

CHICAGO CUBS GAME NOTES

WORLD SERIES TITLES: 1907, 1908, 2016 N.L. PENNANTS: 1876, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1885, 1886, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1910, 1918, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1945, 2016
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Chicago Cubs (11-3-3) vs. Oakland Athletics (7-6-2)

March 11, 2018 ... HoHoKam Stadium ... Spring Game No. 18

RHP Yu Darvish (1-0, 4.50) vs. LHP Sean Manaea (0-0, 0.00)

2018 CACTUS LEAGUE SEASON: The Chicago Cubs today travel to their former Spring Training home, HoHoKam Stadium, to take on the Oakland Athletics ... the Cubs played at HoHoKam Stadium for 17 Cactus League campaigns through 2013 ... the Cubs will play 36 games this spring, including a pair of exhibition contests against Boston in Fort Myers, Fla. to conclude the spring slate.

- ⊙ The Cubs this year are celebrating their 40th-consecutive spring in Mesa, Ariz., the longest active streak in the Cactus League.
- ⊙ San Francisco is second, as this marks the club's 38th consecutive spring in Scottsdale, Ariz.

SPLITSVILLE: The Cubs yesterday tied the White Sox at Sloan Park, 4-4, and fell to the Dodgers at Camelback Ranch, 6-5.

- ⊙ Against the White Sox, Victor Caratini was 1-for-2 with a solo homer and a walk while minor league catcher Cael Brockmeyer hit a game-tying solo homer in the ninth ... Kyle Hendricks got the start and allowed two runs in 4.0 innings, walking none and striking out seven.
- ⊙ At the Dodgers, Peter Bourjos was 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored while Addison Russell delivered a sac fly ... Luke Farrell got the start and allowed two runs in 2.2 innings ... Eddie Butler spun 2.0 scoreless innings out of the bullpen.

CACTUS LEAGUE LEADERS: Mike Freeman leads the Cactus League with a .563 on-base percentage, is tied for the lead with a .500 batting average and 14 hits, is tied for second with nine runs scored and is sixth with a .714 slugging mark.

- ⊙ Ian Happ has 25 total bases, fourth-most among Cactus League hitters, while his four home runs are tied for third ... he's hitting .391 (9-for-23) with a 1.087 slugging percentage and a .481 OBP.
- ⊙ Oscar De La Cruz leads the Cactus League with two saves.
- ⊙ Chicago's 3.89 team ERA (65 ER/150.1 IP) is second in the Cactus League ... Milwaukee leads with a 3.87 team ERA.
- ⊙ Cubs pitching has recorded 154 strikeouts, third-most in the Cactus League behind Cleveland (163) and Cincinnati (155).

WHAT LIES AHEAD: The Cubs open their 2018 regular season schedule in 18 days, on March 29 in Miami against the Marlins ... Chicago has 19 Spring Training games remaining, including four more split squad days.

CAMP BREAKDOWN: The Cubs now have 49 players remaining in major league camp, including 26 pitchers (three non-roster), five catchers (three non-roster), 12 infielders (four non-roster) and six outfielders (two non-roster).

- ⊙ This year's camp has featured players from 10 countries or commonwealths represented: the United States, Canada, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Panama, Japan, Colombia, Taiwan, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

YEAR FIVE AT SLOAN PARK: The Cubs this season return for their fifth season at Sloan Park ... the club again last season set a Cactus League single-season attendance record with 226,933 fans passing through the gates.

NEWCOMERS: Chicago enters the season with 13 new players on the 40-man roster since the conclusion of the 2017 regular season ... the Cubs also had 13 new players on the 40-man roster entering the 2017 Spring Training campaign.

- ⊙ Pitchers Dario Alvarez, Tyler Chatwood, Steve Cishek, Yu Darvish, Brandon Morrow, Shae Simmons and Drew Smyly were signed as free agents.
- ⊙ Pitchers Adbert Alzolay and Oscar De La Cruz, and infielder David Bote, were promoted from within.
- ⊙ Pitchers Luke Farrell (via Reds), Cory Mazzoni (via Padres) and Randy Rosario (via Twins) were acquired via waiver claim.

