

## 2020 Kansas Koyotes

GM: Bill Schwartz (13th 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: Uncarded: M. Bush, P. Araujo, A. Hernandez, J. Sucre, D. Pedroia, J. Field, Ne. Ramirez, C. Shreve, M. Harvey. Carded: G. Ynoa

Waiver Wire: Additions: T. Beckham, T. Cole Drops: C. Granderson, A. Warren
Game Type: All Kansas home games will be played "the way that God intended it" with the boards and dice.

## Emergency Lineups:



Notes: I will 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 no doubt will be revised, especially later in the year. Please contact me if you'd like to start early and l'll try to accommodate. Computer managers, do not use any automatic managers.

## Defensive Replacements:

Fairly good defensive starting lineup and not much available on the bench, so no defensive subs at this point.

## Offense:

Pinch Hit: No PH
Pinch Run: No PR

Steal Attempts: Only two real threats to steal (Segura \& Puig) with two additional occasionally (Taylor \& Springer). The former will have the green light to steal $2^{\text {nd }}$ in the $9^{\text {th }}$ if the game is tied or Koyotes are down 1 and adjusted SSN is $25+$. The latter two will get their SBA's at home till later in the season. There are a few others with decent SSN's who will also get their steal attempts later in the year or at home.

## Hit \& Run: No H\&R

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 $2 \mathrm{~b} / 3 \mathrm{~b} / \mathrm{ss}$ 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: Only hold runner if adjusted SSN >27 and game is +1/-1. Otherwise let 'em roam.
Intentional Walk: Only in extra innings and game tied, first base open, one out, to set up DP, lesser hitter due up.
Pitch from Stretch: Only pitch from stretch if 2 outs, $8^{\text {th }}$ inning on, tying or winning runner on third base has an adjusted SSN > 9 .
Infield In/Deen: Never play in with two outs or before the $7^{\text {th }}$ 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 to end the inning, always play deep. For computer managers, when in doubt about any of these computer instructions, play it as you would your own team - I'm admittedly ignorant about the computer game (and intend to stay that way!)

## Player Usage:

C: Yan Gomes ( 97 g . of $\mathrm{C}-8,+0$ ) will catch against all LHP's and selected RHP's with Francisco Mejia (C-7, -4 ) there for the remaining games. Only 176 g . and 602 PA's between the two, so will require diligent oversight and no freewheeling PR'ing for them.

1 B: Justin Smoak (121 g, of 1B-5) will be the main first baseman, with Mark Reynolds providing the other 41 starts.
2B: Kike Hernandez will play 112 of his 130 g . as a $2 \mathrm{~B}-8$, with $5^{\text {th }}$ round draftee Ildemaro Vargas (2b-8) playing the other 50 .

SS: Jean Segura (SS-8) will be the fulltime SS (144 g.). Hernandez (SS-8) will supply the remaining 18 games.
3B: Mike Moustakas has dropped to a 3B-4, but will be the everyday 3B (143 g.) with waiver wire addition, Tim Beckham filling out the other 19.

OF: All "regular" OF'ers, with the exception of Yasiel Puig (149 g.) are shy of fulltime status. $2^{\text {nd }}$ round draft choice Michael Tauchman (OF-3) supplies a much-needed 87 g . to supplement Chris Taylor's 124 g . of OF-2 and George Springer's 122 g . of OF-3. Several others can play the OF if need be.

DH: Jose Osuna (95 g.) will be the primary DH with a committee of Vargas, Beckham, Reynolds \& $9^{\text {th }}$ round draftee, Ryan McBroom filling out the rest of the games.

## Pitching:

General Philosophy: The rotation will need 8 starters this year to cover the 162 starts, but might be slightly better than last year's wildcard team. Sonny Gray (31 starts of gr. 17) will replace perennial Koyote ace, Max Scherzer, at the top of the rotation and will be joined by Aaron Civale with 10 starts of gr. 17 . Scherzer (gr. 13) will add 27 quality starts. They are backed by 72 middle range gr. 8 and 9 starts from Brett Anderson, Dallas Keuchel \& C.C. Sabathia. Unfortunately that leaves 21 starts to be handled by Drew Smyly's mediocre grade 5 (and bad peripherals), who will put a tax on the relief corps.

