | randerson - cf-3 |  | Granderson - cf-3 |  | Granderson - cf-3 |
|  | ontero - c-8 |  | - dh |  | oustakas - 3b-5 |  | Nix - dh |
|  | Gomes-3b-3 |  | kiel - rf-2 |  | mes - c-6 |  | Ankiel - rf-2 |
|  | Kotchman - 1b-5 |  | ustakas - 3b-5 |  | ix - 1b-2 |  | Moustakas - 3b-5 |
|  | Brown - dh |  | - |  | wn - dh |  | Kotchman - 1b-5 |
|  | Gonzalez - ss-8 |  | Ellis - ss-8 |  | Ellis - ss-8 |  | Ellis - ss-8 |

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 each month 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 will do most of the catching with 140 allowable games. Yan Gomes will catch some games vs. LHP. With a third catcher usually on the active roster this year, PR'ing for Montero will be an option late also PH'ing for Chris Stewart, who will find his way into the lineup occasionally.
1B; Newcomer Casey Kotchman will try to fill departing Michael Young's shoes and will get 142 starts at 1B. Laynce Nix and/or Gomes will play the remainder.
2B; Dustin Pedroia will miss 20 games due to injury and will be spelled vs. LH'ers with Mark Ellis - both 2B-9's.
SS: Shortstop by committee this year. Jean Segura will start vs. RH'ers for his 45 games. Alex Gonzalez will be used for his 24 games and Ellis will play most of the rest. Gomes may even find his way there occasionally.
3B;' Mike Moustakas with his 3B-5 rating will be the everyday 3B (149 g.), with Gomes picking up the remainder.

OF：Curtis Granderson has reclaimed his OF－3 rating and will be the everyday CF．Coco Crisp（OF－3）will play 120 games in LF vs．RHP．The rest of the OF and DH will be a mix and match again，with no world beaters manning those spots．Andres Torres（OF－3）will probably play LF when Crisp is on the bench and Rick Ankiel with his 38 arm will man RF for his 68 g ．vs．RHP＇s with Casper Wells \＆Torres also seeing duty in the OF．Laynce Nix may even find his way into the OF at times．All are CF－eligible．
DH：Wells，Nix and Domonic Brown will platoon at DH，with Wells facing LHP＇s and Brown \＆Nix vs．RHP＇s．

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When there are 3 catchers on the active roster，which should be most of the time，and if Gomes is catching，bring in Stewart for defense if Koyotes lead by 1－2 runs， $8^{\text {th }}$ inning on．
Torres will replace Wells in CF in $9^{\text {th }}$ of games the Koyotes lead by 3 or less．
Never＂waste＂a start for Crisp by using him as a defensive replacement．
 Torres can PR for Gomes or Montero in $9^{\text {th }}$ if tying or lead run．Don＇$t$ PR for Stewart if in the game－no extra games for Montero and Gomes．Kotchman is slow，but can＇t be PR for－not enough 1B games．
＊W Whoyotes won＇t be nearly as steal－conscious as last year，but do have a couple of legitimate threats to steal in Crisp and Pedroia and a couple of＂wannabes＂in Torres and Granderson．Crisp will generally have the green light from the $7^{\text {th }}$ on if the game is tied or Koyotes are a run down．Pedroia and Torres will run in the $9^{\text {th }}$ in the same situation if SBN is $\mathbf{> 2 6}$ ．The rest will get all of their early－season SB＇s at home．
$\star 6$ 此 4 Hit and run anytime allowed with Crisp on $1^{\text {st }}$ and Pedroia up anytime，with Ellis on and Crisp up after $5^{\text {th }}$ ．But steal instructions take precedence over $\mathrm{H} \& R$ ．
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#### Abstract

相（1）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．


 combination，or runners on first and third，Go Go Go！
＊ 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．


 adjusted SSN＞ 9 ．
平 Never play in with two outs or before the 7 inning．Only play infield in if the tying／winning run is on third base， $7^{\text {th }}$ inning on and less than two outs．If the double play is a possibility，always play deep．

