



# 2023 St. Louis Riverboat Gamblers

## 2023 Team Instructions:

*St. Louis was a Cinderella team last year making it all the way into the World Series against Santa Barbara. Although we lost that series, we have reloaded and this is a stronger team. The starting pitchers saw a major upgrade and the bullpen and defense remains strengths of the team. STL appears to have a good chance to compete for the Eastern crown.*

*Path to the playoffs: If the new twin aces finish many of their games and the twin closers finish all their games well.*

## Starting Line-ups

	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R
1.	Nimmo*, cf	Nimmo*, cf	Nimmo*, cf	Nimmo*, cf	Nimmo*, cf
2.	Trout, rf	Trout, rf	Trout, lf	Trout, lf	Trout, rf
3.	Gimenez*, 2b	Gimenez*, 2b	Gimenez*, 2b	Gimenez*, 2b	Gimenez*, 2b
4.	Hoskins, DH	Hoskins, DH	Lindor+, ss	Lindor+, ss	Lindor+, ss
5.	Bryant, lf	Bryant, lf	Chisholm*, DH	Chisholm*, DH	Hoskins, 1b
6.	Lindor+, ss	Lindor+, ss	Donovan*, 3b	Donovan*, 3b	Donovan*, DH
7.	Myers, 1b	Donovan*, 3b	Yaz*, rf	Yaz*, rf	Bryant, lf
8.	Hayes, 3b	Myers, 1b	Wade*, 1b	Wade*, 1b	Hayes, 3b
9.	Nola, c	Nola, c	Ruiz+, c	Ruiz+, c	Nola, c
WEST	STD vs. L	L vs. L	STD vs. R	L vs. R	R vs. R

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<b>SCT</b>					
<b>BAG</b>	Fried		Buehler		Gallen, Peralta, Cessa, Quantrill
<b>PBC</b>	Suarez, Gonzales			Wright, Kelly	Cabrera, Gilbert
<b>SBM</b>	Urias, Rodon, Rogers		Burnes, Wheeler, Thompson, Greinke		
<b>CENTR</b>	<b>STD vs. L</b>	<b>L vs. L</b>	<b>STD vs. R</b>	<b>L vs. R</b>	<b>R vs. R</b>
<b>AL</b>					
<b>LVB</b>			Castillo, Scherzer, Walker		Darvish, Oviedo
<b>CDS</b>	Lodolo, Steele		Brash	Hicks, Williams	Gonsolin, Musgrove, Flexen, Kirby
<b>OBB</b>	Montgomery, Sandoval, Ray, Suarez		Strider		Sampson
<b>UTP</b>	Luzardo, Peterson, Lauer		Martinez	Elder, Marquez	Alcantara
<b>EAST</b>	<b>STD vs. L</b>	<b>L vs. L</b>	<b>STD vs. R</b>	<b>L vs. R</b>	<b>R vs. R</b>
<b>STL</b>					
<b>AGN</b>	Kershaw			Gray, Stroman	deGrom, Mahle
<b>CHI</b>			Gibson	Bassett, Syndergaard, Eflin	Greene, Contreras
<b>VBS</b>	Snell, Alexander		Wainwright	Webb	Ramirez
<b>Total</b>	17		13	12	19

**Notes:**

**Platoon / Injury**

	<b>Lineup Instructions</b>
<b>Catcher:</b>	Ruiz starts against RHP and Nola against LHP. Both can stay in the game when you switch pitchers.
<b>1b:</b>	Wade vs RHP and Myers vs LHP. Wade rarely bats against LHP. There are lots of 1b so PH aggressively.
<b>2b:</b>	Gimenez never comes out.
<b>SS</b>	Lindor never comes out.
<b>3b:</b>	Donovan vs RHP and Hayes vs LHP. Donovan continues once in the game and comes out only for D (Hayes) or late against a strong LHP (Rendon).
<b>Lf:</b>	Trout starts in LF vs. RHP and Bryant vs. LHP.
<b>Cf:</b>	Nimmo never comes out.
<b>Rf:</b>	Trout starts in RF vs. LHP and Yaz vs RHP. There are lots of OF so PH for Yaz vs LHP if we are losing. Yaz can bat vs a LHP if we are winning. Use your best judgment. Trout never comes out.



