

2020 Midwest Mongrels

Emergency Instructions

1328-1436-.480

Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019

Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012, 2014

National Conference Champion—2009, 2014

TBL Champion—2009



"In a soldier's stance, I aimed my hand
At the mongrel dogs who teach.
Fearing not I'd become my enemy
In the instant that I preach.
My pathway led by confusion boats,
Mutiny from stern to bow.
Ah, but I was so much older then,
I'm younger than that now."

ASSISTANT GM	Victor Martinez	MANAGER	DAVID WRIGHT
<i>Bench Coach</i>	<i>Tony Graffanino</i>	<i>Hitting Coach</i>	<i>Adam LaRoche</i>
<i>Pitching Coach</i>	<i>Brandon Webb</i>	<i>Bullpen Coach</i>	<i>Adam Melhuse</i>
<i>1B Coach</i>	<i>Jeff Reboulet</i>	<i>3B Coach</i>	<i>Frankie Menechino</i>

Player	TM	B	BC-MG	BC-CG	SSN	SPD	AR M	PB	TH	G	PA	REM SBA
Cody Bellinger	LAD	L	-4/0	PR-2	29	17	34			156	661	20
Elias Diaz	PITT	R	+1/-2	SA-1	N	6	31	2	0	101	332	0
Yuli Gurriel	HOU	R	-5/0	SA-0	25	8	34			144	612	8
<i>Bryan Holaday</i>	MIA	R	-2/0	SA-0	14	6	32	1	-3	43	129	1
Eric Hosmer	SD	L	-6/0	PR-3	7	10	33			160	667	3
Adam Jones	ARI	R	-1/-1	SA-0	26	15	32			137	528	3
Max Kepler	MN	L	0/-2	PR-0	8	15	31			134	596	6
<i>Sandy Leon</i>	BOS	S	-4/+1	PB-0	N	4	36	2	-2	65	191	0
Eduardo Nunez	BOS	R	-1/-1	SA-0	32	13	34			60	174	6
Rougned Odor	TEX	L	+4/-4	PR-0	22	16	32			145	581	20
<i>Victor Reyes</i>	DET	B	-4/0	SA-0	29	13	30			69	292	12
Ronny Rodriguez	DET	R	+1/-2	SA-1	29	10	33			84	294	4
Eddie Rosario	MN	L	-1/-1	SA-0	29	15	34			137	590	4
Kevan Smith	LAA	R	+10/-7	SA-4	31	5	32	0	-4	67	211	2
<i>Trea Turner</i>	WAS	R	-2/-1	SA-0	34	19	33			122	569	40
Steve Wilkerson	BLT	B	-11/+4	SA-0	20	10	30			119	361	6
PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Jose Berrios	MN	R	11Y	+23	+16	26	3			0	32	
Madison Bumgarner	SF	L	10Y	+33	0	25	1		0	0	34	
Zach Davies	MIL	R	10	+12	+16	22	2		0	1	31	
<i>Gio Gonzalez</i>	WAS	L	13Y	-31	+25	20/14	3	0	0	1	17	6.3
<i>Chad Green</i>	NYY	R	11/9*XY	+22	+13	6/7	2		0	0	15	49.7
Andrew Kittredge	TB	R	1/12*X	+25	+14	8/7	3		0	2	7	38
David Price	BOS	L	9X	+15	+15	21	2			1	22	
RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Jose Alvarez	LAA	L	8*	+25	+14	9/6	3		0	2	1	57
Pedro Baez	LAD	R	18*Y	0	+32	6	0		0	0		69.7
<i>Chad Bettis--Inn</i>	COL	R	1*	+22	0	26/8	2		0	1	3	75
Brandon Brennan	SEA	R	14*Y	-32	+16	6	3	0	0	0		47.3
<i>Corbin Burnes--Inn</i>	MIL	R	1*XY	-13	-56	30/7	3	0	0	0	4	65.7
<i>Edwin Diaz</i>	SEA	R	6*KY	+12	-42	6	3		0	0		58
<i>Sean Kelley--Inn</i>	OAK	R	5*Y	+35	-34	6	3		0	0		73.6
Derek Law	TOR	R	9*Y	-62	+23	7/7	3		0	2	4	56.7
Nick Margevicius--Inn	SD	L	1	+15	-22	27/6	1		0	0	24	57
Richard Rodriguez	PITT	R	10*Y	+14	-25	6	1		0	1		65.3
Tyler Webb	StL	L	17*Y	-21	+13	5	3		0	0		55
Kirby Yates	SD	R	22*KY	+32	+54	6	2		0	0		60.7
<i>Players in italics are not on the roster this month</i>											194	781.7