NEW COACHES: The Cubs major league coaching staff features five new faces in 2018: Jim Hickey (Pitching), Chili Davis (Hitting), Brian Butterfield (Third Base), Will Venable (First Base) and Andy Haines (Assistant Hitting Coach) ... Davis and Butterfield held the same positions with Boston last season, while Hickey joins from Tampa Bay ... Venable joined the organization in 2017 as a special assistant in baseball operations, while Haines served as the club's minor league hitting coordinator.

- ⊙ Brandon Hyde moves to Bench Coach, a position he previously held in 2014, before serving as first base coach the past three seasons ... Lester Strode (Bullpen) enters his team-high 12th season on the staff, while Mike Borzello (Catching and Strategy) enters his seventh season ... Franklin Font (seventh season) and Juan Cabreja (second season) returns as Staff Assistants ... Bullpen Catcher Chad Noble returns for his fifth season.

JOE MADDON AT THE HELM: Joe Maddon begins his fourth season as manager of the Cubs ... has compiled 292 regular season wins and a World Series championship in his first three seasons ... in his first season with the Cubs, he was named the 2015 N.L. Manager of the Year by the *BBWAA*.

- ⊙ The 2018 campaign marks Maddon's 44th season in pro baseball, his 25th at the major league level and 13th as a major league manager.
- ⊙ Maddon previously managed the Rays for nine years from 2006-14, leading Tampa Bay to four post-season appearances (2008, 2010, 2011, 2013) and winning the American League pennant in 2008.

AGAINST THE ATHLETICS: The Cubs and Athletics play twice this spring ... the Cubs defeated the A's at Sloan Park, 7-5, on February 28.

- ⊙ The Cubs own an 8-4 all-time regular season record against the A's, including a 4-2 record at Wrigley Field.

Cubs 2018 Spring Record

Overall: 11-3-3 Home: 7-0-3 Road: 4-3-0

Upcoming Probable Starters

Tuesday at Padres (1:10 p.m.):

LHP Mike Montgomery (0-0, 4.50) vs. TBD

Tuesday vs. Giants (7:05 p.m.):

LHP Madison Bumgarner (0-0, 4.50) vs. RHP Tyler Chatwood (2-0, 1.50)

Cubs Game-By-Game Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATT.
Fri, 2/23	Milwaukee	L, 1-2	4,489
Sat, 2/24	Texas	W, 6-1	14,821
Sun, 2/25	San Francisco	W, 12-10	10,186
Mon, 2/26	Seattle	T, 9-9	10,021
Tue, 2/27	Chicago (A.L.)	W, 6-5	10,769
Wed, 2/28	Oakland	W, 7-5	8,313
Thu, 3/1	Colorado	T, 2-2	10,167
Fri, 3/2	Los Angeles (A.L.)	W, 6-4	8,194
Sat, 3/3	Cincinnati	W, 7-4	15,516
Sun, 3/4	Arizona	L, 0-2	13,782
Mon, 3/5	Colorado	W, 5-4	9,294
Tue, 3/6	Los Angeles (N.L.)	W, 9-5	14,479
Wed, 3/7	Cleveland	W, 11-6	9,269
Thu, 3/8	San Diego	W, 10-4	12,569
Fri, 3/9	Los Angeles (A.L.)	W, 6-1	15,481
Sat, 3/10	Chicago (A.L.)	T, 4-4	15,508
	Los Angeles (N.L.)	L, 5-6	13,226
Sun, 3/11	Oakland*		
Mon, 3/12	OFF DAY		
Tue, 3/13	San Diego – Peoria (ss, 1:10 PM)*		
	San Francisco (ss, 7:05 PM)*		
Wed, 3/14	Kansas City – Surprise*		
Thu, 3/15	Arizona*		
Fri, 3/16	Chicago (A.L.) – Glendale*		
Sat, 3/17	Cleveland (ss)*		
	Cleveland – Las Vegas (ss, 4:05 PM Vegas Time)#		
Sun, 3/18	Kansas City (ss)		
	Cleveland – Las Vegas (ss, 1:05 PM Vegas Time)#+		
Mon, 3/19	Cincinnati – Goodyear (6:05 PM)*		
Tue, 3/20	OFF DAY		
Wed, 3/21	Texas - Surprise*		
Thu, 3/22	San Francisco - Scottsdale (7:05 PM)+		
Fri, 3/23	Milwaukee+		
Sat, 3/24	Colorado (ss, 7:05 PM)^+		
	Seattle - Peoria (ss, 6:40 PM)		
Sun, 3/25	Kansas City - Surprise (12:05 PM)#+		
Mon, 3/26	Boston – Fort Myers, Fla. (6:05 PM ET)*		
Tue, 3/27	Boston – Fort Myers, Fla. (1:05 PM ET)*		

