2018 Midwest Mongrels
Emergency Instructions
1151-1289-.472
Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013, 2015
Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012, 2014
National Conference Champion—2009, 2014
TBL Champion—2009

MANAGER   *DAVID WRIGHT*

Bench Coach	Tony Graffanino	Assistant GM/Hitting Coach	Victor Martinez
Pitching Coach	Brandon Webb	Bullpen Coach	Adam Melhuse
1B Coach	Jeff Reboulet	3B Coach	Frankie Menechino

Player	TM	B	BC-MG	BC-CG	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB	TH	G	PA	REM SBA
Cody Bellinger	LAD	L	-3/0	PR-2	30	16	32			132	548	13
Cheslor Cuthbert	KC	R	-1/-1	SA-0	N	12	31			58	153	0
Leury Garcia	CWS	B	-2/-1	SA-0	24	16	33			87	326	13
Eric Hosmer	KC	L	-7/+1	PR-4	33	12	33			162	671	7
Adam Jones	BALT	R	-3/-1	SA-0	26	15	32			147	635	3
Max Kepler	MN	L	-15/+3	PR-5	33	15	30			147	568	7
Jose Lobaton	WAS	B	-5/0	PB-0	N	6	32	2	-3	51	156	0
Victor Martinez	DET	B	-4/0	SA-0	N	4	30			107	399	0
Rougned Odor	TEX	L	-11/+2	PR-5	28	16	32			162	651	21
Trevor Plouffe	TB	R	+3/-4	SA-2	14	7	33			100	313	1
Rene Rivera	CC	R	-1/-1	SA-0	14	6	32	2	+3	74	237	1
Andrew Romine	DET	B	+1/-2	SA-0	24	16	33	3	-4	124	348	10
Eddie Rosario	MN	L	-7/+1	SA-4	21	14	34			151	589	17
Danny Santana	ATL	B	-8/+2	SA-0	35	18	35			82	178	7
Kevan Smith	CWS	R	-6/+2	SA-0	N	5	32	2	-4	87	293	0
Trea Turner	WAS	R	-7/+1	SA-0	33	19	33			98	447	54
Danny Valencia	DET	R	+3/-3	SA-2	20	6	32			130	500	4

PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Jose Berrios	MN	R	11Y	11	24	24	3			1	25	
Madison Bumgarner	SF	L	11Y	41	-15	26	0		0	1	17	
Jhoulys Chacin	SD	R	12Y	-14	22	24	3			1	32	
Bartolo Colon--INN	MN	R	1	26	-22	29	1			0	32	
Zach Davies	MIL	R	8	22	22	25	1		0	1	33	
Chad Kuhl	PITT	R	9Y	-24	22	23	3			0	31	
Charlie Morton	HOU	R	12X	0	26	25	2		0	0	25	
Justin Nicolino-INN	MIA	L	1R	16	-13	22	0		0	0	22	57.7

RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Scott Alexander	KC	L	14*Y	-26	51	7	3	0	0	0		69
Jose Alvarez	LAA	L	8*Y	42	-11	5	1	0	0	1		48.7
Edwin Diaz	SEA	R	17*XY	-41	-12	6	3			0		66
Chad Green	NYY	R	25*KX	16	41	8	3		0	0	1	67
Tommy Hunter	TB	R	16*X	22	22	6	3		0	0		58.7
Sean Kelley-INN	WASH	R	1*Y	-11	-62	6	3		0	0		63
Felipe Rivero	PITT	L	22*XY	21	43	6	2			0		75.3
Fernando Rodney	AZ	R	13*XY	-31	43	6	3		0	0		55.3
Sammy Solis	WASH	L	9*X	-44	-13	6	3	0	0	1		26
Kirby Yates	SD	R	13*KY	13	-34	6	0			0		56.7
Players in italics are not on the roster this month											218	643.3

Cuts-- Carded—   Jared Hoying

       Uncarded—Dario Alvarez, Ramon Cabrera, Juan Centeno, Ryan Garton, Tony Kemp, Mike Morin,
           Alexei Ramirez, Braden Shipley

Waiver Wire: Add J. Alvarez, B. Colon, S. Kelley, and S. Solis. Cut D. Covey, C. Estevez, C. Ruiz, and R. Tejada

September Trade:

