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## Detroit Tigers (6-8-2) at Toronto Blue Jays (7-8)

Saturday, March 10, 2018 • Florida Auto Exchange Stadium, Dunedin, FL • 1:07 p.m. ET RHP Mike Fiers (1-1, 4.15) vs. LHP Jaime Garcia (0-0, 18.00)

TV: MLB.TV • Radio: 97.1 The Ticket

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1	José Iglesias	INF				
8	Mikie Mahtook	OF				
9	Nicholas Castellanos	OF				
12	Leonys Martin	OF				
13	Mike Gerber	OF				
14	Alexi Amarista	INF				
17	Grayson Greiner	С				
19	Jarrod Saltalamacchia	С				
21	JaCoby Jones	OF				
22	Victor Reyes	OF				
24	Miguel Cabrera	INF				
27	Jordan Zimmermann	RHP				
28	Brayan Peña	С				
30	Alex Wilson	RHP				
31	Ryan Carpenter	LHP				
32	, Michael Fulmer	RHP				
33	Derek Norris	С				
34	James McCann	C				
36	Blaine Hardy	LHP				
37	Jim Adduci	OF				
38	Francisco Liriano	LHP				
40	Sergio Alcántara	INF				
41	Victor Martinez	DH				
44	Daniel Norris	LHP				
45	Buck Farmer	RHP				
46	Jeimer Candelario	INF				
48	Matthew Boyd	LHP				
49	Dixon Machado	INF				
50	Mike Fiers	RHP				
51	Johnny Barbato	RHP				
53	Warwick Saupold	RHP				
54	Drew VerHagen	RHP				
55	John Hicks	С				
61	Shane Greene	RHP				
62	Sandy Baez	RHP				
64	Chad Bell	LHP				
66	Eduardo Jimenez	RHP				
67	Enrique Burgos	RHP				
68	Daniel Stumpf	LHP				
70	Harold Castro	INF				
71	Kevin Comer	RHP				
72	Dominic Ficociello	INF				
73	Jason Krizan	OF				
74	Edwin Espinal	INF				
76	Niko Goodrum	INF				
77	Joe Jiménez	RHP				
78	Chad Huffman	OF				
79	Mark Montgomery	RHP				
80	Ronny Rodriguez	INF				
81	Pete Kozma	INF				
82	Kody Eaves	INF				
83	Arvicent Perez	С				
84	Jake Rogers	С				

**RECENT RESULTS:** The Tigers and the Mets played to a 4-4 tie on Friday afternoon at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium. Detroit scored all four of its runs in the fifth inning as JaCoby Jones and Dixon Machado hit back-to-back home runs. Jones belted a three-run shot, while Machado hit a solo home run. Leonys Martin added a pair of hits in the tie. Michael Fulmer started for the Tigers and allowed one run on three hits with five strikeouts in 3.0 innings. Alex Wilson also pitched 3.0 innings in relief, giving up two runs on one hit with one walk and two strikeouts. Mark Montgomery and Warwick Saupold each pitched a scoreless inning of relief. The Tigers continue their Grapefruit League schedule today as they travel to Dunedin to face the Toronto Blue Jays.

TIGERS AGREE TO TERMS WITH JARROD SALTALAMACCHIA ON MINOR LEAGUE DEAL: The Tigers yesterday announced that they have agreed to terms with catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia on a Minor League deal, which includes an invitation to Major League Spring Training. Saltalamacchia, 32, appeared in 43 games between Triple A Buffalo and Toronto last season. In 33 games with Buffalo, Saltalamacchia hit .162 (18x111) with eight runs scored, six doubles, one home run and five RBI, while he batted .040 (1x25) with a run scored in 10 games with the Blue Jays. An 11-year veteran at the Major League level, Saltalamacchia has played with Atlanta (2007), Texas (2007-10), Boston (2010-13), Miami (2014-15), Arizona (2015), Detroit (2016) and Toronto (2017). In 890 games in the Majors, Saltalamacchia has hit .233 (662x2845) with 377 runs scored, 161 doubles, six triples, 110 home runs and 381 RBI. He has also played in 515 games at the Minor League level, batting .263 (472x1797) with 247 runs scored, 115 doubles, nine triples, 63 home runs and 263 RBI.

