



2009 Kansas Koyotes

GM: Bill Schwartz (2nd season)

Minor League Affiliates: AAA Wichita Wranglers, AA Topeka Capitals, A Rapid City Chiefs, Rookie Winner Pheasants
Coaching Staff: Manager- Casey Stengel, Bench Coach – Yogi Berra, Pitching Coach- Whitey Ford, Bullpen coach: Elston Howard, Hitting Coach- Don Mattingly, 1st Base- Mickey Mantle, 3rd Base – Willie Randolph

Kansas pre-season cuts: T. Mastny (Unc), A.Berroa (LAD), J.Gobble (KC), A.Marte (CLE), J.Vidro (SEA), B.Wilkerson (TOR), Dim.Young (WAS).

Waiver Wire: TBA

Game Type: All Kansas home games will be played “the way that God intended it” with the boards and dice.

Emergency Lineups:

VS. LHP (comp)	VS. RHP (comp)	VS. LHP (board)	VS. RHP (board)
1. M.Young – ss	1. M.Young – ss	1. M.Young – ss	1. M.Young – ss
2. Cust – dh	2. Langerhans - rf	2. Cust – dh	2. Cust - dh
3. Sheffield – lf	3. Cust - dh	3. Butler – 1b	3. Pedroia – 2b
4. Pedroia – 2b	4. Pedroia – 2b	4. Pedroia – 2b	4. Mora – 3b
5. Mora – 3b	5. Mora – 3b	5. Mora – 3b	5. Cameron – cf
6. Cameron – cf	6. Montero – c	6. Cameron – cf	6. Montero – c
7. Butler – 1b	7. Sheffield – lf	7. Sheffield – lf	7. Sheffield – lf
8. Hermida – rf	8. Hermida – cf	8. Hermida – rf	8. Hermida – rf
9. *Ausmus - c	9. Butler – 1b	9. *Ausmus - c	9. Butler – 1b

* Use Cash in this spot when Ausmus is in the minors.

Notes: I'll contact road managers by e-mail beginning each month to give individualized lineups or the go-ahead to use the above lineups. The chart showing those in the minors is included on the roster sheet, but may be revised, especially late in the year. Please contact me if you'd like to start early and I'll try to accommodate.

Player Usage:

Catcher: Miguel Montero, Kevin Cash and Brad Ausmus will all work behind the plate, but only 2 will be up in any month. Ausmus will have plenty of games remaining after his scheduled starts and will be used for defense late, especially in Montero-started games, or as a second catcher in PH situations.

1B: Billy Butler has 124 games and will get most of the work, with Nick Johnson using most, if not all, of his 38 games here. Aaron Boone is also available and will provide a defensive replacement on those rare occasions that the Koyotes lead late.

2B: Dustin Pedroia will start his allowed 157 games, with Mark Ellis starting the other 5.

SS: Michael Young, everyday, also, for his 155 starts. Bobby Crosby or Ellis will get the other 7 starts.

3B: Melvin Mora will get all of his 135 starts at the hot corner, with Mark Ellis taking the rest of the starts against selected RHP's.

OF: The outfield alignment will be a mix and match every day again this year, with **Jeremy Hermida, Mike Cameron, Gary Sheffield, Ryan Langerhans, Jolbert Cabrera, and Austin Kearns** all in the mix (and with none of them over-traumatizing the opposing pitcher). All but Sheffield and Hermida are CF-eligible.

DH: This spot will be manned primarily by **Jack Cust**, with some of the OF cast showing up as well.

Defensive Replacements: For games the Stogies lead by 1-2 runs, 8th inning on. In the infield Ellis will replace Mora at 3B, Ausmus can replace Montero and Boone will replace the 1B. In the OF Kearns will replace Sheffield if available. In general, though, there won't be a lot of defensive replacements in the OF. Only use Cash on defense if Ausmus is PH for – never use Montero in that situation.

Pinch Hit/Run: There are enough games available at catcher so that Ausmus can be PH for, but only if the Koyotes still have a chance to win in the 8th or 9th. PH'er options are limited, though. Computer game - use Boone vs. a LH and Ellis vs. a RH. Board game – same, but vs. LH, consider letting Ausmus hit if his +7 shift makes his 4-8's hits. Boone is the only option in the board game, so use your judgment. There are not a lot of PR options, as most of the fast runners' games will be used in the field. Crosby is one of the few options. Ellis is another option, especially if a SB would put the tying or winning run in scoring position.

