

Virginia Beach

* smokies

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

2024 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 for the 2nd year in a row, once again saw the cellar in the East and worst record in the 2023 PCL League. Christian Walker makes a jump to the East Coast from 4+ years at BAG @ 1b. Fernando Tatis & Nolan Gorman add big sticks to this lineup.

Path to the 2024 playoffs: Our path is Lucky dice & cards, HR derby, and 2 solid Starting Pitchers in Webb & Snell, with David Bednar, Alexias Diaz, and Tanner Scott heading up the backend of the BP.

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

STD vs. L	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
1. Tatis, cf	Tatis, cf	Tatis, cf	Tatis, rf	Tatis, rf	Tatis, cf
2. Gorman*, 3b	Taylor, 3b	Gorman*, 3b	Wade*, lf	Wade*, lf	Wade*, lf
3. Walker, 1b	Walker, 1b	Walker, 1b	Walker, 1b	Walker, 1b	Walker, 1b
4. Murphy, c	Murphy, c	Murphy, c	Gorman*, 3b	Murphy, c	Murphy, c
5. O'Neill, lf	O'Neill, lf	Wade*, lf	India, 2b	Gorman*, 3b	India, dh
6. C.Joe, rf	C.Joe, rf	C.Joe, rf	Vogelbach*, dh	Taylor, cf	Taylor, 3b
7. India, dh	India, dh	India, dh	Taylor, cf	Vogelbach*, dh	C.Joe, rf
8. Drury, 2b	Drury, 2b	Drury, 2b	Swanson, ss	Drury, 2b	Swanson, ss
9. Swanson, ss	Swanson, ss	Swanson, ss	Realmuto, c	Swanson, ss	Drury, 2b
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 & ballparks not listed in Rty #2 & 3.	Use on ROAD in ballparks: BAG, UTH, AUG, SCT, SBM, CHI & vs all pitchers not listed in Rty #3.	Bat R vs following pitchers below....RvsR

WEST	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
BAG	Sandoval, Garrett, Matz				

SCT			XXX		
PBC			XXX		EdCabrera
SBM	RanSuarez	Fried	XXX		Hendricks

CENTRAL	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
LVB			XXX		
CDS	Strahm	Steele	XXX		Musgrove, Burnes
OXN	Montgomery		XXX		Stroman
UTP	Luzardo, Quintana, Abbott		XXX		

EAST VBS	#2 vs. L	#3 vs. L	STD vs. R	#2 vs. R	#3 vs. R
AUG	Kershaw		XXX		Senga, Gonsolin
CHI	Miley, Manea		XXX		Greene
STL			XXX		
Total	12	2	XXX		8

In case of Injury Lineups: Put injury sub into the 9th 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 & 3 with late defense in mind, looking at c, 3b, lf, cf, rf. If we are losing prior to the 5th and your Lefty comes out for a Ritey in lineup #2, go to **best matchup @ 3b, cf, lf, rf.**

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 dh.** 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:	Murphy (145AB) starts vs Leftys & some Riteys on road in small parks. Realmuto starts against all others and is in for Murphy AFTER 3 AB's for late defense. I will monitor ALL Murphy's AB's.
1b:	Christian Walker is the guy & never comes out. Wade will come in from the OF and play 1 st for injury backup. India, then Drury are also injury backups.
2b:	Drury vs leftys and some riteys on the road in small bp's. India with higher OBP starts in large parks. Drury is late defense. If Drury injured during game & India is DH, Gorman moves to 2b & Taylor to 3b. If Drury is out Vs Lefty to start a game, India will be @ 2 nd & Wade will DH.
3b:	Big HR hitter Nolan Gorman(L) is the guy vs most. Chris Taylor is injury backup, & vs some pitchers & best defense @ 3b when Robles comes in to cf.
SS:	Swanson never comes out!! Taylor is the injury backup.
Lf:	Wade(L) vs riteys and some leftys, and Only comes out for late defense in 8th or later with a lead. O'Neill vs Leftys and late defense. Joe is injury backup vs ritey.
Cf:	Taylor vs Ritey, Tatis vs Lefty. Injury backup is each other and Robles should be in B7th with a lead for best defense, moving Taylor to 3b, Tatis to Rf. Robles can replace during game for injury.
Rf:	Tatis vs riteys and never comes out. Connor Joe vs leftys.

