2023 Melrose Emergency Instructions


Manager: Dennis Eckersley
Hitting Coach: Moises Alou Pitching Coach: Kurt Rueter $1^{\text {st }}$ Base Coach: Roberto Alomar $3^{\text {rd }}$ Base Coach: Terry Pendleton
Bench Coach: Garret Anderson Bullpen Coach: Billy Wagner
Melrose plays the boards.
Owner Comment: A team in transition--you will find a mismatch of good and bad. While we won't contend for the division this year. We shouldn't be a door mat, but might easily be swept aside by better teams.



## Roster Notes

Melrose Cuts- Austin Gomber, Dominic Leone, Rich Rodriguez (UNC), Blake Treinen-XC, Zach McKinstry, Ernie Clement, Cole Tucker, Pedro Severino

Minors- Michael Conforto (UNC), Manual Pina-XC

Expected Roster Move-
August-

- Hutchinson Down
- Garrett Hill Up

September-

- Rogers Down
- Miley Up

October-

- Garrett Hill Down
- Alex Wood Down
- Oviedo Up
- Reliver TBD

C- Reese McGuire play almost 90 games. Luis Torrens helps get us close to 162 games. It will require Curt Casali to start 16 games. Not a lot of flexibility. A PH only with the winning run on in the $9^{\text {th }}$ is appropriate, otherwise starter goes the whole way.

1B - Vinnie Pasquantino and Matt Vierling share 1B. Starter should finish the game.
2B- Johnathan India former ROY, is the primary 2B, unfortunately injury limits him to 103 games. A combination of Senzel, Morel and Espinal will get time here. India should never come off the bench. Since Morel and Espinal will be cover 3B and SS respectively there isn't much flexibility at this position.

SS- Santiago Espinal and Vaughn Grissom are the primary players at short. Grissom is very limited in games and should not be used off the bench. In an emergency Morel can play here.

3B- The thought is Chris Morel will get at least a $1 / 2$ season at the hot corner. Josh Donaldson and his 3B5 will pick up the rest and we might see a return of Anthony Rendon. Donaldson can come in for defense late in game

OF- The outfield is pretty stable. Ian Happ (LF), Mookie Betts (CF) and JD Martinez (RF) start most days. Rafael Ortega can carry JD's glove and along with Matt Vierling make up missing games. Vierling should not be used for defense replacement

DH- Shohei Ohtani is full time DH. He should never come out.

## Pitching



Starters: A spaghetti western. There is the good, the bad and the ugly. The Good- 86 starts of 11 or better. The Bad- 67 starts of grade 5-3. The Ugly- 12 starts of Paolo Espino and his $1-35$ homerun rating.

We would like to get a minimum of 5 out of any starter. If trailing by 5 leave them in until pounded out.

Relievers: A bullpen that will require a lot of work to manage. Lots of innings but not many very good grades. It will require some diligence to get through the season without blowing many games. The roles are not defined but general suggestions below


Steven Okert- is the default closer as a LH 17. 1 IP per game and 2 IP per series
Group A- Jimmy Lambert, Wily Peralta, Paolo Espino, when not starting, and Johan Oviedo, when not starting, provide 126.7 innings on $12 / 13 \mathrm{~s}$. You are looking at the $8^{\text {th }}$ inning bunch. You will probably need more than one to get to Okert.

Group B- Andres Machado, Garrett Hill, when not starting, Aaron Loup, Tanner Scott, and Matt Barnes are 238.3 innings of 11 or 9 . They can be used in close games, as many as are up, after the starter gets the hook. Try not to use more than 2 IP / game from this bunch

Group C- Taylor Clarke and Josh Staumont are mop up. Staumont is innocuous so let him pitch when Melrose behind by 5. Drew Hutchinson chips in 15.7 innings to this group.

## Lineups:

Expect lineups for every series. Some positions are limited in games. PH/PR will also be limited.