**TIGERS TIDBITS**: The Tigers rank third in the Grapefruit League with a .265 team batting average, while they rank fourth in the Grapefruit League with 19 home runs and a .338 on-base percentage...Detroit's pitching staff ranks second in the Grapefruit League with 145 strikeouts...JaCoby Jones has hit safely in six of his last eight games, hitting .467 (7x15) with three runs scored, two doubles, one home run and six RBI during the stretch.

IN THE PIPELINE: Six of the Tigers Top 30 prospects, according to MLB Pipeline, are currently in Major League camp. The top prospects currently in big league camp include: catcher Jake Rogers (#5, acquired in Justin Verlander trade with Houston), outfielder Mike Gerber (#11, selected in 15th round of 2014 MLB Draft), outfielder Victor Reyes (#17, selected in 2017 Rule 5 Draft from Arizona), righthanded pitcher Sandy Baez (#20, signed as a non-drafted free agent in 2011), infielder Sergio Alcántara (#25, acquired in J.D. Martinez trade with Arizona) and infielder Kody Eaves (#30, acquired in Jefry Marte trade with Los Angeles (AL)).

**SIX MINOR LEAGUERS JOIN TIGERS FOR TODAY'S GAME**: Righthanded pitchers Phillippe Aumont (#86), Louis Coleman (#87), Adam Ravenelle (#89) and Paul Voelker (#85) and infielders Daniel Pinero (#81) and A.J. Simcox (#98) will join the Tigers for today's game.

**2018 TIGERS TICKETS**: Fans looking to secure tickets to the best games this upcoming season can do so now by purchasing customizable ticket packages, including the six and 20-game flex plans. Flex plans start as low as \$110 and fans can choose the games and seats they want. Plans that include an Opening Day ticket start as low as \$15 per game. For complete 2018 season ticket information, visit tigers.com/seasons or call (313) 471-BALL (2255).

Individual game tickets for the 2018 season are currently on sale. Tickets start as low as \$12. Secure tickets to a summer of historic celebrations that will showcase the great tradition of Detroit Tigers baseball. Individual game tickets can be purchased at the Comerica Park Box Office on Witherell Street, online at tigers.com, or by calling 866-66-TIGER (84437).

#### **TODAY'S TIGERS PITCHERS**

#### #50 RHP Mike Fiers – (1-1, 4.15)

**2018 Spring:** Fiers will make his third start of Spring Training today at Toronto...Took the loss on Monday at New York (NL), allowing two runs on two hits with one walk and two strikeouts in 2.1 innings.

**2017 Season:** Appeared in 29 games, including 28 as a starter, for the Houston Astros, posting a 8-10 record with a 5.22 ERA (153.1IP/89ER) and 146 strikeouts...Finished the season with 153.1 innings pitched, marking the third consecutive season he has thrown 150.0-or-more innings...Struck out a season-high 11 batters on July 16 vs. Minnesota, marking his first double-digit strikeout performance since May 2, 2015 vs. Chicago (NL).

### #45 RHP Buck Farmer – (0-0, 0.00)

**2018 Spring:** Farmer will make his fourth Grapefruit League appearance today at Toronto...Threw a scoreless inning with one strikeout on Monday at New York (NL).

**2017 Season:** Compiled a 5-5 record with a 6.75 ERA (48.0IP/36ER) and 49 strikeouts over 11 starts with the Tigers...Picked up his first Major League win in his 2017 Tigers debut in the second game of the doubleheader on 5/27 at CWS, throwing 6.1 shutout innings with three hits allowed, two walks and a career-high 11 strikeouts.

## #54 RHP Drew VerHagen – (0-0, 4.15)

**2018 Spring:** VerHagen will make his fourth Grapefruit League appearance today at Toronto...Last pitched on Sunday at Washington, tossing 1.1 innings and allowing three runs, two earned, on three hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

**2017 Season:** Split the season between Detroit and Triple A Toledo, appearing in a career-high 24 games with the Tigers, posting a 0-3 record with a 5.77 ERA (34.1IP/22ER) and 25 strikeouts...Named International League Pitcher of the Week for the week ending June 4 after making two starts during the week, going 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA (14.1IP/0ER) and 13 strikeouts.