<b>DH:</b>	<i>Chisholm starts vs. RHP and Hoskins vs. LHP. Chisholm rare bats vs. LHP. PH often in this position to get the best matchup.</i>
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**Notes:**

- *List of players who never come out: Starting catcher, Gimenez, Lindor, Donovan (only comes out against an extreme loggy or for D), Trout, and Nimmo.*
- *Chisholm, Wade, and Yaz rarely bat against LHP. Yaz can bat vs. LHP late in the game if we have a lead.*
- *Chisholm and Wade come out in blowouts.*

<b>Lineup Instructions</b>	
<i>PH vs. L</i>	<i>Rendon, Hoskins, Bryant, Myers</i>
<i>PH vs. R</i>	<i>Donovan, Chisholm, Wade</i>
<i>Additional Comments</i>	<i>Be aggressive in PH'ing if we're behind.</i>

<b>Base running</b>
<i>Stealing: Gimenez (A), Chisholm (A), and Hayes (A) are the main guys. Lindor is also a threat (B). Ruiz (C) and Yaz (C) are worth trying for the lead in some situations.</i>
<i>H&amp;R: The B's are Chisholm, Donovan, and Nola.</i>
<i>Don't make the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> out running from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Send runner from 1st to 3rd aggressively in other situations (65+% ) because you will likely stop the runner from going to second.</i>
<i>On a play to the plate, send the trailers at 60% or better.</i>

**Best Defense**

<b>C</b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>Lf</b>	<b>Cf</b>	<b>Rf</b>
No Diff.	Myers	Gimenez	Lindor	Hayes	Trout	Nimmo	Yaz
	Wade	Chisholm	Gimenez	Rendon	Myers	Trout	Wade
	Hoskins	Donovan	Donovan	Donovan	Bryant		Myers
	Donovan	Nola	<i>Hayes</i>	Nola	Donovan		Donovan
				Myers			

**Defense notes:**

- *If we have a lead after the 6<sup>th</sup>: Hayes and Yaz are the keys to our late D.*



### Throwing

*Outfield throws/cutoffs: Generally be conservative early in the game and more aggressive late in the game.*

*Always get the sure out on Defense Option plays, unless (1) the chances of the leading runner being safe are less than 35%, or (b) its past the 7<sup>th</sup> inning and it allows the leading or winning run to score.*

### Intentional Walks

*Generally, do not let your best hitter beat me late in the game with first base open and runners on. I hate it when that happens.*

## Pitching Rotation

Opp.	Road Games				Home Games			
	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Game #4	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	
<b>WEST</b>								
BAG	Woodruff	Nola	Lopez		Gausman	Lopez	Taillon	
PBC	Woodruff	Nola	Gausman		Gausman	Nola	Woodruff	
SBM	Lopez	Nola	Taillon		Gausman	Nola	Woodruff	
SCT	Gausman	Lopez	Taillon		Gausman	Lopez	Taillon	
<b>CENTRAL</b>								
CDS	Woodruff	Nola	Taillon		Gausman	Lopez	Taillon	
OBB	Woodruff	Nola	Lopez		Gausman	Lopez	Taillon	
LVB	Woodruff	Nola	Lopez		Gausman	Lopez	Taillon	
UTP	Woodruff	Nola	Gausman		Gausman	Lopez	Taillon	
<b>EAST</b>								
AGN	Woodruff	Nola	Lopez		Gausman	Woodruff	Lopez	
CHI	Woodruff	Nola	Gausman		Gausman	Nola	Woodruff	
VBS	Woodruff	Nola	Lopez		Gausman	Nola	Woodruff	
<b>EAST</b>								
AGN	Lopez	Woodruff	Nola	Taillon	Gausman	Nola	Woodruff	Lopez
CHI	Lopez	Woodruff	Nola	Gausman	Gausman	Nola	Woodruff	Lopez
VBS	Lopez	Woodruff	Nola	Taillon	Gausman	Nola	Woodruff	Lopez

Notes: Nola =20 ; Woodruff = 20; Lopez =20 ; Taillon = 11; Gausman = 19.