DH:	Vogelbach(L) vs Ritey, India vs lefty. Injury backup is each other. If India is in the game, then Murphy is injury backup. If Murphy is at DH & Realmuto gets injured, move Murphy to catcher, & pitcher who is currently in, to injured players spot.
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Lineup Instructions	
Double switch!	Only if a PITCHER is now in bcuz DH had to move to defense.
PH vs. L or R	Anyone on bench. Use compare keeping in mind possible late def.
Do Not Remove	Tatis, Walker, Swanson; See blowout.
Seldom Remove	Realmuto, Wade, Drury (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, Tatis, Walker.
Additional Comments	

MISCELLANEOUS

Pitcher hitting / Pinch hitting / Bunting
Bunting: Robles & Wade (B) only. Consider PH for safety squeeze for win late in game.
Safety Squeeze: see bunting above especially if 42%.
H & R: Walker, Tatis, & Swanson with a fast runner on.

Base running
STEALING: Try stealing @ 70% or better with Realmuto, Walker, Gorman, India, Taylor, Tatis, O'Neill, & Robles. You do have to hold them!
PINCH RUNNING: Pitchers Webb & Gray(12) can PR early. Robles, O'Neill, Taylor and Realmuto coming in 7 th or later for late defense. Consider subbing PR in extra innings on 2nd base.
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 2 nd , never to 3 rd , when tying or go-ahead run is trying to score at 70% or less.
EXTRA BASE: 65% or better if not 1 st or 3 rd out at 3 rd .
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	WALKER	DRURY	SWANSON	Gorman	Wade	Taylor	TATIS
Murphy	Wade	India	Taylor	TAYLOR	O'NEILL	Tatis	Wade
	Drury	Gorman			Taylor	ROBLES	Joe
	Joe	Tatis			Joe	Wade	Robles
		Taylor				O'Neill	

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. **Do not hold at 2nd if 65% or less, and definitely do not hold with 2outs.**
- **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 1 st or 2 nd with cutoff in 7 th 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 8 th inning or later and it allows the leading or winning run to score.

Intentional Walks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Miller	Webb	Gray		Miller	Sanchez*	Gray		
PBC	Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb		Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb		
SBM	Miller	Webb	Gray		Miller	Snell*	Gray		
SCT	Sanchez*	Snell*	Gray		Miller	Snell*	Sanchez*		
CENTRAL									
CDS	Sanchez*	Webb	Gray		Miller	Webb	Gray		
OXN	Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb		Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb		
LVB	Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb		Sanchez*	Webb	Gray		
UTP	Gray	Webb	Snell*		Miller	Snell*	Sanchez*		
EAST									
AGN	Miller	Snell*	Gray		Gray	Webb	Snell*		
CHI	Sanchez*	Snell*	Gray		Miller	Snell*	Sanchez*		
STL	Gray	Webb	Miller		Miller	Webb	Gray		
EAST									
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#1	#2	#3	#4	
AGN	Miller	Webb	Snell*	Gray	Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb	Gray	
CHI	Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb	Gray	Sanchez*	Snell*	Webb	Gray	
STL	Snell*	Webb	Gray	Miller	Snell*	Webb	Gray	Miller	

Webb-20; Snell*-20; J.Gray-20; Sanchez*-16; Br.Miller-14

MANAGING THE STARTERS:

Patience with the Starters. Would love for Webb & Snell to get thru 6 innings, hopefully 7. Sanchez is 6 inning Max. **All starters need to go 5 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, Snell & Gray 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.** Webb & Snell can start 7th, with a 2+ run lead, but if a runner gets on or a HR is hit, then pull them. If any are throwing a No-hitter, Bullpen is better so go ahead and look for better matchups in B7th with less than a 2-run lead.