#### #66 RHP Eduardo Jimenez - (0-0, 0.00)

**2018 Spring:** Jimenez is slated to make his fifth Spring Training outing today at Toronto...struck out two and allowed one hit in a scoreless inning on Tuesday vs. New York (AL).

**2017 Season:** Combined to pitch in 34 games between Single A West Michigan and Single A Lakeland, carrying a 2.13 ERA (50.2IP/12ER) and 60 strikeouts...Posted a 0-1 record with five saves, a 2.70 ERA (10.0IP/3ER) and 11 strikeouts in nine outings with Single A Lakeland in August.

**BLUE JAYS ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH**: RHP John Axford, LHP Chad Girodo, LHP Craig Breslow, RHP Rhiner Cruz

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PITCHING MATCHUPS**

DATE	OPPONENT	GAME TIME	TIGERS PITCHERS	OPPONENT PITCHERS
Sunday	Atlanta	1:05 p.m.	LHP Francisco Liriano	RHP Matt Wisler
Monday	Washington	1:05 p.m.	LHP Matthew Boyd	TBA

March 21

March 22 March 23

March 24

March 25

March 26

March 27

at Atlanta at Atlanta at Philadelphia

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Atlanta

Tampa Bay

at Tampa Bay

Philadelphia



# **2018 Tigers Spring Training Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Result	Winner	Loser	Save	Attendance
February 22	Florida Southern	W, 6-1	Comer	Langford		3,126
February 23	at New York (AL)	L, 3-1	Hale	Sodders	Gallegos	10,129
February 24	Toronto	W, 5-4	Zimmermann	Rowley	Russell	6,922
February 25	Pittsburgh	T, 8-8				4,729
	at Toronto	W, 6-3	Boyd	Sanchez	Saupold	3,963
February 26	at Baltimore	W, 8-6	Barbato	Gausman	Voelker	5,760
February 27	at Philadelphia	W, 11-6	Fiers	Eickhoff		4,365
February 28	at New York (AL)	W, 9-6	Montgomery	King	Castro	8,727
March 1	Atlanta	L, 5-2	Jackson	Moreno	Morris	4,576
March 2	Miami	W, 8-3	Boyd	Gallen		4,768
March 3	Tampa Bay	L, 7-4	De León	Soto	Gibaut	6,482
March 4	at Washington	L, 6-2	Gonzalez	Wilson		4,481
March 5	at New York (NL)	L, 4-2	Harvey	Fiers	Gagnon	5,603
March 6	New York (AL)	L, 7-2	Carroll	Montgomery		8,468
March 7	Toronto	L, 6-5	Case	Bell	Shafer	6,169
March 8	at Pittsburgh	L, 8-3	Rivero	Stumpf		7,124
March 9	New York (NL)	T, 4-4				7,018
March 10	at Toronto					
March 11	Atlanta					
March 12	Washington					
March 13	at New York (AL)					
March 15	at Atlanta					
March 16	Philadelphia					
March 17	New York (AL)					
March 18	at Tampa Bay					
March 19	Baltimore					
March 20	New York (AL)					

"B" Games: 1-0 Home: 2-4-2 Record: 6-8-2 Road: 4-4 vs. AL: 4-4 vs. NL: 2-4-2

# **2018 SPRING BATTING STATS**

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# **2018 SPRING TRAINING TRANSACTIONS**

DATE	TRANSACTION
February 23	Signed LHP Francisco Liriano as a free agent; designated LHP Jairo Labourt for assignment
March 2	LHP Jairo Labourt claimed off waivers by Cincinnati
March 3	Reassigned RHP's Victor Alcántara, Alex Faedo and Paul Voelker to Minor League camp
March 6	Optioned INF Dawel Lugo to Triple A Toledo
March 7	Unconditionally released LHP Travis Wood
March 9	Optioned RHP's Artie Lewicki and Zac Reininger to Triple A Toledo; optioned RHP's Gerson Moreno and Spencer Turnbull to
	Double A Erie; optioned LHP Gregory Soto to Single A Lakeland; signed C Jarrod Saltalamacchia as a Minor League free agent