



# GAME INFORMATION

ATLANTA BRAVES MEDIA RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

## ATLANTA BRAVES (6-6-1) vs. HOUSTON ASTROS (9-5-1)

LH Scott Kazmir (0-0, 0.00) vs. RH Francis Martes (0-1, 4.50)

Exhibition Game No. 14 • Exhibition Home Game No. 8

March 8, 2018 • Champion Stadium • Lake Buena Vista, Fla. • WIFN (1340 AM/103.7 FM)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Braves and Astros play the second of three meetings between the clubs this spring...Houston won the first matchup 6-1 on Saturday, February 24, at Palm Beach, and will host Atlanta again on Sunday, March 18, for the final meeting between the two teams.

**TRADE WINDS:** Atlanta acquired INF Ryan Schimpf from the Tampa Bay Rays in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations on March 5...Schimpf will wear uniform No. 12 with Atlanta...In a corresponding move, RHP Josh Ravin cleared waivers and was outrighted to Triple-A Gwinnett.

*A* Schimpf has played parts of the last two seasons with San Diego, and has clubbed 34 home runs with 76 RBI in just 142 total games.... He hit 20 homers in 89 games in 2016 and had 14 in 53 games last season.

*A* In his minor league career, Schimpf has hit 147 home runs in 802 games, including at least 20 home runs per season in the minor leagues from 2012-15...Hit a total of 35 homers in 2016 (15 at Triple-A, 20 with SD) and hit 33 last season (19 AAA/14 SD).

**CAMP BREAKDOWN:** With the addition of INF Ryan Schimpf Atlanta now has 58 active players in camp, after opening with 62.

*A* Of the 58 active players in camp, 31 are pitchers (13 left-handers and 18 right-handers), seven are catchers, 11 are infielders and nine are outfielders...There are 20 non-roster invitees (seven pitchers, four catchers, four infielders and five outfielders)...The club had 59 players in camp last season.

*A* In all, nine of Atlanta's Top 10 prospects as named by Baseball America opened the spring in camp, including each of the top four...OF Ronald Acuña Jr. (No. 1) was joined by LHP Luiz Gohara (No. 2), RHP Mike Soroka (No. 3), RHP Kyle Wright (No. 4), INF Austin Riley (No. 6), LHP Kolby Allard (No. 7), LHP Max Fried (No. 8), OF Cristian Pache (No. 9) and C Alex Jackson (No. 10).

**SPRING RANKS:** Braves OF Ronald Acuña Jr. leads the Grapefruit League in average (.423) and hits (11, tied with OF Danny Santana), and ranks second in OBP (.500) and eighth in slugging (.538)...INF Ozzie Albies is tied for third in average (.360) and ranks fourth in stolen bases (3, tied), while INF Christian Colón is tied for fourth with nine RBI.

**STRONG STARTS:** Atlanta starting pitchers have worked to a 1.17 ERA (4 ER/30.2 IP) and a 4-1 record over 13 starts this spring...RHP Mike Foltyniewicz tossed 3.0 scoreless innings on 3/4 vs. STL and joins RHPs Julio Teheran and Matt Wisler as Atlanta starters with 5.0 scoreless innings of work this spring.

*A* The Braves used 11 starting pitchers last season, one year after tying the franchise record with 16 different starters...Overall, the starters went 46-72 (.390), the fourth-worst record in the majors...They tossed 914.1 innings, the eighth most in baseball, while their 4.80 ERA (488 ER) was the ninth-highest mark in the majors.

**AUSTIN RILEY:** INF Austin Riley went 2-for-3 and stroked his second home run of the spring on 3/6 at TOR...His two homers are the most be a Braves player in major league camp (minor leaguer Carlos Franco also has two), and are tied for 10th most in the Grapefruit League.

*A* Riley ended the 2017 season ranked in the Top 10 among Atlanta farmhands in hits (2nd, 133), home runs (3rd, 20), RBI (3rd, 74), walks (T9th, 43), slugging percentage (T7th, 446) and OPS (8th, 786)...Over the last two seasons, he leads Atlanta prospects in RBI (154) and homers (40).

**TOMORROW'S STARTER:** RHP Julio Teheran is slated to start Atlanta's first night game of the spring, tomorrow vs. New York-AL... Teheran is 2-0 and has tossed 5.0 scoreless innings over a pair of starts this spring.