Steal Attempts: Priority #1 for Cameron, Pedroia & Young in late inning, game-tying/winning situations (8th inning on, score 0/-1). Otherwise, priority #2.

Hit & Run: Priority #1. Not too many 2-31's in the lineup. H&R with Pedroia or Hermida on 1st and Mora or Ausmus at bat. Also with Sheffield on and an eligible batter up. Never H&R with two outs.

Sacrifice: 8th inning on, tying or winning run on second base with 0 outs, **only** with the bottom of the order. NEVER SQUEEZE!

Offensive Runner Advancement: Board Game: Consult Adams Table.

Computer Game: always send runners who are "well around third", hold runners who are "rounding third", unless a Fast runner and OF arm <31. Be conservative going for third, more aggressive going home, especially with two outs. General Rule for computer: be aggressive with Fast runners and conservative with Slow runners. Also on the computer, if a batter gets an extra base hit and "hits second base with a full head of steam" do **not** consider going for the triple.

Send Runner on Third: With infield in, hold runner if combined 2b/3b/ss fielding rating >18. Any lesser combination, or runners on first and third, Go Go Go!

Outfield Throws: Make all throws <34 chances. Otherwise hold trailing runners. Throw for trailing runners attempting advancement if lead runner is not tie/lead run and trailer is 10+ chances lower. Computer Game: Make all throws. If you try to advance a trailing runner along with a runner "well around third" cut the throw home and go for the trailer.

Hold Runner on First: For all 1B's hold runner if SSN >24 or a PL batter at bat. Otherwise let 'em roam.

Intentional Walk: Never.

Pitch from Stretch: Only pitch from stretch if 2 outs, 8th inning on, tying or winning runner on third base has an adjusted SSN > 9.

Infield In/Deep: Never play in with two outs or before the 7th inning. Only play infield in if the tying/winning run is on third base, 7th inning on and less than two outs. If the double play is a possibility, always play deep.

Pitching:

General Philosophy: There are only 110 starts of decent grade 8+ and 20 more of marginal grade 7. Relief innings and quality grades are also thin. The general rule is to take the starters until they fatigue and hand the ball over to the bullpen. With Garland or Martinez if the Koyotes lead and it's the 5th inning and things are getting tense go to the bullpen. With the rest, let them work out of trouble in the 5th. No starter should pitch more than 11.2 innings in an outing unless he has 4 or more days until his next start. Don't remove any starting pitcher if he's pitching a shutout. No pitcher should pitch beyond his fatigue point, unless the Koyotes are out of it.

Starting Pitchers Bio's:

Scherzer, Lilly, Wang, Wolf, McGowan, Contreras: Grades 7-12 for 128 starts. Milk innings out of them - necessitated by our weak bullpen. They should generally go 6+ innings or until fatigued, whichever happens first. If in the 6th inning the Stogies are leading a tight game feel free to go to the bullpen.

Garland: 32 starts of a grade 5. He needs to go as long as he can. However, if the Koyotes are leading or within a couple of runs when he starts getting boxed around, go to the pen. Otherwise, he will often flirt with the TBL no-pound rule.

Sarfate: He will pick up the extra 2 starts with his grade 12.

Bullpen: Bullpen extremely weak and VERY thin – only about 320 RIP of 10+, and will take a lot of managing throughout the year. There should always be 5-6 guys out there to try to avoid overusing Soria and Ramirez. I probably won't have the luxury of being able to call the relievers on in "waves" to get all those +5 grade bonuses, except occasionally late.

Bullpen Bio's:

J.Soria: The closer. He's a righty 25* with positive peripherals for 72 innings and should handle all save situations. He can enter games in the 8th inning to put out fires but ordinarily he should start the 9th inning.

Ramirez: The set-up man. This grade 16* with marginal control but great HR peripherals and 80 innings can pitch more than one inning at a time, 7th inning on, if Koyotes lead.

Scherzer: More set-up – probably only one will be up at any one time. A 14 with only 19 innings in addition to his 7 starts.

Sarfate, Bray, Villone: Middle innings. One of either Bray or Villone should always be up. These guys can pitch from the 5th inning on. They try to get the ball to the set-up guys or can finish up close games the Stogies are losing. Bray and Villone have short innings, so are really more suited for LHP-afflicted batters, (ideally should be limited to an inning or so per outing, but will often have to be used in longer duty.)

