2021 Midwest Mongrels

Emergency Instructions

1416-1510-.484

Bench Coach

1B Coach

Pitching Coach

Mgr. David Wright

Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013, 2015, 2018-2020 Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012, 2014 National Conference Champion—2009, 2014

TBL Champion—2009

GEN. MANAGER VICTOR MARTINEZ

Tony Graffanino Brandon Webb Jeff Reboulet SABERMETRICS

Hitting Coach Bullpen Coach 3B Coach "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."

Adam Jones
Adam LaRoche
Adam Melhuse
Frankie Menechino

				BC-								REM
Player	TM	В	BC-MG	CG	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB	TH	G	PA	SBA
Cody Bellinger	LAD	L	PR-6/+2	PR4	33	17	34			151	653	19
Nelson Cruz	MN	R	+16/-7	SA-3	N	5	31			143	603	0
Elias Diaz	COL	R	+1/-2	SA-1	N	6	31	0	-4	70	201	0
Josh Fuentes	COL	R	-1/-1	SA-0	26	7	29			81	283	3
Josh Harrison	WAS	R	+1/-2	SA-1	14	14	32			89	262	9
Bryan HoladayXC	BALT	R	-6/+4	SA-0	N	6	32	1	3	54	92	0
Eric Hosmer	SD	L	PR-12/+4	PR-5	34	10	33			103	434	11
Max Kepler	MN	L	PR-16+5	PR-5	33	15	34			130	553	8
Sandy Leon	CLEV	s	PB-2/-1	PB-0	N	4	36	0	-4	68	219	0
Rougned Odor	TEX	L	PR-11/+4	PR-5	14	16	32			103	415	3
Victor Reyes	DET	В	+4/-3	SA-0	31	13	30			159	626	29
Edwin Rios	LAD	L	+3/-6	SA-0	N	6	30			86	223	0
Eddie Rosario	MN	L	-11/+2	SA-5	29	15	35			154	651	11
Travis Shaw	TOR	L	PR+1/-2	PR-0	N	9	29			135	497	0
Kevan SmithXC	ТВ	R	-4/+3	SA-0	N	5	32	2	-4	46	104	0
Trea Turner	WAS	R	+7/-4	SA-3	29	19	33			159	744	46
Andrew Velazquez	BALT	В	+2/-5	SA-0	26	16	32			108	215	17
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PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	нв	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Jose Berrios	MN	R	11Y	-15	15	23	3		0	1	32	
Corbin Burnes	MIL	R	20XYX	-21	53	21/19	3		0	0	24	35.3
Wil CroweInn	WAS	R	1	-62	-62	22	0		0	2	22	
Zach Davies	SD	R	15Y	22	12	23	2	0	0	0	32	
Tony Gonsolin	LAD	R	16Y	42	46	19	3		0	1	22	13.3
Nick Margevicius	SEA	L	9Y	21	-11	23/8	3	0	0	1	19	14.0
Dustin May	LAD	R	15	21	-15	19	3		0	0	27	25
Cody Ponce	PITT	R	13	-11	-62	17	0	0	0	2	8	9.3
David Price	NC											
RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP
Jose Alvarez	XC											
Pedro Baez	LAD	R	17	-21	16	6	0	0	0	0		45.7
Brandon Brennan	XC											
Edwin Diaz	NYM	R	21K	-51	35	6	3		0	0		72.3
Chad Green	NYY	R	20X	25	-32	7	3	0	0	0		74.3
Tommy Hunter	PHIL	R	10Y	26	34	6	0		0	1		72.0
Andrew Kittredge	XC											
Oliver Perez	CLE	L	17	36	62	5	0		0	0		48.7
Brooks Raley	HOU	L	12X	21	-11	6	0		0	0		56.3
Richard Rodriguez	PITT	R	17XY	32	13	6	3		0	0		66.0
Aaron Slegers	ТВ	R	13	46	52	13/11	0		0	0	3	60.3
Tyler Webb	StL	L	17Y	13	26	6	3	0	0	0		66.3
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Players in italics are not on the roster this month									189	659		

