



*** smokies**

Preseason Tourney Champs: 2010
 Playoffs: 1999, 2003, 2016
 Final Four Playoffs: 2001, 2019

2023 Instructions

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Smokies Hall of Fame:

- *Jim Edmonds:1995-2003
- *Eric Davis:1997-2001
- *Gary Sheffield:2001-04
- *Pedro Martinez:2001-06
- *Felix Hernandez:2010-17
- *Paul Goldschmidt:2012-20

The Beach made it to the Final Four in the 2019 Playoffs, but have come up short in the last 3 years, dwelling in the cellar of the East and worst record in the 2022 PCL League.

Path to the 2023 playoffs: In the www, the Smokies picked up Chris Taylor, hoping for a 2024 comeback. In the "final" auction, the GM's were able to sign JT Realmuto, Gavin Lux & Brandon Drury to help their offense gain more traction. VBS also replaced 5 of the 7 relievers. Our path back to the Playoffs is Lucky dice & cards, no small ball, and 4 solid Starting Pitchers.

Starting Line-ups: The Preset Lineups from Auction are NOT correct!!

STD vs. L	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
1.Swanson, ss	Swanson, ss	Swanson, ss	Yelich*, lf	Yelich*, lf	Yelich*, lf
2.Robles, cf	Robles, cf	Robles, cf	Lux*, 2b	Lux*, 2b	Berti, 3b
3.C. Joe, rf	C. Joe, 1b	C. Joe, rf	Schwarber*, dh	Schwarber*, dh	Schwarber*, dh
4.Drury, 3b	Drury, 3b	Lux*, 2b	Realmuto, c	Realmuto, c	Realmuto, c
5.Hosmer*, 1b	India, 2b	Drury, 3b	C. Joe, rf	C. Joe, rf	C. Joe, rf
6.Lux*, 2b	Iglesias, dh	Hosmer*, 1b	Hosmer*, 1b	Hosmer*, 1b	Drury, 1b
7.Realmuto, c	Realmuto, c	Realmuto, c	Berti, 3b	Drury, 3b	India, 2b
8.India, dh	Taylor, rf	Schwarber*, dh	Taylor, cf	Taylor, cf	Taylor, cf
9.Yelich*, lf	Yelich*, lf	Yelich*, lf	Swanson, ss	Swanson, ss	Swanson, ss
Use at Home & Road vs all pitchers not listed in Lty #2 or 3.	Must Bat Rite vs following pitchers below....RvsL	Must bat Left vs following pitchers below....LvsL	Use at Home vs all pitchers not listed in Rty #3.	Use on ROAD vs all pitchers not listed in Rty #3.	Bat R vs following pitchers below.....

WEST	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
BAG					Gallen, Cessa
SCT			XXX		S.Gray, Mikolas
PBC	J. Suarez	M. Gonzalez	XXX		Gilbert, E.Cabrera
SBM			XXX		

CENTRAL	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
LVB			XXX		Darvish, Oviedo
CDS	Lodolo, Gomber	Steele	XXX		Gonsolin, Musgrove, Kirby, Flexen
OXN	Montgomery, Ray, Sandoval, R.Suarez		XXX		
UTP	D.Peterson	Lauer	XXX		

EAST	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
VBS					
AUG		Kershaw	XXX		Mahle
CHI			XXX		Contreras
STL			XXX		Woodruff, Gausman
Total	8	4	XXX		16

In case of Injury Lineups: Put injury sub into the 7th spot in all lineups and move all else up 1. Prior to the 5th: If your Lefty starter comes out and replaced by a Ritey, no changes until Top of 6th if we are winning. T6th, you can go to best matchups vs Ritey's in lineup #2 with late defense in mind, looking at dh, 1b, 2b, & rf. If we are losing prior to the 5th and your Lefty comes out for a Ritey in lineup #2, go to best matchup in dh, cf, rf, 1b, 2b. In the lineups 1 & 3, Robles is not good vs Riteys but should stay in for his defense if winning. If losing, go to better matchup vs Ritey. If your Ritey starter is replaced by a Lefty, all can stay in till top of 6th if we are winning. If losing in T5th, compare better matchups at cf, 2b, 3b. T6th winning or losing, compare best matchups keeping in mind B7th for best defense. Top of the 7th: If your Starting Pitcher is out for a Ritey or a Lefty and we are winning, look for best matchups with putting in best defense in for B7th. If losing, go with best matchups.