### Starting Pitching Instructions

Nola (205)  
Woodruff (153)

*These are the twin aces and they pitch at least 7 innings every start, even in dots.*

*After the 7<sup>th</sup>, they continue if not in dots.*



	<p>If they go into dots after the 7<sup>th</sup>, then go to the closer if we are tied or winning to get the save.</p> <p>If the game is not close (greater than 3 runs either way) then they finish the loss even in dots or, if we are blowing your team out, they can finish that game in dots. If you get the tying to the plate, then go to the pen to preserve the win.</p>
Lopez (180)	Pitches until dots. Crowe would come in if this happens before the 6 <sup>th</sup> and Brogdon during the 6 <sup>th</sup> or after.
Taillon (177) Gausman (175)	I would expect heavy use of the bullpen for these games. Try to get to the 6 <sup>th</sup> inning, but pull when in dots. When in dots, bring in Crowe before the 6 <sup>th</sup> and Doval the 6 <sup>th</sup> or 7 <sup>th</sup> and the closers if we come back.

## The bullpen:

	<b>Bullpen Instructions</b>
Closers:	Diaz (62) is the primary closer and Iglesias (62) is secondary. Both can pitch the 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> when tied or in save situations.
R'y setup:	Doval (68)
L'y setup:	None
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	Doval
-R'y gets L'y:	Brogdon (44)
-L'y gets L'y:	
-L'y gets R'y:	
Longman	Crowe (76) is the longman and Pepiot (36) in blowouts.
Mop-up	Pepiot
Additional comments	If things go well then the twin aces will finish a lot of their starts and the twin closers will finish a lot of other games.
3 batter min.	Brogdon vs RHB in small ballparks (large diamond HR numbrers) is the only guy I worry about. He should not



pitch much in those parks. The other guys don't give up the HR like he does.

### Game Flow:

Starter	Before 5th	5th-7th	Setup	Closer, if needed
Nola	Nola	Nola	Nola	Diaz/Iglesias
Woodruff	Woodruff	Woodruff	Woodruff	Diaz/Iglesias
Lopez	Lopez	Lopez unless dots	Doval/Brogdon	Diaz/Iglesias
Gausman	Crowe	Doval/Brogdon	Doval/Brogdon	Diaz/Iglesias
Taillon	Crowe	Doval/Brogdon	Doval/Brogdon	Diaz/Iglesias

*Additional comments: Have fun!*

2023 Roster:

### Pitchers: Starters

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	IP	Notes
Aaron Nola	30	\$40	2025*	205	#1
Brandon Woodruff	30	\$29	2025*	153	#2
Pablo Lopez	27	\$1	2023*	180	#3
Jameson Taillon	31	\$1	2024*	177	#4
Kevin Gausman	32	\$8	2025*	175	#5

### Pitchers: Relievers

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	IP	Notes
Edwin Diaz	29	\$5	2024*	62	Closer
Raisel Iglesias	33	\$3	2023*	62	
Camilo Doval	25	\$8	2025*	68	
Connor Brogdon	28	\$8	2024*	44	
Wil Crowe	28	\$4	2025*	76	
Ryan Pepiot	25	\$1	2026*	36	

### Batters: Catchers



Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
Austin Nola	33	\$8	2023	347	
Keibert Ruiz+	24	\$6	2025*	394	

### Batters: Infielders

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
Rhys Hoskins	30	\$6	2023*	589	
LaMonte Wade*	29	\$1	2025*	217	
Jazz Chisholm*	25	\$1	2024*	213	
Brendan Donovan*	26	\$13	2025*	391	
Andres Gimenez*	24	\$4	2024	491	
Francisco Lindor+	29	\$8	2025*	630	
Ke'Bryan Hayes	26	\$2	2026	505	
Anthony Rendon	33	\$10	2025*	166	

### Batters: Outfielders

Name	Age	Salary	Grad	AB	Notes
Kris Bryant	31	\$3	2026*	160	
Wil Myers	32	\$4	2024*	261	
Brandon Nimmo*	30	\$12	2025*	580	
Mike Trout	31	\$48	2024*	438	
Mike Yastrzemski*	32	\$6	2023	485	

### Minors:

Name	Salary	Grad
Ynoa (NC)	\$17	2025
Cody Bellinger	\$12	2024
Dinelson Lamet	\$2	2025*
Nick Castellanos	\$1	M