Monthly Player Roster

U-on roster

D-in minors

MONTHLY	Α			J	A		0	N		MONTHLY	Α	M	J	J	Α	s	0	N
ROSTER	P	Α	U					0		ROSTER P A		U	U	U	E	C	0	
	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V			R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V
HITTERS			E	Y		T				PITCHERS			E	Y		T		
Cody Bellinger	U									STARTERS								
Nelson Cruz	U									Jose Berrios	U							
Elias Diaz	U									Corbin Burnes	U							
Josh Fuentes	U									Wil Crowe	D							
Josh Harrison	U									Zach Davies	U							
Bryan Holaday	D									Tony Gonsolin	D							
Eric Hosmer	U									Nick Margevicius	U							
Max Kepler	U									Dustin May	U							
Sandy Leon	U									Cody Ponce	D							
Rougned Odor	U																	
Victor Reyes	U									RELIEVERS	D							
Edwin Rios	U									Pedro Baez	D							
Eddie Rosario	U									Edwin Diaz	С							
Travis Shaw	U									Chad Green	U							
Kevan Smith	D									Tommy Hunter	D							
Trea Turner	U									Oliver Perez	s							
Andrew Velazquez	D									Brooks Raley	U							
										Richard Rodriguez	U							
										Aaron Slegers	D							
										Tyler Webb	U							
APR ROSTER																		
14 hitters																		
11 pitchers																		
C=Closer S=Situa	atio	nal	Le	fty,	1-:	2 b	atte	ers		Number = Maximum innings per series (if no numbers,								
per outing to end an inning						rotate the innings for all the non-closing pitchers as												
						evenly as you can)												

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MIDWE	ST PITO	HING ROTA	ATION			
April	(20)			August (20)		
1-4		HOB	3162X	1-4	RCK	1642
6-8		@KNX	531X	5-8	KAN	3164X
10-13		@BRO	6253X	10-13	BH	2316
14-17		@RYE	1625X	14-17	@WAR	4231
19-23		NW	31625X	18-21	@MLR	6423X
May	(21)			September (1	L 9)	
1-5		MAR	31625	3-5	HOB	XX164
6-9		@NBO	3162X	6-9	@KNX	2316
11-14		@LV	5316	10-12	@BRO	423X
15-18		@ZIO	2531X	14-17	@NW	1642
20-23		RIV	6253	18-22	ĞC	31642X
June	(19)			October (22)		
1-4		KNX	1725X	1-4*	RYE	31647X
6-8		BRO	317	6-9	HUD	3164
9-11		@HOB	253	10-13	@CAY	5316X
12-16		@BH	14253X	15-18	@MAR	4531
18-21		WHT	1425	19-23	@RIV	64531
July	(21)			November (2	0)	
1-5		@STM	31465	2-6	@WHT	X64231
6-9		@GC	3146X	7-10	STM	6423
11-14		MUN	5314	11-13	KNX	164X
15-18		IND	6531	15-18	BRO	2316
19-22		COL	4753X	19-22	@HOB	4279X
START	ERS					
1—Berr 6—May	rios (32) 7 (27)		2— Burnes (24) 7—Ponce (5)	3— Davies (32) 8—Crowe (0)	4—Gonsolir 9—Sleggers	· ,

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.

Margevicius	P-2	Davies	P-2	Berrios	P-2				
_	42/33		41-32		41-32			\bigvee_{1}	
At BRO to be	determi	ned when oppo	sing pito	cher is known)				EMERGENC	Y ONLY
Apr 10 vs.		Apr 11 vs.	-	Apr 12 vs.		Apr 13 vs.		Vs LHP	
		_		_		_		Turner	SS-8
								Reyes	LF-2
								Cruz	DH
								Rios	3B-3
								Fuentes	1B-5
								Rosario	RF-3
								Bellinger	CF-3
								Diaz	C-7
								Harrison	2B-7
May	P-1	Burnes	P-1	Margevicius	P-2	Davies	P-2	Pitcher	
									38+/30+
At RYE to be	determi	ned when oppo	sing pito	her is known)					
Apr 14 vs.		Apr 15 vs.		Apr 16 vs.		Apr 17 vs.		VS RHP	
		_		_		_		Turner	SS-8
								Hosmer	1B-4
								Rosario	LF-2
								Bellinger	CF-3
								Cruz	DH
								Kepler	RF-2
								Shaw	3B-5
								Leon	C-8
								Odor	2B-8
Berrios	P-2	May	P-1	Burnes	P-1	Margevicius	P-2	Pitcher	
	42/33		41-32		40-31		42-33		40+/33+