Platoon / Injury

	Lineup Instructions
Catcher:	Realmuto never comes out!! Kelly is the backup.
1b:	Hosmer(L) vs both & seldom comes out once he is in unless late and losing for a PH. C Joe & Drury are the injury backups and will play vs some pitchers.
2b:	Lux(L) vs both. Taylor, Berti & India are injury backups. Use compare. Berti should be in B7th or 8 th with a lead for defense.
3b:	Drury vs both and seldom comes out. Berti is the injury backup.
SS:	Swanson never comes out!! Iglesias, then Taylor are injury backups.
Lf:	Yelich(L) vs both and never comes out. Taylor & Berti are the injury backups. Schwarber(L) can backup if no other choice & move from DH.
Cf:	Taylor vs Ritey, Robles vs Lefty. Injury backup is each other and Robles should be in B7th with a lead for best defense.
Rf:	C Joe vs both. Taylor is injury backup and should be in B7th with a lead for defense.
DH:	Schwarber vs Ritey, Iglesias & India vs Lefty. Schwarber should be in as DH by the Top of the 7th if he did not start.

	Lineup Instructions
Double switch!	Only if a PITCHER is now in bcuz DH had to move to defense.

PH vs. L or R	Iglesias early, then use compare for anyone on bench, keeping in mind possible late def.
Do Not Remove	Realmuto, Swanson, Yelich; See blowout.
Seldom Remove	Hosmer, Drury, Berti (unless late & better offense available) but consider best defensive situations here also.
Usage Limitations	In a Blowout either way of 7+ runs after 6 innings, remove Realmuto, Swanson, Yelich.
Additional Comments	

MISCELLANEOUS

Pitcher hitting / Pinch hitting / Bunting

Bunting: Robles only. Consider PH for safety squeeze for win late in game.

Safety Squeeze: see bunting above especially if 42%.

H & R: Iglesias & Swanson with a fast runner on.

Base running

STEALING: Try stealing @ 70% or better with Berti, Realmuto, Robles, Taylor, Schwarber, Swanson & Yelich. You do have to hold them!

PINCH RUNNING: Pitcher Webb(13) can PR. Berti, Robles or Taylor coming in 7th or later for late defense. **Consider subbing PR in extra innings on 2nd.**

SCORING: Score at 65%, or 50% with 2 outs. If 2 outs & down 4+ runs, hold the runners unless anti-clutch hitter is up and no PH. Send low percentage trailer (10 or less) to 2nd, never to 3rd, when tying or go-ahead run is trying to score at 70% or less.

EXTRA BASE: 65% or better if not 1st or 3rd out at 3rd.

TAGUP to 3rd: Always try for it if OUT chance is only 5% (roll of 20).

Best Defense (in CAPS)

C	1b	2b	SS	3b	Lf	Cf	Rf
REALMUTO	HOSMER	Lux	SWANSON	DRURY	YELICH	Taylor	Joe
Kelly	Joe	India	Iglesias	Berti	Taylor	ROBLES	TAYLOR
	Drury	BERTI	Taylor	Taylor	Berti	Berti	Robles
		Taylor	Lux		Schwarber		Drury
		Drury	Berti		Joe		

Defense notes:

- Try to get the top defender in their best position if we have a lead **after Top of the 7th.**
- **Holding runners:** Hold all * stealers; hold a non-* only if chances are 25% to get lead & 80% or more to steal.
- **Corners in:** With runner on 3rd, bring in corners from 2nd inning on, especially with an A bunter.
- **Infield in:** Play infield in to cut down tying or go-ahead run from 6th inning on, especially if it's a safety squeeze situation.

Throwing

Outfield throws: throw to plate at 1-18 or less. Hold tying or winning run at 1st or 2nd with cutoff in 7th or later.

Always get the sure out on Defense Option plays, unless: (1) the chances of the leading runner being safe are 15% or less, or (2) it's the 8th inning or later and it allows the leading or winning run to score.

Intentional Walks

- Do this after 4th inning if batter has already hit 2 HOMERS in the game & 1b is open (think Your best STUD).
- In the 8th or later, consider this with your Stud hitter even if 1b is occupied & sets up a better matchup.
- Consider this in extra innings to force a DP with runner on 2nd.

Road Games					Home Games				
Opp.	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3		Game #1	Game #2	Game #3		
WEST									
BAG	Anderson*	Webb	Wainwright		Ramirez	Webb	Snell*		
PBC	Ramirez	Anderson*	Snell*		Ramirez	Anderson*	Snell*		
SBM	Wainwright	Webb	Anderson*		Snell*	Webb	Wainwright		
SCT	Wainwright	Webb	Anderson*		Ramirez	Wainwright	Snell*		
CENTRAL									
CDS	Wainwright	Webb	Snell*		Snell*	Webb	Anderson*		
OXN	Ramirez	Wainwright	Snell*		Wainwright	Webb	Anderson*		
LVB	Anderson*	Wainwright	Snell*		Wainwright	Webb	Anderson*		
UTP	Snell*	Webb	Anderson*		Ramirez	Wainwright	Anderson*		
EAST									
AGN	Anderson*	Webb	Wainwright		Snell*	Webb	Wainwright		
CHI	Snell*	Webb	Anderson*		Wainwright	Webb	Anderson*		
STL	Ramirez	Anderson*	Snell*		Ramirez	Anderson*	Snell*		
EAST	#1	#2	#3	#4	#1	#2	#3	#4	
AGN	Snell*	Webb	Wainwright	Anderson*	Snell*	Webb	Wainwright	Anderson*	
CHI	Snell*	Webb	Wainwright	Anderson*	Snell*	Webb	Wainwright	Anderson*	
STL	Ramirez	Webb	Wainwright	Snell*	Ramirez	Webb	Wainwright	Snell*	

