

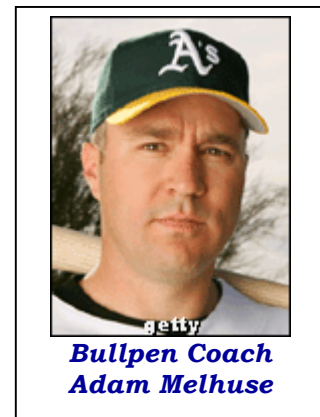
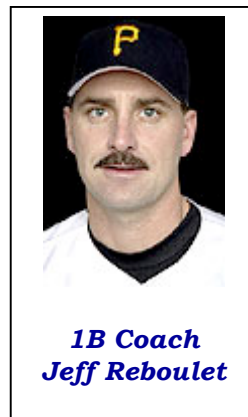
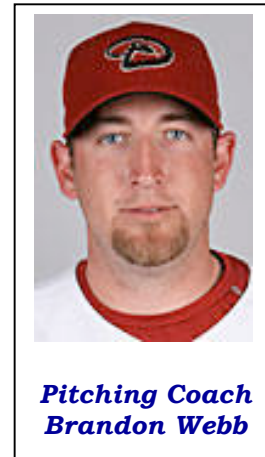
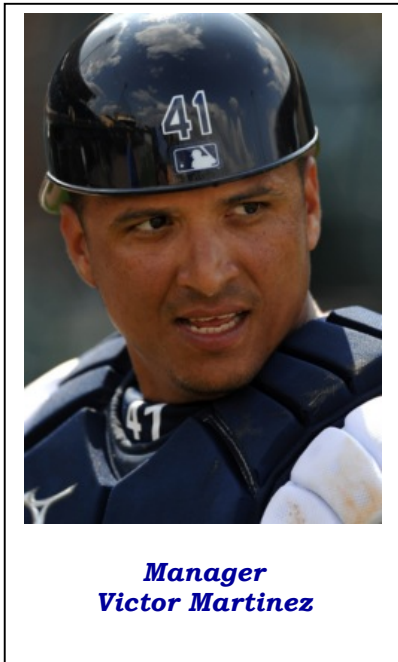
# 2014 Midwest Mongrels

849-933-.476

Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013  
Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012  
National Conference Champion—2009

**TBL Champion--2009**

<i>Manager</i>	<i>Victor Martinez</i>
<i>Bench Coach</i>	<i>Tony Graffanino</i>
<i>Pitching Coach</i>	<i>Brandon Webb</i>
<i>3B Coach</i>	<i>Frankie Menechino</i>
<i>1B Coach</i>	<i>Jeff Reboulet</i>
<i>Bullpen Coach</i>	<i>Adam Melhuse</i>



