



# 2024 Melrose Emergency Instructions

1999, 2011, and 2012 TBL Champions



Manager: Dennis Eckersley

Hitting Coach: Moises Alou Pitching Coach: Kurt Rueter 1<sup>st</sup> Base Coach: Roberta Alomar 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Coach: Terry Pendelton

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 be a door mat this year a playoff run is still a ways off.

Position Players	Team	G	PAs	Bats	Field	SPD	ARM	SBA	SSN	BC	SA	Min	J#
Betts, Mookie	LAD	152	693	R	OF3/2B8/SS7	F18	35	17	32	SA-2	SA+3/-3		J-1
Benson, Wil	Cin	108	329	L	OF2	9	30	22	33	SA-5	SA-20/+2		J-3
Chishom, Jazz	Mia	97	383	R	OF2	F16	31	25	34	SA-5	SA-12/+2		J-3
Conforto, Michael	SFG	145	470	L	OF2	11	30	4	34	PR-5	PR-9/+1	M	J-2
Correa, Carlos	Min	135	580	R	SS9	10	36	0	N	SA-1	SA+2/-2		J-2
Espinal, Santiago	Tor	93	254	R	3B4/SS8/2B7	F15	31	3	26	SA-1	SA 0/-2		J-3
Happ, Ian	CC	158	691	S	OF3	F18	32	17	32	SA-0	SA-6/+1		J-0
Indian, Johnathan	Cin	119	529	R	2B7	F15	30	16	34	SA-0	SA-5/0	M	J-2
Julks, Corey	Hou	93	323	R	OF2	F15	30	18	32	SA-1	SA-3/-1		J-3
Morel, Chris	CC	107	429	R	3B3/2B7/SS7/OF2	F16	32	20	29	SA-1	SA+2/-2		J-3
McKinney, Billy	Pit	48	147	L	OF2/1B3	14	29	1	26	PR-2	PR-5/-1	M	J-4
McGuire, Reese	Bos	72	206	L	C8/PB1 -2	S6	31	2	26	SA-0	SA+1/-3		J-3
Ohtani, Shohei	LAA	135	599	L	OF1	F17	31	26	30	PR-5	SA-8/+2		J-2
O'Hoppe, Logan	LAA	51	199	R	C7/PB2 -4	7	30	1	14	SA-2	SA+6/-3	M	J-4
Pasquantino, Vin	KC	61	260	L	1B3	S4	30	0	N	SA-1	SA-3/-1		J-4
Rojas, Johan	Phil	59	164	R	OF3	F18	35	15	31	SA-1	SA+1/-3		J-4
Senzel, Nick	Cin	104	330	R	3B3/OF2/2B6	F16	30	8	29	SA-5	SA+12/-10	M	J-3
Tellez, Rowdy	Mil	108	351	L	1B4	S6	30	0	N	SA-3	SA-7/0		J-3
Wynns, Austin	Col	51	145	R	C7/ PB2 +4	S6	32	1	26	SA-2	SA+5/-4		J-4

Pitchers	T	G	RIP	GS	Grade	Ctl/HR	STF	RF	Move	HBO	WP	FLD	BKO	Minors
Biebee, Tanner	RHP	Cle	25	25	13YG	13/25	23	0	0		3	2		
Matz, Steven	LHP	Stl	17	16.0	17	8YZ	15/22	23	10	0	1	2		
Ohtani, Shohei	RHP	LAA	23		23	18X	-31/-12	23		1	3	2		
Oviedo, Johan	LHP	Pit	32		32	10Y	-32/23	25		0	3	2		
Sanchez, Chris	LHP	Phi	19		18	11YZ	41/-21	28		1	2	1	Yes	
Trevor, Rogers-XC	LHP	Mia	4		4	10Y	13/21	20						M
Varland, Louie	RHP	Min	17	12.0	10	8YZL	24/-42	26	10	1	2	1	Yes	M
Manaea, Sean	LHP	SFG	37	71.0	10	7/11*X	0/14	22	13	0	2	1	Yes	
Megill, Trevor	RHP	Mil	31	34.7	2	9*KH	11/43	6	7	0	3	2	Yes	M
Palencia, Daniel	RHP	Phi	27	28		12*XW	-44/22		6	1	3	1	Yes	M
Okert, Steven	LHP	Mia	62	58.7	2	11*XY	-23/-14	6	6	0	1	2		
Ramirez, Nick	RHP	NYN	32	41.0		10*ZH	31/55		7	0	0	1		
Sims, Lucas	RHP	Cin	67	61.0		21*XWG	-62/32		6	0	3	1		
Scott, Tanner	LHP	Mia	74	78.0		17*KZH	16/51		6	0	1	1	Yes	
Staumont, Josh-XC	RHP	KC	21	19.0	1	9*YH	-62/45	6	6	0	3	1	Yes	M
Webb, Jacob	RHP	Bal	54	54.0		15*YW	-44/16		6	0	1	2	Yes	
Wood, Alex	LHP	SFG	29	50.3	16	3/13*G	-23/26	23	14	0	2	2		
Yates, Kirby	RHP	Atl	61	60.7		20*XYW	-62/-13		6	0	3	1		

