



2014 Kansas Koyotes

GM: Bill Schwartz (7th 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: R. Ankiel (Unc.), H. Gimenez (CHW), A. Gonzalez (MIL), C. Kotchman (Unc.), L. Nix (PHI), C. Wells (Unc.), B. Beavan (SEA), P. Coke (DET), J. Garland (COL), M. Mikolas (Unc.), R. Ramirez (Unc.).

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. Segura – ss-9	1. Segura – ss-9	1. Segura – ss-9	1. Segura – ss-9
2. Pedroia – 2b-9	2. Pedroia – 2b-9	2. Pedroia – 2b-9	2. Pedroia – 2b-9
3. Crisp – cf-3	3. Crisp – cf-3	3. Crisp – cf-3	3. Crisp – cf-3
4. Puig – rf-2	4. Puig – rf-2	4. Puig – rf-2	4. Puig – rf-2
5. Gomes – c-8	5. Brown – dh	5. Gomes – c-8	5. Brown – dh
6. Brown – dh	6. Reynolds – 1b-4	6. Brown – dh	6. Reynolds – 1b-4
7. Reynolds – 1b-4	7. Wells – lf-3	7. Reynolds – 1b-4	7. Wells – lf-3
8. Wells – lf-3	8. Moustakas – 3b-4	8. Wells – lf-3	8. Moustakas – 3b-4
9. Moustakas – 3b-4	9. Montero – c-8	9. Moustakas – 3b-4	9. Montero – c-8

Notes: I'll 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 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 **Yan Gomes** will share the catching duties – basically a platoon, but we will get all 88 games out of Gomes. Without a third catcher on the roster, there are 42 extra games to utilize a PR at times in the late innings.

1B: Newcomer **Mark Reynolds** will use most, if not all, of his 135 games here. **Matt Tuiasosopo** and/or **Cody Ransom** will play the remainder.

2B: **Dustin Pedroia**, healthy this year, will be penciled in every day with his 160 allowable games.

SS: **Jean Segura** will man the shortstop position with his ss-9 for 146 games. Third round draft choice **Ramiro Pena (ss-8)** will play the remaining 16 games.

3B: Mike Moustakas, despite his .233 average and drop to a 3B-4 rating, will be the main option (136 g.), with Pena (3B-5) playing the rest.

OF: Coco Crisp, Vernon Wells & Yasiel Puig will constitute the “normal” OF, but all have limited games, 131, 130 & 104, respectively. Andres Torres and Curtis Granderson will see duty, particularly vs. LHP’s. Lots of “mix and matching” again. All but Wells are CF-eligible.

DH: Domic Brown will man the DH slot for 139 games, with one of the other OF’s or Reynolds filling the rest of the games vs. some LHP’s.

Defensive Replacements:

Not a whole lot of defensive moves to be made. There may be possible options later in the year, but will be covered by the monthly instructions.

Don’t be tempted to bring in Pena to replace a lesser defensive third baseman and “waste” a start. That also goes for the OF-3’s if they are on the bench and Torres is in the lineup.

Pinch Hit/Run: Not a whole lot of flexibility in this area. Only possible options till later in the year would be either Marquis or Keuchel for Gomes in the 9th if tying or lead run and they are in the monthly rotation. Don’t PR for Montero and “waste” a start for Gomes.

Steal Attempts: Koyotes, hoping to be in more games, would like to run a little more than last year. Segura will generally have the green light from the 7th on if the game is tied or Koyotes are within a run either way. Crisp and Pedroia will run in the 9th in the same situation if SBN is >26. Wells, Brown & Granderson will get their attempts at home until later in the year.

Hit & Run: Only one option, at least early in the season: H&R anytime allowed with Segura on 1st and Pedroia up. 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.