# MIDWEST MONGRELS

## April 2014—at TAY and HUD; KNX

Player	TM	B	BC-MG	BC-CG	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB	TH	G	PA	REM SBA
Darwin Barney	CC	R	+6/-4	SA-3	26	13	34			141	553	6
Henry Blanco	SEA	R	-1/-1	SA-0	N	6	35	3	2	50	150	0
Endy Chavez	SEA	L	-5/0	SA-3	11	17	34			97	279	4
Trevor Crowe	HOU	B	+6/-4	SA-0	33	15	31			60	181	7
Michael Cuddyer	COL	R	-5/0	SA-0	30	7	37			130	540	13
Eduardo Escobar	MN	B	0/-2	SA-0	9	15	34			66	179	2
Carlos Gomez	MIL	R	+5/-3	SA-2	33	19	37			147	590	47
Erik Hosmer	KC	L	-1/-1	SA-0	28	12	33			159	680	15
Reed Johnson	ATL	R	+2/-4	SA-2	N	13	32			74	136	0
Adam Jones	BAL	R	-4/0	SA-0	32	16	33			160	689	17
Adam LaRoche	WAS	L	-9/1	PR-5	31	4	31			152	590	5
Victor Martinez	DET	B	-4/0	SA-0	9	4	30	2	-4	159	688	2
Jayson Nix	NYN	R	+4/-4	SA-2	35	15	30			87	303	14
Xavier Paul	CIN	L	-10/0	SA-5	14	12	31			97	239	1
Ryan Roberts	TB	R	+6/-9	SA-4	9	15	30			60	173	2
Jimmy Rollins	PHIL	B	-2/-1	SA-0	30	15	35			160	666	28
Andrew Romine	LAA	B	+1/-3	SA-0	26	18	33			47	123	1
Carlos Santana	CLEV	B	0/-2	SA-0	29	6	33	2	-2	152	642	4
Ryan Zimmerman	WAS	R	+1/-2	SA-1	35	10	31			147	633	6
PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Madison Bumgarner	SF	L	15 X	11	21	26	2		0	2	31	
Bruce Chen (121)	KC	L	12/11*	15	11	23/10	0			3	15	33.7
Jeremy Hellickson	TB	R	5 Y	14	-14	27	3			1	31	
Ervin Santana	LAA	R	12 Y	23	-13	27	2		0	2	32	
J. Williams (169.3)	LAA	R	4/16*	11	-14	25/12	2		0	1	25	30.7
Jordan Zimmermann	WAS	R	10 Y	31	12	27	1		0	0	32	
RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Brett Cecil	TOR	L	15* XY	-14	33	6	3			0		60.7
Kyle Farnsworth	TB	R	5* Inn	16	-14	5	0			0		69
Brandon Gomes	TB	R	3* KY Inn	26	-36	5	3	0	0	0		59.7
Jason Grilli	PITT	R	14* KY	14	16	6	1		0	0		50
Greg Holland	KC	R	24* KX	14	42	6	2	0	0	0		67
Sean Marshall	NC	L										
Joel Peralta	TB	R	17* X	-51	14	6	1	0	0	0		71.3
Glen Perkins	MN	L	17* K	16	22	6	0		0	3		62.7
Fernando Rodney	TB	R	14* XY	-52	44	6	3			0		66.7
Alfredo Simon	CIN	R	14*	13	12	8	3		0	2		87.7
SP/RP totals											166	659

Cuts-- Carded— Cruz, Hannahan, Kotsay, Aceves  
 Uncarded—Butera, Mastroianni, Luebke

Waiver Wire:

September Trade:

## Monthly Player Roster

**Up**—on roster

**D**—in minors

MONTHLY ROSTER	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Darwin Barney	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Henry Blanco	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Up
Endy Chavez	Up	D	D	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Trevor Crowe	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Up
Michael Cuddyer	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Eduardo Escobar	Up	Up	Up	D	D	D	D	Up
Carlos Gomez	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Erik Hosmer	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Reed Johnson	Up	Up	Up	D	D	D	D	Up
Adam Jones	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Adam LaRoche	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Victor Martinez	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Jayson Nix	D	D	D	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Xavier Paul	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Up
Ryan Roberts	Up	Up	Up	D	D	Up	Up	Up
Jimmy Rollins	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Andrew Romine	D	D	D	Up	Up	D	D	Up
Carlos Santana	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Ryan Zimmerman	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
<i>Batters on Roster</i>	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	19
<i>Pitchers on Roster</i>	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	15
Pitchers	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
STARTERS								
M. Bumgarner	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Bruce Chen	D	D	D	D	Up	Up	Up	Up
Jeremy Hellickson	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Ervin Santana	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Jerome Williams	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	D	D	Up
J. Zimmermann	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
RELIEVERS								
Brett Cecil	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Kyle Farnsworth	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Up
Brandon Gomes	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Up
Jason Grilli	Up	Up	Up	Up	D	Up	Up	Up
Greg Holland	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Sean Marshall	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Joel Peralta	D	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Glen Perkins	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Fernando Rodney	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
Alfredo Simon	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up	Up
	C=Closer L=Long Man Sit LH=Situational Lefty, 1-2 batters per outing *Pitching in relief only, not starting 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	@TAY	1234X
6-8	LV	512X
10-13	KNX	3451
14-17	MUN	2345X
19-23 (24)	@HUD	12345X

