

April, 2016 Midwest Mongrels

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Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013, 2015

Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012, 2014

National Conference Champion—2009, 2014

TBL Champion—2009

MANAGER

VICTOR MARTINEZ

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Pitching Coach

Brandon Webb

3B Coach

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1B Coach

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Bullpen Coach

Adam Melhuse

Manager-in-Waiting

David Wright

Player	TM	B	BC-MG	BC-CG	SSN	SPD	AR M	PB	TH	G	PA	REM SBA
Mike Aviles CF	CLEV	R	+1/-4	SA-2	29	14	33			98	317	4
Melky Cabrera	CWS	B	-6/+1	SA-0	33	12	32			158	683	3
Ezekiel Carrera CF	TOR	L	-1/-1	SA-0	26	16	30			91	192	3
Alex Guerrero	LAD	R	-3/0	SA-0	26	12	33			106	230	1
Aaron Hicks CF	MIN	B	+5/-4	SA-0	31	17	35			97	390	16
Eric Hosmer	KC	L	-5/+2	SA-4	27	12	33			158	667	10
Victor Martinez	DET	B	+10/-4	SA-0	N	4	30			120	485	0
Rougned Odor	TEX	L	-1/-1	PR-0	19	16	32			120	470	13
Jimmy Paredes	BALT	B	-4/-1	SA-0	20	15	32			104	384	8
Trevor Plouffe	MN	R	+1/-2	SA-1	26	9	33			152	632	3
Alexei Ramirez	CWS	R	+2/-2	SA-1	28	15	35			154	622	24
Rene Rivera	TB	R	-2/-1	SA-0	N	6	32	2	+3	110	319	0
Andrew Romine	DET	B	-2/-1	SA-0	26	18	33			109	203	15
Eddie Rosario CF	MIN	L	+1/-2	SA-0	25	16	34			122	474	17
Danny Santana CF	MN	B	+2/-3	SA-0	26	18	35			91	277	12
Chris Stewart	PITT	R	+1/-2	SA-1	N	6	31	1	-3	58	172	0
David Wright	NYM	R	+6/-4	SA-3	26	15	33			38	174	3
<i>CF—CF Eligible</i>												
PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Zach Davies	MIL	R	14	-45	34	24	0	0	0	1	6	
Aaron Harang	PHIL	R	5	14	-21	29	2		0	2	29	
Jeremy Hellickson	AZ	R	6Y	14	-21	26	3		0	0	27	
Phil Hughes	MN	R	4	46	-31	27	1		0	0	25	
Kyle Lohse--INN	MIL	R	1/10*	16	-32	31/10	2		0	2	29	28.3
Justin Nicolino	MIA	L	9R	16	-11	26	2		0	1	12	
Henry Owens	BOS	L	8Y	-25	13	27	3			0	11	
Wandy Rodriguez	TEX	L	4Y	-24	13	28/12	3		0	0	15	2.3
Alfredo Simon	DET	R	5	-21	-11	30	3		0	0	31	
RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Brian Duensing	MN	L	9*	-22	15	6	3		0	0		48.7
Yimi Garcia	LAD	R	13*XY	34	-22	10/6	1		0	0	1	54.7
Brandon Gomes	TB	R	9*	23	-25	6	3			0		59
J. R. Graham--INN	MN	R	4Y	-11	-16	19/9	3			0	1	79.7
Ryan Madson	KC	R	16*X	24	24	6	1		0	1		63.3
Mike Morin--INN	LAA	R	2*XY	31	24	5	0		0	0		68
Glen Perkins	MN	L	9*X	41	-22	6	3	0	0	1		57
Felipe Rivero	WAS	L	15*X	26	43	6	3			0		48.3
Fernando Rodney	CC	R	8*Y	-33	-14	6	3		0	1		62.7
SP/RP totals											225	500

Italics—In the minors this month

Cuts-- Carded— Bourgeois, H. Gomez, Maxwell, Goforth, Guthrie, Chr. Martin

Uncarded—Chavez, Ellis, Johnson, Pinto, Schafer, Taveras, B. Chen, Nolasco, Peralta

Waiver Wire: Add—J. R. Graham, Wandy Rodriguez; Cut—David Hale, Chris Herrmann

September Trade:

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		
	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V			R	Y	E	L	G	T	V			
HITTERS										PITCHERS										
Mike Aviles	U	U								STARTERS										
Melky Cabrera	U	U								Zach Davies	D	U								
Ezekiel Carrera	U	U								Aaron Harang	U	U								
Alex Guerrero	U	U								Jeremy Hellickson	D	U								
Aaron Hicks	D	D								Phil Hughes	D	U								
Eric Hosmer	U	U								Kyle Lohse-- <i>INN</i>	U	D								
Victor Martinez	U	D								Justin Nicolino	U	D								
Rougned Odor	U	D								Henry Owens	D	D								
Jimmy Paredes	U	U								Wandy Rodriguez	X	D								
Trevor Plouffe	U	U								Alfredo Simon	U	U								
Alexei Ramirez	U	U																		
Rene Rivera	U	U								RELIEVERS										
Andrew Romine	D	D								Brian Duensing	U	U								
Eddie Rosario	D	D								Yimi Garcia	U	U								
Danny Santana	U	U								Brandon Gomes	D	U								
Chris Stewart	D	U								J. R. Graham	X	D								
David Wright	D	U								Ryan Madson	C	U								
										Mike Morin	L	U								
MAY ROSTER										Glen Perkins	U	U								
12 hitters										Felipe Rivero	U	U								
13 pitchers										Fernando Rodney	U	U								
C=Closer L=Long Man (Blowouts) SLH=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 LV 9376X
 6-8 TAY 937X
 10-13 KNX 2937
 14-17 @STM 6293X
 19-23 (24) @MLR 62937X