Cuts-- Carded—None

Uncarded—Victor Martinez, Magneuris Sierra, Jake Faria, Chad Kuhl, Eric Skoglund, Scott Alexander, Edgar Santana, Sammy Solis

Waiver Wire:

September Trade:

Monthly Player Roster

U—on roster

D—in minors

MONTHLY ROSTER	A	P	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	MONTHLY ROSTER	A	P	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	
HITTERS	R	Y	N	L	E	P	T			PITCHERS	R	Y	N	L	E	P	T			
Cody Bellinger	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	STARTERS										
Elias Diaz	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	Jose Berrios	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Yuli Gurriel	U	U	D	U	U	U	U	U	U	Madison Bumgarner	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Bryan Holaday	D	D	D	U	D	D	U	D		Zach Davies	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Eric Hosmer	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	Gio Gonzalez	D	U	U	D	U	D	U	U	U	U
Adam Jones	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	D	U	Chad Green	D	D	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Max Kepler	U	U	U	U	D	U	U	U	U	Andrew Kittredge	U	U	U	U	U	D	U	U	U	U
Sandy Leon	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	U		David Price	U	U	D	U	U	D	U	U	U	U
Eduardo Nunez	U	U	U	U	U	D	U	D												
Rougned Odor	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		RELIEVERS										
Victor Reyes	D	D	D	U	U	D	U	U		Jose Alvarez	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Ronny Rodriguez	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Pedro Baez	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Eddie Rosario	U	U	U	D	U	U	U	U		Chad Bettis	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	U
Kevan Smith	U	U	U	U	D	D	D	U		Brandon Brennan	U	D	D	D	U	U	U	U	U	U
Trea Turner	D	D	U	U	U	U	U	U		Corbin Burnes	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	U
Steve Wilkerson	U	U	U	D	D	U	D	U		Edwin Diaz	D	D	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	U
										Sean Kelley	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	U
										Derek Law	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	D	U
										Nick Margevicius	U	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U
										Richard Rodriguez	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
										Tyler Webb	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
										Kirby Yates	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
APRIL ROSTER																				
Hitters--12																				
Pitchers--13																				
C=Closer V=Valet 1 for weak starters v=Valet 2 O=Valet 1 or 2 based on starter S=Situational Lefty, 1-2 batters per outing										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

<p>April (19)</p> <p>1-4 @HOB 3249X</p> <p>6-8 @KNX 324X</p> <p>10-12 @BRO 932X</p> <p>14-17 MAR 4932X</p> <p>19-23 WHT 49328X</p> <p>May (21)</p> <p>1-5 @GC 93245</p> <p>6-9 CAY 9324X</p> <p>11-14 LV 5932</p> <p>15-18 WAR 4593X</p> <p>20-23 @RIV 2453</p> <p>June (19)</p> <p>1-4 KNX 6245X</p> <p>6-8 BRO 364</p> <p>9-11 HOB 573</p> <p>12-16 @RYE 68523X</p> <p>18-21 @BH 6453</p> <p>July (21)</p> <p>1-5 STM 96423</p> <p>6-9 NW 9642X</p> <p>11-14 @DET 3964</p> <p>15-18 @KAN 2396</p> <p>19-22 @MUN 4238X</p> <p>STARTERS</p> <p>1—Alvarez (1)</p> <p>6—Green (15)</p>	<p>August (20)</p> <p>1-4 @IND 4239</p> <p>5-8 @HUD 5423X</p> <p>10-13 @COL 5423</p> <p>14-17 MLR 9542</p> <p>18-21 NBO 3856X</p> <p>September (20)</p> <p>3-5 @HOB XX241</p> <p>6-9 @KNX 7623</p> <p>10-13 @BRO 4762</p> <p>14-17 RYE 3476</p> <p>18-22 BH 23476X</p> <p>October (22)</p> <p>1-4 GC 2397X</p> <p>5-9 RIV 42369</p> <p>10-13 ZIO 4236X</p> <p>15-19 @MAR 94235</p> <p>20-23 @WHT 9423</p> <p>November (20)</p> <p>2-6 @NW X59423</p> <p>7-10 @STM 5942</p> <p>11-13 KNX 359X</p> <p>15-18 BRO 4239</p> <p>19-22 HOB 5423X</p> <p>2—Berrios (32)</p> <p>7—Kittredge (6)</p> <p>3—Bumgarner (34)</p> <p>8—Law (4)</p> <p>4—Davies (31)</p> <p>9—Price (22)</p> <p>5—Gonzalez (17)</p>
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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.