### May (21)

1-5	@MLR	12345
6-9	@CAY	1234X
11-14	GC	5123
15-18	BH	4512X
20-23	FOG	3451

### June (19)

1-4	@LV	2345X
6-8	@KNX	123
9-11	TAY	451
12-16	KAN	23451X
18-21	@MAR	2345

### July (21)

1-5	POR	12345
6-9	ZIO	1234X
11-14	@NW	5123
15-18	@DET	4512
19-22 (23)	@NBO	3451X

### August (20)

1-4	COL	2345
5-8	WHT	1234X
10-13	@KAN	6123
14-17	@BRO	4512
18-21 (22)	@DAL	3461X

### September (19)

3-5	@TAY	XX614
6-9	LV	3261
10-12	KNX	432X
14-17	HUD	6143
18-22	@ZIO	26143X

### October (22)

1-4	RYE	2614X
6-9	MLR	3261
10-14	@MUN	43261
15-18	@GOH	4326
19-23	NBO	14326

### November (20)

2-6	MAR	X54326
7-10	@POR	1432
11-13	@LV	615X
15-18	@KNX	3261
19-22 (23)	TAY	4526X

1—Santana (32)	5—Williams (21)
2—Zimmermann (32)	6—Chen (15)
3—Hellickson (31)	
4—Bumgarner (31)	

**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**

### At Taylorville

April 1 vs. Wood	April 2 vs. Guthrie	April 3 vs. Santiago	April 4 vs. Morton
Hosmer	1B-5	Hosmer	1B-5
Martinez	DH	Martinez	DH
Cuddyer	LF-2	Cuddyer	LF-2
Gomez	RF-3	Jones	CF-3
Jones	CF-3	Zimmerman	3B-4
Zimmerman	3B-4	Gomez	RF-3
Santana	C-7	Santana	C-7
Roberts*	2B-7	Escobar*	2B-7
Rollins	SS-8	Rollins	SS-8
Santana	P-2	Zimmermann	P-2
		Hellickson	P-2
		Bumgarner	P-1

\*Roberts and Escobar are replaced by Barney in the top of the sixth if the Dawgs lead, or any other time later in the game when the Dawgs go ahead.

## Knoxville

<b>Apr. 10 vs. Miller</b>		<b>Apr. 11 vs. Corbin</b>		<b>Apr. 12 vs. Oberh.</b>		<b>April 13 vs. Duffy</b>	
Hosmer	1B-5	Hosmer	1B-5	Hosmer	1B-5	Gomez	RF-3
Cuddyer	LF-2	Martinez	DH	Martinez	DH	Hosmer	1B-5
Jones	CF-3	Gomez	RF-3	Gomez	RF-3	Jones	CF-3
Gomez	RF-3	Jones	CF-3	Jones	CF-3	Cuddyer	LF-2
Martinez	DH	Cuddyer	LF-2	Cuddyer	LF-2	Martinez	DH
Zimmerman	3B-4	Zimmerman	3B-4	Zimmerman	3B-4	Santana	C-7
Santana	C-7	Santana	C-7	Santana	C-7	Zimmerman	3B-4
Escobar*	2B-7	Roberts*	2B-7	Roberts*	2B-7	Escobar*	2B-7
Rollins	SS-8	Rollins	SS-8	Rollins	SS-8	Rollins	SS-8
Hellickson	P-2	Bumgarner	P-1	Williams	P-2	Santana	P-2

\*Roberts and Escobar are replaced by Barney in the top of the sixth if the Dawgs lead, or any other time later in the game when the Dawgs go ahead.