May (21)

1-5 MAR 59431
 6-9 @IND 5943X
 11-14 @RYE 5943
 15-18 @DET 1594X
 20-23 HUD 1594

June (19)

1-4 @TAY A859X
 6-8 @KNX 385
 9-11 @LV 943
 12-16 KAN 85943X
 18-21 ZIO 5943

July (21)

1-5 @MUN 75943
 6-9 @NBO 7594X
 11-14 COL 3794
 15-18 WHT 5379
 19-22 (23) HOB 453AX

August (20)

1-4 BRO 967A
 5-8 BH 5947X
 10-13 MLR 594A
 14-17 @NW 7596
 18-21 (22) @CAY A759X

September (19)

3-5 LV XXA94
 6-9 TAY 38A9
 10-12 (13) KNX 438
 14-17 @KAN 9438X
 18-22 (23) @ZIO A9438

October (22)

1-4* STM 94351
 6-9 WAR 9431
 10-13 (14) @GC 5943
 15-18 @MAR 5943X
 19-23 @HUD A1543

November (20)

2-6 NBO X8A435
 7-10 MUN 8A43
 11-13 @TAY 58AX
 15-18 @KNX 4358
 19-22 (23) @LV A435X

1—Davies (6)
 5—Hughes (25)
 9—Simon (31)

2—Hale (3) (Cut)
 6—Lohse (5)
 A—Rodriguez (13)

3—Harang (29)
 7—Nicolino (12)

4—Hellickson (27)
 8—Owens (11)

Default Lineup only: Use the lineups listed below instead

<u>Vs LHP</u>		<u>Vs RHP</u>	
Carrera	CF-2	Carrera	CF-2
Ramirez	SS-8	Paredes	LF-1
Hosmer	1B-5	Hosmer	1B-5
Martinez	DH	Odor	2B-7
Plouffe	3B-4	Cabrera	RF-2
Odor	2B-7	Plouffe	3B-4
Stewart	C-8	Martinez	DH
Guerrero	LF-1	Rivera	C-7
Santana	RF-1	Ramirez	SS-8

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.

ROAD LINEUPS THIS MONTH

Midwest on Offense

Bunt: Yep, we still like it. Given a decline in power this year, you should bunt any time the leadoff batter is on 2B, NO EXCEPTIONS. I want that runner at 3B. You can also bunt with no outs, runner on first, score +/- 1-2 runs in the fifth inning or later.

Hit and Run: We will need to manufacture runs this season, so do this a bunch. Any two-31 hitter with a runner on first who has SBA can do so throughout the game. Especially consider doing this when the runners with double digit stolen base attempts are on base. *It is OK to H-R with runners on first and third as long as there is only zero or one out.*

Stolen Base: Any runner who still has double digit SBA can steal in the 7th inning or later if the score is -1 run and getting one of these guys to 2B increases my ability to tie the game up. Otherwise, continue to hit and run.

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 8th 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.

Player Usage: While the players are not great, there are lots of games available. The only restriction is that the starting catcher plays the whole game for the start of the season. Everyone else may be used off the bench whenever it gives me an advantage. Shifts are not too bad this year, but if we need a better hitter or a pinch runner in a key situation, don't be afraid to go to the bench. As Clay always says, it is a 25 man roster and I want you to use it to my best advantage. I will never question anything you do to try to win a game for me.

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 (yes, an oxymoron this season)

The stars are gone and this is a rebuild. I upgraded the bullpen with youth, but it lacks a true stopper. And there is no need to describe the starters. They are pitiful. Your job is to get through each game as best you can within the confines of this limited staff.

Basic parameters (not rules, but strong suggestions) for starters

1. Starters try to go five unless pounded out of the game.
2. Davies, Nicolino, and Owens can be reduced twice, but then should be removed on the third reduction.
3. Hellickson, Simon, and Harang can be reduced once but should be removed on the second reduction.
4. Starters pitching a shutout should not be removed until they give up an earned run.

It is a semi-staple job I am asking you to perform; if it looks like I am out of the game early, then let the starter go until pounded. If the game is close, have a quicker hook and go to the bullpen.

Bullpen roles are as follows:

1. Madson is the closer. Limit him to one inning saves.
2. Rivero and Garcia rotate as the seventh and eighth inning set up men, one inning each per game as the season begins.
3. Duensing, Gomes, Perkins, and Rodney cover the fifth and sixth innings one inning at a time. They can be brought in with two outs to elevate the grade to get the staff out of a jam. Lohse fits in this category when he is on the staff as a reliever.
4. Morin and Hale, with Lohse once his 28 innings as a 10 are used up, are the early blowout and long guys. Hale and Lohse will not relieve in the same month when they are starting except as listed in the lineup instructions. Others might be listed as the Long man (L) on the page two roster listing for the pitchers for any particular month.

Bottom line: rotate all the relievers to keep their innings fresh. I have over 500 innings of relief at present, but the starters are so bad that this may not be enough. There might have to be a trade in September to fix that problem.

That's it, gents. Play my team as well as you can. Play to win today's game and worry about tomorrow's game tomorrow. If a move appears to jump out at you in the proper moment, seize the day, take the chance, and give it your best shot. Best of luck to you all this season. You won't need much against my boys!!

Darrell