



# KANSAS CITY ROYALS

First Trimester Instructions (Series #: 1,2,4 & 5)

Philadelphia, NYM, San Francisco, LA Dodgers

## OFFENSIVE & DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS

- \*<sup>1</sup> If a RHP comes in any inning, Hosmer always replaces Osuna
- \*<sup>2</sup> If a LHP comes in, Jones always replaces Goodwin
- \*DEF If leading after 7th, outfield alignment is: LF - Luplow, RF - Calhoun, CF - Jones

## INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS

C - Wolters, 1B - Osuna/Hosmer, 2B - Lopez, 3B - Osuna/Devers, SS - Wendle, CF - Jones/Goodwin, OF - Luplow or available platoon player

## PINCH HITTING

vs. LHP			vs. RHP	
JaCoby Jones	7th on	PH	JaCoby Jones	7th on
Jose Osuna	7th on	PH	Jordan Luplow	7th on
Tony Wolters	6th on	PH	Brian Goodwin	6th on
Jordan Luplow	5th on	PH	Rafael Devers	5th on
Rafael Devers	5th on	PH	Nicky Lopez	5th on



vs. LHP			Order	vs. RHP		
PLAYER	pos			PLAYER	pos	
Joey Wendle	3B		1	Tommy Pham *DEF	LF	
Tommy Pham	DH		2	Joey Wendle	3B	
Xander Bogaerts	SS		3	Eric Hosmer * <sup>1</sup>	1B	
JaCoby Jones	CF		4	Kole Calhoun	RF	
Kole Calhoun	RF		5	Xander Bogaerts	SS	
Jose Osuna * <sup>1</sup>	1B		6	Kolten Wong	2B	
Kolten Wong	2B		7	Rafael Devers	DH	
Jordan Luplow	LF		8	Brian Goodwin * <sup>2</sup>	CF	
Wilson Ramos	C		9	Wilson Ramos	C	



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

**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.

**For Diamond Mind:** Wong, Wolters, or Lopez may bunt if a VG baserunner is in position as per above.

**HIT & RUN** - No Thank you...

**STEAL** - **For TPB:** 2nd Base: If adjusted steal rating is 6 or greater. 3rd Base: If adjusted steal rating is 8 or greater.

**For Diamond Mind:** if rating (VG) always attempt to steal 2nd and 3rd base with 1 out. In 8th inning on and down by 2+, steal if 8+ (Ex). If Catcher is AV or less, Goodwin, Hosmer, Pham, Wendle, and Bogaerts will attempt. If Catcher is VG or better Goodwin, Pham, Wendle, and Bogaerts will attempt.

**PINCH RUNNER** - if in 9th inning and behind by 1, PR (with 5+ speed runner on bench) for any 3 speed or worse baserunner

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

\*\*\* For DM: set the "Running/Throwing" to Computer Control\*\*\*

- For reference:

consider 6 ABR as Av, 7-8 ABR to VG and 9-10 ABR as Ex

## DEFENSE

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

**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 outs, 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 (VG) 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 (Ex) 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.

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## AWAY ROSTER

#	PLAYER	POS	Team
1	Xander Bogaerts (C)	RF	BOS
2	Kole Calhoun (C)	SS	ARZ
3	Rafeal Devers	3B	BOS
4	Brian Goodwin (C)	OF	PIT
5	Eric Hosmer (T)	1B	SD
6	JaCoby Jones	CF	DET
7	Nicky Lopez (C)	2B	KC
8	Jordan Luplow	RF	CLE
9	Jose Osuna	UTI	PIT
10	Tommy Pham (T)	LF	SD
11	Wilson Ramos (C)	C	DET
12	Joey Wendle	UTI	TB
13	Tony Wolters (T)	C	COL
14	Kolten Wong	2B	MIL
15	Jason Adam	RP	CUB
16	Ryan Brasier (T)	RP	BOS
17	Yu Darvish	SP1	CUB
18	Jack Flaherty	SP3	STL
19	Liam Hendricks (T)	CL	CWS
20	Jon Lester	SP4	CUB
21	Kyle McGowin	RP	WAS
22	Oliver Perez (T)	RP	CLE
23	Sam Selman	RP	SF
24	Brady Singer	SP2	KC
25	Nick Tropeano	RP	PIT
26	Eric Yardley	RP	MIL



