



# 2024 St. Louis Riverboat Gamblers

## **2024 Team Instructions:**

St. Louis won 52 games last year and continued their amazing playoff run. But, we ran into a stronger SBM team that went on to be the 2023 champion. The 2024 STL roster is loaded again, and we should be an even stronger team this year. The starting pitchers saw a major upgrade and the bullpen and defense remain strengths of the team. STL appears to have a good chance to compete for both the Eastern Division and PCL crowns.

**Path to the playoffs:** The path to a championship in STL runs through the bullpen. The pen is the strongest unit on the team. Defense and pitching must perform for STL to go all the way.



## Starting Line-ups

	<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>
1.	Nimmo*, lf	Nimmo*, cf	Nimmo*, lf	Nimmo*, lf	Nimmo*, lf
2.	Bellinger*, 1b	Bellinger*, 1b	Chisholm*, rf	Chisholm*, rf	Chisholm*, rf
3.	Moreno, c	Moreno, c	Bellinger*, 1b	Bellinger*, 1b	Bellinger*, 1b
4.	Lindor+, ss	Lindor+, ss	Donovan*, 3b	Donovan*, 3b	Schwarbr*, dh
5.	Donaldson, dh	Donaldson, dh	Schwarbr*, dh	Schwarbr*, dh	Hayes, 3b
6.	Hayes, 3b	Schwarbr*, lf	Lindor+, ss	Lindor+, ss	Lindor+, ss
7.	Matos, rf	Hayes, 3b	Gimenez*, 2b	Gimenez*, 2b	Gimenez*, 2b
8.	Gimenez*, 2b	Matos, rf	Moreno, c	Moreno, c	Moreno, c
9.	Trout, cf	Gimenez*, 2b	Trout, cf	Trout, cf	Trout, cf
<b>WEST</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>SCT</b>					
<b>BAG</b>	Garrett, Sandoval, Matz		Peralta, Lugo		
<b>PBC</b>	Williamson		Kelly, Perez, Gilbert		Cabrera
<b>SBM</b>	Fried		Gray	Wheeler	Avila, Suarez, Hendricks
<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>			Gallen, Scherzer, Walker	Oviedo	Lorenzen
<b>CDS</b>	Strahm	Stelle	Kirby		Burnes, Musgrove
<b>OBB</b>	Montgomery		Strider	Lopez	Assad, Stroman
<b>UTP</b>	Quintana, Luzardo, Abbott		Elder, Junis	Martinez	
<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		Wacha	Irvin	Senga, Gonsolin
<b>CHI</b>	Miley, Manaea		Alcantara	Bassitt	Greene
<b>VBS</b>	Sanchez	Snell	Gray	Miller	Webb
<b>Total</b>	14	2	16	7	13

### Notes:

### Platoon / Injury

	<b>Lineup Instructions</b>
Catcher:	Moreno - does not come out. Davis is the backup.
1b:	Bellinger - does not come out.
2b:	Gimenez - does not come out.



SS	Lindor - does not come out.
3b:	Donovan v RHP and Hayes v LHP and for D. I'll manage his AB at home. If Donovan is hurt, then Hayes in large BP (RHB HR 9 or less) and Donaldson in small BP (RHB HR 10 or more)
Lf:	Nimmo - does not come out
Cf:	Trout - does not come out. He'll mostly bat 9 <sup>th</sup> due to AB limitations (308). If Trout gets injured, then Belinger to CF, Donovan to LF, and Hayes to 3b.
Rf:	Jazz v RHP and Matos v LHP
DH:	Schwarber/Donaldson
Lineup notes:	Guys to come out in blowouts: Trout.

Lineup Instructions	
PH vs. L	Use compare.
PH vs. R	Use compare.
Stealing - 75% or better	AA: Lindor A: Gimenez, Bellinger, and Jazz B: Hayes
Additional Comments	Taking out a RHP starter: Jazz is the only hitter who should not face LHP. This change happens at Jazz's next AB. Matos should hit for him and stay in the game.

Base running	
H&R: No B's this year.	
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.	
On a play to the plate, send the trailers at 60% or better.	

### Best Defense

C	1b	2b	SS	3b	Lf	Cf	Rf
Moreno	Bellinger	Gimenez	Lindor	Hayes	Nimmo	Trout	Jazz
Davis	Donovan	Donovan	Donovan	Donaldson		Belinger	Matos
				Donovan			



**Defense notes:**

- The only D change to be mindful of is Hayes at 3b.

<b>Throwing</b>
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.