Monthly Player Roster

MONTHLY ROSTER HITTERS	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Cody Bellinger	U	D						
Cheslor Cuthbert	D	U						
Leury Garcia	U	U						
Eric Hosmer	U	U						
Adam Jones	U	U						
Max Kepler	U	U						
Jose Lobaton	D	D						
Victor Martinez	U	U						
Rougned Odor	U	U						
Trevor Plouffe	D	D						
Rene Rivera	U	U						
Andrew Romine	U	U						
Eddie Rosario	U	U						
Carlos Ruiz	D	D						
Danny Santana	D	D						
Kevan Smith	U	U						
Ruben Tejada	D	D						
Trea Turner	U	U						
Danny Valencia	U	D						
APRIL ROSTER								
Hitters--12								
Pitchers--13								

MONTHLY ROSTER PITCHERS	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
STARTERS								
Jose Berrios	U	U						
Madison Bumgarner	U	U						
Jhoulys Chacin	U	U						
Dylan Covey--*INN*	D	D						
Zach Davies	U	U						
Chad Kuhl	U	U						
Charlie Morton	U	U						
Justin Nicolino-*INN*	D	D						
RELIEVERS								
Scott Alexander	L	L						
Edwin Diaz	U	U						
Carlos Estevez--*INN*	D	D						
Chad Green	C	C						
Tommy Hunter	U	U						
Felipe Rivero	C	C						
Fernando Rodney	L	L						
Kirby Yates	D	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	(19)		
1-4	KNX	1234X	
6-8	@BRO	612X	
10-12	@HOB	346X	
14-17	@RIV	1534X	
19-23	IND	65134X	

May	(21)		
1-5	BH	51624	
6-9	WAR	5163X	
11-14	@CAY	4516	
15-18	@KAN	3451X	
20-23	@STM	6345	

June	(19)		
1-4	BRO	1634X	
6-8	HOB	516	
9-11	@KNX	345	
12-16	@RYE	12345X	
18-21	GC	1234	

July	(21)		
1-5	@MAR	51634	
6-9	@WHT	5163X	
11-14	COL	4516	
15-18	DET	3451	
19-22	NW	6345X	

August	(20)		
1-4	@LV	1634	
5-8	@MLR	5163X	
10-13	@BH	4516	
14-17	HUD	3451	
18-21	MUN	6345X	

September	(20)		
3-5	KNX	XX431	
6-9	@BRO	2543	
10-13	@HOB	1254	
14-17	@IND	3125X	
19-23	WHIT	43125	

October	(22)		
1-4	@NBO	4362	
5-9	@NW	54362	
10-14	RIV	54362	
15-18	ZIO	5436X	
20-23	RYE	2543	

November	(20)		
2-6	@GC	X62543	
7-10	MAR	6254	
11-13	BRO	362X	
15-18	HOB	5436	
19-22	@KNX	2143X	

1—Berrios   2—Bumgarner   3—Chacin   4—Davies
5—Kuhl   6—Morton

> **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.**
>
> No electronic gamesheets necessary from computer managers. Please play the games personally with your computer **without** using a computer manager.

Midwest on Offense

Bunt: Yep, we still like it. You should bunt any time the leadoff batter is on 2B, UNLESS the batter is Bellinger, Hosmer, Jones, Odor, Rosario, or Turner. This team has more power this season, so the bunt is in the arsenal but de-emphasized.

Hit and Run: We still like to hit and run. Runners can be Bellinger, Garcia, Odor, Romine, Rosario, or Turner; hitters should be Garcia, Hosmer, Jones, Martinez, Smith, Turner, or Valencia.

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. But Turner has 54 attempts in 98 games. He can steal before the seventh if there is 0 or 1 out and the batter cannot hit and run, but limit him to 2 SBA per series (including the ones that come from a 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. The only runners who should play station to station are my four catchers, Valencia, and the aged Victor Martinez. *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:

Catchers: Smith and Rivera cover more than 162 games and should play the entire games they start when there are only two catchers on the monthly roster. If Lobaton is on the roster, he can come in to catch the rest of the game if the Dawgs lead in the seventh or later.

DH: This will rotate this year. Often it will be Adam Jones, but Victor Martinez will often be there when Jones is in the outfield.

1B: Eric Hosmer for 162 games.

2B: Rougned Odor for 162 games. Don't be surprised to see Romine replacing him when you start a lefty; when you switch to a righty, Odor pinch hits and stays in the game.