## Emergency Lineups vs CPU and Boards

Vs. RHP

1. India 2B7
2. Betts CF3
3. Ohtani DH
4. Martinez RF1
5. Happ LF3
6. Pasquantino 1 B2
7. Morel 3B3
8. Espinal SS8
9. McGuire $\mathrm{C} 7+3$

## Lineup Usage

- Available off the bench
- Ortega
- Senzel
- Donaldson
- Do not use off the Bench, unless emergency
- Vierling
- Torrens
- Defense
- Ortega for Martinez if Melrose leads +1 to +4 after $7^{\text {th }}$
- Donaldson for Morel if Melrose leads +1 to +4 after the $7^{\text {th }}$.

Vs. LHP

1. India

2B7
2. Espinal SS8
3. Betts CF3
4. Ohtani DH
5. Martinez RF1
6. Happ LF3
7. Donaldson 3B5
8. Vierling 1B3
9. Torrens $\mathrm{C} 7+2$

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- Pasquantino
- Morel
- Defense
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## Strategy

Offense:
Pinch Hitting: Usage is limited in most positions. PH will be limited.

- When to PH:

- PH for Ortega vs LH, $7^{\text {th }}$ or later if Melrose trails
- PH for C $8^{\text {th }}$ or later if Melrose trails and winning or tying run on
- PH for Donaldson vs RH $7^{\text {th }}$ or later if Melrose trails by $<5$
- PH for Morel vs LH, $7^{\text {th }}$ or later if Melrose trails
- Eligible PHs:
- Happ, Betts, Martinez for Ortega
- Senzel
- Rendon
- Donaldson


Pinch Running:

- Don't

Stealing:

- Stealing should take place $7^{\text {th }}$ inning or later tying or winning run, use Adams table
- All players are limited to 1 SBA per series

Hit \& Run: Lots of batters have 2-31s. I like to use H\&R especially against + control pitchers.

- Eligible runner SSN >=24
- Batter has 2-31's

Sacrifice: Don't SAC and don't Squeeze
Runner Advancement: Be Aggressive, especially with 2 outs
Boards: Use Adams table
Computer: $\quad G o$ when runner is well around bag
2 out F runner on second send them home
2 out F runner on third send them home
F runner on third $<2$ out on Fly Ball arm $<=30$ send runner
Runner on $2^{\text {nd }}$, ball hit to CF or RF arm $<=31$ send runner
Defense:
Substitutions:

- Ortega for Martinez after Martinez bats in the $7^{\text {th }}$ if Melrose leads
- Donaldson at 3 B if Melrose leads $7^{\text {th }}$ inning onward

Infield:

- <2 out tying or winning run on third $7^{\text {th }}$ inn or later infield should play in. Infield plays back all other times.
- Always hold runner on $1^{\text {st }}$ adjusted $\mathrm{SSN}>14$. Don't hold N's
- Pitch from stretch if runner on third is eligible to steal home SSN $>157^{\text {th }}$ or later


