



CLEVELAND INDIANS

2018 SPRING TRAINING GAME INFORMATION

CLEVELAND INDIANS (8-6-1) at COLORADO ROCKIES (6-7-1)

RHP Corey Kluber (1-0, 3.60) vs. RHP Jon Gray (0-1, 5.40)

Spring Game #16/Road #9 » Friday, March 9, 2018 » Salt River Fields at Talking Stick » 3:10 p.m. (ET) » 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 147-141-24 (.510) all-time in the Cactus League.

TODAY'S MATCHUP AT COLORADO

» The Indians will face the Colorado Rockies this afternoon at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick in Scottsdale for the lone contest between the two clubs on this year's Cactus League slate.

» Cleveland has a 7-10 (.412) record in 17 total spring games against Colorado, dating back to 2009...the Rockies claimed last year's matchup 2-1, and have won three of the last four games between the clubs.

» The Tribe faced the Rockies in Interleague play during the 2017 regular season in a pair of two-game series at Progressive Field and Coors Field...the Indians lost the season series 1-3, with **RHP COREY KLUBER** tossing a complete game in the lone victory...overall, the Tribe has a 12-13 (.480) record in 25 games against Colorado, dating back to 2002.

TODAY'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			

ATHLETIC TRAINER'S TABLE

» **RHP JULIAN MERRYWEATHER** (right elbow UCL sprain) is scheduled to undergo "Tommy John" surgery today 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...was sent home early yesterday due to illness & is back today.

» **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 yesterday due to illness, and is back in camp today.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP

» The Indians snapped a three-game skid with a 4-1 victory over the Dodgers at Goodyear Ballpark last night...the Tribe concluded its three-game Cactus League slate against Los Angeles-NL with a 2-1 record.

» After being held scoreless for the first five frames, **SS FRANCISCO LINDOR** tied the game at 1-1 with a solo homer in the bottom of the sixth inning...marked Lindor's second longball of the spring, both of which have come from the right side of the plate.

» **C FRANCISCO MEJÍA** drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI groundout in the bottom of the 7th inning, before **INF NELLIE RODRÍGUEZ** added insurance with a two-run single in the bottom of the 8th...**OF RAJAI DAVIS** was responsible for three of the Indians' seven hits on the evening, going 3-for-3 with a double.

» **RHP JOSH TOMLIN** started for the Tribe and allowed just one run on three hits over 3.1 innings, walking two and striking out four batters...the Indians bullpen allowed just one hit collectively over 5.2 innings of work, led by **RHP CARLOS TORRES**, who earned the win with two strikeouts over 2.0 shutout frames...**RHP CODY ALLEN**, **LHP TYLER OLSON** and **RHP EVAN MARSHALL** each worked 1.0 scoreless inning, with Marshall picking up his first save of the spring.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

» The Indians currently have a total of 59 players in Major League camp; this includes 21 non-roster invitees in addition to players on the 40-man roster.

» The club has 29 pitchers, including 23 right-handers (10 non-roster) and 6 lefties (2 non-roster), 6 catchers (2 non-roster), 14 infielders (2 non-roster) and 10 outfielders (3 non-roster).

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
Sat. March 10	at San Diego	RHP Mike Clevinger (0-0, 1.50) vs. RHP Eric Lauer (1-0, 4.91)	3:10PM ET	STO/WTAM/IRN/webcast
Sun. March 11	SS vs. Milwaukee	RHP Carlos Carrasco (0-0, 6.00) vs. LHP Wade Miley (0-0, 0.00)	4:05PM ET	STO/WTAM/IRN/webcast
	SS at Kansas City	LHP Ryan Merritt (0-1, 3.86) vs. RHP Nate Karns (0-0, 0.00)	4:05PM ET	webcast

20 DAYS LEFT UNTIL OPENING DAY

March 29, 2018 @ Seattle Mariners
Safeco Field

INDIANS RECENT SPRING RECORDS

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

2018 MLB.com CLEVELAND INDIANS TOP 10 PROSPECTS

- Francisco Mejía, C
- Triston McKenzie, RHP
- Bobby Bradley, 1B
- Yu Chang, SS
- Nolan Jones, 3B
- Quentin Holmes, OF
- Greg Allen, OF
- Will Benson, OF
- Willi Castro, SS
- Aaron Civale, RHP

ON THE MOUND: COREY KLUBER

» Reigning American League Cy Young winner **RHP COREY KLUBER** is scheduled to make his third spring start today against Colorado...held OAK to one run over 2.0IP on February 27 (3K, 1BB)...earned the win in his next start against Milwaukee (3.0IP, 4H, 1R/ER, 5K).

» Kluber has two spring starts against Colorado, March 22, 2014 and March 23, 2017...owns an overall record of 1-1 and a 5.54 ERA (13.0IP, 16H, 10R, 8ER, 2HR, 1BB, 9K)...also has two career regular-season starts against the Rox...led the Tribe to a 5-2 win on May 30, 2014, striking out 12 batters over 7.1IP (5H, 2R/ER, 1BB, 1HR)...tossed a complete game against Colorado on August 8, 2017 (3H, 1R/ER), striking out 11 batters; marked the 5th game in his club-record streak of five consecutive starts with 10-or-more strikeouts.

» Kluber's 2017 season was one of the most dominant campaigns in club history, as he led MLB in ERA, won three American League Pitcher of the Month honors and was named to his second All-Star Game en route to his second career Cy Young Award...overall, Kluber went 18-4 with a 2.25 ERA and 265 strikeouts, sharing the A.L. lead in wins, complete games (5) and shutouts (3).

» Spent May on the Disabled List with lower back soreness, and went 15-2 with a 1.62 ERA in his final 23 starts of the season...recorded his 1,000th career strikeout on June 14, which began his streak of five consecutive starts with 10-or-more strikeouts...also had eight-or-more strikeouts in 14 consecutive starts (June 1-August 13), the third-longest such streak in MLB history...became the third pitcher in franchise history (Bob Feller, Sam McDowell) to record 200 strikeouts in four consecutive seasons, and currently sits 7th on the all-time Indians leaderboard (1,201)...Kluber made two starts for Cleveland in the 2017 ALDS vs. New York-AL, going 0-1 with a 12.79 ERA (9ER/6.1IP).

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS					
CLEVELAND INDIANS			SAN DIEGO PADRES		
52	Mike Clevinger	RHP	80	Eric Lauer	RHP
34	Zach McAllister	RHP	56	Carter Capps	RHP
61	Dan Otero	RHP	90	Adam Cimber	RHP
65	Adam Wilk	LHP	65	José Castillo	LHP
38	Jeff Beliveau	LHP	91	Eric Yardley	RHP
80	Josh Martin	RHP	57	Brad Wieck	LHP
78	Cameron Hill	RHP	88	Phil Maton	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...Kipnis also has 12 RBI, which ranks T2nd in MLB.

» Five other Tribe hitters have hit two home runs each: **1B YONDER ALONSO**, **SS FRANCISCO LINDOR**, **INF/OF ROB REFSNYDER**, **INF RICHIE SHAFFER** and **INF ERIC STAMETS**.

» With four strikeouts last night, **RHP JOSH TOMLIN** tied **RHP TREVOR BAUER** for the team lead with 10 strikeouts this spring (T7th in the Cactus League)...the Tribe pitching staff leads the Cactus League with 141 strikeouts (2nd in MLB), while ranking 6th in the desert with a 4.77 ERA and tying for the 2nd-fewest walks allowed (42).

» The Tribe offense leads MLB in several offensive categories, including runs (102), hits (153, T1st), RBI (101), home runs (T1st, 27) and strikeouts (153).