Batting Order vs all	
Kepler	RF-3
Gurriel	3B-4
Bellinger	CF-3
Rosario	LF-3
Jones	DH
Hosmer	1B-5
Odor	2B-8
Diaz	C-7
Turner	SS-8
	41/32
Pitcher	P-1 or P-2

Midwest on Offense

We are playing a set lineup this year, but we have four players who each must sit a month or two so that the lineup can play full time the rest of the season. Trea Turner will sit out April and May, Eddie Rosario sits out July, Max Kepler sits out August, and Adam Jones sits out October. For the most part, there will be no pinch-hitting or pinch-running as the season begins—starters will play the entire game.

Bunt: We have great power this year, so bunting will be down-graded this season. Bunt only with the catchers or Eduardo Nunez when they are playing. Otherwise, just say no and play for a big inning.

Hit and Run: I like this play a bunch. If an eligible runner is on first and the game is +/- two runs, hit and run with hitters who have two 31s. Try to H-R two to three times a game, but not with runners on first and third.

Stolen Base: Trea Turner can straight steal in the seventh or later if game is +/-2 runs. Cody Bellinger and Victor Reyes can steal in a tie game in the ninth inning or later.

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 the catchers. *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: Since I have a better defense this year, we can be a little more aggressive here. In the sixth inning or later, in a game that is +/- 2 runs, pull the infield in with runners on third, second and third, or first and third with 0 or 1 outs. If my pitcher has good control peripherals, feel free to walk your hitter in that situation to set up a double play; if bases are loaded and it is 0 out situation, play in even then; with one out, play back for the DP in that situation.

Hold Runners/Stretch: Do not hold with LH batters at the plate. You can hold against right handed batters, but if the runner is not a stolen base threat, don't hold—your judgment there is fine. 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. I will put series-specific substitution suggestions with the lineups for our individual series.

Midwest Pitching

The Dawgs have five viable starters (Berrios, Bumgarner, Davies, Gonzalez, Price) and then are playing a variation of the opener game with the rest of the starters. They are good enough that they COULD go five innings and earn some wins, but they are all flawed, so the rules and the chart should be followed always when they start games. With Berrios, Bumgarner, Davies, Gonzalez and Price, play the game straight up and try to extend them into the sixth or seventh if they are pitching well and I have a chance to win.

- Berrios, Bumgarner, Davies, Gonzalez, Price stay in the game until fatigued
- When they tire, if leading, go to the middle men in the fifth or sixth (Green, Kittredge, Alvarez, Diaz) and then set up men (Baez, Webb) in the seventh and eighth to get to Yates
- If the lead is lost in the games in the previous line, go to the middle men to finish the game
- If trailing when starters are fatigued, use the set up men to finish the game
- Use valet chart for Green, Kittredge, Alvarez, and Law when they start (take care to note the month as you decide which valets to use

Starter	Valet #1 (1 st to 4 th innings)	Valet #2 (5 th to 7 th innings)	Comments
Chad Green	Derek Law in June, July Richard Rodriguez in August Jose Alvarez in September, October	Jose Alvarez in June, July Derek Law in August Brandon Brennan in September, October	Yates —closer 1 IP per game Webb and Baez —7 th and 8 th inning to get to Yates Rest of relievers each month
Andrew Kittredge	Edwin Diaz in June Richard Rodriguez in September, October	Derek Law in June, September Brandon Brennan in October	Valets marked for each month to the left When not serving as valets, Alvarez, Brennan, Kittredge, Green, and Law bridge the gap from valets to late inning relievers
Derek Law	Richard Rodriguez in April, July, and August Edwin Diaz in June	Derek Law in April, July, and August Richard Rodriguez in June	Mop Up
Jose Alvarez	Richard Rodriguez In September	Derek Law	Margevicius, Burnes, Bettis, Diaz, Kelley when they are on the roster for a month; if

	<p>Limit valets to 2.7 innings per outing max</p> <p>If behind by 5 or more after 4 innings, use mop up man (if on roster for the month) as second valet instead of the listed valet</p>	<p>Start second valet at beginning of 5th and pitch 2 innings max</p>	<p>none of these available, leave valets in to soak up innings</p> <p>Bullpen is long but graded low. Bring the middle grade guys in middle of innings to get the five point bump as much as possible</p>
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That is it for this year. Best of luck to all. Any questions, use your own judgment and play my team like you would your own. The Dawgs hope to be competitive this year.

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