## Roster Notes

**Melrose Cuts-** Curt Casali – XC, Manual Pina-XC, Luis Torrens- XC, Josh Donaldson-XC, Rafael Ortega, Kevin Pillar, Taylor Clarke, Jimmy Lambert, Andres Machado, Aaron Loup, Matt Barnes-XC, Paolo Espino-XC, Grant Hill- XC, Drew Hutchinson (UNC), Willy Peralta (UNC), Kyle Wright-XC, Jake Woodford-XC, Jacob Young, Jace Peterson, Anthony Rendon

**Minors-** Josh Staumont, Trevor Rogers, Trevor Magill, Daniel Palencia, Louie Varland, Jonathan India, Nick Senzel, Logan O’hoppe, Billy McKinney

### Expected Roster Move-

**August-**

**September-**

**October-Staumont up**

**State of the Hitters Address-** Usage is the biggest issue this year. We restocked some talent and cover all our games, sometimes with a bad card. There will be a limitation on the pinch-hitting and defensive replacements. There is no PH cardboard nor a fielding one on the bench. Sometimes a bad shift will just have to hit.

**Catcher-** Very tight this year. Only 174 games. The Catcher that starts finishes. I expect Wynn to bunt a lot.

**1B –** First base is another hot mess. **Pasquantitno** has only 61 games. **Rowdy “Kung Poa” Tellez** returns home to plays the majority of games (108). Whoever starts finishes

**2B- Mookie Betts** will slide in to 2B this year with 152 games. **Johnathan India** former ROY, will probably pickup the remain 10 games in Nov.

**SS- Calros Correa/Santiago Espinal** cover more than enough games. Since there won’t be a great PH option on the bench, I expect whoever starts to go the distance

**3B- Chris Morel** will play all of his 107 games at the hot corner. **Espinal** and **Senzel** will cover the rest based on matchup. There is no defensive replacement

**OF-** The outfield has a number of players. Center field will be covered by **Ian Happ**. Right field will be split between **Will Benson** against righthanders and **Johan Rojas (RF)** against lefties. Left field **Jazz Chisholm** and **Corey Julks** will split time with one filling it at DH. Depending on how the season goes **Conforto** may get some time here or battle Tellez for the pork strips.

**DH- Shohei Ohtani** is full time DH. He should never come out. But he does miss 27 games. Since the repeal of the Ohtani rule, which only affects Ohtani, when he starts, he won’t DH. The plan is for **Jazz Chisholm** to make-up games at DH but **Senzel, McKinney, India** and others will probably fill in as well.

## Pitching



**Starters:** Another year another spaghetti western. There is the good, the bad and the ugly. The Good- 134 starts of 8 or better, including 48 of 13 or better. The Bad- 12 starts of grade 6-7. The Ugly- 16 starts of Alex Wood. At least he has a 26 HR rating.

There will be a few openers starting but we would like to get a minimum of 5 out of the real starters. If trailing by more than 4 runs, leave them in until pounded out. There are plenty of innings, we shouldn't lose a game because the starter was left in too long.

**Shohei Ohtani (RH 18)** – only 23 starts. If we're leading by a comfortable margin can go through a 2<sup>nd</sup> reduction before being replaced. Just don't put the game at risk

**Tanner Biebee (RH 13), Chris Sanchez (RH 11), Johan Oviedo (RH 10) and Trevor Rogers-XC (LH 10)** – 79 more games we want 5 out of this bunch and hopefully 6. If necessary to protect a lead go to the pen.

**Steven Matz (LH 8), Louie Varland (RH 9), Sean Manaea (LH 7)**- 37 mediocre starts. I'm hoping to get the best out of this bunch and get 5 IP. These guys also provide relief innings and will be used out of the pen. Check the schedule to see if they are starting

**Alex Wood (LH 3/13\*)** – Will make too many starts. He should chew up as many innings as we can but if we're close in the 5<sup>th</sup> yank him.