<b>Intentional Walks</b>
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	Castillo		Silseth	Castillo	Gausman	
PBC	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo		Silseth	Nola	Gausman	
SBM	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo		Silseth	Nola	Gausman	
SCT	Gausman	Castillo	Beck		Silseth	Gausman	Beck	
<b>CENTRAL</b>								
CDS	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo		Silseth	Castillo	Gausman	
OBB	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo		Silseth	Nola	Gausman	
LVB	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo		Beck	Silseth	Gausman	
UTP	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo		Silseth	Castillo	Gausman	
<b>EAST</b>								
AGN	Beck	Castillo	Gausman		Beck	Castillo	Gausman	
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VBS	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo		Beck	Nola	Gausman	
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AGN	Beck	Nola	Castillo	Gausman	Silseth	Nola	Beck	Gausman
CHI	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo	Gausman	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo	Gausman
VBS	Woodruff	Nola	Castillo	Gausman	Silseth	Nola	Castillo	Gausman

Notes: Castillo = 20; Nola = 20; Gausman = 19; Silseth = 10; Beck = 8; Woodruff = 13

**Starting Pitching Instructions**



Castillo (197) and Gausman (186)	Castillo and Gausman can generally pitch until dots or until one of these conditions is met: 1. They allow 4 runs. 2. They face a lefty batter in a close game (+/- 2 run differential) with runners in scoring position after the 5 <sup>th</sup> inning.
Nola (194)	Nola is the most balanced starter and will be trusted to go deep into the game. He is an <b>innings eater</b> . He will pitch the second game in a road series and can go until dots.
Silseth (52), Beck (85), and Woodruff (67)	Woodruff, Silseth, and Beck each pitch until dots or they reach their <b>5-innings max limit per start</b> . The idea is to keep these games close and then hand it off to a talented bullpen.

## The bullpen:

	<b>Bullpen Instructions</b>
Closers:	Pepiot (42) - pitches the 9 <sup>th</sup> in a save or tied game only.
R'y setup:	Williams (59) - pitches late in a close game. <b>Williams and Pepiot are co-closers.</b>
L'y setup:	Borucki (40) - has the best card on the pitching staff. He is the perfect guy to bring in early in the game to flip your lineup around. He is the <b>lefty stopper</b> and will often be the first guy out of the pen before the 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Situational:	
-R'y gets R'y:	Kimbrel (69) - the <b>righty stopper</b> . He comes in to get a key out at any point in the game and he can pitch multiple innings.
-R'y gets L'y:	Doval (68) - very strong against lefties. He will often take over after Castillo/Gausman or one of the lefty stoppers and pitch a few innings leading into the end game.
-L'y gets L'y:	Romero (37) - should mostly <b>face tough lefty bats in key game situations.</b>
-L'y gets R'y:	Borucki (40)
Longman	Beck (85) - when not starting in the series. His 8 starts will only generate 40 innings max, so he has 45 for the pen.



Mop-up	Beck
Additional comments	The bullpen is the best unit on the team and they will be counted on to win a large number of games this season.
3 batter min.	Use the 2 out of 3 guideline.

### Game Flow:

Starter	Before 7th	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Closer
Nola pitches until dots	Stoppers Kimbrel/Borucki early; followed by Doval/Romero	Williams if tied or a close game. Beck if blowout	Pepiot
Castillo/Gausman pitch until dots or a key game situation v LHB after the 5 <sup>th</sup> inning.	Stoppers Kimbrel/Borucki early; followed by Doval/Romero	Williams if tied or a close game. Beck if blowout	Pepiot
Woodruff goes until dots. 5 inning max.	Stoppers Kimbrel/Borucki early; followed by Doval/Romero	Williams if tied or a close game. Beck if blowout	Pepiot
Beck pitches until dots or a key game situation v LHB. 5 innings max.	Stoppers Kimbrel/Borucki early; followed by Doval/Romero	Williams if tied or a close game. Beck if blowout	Pepiot

A key game situation is defined as runners in scoring position in a close game with a LHB up. We have a bunch of closer cards and want to use them!

**Additional comments:** Have fun!



## 2024 Roster:

### Pitchers: Starters

Name	Age	Grad	IP	Notes
Luis Castillo	31	2027	197	(7*)
Aaron Nola	30	2025	194	(7*)
Kevin Gausman	33	2025	185	(7)
Brandon Woodruff	31	2025	67	(6)
Chase Silseth	24	2027	52	(5)
Tristan Beck	28	2027	85	(5)

### Pitchers: Relievers

Name	Age	Grad	IP	Notes
Ryan Pepiot	26	2026	42	
Camilo Doval	26	2025	68	
Devin Williams	29	2027	59	
Craig Kimbrel	36	2027	69	
Ryan Borucki*		2027	40	
Jojo Romero*	27	2027	37	

### Batters: Catchers

Name	Age	Grad	AB	Notes
Gabriel Moreno	24	2027	341	
Henry Davis	24	2027	225	

### Batters: Infielders

Name	Age	Grad	AB	Notes
Cody Bellinger*	28	2024	499	
Andres Gimenez*	25	2024	557	
Francisco Lindor+	30	2025	602	
Ke'Bran Hayes	27	2026	494	
Brendon Donovan*	27	2025	327	
Josh Donaldson	38	2027	165	



## Batters: Outfielders

Name	Age	Grad	AB	Notes
Jazz Chisholm*	26	2024	352	
Brandon Nimmo*	31	2025	592	
Mike Trout	32	2024	308	
Matos, Luis	22	2027	228	
Kyle Schwarber*	31	2027	585	

## Minors:

Name	Grad
Emmit Sheehan	2027
Stone Garrett	2027
Reid Detmers*	2027
Nick Lodolo*	2027
Brett Baty*	2027