A solid closer in Ken Giles (gr. 20) and 91 RIP of two decent $8^{\text {th }}$ inning guys in gr. 16's Rafael Montero and Yimi Garcia, so late inning leads should be OK. After that it gets a little more risky. Grade 14 Jose Leclerc is wild, so Joakim Soria (13) and Brad Hand (12) might get the call ahead of him in close games. Nick Ramirez (11) has the most innings of anyone and will be used often. Adam Warren, Hector Velazquez \& Luis Avilan round out the relief corps and will be used in semi-lost causes (and will often pour fuel on fires).

The general rule will be to allow the starters to go till fatigued, as there are only 414 RIP above a gr. 8
No starter should pitch more than 11.2 innings. Don't remove any starting pitcher if he's pitching a shutout before that.

## Starting Pitchers Bio's:

Gray - The ace at gr. 17X - should go deep in most starts, although his fatigue number is only 23.
Civale - Another gr. 17 ace with great peripherals, but only 10 starts.
Scherzer - The perennial ace of the staff, but dropped to gr. 13 KZ thanks to a late season injury.
Anderson, Keuchel, Sabathia - 72 starts of "Some days a diamond, some days a stone" at grades 8 and 9 .
Velazquez - An occasional "opener" in real life with fatigue of 15 who will be called on for one start to get to 162 .
Smyly - 8th round draftee to supply 21 very mediocre grade 5YW starts - will get the early hook fairly often, but could be allowed to be pounded sometimes to save the bullpen innings.
Bullpen: With 22 very mediocre starts and only 414 RIP above a grade 8 and only 209 of those grade $14+$, the pen will require diligent management. Seven relievers will usually be on the active roster. The roster will be managed so that regardless of RIP allowable, all non-closer relievers can be used equally in any particular month as need be.

## Bullpen Bio's:

Giles: The gr. 20KXY closer, but only with 53 innings, so will only be used in $9^{\text {th }}$ with lead of 1 or 2 . He won't go more than one inning unless the Koyotes take a lead in the 10th.
Garcia: Grade 16XZ eighth inning man when Koyotes are up 1 or 2 . Will also be used as the closer at times.
Montero: Another grade 16XZ $8^{\text {th }}$ inning option, but only 29 RIP, so won't be up most months.
Soria, LeClerc: RH primary seventh inning options in close games.
Hand: LH with excellent peripherals, so can be used interchangeably with Soria \& Leclerc.
Ramirez: LH with decent peripherals and 80 RIP, so a middle inning innings eater.
Cole: Mediocre grade, but excellent HR peripherals - to be used to give an inning when starter is bombed or mopup late.
Velazquez: Will start one game in November but another mopup type.
Avilan: Another LH'er - provides more mediocre grade innings in losing causes.
The latter four will try to get game to the $6^{\text {th }}$ or $7^{\text {th }}$ inning, will often have to provide innings if starter is fatigued or "pounded". All of them are basically interchangeable - pay attention to the LH/RH matchups and times when the bad peripherals are more problematic.