## At Hudson

<b>April 19 vs. Cahill</b>		<b>April 20 vs. Nova</b>		<b>April 21 vs. Minor</b>		<b>April 22 vs. Lincecum</b>	
Hosmer	1B-5	Hosmer	1B-5	Hosmer	1B-5	Hosmer	1B-5
Martinez	DH	Martinez	DH	Martinez	DH	Martinez	DH
Gomez	RF-3	Gomez	RF-3	Cuddyer	LF-2	Cuddyer	LF-2
Jones	CF-3	Jones	CF-3	Jones	CF-3	Jones	CF-3
Cuddyer	LF-2	Cuddyer	LF-2	Gomez	RF-3	Gomez	RF-3
Zimmerman	3B-4	Zimmerman	3B-4	Zimmerman	3B-4	Zimmerman	3B-4
Santana	C-7	Santana	C-7	Santana	C-7	Santana	C-7
Escobar*	2B-7	Escobar*	2B-7	Roberts*	2B-7	Roberts*	2B-7
Rollins	SS-8	Rollins	SS-8	Rollins	SS-8	Rollins	SS-8
Santana	P-2	Zimmermann	P-2	Hellickson	P-2	Bumgarner	P-1

## April 23 vs. Cole

Hosmer	1B-5
Martinez	DH
Gomez	RF-3
Jones	CF-3
Cuddyer	LF-2
Zimmerman	3B-4
Santana	C-7
Escobar*	2B-7
Rollins	SS-8
Williams	P-2

\*Roberts and Escobar are replaced by Barney in the top of the sixth if the Dawgs lead, or any other time later in the game when the Dawgs go ahead.

# Midwest on Offense

## Player Usage

**Catcher:** Carlos Santana for 154 games, including all the road games. Victor Martinez will start the other 8 games, all at home. Henry Blanco will play in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> innings when the Dawgs lead if he is on the roster.

**1B:** Eric Hosmer plays 159 games. He is backed up by Adam LaRoche, who will play against righties when Michael Cuddyer and Carlos Gomez need to rest; when LaRoche starts, Hosmer will take his glove to the outfield, returning to the infield late in games for improved defense.

**2B:** How do we deal with an awful Darwin Barney bat? He becomes the defensive wizard and occasional starter. Eduardo Escobar, Ryan Roberts, Jayson Nix, and Andrew Romine start

most of the 162 games, platooning based on their splits. Barney enters in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning or later when the Dawgs have any lead.

**3B:** Welcome to the Dawgs, Ryan Zimmerman and your 147 games. Roberts picks up the other 15 games against LH starters only.

**SS:** Jimmie Rollins plays 160 games. Nix will play the other two games.

**LF:** Michael Cuddyer's career year for 130 games. Hosmer, Reed Johnson, Xavier Paul, Endy Chavez, and Trevor Crowe will mix and match those other 32 games.

**CF:** Adam Jones plays 160 games, with Carlos Gomez sliding over for the two games he needs off.

**RF:** Go-Go plays his other 145 games in RF in his career year, spelled by the LF platoon listed above as needed.

**DH:** Martinez plays 151 games here when he is not replacing Santana, and will DH in all road games. Others will finish off the season based on splits, all to be done at home.

**Bench:** There will always be three second basemen, two to hit against splits and Barney to end games defensively. There are plenty of alternatives this season: Blanco behind the plate, Escobar/Roberts/Nix/Romine in the infield, LaRoche at 1B, Johnson/Paul/Crowe/Chavez in the outfield. Be careful to get the right players on the roster. There appear to be no limits to worry about at this point, so feel free to make a move to help me win by putting pinch-runners or better defenders in the game. ***Only Cuddyer and Gomez are restricted—they play the entire game when they start, and for the time being, try not to play them when they are resting. That being said, if they are on the bench and the Dawgs could tie or go ahead with them pinch-hitting, feel free to use them. If this happens, they stay in the game from that point forward.***

### **Offensive Strategies**

**Bunt:** You know I love this play. That being said, I have the best offense I have ever had. So, in a departure from the norm, the following players never bunt on the road: Cuddyer, Gomez, Hosmer, Jones, LaRoche, Martinez, and Santana. Everyone else can bunt, starting at any time, when the leadoff man doubles. In the 7<sup>th</sup> or later of a -1/+1 game, the others can bunt the leadoff man to second as well. Barney can suicide with one out if there are runners on second and third or bases are loaded and there are 0 or 1 outs in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning or later of a -1/+1 game.