## Rotation:

| April |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | August |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1-4 (5) IND | Oh1 | Wr1 | Wo1 | Ro1 | X |  |  | 1-4 @ BRO | Oh17 | Wr17 | Wo17 | Ro17 |  |  |
| 6-8 (9) @KAN | Hu1 | Oh2 | Wr2 | X |  |  |  | 5-8 (9) @ NW | Hi1 | Oh18 | Wr18 | Wo18 | X |  |
| 10-12 (13) @LV | Wo2 | Ro2 | Hu2 | X |  |  |  | 10-13 @ MID | Ro18 | Hi2 | Oh19 | Wr19 |  |  |
| 14-17 (18)@ COL | Oh3 | Wr3 | Wo3 | Ro3 | X |  |  | 14-17 RYE | Wo19 | Ro19 | Hi3 | Oh20 |  |  |
| 19-23 (24) MUN | Hu3 | Oh4 | Wr4 | Wo4 | Ro4 |  |  | 18-21 (22) BH | Wr20 | Wo20 | Ro20 | Hi4 | X |  |
| May |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | September |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-5 RCK | Hu4 | Oh5 | Wr5 | Wo5 | Ro5 |  |  | 1-2 | X | X |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 (10) ZIO | Hu5 | Oh6 | Wr6 | Wo6 | X |  |  | 3-5 IND | Oh21 | Wr21 | Wo21 |  |  |  |
| 11-14 @ ${ }^{\text {HOB }}$ | Ro6 | Hu6 | Oh7 | Wr7 |  |  |  | 6-9 @KAN | Mi1 | Hi5 | Oh22 | Wr22 |  |  |
| 15-18 (19) @MAR | Wo7 | Ro7 | Hu7 | Oh8 | X |  |  | 10-13@ LV | Wo22 | Mi2 | Hi6 | Oh23 |  |  |
| 20-23 @ KNX | Wr8 | Wo8 | Ro8 | Hu8 |  |  |  | 14-17 (18)@RCK | Wr23 | Wo23 | Mi3 | Hi7 | X |  |
| June |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19-23 COL | Oh24 | Wr24 | Wo24 | Mi4 | Hi8 |  |
| 1-4 (5) KAN | Oh9 | Wr9 | Wo9 | Ro9 | X |  |  | October |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 LV | Hu9 | Oh10 | Wr10 |  |  |  |  | 1-4 NBO | Oh25 | Wr25 | Ov1 | Mi5 |  |  |
| 9-11 @IND | Wo10 | Ro10 | Hu10 |  |  |  |  | 5-9 HUD | Es1 | Oh26 | Wr26 | Ov2 | Mi6 |  |
| 12-16 (17) @CAY | Oh11 | Wr11 | Wo11 | Ro11 | Hu11 | X |  | 10-13 (14) WHT | Es2 | Oh27 | Wr27 | Ov3 | X |  |
| 18-21 WAR | Oh12 | Wr12 | Wo12 | Ro12 |  |  |  | 15-19 @ WAR | Es3 | Mi7 | Wr28 | Ov4 | Oh28 |  |
| July |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20-23 @MUN | Es4 | Mi8 | Wr29 | Ov5 |  |  |
| 1-5 @ NBO | Hu12 | Oh13 | Wr13 | Wo13 | Ro13 |  |  | November |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 (10) RIV | Hu13 | Oh14 | Wr14 | Wo14 | X |  |  | (1) 2-6 @ZIO | X | Es5 | Mi9 | Wr30 | Ov6 | Hu17 |
| 11-14 GC | Ro14 | Hu14 | Oh15 | Wr15 |  |  |  | 7-10 CAY | Es6 | Ro21 | Wo25 | Ov7 |  |  |
| 15-18 STM | Wo15 | Ro15 | Hu15 | Oh16 |  |  |  | 11-13 (14) KAN | La1 | Es7 | Ro22 | X |  |  |
| 19-22 (23) @HUD | Wr16 | Wo16 | Ro16 | Hu16 | X |  |  | 15-18 LV | Wo26 | Ov8 | Es8 | La2 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19-22 (23)@IND | Pe1 | Ro23 | Hu18 | Es9 | X |  |
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| Oh= Ohtani | 28 | 28 |  |  |  |  |  | Hu=Hutchinson | 18 | 18 |  |  |  |  |
| Wr=Wright | 30 | 30 |  |  |  |  |  | Ov=Oviedo | 14 | x |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Mi}=$ Miley | 9 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | Wo=Wood | 26 | 26 |  |  |  |  |
| Ov=Oviedo | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | Ro=Rogers | 23 | 23 |  |  |  |  |
| Hi=Hill | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | Es=Espino | 18 | 9 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Pe}=$ Peralta | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | La=Lambert | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
|  | X | = Day | OFF |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

