

CLEVELAND INDIANS

2018 SPRING TRAINING GAME INFORMATION

CLEVELAND INDIANS (7-4-1) at CINCINNATI REDS (3-8-1)

RHP Carlos Carrasco (0-0, 9.00) vs. LHP Brandon Finnegan (0-0, ---)

Spring Game #13/Road #8 » Tuesday, March 6, 2018 » Goodyear Ballpark » 3:05 p.m. (ET) » STO/WTAM/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 146-139-24 (.512) all-time in the Cactus League.

TODAY'S MATCHUP AT CINCINNATI

» The Indians will serve as the road team in today's third of five Goodyear Complex showdowns in 2018 Cactus League play...Cincinnati won the spring opener on February 23 by a 6-4 final score, while the clubs fought to a 2-2 tie in their second matchup on Feb. 25...the remaining two matchups on the 2018 slate will feature the Tribe as the home team (March 15 & 25).

» Cleveland is 19-19-5 (.500) against the Reds all-time in Cactus League play...beginning with the inaugural 2010 campaign, the Indians six of their first eight meetings (6-1-1) in Arizona, but are 13-18-4 (.419) over the last 34 matchups.

» The Indians and Reds split the 2017 "Battle of Ohio", with each club going 1-1 at home over their four matchups; this year's Ohio Cup will feature a six-game season series, with each team hosting a three-game set...Progressive Field will host the first three games from July 9-11, followed by a series at Great American Ball Park from August 13-15...The Indians hold a 56-47 (.544) record all-time against Cincinnati in regular season play.

TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS					
CLEVELAND INDIANS			CINCINNATI REDS		
59	Carlos Carrasco	RHP	29	Brandon Finnegan	LHP
74	Shawn Morimando	LHP	26	Raisel Iglesias	RHP
57	Carlos Torres	RHP	31	Oliver Pérez	LHP
76	Adam Plutko	RHP	49	Zack Weiss	RHP
58	Neil Ramirez	RHP	73	Jesus Reyes	RHP
40	Alexi Ogando	RHP	41	Kevin Shackelford	RHP
78	Cameron Hill	RHP			

ATHLETIC TRAINER'S TABLE

» **RHP JULIAN MERRYWEATHER** (right elbow UCL sprain) is receiving a second opinion from Dr. Keith Meister after reporting discomfort following a bullpen on February 16...he has 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.

» **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 last Tuesday...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.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP

» The Indians were held to just four hits at Camelback Ranch as they fell 4-1 to the Dodgers in yesterday's contest.

» **1B YONDER ALONSO** gave the Tribe an early 1-0 lead with an RBI double in the top of the 1st inning...Alonso added another double in the 7th inning and was 2-for-3 on the afternoon...four of his five hits this spring have gone for extra bases (3 2B, 1 HR), and he is batting .357 (5-14) overall in six Cactus League tilts.

» **2B DREW MAGGI** entered as a substitute and doubled in his lone at-bat...the only other Indians hit was a 9th inning single by **INF RICHIE SHAFFER**.

» **RHP MIKE CLEVINGER** was dominant in his third start of the spring, working 3.0 hitless innings with one walk and a club spring-high six strikeouts...Clevinger has allowed just one run on two hits over 6.0 spring innings (1.50 ERA) thus far.

» **LHP ANDREW MILLER** worked a scoreless inning (1BB, 2K) in his second appearance of the spring, while **LHP RYAN MERRITT** was saddled with the loss after allowing four runs (two earned) in 2.0 innings of work (0BB, 2K, 1HR).

CONGRATS, TITO!

» The Southern League (Double-A) announced Monday that Indians manager **TERRY FRANCONA** has been inducted into the league's Hall of Fame for his achievements as both a player and manager.

» While with the Memphis Chicks (Montreal) in 1980 & 1981, Tito batted .350 (119-371) in 101 games at the Double-A level with 21 doubles and 41 RBI.

» Francona also managed for three seasons in the Southern League, guiding the Birmingham Barons (Chicago-AL) to a 223-202 (.525) record between 1993-1995, including an S.L. title in 1993...he notably managed NBA legend Michael Jordan during his 1994 campaign with the Barons.