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All Games 1:05 p.m. Arizona time unless otherwise noted

2018 SLOAN PARK CACTUS LEAGUE ATTENDANCE FIGURES

No. of Games at Sloan Park/Total Attendance 10/127,644
Average Attendance.....12,764

2017 REVIEW: The Cubs reached the National League Championship Series for the third-straight season, falling to the Los Angeles Dodgers, four-games-to-one ... became the first team to reach the NLCS three-straight seasons since the St. Louis Cardinals did so from 2011-14.

ROAD WARRIORS: The Cubs will open the 2018 campaign with 10-straight road games (four in Miami, two in Cincinnati, four in Milwaukee) prior to their home opener, April 9 vs. Pittsburgh ... this is the first time in 119 years in which Chicago opens a season with at least 10-straight road games ... the 1899 Cubs played 12-straight road games to begin the season, a trip in which they went 7-5 at Louisville, Cincinnati and St. Louis.



CUBS ON THE MOUND
Today's Pitchers

2018 CACTUS LEAGUE TEAM STATS

	W-L	ERA	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
Cubs Pitching	11-3	3.89	3	150.1	144	74	65	24	70	154
	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Cubs Hitting	.280	583	106	163	34	3	20	97	60	144

Cubs Starter — #11 RHP Yu Darvish

	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2016 — Texas	7-5	3.41	17	17	0	0	100.1	81	43	38	12	31	132
Round Rock-AAA#	0-1	2.57	2	2	0	0	7.0	3	3	2	1	3	7
Frisco-AA#	1-1	2.25	5	5	0	0	20.0	14	7	5	1	7	24
2017 — Texas	6-9	4.01	22	22	0	0	137.0	115	63	61	20	45	148
Los Angeles (N.L.)	4-3	3.44	9	9	0	0	49.2	44	20	19	7	13	61
2018 — CUBS (Spring Training)	1-0	4.50	1	1	0	0	2.0	0	1	1	0	2	4
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	56-42	3.42	131	131	2	1	832.1	674	337	316	92	307	1021

A four-time All-Star, Yu signed a six-year contract with the Cubs in February of this year ... has gone 56-42 with a 3.42 ERA (316 ER/832.1 IP) and 1,021 strikeouts in 131-career major league starts with the Rangers (2012-17) and Dodgers (2017).

- Ⓢ Will become the eighth Japanese-born player in Cubs history, and the fifth pitcher.
- Ⓢ Since 2012, ranks first among all pitchers in strikeouts per nine innings (11.04) ... ranks fourth in hits allowed per nine innings (7.29) and opponents batting average (.219) ... set a major league record with 812 strikeouts in his first 100-career starts.
- Ⓢ Has made six-career postseason starts, including four starts in 2017 ... went 2-2 with a 3.52 ERA (9 ER/23.0 IP) in his first four postseason starts before allowing eight earned runs in 3.1 innings in two starts in last year's World Series.
- Ⓢ Had a seven-year career with the Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters of the Japanese Pacific League in Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB) from 2005-11 ... was a two-time Pacific League Most Valuable Player (2007, 2009) and one of 10 pitchers in the history of Japanese professional baseball to win multiple MVP awards in a career.

In 2017, Yu made 31 starts between the Rangers and Dodgers, his most games started since a career-high 32 games in 2013 ... went a combined 10-12 with a 3.86 ERA (80 ER/186.2 IP) and 209 strikeouts, his third season with at least 200 strikeouts.

- Ⓢ Limited righties to a .194 average, the seventh-lowest mark in the majors ... overall held opponents to a .228 average, the 13th-best mark in the majors.
- Ⓢ Acquired by the Dodgers at the July 31 trade deadline in a four-player trade with the Texas Rangers ... went 4-3 in nine starts with Los Angeles, posting a 3.44 ERA (19 ER/49.2 IP) and struck out 61 batters against 13 walks.
- Ⓢ Went 2-2 with a 6.14 ERA (10 ER/14.2 IP) in four postseason starts ... was 2-0 with a 1.59 ERA (2 ER/11.1 IP) in his first two postseason outings, including collecting the win in NLCS Game Three at Wrigley Field (6.1 IP, 6 H, 1 ER) ... however, he allowed eight earned runs in 3.1 IP in two World Series starts.