Webb-20; Wainwright-20; Anderson*-20; Snell*-20; Ramirez-10

MANAGING THE STARTERS:

Patience with the Starters. Would love for 1st 3 Starters to get thru 6 innings, hopefully 7. Snell is 6 inning Max, Ramirez is 5 inning Max. **The 1st 4 starters need to go 6 innings even in dots (during B6th you can start subbing the bullpen as needed if it is still a game).** If blown out early and down 6+ runs, Webb, Wainwright & Anderson can take one for the team unless VB starts to rally back. Leads of 3 runs or less after 6 innings, need to be managed by bullpen in most cases. However, 1st 3 starters can start 7th, but if a runner gets on, then compare batter by batter with bullpen matchups (versus 3 batters). If any are throwing a No-hitter, Webb, Anderson & Wainwright can stay in until 1st hit, unless B7th and a batter gets on and we have a 2-run lead or less, go ahead and look for better matchups in bullpen, especially with Lefty's coming up to bat.

Starting Pitching Instructions	
Logan Webb (Long & hard)	(192 innings) Better vs Riteys. He should go at LEAST 6 innings even in dots. If blown out early, can pitch tired until VB rally's back in, or can finish game if we are down 6+ runs. If we are winning, Pull in B7th if gets 2 runners on and compare pen is better vs Leftys, or gives up a run, or goes into dots. Will get tired after 8. Can then pitch 9 th with a 5+ run lead until gets 1 runner on or gives up a HR.
Adam Wainwright (Long patience)	(192 innings) Better vs Riteys. He should go at LEAST 6 innings even in dots. Same as Webb vs Leftys.
Tyler Anderson (Long patience)	(179 innings) The Lefty. Slightly better vs Leftys. He should go at LEAST 6 innings even in dots. Same as Webb, but he is a Lefty. In B7th, if you have Lefty killers coming up, go to the pen, especially in a close or tie game.
Blake Snell (some patience)	(128 innings) The Lefty. Better vs Riteys. He should go at LEAST 5 innings even in dots. In the B6 th , go to the BP if it is a close game & not in dots and a runner gets on. If it's a blowout either way, let him finish the 6 th . (6 innings MAX)
Erasmio Ramirez (5 th starter & relief) (little patience)	(86 innings) Better vs Leftys, gives up Beef vs Riteys. 10 starts (50 innings) & relieves (36 innings) when not starting your series. He should pitch 4 innings even in dots. B5 th , if blown out, let him finish the inning. If it's a game within 3 runs either way and a runner gets on or gives up a HR, go ahead and look for better matchup in the pen especially vs a string of Ritey Sluggers. Done after 5 innings, no matter what. (5 innings MAX + 36 innings of relief)
Innings Limitations:	Snell—6 innings MAX. Ramirez—5 innings MAX.
Blowouts:	Up or down 6+ runs Starters can stay in, even in dots, until end of game (or until their Max innings limit) or score gets within 4 runs.
Bottom of the 7th:	Stated in each Starter instructions. Best BP matchups for Bottom of 7 th thru 9 th inning if we are in it.
Additional Comments:	All Starters pitch in dots - stated above in Starter instructions.

***3-batter minimum rule: Do not use prior to 5th unless injury. Starters pitch in dots.**

Longman, if needed is Okert(L) & Edwards. Most of the relievers in VB pen are 1 inning guys. Half are 2 of 3 rule guys. The other half is setup/closer guys in Pop, Bednar, Dominguez & Diaz. If the setup/closer guys come in to get a 3rd out and still has 2 outs he can get next inning or be pulled now, evaluate with compare when you start the next inning & depending on BP pitchers available for that game.