Pitching:

General Philosophy: TJ injuries galore have played havoc with the pen, as potential closer-types Neftali Feliz, Joakim Soria & Jason Motte have all gone down, with only Soria back for limited innings this year. Last year starter Matt Harvey made it a grand slam and will be uncarded next year! Once again, it was scramble time to put together 162 starts. After two trades and a couple of partial-season draft choices, 8 different starters will toe the mound in 2014. Three grade 15 starters will head the rotation, but only have 68 starts between them. After that it’s a patchwork crew of grade 3 to 9 starters, with 57 starts of grade 5 or below. Decent relief innings will not be quite as tight as last year (approx. 500 RIP of gr. 9 and above), but Paco Rodriguez’ 21 is the only one over a 14 grade. Rodriguez was our bonus round choice to be the grade 21 closer. If game is close in 7th on, one of the relievers should usually be in the game unless Harvey, Scherzer or Gray are still there. We will usually even live with one reduction from them. The grade 5- will often be asked to go till “pounded” out. General rule will be to try to get 6 innings out of the starters. Harvey, Scherzer & Gray will usually pitch through their first fatigue downgrade, with the

rest of them coming out when downgraded. 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:

Harvey, Scherzer, Gray – Excellent grades, but only 68 starts between them.

Marquis – 20 wild (CTL-62) starts of grade 10.

Redmond, Blackley: 17 grade 9 starts with decent control but susceptible to the longball.

Correia – 31 grade 5 starts.

Keuchel – 26 more bad starts of grade 3 for opponents to fatten their stats

Discretion with the latter 2 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 relief innings.

Bullpen: Bullpen has a few more innings than last year but, with the exception of Rodriguez, is devoid of upper grades – nothing above grade 14. With about 500 decent RIP and 57 bad starts, there will be many decision times when it comes to applying the hook. A minimum of 6 relievers will be 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 equally in any particular month as need be.

Bullpen Bio's:

Rodriguez: The closer.

Soria: Late inning spot reliever in spots where his CTL-56 won't be disastrous.

Delabar: Will again be the primary 8th inning setup man if Koyotes lead by 1 or 2.

Swarzak, Mazzaro, Matusz, Johnson: Interchangeable grade 10-12's with positive peripherals for 5th, 6th, 7th inning use.

Blackley: When not starting, will be used for 20+ grade 9 innings similar to the 10-12's.

Garcia: Wild grade 10 with limited innings to face a batter here or there or to pitch an inning early when starter is lit up.

Pitching Rotation:

April	vs.	Pitchers	May	vs.	Pitchers	June	vs.	Pitchers
1-4 (5)	@ MAR	K,S,R,H	1-5	@ KNOX	C,M,R,H,S	1-4 (5)	NBO	K,G,R,S
6-8 (9)	@ NBO	K,S,C	6-9 (10)	@ MLR	C,M,R,H	6-8	POR	C,K,R
10-13	@ POR	H,K,S,C	11-14	NW	S,C,M,H	9-11	MAR	S,G,C
14-17 (18)	TAY	R,H,K,S	15-18 (19)	CAY	R,S,C,M	12-16 (17)	@ MID	K,R,S,G,C
19-23 (24)	MUN	R,C,H,S,K	20-23	DET	H,R,S,C	18-21	@ HUD	K,R,G,C
July	vs.	Pitchers	August	vs.	Pitchers	September	vs.	Pitchers
1-5	ZIO	H,M,R,S,C	1-4	DAL	S,K,C,M	(1,2) 3-5	@ MAR	K,C,H
6-9 (10)	@ FO	H,M,R,S	5-8 (9)	GOH	B,S,K,C	6-9	@ NBO	S,M,K,C
11-14	@ GC	C,H,M,S	10-13	MID	M,S,K,C	10-12 (13)	@ POR	H,S,M
15-18	@ BH	R,C,H,M	14-17	@ WHI	B,M,S,K	14-17	KNOX	K,C,H,S
19-22 (23)	LV	S,R,C,H	18-21(22)	@ RYE	C,B,M,S	18-22 (23)	MLR	M,K,C,H,S
October	vs.	Pitchers	November	vs.	Pitchers			
1-4* (5)	HUD	K,C,H,G,S	2-6	@ TAY	S,C,M,H,G			
6-9	BRO	K,C,H,G	7-10	@ MUN	K,S,C,H			
10-13 (14)	@ COL	S,K,C,H	11-13 (14)	NBO	M,K,G			
15-18	@ ZIO	S,K,G,H	15-18	POR	H,M,K,C			
19-23 (24)	@ LV	C,S,K,G,H	19-22 (23)	MAR	S,H,M,K			
*DH								

