



# KANSAS CITY ROYALS



## First Trimester Instructions (Series: #1 - #9):

Pittsburgh, SD, Toronto, Oakland, Milwaukee, Detroit, NYM, LAA, NYY

## DIAMOND MIND - COMPUTER GAME INSTRUCTIONS

### OFFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS

**\*1** If losing in the 7th inning on, Noel will Pinch Hit for Benintendi and stay in the game in RF.

**\*2** If losing in the 8th inning on, facing a LHP or RHP with no baserunners, Lopez will PH for Clement and stay in the game at SS.

### OTHER PINCH HITTING (9th Inning on)

In the 9th Inning on, if a power hitter or better on-base option is required or better Left/Right match-up available, use the following players:

#### Versus LHP:

Jhon. Noel - runner on-base (pwr EX)

Justyn Malloy - runner on base (pwr EX)

Luke Maile - (pwr VG)

Willie Calhoun - baserunner needed

#### Versus RHP:

Jhon. Noel - runner on-base (pwr EX)

Nicky Lopez - baserunner needed

Willie Calhoun - baserunner needed

### DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS

**\*DEF** Bottom of 9th (make the following changes): Outfield configuration: CF - Pham, LF - Canha, RF - Noel. Infield configuration: 1B - Calhoun, 2B - Bogaerts, 3B - Devers, SS - Witt, C - Fermin.

AWAY ROSTER			
#	PLAYER	POS	Team
23	Andrew Benintendi	LF	CWS
2	Xander Bogaerts	2B/SS	SD
20	Mark Canha	1B/OF	SF
26	Willie Calhoun	1B	LAA
22	Ernie Clement (SP)	3B/SS	TOR
11	Rafeal Devers (C)	3B	BOS
34	Freddy Fermin	C	KCR
6	Nicky Lopez	2B	CWS
21	Luke Maile	C	CIN
44	Justyn-Henry Malloy	LF	DET
27	Tommy Pham	OF	KCR
43	Jhonkensy Noel	RF	CLE
29	Lane Thomas	CF	WAS
7	Bobby Witt Jr. (T)	SS	KCR
58	Tanner Banks	RP	PHI
9	Jack Flaherty	SP2	LAD
57	Luis Garcia (T)	RP	BOS
34	Kevin Gausman	SP1	TOR
41	Hoby Milner	RP	MIL
56	Enoli Paredes (FA)	RP	MIL
40	Joe Ross	SP5	MIL
51	Brady Singer (T)	SP3	KCR
46	Trent Thornton	RP	SEA
45	Jose Urena (T)	SP4	TEX
38	Victor Vodnik (T)	RP	COL
30	Austin Voth	RP	SEA

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



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

**STEAL:** Always attempt to steal 2nd or 3rd with 1 or 2 out if rating is VG or better. If down 2+ in the 8th inning on, only attempt if rating EX.

**BUNT:** Not in Diamond Mind platform.

**HIT & RUN:** Clement (SP) will always H&R with 1 or 2 out and runners on 1st or 1st and 2nd (unless Pitcher has more than 70 BB's).

**PINCH HITTER:** Utilize chart above - work down the list and use the hitters anytime after the inning indicated in obvious PH situations

**PINCH RUNNING:** If in 9th inning and behind by 1, Pinch Run (with VG or EX speed runner on bench) for any FR or PR speed baserunner.

#### BASE RUNNING:

**\*\* PRIMARY: Set the "Running / Throwing" option to Computer Control.\*\***

**\*\* SECONDARY CHOICE: Use table to the right:**

OUTS -	0	1	2	OUTS -	0	1	2
1st to 3rd:	EX	VG	EX	2nd to home:	VG	VG	AV
1st to home:	VG	VG	AV	3rd - home (g)	VG	VG	n/a
2nd to 3rd:	VG	VG	10	3rd - home (f)	n/a	VG	AV

### DEFENSE

**HOLDING RUNNERS:** Always hold AV or better baserunners.

**INFIELD IN:** If there is 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 1<sup>st</sup> with 0 or 1 out, or runners on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> with 0 out, game within 2 runs and the batter is VG bunter.

**INTENTIONAL WALK:** Best judgement, but only if 1 or 2 out and 1st base is open. Clutch or very good batter at plate with weaker hitter next.

**THROWING OPTIONS:** For STEAL ATTEMPTS - Always throw!

1. Throw for lead runner trying to stretch if **VG or less** baserunner and other runners on.

2. Throw for any runner trying to stretch if lone runner.

3. Throw for tying run if baserunner is **VG or less** and other runners on. Always throw if lone runner.

4. **Always** throw if runner is go ahead run from 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> inning on.