***Starting Pitcher Injuries:** none. Bednar & Quijada in the BP are 5's.

***Managing the Bullpen:** Innings 4-6, if I start a Ritey and he goes his Max innings in dots or not & you have 4 or more lefties in, bring in Quijada(L) to turn you around. He is a 1 inning guy and 1.1 per series. If I start a Lefty and he goes his Max innings in dots or not, bring in Pop as a 1 inning guy and 1.1 per series. Edwards & Ramirez are better vs lefties (both give up beef vs Ritey). 7th inning, If starter is out, Pop is good for rule 2 of 3. Diaz can be a Stopper & go 2 innings and is better vs rities. Dominguez & Bednar can go 2 innings and are better vs Leftys.

8th & 9th inning, Diaz is the Stopper/Closer, better vs rities and can go 2 innings. Bednar & Dominguez are the Setup/backup Closer, better vs lefties and can go 2 innings. **Note the series limitations for some of the 1 inning relievers.**

The bullpen

	Bullpen Instructions
Closer/stopper:	Diaz (64 inn) better vs rities; can pitch 2 innings. Innings 7-9.
Backup closer/setup:	Dominguez (51 inn) better vs lefties; Bednar (52 inn) better vs lefties; Innings 7-9. Both can pitch 2 innings.
R'y setup:	Pop (39 inn) mostly from 7 th inning on, but can be used earlier. Better vs riteys. 2 Of 3 guy. Innings 7-9. 1 inn only; 1.1 inn per series.
L'y stopper:	Quijada (41 inn) better vs lefties. 2 of 3 guy. Innings 4-8. Prefer to get the 2 nd or 3 rd out in an inning vs lefties. 1 inn only; 1.1 per series.
R'y mid:	Edwards (62 inn) better vs lefties, gives up beef vs rities. Works better in PB, SB, Cabo, LV, Oxn, Stl. Ok to use early, but not 7 th or later if possible. Can go 2 innings.
L'y mid:	Okert (51 inn) better vs rities, gives up beef vs lefties. Works better in Aug, Cabo, SCT, LV, SB. Ok to use early, but not in 7 th or later, if possible.
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	
-R'y gets L'y:	Ramirez (36 inn)(when not starting your series); better vs lefties, gives up beef vs riteys. Works better in PB, SB, Cabo, LV, Oxn, Stl. Ok to use early, but not 7 th or later, if possible. 1 inn only; 1.1 inn per series.
-L'y gets L'y:	Quijada
-L'y gets R'y:	Okert
Longman	Okert(L) or Edwards.
Mop-up	Okert(L) or Edwards.
Bullpen comments	Our hope is that our starters will get us into the 7 th inning. If not, the bullpen has a mix of 8 guys with Ramirez having 36 innings of relief when NOT starting your series. Hence a 1 or 2 out guy. If extra innings, good luck!!

Additional comments: note the series' limited innings of Ramirez, Pop & Quijada.

Don't look below:

Pitchers: Starters

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	IP	Notes
Syndergaard, Noah	26	\$33	2020	198*	#1
Paddack, Chris	23	\$37	2023	141	#2
Ryu, Hyun-Jin*	32	\$1	2021	183	#3
Archer, Chris	30	\$4	2021	120	#4
Lamet, Dinelson	26	\$16	2021	73	#5

Pitchers: Relievers

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	IP	Notes
Hader, Josh	25	\$5	2021	76	Closer
Petit, Yusmeiro	34	\$25	2020	83	
Martin, Chris	33	\$4	2023	56	
Ramirez, Noe	29	\$5	2021	68	
Webb, Tyler	28	\$2	2020	55	
Iglesias, Raisel	29	\$3	2023	67	

Batters: Catchers

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
Narvaez, Omar*	27	\$16	2021	428	Starting c v. right
Smith, Kevan	31	\$1	2023	191	Starting c v. left

Batters: Infielders

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
Hoskins, Rhys	26	\$6	2023	570	Starting 1b v. left
Freese, David	36	\$9	2020	162	Part-time starting 1b v. right
Vogelbach, Dan*	26	\$1	2023	462	Part-time starting 1b v. right
Hernandez, Cesar+	29	\$4	2021	612	Starting 2b
Rosario, Amed	23	\$6	2022	616	Starting ss
Davis, J.D.	26	\$8	2023	410	Starting 3b/of
Machado, Manny	23	\$16	2022	587	Starting 3b vs. left

Batters: Outfielders

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
Pederson, Joc*	27	\$3	2020	450	Starting lf/cf v. right
Marte, Starling	30	\$4	2021	539	Starting cf
Peralta, David*	31	\$4	2021	382	Starting rf v. right
Renfroe, Hunter	27	\$4	2021	440	Starting rf v. left
Miller, Brad*	29	\$1	2023	154	Part-time starter v. right

Minors:

Name	Salary	Grad
Robles, Victor	\$7	2022
Lopez, Pablo	\$1	2023
Keller, Mitch	\$1	M
Diaz, Edwin	\$1	M
Taillon, Jameson	\$1	M