



ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS 2018 SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES

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ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (8-7) vs. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (7-6-1)

Saturday, March 10, 2018 ♦ Salt River Fields at Talking Stick ♦ Scottsdale, Ariz. ♦ 1:10 p.m.

Game No. 16 ♦ Home Game No. 8 ♦ Home Record: 3-4-0 ♦ Road Record: 5-3-0

RHP **Taijuan Walker** (1-0, 2.25) vs. RHP **Jason Hammel** (1-0, 0.00)

– FOX Sports Arizona (Tape Delay, 6:00 p.m.) | ESPN 620 AM –

DIAMOND-FACTS

- ♦ Arizona is in its 21st Cactus League season and eighth at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick...Tucson was spring headquarters from 1998-2010.
- ♦ The D-backs have won 4 Cactus League titles (also: 1999, 2002, '07, '16).

YESTERDAY'S RECAP

- ♦ The D-backs won 7-2 against the Royals, extending their winning streak to 5 games.
- ♦ C **Chris Herrmann** went 2-for-3, including a solo home run (1), and 2 RBI...SS **Nick Ahmed** was 2-for-4...CF **Rey Fuentes** went 1-for-3 and drove in a run for the fourth straight game.
- ♦ LHP **Robbie Ray** threw 3.1 innings with 6 strikeouts and 1 run allowed...RHP **Archie Bradley** tossed 2.0 shutout innings and earned the win...LHP **Antonio Bastardo** and RHP **Neftalí Feliz** each tossed 1.0 scoreless frame.

TODAY'S TRANSACTIONS

- ♦ The D-backs made 8 roster moves this morning:
 - **Optioned to Triple-A Reno:** RHP Jake Barrett, LHP Jared Miller.
 - **Reassigned to Minor League Camp:** RHP Ryan Atkinson, RHP Taylor Clarke, INF Kevin Cron, LHP Yuhei Nakaushiro, C Michael Perez, RHP Taylor Widener

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...IN A COUPLE OF HOURS

- ♦ Today's game vs. Royals will air on a tape delay at 6:00 p.m. on FOX Sports Arizona, their fifth of 10 spring broadcasts (also: March 14 vs. Reds, March 16 vs. Dodgers, March 18 @ Reds, March 20 @ Angels and March 27 vs. Indians).

WINNING WAYS

- ♦ Arizona has won its last 5 games, outscoring its opponents, 35-15.

GET THE WORD OUT TO D-BACKS FANS

- ♦ Due to expected large crowds this weekend, and the remainder of Spring Training, the D-backs are asking media to encourage fans to arrive early to games at Salt River Fields to allot time to go through the security screening process.

TAI'S TACOS

- ♦ In partnership with Major League Baseball, Taijuan and Heather Walker will hand out free tacos, featuring Taijuan's special taco recipe, to fans as they enter Salt River Fields for Monday's D-backs-Rockies game starting at 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Walker will serve the tacos out of a specially-designed food truck on a first-come, first-served basis near the Home Plate parking lot at Salt River Fields.

ARIZONA HOSPITALITY

- ♦ D-backs Minor Leaguers will be playing a scrimmage against Japanese college Meiji University on Monday at Salt River Fields at 10:00 a.m.... they will also use the facility for practices on March 17-18.

SNAKEBITES - AT THE PLATE

- ♦ 1B **Paul Goldschmidt** has hit safely 6 straight games (.583; 7-for-12).
- ♦ OF **David Peralta** is hitting .444 (8-for-18) with 1 double, 1 home run, 3 RBI and 1 walk in 7 games.
- ♦ OF **Yasmany Tomás**, who went 3-for-3 with a double and RBI on March 3 @ Dodgers, is hitting .400 (8-for-20) with 4 doubles, 2 RBI and 3 walks.

SNAKEBITES - ON THE MOUND

- ♦ RHP **Zack Godley** has not allowed a run in 3 Cactus League starts (8.2 IP) with just 4 hits allowed.
- ♦ RHP **Fernando Salas** has made 5 scoreless appearances with 3 hits given up.
- ♦ LHP **T.J. McFarland**, in 4 outings, has surrendered only 2 unearned runs (4.1 IP).

THE BULLPEN CART IS BACK!

- ♦ On Tuesday, the D-backs announced they will bring back a piece of baseball lore -- the bullpen cart that has long been a part of the game's history...the OnTrac Bullpen Cart will be available to transport relief pitchers from both bullpens at Chase Field prior to entering a game.
- ♦ The last known use of a motorized vehicle in Major League Baseball was in 1995 -- 3 years before the D-backs' first season -- when the Milwaukee Brewers utilized a motorcycle with a sidecar... current D-backs bullpen coach Mike Fetters was Milwaukee's closer that season.

