



CLEVELAND INDIANS

2018 SPRING TRAINING GAME INFORMATION

LOS ANGELES DODGERS (7-6-1) at CLEVELAND INDIANS (7-6-1)

LHP Alex Wood (2-0, 10.80) vs. RHP Josh Tomlin (0-1, 11.25)

Spring Game #15/Home #7 » Thursday, March 8, 2018 » Goodyear Ballpark » 8:05 p.m. (ET) » WMMS/IRN/webcast

GREETINGS FROM GOODYEAR

» The Cleveland Indians return to the Goodyear Development Complex for their 10th year of Spring Training in the Cactus League...after 16 seasons in Winter Haven, Florida from 1993-2008, the Tribe became the 14th organization to make its Spring Training home in Arizona beginning in 2009, while the Cincinnati Reds made it an even 15-15 split of teams between the Cactus and Grapefruit circuits after joining the Indians here in Goodyear for the 2010 campaign.
» Cleveland is 146-141-24 (.509) all-time in the Cactus League.

TODAY'S MATCHUP VS. LOS ANGELES-NL

» The Indians will face the Dodgers for the second time this week as they host Los Angeles-NL in an evening tilt at Goodyear Ballpark.
» Tonight's matchup is the final of three scheduled Cactus League contests between the clubs...the Tribe took the first game of the series, scoring seven runs in the final two innings to beat the Dodgers 8-7 on March 1 at Camelback Ranch... on Monday (March 5), Los Angeles-NL returned the favor as they handed Cleveland an 8-1 defeat in Glendale.
» Since 2015, the Tribe has a 4-3-2 record against the Dodgers in Spring Training, and is 11-6-2 (.647) in 19 total spring games dating back to 2009, when the Indians returned to Arizona...the two clubs split last year's spring matchup 1-1.
» The Indians and Dodgers squared off for a three-game series at Progressive Field June 13-15 last year, with Los Angeles taking two of the three games...per the current Interleague series rotation, the next time the two clubs will face each other in the regular season is 2020.

TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS					
CLEVELAND INDIANS			LOS ANGELES DODGERS		
43	Josh Tomlin	RHP	57	Alex Wood	LHP
37	Cody Allen	RHP	49	Zach Neal	RHP
57	Carlos Torres	RHP	73	Yaisel Sierra	RHP
49	Tyler Olson	LHP	33	Mark Lowe	RHP
63	Preston Claiborne	RHP	75	Scott Alexander	LHP
78	Cameron Hill	RHP	41	Pat Venditte	SHP
			58	Edward Paredes	LHP

ATHLETIC TRAINER'S TABLE

» **RHP JULIAN MERRYWEATHER** (right elbow UCL sprain) is scheduled to undergo "Tommy John" surgery tomorrow to repair a sprained ligament in his right elbow...the operation will be performed by Dr. Keith Meister...he initially reported discomfort following a bullpen on February 16 and had not appeared in Cactus League game action this spring.
» **OF MICHAEL BRANTLEY** (Oct. 18 right ankle surgery) is unrestricted offensively, as he has been a full participant in BP and cage-work; continues to progress toward full baseball activity, and began working on defensive lateral movements on Friday...Brantley was sent home early today due to illness.
» **OF BRANDON GUYER** (Oct. 11 extensor tendon surgery) re-aggravated his left wrist injury; received an MRI on Feb. 22 and began his return to baseball activities Feb. 27...he hit off a tee on consecutive days Friday & Saturday; the next step in his progression will be front-toss hitting.
» **RHP DANNY SALAZAR** (right shoulder inflammation) remains a few weeks behind in his throwing program; he has progressed to throwing 90 feet and is expected to begin throwing off a mound soon...Salazar was sent home early today due to illness.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP

