



## 2024 Kansas Koyotes

**GM:** Bill Schwartz (17th 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<sup>rd</sup> Base Coach – Willie Randolph

**Kansas pre-season cuts:** **Uncarded:** Darren O'Day, Miguel Sanchez, Anibal Sanchez,. **XC's:** Michael Chavis, Reyes Moronta, Brian Serven. **Carded:** Jackson Kowar, Rafael Montero, Kevin Smith

**Waiver Wire:** TBD

**Game Type:** All Kansas home games will be played "the way that God intended it" with the boards and dice.

### Emergency Lineups:

VS.	LHP (comp)	VS.	RHP (comp)	VS.	LHP (board)	VS.	RHP (board)
1.				1.	Springer – cf-3	1.	Springer – cf-3
2.				2.	Mejia – c-7	2.	Hernandez – 2b-8
3.	Same as boards		Same as boards	3.	Ad. Garcia – rf-3	3.	Heyward – rf-3
4.				4.	Drury – 1b-3	4.	Garcia– lf-3
5.				5.	T. Taylor – lf-2	5.	Drury – 1b-3
6.				6.	C. Taylor – 3b-3	6.	Brown– dh
7.				7.	Hernandez – 2b-8	7.	Moustakas – 3b-4
8.				8.	Pena – ss-9	8.	Pena – ss-9
9.				9.	McNeil – dh	9.	Gomes – c-8

**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, if ever, 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 I'll try to accommodate. **Computer managers, do not use any automatic managers.**

### **Defensive Replacements:**

There usually won't be better defensive options on the bench, so the only replacement will be Gomes for Mejia in 8<sup>th</sup> or later if Koyotes lead by 1 or 2.

### Offense:

**Pinch Hit:** Not much offense off the bench. Go with the starters. Monthly instructions may differ.

**Pinch Run:** Hernandez or O'Neil can PR for the catcher, Brown, or Moustakas if they represent the potential tying or go ahead run,.

**Steal Attempts:** Garcia, Segura, C. Taylor, Pena & Brown are all SB threats and their SBA's will be handled by the monthly instructions.

**Hit & Run:** H&R with 0 or 1 out, score +2 to -2, Hernandez at bat, T. Taylor, C. Taylor or Springer on first.

**Sacrifice:** VERY RARE. NEVER SQUEEZE!

### ***Offensive Runner Advancement:***

**Board Game:** Consult Adams Table.

**Computer Game:** Play it as you would your own team, as I don't know anything about the computer game (and intend to keep it that way). Be conservative going for third, more aggressive going home, especially with two outs. General Rule: be aggressive with Fast runners and conservative with Slow runners.

**Send Runner on Third:** With infield in, hold runner if combined 2b/3b/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<sup>th</sup> inning on, tying or winning runner on third base has an adjusted SSN > 9.

**Infield In/Deep:** Never play in with two outs or before the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Only play infield in if the tying/winning run is on third base, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**1B:** Brandon Drury, with his lackluster defense (1B-3) will supply 125 games with a committee of **Seth Brown, Kike Hernandez & Jeff McNeil** providing the remainder of the games.

**2B:** A pair of 2b-8's, **McNeil** and **Hernandez**, will share second base duties.

**SS:** **Jeremy Pena** (SS-9) will be the everyday SS for his 150 g. with **Hernandez** and his multi-position card starting the remaining games.

**3B:** **Mike Moustakas** (3b-4) will man third base for his 112 games, with **Chris Taylor** (3b-3) providing the remainder.

**OF:** **Adolis Garcia** (156 g.), **Jason Heyward** (124 g.), and **George Springer** (154 g.), all OF-3's, will provide a combined 434 games. The remainder of games will be handled by **Tyrone Taylor and Chris Taylor**.

**DH:** **Seth Brown** (75 g.) and the **Taylor**s (87 g.) will share DH duties.

## **Pitching:**

### **Starters:**

Decent starting rotation with all starts covered by grade 9 or better starters, headed by first round draft choice, Kodai Senga's 29 starts of grade 16 and **Sonny Gray**'s 32 starts of grade 13.

**The general rule will be to allow the starters to go till fatigued. No starter should pitch more than 11.2 innings. Don't remove any starting pitcher if he's pitching a shutout before that.**

### **Bullpen:**

One true closer grade 24K, with only 27.7 RIP. Pen was rather thin going into the draft, *and only improved slightly with the acquisition of those closer innings and 111 innings of middling grade 11 and 9*. Koyotes have 170+ RIP another 243 RIP of lower leverage relief (gr. 8-11), and 98 innings of mopup grade (5 and 7). **So with 484 innings of usable relief, it will call for astute management.** Four lefties in the pen, so can mix and match occasionally.