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
Wed. March 7	vs. Chicago-NL	RHP Trevor Bauer (0-0, 1.80) vs. LHP José Quintana (0-0, 9.00)	8:05PM ET	webcast
Thur. March 8	vs. Los Angeles-NL	RHP Josh Tomlin (0-1, 11.25) vs. TBD	8:05PM ET	WMMS/IRN/webcast

23 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: CARLOS CARRASCO

» Right-hander **CARLOS CARRASCO** takes the hill today against the Cincinnati Reds for his first 2018 Cactus League start...he made his spring debut in relief on March 2 against Texas, tossing 1.0 inning (2H, 1R/ER, 1BB, 2K).

» The 30-year-old has never lost to Cincinnati, in spring play or the regular season...against the Reds in Spring Training, Carrasco is 4-0 with a 4.01 ERA in six games (4GS, 24.2IP, 29H, 11R/ER, 3HR, 4BB, 21K)...he has faced them five times (four starts) in the regular season, owning a 2-0 record and 4.45 ERA (14ER/28.1IP).

» Carrasco dominated in his 2017 campaign in the Tribe rotation, becoming the 8th pitcher in Tribe history to record multiple 200+ strikeout seasons...he set career bests in wins (18), starts (32), innings pitched (200.0) and strikeouts (226)...overall posted an 18-6 record with a 3.29 ERA; reached 200.0 innings pitched for first time in his career and 200 strikeouts for the second time (also 2015)...he tied for first in the American League in wins (with teammate **RHP COREY KLUBER** and KC's Jason Vargas), and also ranked 5th in strikeouts and 6th in ERA...struck out six-or-more batters in 25 of his 32 starts, which ranked T3rd in the A.L. and T4th in MLB.

» Carrasco ended the season on a career-best six-game winning streak (August 27-end), polishing off the year with a 6-0 with a 1.27 ERA over his last seven starts (49.2IP, 42H, 7ER, 6BB, 59SO)...finished 4th in the A.L. Cy Young race.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS					
CLEVELAND INDIANS			CHICAGO CUBS		
47	Trevor Bauer	RHP	62	José Quintana	LHP
44	Nick Goody	RHP			
61	Dan Otero	RHP			
46	Matt Belisle	RHP			
34	Zach McAllister	RHP			
38	Jeff Beliveau	LHP			
88	Ben Taylor	RHP			

LEADING THE TRIBE

» **INF JASON KIPNIS** remains T1st in MLB with five spring homers (tied with SF's Kyle Jensen)...his five longballs are already more than any Tribe batter collected in 2017, and he sits one dinger away from **C YAN GOMES'** club Cactus League record of six in 2016 (tied with Shelley Duncan, 2012)...his team-leading 10 RBI are also T4th in both MLB and the Cactus League.

» **OF GREG ALLEN** and **INF GIOVANNY URSHELA** share the team lead in hits (8) with Kipnis...**INF RICHIE SHAFFER** ranks 2nd on the team with nine RBI (T6th in the Cactus League)...**C ROBERTO PÉREZ** and **1B YONDER ALONSO** are T2nd on the club with four extra-base hits (both players trail Kipnis).

» **RHP COREY KLUBER** leads the Indians with eight punchouts this spring (T4th in Cactus League)...**RHP TREVOR BAUER** is second on the club with seven strikeouts and ranks T11th in the Cactus League...**RHP CAMERON HILL** has thrown a team-high 5.0 scoreless innings this spring, which is T3rd with several others in the Cactus League.

» The Tribe as a team lead MLB in RBI (85)...the club also ranks near the top of the offensive leaderboard in runs (2nd, 86), hits (2nd, 131), batting average (3rd, .301), triples (T3rd, 5), home runs (4th, 21), on-base percentage (2nd, .373), slugging percentage (3rd, .536) and OPS (2nd, .909)...the Tribe pitching staff's 111 strikeouts are 2nd in the Cactus League, and its 4.42 ERA ranks 3rd.

