



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Third Trimester Instructions (Series: #22 - #26): Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay Rays, Boston Red Sox, LA Angels

AWAY ROSTER			
#	PLAYER	POS	Team
23	Andrew Benintendi	LF	KC
2	Xander Bogaerts (C)	SS	BOS
21	Mark Canha	1B/OF	OAK
18	Ernie Clement	UTI	CLE
11	Rafeal Devers	3B	BOS
32	Freddy Fermin (C)	C	KCR
38	Mike Ford	1B	SEA
8	Nicky Lopez	2B	KC
26	Jordan Luplow	OF	MIN
22	Luke Maile	C	CIN
24	Billy McKinney	OF	NYN
0	Francisco Mejia	C	TAM
27	Tommy Pham	OF	ARZ
14	Zach Short	2B	NYM
29	Lane Thomas	RF	WAS
28	Joey Wiemer	CF	MIL
7	Bobby Witt Jr.	SS	KCR
16	Kolten Wong	2B	LAD
57	Tanner Banks	RP	CWS
59	Jake Bird	RP	COL
45	Jack Flaherty	SP	BAL
65	Giovanny Gallegos	RP	STL
66	Luis Garcia	RP	SD
34	Kevin Gausman (T)	SP1	TOR
61	Justin Lawrence (T)	RP	COL
47	Joey Lucchesi	SP5	NYM
52	Daniel Lynch	SP	KC
55	Hoby Milner (T)	RP	MIL
54	Martin Perez	SP4	TEX
53	Eduardo Rodriguez	SP2	ARZ
51	Brady Singer	SP3	KCR
41	Jared Shuster (FA)	SP4	ATLPIT
50	Eric Swanson (T)	RP	SEA
43	Joey Wentz	RP	DET SF
(IR)	Jack Odorizzi	SP	UC

BATTING LINE-UP					
vs. LHP			Order	vs. RHP	
PLAYER	pos	PLAYER		pos	
Canha *DEF	1B	1	Canha *DEF	1B	
Bogaerts	DH	2	Witt	SS	
Thomas *3 / DEF	LF	3	Bogaerts	DH	
Devers	3B	4	Devers	3B	
Witt	SS	5	Pham *DEF	RF	
Pham *DEF	RF	6	Benintendi *2 / DEF	LF	
Short *1 / DEF	2B	7	Short *1 / DEF	2B	
Maile	C	8	Maile	C	
Wiemer	CF	9	Wiemer	CF	



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OFFENSIVE & DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS

*1 If losing in the 6th inning on and facing a RHP, Lopez will PH for Short and stay in the game at 2B

*2 If losing in the 6th inning on, and facing a LHP, Thomas will PH for Benintendi and stay in the game at LF.

*3 If losing in the 7th inning on, and facing a RHP, Ford will PH for Thomas and stay in the game at 1B. Canha will move to LF.

If winning from the 7th inning on:

***DEF Bottom of 7th Inning:** Versus RHP, McKinney replaces Benintendi / Thomas and plays CF. Wiemer moves to RF. Ford replaces Pham and plays 1B with Canha moving to LF.

***DEF Bottom of 9th Inning (If available make changes to employ the following personnel):** Outfield configuration: CF - McKinney, LF - Canha, RF - Wiemer. Infield configuration: 1B - Ford, 2B - Lopez, 3B - Devers, SS - Witt, C - Maile.

PINCH HITTING: Use best judgement for all other situational PH opportunities where a better hitter is available. Ford, McKinney, Fermin, Luplow, Clement.

OFFENSE (Use strategies below if Game is +/- 3 Runs)

STEAL: 2nd Base: If adjusted steal rating is 6 or greater. 3rd Base: If adjusted steal rating is 8 or greater. **Look to STEAL OFTEN**

BUNT: (game within one run) - with runner on 1st, or 1st and 2nd, with 0 out or 1 out, all bunter's with a 4+ bunt rating (Lopez / Short).

HIT & RUN: No Thank you...

PINCH RUNNER: if in 9th inning and behind by 1, PR (with 5+ speed runner) for any 3 speed or worse baserunner (except Devers).

BASE RUNNING: Adjusted Baserunning (ABR). If ABR below is met or exceeded, attempt the extra base.

	OUTS -	0	1	2	OUTS -	0	1	2
1st to 3rd:		8	7	10	2nd to home:	7	6	5
1st to home:		7	6	5	3rd - home (g)	8	7	n/a
2nd to 3rd:		8	7	10	3rd - home (f)	n/a	7	5

DEFENSE

HOLDING RUNNERS: Always hold baserunners with an ASR of 4 or greater.

INFIELD IN: if there is a runner on 3rd and represents the winning run (9th inning on) or tying run (8th or 9th inning on)

CORNERS IN: if there is a runner on 1st with 0 or 1 out, or runners on 1st or 2nd with 0 out, game within 2 runs and the batter is 4+ bunter.

INTENTIONAL WALK: Best judgement, but only if 1 or 2 out and 1st base is open (Clutch or solid batter at plate with weaker hitter behind).

THROWING OPTIONS: For STEAL ATTEMPTS - Always throw!

1. Throw for lead runner trying to stretch with an **ABR of 8 or less** if other runners on.
2. Throw for any runner trying to stretch if lone runner.
3. Throw for tying run with an **ABR of 9 or less** and other runners on. Always throw if lone runner.
4. **Always** throw if runner is go ahead run from 8th inning on.
5. On Defensive Manager Choice Plays always take sure out(s) unless run is going home and we will lose the lead in 8th inning on.



INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS

C - Maile / Fermin / Mejia, **1B** - Ford / Calhoun, **2B** - Lopez / Short / Wong, **3B** - Lopez / Short, **SS** - Boegarts / Lopez / Clement, **CF** - McKinney, **OF** - McKinney / Luplow / Canha





STARTING ROTATION

STARTING PITCHER USAGE NOTES

	PITCHER	STA	ARM	SPC
SP 1	Kevin Gausman	23	R	T R
SP 2	Eduardo Rodriguez	23	L	-
SP 3	Brady Singer	23	R	-
SP 4	Martin Perez	14	L	-
SP 5	Joey Lucchesi	21	R	-

1) Always remove Starters when fatigued unless ahead by 5+ runs or pitching a 2+ run shutout, then remove if tying run on base, at bat, or on deck. Always remove if 5 earned runs allowed or 7 total runs allowed.
 2) Remove Singer, Shuster, Perez, or Lucchesi in save situation in the 9th - regardless of whether or not fatigued.

BULLPEN

1) For Relief Pitchers, see the 'Relief Ptcher Instructions Chart' and the 'Game Situation Chart' below. Utilize the Relief Pitcher Instructions Chart to determine the general use requirements and then reference the Game Situation Chart to determine the specific order of precedence.
 2) Always check at the start of an inning to see if the game situation has changed or if the next reliever per the preference list is due to come into the game.
 3) Do not hesitate to look for match-ups to gain platoon advantage utilizing middle relievers and set-up guys to get to the 9th. Royals do not have an actual Closer, Milner is the primary option, but Swanson and/or Banks can fill in as required. Look for best match-ups.

RELIEF PITCHER INSTRUCTIONS CHART

	PITCHER	ARM	ROLE/STAMINA	SPC	INNING	RELIEVER USAGE NOTES
SR	Hoby Milner	L	Closer / Set-Up	8	T B 8th inning on	When tied or ahead by 3 runs or less. (Generally 1 inning only, but can be used for 4 or 5 outs as required). Will not pitch to more than 6 batters unless the last game of the series where he can face 8 batters.
SR	Eric Swanson	R	Closer / Set-Up	8	T RL 7th inning on	Primary set-up man. Can also be used as a situational Closer against RHB predominant line-ups. May also come in the 7th inning if required. Try to pitch 1 inning per game, but maximum 2 Innings pitched.
SR	Tanner Banks	L	Set-Up	8	BR 7th/8th	Set-up man. Key Lefty in the set-up role in the 7th/8th innings versus LHB predominant line-ups. Can close if Milner/Swanson not available. Maximum 1 Inning per game.
SR	Giovanny Gallegos	R	Set-Up	8	C BHLF 6th inning on	Middle Relief - primary transition guy against predominantly RHB line-ups. Pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 1 Inning pitched. Can also be used to get tough Righties out to finish innings, in the middle/late innings.
SR	Justin Lawrence	R	Middle	8	T L 5th inning on	Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 2 Innings pitched .
SR	Jake Bird	R	Middle	8	5th inning on	Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 2 Innings pitched. Can also be used to get tough Lefties out to finish innings, in the middle/late innings.
SR	Luis Garcia	R	Long / Mop	10	L 1st - 4th	Early Relief - If Stater is lifted early and the game is +/- 3 runs, use to bridge to next relievers. Pitch to 10 batters max. or maximum 2 Innings pitched. Will also 'mop up' if losing by 4+ runs, as required .

GAME SITUATION CHART

	SITUATION	1st - 4th Inning	5th Inning	6th Inning	7th Inning	8th Inning	9th Inning	Extra Innings
GAME SCORE	Winning by 4+	(b) Luis Garcia	Justin Lawrence	Giovanny Gallegos	Tanner Banks	(a) Tanner Banks	Hoby Milner	1) Hoby Milner 2) Eric Swanson 3) Tanner Banks 4) Giovanny Gallegos 5) Justin Lawrence 6) Jake Bird 7) Luis Garcia
		Jake Bird	Jake Bird	Justin Lawrence	Giovanny Gallegos	Hoby Milner	Eric Swanson	
		Justin Lawrence	Giovanny Gallegos	Jake Bird	Justin Lawrence	Eric Swanson	Tanner Banks	
	Tied to Winning by 3	Jake Bird	Justin Lawrence	Giovanny Gallegos	Eric Swanson	Eric Swanson	Hoby Milner	
		Justin Lawrence	Jake Bird	Justin Lawrence	Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Eric Swanson	
		Luis Garcia	Giovanny Gallegos	Jake Bird	Giovanny Gallegos	Tanner Banks	Tanner Banks	
	Losing by 1 - 3	Jake Bird	Justin Lawrence	Giovanny Gallegos	Tanner Banks	Eric Swanson	N/A	
		Justin Lawrence	Jake Bird	Justin Lawrence	Giovanny Gallegos	Hoby Milner		
		Luis Garcia	Giovanny Gallegos	Jake Bird	Eric Swanson	Tanner Banks		
	Losing by 4+	Luis Garcia	Jake Bird	Jake Bird	Jake Bird	Luis Garcia	N/A	
		Jake Bird	Justin Lawrence	Justin Lawrence	Justin Lawrence	Jake Bird		
		Justin Lawrence	Luis Garcia	Luis Garcia	Luis Garcia	Justin Lawrence		

Change pitchers as soon as the situation above changes and change is required. (Work down the list in each column based on the appropriate inning and situation)
 (a) switch to Milner / Swanson if deficit closes to 3 or less or if tying run comes to the plate (b) switch immediately to Lawrence/Bird if deficit closes to 3 or less or if tying run at the plate
For any circumstances or conditions not covered here, please use your best judgement.