3B: Danny Valencia plays 130 games, and the rest will be a mish mash of bad alternatives based on shifts. Romine can go to 3B in the 7th or later if Dawgs lead, unless Garcia is the shortstop. Then he replaces Garcia in the seventh with the lead.

SS: Turner for 98 games, Garcia for 87. As noted above, Romine replaces Garcia when Dawgs lead in the seventh. Turner does not come out of games he starts.

LF: Max Kepler except when a lefty starts, when Jonesy heads to LF. Kepler has 147 games, so if the Dawgs lead in the seventh, he can replace Jones in LF.

CF: Cody Bellinger for 132 games, Jones in the others for the most part.

RF: Eddie Rosario for 151 games. He stays in the game despite shifts and plays everyday.

Bench—Use the players on the bench in any given game as listed above. If Santana is on the roster, he can pinch run in a game that is +/- 1, staying in the game at 3B or OF. Move players around as needed. Romine is the major defensive replacement. In the infield.

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

I actually have a solid starting staff this year, with 99 starts of 11 or 12 and the rest of 8 or 9 The bullpen is outstanding with grades of 25 and 22 at the top for 132 IP and over 300 innings of 13 or above. Most months, there will be 11 or 12 pitchers on the roster. You can go to the pen early and often to preserve leads or keep me in games when I am trailing.

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

Try to go six innings with Chacin, Bumgarner, Berrios, and Morton, but don't be a slave to this idea. Similarly, try to get five innings with Kuhl and Davies. For all of them, however, be looking to the pen in these conditions to keep things going in favor of the Dawgs' chances of winning:
- No starter stays in the game when he is fatigued.
- Take out any starter who gives up five runs in the first 3 innings.
- Rotate relievers once the starters are gone, working from lower grades to higher ones.
- And of course, if starters are pitching a shutout, they stay in the game until that changes.

Use this chart to determine how to use relievers:

Third Inning or Earlier	4th-6th Innings	7th or 8th Innings	Ninth Inning	Extra Innings
Yates—blowouts (-5)	Alexander	Hunter	Rivero/Green	**Anyone left among:**
Rodney--+/- 3 runs	Hunter	Diaz		Yates
Alexander--+/- 1		Rivero/Green		Rodney
				Alexander
Estevez—big blowouts (-7)				Hunter

If Estevez is not on the roster, either Yates or Rodney can be the blowout reliever regardless of run differential.
No reliever should pitch more than 2 innings, except for the blowout relievers, who can do 2-2/3. You do not have to use the relievers in the order listed above. Play matchups and bring in the guy who looks best able to get me to the next inning. **Rivero and Green can both close**; if one is needed in the 8th to stop a rally, pick the one that makes the most sense based on splits, and make the other the ninth inning man. *If neither is used in the 8th, Green should be the closer in the 9th.*

These patterns are not set in stone; if you have a hunch about how to win me a game, feel free to countermand the instructions, and you will get no complaint from me for any such decision.

Bullpen roles are as follows:
- Green is the primary closer to start, while Rivero is a set up man. Both are available in the 8th based on how the matchups can get me into the 9th with a lead—your judgment.
- Alexander, Hunter, and Diaz can all work the set up innings in the 6th through the 8th innings despite the roles you see listed above. Again, your best judgment.
- Alexander and Hunter are used first to stabilize the game after the blowout man pitches. If the Dawgs have worked their way back into the game, either one of these guys is good for holding the score steady. Again, match up against the proper part of your batting order to get to the next section of the game successfully.
- Yates and Rodney handle big blowouts to save innings for other relievers. Alexander comes in early when starter is knocked out but Dawgs have also been scoring—his role is to restore order and get the Dawgs back into the game. If Estevez is on the roster, he can come in when the starter is knocked out early by fatigue, and he can also replace those guys for 1/3 inning to finish an inning if the blowout men have already gone 2-2/3 and we need one more third of an inning to get to a fresh inning. Otherwise, we should just say no.
- And as you have seen on the roster, Nicolino and Covey can pitch in relief too, but it is VERY unlikely they will see the roster before November. In November they will only pitch if all the other relief has been used up.

Different men will be on the roster from month to month, and I will try to give you both lefties and righties to use. You should mix and match in all situations, divvy the innings equally as much as possible among them all. I have lots of relief, so it really **IS NOT** necessary to staple a starter to the mound. Follow the starter instructions above to get fresh arms into the game to give me a chance to fight my way back into the game.

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. The Dawgs are hoping to be very competitive this season after two very bad years!!

Darrell