**Hit and Run:** I love this play. Anytime there is a runner on first and it is still legal to hit and run, do so with any hitter with 2-31s. Consult the chart to see the remaining SBA for the runners. Please note that I usually bat a H-R guy after my slow runners who do have steal attempts. PLEASE H-R with those slow runners on base in the 6<sup>th</sup> or later of a -1/+1 game, with either 0 or out.

**Stolen Base:** C. Gomez can have 2 SB per series, so if they have not been achieved by the hit and run, use them when needed in the late innings to get the tying or winning run into scoring position. He can also steal third base with two outs in the 7<sup>th</sup> or later of a tied game if my pesky but ineffective 2B-3B platoon hitters are up. Cuddyer, Hosmer, and Jones can all have one SBA per series, in the fifth or later with Dawgs tied or behind by one. Be aggressive on the bases for my boys!!

**Runner Advancement and Throws:** Use the chart for advancing on the bases, and throw to bases as you would for your own team. I trust your judgment. Do not be afraid to be aggressive and possibly lose base runners; I like my runners to try for an extra base in a close

game if their success rate is 41 or higher. ***In computer play, don't advance if the runner is not well around the base, and do not take extra bases on balls to left field.***

***Infield In:*** I never have good luck with this. So, limit this to the 8<sup>th</sup> inning or later, less than two outs, and Dawgs ahead by one to three runs.

***Hold Runners/Stretch:*** Hold all runners at first as long as game is within four runs. If more than that, do not hold with LH batters at the plate. Always stretch with runners on base.

Everything else is your judgment. Play my team as you would yours. Within the restrictions listed above, play to win today's game.

## Midwest Pitching

The Dawgs' starting staff is down a bit this year, and I have tried to balance that by lengthening the bullpen in order to have a caddy system with my 52 bad starts. Madison Bumgarner, Ervin Santana, Bruce Chen, and Jordan Zimmermann give me 110 pretty good starts. They should all shoot for six solid innings and then play it inning by inning as they fatigue. They should not be stapled to the mound, however, and if they get blown out I have a mop up man for them to save innings. If the game is +1/-1 in the fifth and they are fatigued, remove them to try to win the game today. We will worry about the future when it comes.

Jeremy Hellickson and Jerome Williams will have to start 52 games as a 5 and a 4. Ouch! Try to go three innings always (although you can allow them to stay in until pounded if they give up five runs or more in the first two innings). After three innings, decide what to do on an inning by inning basis. If the Dawgs lead, they stay in until the tying or lead run gets on base. If the Dawgs trail, they stay in unless they allow three runners on base in the inning.

Before talking caddy system, let's look at the bullpen.

***Closer*** is Greg Holland (24 KX). He is good for one inning saves as the season starts.

### ***Set up men in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> innings are:***

Perkins (17 K)

Williams (16 for 30 innings)

Any of the early men from the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> inning who might be available on any given day. Go for the best L-R matchup an inning at a time.

They are good for an inning at a time, and don't be afraid to remove Peralta if he goes walk crazy (replace with an early man to get through the inning)

### ***Early holds, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> innings:***

Cecil (15 XY)

Grilli (14 KY)

Rodney (14 XY, bad walk but great HR peripheral)

Blowout: Farnsworth (5) or Gomes if they are on the roster. If not, rotate the caddies (Simon and Peralta).

***Lefty specialist:*** Chen when in the bullpen. No more than one inning at a time, as I am saving the majority of his innings for his 15 starts.

***Caddy:*** Simon and Peralta are the caddies for those 52 bad starts. Simon has 87 innings and Peralta has 71. When they come in, they stay in for 2-2/3 and can be fatigued once as long as the Dawgs remain with three runs either way in the game score. If they start to lose it, go to the rest of the pen.

That's it. Anything not covered, use your judgment. I never protest and just ask you to play to win today for me. If you have a hunch, play it—I will not second guess your decisions. Best of luck to you all!

Darrell