Farnsworth, Riske: The long men. One will always be active per month. Probably will just pour gasoline on the fire. Bray/Villone words also are appropriate for Riske (short innings).

Howry: The other long man and mopup man, but I'm still trying to find a way to get him on the roster for more than a couple of months. The opposition will salivate when they see his grade 2 enter the game.

Pitching Rotation:

April	vs.	Pitchers	May	vs.	Pitchers	June	vs.	Pitchers
1-4 (5)	@ NBO	G,L,Wo,C	1-5	@ ZIO	Wo,G,L,C,M	1-4 (5)	@ POR	C,M,Wo,G
6-8 (9)	POR	G,L,Wo	6-9 (10)	@ KNX	Wo,G,L,C	6-8	@ MAR	L,M,Wo
10-12 (13)	MAR	C,G,L	11-14	COL	Wo,G,L,C	9-11	NBO	G,C,L
14-17 (18)	MUN	Wo,C,G,L	15-18 (19)	GOH	M,Wo,G,L	12-16 (17)	RIC	M,Wo,G,C,L
19-23 (24)	@ MLR	Wo,S,G,L,C	20-23	HUD	M,Wo,G,L	18-21	@ WAK	M,Wo,G,L
July	vs.	Pitchers	August	vs.	Pitchers	September	vs.	Pitchers
1-5	MID	C,Wa,Wo,G,L	1-4	@ BRO	G,M,L,Wo	(1,2) 3-5	@ NBO	L,C,Wo
6-9 (10)	GCI	C,Wa,Wo,G	5-8 (9)	@ HOU	C,G,M,L	6-9	POR	G,Wa,L,C
11-14	@ GC	L,Wa,Wo,G	10-13	@ MID	Wo,G,M,L	10-13	MAR	Wo,G,Wa,L
15-18	@ DAL	C,L,Wa,Wo	14-17	WHT	C,Wo,G,M	14-17(18)	ZIO	C,Wo,G,Wa
19-22 (23)	@ NW	G,C,L,Wa	18-21(22)	BH	L,C,Wo,G	19-23	@ MUN	L,Wo,G,Wa,Sa
October	vs.	Pitchers	November	vs.	Pitchers	L:	Lilly, T	34
1-4	@ LV	L,Wo,Wa,Sc	(1) 2-6	KNX	G,L,Sc,Wa.M	Wo:	Wolf, R	33
5-9	@ HUD	M,L,Wo,Wa,Sc	7-10	@ RIC	Wo,L,Sc,Wa	G:	Garland, J	32
10-14	WAK	M,L,Wo,G,Sc	11-13 (14)	@ POR	M,G,L	C:	Contreras, J	20
15-18 (19)	RYE	M,L,Wo,Wa	15-18	@ MAR	Wo,M,G,Sa	M:	McGowan, D	19
20-23	MLR	M,L,Wo,Wa	19-22	NBO	Sc,Wo,M,G	Wa:	Wang, C	15
						Sc:	Scherzer	6
						Sa:	Sarfate	3

Summary: After coming on strong down the stretch of 2008 to make the playoffs, this season will probably give new manager Casey Stengel a heart attack – or cause him to catch a lot of Z's in the corner of the dugout! The Koyotes will fight hard and attempt to avoid getting that top pick in the 2010 draft, but it will be a tall order. The team has few bright spots after the much-maligned trade by Koyote fans (my 11 yr. old grandson) of Chipper Jones. Dustin Pedroia and an excellent keystone defense are about all we see at this point! A draft depleted by trades and a downgraded Bonus choice didn't help matters too much. Hopefully should be a fun group to manage, though, especially for the road manager as he chalks up wins. If you have any questions, use your best baseball judgment and do whatever gives Kansas the best chance at notching a rare win.

Have a Fun Season!