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Cubs Relievers

#41 RHP STEVE CISHEK: Steve signed a two-year contract with the Cubs on December 16, 2017 ... has gone 24-28 with 47 holds, 121 saves and a 2.73 ERA (128 ER/421.2 IP) in 422 major league appearances, all in relief, covering all or part of eight seasons with the Marlins (2010-15), Cardinals (2015), Mariners (2016-17) and Rays (2017).

- Ⓢ Has made at least 60 relief appearances in four of the last six seasons ... has recorded 121 career saves in 146 chances.
- Ⓢ In 2017, he began the season with Seattle before being traded to Tampa Bay, July 28, with cash considerations for P Erasmo Ramirez ... went a combined 3-2 with a 2.01 ERA (10 ER/44.2 IP), the lowest of his career.
- Ⓢ Had a 1.09 ERA (3 ER/24.2 IP) in 26 appearances with the Rays last year.
- Ⓢ Was originally selected by the Marlins in the fifth round of the 2007 Draft out of Carson-Newman College (Tenn.).

#52 RHP JUSTIN GRIMM: Justin has appeared with Chicago in each of the last five seasons ... he was acquired from Texas in July of 2013 with infielder Mike Olt and pitchers Carl Edwards Jr. and Neil Ramirez for pitcher Matt Garza.

- Ⓢ Has gone 19-20 with four saves, 43 holds and a 4.70 ERA (177 ER/338.2 IP) in 285 career major league games (19 starts) between the Rangers (2012-13) and Cubs (2013-17).
- Ⓢ Is 11-12 with four saves, 43 holds and a 3.82 ERA (100 ER/235.2 IP) in 263 relief appearances with the Cubs.
- Ⓢ In 2017, he appeared in 50 games with the Cubs, going 1-2 with a 5.53 ERA (34 ER/55.1 IP) ... walked 27 and struck out 59, good for an average of 9.6 strikeouts per 9.0 innings.
- Ⓢ Originally selected by Texas in the fifth round of the 2010 Draft out of the University of Georgia.

#56 LHP KYLE RYAN: Kyle signed a minor league contract with the Cubs with an invitation to Spring Training, December 29, 2017 ... has pitched in each of the last four seasons with Detroit, going 8-6 with a 3.87 ERA (55 ER/128.0 IP) in 86 games (seven starts).

- Ⓢ Made his major league debut in 2014 ... had his best season in 2016, going 4-2 with a 3.07 ERA (19 ER/55.2 IP) in 56 relief appearances.
- Ⓢ In 2017, he spent the majority of the season with Triple-A Toledo after beginning the season with the Tigers ... allowed five earned runs in 5.2 innings pitched with Detroit ... went 3-1 with a 4.96 ERA (25 ER/45.1 IP) and 39 strikeouts in 48 appearances with Toledo.
- Ⓢ Was drafted by the Tigers in the 12th round of the 2010 draft out of Auburndale (Fla.) High School.

#37 LHP JUSTIN WILSON: Justin is in his seventh major league season, and first full season with the Cubs ... was acquired from the Tigers, July 31, 2017, along with C Alex Avila for INF Jeimer Candelario, INF Isaac Paredes and a player to be named or cash consideration ... has pitched exclusively out of the bullpen his entire career.

- Ⓢ Has gone 22-14 with 93 holds, 14 saves and a 3.30 ERA (116 ER/316.0 IP) in 341 relief appearances covering six seasons with Pittsburgh (2012-14), the New York Yankees (2015), Detroit (2016-17) and the Cubs.
- Ⓢ In 2017, he began the season with the Tigers before being traded to the Cubs at the trade deadline ... after posting a 2.68 ERA (12 ER/40.1 IP) in 42 games with Detroit, he pitched to a 5.09 ERA (10 ER/17.2 IP) in 23 games with Chicago.
- Ⓢ Was selected by the Pirates in the fifth round of the 2008 Draft out of California State University, Fresno.

