

# 2024 Midwest Mongrels

## Emergency Instructions

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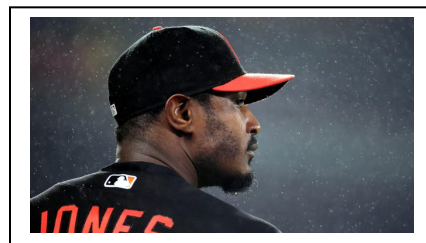
Wild Card Qualifier—2005, 2013, 2015, 2018-2020

Williams Division Champion—2009, 2012, 2014

Ruth Division Champion—2021, 2023

National Conference Champion—2009, 2014

TBL Champion—2009



Manager Adam Jones

GEN. MANAGER	VICTOR MARTINEZ	SABERMETRICS	RENE RIVERA
Bench Coach	Nick Punto	Hitting Coach	Oscar Salazar
Pitching Coach	Ervin Santana	Bullpen Coach	Henry Blanco
1B Coach	Nate McLouth	3B Coach	Mike Aviles
Quality Control	Eric Hosmer		

Player	TM	B	BC-MG	BC-CG	SSN	SPD	ARM	PB	TH	G	PA	REM SBA	J
J. P. Crawford	SEA	L	PR -3/0	PR-2	31	13	33			145	638	2	1
Elias Diaz	COL	R	SA -9/+1	SA-0	26	6	31	1	+1	141	526	1	1
Eduardo Escobar	LAA	B	SA +6/-5	SA-0	26	10	34			99	309	3	3
Yasmani Grandal	CWS	B	PB 0/-2	PB-0	N	6	30	1	-2	118	405	0	2
Trent Grisham	SD	L	SA +5/-3	SA-0	32	15	30			153	554	18	1
Carter Kieboom	WASH	R	SA +5/-5	SA-3	N	14	32			27	94	0	4
Trevor Larnach—XC	MN	L	SA -11/+1	SA-5	20	10	36			58	212	2	4
Royce Lewis	MN	R	SA -5/0	SA-0	33	16	32			58	239	7	4
Michael Massey	KC	L	SA -3/-1	SA-1	29	9	30			129	461	8	2
Joey Meneses	WAS	R	SA +1/-2	SA-1	N	8	29			154	657	0	1
Cedric Mullins	BALT	L	SA -1/-1	SA-0	33	18	33			116	455	22	2
Victor Robles	WASH	R	SA +5/-4	SA-2	34	18	37			36	126	9	4
Julio Rodriguez	SEA	R	SA +1/-2	SA-1	30	16	33			155	714	47	1
Casey Schmitt	SF	R	SA 0/-2	SA-1	26	9	32			90	277	3	3
Kyle Schwarber	PHIL	L	PR -4/0	PR-2	9	6	34			160	720	2	0
Pavin Smith	ARI	L	SA -9/+1	SA-5	20	6	30			69	227	2	3
Michael A. Taylor	MN	R	PL +7/-4	PL-3	35	16	34			129	388	14	2
PITCHERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP	J
Joan Adon—INNOC (2)	WASH	R	2	-13	-11	28/12	3		0	0	23		4
Zach Davies—INNOC (2)	ARI	R	1	-31	16	28	0		0	0	27		4
Tony Gonsolin (2)	LAD	R	10	-14	-23	24	1		0	0	20		4
Rich Hill (2)	SD	L	4	-13	-12	26	1			0	27		3
Shane Bieber (1)	TB	L	13Y	-14	0	22	1	0	0	0	21		4
Casey Mize	NC	R	---										
Kyle Muller (1)—INNOC	OAK	L	1	-26	-23	30/12	3			0	25		4
G. Whitlock—INNOC (2)	BOS	R	3Y	35	-23	24/9	2		0	1	23		3
											167		
RELIEVERS	TM	T	GRADE	CTL	HR	FAT	WP	HB	BK	MF	ST	RIP	J
J. Assad (2) 109.3 T/IP	CC	R	14Y	-14	13	22/12	2			0	10	55.7	3
Enyel de los Santos (2)	CLEV	R	14*Y	-21	41	6	2			0		65.7	0
Edwin Diaz	NC	R	---										
Sam Hentges (2)	CLE	L	8*Y	11	52	6	3	0	0	0		52.3	2
Adrian Morejon	NC	L	---										
L. Patino (1) 21.7 T/IP	CWS	R	9*	-62	12	14/13	3	0	0	1	1	19.3	4
Nate Pearson (1)	TOR	R	10*Y	-13	-16	7	3		0	0		42.7	3
Cionel Perez (1)	BALT	L	9*	-25	53	6	0			0		53.3	1
A.J. Puk (1)	MIA	L	9*XY	34	-22	6	1		0	0		56.7	2
Brooks Raley (2)	NYM	L	15*X	-21	35	6	0		0	0		54.7	1
C. Seabold (2)-no bump	COL	R	1	21	-26	28/12	3		0	0	13	87.3	3
<i>Players in italics are not on the roster this month</i>												<b>T/IP=Total Innings Pitched Starting and Rel. 538.7</b>	