Still not a plethora of RIP, but hopefully manageable. Holding leads late could be a tenuous situation. Seven or eight of the pool of 11 relievers will always be on the active roster and the roster will be managed so that **regardless of individual allowable RIP's, all can be used fairly equally in any particular month as need be, except for Stewart..**

## **Starter Bio's:**

**Senga** – 29 starts of ace numbers (16XY, CTL-36, HRA+22).

**S. Gray** – 32 starts of another good grade 13Y with good peripherals (CTL+15, HRA+46)..

**Scherzer** – A step below his accustomed grade in normal years, still provides 27 good starts of grade 12XZ (CTL+15, HRA-25)..

**Civale** – 23 quality starts from a grade 11YZ (CTL+22, HRA+23).

**Javier** – 30 decent starts of a grade 10Y (CTL-14 , HRA-14).

**Kopech** – 19 starts of a passable grade 9YW, but horrible peripherals (CTL-62, HRA-32)

**Severino** – 2 possible starts in November of a scoreboard lighting grade 1.

**Smyly** – May be used in place of Severino, depending on his relief inning status.

## **Bullpen Bio's:**

**Stewart:** A super closer grade 24K , but only 27.7 innings, so may be in the minors some months.

**Smyly:** Second highest grade – 16Y (CTL-14, HRA-22), so may be the setup man occasionally

**Swanson:** 66.7 innings of grade 15X (CTL+11, HRA+12.) The more likely setup man.

**Moore:** LH option for middle man or even setup vs. negative LH peripherals.

**Jackson:** A grade 13 XW with only 18 innings - will only be up for 2 or 3 months. A wildman with HR stopping (HRA+44) ability.

**Tonkin, Cuas, Scholtens:** 177 RIP of a group of two 11's and a 9 to be used for early & middle relief to get to the higher grades.

**Garcia:** 66 innings of a grade 8XZ (CTL+33, HRA+14) for use when starter leaves early.

**Shreve: 44.7 innings of grade 7Y (CTL+15, HRA-13). A LH version of Garcia to be used similarly.**

**Hand:** A grade 5X LH'er for 53.7 innings of garbage and mopup time or for use vs. a hitter with large negative numbers vs. LHP.

**These are only general bios. Monthly instructions will always give more definitive guidelines for usage. Similar grades are basically interchangeable.**

**Summary:** In 2023, hopes were high for the Koyotes and they didn't disappoint, winning the Aaron for the first time under present management and reaching the World Series before bowing to Maracaibo. This year's version has no such hopes. Their decent starting staff and defense should allow them to be in a lot of games despite the lack of an extremely potent offense. The bullpen leaves a lot to be desired, so leads in the late innings could be tenuous.

The defense is pretty good. The Koyotes should be able to field a Fielding 1 defense most days with **Drury** (1B-3), **McNeil** or **Hernandez** (2B-8's), **Pena** (SS-9), **Moustakas** (3B-4), **Gomes** (C-8, Th+2), and **Springer, Garcia & Heyward** (OF-3's),

The draft added a stud starter in Senga (gr. 16), good bat and glove in Heyward and 111 innings of relief, but a .500 year is realistically what may be expected (optimistically).

*Have a Fun Season!*

**NOTE:** Please provide, along with stat recaps of both teams, **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 most times 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 not looking for miracles this year, but possibly being competitive. But no matter what, we will have fun.**