Starting Pitching Instructions	
Logan Webb (Long & hard)	(216* innings) Better vs Leftys. He should go at LEAST 5 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 Riteys, or gives up a run, or goes into dots. Can pitch 9 th if not in dots with a 5+ run lead until gets 1 runner on or gives up a HR.
Blake Snell (Long patience)	(180 innings) The Lefty. Better vs Riteys. He should go at LEAST 5 innings even in dots. Same as Webb if we are blown out early. Can pull him in B6th if a runner gets on and we are within 2 runs either way, unless BP is tired. If we are tied or winning in B7th and a runner gets on, go ahead and look for better matchups on next 3 batters. Can pitch 9 th with a 5+ run lead until gets 1 runner on or gives up a HR.
Jon Gray (some patience)	(157 innings) Slightly better vs Riteys. He should go at LEAST 5 innings even in dots. In B6th, if you have 2 or 3 Leftys coming up or a runner gets on, go to the pen especially in a close or tie game. (8 inn MAX)
Christopher Sanchez (some patience)	(99 innings) The Lefty. 16 starts. Stud vs Leftys. 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 inn MAX) B7th, Bird or Scott(L) should be 1 st in especially if 2 of 3 are Lefty hitters.
Bryce Miller (little patience)	(131 innings) 14 starts. Way better vs Riteys, gives up Beef vs Leftys. He should pitch 5 innings even in dots. B5th, if blown out, let him finish the inning. B6th if it's a game within 3 runs either way and a runner gets on, go ahead and look for better matchup in the pen especially vs a string of Lefty Sluggers. Can pitch 7 th with a 4+ lead until a runner gets on.
Innings Limitations:	Gray—8 innings MAX. Sanchez—6 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. Bird or Scott(L) should be 1 st in, especially if 2 of 3 are Lefty hitters.
Additional Comments:	All Starters pitch in dots thru 5 innings - stated above in Starter instructions. Starts 6 th inning if not in dots, unless blowout.

***3-batter minimum rule:** **Starters pitch in dots thru 5 innings.** Longman, if needed is Bird. Only Gott & Uribe are 1 inning guys. 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.

***Managing the Bullpen:** **6th inning,** stated in each pitchers box. Bird vs 2 of 3 leftys here. Scott(L) can carry 6th & into 7th. **7th inning,** if starter is out, Scott(L) vs both here. Gott is good for rule 2 of 3 vs Riteys. Diaz can be a Stopper vs lefties & go 2 innings. Uribe can get an out vs rities to finish the inning. **Note the series limitations for Uribe.** **8th & 9th inning,** Diaz is the Setup/Closer vs lefties and can go 2 innings. Bednar is the Closer, better vs lefties and can go 2 innings. Scott(L) is a backup Closer if needed.

The bullpen

	Bullpen Instructions
Closer/stopper:	Bednar (67 inn) slightly better vs lefties; can pitch 2 innings. Innings 7-9.
Closer/setup:	Diaz (67 inn) (+8 hold) better vs lefties; can pitch 2 innings. Innings 7-9.
L'y stopper/setup/ backup closer:	Scott (78 inn) mostly from 7 th inning on, but can be used earlier. Good vs both, but much better vs riteys. Can go 2 innings.
R'y mid:	Bird (89 inn) better vs lefties, gives up Extras vs rities. Ok to use early, but not 7 th or later if possible vs a string of Riteys in a close game. Can go 2 innings.
L'y mid:	
Situational-----	-----
-R'y gets R'y:	Gott (58 inn)(1 inning reliever) Not good vs Leftys especially in a close game. Can pitch to 1 lefty in a series of Riteys. Uribe (31 inn) (1 inning reliever) is a 1 or 2 out type guy if situational. Can pitch to a lefty in a 2 of 3 scenario. {1 inn only per series}
-R'y gets L'y:	Bird.
-L'y gets L'y:	Scott.
-L'y gets R'y:	Scott.
Longman	Bird.
Mop-up	Gott or Bird.
Bullpen comments	Our hope is that the Starters will get us into the 6 th inning, maybe 7 th . If not, the bullpen has 6 guys to choose from.

Additional comments: note the series' limited innings of Uribe.

