



# ANGELS 2018 SPRING TRAINING NOTES

TEXAS RANGERS (5-9-2) @ LOS ANGELES ANGELS (6-11)

March 11, 2018

Tempe Diablo Stadium

TV: Fox Sports West

Radio: AM830 KLAA

Spring Game #18

Home Game #8 (3-4)



## TODAY'S CONTEST

**LEADING OFF:** The Angels play their 18th of 33 Spring Training games today as the Club hosts the Texas Rangers in Tempe...The starting pitching match-up features Angels RHP **JC Ramirez** against former Cy Young Award winner RHP **Bartolo Colon**...Today's contest is the eighth of 15 games at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

**ANGELS/RANGERS:** Today's game is the first of two meetings this Spring between the Angels and Rangers...The clubs will meet again on March 18 in Surprise... Last season, Texas won the regular season series 11-8, marking second straight year Rangers secure the season series...This year, the A.L. West clubs will again face off 19 times in the regular season, beginning with a three game series in Arlington on April 9-11.

**SPRINGTIME FOR HITTERS:** INF **David Fletcher** has posted a .379 (11/28) batting average which ranks seventh in the Cactus League...He also ranks sixth in OBP (.455), among qualifiers...INF **Jeffry Marte** is batting .615 (8/13)...INF **Colin Walsh** has homered three times this Spring, which leads the Halos and is tied for seventh most in the Cactus League.

**YESTERDAY'S RECAP:** Yesterday, the Angels were defeated by the San Francisco Giants in both split squad games between the clubs...In Tempe, the Giants earned a 9-8 victory...In Scottsdale, San Francisco scored five times in the bottom of the 8th for an 11-7 win...Mike Trout hit his first home run of the Spring in the Tempe contest, while in Scottsdale, Luis Valbuena, Chris Carter and Jabari Blash each homered for the Halos.

**MEDICAL UPDATES:** After being removed from Thursday's game vs. Oakland at Hohokam Stadium, INF **Andrelton Simmons** underwent an MRI on his left shoulder that night in Arizona...The results of the imaging showed a left shoulder strain...He is considered day to day...INF **Jeffry Marte** has not appeared in a game for Halos since leaving the contest on March 3 vs. Seattle in Peoria with right groin tightness.

**ROSTER MOVES:** Today, the Angels optioned **Michael Hermsillo** and **Eduardo Paredes** to Triple-A Salt Lake and optioned **Jake Jewell** to Double-A Mobile... Yesterday, the Angels reassigned **Taylor Ward** and **Vicente Campos** to minor league camp and optioned **Jaime Barria** to Triple-A Salt Lake...Friday, the Halos reassigned **Jahmai Jones** to minor league camp, optioned **Dayan Diaz** and **Troy Scribner** to Triple-A Salt Lake and optioned **Jesus Castillo** to Double-A Mobile... Thursday, the Angels reassigned **Jack Kruger** and **Michael Barash** to minor league camp...The Halos have 49 players remaining in big league camp.

**DOWN ON THE FARM:** Angels Minor League had their first full-squad workout yesterday in Tempe...Halos minor leaguers will play their first exhibition games on March 15 against the Cincinnati Reds.

**SHO-HALO:** RHP/DH **Shohei Ohtani** joins the Angels this season after spending the last five years with the Nippon-Ham Fighters of the Japanese Pacific League... The five-time NPB All-Star, was the 2016 Pacific League MVP and is a three-time winner of a "Best Nine Award" (twice as a pitcher and once at DH)...In 85 career games (82 starts) as a pitcher for the Fighters, he compiled a 42-15 record and 2.52 ERA (543 IP - 152 ER) with 624 strikeouts...In his five seasons at the plate, Ohtani has batted .286 (296/1035) with 70 doubles, four triples, 48 home runs and 166 RBI.

**MACHINE HISTORY:** **Albert Pujols** enters 2018 just 32 hits shy of becoming the 32nd member of the 3000 hit club...He will begin the year ranking seventh all-time in HR (614), eighth in RBI (1918), 10th in total bases (5461) and 12th in doubles (619).