Cuts—Alberto, Alfaro, Cruz, Duffey, Harrison, Hosmer, Odor, Price, Vavra  
Waiver Wire—

## Monthly Player Roster

U—on roster

D—in minors

MONTHLY ROSTER	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N		MONTHLY ROSTER	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N
	P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O			P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O
HITTERS	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V		PITCHERS	R	Y	E	L	G	P	T	V
J. P. Crawford	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		STARTERS								
Elias Diaz	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Joan Adon	D	U	U	D	U	U	U	U
Eduardo Escobar	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Zach Davies	U	U	D	U	U	U	U	U
Yasmani Grandal	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Tony Gonsolin	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
Trent Grisham	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Rich Hill	U	D	U	U	U	U	U	U
Carter Kieboom	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	U		Shane McClellan	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	D
Trevor Larnach	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Kyle Muller	D	D	D	U	U	U	U	U
Royce Lewis	D	D	D	D	D	U	U	U		Garret Whitlock	U	U	U	D	D	U	U	U
Michael Massey	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U										
Joey Meneses	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		RELIEVERS								
Cedric Mullins	D	D	U	U	U	U	U	U		Javier Assad	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Victor Robles	D	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Enyel de los Santos	U	U	U	U	U	U	D	U
Julio Rodriguez	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Sam Hentges	U	U	U	D	U	D	U	U
Casey Schmitt	U	U	U	U	U	D	D	U		Luis Patino	D	D	D	U	D	D	D	U
Kyle Schwarber	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		Nate Pearson	U	U	U	D	U	U	U	U
Pavin Smith	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	U		Cionel Perez	D	U	U	U	D	U	U	U
Michael A. Taylor	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		A.J. Puk	U	D	U	U	U	U	U	U
										Brooks Raley	U	U	D	U	D	U	U	U
										Connor Seabold-no bump	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
										No Cards								
										Casey Mize								
										Edwin Diaz								
										Adrian Morejon								
<b>ROSTER</b> 14 hitters 12 pitchers																		
C=Closer S=Situational Lefty, 1-2 batters per outing to end an inning										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

#### April (19)

1-4	@KNX	7635X
6-8	@HOB	763X
10-12	@BRO	576X
14-17	BH	3576X
19-23	GC	35762

#### May (21)

1-5	@RIV	15762X
7-10	@MAR	1576
11-14	KAN	2157X
16-19	IND	6215
20-22*	WHI	7623X

#### June (19)

1-4	HOB	1762X
6-8	BRO	317
9-11	KNX	623
12-16	@STM	17623X
18-21	@RYE	7623

#### July (21)

1-5	NW	57643
6-9	MUN	5764X
11-14	@HUD	3576
15-18	@WAR	4357
19-22	@CAY	6435X

#### August (20)

1-4	@NBO	7643
5-8	@ZIO	8176X
10-13	@NW	3174
14-17	MLR	6517
18-21	VEG	4652X

#### September (20)

3-5	@KNX	XX123
6-9	@HOB	4512
10-13	@BRO	3451
14-17	RIV	2345X
19-23	MAR	12345

#### October (22)

1-4	@COL	1234
5-9	@WHT	51234
10-14	RYE	51234
15-18	RCK	5123X
20-23	STM	4512

#### November (20)

2-6	@BH	X34512
7-10	@GC	3451
11-13	HOB	234X
15-18	BRO	5123
19-22	KNX	4512X

### STARTERS

1—Adon	2—Whitlock	3—Hill	4—Muller	5—Davies
6—Gonsolin	7—McClanahan	8—Assad		

**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.

<u>Lineup vs LHP</u>		<u>Lineups vs. RHP</u>	
Schwarber	DH	Schwarber	DH
Rodriguez	CF-3	Rodriguez	CF-3
Meneses	1B-3	Lewis	3B-4
Mullins	LF-3	Meneses	1B-3
Crawford	SS-9	Mullins	RF-3
Massey	2B-9	Crawford	SS-9
Escobar	3B-4	Diaz	C-8
Grandal	C-8	Massey	2B-9
Taylor	RF-3	Grisham	LF-3
	42/33 + pitcher		42/33 + pitcher

These lineups will likely never be used as I will send monthly lineups dependent upon whom your starting pitcher will be. Diaz and Grandal can be pinch run for in the 8<sup>th</sup> or later of any game that is +/- 1 run; Robles runs and then the other catcher plays the rest of the game. Schmitt becomes the 3B-3 against RHP if Lewis is not rostered in any given month. Larnach can pinch hit in the ninth for Massey, Schmitt, or Escobar if an XB hit gives Dawgs a chance to tie or take the lead.