» Three homers were not enough to beat the Cubs in last night's tilt at Goodyear Ballpark, as the Indians fell 11-6 to the North Siders.
» **1B YONDER ALONSO** put the Tribe on the board with a solo homer in the bottom of the 2nd inning...marked Alonso's second longball of the spring and his first since homering on the first pitch he saw in Cleveland's spring opener on February 23 vs. Cincinnati...he is batting .375 (6-16) this spring, with five of his six hits going for extra bases (3 2B, 2 HR).
» **C YAN GOMES** tied the score at 5-5 in the bottom of the third inning with a grand slam, his first home run of the spring...marked the third grand slam by Tribe batters thus far in Cactus play, joining **INF RICHIE SHAFFER** (Feb. 27 vs. Oakland) and **INF TODD HANKINS** (Feb. 28 at Los Angeles-AL).
» **INF ROB REFSNYDER** was responsible for the final Indians run, hitting a solo shot in the bottom of the 7th inning for his second homer of the spring.
» Starter **RHP TREVOR BAUER** was touched for eight runs (seven earned) on eight hits over 3.1 innings in the longest outing by a Tribe pitcher this spring...Bauer walked three and struck out three, surrendering a pair of home runs.
» **RHP BEN TAYLOR** (0.2IP), **RHP ZACH McALLISTER** (1.0IP), **RHP MATT BELISLE** (1.0IP) and **LHP JEFF BELIVEAU** (1.0IP) each turned in scoreless relief outings...early-spring acquisitions Taylor and Belisle have each posted three scoreless appearances to begin their Cactus League campaigns.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The Press Room at the Goodyear Complex opens at 7:30AM on game days...The Indians clubhouse is open to members of the media with proper credentials for roughly 50 minutes prior to morning workouts and again from 11:15AM-Noon on game days...The clubhouse may close at certain times for team meetings, etc...For all games played at Goodyear Ballpark, a shuttle is available from the Indians Player Development Complex to Goodyear Ballpark beginning at NOON and will run for approximately 30 minutes after the final out...Goodyear Ballpark media dining room is located behind the press box and serves lunch for \$7 on game days...While the game is in progress, upon request, players that have been removed from the game can be made available near the Indians clubhouse located in the RF corner after exiting the game...Indians Manager Terry Francona will be available every morning around 9:10AM (subject to change) in the Press Room.

UPCOMING PROBABLES & BROADCAST INFORMATION

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers - Cleveland vs. Opponent	First Pitch	Radio/TV
Fri. March 9	at Colorado	RHP Corey Kluber (1-0, 3.60) vs. RHP Jon Gray (0-1, 5.40)	3:10PM ET	webcast
Sat. March 10	at San Diego	TBD vs. TBD	3:10PM ET	STOWTAM/IRN/webcast

21 DAYS LEFT UNTIL OPENING DAY
March 29, 2018 @ Seattle Mariners
Safeco Field

INDIANS RECENT SPRING RECORDS				2018 MLB.com CLEVELAND INDIANS TOP 10 PROSPECTS
Year	W-L-T	AVG	ERA	
2017	17-16-3	.301	5.63	
2016	18-12-4	.257	4.03	
2015	14-18-1	.270	4.54	
2014	20-9-2	.288	4.28	
2013	17-16-2	.282	5.14	
2012	7-22-3	.247	5.42	
2011	15-14-2	.274	5.19	
2010	19-9-3	.289	3.96	
2009	12-20-3	.279	6.00	
2008	15-14-0	.285	4.61	
2007	16-14-1	.260	3.67	
2006	20-12-1	.286	4.79	

1.	Francisco Mejía, C
2.	Triston McKenzie, RHP
3.	Bobby Bradley, 1B
4.	Yu Chang, SS
5.	Nolan Jones, 3B
6.	Quentin Holmes, OF
7.	Greg Allen, OF
8.	Will Benson, OF
9.	Willi Castro, SS
10.	Aaron Civale, RHP