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Midwest on Offense

<u>Bunt:</u> We have good power this year, so bunting will be down-graded this season. Bunt only with the catchers, Victor Reyes, or Josh Harrison when they are playing. Otherwise, just say no and play for a big inning. Generally bunt with zero out if leadoff hitter gets to 2B; bunt leadoff hitter from first to second in the 8^{th} or later if score is +1/-1.

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, Reyes, Max Kepler, Eddie Rosario, and Andrew Velzaquez can steal in a tie game in the ninth inning or later, but look to hit and run first if possible. **Runner Advancement and Throws:** Use the Adams 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, Nelson Cruz, and Edwin Rios. 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: 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.

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 a real starting staff this year, so we will not be using the valet system of the past two years. Fatigue ratings are a little bit lower thanks to covid-ball in real life last year, but the bullpen is deep and exceptional. Use the following guidelines as suggestions, but feel free to improvise as you play each game.

- Burnes and Gonsolin can be fatigued twice before being removed as long as they are leading after the first fatigue.
- Davies and May are also able to work toward a second fatigue, but be quicker to yank them out when fatigued since their grade will be lower after the first fatigue.
- Berrios, Margevicius, and Ponce should be removed upon their first fatigue.
- Tommy Hunter, Brooks Raley, Brandon Brennan, Andrew Kittredge, Stephen Tarpley can be used if the starter is knocked out in the first several innings, and they can pitch up to two innings in that role. If not used early, this is the man held in reserve in case a game goes into extra innings to finish the game. Usually only one of these five will be in the pen each month.
- Use the reliever chart below to play the games. Instead of an 8 man pen each series, we are going to try a 6 man pen to start the season. There will be 3 lefties and 3 righties.

Reliever	Max Innings Per Game	Comments
Edwin Diaz	Closer	Diaz will be up each month. Despite his walk problem, his homer peripheral
		makes him the choice for the ninth inning. He should stick to one inning
		saves as the season starts.
Rich Rodriguez	8th inning set up	Despite a lower grade than Chad Green, Rodriguez is better against
		homeruns, so he gets to start the 8th. He can be replaced by the situational
		lefty or by Tyler Webb if trouble ensues and a lefty is needed to get out of the
		inning. If the batting splits favor starting the inning with a lefty, start Webb
		and save Rodriguez for trouble against righties.
Chad Green	7 th inning set up	Great grade, but bad homerun rating. Try to get him through the seventh.
		Situational lefty can be used to help here too. Also, don't be afraid to use
		Webb to get out of this inning and then let him start the 8th until Rodriguez
		is needed.
Aaron Slegers	6 th inning set up	Usually one or the other of these two will be rostered. They can work their
Pedro Baez		entire inning usually.
Brandon Brennan	Early, blowout, extra	Use up to 2-2/3 innings to get past a short start. If not used this way, the
Tommie Hunter	innings	one of these five who is on the roster is also the extra innings inning eater to
Andrew Kittredge		finish the game.
Brooks Raley		
Stephen Tarpley		
Jose Alvarez	Situational lefty	Only one of these will be on the roster in any given month. Can be used in
Oliver Perez		the seventh or eighth.
Tyler Webb	7 th and 8 th inning set	Good swing man, can be used to get out of the 7th to start the 8th.
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Use your judgment on the pitching moves above. This is a solid and deep bullpen; don't lean on one guy exclusively—rotate the innings as you can so that everyone pitches about the same amount of innings. Don't be afraid to bring a new pitcher in mid-inning to get the five point bump.

Good luck to all as we play covid-ball!!

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