## Midwest on Offense

The arms fell off on most of my starting pitchers from last year, and that means we have some offense but little chance of winning consistently this season. We are going to try to be competitive, but winning will depend on outhitting your team

**Hit and Run:** Almost everyone can steal a base this year, so let's play hit and run as much as we can. Best time is when Grisham, Massey, Mullins, Robles, Rodriguez, or Taylor are on first and any two-31 hitter is at the plate. Generally speaking, H-R when the Mongrels are +/-2 runs, less than two outs, and one of the better starting pitchers or double digit reliever is pitching for the Dawgs—in other words, when it is cost effective to take the chance. Don't waste possible CS when yucky starters are pitching, unless they get a grade advancement and show that this day might make it worth while.

**Bunt:** After a lead off double with any hitters except Schwarber, Rodriguez, Larnach, Lewis, or Crawford. Let's not suicide on the road this season—way too many 13s on these cards.

**Stolen Base:** Julio Rodriguez can steal a base per series on a straight steal. The should be +/- 1 run; otherwise use the hit and run instead if it is in play.

**Runner Advance:** Only if runner is “well around” for you computer players. For MG players, use Adams table.

**Everything else:** Use your judgment and play my team as you would your own. Roll the dice and enjoy the games without stressing about what I would do. Things are what they are this year, and my draft picks are going to other teams, so there is really little I am playing for other than the pride of winning as many games as simply as possible.

## Midwest on Defense

This is a strong defensive team this season. Most players have plenty of games, so the bench will seldom be used from game to game. Diaz and Grandal are the slowest runners, so you can pinch run for either one of them (using Robles if rostered, anyone with better speed if he is not) in the 8<sup>th</sup> or later to tie the game or take the lead. The other catcher then comes in to play the rest of the game. Other than that, no need to pinch hit or change things up defensively.

As for game situations, generally speaking play my team as you would your own. Here are some things to consider as you play the games:

**I still hate the infield in play.** If score is +/-2 runs, play infield deep with zero or one out. If the score is tied, play the infield in for those situations; but if you DO score and there is still a runner on third base, go back to playing deep.

**Let your runners take an extra base if the final valuation number is greater than 28.** Make the throw if it is 28 or less. Generally do not make the throw to attempt to catch the trailing runner. If you are unsure what to do, play my team as you would your own if it were in the field. Use the Adams chart if you need special support for your decisions based on number of outs versus score differential. Again, emphasis is on having fun instead of following these instructions to the letter of the law.

**Catchers always make the throw to try to stop a stolen base unless your advance number totals 36 or higher.**

## Midwest Pitching

The bullpen is adequate, but it is short in quality innings, and short in general given how many really bad starts I will have this season. In general, apply the pen aggressively as outlined below when I have a chance to win—let's define that as within three runs after six innings. Otherwise, look for opportunities to preserve the better relievers by using those middle grade men to finish off games. Seabold is on the roster with 87 innings and no grade bump to help preserve innings—he can replace a starter who is pounded out of the game, or he can pitch the last several innings if the Dawgs trail by five or more runs.

**Please follow these rules carefully in order to insure that I have enough relief.**

- 1. Every starter goes 5 innings unless pounded out of the game. Staple those bad starters to the mound for as long as they can last.**
- 2. If the starter gets pounded out, enter Seabold for up to 2-2/3 innings to preserve the other relievers.**
- 3. Muller and Whitlock never relieve—they are starters only.**
- 4. For all usage for the rest of the relievers consult the chart on the next page.**

Starter	In case of pounding in first 5 innings	Bullpen Usage After 5 <sup>th</sup> Inning
McClanahan	Seabold for up to 2-2/3 innings	General roles Closer—de los Santos (backed up by Assad)
Gonsolin	Seabold for up to 2-2/3 innings	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> innings: Raley and Assad; Assad has 109 innings, although 54 of them come with no 5 point bump
All other starters	Seabold for up to 2-2/3 innings	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> innings—Hentges, Perez, Puk, Pearson, Patino depending on the roster for the month
		<p>Use all the above relievers for one inning at a time, except Assad who can go two innings if there is a need to do that to get out of a game.</p> <p>After the fifth inning, if the Dawgs trail by 4 runs or more: Use the relievers who do not have double digit grades, in any order If the Dawgs trail by 6 or more at the start of the seventh and Seabold has not been used, let him pitch the final two innings.</p> <p>After the fifth inning, if the Dawgs are within three runs: Use two of the lower grade pitchers other than Seabold for the sixth and seventh Then check the score again. If still within 3, use Raley or Assad in 8<sup>th</sup> and save de los Santos for save/win in ninth If extra innings develop, use Seabold to end it quickly, or the lowest graded reliever for the same purpose. Extra innings are the enemy!!</p> <p>At any point, if you are unable to fit the game situation to these descriptions, you are on your own to make your best decision possible. I am considering ways to increase my relief innings using the waiver wire and/or September trades and will address the issue as I can later.</p>

Best of luck to everyone in TBL this season. The Dawgs are down again, but there are some good players on the team and occasionally we will surprise people. It just won't happen often enough.

Darrell