### New Angels in 2018

- Luke Bard, RHP
- Jabari Blash, OF
- Zack Cozart, INF
- Dayan Diaz, RHP
- Jim Johnson, RHP
- Ian Kinsler, INF
- Shohei Ohtani, RHP/DH
- Felix Peña, RHP
- Rene Rivera, C
- Chris Young, OF

**IN THE DUGOUT:** Manager **Mike Scioscia** enters his 19th season at the helm of the Halos and is the longest tenured skipper in the Majors...New additions to the staff include former Angels catcher **Josh Paul** as Bench Coach and **Eric Hinske** as Hitting Coach...**Dino Ebel** returns the role of Third Base Coach after spending the last three seasons as the Angels Bench Coach (he previously served as the Third Base Coach for eight seasons starting in 2005)...Also returning to Scioscia's staff in 2018, are: **Charles Nagy** (Pitching Coach), **Alfredo Griffin** (First Base Coach), **Paul Sorrento** (Assistant Hitting coach), **Scott Radinsky** (Bullpen Coach), **Tom Gregorio** (Bullpen Catcher), **Anel De Los Santos** (Bullpen Catcher) and **Steve Soliz** (Catching & Information Coach).

**OPENING DAY NOTES:** The Halos will square off with the Oakland Athletics on Opening Day (Oakland Coliseum - March 29)...Marks second consecutive Opening Day meeting and sixth overall between Angels and A's...Last season, Oakland won Opening Day meeting by a 4-2 score at the Coliseum...Angels are 2-3 all-time vs. Oakland on Opening Day...Mike Trout has homered on Opening Day three of the last four years...Since 2004, Angels are 9-5 on Opening Day, but have lost the opener in each of the last four seasons after winning a franchise record five straight Opening Day games from 2009-13.

## TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER - RHP JC RAMIREZ

2018 SPRING TRAINING: 0-0, 5.06 ERA

2017 REGULAR SEASON: 11-10, 4.15 ERA

- Today's game marks third start of the Spring...Entering fifth Major League season and second with Angels.
- Allowed three earned runs on three hits in last start March 6 at D-backs...All three runs scored on a homer by David Peralta...Tossed two scoreless innings in Spring debut March 1 at San Francisco.
- Established single-season career highs with 11 wins, 105 strikeouts and 147.1 innings pitched in 2017...Led Angels pitching staff in wins.
- Opened 2017 in bullpen, making three relief appearances before joining starting rotation...Pitched in 111 career Major League games (all in relief) before making first career start on Apr. 14 at Kansas City.
- VS. TEXAS:** In nine career games (two starts) against the Rangers in the regular season, is 3-1 with 1.40 ERA (19.1 IP - 3 ER)...In two starts last season, went 2-0 with a 1.59 ERA (11.1 IP - 2 ER) and 11 strikeouts.
- In 135 career Major League games (24 starts) is 15-17 with a 4.60 ERA (273.2 IP - 140 ER) and 196 strikeouts...In 70 games (24 starts) for the Angels, is 13-11 with a 3.86 ERA (193.2 IP - 83 ER) and 136 strikeouts.
- Native of Managua, Nicaragua...Originally signed with Seattle as an international free agent on July 2, 2005.
- Acquired by Angels as waiver claim from Cincinnati on June 26, 2016.

### RAMIREZ'S 2018 SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP	W-L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/1	@SF	-		2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/6	@ARI	-		3.1	3	3	3	1	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>0-0</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

### ANGELS SCHEDULED TO PITCH TODAY

LHP Jose Alvarez      RHP Keynan Middleton      RHP Braden Pinder  
RHP Eduardo Paredes

## 2017 IN REVIEW

The Angels completed 2017 with an 80-82 mark, in second place in the A.L. West (-21.0)...LAA finished under .500 in consecutive full seasons for first time since 1992-93 and a sub .500 record for just fourth time in last 14 seasons...Club was not eliminated from playoff contention until Game #158 (finished 5.0 games back of Wild Card)...LAA was 39-37 against A.L. West, 11-23 vs. A.L. Central, 19-13 vs. A.L. East and 11-9 against National League opponents...Angels' 47 comeback wins led MLB (also tied Club record set in 2009)...Halos also set a Club record and paced the MLB with 10 comeback victories when trailing by four or more runs...**Albert Pujols** became ninth player in MLB history to hit 600 home runs and also reached 100 RBI for 14th time in career...SS **Andrelton Simmons** and C **Martin Maldonado** were named winners of 2017 A.L. Gold Glove Awards and Wilson Defensive Player of the Year Awards, while OF **Justin Upton** earned a Silver Slugger Award...RHP **Parker Bridwell** led A.L. rookies with 10 wins...Bullpen led MLB and set a team record with 36 relief wins...Club led MLB with 136 stolen bases...Angels reached the three million mark in home attendance (3,019,585) for the 15th consecutive season.