SINGLE-GAME TICKETS ON SALE

- ♦ D-backs single-game tickets are on sale at dbacks.com/tickets, at the Chase Field Ticket Office or by phone at (602) 514-8400.
- ♦ The D-backs' promotional calendar highlights include the 20th Anniversary Game (March 31), Archie Bradley Audio Bobblehead (April 21), Sugar Skull T-shirt (May 5), Star Wars Paul Solo (Goldschmidt) Bobblehead (June 2), Father's Day Hawaiian Shirt (June 17), Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular and Alumni Game (Aug. 4).

REMEMBERING KT

- ♦ The D-backs and Reds will honor Kevin Towers at Salt River Fields on March 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ RSVP to KT@dbacks.com by March 10...attire is "KT Casual" (khakis, jeans, club polos are encouraged).

ROSTER ROUNDUP & OFFSEASON ACQUISITIONS

- ♦ Arizona has 51 players left in in Major League camp: 25 pitchers (6 left-handed), 6 catchers, 10 infielders and 10 outfielders.
- ♦ The D-backs returned 30 players from its 40-man roster last spring (24 in 2017, 22 in 2016, 23 in 2015 and 26 in 2014).
- ♦ Acquired RHP **Brad Boxberger** and OF **Steven Souza Jr.**; signed C **Alex Avila**, OF **Jarrod Dyson** and RHP **Yoshihisa Hirano**; selected RHP **Albert Suárez** in the Rule 5 Draft.

2018 D-BACKS SPRING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPP	RESULT	REC.	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	ATT.
2/21	ASU	W, 6-2	N/A	Carpenter	C. Davis	5,506
2/22				– OFF DAY –		
2/23	@ COL	W, 7-6	1-0	Payamps	Pierpont	7,682
2/24	CLE	L, 2-11	1-1	Morimando	J. Miller	9,628
2/25	MIL	L, 1-5	1-2	Chacin	Greinke	8,370
2/26	@ CIN (ss)	W, 5-2	2-2	Ray	Stephenson	2,129
	COL (ss)	W, 7-4	3-2	Shiple	Freeland	5,292
2/27	@ SF	L, 12-14	3-3	Heston	Vasquez	6,708
2/28	COL	L, 3-9	3-4	Almonte	Hirano	5,799
3/1	MIL	L, 1-6	3-5	Suter	Chafin	6,763
3/2	@ COL	L, 6-15	3-6	Senzatela	Blazek	8,876
3/3	@ LAD	L, 6-14	3-7	Ray	A. Wood	13,186
3/4	CHI	W, 2-0	4-7	Walker	Lester	13,782
3/5	@ SD	W, 10-3	5-7	Koch	Lamet	4,857
3/6	LAA	W, 5-4	6-7	Feliz	Pinder	7,885
3/7				– OFF DAY –		
3/8	@ MIL	W, 11-6	7-7	Bracho	Wilkerson	5,231
3/9	@ KC	W, 7-2	8-7	Bradley	Stout	6,206
3/10	KC		1:10 p.m.	FSAZ (Tape Delay - 6 p.m.)/ESPN 620 AM		
3/11	@ CWS		1:05 p.m.	98.7 FM Arizona's Sports Station		
3/12	COL		1:10 p.m.			
3/13				– OFF DAY –		
3/14	CIN		1:10 p.m.	FSAZ/dbacks.com		
3/15	@ CHC		1:05 p.m.	dbacks.com		
3/16	LAD		1:10 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/17	SD		1:10 p.m.	98.7 FM Arizona's Sports Station		
3/18	@ CIN		1:05 p.m.	FSAZ+/98.7 FM Arizona's Sports Station		
3/19	CWS		1:10 p.m.			
3/20	@ LAA		1:05 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/21	SF		6:40 p.m.	dbacks.com		
3/22	CWS		6:40 p.m.	dbacks.com		
3/23	@ CLE		6:05 p.m.			
3/24	KC (ss)		1:10 p.m.	ESPN 620 AM		
	@ LAA (ss)		1:05 p.m.			
3/25	@ COL		1:10 p.m.	98.7 FM Arizona's Sports Station		
3/26	CLE - Chase Field		6:40 p.m.	KHOV 105.1 FM		
3/27	CLE - Chase Field		12:40 p.m.	FSAZ/ESPN 620 AM/KHOV 105.1 FM		

All Times Local

MISCELLANEOUS

Record:	8-7	Day:	7-7
Home:	3-4	Night:	1-0
Away:	5-3	vs. AL:	2-1
Neutral:	0-0	vs. NL:	6-6

2018 ATTENDANCE

HOME Total:	57,519	ROAD Total:	54,875
Avg:	8,217	Avg:	6,859
Largest:	13,782 (3/4)	Largest:	13,186 (3/3)

UPCOMING PITCHING PROBABLES

MARCH 10 VS. ROYALS - 1:10 P.M.