**The Openers- Okert (2 GS), McGill (2 GS), and Staumont (1 GS)**, are playing openers for a few games. Hopefully will get through 2-3 innings, max 3 before hitting the pen.

**Relievers:** An actual bullpen. We even have defined roles. Lots of innings but will require some diligence as many reliever innings are also owned by starters. They are, of course, also wild. What's a Melrose pen without some Ws?

- As a general rule a reliever should not pitch more than 2 IP per appearance, exception is **Martinez**



**Lucas Simes (RH 21)**- is the primary closer. He can pitch 1.1 IP per game and 2.2 IP per series

**Kirby Yates(RH 20)**- not only setup but I like him to come in as early as 6 to put out a rally. 1.1 IP per game and 2.2 IP per series

**Tanner Scott (LH 17)**- Good perphs (+16/+51). Lots of innings. Can close if lots of LH shifts. Can pitch 2 IP per game and 4 IP per series. Rally killer 6<sup>th</sup> or later.

**Group B- Jacob Webb (RH 15), Alex Wood (LH 13), Steven Okert (LH 11), Daniel Palencia (RH12) and Sean Manaea (LH 11)** - Middle guys. Heavily LH and some of them are part-time starters. These are 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> inning guys as needed. 158 innings total. Wood spend ½ the season in the rotation so can pitch often out of the pen when not starting.

**Group C- Nick Ramirez (RH 10), Trevor McGill (RH 9), Steven Matz (LH 8), Louie Varland (RH 8) and Josh Staumont-XC (RH 9)** - 132 innings of primarily decent RH pitchers that can be used early or to offset a LH killer if group A is up. **Matz** and **Varland** are primarily starters and should not be used when in the rotation

Note: **Alex Wood** makes a lot of starts but has lost of relief innings as well. Can be used often when not starting and stay in longer. He follows and opener and can pitch 3.1 innings, or more if big lead.



**Lineups:**

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

**Lineups vs CPU and Boards**

Vs. RHP	
1. Happ	CF3
2. Betts	2B8
3. Ohtani	DH
4. Benson	RF2
5. Morel	3B3
6. Chisolm	LF2
7. Correa	SS9
8. Tellez	1B4
9. McGuire	C8

- Lineup Usage**
- Available off the bench
    - **None**
  - Do not use off the Bench, unless emergency
  - Defense
    - **None**
  - **Wynn**- Sac a lot

Vs. LHP	
1. Happ	CF3
2. Betts	2B8
3. Ohtani	DH
4. Morel	3B3
5. Rojas	RF2
6. Correa	SS9
7. Julks	LF2
8. Paquatitno	1B3
9. McGuire	C8

- Lineup Usage**
- Available off the bench
    - **None**
  - Do not Use off the Bench, unless emergency
  - Defense
    - **None**
  - **Wynn** – sac a lot

## Strategy

**Offense:** Lots of potential but needs another year to fit together well. Not a lot of extra usage and some bad shifts will just have to try their best. There is little in the way of PH. On the bright side we do have more speed.

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

- Do not

**Pinch Running:** Do not

**Stealing:**

- Melrose has some base stealers this year. Use the following limits
  - **Chisom, Benson, Ohtani, Morel, Rojas, Julks**- 2/Series
  - **Betts, Happ, India** - 1/series
  - **Everyone Else** can use a steal, if available 7<sup>th</sup> or later winning or tying run on 1<sup>st</sup>.
- With the exception of **Everyone Else**, steals can take place as early as 4<sup>th</sup>

**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:**

- I expect Wynn to sac a lot.
- Since no PH Manager's discretion on using the SAC

**Runner Advancement: Be Aggressive, especially with 2 outs! Lots of fast runners**

**Boards:** Use Adams table

**Computer:** *Go when runner is well around bag*  
2 out F runner on second send them home  
1 out F runner on third send them home  
F runner on third <2 out on Fly Ball arm <=30 send runner  
Runner on 2<sup>nd</sup>, ball hit to CF or RF arm <=31 send runner

**Defense:**

**Substitutions:**

- None this year

**Infield:**

- <2 out tying or winning run on third 7<sup>th</sup> inn or later infield should play in. Infield plays back all other times.
- Always hold runner on 1<sup>st</sup> adjusted SSN > 14. Don't hold N's
- Pitch from stretch if runner on third is eligible to steal home SSN >15 7<sup>th</sup> or later