**\*\* PRIMARY OPTION: Set the "Running / Throwing" option to Computer Control.\*\***

### INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS

C - Maile / Fermin 1B - Calhoun / Noel 2B - Lopez / Ornelas 3B - Clement / Allen SS - Clement / Bogaerts CF - Pham / Thomas OF - Noel / Malloy / Canha



#	PLAYER	pos	Team
3	Nick Allen	SS/2B	OAK
24	Jonathan Ornelas	INF	TEX
19	Kyren Paris	2B/SS	LAA
52	Daniel Lynch IV	SP	KCR
54	Martin Perez	SP	SD
53	Eduardo Rodriguez	SP	ARZ
50	Eric Swanson	RP	TOR
35	Joey Wentz	RP	DET
28	Hunter Feduccia	EC	LAD
(IR)	Joey Wiemer	OF	CIN

## STARTING ROTATION

	PITCHER	PC	ARM	TPB CARD RATING
SP 1	Kevin Gausman	108	R	T H
SP 2	Jack Flaherty	103	R	B
SP 3	Brady Singer	108	R	T
SP 4	Jose Urena	90	R	T
SP 5	Joe Ross	85	R	-

## STARTING PITCHER USAGE NOTES

- 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) Notwithstanding note (1) above, try and get a minimum of 3 innings out of starters especially if KC has scored 3 or more runs in the first three-(3) innings.
- 3) Remove Singer, Urena or Ross in save situation in the 9th - regardless of whether or not fatigued.
- 4) If starter is pulled early and Ross is not pitching in the series, he can be the used to get to the middle relievers (see below).



## 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, Paredes is the primary option, but Banks (mostly LHB lineups) and/or Garcia (mostly RHB lineups) can fill in as required. Look for best match-ups.

## RELIEF PITCHER INSTRUCTIONS CHART

	PITCHER	ARM	ROLE / PC	TPB CARD RATING	INNING	RELIEVER USAGE NOTES
SR	Enoli Paredes	R	Closer	30	9th inning on	When tied or ahead by 3 runs or less. <b>1 Inning only</b> . Will not pitch to more than 8 batters
SR	Tanner Banks	L	Set-up / Closer	30	F	<b>Primary set-up man vs predominantly LHB line-ups</b> . Can also be used as a situational Closer against LHB lineups. Pitch 2 Innings Max (8 batters max except for final game of series where he can face 10)
SR	Luis Garcia	R	Set-up / Closer	30	T BL	<b>Primary set-up man vs predominantly RHB line-ups</b> . Can also be used as a situational Closer against RHB lineups. Pitch 2 Innings Max (8 batters max. except for final game of series where he can face 10)
SR	Austin Voth	R	Set-up	30	6th inning on	<b>Middle Relief - primary transition guy to get to set-up guys</b> . Pitches to 8 batters max. Can also be used to get tough Righties or Lefties out, to finish innings, in the middle or later innings.
SR	Hoby Milner	L	Middle	30	BF	Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 2 Innings pitched. Mix and match with Thornton to get best Lefty / Righty match up opportunities (have plenty of Innings so don't be afraid to make changes).
SR	Trent Thornton	R	Middle	30	BRLF	Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 2 Innings pitched. Mix and match with Thornton to get best Lefty / Righty match up opportunities (have plenty of Innings so don't be afraid to make changes).
SR	Victor Vodnik	R	Long / Mop	40	T L	Early Relief - If Stater is lifted early, use to bridge to next relievers. Pitch to 10 batters max. or maximum 4 Innings pitched. Will also <b>'mop up'</b> if losing by 4+ runs, as required.

## GAME SITUATION CHART

GAME SCORE	SITUATION	1st - 4th Inning	5th Inning	6th Inning	7th Inning	8th Inning	9th Inning	Extra Innings
	Winning by 4+	Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	(a) Tanner Banks	1) Tanner Banks 2) Luis Garcia 3) Austin Voth 4) Trent Thorton 5) Hoby Milner 6) Victor Vodnik 7) Joe Ross(c)
		Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	(b) Hoby Milner	(a) Luis Garcia	
		(c) Joe Ross	Austin Voth	Austin Voth	Trent Thornton	(b) Trent Thornton	Enoli Paredes	
	Tied to Winning by 3	(c) Joe Ross	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	(a) Banks / Garcia	(a) Tanner Banks	Enoli Paredes	
		Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	(a) Luis Garcia	(a) Tanner Banks	
		Trent Thornton	Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	(a) Luis Garcia	
	Losing by 1 - 3	Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	(a) Tanner Banks	N/A	
		Victor Vodnik	Victor Vodnik	Austin Voth	Hoby Milner	(a) Luis Garcia		
		Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Trent Thornton	Luis Garcia	Austin Voth		
	Losing by 4+	Victor Vodnik	Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	N/A	
		Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Victor Vodnick	Victor Vodnick	Trent Thornton		
Hoby Milner		Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth			

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) use Banks against predominantly LH line-ups and Garcia against predominantly RH line-ups (2 of next 3 batters), (b) switch immediately to Banks/Garcia if deficit closes to 3 or less, or if the tying run gets to the plate. (c) use Joe Ross only if he is not starting in the Series.

For any circumstances or conditions not covered here, please use your best judgement.