



# The 2025 Toronto Blue Jays

Team Song: Dargen D'Amico: Dove Si Balla  
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Retired Numbers: 2: Derek Jeter 23: Fred McGriff



## Roster

**Pitchers(11):** Anderson, T (LAA)\*, Banda, A (LAD), Cole, G (NYY), Estevez, C (Phi), Gaddis, H (Cle), Holderman, C (Pit) Lopez, R (Atl), Lynn, L (StL), Mlodzinski, C (Pit), Skubal, T (Det), Slaten, J (Bos)

**Batters (15):** Ahmed, N (SD), Altuve, J (Hou), Bichette, B (Tor), Brown, S (Oak), Chapman, M (SF), Driscoll, L (TB-FA) Guerrero, V (Tor), Hernandez, T (LAD), Horwitz, S (Tor), Jansen, D (Bos), Lukes, N (Tor), McCarthy, J (Arz) Moreno, G (Arz), Refsnyder, R (Bos), Rivas, L (Sea)

**Buffalo (9):** Cobb, A (Cle)\*, Gamel, B (Hou-FA), Kolek, S (SD), Manoah, A (Tor), Pearson, N (Club), Rutledge, J (Was) Saggese, T (StL), Schneider, D (Tor), Schreiber, J (KC)

**Injured Reserve (1):** Thompson, Z (StL)

Note: The 5th starter shifts between Anderson and Cobb. Call up Cobb if he pitches during the series.

## Vs LHP

1. Altuve 2b
2. Guerrero 1b
3. Refsnyder lf (ph dr)
4. Hernandez rf
5. Jansen dh (pl)
6. Chapman 3b
7. McCarthy cf
8. Moreno c (dr)
9. Ahmed ss (pl)

## Vs RHP

1. Altuve 2b
2. Guerrero 1b
3. Horwitz dh (pl)
4. Hernandez rf
5. McCarthy cf
6. Chapman 3b
7. Moreno c (dr)
8. Brown/Refsnyder lf (pl dr)
9. Bichette ss (pl - ph)



## Line Up Note:

LF v RHP: If the right-handed SP gives up a higher BA **and** walks to rhb than lhb (you can eyeball the card), then start **Refsnyder**. Otherwise start **Brown**. (If in doubt, start Brown)



## Platoons - Defensive Replacements:

**Shortstop:** If Toronto is winning do not make a switch.

Before the 8th inning: if Toronto is losing or tied and **Bichette** faces a lhp, pinch-hit with **Ahmed**. If Toronto is tied or losing and there is a runner on base, and **Ahmed** faces a rhp, pinch-hit with **Bichette** if available.

8th inning on: If Toronto is losing or tied and **Bichette** is batting vs either lhp or rhp or **Ahmed** is facing a rhp, pinch-hit with **Rivas**.

**Left Field:** Before the 8th inning: if **Brown** faces a lhp, pinch-hit with **Refsnyder**.

8th inning on: Pinch-Hitting: If Toronto is tied or losing, **Lukes** will pinch-hit for **Brown** vs both lhp and rhp and play left field. **Lukes** will pinch-hit for **Refsnyder** v rhp.

Defensive Replacement: If Toronto is winning, if the left-fielder batted in the 7th or after the lf bats in the 8th or 9th (Refsnyder or Brown), bring in **Lukes** to play left-field

**Designated Hitter:** If Toronto is winning, do not make a switch. If Toronto is losing or tied and the pitcher a pitcher must stay in the game (has not faced 3 batters):

If **Horwitz** faces a lhp, pinch hit with **Jansen**

If **Jansen** faces a rhp, pinch hit with **Horwitz**

8th or 9th situation desperate: If the Jays are losing and need a baserunner or a base-hit, and **Jansen** is facing an rhp, pinch-hit with **Horwitz** if available. You can use **Lukes** or **Refsnyder** if **Horwitz** is not available.

If **Horwitz** faces a lhp, use **Jansen** or **Refsnyder** if available.

Make these 8th or 9th inning switches regardless of whether the other team can change relievers. If the other team changes relievers, then look to pinch hit.

Avoid using **Rivas** at dh (because he usually pinch-hits for shortstop). But if the Jays need something and the line-up dictates, he is an option, especially in the top of the 9th and the shortstop is not due up.