## Recent Braves Transactions

**March 5:** Acquired INF Ryan Schimpf from the Tampa Bay Rays in exchange for cash considerations or a player to be named later...Outrighted RHP Josh Ravin to Triple-A Gwinnett.

**March 4:** Optioned RHP Jason Hursh to Triple-A Gwinnett...Optioned RHP Akeel Morris to Triple-A Gwinnett...Reassigned RHP Kyle Wright to minor league camp.

**March 3:** Reassigned RHP Mauricio Cabrera to minor league camp.

**March 1:** Reassigned C William Contreras to minor league camp.

**February 20:** Outrighted RHP Mauricio Cabrera to Triple-A Gwinnett.

## Spring Training Results and Schedule

Date/Opp.	Time/ Result	Probable Pitchers/ Winner-Loser-Save	Record	Attendance	Braves HRs	Highlights
2/23 at New York (NL)	L, 6-2	Bashlor-Socolovich-None	0-1	5,816	None	Wisler (2.0 IP, 0 R) starts strong, but Mets score six in eighth to top Braves
2/24 at Houston	L, 6-1	McHugh-Newcomb-None	0-2	4,057	None	Culberson triples in spring debut, Albies logs leadoff single in second straight game
2/25 at Washington	L, 9-3	Scherzer-Sims-None	0-3	3,675	Swanson (1)	Swanson and Franco hit solo home runs, but Braves drop third straight
2/26 vs. Washington	W, 2-1	Teheran-Fedde-Brothers	1-3	3,772	None	Braves earn first win behind two hits each from Albies and Suzuki
2/27 vs. Pittsburgh	T, 3-3	---	1-3-1	3,220	Camargo (1)	Foltyniewicz throws 2.0 scoreless in spring debut, Camargo homers in Braves tie
2/28 vs. New York (NL)	L, 6-4	Conlon-Ravin-None	1-4-1	4,384	None	McCarthy goes 3.0 innings and Acuña Jr. has two hits as Braves fall in 9th
3/1 vs. Washington (SS)	L, 6-2	Romero-Wright-None	1-5-1	3,286	None	Wisler tosses 3.0 scoreless, but Nationals rally for win
at Detroit (SS)	W, 5-2	Jackson-Moreno-Morris	2-5-1	4,576	Riley (1)	Acuña Jr. gets second straight multi-hit game, Riley homers in Braves win
3/2 at New York (AL)	L, 5-4	Feyereisen-Pfeifer-None	2-6-1	9,514	Acuña Jr. (1)	Acuña Jr. logs three hits, including home, but Yankees walk off in 9th
3/3 vs. St. Louis	W, 9-2	Teheran-Mikolas-None	3-6-1	7,246	Colón (1), Brantly (1)	Colón drives in five, Teheran goes 3.0 scoreless to earn second win
3/4 vs. Miami	W, 5-2	Blair-Conley-Jackson	4-6-1	5,414	None	Freeman and Albies tally two hits apiece as Braves win consecutive games
3/5 vs. Pittsburgh	W, 7-5	McCarthy-Kuhl-Socolovich	5-6-1	4,224	Santana (1)	Santana logs four hits, including homer, and McCarthy earns first win
3/6 at Toronto	W, 5-1	Newcomb-Biagini-None	6-6-1	4,369	Riley (2), Ruiz (1)	Braves win fourth straight behind Newcomb start, three home runs
3/7 OFF DAY						
3/8 vs. Houston	1:05	LH Scott Kazmir vs. RH Francis Martes				
3/9 vs. New York (AL)	6:05	RH Julio Teheran vs. RH Sonny Gray				
3/10 at Pittsburgh	1:05	RH Mike Foltyniewicz vs. TBD				
3/11 at Detroit	1:05	RH Brandon McCarthy vs. TBD				
3/12 vs. Philadelphia	6:05					
3/13 vs. Toronto	1:05					
3/14 vs. Philadelphia	1:05					
3/15 vs. Detroit	1:05					
3/16 at Pittsburgh	1:05					
3/17 vs. St. Louis (SS)	1:05					
at Philadelphia (SS)	1:05					
3/18 at Houston	1:05					
3/19 vs. Toronto	1:05					
3/20 OFF DAY						
3/21 vs. Detroit	6:05					
3/22 at St. Louis	1:05					
3/23 vs. Detroit	1:05					
3/24 vs. New York (AL)	1:05					
3/25 at Detroit	1:05					
3/26 vs. New York (AL)	7:35					
3/27 vs. Braves Future Stars	7:35					