## THIS 'N' THAT

**BROADCAST INFO:** In 2018, the Angels will have 31 Spring Training games airing on television, with Fox Sports West carrying 26 games, Prime Ticket televising four games and KCOP airing one game...The games will also be available for live streaming via FOX Sports GO via mobile, tablet and connected devices...**Terry Smith** and **Jose Mota** will team up to call the action from Arizona...Immediately following game coverage, "Angels Live" will offer a post-game recap with **Kent French** who will rotate at the host position with **Patrick O'Neal** and **Mota** throughout the schedule to lead discussions alongside Analyst **Mark Gubicza** and **Mota**...When the Angels return to Southern California on March 25 for their final three exhibition games, **Victor Rojas** will take over television play-by-play duties alongside Gubicza as the pair begin their ninth season together as the Angels television announcing team...**Alex Curry** will report throughout the Freeway Series.

**TEMPE TRADITION:** 2018 represents the Angels' 26th Spring Training campaign in Tempe, AZ (since 1993)...Tempe Diablo Stadium is the oldest ballpark in the Cactus League...Halos have drawn over 100,000 fans to Tempe Diablo Stadium in 12 of the last 14 seasons...LAA set a franchise Spring Training home attendance record in 2012, attracting 130,126 fans to Tempe Diablo Stadium.

**GUEST INSTRUCTORS:** Throughout the Spring, the Angels have a number of alumni returning as guest instructors, including: **Chuck Finley** (Feb. 15-18), **Bobby Ramos** (Feb. 17-26), **Jim Abbott** (Feb. 18-20), **Scot Shields** (Feb. 22-25), **Vladimir Guerrero** (Feb. 23-25), **Clyde Wright** (March 2-4), **David Eckstein** (March 3-6), **Adam Kennedy** (March 5-10), **Bobby Grich** (March 10-12), **Wally Joyner** (March 10-15) and **Macier Izturis** (March 10-14).

## UPCOMING GAMES & PROBABLE PITCHERS

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	OPPOSING PITCHER	ANGELS PITCHER	TV/RADIO
Monday	March 12	Cincinnati	Tempe Diablo Stadium	RHP Homer Bailey (0-0, 9.00 ERA)	RHP Garrett Richards (0-0, 2.00 ERA)	FSW/AM830
Tuesday	March 13	OFF DAY				

## 2018 ANGELS SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TV	W/L	SCORE	ANGELS	WINNING	LOSING	ATTENDANCE	
						RECORD	PITCHER	PITCHER	GAME	TOTAL
February 23	@Oakland	Hohokam Stadium	FSW	L	8-9	0-1	Alcantara (1-0)	Pinder (0-1)	4,315	4,315
February 24	Milwaukee	Tempe Diablo	FSW#	W	6-5	1-1	Anderson (1-0)	Brown (0-1)	6,019	6,019
February 25	San Diego	Tempe Diablo	FSW	W	2-1	2-1	Lamb (1-0)	Maton (0-1)	4,247	10,266
February 26	@San Diego	Peoria Sports Complex	FSW	L	4-10	2-2	Yardley (1-0)	Barria (0-1)	2,700	7,015
February 27	@Colorado	Salt River Fields	FSW	W	5-2	3-2	Shoemaker (1-0)	Gray (0-1)	4,239	11,254
February 28	Cleveland	Tempe Diablo	FSW	L	3-15	3-3	Claiborne (1-0)	Parker (0-1)	4,015	14,281
March 1	@San Francisco	Scottsdale Stadium	FSW	W	11-4	4-3	Tropeano (1-0)	Law (0-1)	7,788	19,042
March 2	Chicago Cubs	Tempe Diablo	FSW	L	4-6	4-4	Underwood (1-0)	Jewell (0-1)	8,194	22,475
March 3 (N)	@Seattle	Peoria Sports Complex	FSW	L	2-4	4-5	Phelps (1-0)	Parker (0-2)	9,756	28,798
March 4	Colorado	Tempe Diablo	FSW	W	7-6	5-5	Barria (1-1)	Rosscup (0-1)	7,243	29,718
March 5	@Cincinnati	Goodyear Ballpark	FSW	W	7-5	6-5	Heaney (1-0)	Romano (1-1)	2,875	31,673
March 6	@Arizona	Salt River Fields	FSW	L	4-5	6-6	Feliz (1-0)	Pinder (0-2)	7,885	39,558
March 7	Los Angeles Dodgers	Tempe Diablo	FSW	L	2-4	6-7	Stewart (1-0)	Lamb (1-1)	5,650	35,368
March 8	@Oakland	Hohokam Stadium	PT	L	3-7	6-8	Wahl (1-1)	Middleton (0-1)	5,239	44,797
March 9	@Chicago Cubs	Sloan Park	FSW	L	1-6	6-9	Lester (2-1)	Shoemaker (1-1)	15,481	60,278
March 10 (ss)	San Francisco	Tempe Diablo	PT	L	8-9	6-10	Law (1-1)	Paredes (0-1)	9,103	44,471
	(ss) @San Francisco	Scottsdale Stadium	-	L	7-11	6-11	Strickland (1-0)	Jewell (0-2)	10,880	71,158
March 11	Texas	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 12	Cincinnati	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 13										
March 14	@Cleveland	Goodyear Ballpark	FSW							
March 15 (ss)	@Colorado	Salt River Fields	-							
	(ss) (N) Chicago White Sox	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 16	Colorado	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 17	@Seattle	Peoria Sports Complex	FSW							
March 18	@Texas	Surprise Stadium	FSW							
March 19 (N)	Seattle	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 20	Arizona	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 21										
March 22 (N)	@Los Angeles Dodgers	Camelback Ranch	PT							
March 23	Oakland	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 24	Arizona	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 25 (N)	Los Angeles Dodgers	Angel Stadium	FSW							
March 26 (N)	@Los Angeles Dodgers	Dodger Stadium	PT							
March 27 (N)	@Los Angeles Dodgers	Dodger Stadium	KCOP							