ON THE MOUND: JOSH TOMLIN

» **RHP JOSH TOMLIN** takes the mound tonight against the Los Angeles Dodgers for his third Spring Training start...made his spring debut against the Brewers on February 26, striking out two batters over 2.0 innings (1H)...started again vs. the San Francisco Giants on March 3, taking the loss after allowing five runs (all earned) on six hits over 2.0IP (1HR, 1BB, 4K).
» Tomlin has faced the Dodgers only once before in Spring Training, a 2.0-inning relief appearance on March 14, 2015...struck out four batters and allowed one hit in the game...also has one career regular season start against Los Angeles-NL, which came on June 15, 2017 at Progressive Field...earned the win that day, tossing 5.0IP (7H, 4R/ER, 2BB, 7K, 2HR), as the Tribe took the finale of a four-game set.
» The 33-year-old Texan enjoyed another solid campaign in the Tribe rotation in 2017, leading MLB in fewest walks per 9.0IP (0.89) by walking 14 of 585 batters faced in 141.0IP...overall posted a 10-9 record with a 4.98 ERA (78ER/141.0IP) in 26 starts...after starting the season 4-9 with a 6.17 ERA through July 1, Tomlin did not drop another decision, finishing the year 6-0 with a 3.11 ERA in his final 10 starts of 2017...earned the victory in Game 2 of the 2017 ALDS, entering in the 12th inning working 2.0 perfect frames as the Tribe went on to win 9-8.
» He started three times during the Indians' 22-game win streak, going 2-0 with a 2.76 ERA (5ER/16.1IP)...also extended his club record streak of 129 consecutive starts allowing three-or-fewer walks...his streak is 3rd longest in MLB history...missed time on the D.L. from July 31-August 31 with a left hamstring strain.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS					
CLEVELAND INDIANS			COLORADO ROCKIES		
28	Corey Kluber	RHP	55	Jon Gray	RHP
24	Andrew Miller	LHP	59	Harrison Musgrave	LHP
44	Nick Goody	RHP	45	Scott Oberg	RHP
46	Matt Belisle	RHP	60	Zac Rosscup	LHP
40	Alexi Ogando	RHP	47	Jairo Díaz	RHP
88	Ben Taylor	RHP			
58	Neil Ramirez	RHP			

LEADING THE TRIBE

» **INF JASON KIPNIS** leads MLB with six homers so far in Spring Training...Kipnis's longball total is tied with Yan Gomes (2016) and Shelley Duncan (2012) for the most in a spring by a Tribe batter since the club returned to the Cactus League in 2009...according to Elias, the overall club record for Spring Training homers belongs to Albert Belle, who slugged 11 during 1991 when the Tribe trained in Tucson, AZ...in addition to his homers, Kipnis has 12 RBI for the spring, which ranks T2nd in MLB.
» With three strikeouts in yesterday's start, **RHP TREVOR BAUER** took over the team lead with 10 strikeouts this spring (T7th in the Cactus League)...**RHP CAMERON HILL** hasn't allowed a run in four appearances so far, and his 5.2 shutout frames lead the Tribe and rank T5th in the Cactus League (T9th in MLB).
» The Tribe offense leads MLB in several offensive categories, including runs (98), RBI (97), home runs (T1st, 26) and strikeouts (143), while ranking near the top in many others, including hits (146, 2nd), doubles (31, T5th), batting average (.288, 6th), OBP (.364, 7th), slugging (.523, 3rd) and OPS (.887, 3rd).
» The Tribe pitching staff leads the Cactus League with 130 strikeouts (2nd in MLB), while ranking 6th in the desert with a 5.05 ERA and allowing the 2nd-fewest walks (38).

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#43 - RHP JOSH TOMLIN: Had another solid campaign in the Tribe rotation, leading MLB in fewest walks per 9.0IP (0.89); walked 14 of 585 batters faced in 141.0IP...overall went 10-9 with a 4.98 ERA in 26 starts...started three times during the Indians' 22-game win streak, going 2-0 with a 2.76 ERA (5ER/16.1IP)...extended his club record streak of 129 consecutive starts allowing three-or-fewer walks; streak is 3rd longest in MLB history...was on disabled list from July 31-August 31 with a left hamstring strain.

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/26 MIL, 3/3 SF, and Cactus Totals.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#37 - RHP CODY ALLEN: In his fourth season as club closer, led the Indians with 30 saves (6th in American League) and 55 games finished (T2nd in A.L.)...marked his fourth career season with 24-or-more saves, the most such seasons in Tribe history...also posted a 2.94 ERA (22ER/67.1IP) and 92 strikeouts...recorded career-best 22-straight save conversions from 8/18/16-5/23/17...posted 1.69 ERA (1ER/5.1IP) in four Postseason games, with one save...leads Indians all-time list with 7 Postseason saves...ranks first on the all-time leaderboard with 386 career relief games and 484 strikeouts as a reliever; also fourth in saves (122) and 7th in games pitched (386).

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 3/2 TEX, 3/5 LAD, and Cactus Totals.

