

CLEVELAND INDIANS

2018 SPRING TRAINING GAME INFORMATION

CHICAGO CUBS (8-2-2) at CLEVELAND INDIANS (7-5-1)

LHP José Quintana (0-0, 9.00) vs. RHP Trevor Bauer (0-0, 1.80)

Spring Game #14/Home #6 » Wednesday, March 7, 2018 » Goodyear Ballpark » 8:05 p.m. (ET) » MLB Network/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 146-140-24 (.510) all-time in the Cactus League.

TODAY'S MATCHUP VS CHICAGO-NL

» The Indians face the Chicago Cubs this evening at Goodyear Ballpark for the first of three Cactus League matchups this year...the two teams will face each other in a split-squad series on March 17, with half taking the field at Sloan Park in Mesa and the other half squaring off at Cashman Field in Las Vegas, NV...the series is due to conclude the next day, March 18, when the split-squad Tribe take on the split-squad Cubs back at LV's Cashman Field.

» Cleveland has a 15-5-1 (.750) record in 21 Cactus League tilts against Chicago-NL, dating back to the Tribe's return to the desert in 2009...the Indians won two of the three games against the Cubs in last year's spring matchup, and tied in the other game...Cleveland has lost just once in the last 13 games (11-1-1) against Chicago-NL, dating back to March 4, 2013.

» The two clubs are scheduled to meet this year in Interleague play for the first time since 2015, when they split a pair of two-game sets 2-2...this year, the Tribe will host the North Siders at Progressive Field April 24 & 25, and the series will conclude at Wrigley Field on May 22 & 23...Cleveland is 9-9 (.500) in regular season play against Chicago-NL, despite being outscored 104-83 in the 18 games...the teams also met in the 2016 World Series, one of the most dramatic Fall Classics in recent memory when Chicago-NL won the title in seven games.

TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

CLEVELAND INDIANS		CHICAGO CUBS	
47	Trevor Bauer RHP	62	José Quintana LHP
44	Nick Goody RHP	1	Jen-Ho Tseng RHP
61	Dan Otero RHP	57	Shae Simmons RHP
46	Matt Belisle RHP	36	Dillon Maples RHP
34	Zach McAllister RHP	74	Duane Underwood RHP
38	Jeff Beliveau LHP	72	Craig Brooks RHP
88	Ben Taylor RHP	79	David Garner RHP
		87	Alberto Baldonado LHP
		68	Dario Alvarez LHP

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...he faced live pitching during today's workout.

» **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 homered twice but couldn't hold on as they fell to the Cincinnati Reds, 7-6, yesterday afternoon at Goodyear Ballpark.

» **2B JASON KIPNIS** slugged his sixth homer in as many games this spring, a two-run jack to right field in the 3rd inning...Kipnis is hitting .529 (9-17) and has hit safely in all six of his games, with an RBI in five of them.

» **SS FRANCISCO LINDOR** launched a lead-off longball in the top of the 1st, his first home run of Spring Training...he also had a two-run double in the 4th and finished the game 2-for-3 with 2 runs and 3 RBI.

» **INF DREW MAGGI** brought the Tribe to within a run on a single in the 8th.

» **RHP CARLOS CARRASCO** struck out four batters over 2.0IP (2H, 1R/ER, 1HR) in his first spring start...**LHP SHAWN MORIMANDO** (1.1IP, 6H, 4R/ER, 1BB, 1K) took the loss, his first in Cactus League play this year.

» **RHP CAMERON HILL** (0.2IP), **RHP NEIL RAMIREZ** (1.0IP, 1BB, 2K) and **RHP ALEXI OGANDO** (1.0IP, 1BB, 2K) all recorded scoreless outings in relief.

KAMP KLUBER

» Tribe **RHP COREY KLUBER** announced today the details of his inaugural youth baseball camp, which will be on June 21 from 9:00AM-12:00PM at Mentor High School. More information is available at CoreyKluberCamp.com.

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
Thur. March 8	vs. Los Angeles-NL	RHP Josh Tomlin (0-1, 11.25) vs. LHP Alex Wood (2-0, 10.80)	8:05PM ET	WMMS/IRN/webcast
Fri. March 9	at Colorado	RHP Corey Kluber (1-0, 3.60) vs. RHP Jon Gray (0-1, 5.40)	3:10PM ET	webcast

22 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: TREVOR BAUER

» Indians **RHP TREVOR BAUER** is set to make his third start of the spring in this evening's contest vs. Chicago-NL...thus far in Cactus League play, Bauer is 0-0 with a 1.80 ERA over his two previous starts...made his debut at Cincinnati on February 25, throwing 2.0 hitless innings (3K, 1HB)...last pitched on March 2 vs. Texas when he allowed one run on three hits over 3.0 effective innings (4K)...overall this spring, Bauer is 0-0 with a 1.80 ERA with seven strikeouts (3rd on team - Kluber & Ogando, 8).

» The 27-year-old has made one career regular-season start against the Cubs, which came in a winning effort at Wrigley Field on June 16, 2015...Bauer worked 7.0 shutout innings (4H, 7K)...Bauer also started two contests for Cleveland in the 2016 World Series vs. Chicago-NL (Games 2 & 5), taking the loss in both games...he recorded the final two outs of the 10th inning of Game 7 and overall went 0-2 with a 5.40 ERA (5ER/8.1IP) in three Fall Classic appearances.

» Bauer put together his best season to date in the Tribe rotation in 2017, recording career highs in wins (17), strikeouts (196) and innings pitched (176.1), while posting his lowest full-season ERA (4.19)...also struck out six-or-more batters in 22 of 31 starts, which tied for the 6th-most in the American League...on May 30 vs. Oakland, fanned a career-high 14 batters in 7.0IP.