- \* — Sellout
- FSW — Fox Sports West
- # — NHK Broadcast
- PT — Prime Ticket
- KCOP— KCOP-TV (Channel 13 - Los Angeles)
- (N) — Night game
- (ss) — Split Squad

**RADIO INFO:** All Spring Training games will be broadcast on KLAA AM830 in Southern California, except for March 4 vs. COL, March 10 @ SF & March 15 @ COL.

### ANGELS DAILY MEDIA SCHEDULE

**8:00 AM** – Clubhouse open

**9:30 AM** – Clubhouse closed for meetings

**10:00 AM** – Players off to fields for workouts;  
Manager's daily media session on warning track  
(outside Clubhouse Entrance to field)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Clubhouse is closed during morning/afternoon workouts
- Clubhouse re-opens following workouts
- **GAME DAY** – Clubhouse closes at 12:15 PM
- Clubhouse closed during games – players made available upon request in entry hall outside clubhouse
- Clubhouse re-opens at completion of game
- Mike Scioscia meets with media outside Angels' dugout immediately following game

### UPCOMING SPRING BIRTHDAYS

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### ANGELS TOP PROSPECTS

#### 2018 Top Prospects by Baseball America

1. Shohei Ohtani (RHP/DH)
2. Jo Adell (OF)
3. Jahmai Jones (OF)
4. Kevin Maitan (INF)
5. Brandon Marsh (OF)
6. Jaime Barria (RHP)
7. Chris Rodriguez (RHP)
8. Matt Thaiss (INF)
9. Griffin Canning (RHP)
10. Michael Hermsillo (OF)

### ANGELS SPRING TALLY

**OVERALL:** 6-11

**Home:** 3-4      **vs. A.L.:** 0-4  
**Road:** 3-7      **vs. N.L.:** 6-7

### HISTORY OF TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM

Tempe Diablo Stadium (1968) is now the oldest ballpark in the Cactus League after Oakland moved out of Phoenix Municipal Stadium (1964) following the 2014 season. The ballpark originally hosted the expansion Seattle Pilots in 1969. The Pilots became the Milwaukee Brewers at the end of the 1970 Spring season. The Brewers played at Diablo through 1972 before moving to Sun City. The ballpark sat empty for four years before another expansion team, the Seattle Mariners, arrived in 1977. The Mariners left after the 1992 season for a new ballpark in Peoria. The Angels moved their spring camp from Palm Springs to Tempe in 1993. Diablo Stadium underwent renovations in 1992 and 2006.

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### SPRING TRANSACTIONS

**Feb. 17:** Traded INF **C.J. Cron** to the Tampa Bay Rays in exchange for a player to be named later.

**Feb. 18:** Agreed to terms on a one-year contract with OF **Chris Young**...Agreed to terms on a minor league contract with INF **Chris Carter** (non-roster invitee to Major League camp).

**Feb. 21:** Acquired OF **Jabari Blash** from the New York Yankees in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations...Transferred RHP **Alex Meyer** to 60-day disabled list.

**March 8:** Reassigned **Jack Kruger** and **Michael Barash** to minor league camp.

**March 9:** Reassigned **Jahmai Jones** to minor league camp...Optioned **Dayan Diaz** and **Troy Scribner** to Triple-A Salt Lake...Optioned **Jesus Castillo** to Double-A Mobile.

**March 10:** Reassigned **Taylor Ward** and **Vicente Campos** to minor league camp...Optioned **Jaime Barria** to Triple-A Salt Lake.

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