#57 - RHP CARLOS TORRES: Signed by the Indians to a Minor League contract on February 22...made 67 relief appearances for Milwaukee in 2017, his second season with the Brewers, earning a 4-4 record with a 4.21 ERA (34ER/72.2IP)...worked at least 1.0 innings in 52 of his 67 outings, including a season-high 3.0 hitless innings on August 18 at Colorado...Torres is a veteran of eight Major League seasons, spanning 348 games (16 starts) with Chicago-AL, Colorado, New York-NL & Milwaukee.

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/28 SEA, 3/2 TEX, 3/6 CIN, and Cactus Totals.

#49 - LHP TYLER OLSON: Did not allow a run in 30G with Cleveland in 2017, spanning 20.0 innings...tied Paul Assenmacher for longest scoreless appearance streak in Indians history; also longest such streak in MLB last season...set MLB records for innings pitched and appearances in a completely scoreless season...began the year in Triple-A and had two stints with the Tribe, July 21-24 and July 31-end of season...was 2-0 with two saves and a 3.21 ERA in 34 relief appearances with Columbus.

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/24 ARI, 2/26 MIL, 3/1 LAD, 3/4 MIL, and Cactus Totals.

#63 - RHP PRESTON CLAIBORNE: Spent the year in Texas organization and went 3-1 with a 1.89 ERA and 16 saves in 38.0 innings in Triple-A...called up to MLB on June 22; made one appearance on June 26 at Cleveland (2.0IP, 5H, 3R/ER, 2SO); returned to Triple-A on July 4...had 15G scoreless streak from May 17-July 17 (16.1IP)...placed on Triple-A D.L. on Aug. 12 (right elbow strain), missed rest of the season.

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/23 CIN, 2/25 CIN, 2/28 LAA, 3/4 MIL, and Cactus Totals.

#78 - RHP CAMERON HILL: Has allowed just two hits over 5.2 scoreless innings this spring, and he ranks T5th in innings pitched among Cactus Leaguers with a 0.00 ERA...named an Eastern League Midseason All-Star after posting a 2.66 ERA (14ER/47.1IP) in 25 first-half appearances with Double-A Akron...finished E.L. season T7th in saves (13) and T10th in games pitched (41)...promoted to Triple-A Columbus on August 31 and made two scoreless appearances for Clippers (2.0IP, 2H, 1BB)...final 11 appearances of the season were scoreless (9.2IP, 9SO).

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/24 ARI, 2/27 OAK, 3/3 SF, 3/6 CIN, and Cactus Totals.

2018 CLEVELAND INDIANS SPRING EXHIBITION SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opponent, Site, Time, Win/Loss/Save, T.O.G., Attend., W-L-T. Lists spring exhibition games from February to March 27.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 10 columns: Player, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, RF, DH. Lists player starts by position.

2018 TRANSACTIONS

- January 4 Signed free agent LHP ROBERT ZARATE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp; invited the following internal players to Major League camp: 1B BOBBY BRADLEY, RHP LOUIS HEAD, RHP CAMERON HILL, RHP JOSH MARTIN, 1B NELLIE RODRIGUEZ, OF RICHIE SHAFFER & RHP COLE SULSER.
January 20 Signed free agents RHP ROBERT CRUZ & RHP SAMUEL VASQUEZ to Minor League contracts.
January 22 Signed free agents LHP ADAM WILK & C JACK MURPHY to Minor League contracts with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp; signed free agents RHP JUAN ZAPATA & RHP LOGAN FRANCO to Minor League contracts.
January 26 Signed free agent RHP PRESTON CLAIBORNE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
January 29 Signed free agent RHP DANIEL FIGUEROA to a Minor League contract.
February 8 Signed free agent RHP STEPHEN FIFE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 15 Signed free agent C RYAN HANIGAN to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 16 Released RHP LISALVERTO BONILLA to pursue an opportunity in the Korean Baseball Organization.
February 17 Signed free agent OF RAJAI DAVIS to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 22 Signed free agent RHP CARLOS TORRES to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 25 Signed free agent RHP MATT BELISLE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp; claimed RHP BEN TAYLOR off waivers from the Boston Red Sox; placed RHP CODY ANDERSON on the 60-day Disabled List.
February 28 Signed free agent INF MIKE NAPOLI to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.

CATCHERS' CAUGHT-STEALING %'s

Table with 4 columns: Player, CS, SBA, CS%. Lists catcher caught-stealing percentages.

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