## Pitching Rotation:

| April | vs. | Pitchers | May | vs. | Pitchers |  | June | vs. | Pitchers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-4 (5) | CAL | K, G, Sc, Sa | 1-5 | NBO | Sm,A, G, Sc, Sa |  | 1-4 (5) @ | @ LV | Sc, K,Sm, A |
| 6-8 (9) | LV | A, G, Sc | 6-9 (10) | COL | Sm, A, G, Sc |  | 6-8 @ | @ MLR | G, Sc, K |
| 10-13 | MLR | Sa, A, G, Sc | 11-14 @ | MAR | Sm, A, G, Sc |  | 9-11 @ | @ CAL | Sm, A, G |
| 14-17 (18) | @ ZIO | K, Sa, A, G | 15-18 (19) @ | RYE | Sa, Sm, A, G |  | 12-16 (17) | WAR | Sc, K, Sm, A, G |
| 19-23 (24) | @ MUN | K, Sa, A, G, Sc | 20-23 @ | CAY | $\mathrm{Sa}, \mathrm{Sm}, \mathrm{A}, \mathrm{G}$ |  | 18-21 | DET | Sc, K, Sm, A |
| July | vs. | Pitchers | August | vs. | Pitchers |  | September | vs. | Pitchers |
| 1-5 | @ HUD | G, Sc, K, Sa, A | 1-4 | BRO | Sa, A, G, Sc |  | $(1,2) 3-5$ | CAL | C, A, G |
| 6-9 (10) | @ WHT | G, Sc. K, Sa | 5-8 (9) | HOB | Sm, Sa, A, G |  | 6-9 | LV | K, Sm, C, A |
| 11-14 | RIV | G, Sc, K, Sa | 10-13 @ | WAR | Sc, Sm, Sa, A |  | 10-12 (13) | MLR | G, K, Sm |
| 15-18 | MID | A, G, Sc, K | 14-17 @ | CAY | $\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{Sc}, \mathrm{Sm}, \mathrm{Sa}$ |  | 14-17 @ | @ NBO | C, A, G, K |
| 19-22 (23) | KNX | Sa, A, G, Sc | 18-21(22) @ | NW | A, G, Sc, Sm |  | 18-22 (23) @ | @ COL | Sm, C,A,G,K |
| October | vs. | Pitchers | November | vs. | Pitchers |  |  |  |  |
| 1-4 (5) | STM | Sc, Sa, C, A | (1) 2-6 | ZIO | G, K, Sc, Sm, A |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 | HUD | Sc, Sa, C, A | 7-10 | MUN | G, K, Sa, Sc |  |  |  |  |
| 10-14 | @ DET | Sm, Sc, Sa, C, A | 11-13 (14) @ | LV | A, G, K |  |  |  |  |
| 15-18 | @ BH | Sm, Sc, Sa, C | 15-18 @ | MLR | Sa, C, G, K |  |  |  |  |
| 19-23 (24) | CAY | A,Sm, Sc, Sa, C | 19-22(23) @ | CAL | A, V, Sm, G |  |  |  |  |

## A - Anderson, C - Civale, G - Gray, K - Keuchel, Sa - Sabathia, Sc - Scherzer, Sm - Smyly, V - Velazquez

Summary: In 2019, the Koyotes, picked to win 86 games and secretly hoping for a +.500 year won 94 games and made the playoffs as a wildcard team. Even though Munich prevailed in that series, management felt like it was a good season. This year's version has no such expectations - a .500 season would be considered a success. But with an everoptimistic attitude and never in the "tear down" mode, we will try to milk out as many wins as possible.

The defense is very good, featuring Smoak (1B-5), Hernandez (2B-8) and Gomes (C-8, Th-0). Puig's 38 rifle arm and the OF-3's of Puig, Tauchman \& Springer supply excellent OF defense. The draft added much needed relief in Montero (gr. 16XZ), Garcia (16XZ), and Ramirez (11Y) but innings might still become an issue if the starters don't routinely go into the $6^{\text {th }}$ inning or so.

## Have a Fun Season!

NOTE: Please provide scoresheets from road board games and box scores and play by play files from computer games (scanned and attached to an e-mail will be fine). I have a lot of fun following the play of the game and that is impossible with only the box score. I also keep GWH's and GWR's in my personal stats, and they are usually impossible to identify without the scoresheets or computer play by play file. Thanks.

If you have any questions, use your best baseball judgment and do whatever gives Kansas the best chance at a win. We are looking to have fun, even though anything more than a .500 season will be considered a success.


| 31 | $17(-23)(26)$ | Gray | 31 | 0 |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | $17(15)(41)$ | Civale | 10 | 0 |
| 27 | $13(34)(24)$ | Scherzer | 27 | 0 |
| 31 | $9(22)(24)$ | Anderson | 31 | 0 |
| 19 | $9(11)(13)$ | Keuchel | 19 | 0 |
| 22 | $8(-11)(-33)$ | Sabathia | 22 | 0 |
| 21 | $5(-35)(-42)$ | Smyly | 21 | 0 |
| 1 | $7(-42)(23)$ | Velazquez | 1 | 0 |
| 162 |  |  | 162 | 0 |