S –Scherzer, H – Harvey, G – Gray, M –Marquis, R – Redmond, C – Correia, K – Keuchel, B – Blackley

Summary: In 2013, the Koyotes endured an even worse season than anticipated. After posting a respectable 38-43 mark in the first half, they couldn't buy a win on the backside, struggling to a 20-61 second half record.

One bright spot again for 2014 should be the defense, where 4's at the corners, strong Fielding 1's up the middle, and Puig's 38 arm in RF should be a help to the pitching staff, which will labor after the 68 grade 15 starts. An ongoing characteristic of recent Koyote lineups, a lack of power (only Yasiel Puig and Domonic Brown with significant power), could lead to another long season, but hopefully not mirroring last year's debacle.

The Koyotes' atrocious 2013 gave them the second pick in the draft with which they were able to get Puig and then acquired Sonny Gray with their second choice in the first round by virtue of trading Michael Young. Limited starts for Gray this year, but hopefully an ace in years to come.

The biggest ongoing hope is for Soria, Feliz, Motte & Harvey to all come back from their Tommy John surgery encounters and supply a solid pitching staff next year and on into the future.

No matter what, this will again be a fun bunch to manage with lots of players in the 130 game range, necessitating platooning – and everyone knows that Casey loves to platoon!!

Last year we coined the expression, "Winning isn't everything, it's the occasional thing!" This year looks to be a little better, as hope again springs eternal from the always optimistic Koyotes.

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). 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.