» He won a career-best nine straight decisions from July 21-September 10, an Indians pitching staff season-high...the streak was part of a second-half stretch in which he went 10-1 with a 2.60 ERA from July 21 to the end of the season...Bauer's 10 second-half wins were tied for 2nd in the A.L.

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

CLEVELAND INDIANS		LOS ANGELES DODGERS	
43	Josh Tomlin RHP	57	Alex Wood LHP
37	Cody Allen RHP	49	Zach Neal RHP
57	Carlos Torres RHP	73	Yaisel Sierra RHP
49	Tyler Olson LHP	33	Mark Lowe RHP
63	Preston Claiborne RHP	75	Scott Alexander LHP
78	Cameron Hill RHP	41	Pat Venditte SHP
		58	Edward Paredes LHP

LEADING THE TRIBE

» **INF JASON KIPNIS** regained sole possession of the MLB lead with his sixth homer of the spring yesterday...**Kipnis's six home runs are tied with Yan Gomes (2016) and Shelley Duncan (2012) for the most longballs 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...the two-run dinger gave Kipnis 12 RBI for the spring, moving him into a tie with four other players for the MLB lead.

» With two strikeouts in yesterday's outing, **RHP ALEXI OGANDO** tied **RHP COREY KLUBER** for the club lead with eight strikeouts this spring (T6th in the Cactus League)...**RHP CAMERON HILL** tacked on another 0.2 scoreless innings in yesterday's contest and has now worked 5.2 shutout frames this spring, which leads the Tribe and ranks T3rd in the Cactus League.

» The Tribe offense leads the Major Leagues in several offensive categories, including runs (92), hits (140), strikeouts (130) and RBI (91), while ranking near the top in many others, including home runs (23, 3rd), doubles (31, 4th), OBP (.371, 2nd), slugging percentage (.531, 3rd) and OPS (.901, 3rd).

» The Tribe pitching staff ranks 3rd in the Cactus League with a 4.66 ERA and have allowed the 2nd-fewest walks (30) while ranking 2nd in strikeouts (121).

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#47 - RHP TREVOR BAUER: Recorded his best MLB season to date in 2017, setting career highs in wins (17), strikeouts (196) and games started (31)...

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp, Dec, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/25 CIN, 3/2 TEX, and Cactus Totals.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#44 - RHP NICK GOODY: Spent almost entire season in Cleveland bullpen, after beginning year with Triple-A...finished year with a 2.80 ERA (20th-lowest among A.L. relievers)...

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp, Dec, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/24 ARI, 2/27 OAK, 3/1 LAD, and Cactus Totals.

#61 - RHP DAN OTERO: Put together another solid middle relief campaign out of the Indians' bullpen, with a 3-0 record and 2.85 ERA (19ER/60.0IP) in 52 games...

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp, Dec, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/23 CIN, 2/26 MIL, 2/28 SEA, 3/3 SF, and Cactus Totals.

#46 - RHP MATT BELISLE: Signed with the Tribe on Feb. 25 and is in camp as a non-roster invitee...spent last season with Minnesota, where he went 2-2 with a 4.03 ERA (27ER/60.1IP) in 62 games...

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp, Dec, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 3/1 LAD, 3/3 SF, and Cactus Totals.

#34 - RHP ZACH McALLISTER: Put together another strong season in the Tribe bullpen in 2017, ranking fourth on the team in relief innings (62.0) and finishing 15th in the A.L. in ERA as a reliever (2.61)...

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp, Dec, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/23 CIN, 2/25 CIN, 2/28 SEA, 3/4 MIL, and Cactus Totals.

#38 - LHP JEFF BELIVEAU: Divided 2017 between Toronto (19 games) and Triple-A Buffalo (29 games)...went 1-1 with a 7.47 ERA in 19 games with Blue Jays (June 25-July 1), and 4-1, 3.04 in 29 games (one start) in Triple-A...

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp, Dec, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 2/24 ARI, 2/26 MIL, 3/1 LAD, 3/4 MIL, and Cactus Totals.

#88 - RHP BEN TAYLOR: Waiver claim from Boston on Feb. 25...appeared in 14 games with Red Sox in 2017; had a 0-1 record and 5.19 ERA (17.1IP, 20H, 10ER, 9BB, 18SO)...

Table with 12 columns: Date, Opp, Dec, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows for 3/2 TEX, 3/4 MIL, and Cactus Totals.

2018 CLEVELAND INDIANS SPRING EXHIBITION SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Large table with columns: Date, Opponent, Site, Time, Win/Loss/Save, T.O.G., Attend., W-L-T. Lists spring games from February 23 to March 27.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with columns: Player, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, RF, DH. Lists players and their starts at each position.

2018 TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns: Date, Transaction. Lists player signings, releases, and waivers from January to February 28.

CATCHERS' CAUGHT-STEALING %'s

Table with columns: Player, CS, SBA, CS%. Lists catcher statistics for Gomes, Haase, Hanigan, Mejia, Murphy, and Pérez.

@INDIANS ON TWITTER

- List of Twitter handles for Indians PR Dept, Jim Rosenhaus, INF Yonder Alonso, RHP Trevor Bauer, RHP Carlos Carrasco, INF Lonnie Chisenhall, RHP Mike Clevinger, INF Edwin Encarnacion, C Yan Gomes, INF Erik González, RHP Nick Goody, OF Brandon Guyer, INF Jason Kipnis, RHP Corey Kluber, INF Francisco Lindor, LHP Andrew Miller, OF Tyler Naquin, LHP Tyler Olson, C Roberto Pérez, INF José Ramírez, RHP Danny Salazar, RHP Josh Tomlin, INF Giovanni Urshela, OF Bradley Zimmer.