



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

3rd Trimester Instructions (Series #20 and 23)

Texas and Houston

OFFENSIVE & DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS

- *¹ If a RHP comes in any inning, Hosmer always replaces Osuna. If a LHP enters the game after the 7th and KC is behind by 3 or less, Osuna replaces Hosmer.
- *² If a LHP comes in, Pham always replaces Devers
- *DEF If leading after 7th, Jones comes out and the outfield alignment is:
LF - Luplow, RF - Calhoun, CF - Canha

INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS

C - Walters, 1B - Osuna/Hosmer, 2B - Wendle, 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	Brian Goodwin	6th on
Tony Walters	6th on	PH	Jordan Luplow	7th on
Jordan Luplow	5th on	PH	Rafael Devers	5th on
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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, Walters, 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 1st with 0 or 1 out, or runners on 1st or 2nd 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 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.

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AWAY ROSTER

#	PLAYER	POS	Team
1	Xander Bogaerts (C)	RF	BOS
2	Kole Calhoun (C)	SS	ARZ
3	Mark Canha (T)	OF	OAK
4	Rafeal Devers	3B	BOS
5	Eric Hosmer (T)	1B	SD
6	JaCoby Jones	CF	DET
7	Jordan Luplow	RF	CLE
8	Jose Osuna	UTI	PIT
9	Tommy Pham (T)	LF	SD
10	Wilson Ramos (C)	C	DET
11	Joey Wendle	UTI	TB
12	Tony Walters (T)	C	COL
13	Kolten Wong	2B	StL
14	Jason Adam	RP	CUB
15	Yu Darvish	SP1	CUB
16	Jack Flaherty	SP3	STL
17	Matt Foster	RP	CWS
18	Zach Godley	SP5	BOS
19	Liam Hendricks (T)	CL	CWS
20	Jon Lester	SP4	CUB
21	Keury Mella	RP	ARZ
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	Nicky Lopez (C)	2B	KC
29	Brian Goodwin (C)	CF	CIN
30	Ryan Brasier (T)	RP	BOS
31	Jace Fry	RP	CWS
32	Kyle McGowin	RP	WAS
33	Jake Odorizzi	SP	MIN
34	Colin Poche	RP	n/c
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	For TPB: 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	For Diamond Mind: <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	Zack Godley	12	38	R	-	

BULLPEN - DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS / Situational Usage & Pitchers Charts

GENERAL USAGE NOTES	For Diamond Mind: remove relievers once (PC) reached and a base runner is allowed. For TPB: - remove Long Relievers when fatigued or if 3 Innings pitched maximum. - remove Short relievers when fatigued, after 8 batters faced, or if 2 Innings pitched. - remove Closer when fatigued, after 6 batters faced, or if 2 Innings pitched.	
	Check 'Situation Usage Chart' and then 'Relief Pitchers Chart' at start of each inning to see if new reliever should come in. Always use 1st guy listed, then 2nd, etc... If out of pitchers in a particular spot, use best judgement. Get to and use Set-up guys and Closer often. They are intended to pitch 7th inning on to hold and preserve wins. Do not hesitate to look for match-ups to gain platoon advantage utilizing middle relievers and set-up guys to get to our closer (Hendriks) when winning by 3 or less, or when down by 1, from the 6th inning on.	

OVERALL USAGE CHART	SITUATION	1st - 4th inning	5th Inning	6th Inning	7th inning	8th inning	9th inning	Extra innings
	Winning by 4+	LONG	MIDDLE #2	MIDDLE #1	MIDDLE #1	SET-UP #2	SET-UP #1*	N/A
	Up 3 to tied	LONG	MIDDLE #1	MIDDLE #1	SET-UP #2 L	SET-UP #1	CLOSER	CLOSER**
	down 1 - 3	LONG	MIDDLE #2	MIDDLE #1	SET-UP #2 L	SET-UP #1	N/A	CLOSER**
	down 4 or more	MOP-UP	MOP-UP	MIDDLE #3	MIDDLE #2	SET-UP #2	N/A	MIDDLE #2
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	* In the event the situation becomes a save situation,... always go to the CLOSER. Hendricks can also be used in 4 out save situations in the 8th with 2 out.							
	** In extra innings if CLOSER Pitchers are not available, work down the list (ie: SET-UP #1, SET-UP #2, MIDDLE #1,... etc) following General Usage Rules above.							
	L - Selman can be used as a LOOGY in any situation 7th inning on facing one or two LHB's in a critical situation when the game is within 3 runs either way.							

Relief Pitchers Chart

CLOSER	Hendriks	Foster	Perez	--	MIDDLE #2	Adam	Tropeano	Mella	Selman
SET-UP #1	Foster	Perez	Mella	Selman L	MIDDLE #3	Tropeano	Adam	Selman	--
SET-UP #2	Perez	Foster	Mella	Adam	LONG	Tropeano	Yardley	Adam	--
MIDDLE #1	Mella	Adam	Tropeano	Selman L	MOP-UP	Yardley	Selman	Tropeano	--

Relief Pitcher Notes / Stamina and Diamond Mind Pitch Counts

PITCHER (RP #)	ARM	Stamina / (PC)			SPC	USAGE NOTES
Liam Hendriks	R	CL	6	26	T BRLF	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
Matt Foster	R	SR	8	22		Primary set-up man. Can also be used as a situational Closer if Hendriks is not available.
Oliver Perez	L	SR	8	22	T RLF	Set-up man. Key role in the 7th/8th. Can close if Hendriks/Perez not available.
Keury Mella	R	SR	8	22		Set-up and Primary Middle reliever. Key role in the 6th/7th/8th inning getting to primary set-up guys and closer.
Kyle McGowin	R	SR	8	22		Set-up and Middle reliever. Key role in the 6th/7th/8th inning, versus primarily LHB line-ups, getting to primary set-up guys and closer.
Sam Selman L	L	SR	8	22	F	Use primarily vs. predominantly LHB or mixed line-ups. LOOGY - Can also be used situationally against Tough LHB as required
Ryan Brasier R	R	SR	8	22	T F	Use primarily vs. predominantly RHB or mixed line-ups. ROOGY - Can also be used situationally against Tough RHB as required
Jason Adam	R	SR	8	22		Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or max. 2 Innings pitched .
Jace Fry	L	SR	8	22	H	Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or max. 2 Innings pitched .
Eric Yardley	R	LR	8	32	F	Middle/Long Relief... pitch to 12 batters max. or max. 2 Innings pitched.
Nick Tropeano	R	LR	12	32	B	Middle/Long Relief - Primary Middle Reliever... pitch to 12 batters max. or max. 2 Innings pitched .

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