<b>Apr. 1-4</b>	<b>Vegas</b>	Senga	Gray	Scherzer	Javier	Off			
Apr. 6-8	at Calusa	Senga	Gray	Scherzer	Off			Kopecch can relieve	
Apr. 10-13	at Melrose	Javier	Senga	Gray	Scherzer			Kopecch can relieve	
Apr. 14-17	at Warrenton	Kopecch	Javier	Senga	Gray	Off		Kopecch can	20
<b>Apr. 19-23</b>	<b>Grand Cayman</b>	Scherzer	Javier	Senga	Gray	Kopecch			
<b>May 1-5</b>	<b>Zion</b>	Scherzer	Javier	Senga	Gray	Kopecch	Off	Smyly can relieve	
May 7-10	at Strong City	Scherzer	Javier	Senga	Gray			Smyly can relieve	
May 11-14	at Midwest	Kopecch	Scherzer	Javier	Senga	Off		Smyly can relieve	
May 16-19	at Whitman	Gray	Scherzer	Smyly	Senga				21
<b>May 20-22*</b>	<b>Munich</b>	Javier	Gray	Kopecch	Scherzer	Off		Smyly can relieve g. 4	
June 1-4	<b>Calusa</b>	Senga	Civale	Gray	Scherzer	Off		Kopecch can relieve	
June 6-8	<b>Melrose</b>	Senga	Civale	Gray				Kopecch can relieve g. 1-2	
June 9-11	at Vegas	Scherzer	Kopecch	Senga					19
June 12-16	at Hudson	Civale	Gray	Scherzer	Kopecch	Senga	Off		
<b>June 18-21</b>	<b>Columbus</b>	Gray	Scherzer	Kopecch	Senga				
July 1-5	at Rocky Mountain	Javier	Civale	Scherzer	Gray	Senga		Kopecch can relieve g. 4-5	
July 6-9	at Northboro	Javier	Civale	Scherzer	Gray	Off		Kopecch can relieve	
<b>July 11-14</b>	<b>Gotham City</b>	Javier	Civale	Scherzer	Kopecch			Kopecch can relieve g. 1	
<b>July 15-18</b>	<b>Hoboken</b>	Gray	Javier	Civale	Scherzer				21
<b>July 19-22</b>	<b>Rye</b>	Kopecch	Gray	Javier	Civale	Off			
<b>August 1-4</b>	<b>New West</b>	Senga	Gray	Scherzer	Civale				
<b>August 5-8</b>	<b>Brobdingnag</b>	Javier	Senga	Gray	Scherzer	Off			
<b>August 10-13</b>	<b>Hudson</b>	Javier	Senga	Gray	Scherzer				20
August 14-17	at Blue Hill	Civale	Javier	Senga	Gray				
August 18-21	at Knoxville	Scherzer	Civale	Javier	Senga	Off	Off	Off	
<b>Sept. 3-5</b>	<b>Vegas</b>	Javier	Senga	Civale					
Sept. 6-9	at Calusa	Scherzer	Gray	Javier	Senga				
Sept. 10-12	at Melrose	Civale	Scherzer	Gray	Off				19
Sept. 14-17	at Grand Cayman	Javier	Senga	Civale	Scherzer				
Sept. 18-22	<b>Northboro</b>	Gray	Javier	Senga	Civale	Scherzer	Off		
<b>Oct. 1-4*</b>	<b>Warrenton</b>	Javier	Senga	Civale	Kopecch	Gray	Off		
<b>Oct. 6-9</b>	<b>Maracaibo</b>	Javier	Senga	Civale	Kopecch				
Oct. 10-13	at Riverwoolf	Gray	Javier	Senga	Civale	Off			22
Oct. 15-18	at Zion	Gray	Javier	Senga	Civale			Kopecch can relieve g. 1-2	
Oct. 19-23	at Munich	Kopecch	Gray	Javier	Senga	Civale	Off		
<b>Nov. 2-6</b>	<b>at Columbus</b>	Kopecch	Javier	Severino	Civale	Gray			
<b>Nov. 7-10</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain</b>	Kopecch	Javier	Scherzer	Civale				
Nov. 11-13	Calusa	Gray	Kopecch	Javier	Off				20
Nov. 15-18	Melrose	Severino	Gray	Kopecch	Javier				
Nov. 19-22	at Vegas	Civale	Scherzer	Gray	Kopecch	Off			

Scherzer	Javier	Senga	Gray	Kopecch	Off
Scherzer	Javier	Senga	Gray		
Kopecch	Scherzer	Javier	Senga	Off	
Gray	Scherzer	Smyly	Senga		
Javier	Gray	Kopecch	Scherzer	Off	
Senga	Civale	Gray	Scherzer	Off	
Senga	Civale	Gray			
Scherzer	Kopecch	Senga			
Civale	Gray	Scherzer	Kopecch	Senga	Off
Gray	Scherzer	Kopecch	Senga		

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29	16XY (-36)(+22)	Senga	29	0
32	13Y (+15)(+46)	Gray	32	0
27	12XZ (+15)(+25)	Scherzer	27	0
23	11Y (+22)(+23)	Civale	23	0
31	10Y (-14)(-14)	Javier	30	1
27	9YW (-62)(-32)	Kopecch	18	9
4	4Y (-14)(-22)	Smyly	1	
0	1 (12)(-41)	Severino	2	-2
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May sub Smyly starts in for Severino's in November, depending on Smyly's relief availability