2014 Kansas Coyotes														Fielding										Minors										
NAME	TEAM	BATS	BC-COMP	BC-MG	SSN	Spd	ARM	SBA				Hits	14's	24's	31's	13's	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	PB/Th	*AGE	Acquired	A	M	J	J	A	S	O		
								G	PA	SBA	Rem.																							
Montero, Miguel	ARI	L	SA-5	-9/+1	0	55	31	116	475	0		8 (0-0-7)	4	3	1	7	8	2		^0	^0	2,+2	30	'07 Draft (2)										
Gomes, Yan	CLE	R	SA-2	+3/-4	31	7	32	88	322	2		11 (1-0-0-0-7)	2+	3	2	6	8	2				1,+5	26	'13 Draft (4)										
Reynolds, Mark	NYN	R	SA-1	0/-2	29	9	33	135	504	4		8 (1-0-0)	4	1	1	9	4	6	3				30	Trade '14 WHI										
Tuiasosopo, Matt	DET	R	SA-0	-3/+4	0	9	32	81	191	0		8 (1-0-0)	5	0	1	9	2		3		1		27	'14 Draft (5)	x				x		x			
Ransom, Cody	CHC	R	SA-3	+3/-8	0	12	33	62	169	0		7(1-0-0-0)	4	1	1	10	3		3		6		38	'14 Draft (9)										
Pedrola, Dustin	BOS	R	PL-3	+6/-5	30	13	29	160	724	22		11 (0-0-0-10-7-7)	4	3	2	2			9			30	'07 Draft (Bon)											
Segura, Jean	MIL	R	SA-2	+4/-3	30	F17	33	146	623	57		11 (0-0-0-11-11-7)	1	2	2	4					9		24	'13 Draft (2)										
Pena, Ramiro	ATL	B	SA-0	-8/+3	9	F16	34	50	97	2		10 (1-4-6-7-7)	3	0	2	5			8	5	8		29	'14 Draft (3)										
Moustakas, Mike	KC	L	PR-3	-6/0	14	10	33	136	514	6		9 (0-0-0)	2	2	1	4			4				24	'12 Draft (1)										
Puig, Yasiel	LAD	R	SA-2	+3/-3	23	15	38	104	452	19		11(1-0-0-0-10-7-7)	3+	0	1	7							23	'14 Draft (1)					x					
Granderson, Curtis	NYN	L	SA-0	+2/-3	31	F17	31	61	245	10		8(1-4-6-11)	4	0	1	8							33	Trade '11 CAY										
Crisp, Coco	OAK	B	SA-0	-7/+2	31	F17	31	131	584	26		9 (1-5-6-11-10)	4	1	2	3							34	Trade '11 BRO										
Brown, Domico	PHI	L	SA-3	-5/0	28	13	33	139	540	11		10 (1-0-0-0-7)	2	0	1	5							26	'11 Draft (1)										
Vernon Wells	NYN	R	SA-2	+2/-4	27	13	33	130	458	10		9 (0-0-0)	2	1	2	4			2	5	3		35	Trade '14 CAY										
Torres, Andres	SF	B	SA-0	+3/-6	23	F17	32	103	300	7		9 (0-0-0-7)	3	1	1	6							36	'10 Draft (5)										
Vitters, Josh	Unc.																																	
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NAME	TEAM	Th	Grade	Sym	CTL	HRA	Sym	FAT	Def.	WP	HB	BK	MF	GS	RIP	AGE						Acquired	A	M	J	J	A	S	O					
Harvey, Matt	NYN	R	15	XVZ	32	42	G	27	2	1	-	0	2	26		24	'13 Draft (1)																	
Scherzer, Max	DET	R	15	XY	14	22	-	26	1	2	-	-	1	32		27	'09 Draft (3)																	
Gray, Sonny	OAK	R	15	X	-11	34	G	25	2	2	0	-	1	10	4	64.0 Total IP	24	'14 Draft (1)																
Marquis, Jason	SD	R	10	W	-62	-23	W	27	2	1	-	0	1	20		35	Trade '14 CAY																	
Redmond, Todd	TOR	R	9	X	15	-25	L	23/12	1	1	-	0	0	14	7.7	77.0 Total IP	28	'14 Draft (4)																
Correia, Kevin	MIN	R	5	Z	23	-13	-	27	1	1	-	0	1	31		33	Trade '14 NW																	
Keuchel, Dallas*	HOU	L	3	Y	12	-12	-	30/14	2	3	-	0	1	26	8.7	153.7 Total IP	26	'13 Draft (6)																
Rodriguez, Paco	LAD	L	21	K	-11	-11	-	5	2	3	-	0	0	0		22	'14 Draft (RON)																	
Soria, Joakim	TEX	R	14	XVW	-56	23	G	6	2	3	-	0	0	0		23.7	'08 Draft (1)																	
Delabar, Steve	TOR	R	13	KW	-32	33	G	7	2	3	-	0	0	0		58.7	'13 Draft (BON)																	
Swarzak, Anthony	MIN	R	12	Z	24	26	G	10	1	1	-	0	1	96		27	Trade '13 MAR																	
Mazaro, Vin	PIT	R	11	Z	16	43	G	7	2	3	-	0	2	73.7		27	'13 Waiver Wire																	
Matusz, Brian	BAL	L	11	X	14	35	G	5	2	0	-	0	1	51		26	'10 Draft (1)																	
Johnson, Jim	BAL	R	10	YZ	31	31	G	6	1	2	-	0	1	70.3		29	'12 Draft (2)																	
Garcia, Luis	PHI	R	10	W	-62	13	-	8	2	3	-	0	2	31.3		27	'14 Draft (8)																	
Blackley, Travis	TEX	L	9	Y	-21	-51	M	21/6	2	3	-	0	3	3	36	50.3 Total IP	30	'13 Draft (3)																
Motte, Jason	R	Unc.															30	Trade '11 CAY																
McDonald, James	R	Unc.																27	'10 Draft (3)															
Feliz, Neftali	R	Unc.																																
																						162						507						

* Innocuous

Marquis has 15 speed rating.
Keuchel has 12 speed rating.

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* Opening Day Age

S/R- Can relieve in certain game
x- In minors