**The West Jet Starting Rotation: 1) Skubal, 2) Lopez, 3) Cole, 4) Lynn, 5) See Below \***

**5th Starter: Cobb** v White Sox (s9), LAA (s12), KC (s21), Boston (s23), Yankees (s26)

**Anderson** v Detroit (s3), Oakland (s6), TB (s15), Baltimore (s18)

When **Cobb** starts he is on the active roster for the series. Otherwise, it is **Anderson**.

**Pull Starting Pitcher when:** Starter is fatigued OR has hit his batter limit and is starting an inning UNLESS Toronto is up by more than 5. In that case, pull him if tying run is in the hole or starter hits Stamina+10.

**LaBatt's Bluepen:**

- \* Pull all relievers when fatigued.
- \* Pull relievers if there is a save situation in the 9th or later if Estevez is available.
- \* At the start of an inning and the score is within 4 either way, if a short reliever has already faced 6 or more batters, bring in a new reliever to start the inning.
- \* If the above two criteria do not hold, the first time a short reliever makes an appearance, pull after 8 batters and the closer 6 batters. The second appearance, let the reliever pitch until fatigue unless it is a 4 game series. In a 4 game series, short relievers face 8 batters until the third appearance in which case they can keep pitching until fatigue.

Work down this list until you get to the appropriate reliever. If you get to the bottom, work your way up.

**Estevez: Closer:** If there is a save situation in the 9th or a save situation develops in the 9th, pull the current reliever and bring him in. He can also come in at the top of the 9th if the Jays are up by 5 or less if the current reliever is due to leave.

**Gaddis: Primary Set-Up:** 7th on if Jays are down by less than 3, tied or winning by less than 5. If the current reliever has let the score get to within 5, pull that reliever and bring him in.

**Slaten: Secondary Set-Up:** Use in Gaddis' role if Gaddis get fatigued. Also, if Gaddis pitched the previous day, use Slaten before going back to Gaddis.

**Banda: Middle:** 4th on: Bring him in if the above relievers conditions do not hold. However, if the home team has 2 or more rhb or shb with 4 or 5 power v lhp coming up, go to **Holderman** or **Mlodinski** if they are available. If **Banda** pitched last game, go to **Mlodinski** or **Holderman** if possible.

**Mlodinski: Middle:** 4th on: If 2 or the next 3 batters are rhp, skip to **Holderman**. Otherwise, use him.

**Holderman: Middle:** 1st on: If you have a heavy right handed based line-up (6 or more right-handed batters) bring him in instead of Banda or Mlodinski. Also use him if the starter has to leave early.

Offensive Instructions: Sponsored by Steele’s Pots and Pans.				No Hit and Run or Bunting			
Stealing:	2nd: Adjusted 7 (75% chance)		3rd: Adjusted 8 (75% chance)		2nd and 3rd: When both apply		
	2nd and Home: Steal 2nd on a 7; if you throw to 2nd, send runner home if he has an 8 or more						
Baserunning:	Send base runner if adj base running is equal to or grater than the number						
		No Out	1 Out	2 Out			
	Runner to 2nd	9 (70%)	9 (70%)	8 (65%)			
	Runner to 3rd	11 (80%)	7 (60%)	11 (80%)			
	Runner to Home	8 (65%)	8 (65%)	8 (65%)			
	Number of outs depends on current situation, e.g. IF a runner is on 3rd with 1 out and a fly ball is caught, look at the 2 out chart						



**Defensive Instructions Sponsored by TD Bank**

**Throwing:** Throw at all runners on an adjusted 7 or less. Always throw to get a lone runner trying to advance.

Always throw home if the tying or winning run is trying to score in the 9th or extras.

Always take the sure out, unless the other runner is trying to advance on a 5 or less.

If there are two runners, throw for the one with the lower rating unless the other is the tying or winning run.

**Infield In:** 7th on if the tying or winning run is on 3rd and no possible double play to end the inning.

**Intentional Walk:** Never

**Holding Runners:** Hold all runners.

**Injury Replacements** (start at bottom of line-up):

c: Moreno, Jansen, Driscoll; 1b: Horwitz; 2b: Horwitz, Schneider (call-up); 3b: Guerrero; SS: Rivas

cf: Lukes; of: Lukes, Gamel (Call-up)