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#	PLAYER	pos	Team
27	Andrew Benintendi	OF	KC
28	John Brebbia	RP	n/c
29	Jace Fry	RP	CWS
30	Zach Godley	SP5	BOS
31	Keury Mella	RP	ARZ
32	Jake Odorizzi	SP	MIN
33	Colin Poche	RP	n/c
34	Nik Turley	RP	PIT
35	Rowan Wick (C)	RP	CUB
(IR)	Eduardo Rodriguez	SP	BOS

## ROTATION

POS	PITCHER	STA	(PC)	ARM	SPC	STARTER USAGE NOTES
SP 1	Yu Darvish	24	106	R	B	<b>For TPB:</b> 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.
SP 2	Brady Singer	21	98	R	-	
SP 3	Jack Flaherty	18	95	R	R	<b>For Diamond Mind:</b> <u>once pitch count (PC) is reached</u> if starters allow 2 additional baserunners or have given up 5 earned runs then remove, unless up by 5+, or 2+ if pitching a shutout. <u>Always remove if 7 runs allowed no matter the pitch count.</u>
SP 4	Jon Lester	21	98	L	-	
SP 5	Ryan Brasier	6	38	R	F	

## BULLPEN

GENERAL NOTES	FOR RELIEF PITCHERS, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE USAGE CHART BELOW. WORK DOWN THE LIST AND FIT THE BEST SUITED PITCHER FOR THE SITUATION. DO NOT HESITATE TO LOOK FOR MATCH-UPS TO GAIN PLATOON ADVANTAGE UTILIZING MIDDLE RELIEVERS AND SET-UP GUYS TO GET TO OUR CLOSER WHEN WINNING BY 3 OR LESS, OR WHEN DOWN BY 1, FROM THE 6TH INNING ON.
	<b>For Diamond Mind:</b> remove relievers once (PC) reached and a base runner is allowed.
	<b>For TPB:</b> - remove (LR) relievers when fatigued, after 12 batters faced, or if 3 Innings pitched maximum. - remove (SR) relievers when fatigued, after 8 batters faced, or if 2 Innings pitched. - remove (CL) when fatigued, after 6 batters faced, or if 2 Innings pitched.

POS	PITCHER	ARM	ROLE/STAMINA	(PC)	SPC	INNING	RELIEVER USAGE NOTES
CL	Liam Hendriks	R	Closer	6	26	T BRLF 9th & Beyond	Closer. (1 inning only) When ahead by 3 runs or less. Hendriks will not pitch to more than 6 batters unless the last game of the series where he can face 8 batters.
SR	Oliver Perez	L	Set-Up	8	22	T RLF 7th/8th	Primary set-up man. Can also be used as a situational Closer if Hendriks is not available.
SR	Kyle McGowin	R	Set-Up	8	22	7th/8th	Set-up man. Key role in the 7th/8th vs. predominantly LHB line-ups. Can close if Hendriks/Perez not available.
SR	Sam Selman	L	Set-Up / Middle	8	22	F 6th-8th	Use primarily vs. predominantly LHB or mixed line-ups. Can also be used situationally against Tough LHB as required
LR	Nick Tropeano	R	Middle / Long	12	32	B 5th-6th	Middle Relief - Primary Middle Reliever... pitch to 12 batters max. or max. 2 Innings pitched .
SR	Jason Adam	R	Middle	8	22	5th/6th	Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or max. 2 Innings pitched .
SR	Eric Yardley	R	Long	8	22	4th-6th	Middle Relief - use against predominantly RHB Line-ups. Pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 1 Inning pitched .
SR/6	Ryan Brasier	R	ROOGY / Long	10	32	T F 1st-4th	If Starter is lifted early and game is within 3 runs(+/-), use Braiser as the first reliever to bridge to middle relievers (2 innings max.) Also should be used against tough RHB lineup only in important situations (7th on)

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