NOTE: Please provide scoresheets from road board games and boxscores from computer games (scanned and attached to an e-mail will be fine). **Please do not use any automatic managers.**

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		Rotation						
		1	2	3	4	5		
1-1	Apr. 1-4	at Northboro	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Contreras	Off	
1-2	Apr. 6-8	Portland	Garland	Lilly	Wolf	Off		
1-3	Apr. 10-12	Maracaibo	Contreras	Garland	Lilly	Off		
1-4	Apr. 14-17	Munich	Wolf	Contreras	Garland	Lilly	Off	
1-5	Apr. 19-23	at Melrose	Wolf	Sarfate	Garland	Lilly	Contreras	Off
2-1	May 1-5	at Zion	Wolf	Garland	Lilly	Contreras	McGowan	
2-2	May 6-9	at Knoxville	Wolf	Garland	Lilly	Contreras	Off	
2-3	May 11-14	Columbus	Wolf	Garland	Lilly	Contreras		
2-4	May 15-18	Greater Ohio	McGowan	Wolf	Garland	Lilly	Off	
2-5	May 20-23	Hudson	McGowan	Wolf	Garland	Lilly		Stat Report Due
3-1	June 1-4	at Portland	Contreras	McGowan	Wolf	Garland	Off	
3-2	June 6-8	at Maracaibo	Lilly	McGowan	Wolf			
3-3	June 9-11	Northboro	Garland	Contreras	Lilly			
3-4	June 12-16	Richmond	McGowan	Wolf	Garland	Contreras	Lilly	Off
3-5	June 18-21	at Wakefield	McGowan	Wolf	Garland	Lilly		
4-1	July 1-5	Midland	Contreras	Wang	Wolf	Garland	Lilly	
4-2	July 6-9	Grand Cayman	Contreras	Wang	Wolf	Garland	Off	
4-3	July 11-14	at Gotham City	Lilly	Wang	Wolf	Garland		
4-4	July 15-18	at Dallas	Contreras	Lilly	Wang	Wolf		
4-5	July 19-22	at New West	Garland	Contreras	Lilly	Wang	Off	Stat Report Due
5-1	August 1-4	at Brobdignag	Garland	McGowan	Lilly	Wolf		
5-2	August 5-8	at Houston	Contreras	Garland	McGowan	Lilly	Off	
5-3	August 10-13	at Midwest	Wolf	Garland	McGowan	Lilly		
5-4	August 14-17	Whitman	Contreras	Wolf	Garland	McGowan		
5-5	August 18-21	Blue Hill	Lilly	Contreras	Wolf	Garland	Off	Off
6-1	Sept. 3-5	at Northboro	Lilly	Contreras	Wolf			Scherzer relief
6-2	Sept. 6-9	Portland	Garland	Wang	Lilly	Contreras		Scherzer relief
6-3	Sept. 10-13	Maracaibo	Wolf	Garland	Wang	Lilly		Scherzer relief
6-4	Sept. 14-17	Zion	Contreras	Wolf	Garland	Wang	Off	Scherzer relief
6-5	Sept. 19-23	at Munich	Lilly	Wolf	Garland	Wang	Sarfate	Stat Report D Scherzer relief
7-1	Oct. 1-4	at Las Vegas	Lilly	Wolf	Wang	Scherzer		
7-2	Oct. 5-9	at Hudson	McGowan	Lilly	Wolf	Wang	Scherzer	
7-3	Oct. 10-14	Wakefield	McGowan	Lilly	Wolf	Garland	Scherzer	
7-4	Oct. 15-18	Rye	McGowan	Lilly	Wolf	Wang	Off	
7-5	Oct. 20-23	Melrose	McGowan	Lilly	Wolf	Wang	Off	Scherzer relief
8-1	Nov. 2-6	Knoxville	Garland	Lilly	Scherzer	Wang	McGowan	
8-2	Nov. 7-10	at Richmond	Wolf	Lilly	Scherzer	Wang		
8-3	Nov. 11-13	at Portland	McGowan	Garland	Lilly	Off		
8-4	Nov. 15-18	at Maracaibo	Wolf	McGowan	Garland	Sarfate		Scherzer relief
8-5	Nov. 19-22	Northboro	Scherzer	Wolf	McGowan	Garland	Off	Final Stats

		Total	Allowed	Proj. Innings	Original Avg.	Current Avg.	
14XY	1 Scherzer	6	7				0
11X	2 Lilly	34	34				0
10	3 Wang	15	15				0
9Y	4 Wolf	33	33				0
8Y	5 McGowan	19	19				0
7Z	6 Contreras	20	20				0
5RZ	7 Garland	32	32				
4Y	8 Sarfate	3	4				0
		162	164	0.00	0.00	0.00	