## Pitching：

 many requiring a total of 9 different starters to come up with the necessary 162 starts．Top of the rotation is not bad， but only 78 starts of grade 10 and above．Decent relief innings will also be tight（ 454 RIP of gr． 9 and above），so this will be the closest monitored part of the Koyote season．Only 207 RIP of gr．14＋，so a lot of judgment must be used to know when to use them．If game is close in $7^{\text {th }}$ on，one of them should usually be in there unless Feliz or Harvey are still there and not reduced．Again this year，no＂lights－out＂closer．Jason Motte will handle most save situations，but often will be saves by committee．The grade 5 and below will often be asked to go till＂pounded＂out． General rule will be to try to get 6 innings out of the starters．Feliz and Harvey pitch through their first fatigue downgrade，with the rest of them coming out when downgraded．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．Only Feliz and Harvey should pitch beyond their fatigue point，unless the Koyotes are out of it．

## Starting Pitchers Bio's:

Harvey, Feliz - Excellent grades, but bad control and only 17 starts between them.
McDonald, Scherzer - 61 decent starts of grade 11 and 10.
Blackley: 15 grade 8 starts with decent peripherals will probably give the opposition plenty of batting practice.
Beavan, Keuchel, Matusz - 58 more starts of grade 5 for opponents to fatten their stats
Wolf: Believe it or not, we even need 11 starts of this atrocious grade 1.
Discretion with the latter 5 starters in deciding when the game is still winnable and when the starter needs to absorb punishment will be crucial to any hopes for Koyote wins and preserving the thin Koyote pen.
Bu//pen!' Bullpen is not as deep as 2012, and void of upper grade stoppers. With only 454 decent RIP and mediocre starting grades, there will be many decision times when it comes to applying the hook. Most months will see 7 relievers on the active roster. One key to the season: wise management of the pen - will try to manage the minor league roster so that regardless of RIP allowable, all relievers can be used as often as need be.

## Bullpen Bio's:

Motte: Usually will be the closer.
Johnson: With his good peripherals, will close at times, but will usually be the $8^{\text {th }}$ inning setup person..
Delabar: Will be the primary $8^{\text {th }}$ inning setup man if Koyotes lead by 1 or 2.
Blackley: When not in the starting rotation, will be another late inning relief option with his grade 14 and positive peripherals.
Ramirez, Diekman, Mikolas: All are grade 10's with bad control and will be asked to man the middle relief spots.
Swarzak: Has better control than the above trio and more innings so will be the preferred option in close games.
There are no true "mopup in blowouts" grades. Wolf may need to be used there when possible, but use one of those 10 's to conserve RIP's for the top four when the Koyotes trail by more than 3 in the $8^{\text {th }}$.

## Pitching Rotation:



S -Scherzer, Mc -McDonald, Be -Beavan, Ma - Matusz, K - Keuchel, BI - Blackley, W - Wolf, H - Harvey, F - Feliz
Summary: In 2012, the Koyotes struggled out of the gate and were 17 games under .500 going into September. A late season "surge", going 33-28 over the last 3 months, led to a deceivingly decent 75-87 mark, as they floundered mightily for the first five months of the season. Real life 2012 injuries and underachievement by others led to a depleted roster for 2013 and the need to draft a lot of relief. With another very mediocre starting staff, Kansas may be looking at one of the top five draft choices for 2014. The main bright spot for 2013 will be the defense, where all but shortstop will be manned by Fielding 1 players. A power shortage (only two with 3.5+ PN -
and both part-timers), mediocre starting pitching, a shallow pen with the absence of any true closer grades will no doubt lead to a LONG season. The Koyotes used their first round draft choice on Matt Harvey, hoping for a future stud (but those hopes have led to the likes of the injured Feliz and falling star Matusz in the past). Hope springs eternal as 2011 first rounder, Dominic Brown's spring training numbers may indicate he is ready to justify that pick.

No matter what, this will be a fun bunch to manage (especially for the road managers!) Our slogan this year will be a takeoff from Vince Lombardi's quote, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." Ours will be "Winning isn't everything, it's the occasional thing!"

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

## Have a FunSeason!

NOTE: Please provide scoresheets from road board games and boxscores from computer games (scanned and attached to an e-mail will be fine). I keep GWH's and GWR's in my personal stats, so it would be nice if those who only supply boxscores would list those stats when you send the boxscores. Thanks.
Please do not use any automatic managers.