RHP **Taijuan Walker** (1-0, 2.25) vs. RHP **Jason Hammel** (1-0, 0.00)

ARI: RHP Matt Koch, RHP Taylor Widener, RHP Joey Krehbiel, LHP T.J. McFarland, LHP Jared Miller, RHP Jake Buchanan

KC: RHP Kelvin Herrera, RHP Brandon Maurer, RHP Josh Staumont

MARCH 11 @ WHITE SOX - 1:05 P.M.

LHP **Patrick Corbin** (0-0, 4.50) vs. RHP **Reynaldo Lopez** (0-0, 1.80)

ARI: RHP Randall Delgado, RHP Fernando Salas, LHP Jorge De La Rosa, RHP Yoshihisa Hirano, RHP Silvino Bracho, RHP Michael Blazek

CWS: RHP Dane Dunning, RHP Chris Volstad, RHP Jeanmar Gomez, LHP Robbie Ross, RHP Chris Beck

MARCH 12 VS. ROCKIES - 1:10 P.M.

RHP **Zack Godley** (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP **Chad Bettis** (0-0, 8.31)

ARI: RHP Kris Medlen

COL: RHP Antonio Senzatela

TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

No. 99 - RHP Taijuan Walker @TAL_WALKER

◆ Went 9-9 in 2017 with a career-best 3.49 ERA while his .247 opponent average matched his career low (also: 2016)...his 146 strikeouts were the second-most of his career (157 in 2015) as were his 157.1 innings (169.2 in 2015).

◆ In 15 starts vs. NL West (team was 10-5), he went 8-3 with a 2.94 ERA (29 ER in 88.2 IP), a .230 opponent average (76-for-331) and 86 strikeouts.

◆ Acquired by the D-backs from the Mariners with INF Ketel Marte for INF Jean Segura, OF Mitch Haniger and LHP Zac Curtis (Nov. 23, 2016).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/27	SF	-	9.00	1-1	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	2
3/4	CHC	W	2.25	1-1	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Totals			1-0	2.25	2-2	3.0	2	1	1	0	6

2017 CLUBS	W-L	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	ER	BB	SO
ARIZONA	9-9	3.49	28-28	0	157.1	61	61	146
MAJORS	31-31	3.97	93-90	3	514.1	160	160	468

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

No. 67 - RHP Jake Buchanan @JAKEBUCK33

◆ Played for 3 different organizations in 2017, spending the majority of the season in Triple-A with Iowa (Cubs), Louisville (Reds) and Reno (D-backs)...combined to go 7-3 with a 4.51 ERA in 21 games (19 starts).

◆ Made 5 appearances with Reds (8.16 ERA) in 2017.

◆ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on July 6, 2017.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	MIL	-	9.00	1-0	2.0	3	2	2	1	0	2
2/28	COL	-	31.50	1-0	0.0	6	5	5	0	1	0
3/4	CHC	-	21.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals			-	21.00	3-0	3.0	9	7	7	1	3

2017 CLUBS	W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV	IP	ER	BB	SO
Iowa (AAA)	2-2	4.75	8-8	0	41.2	22	19	29
CINCINNATI	0-0	8.16	5-0	0	14.1	13	7	4
Louisville (AAA)	0-1	6.75	2-0	0	2.2	2	1	4
Reno (AAA)	5-0	4.26	11-11	0	61.1	29	9	38
MINORS	57-53	4.16	191-148	4	943.2	436	212	601
MAJORS	2-3	4.73	29-3	0	64.2	34	24	33

No. 55 - RHP Matt Koch @MATTYKOC20

◆ Combined for 12 starts with Triple-A Reno and Short-Season A Hillsboro, going 3-2 with a 7.71 ERA in 2017.

◆ Entered 2017 named by *Baseball America* as possessing the Best Control in the D-backs' system...also rated by MLB.com as Arizona's No. 17 prospect.

◆ His 5.0-hitless innings on Sept. 27, 2016 @ Nationals were the most by a D-backs pitcher in his first Major League start [source: Elias Sports Bureau].

◆ Traded to D-Backs from Mets with RHP Miller Diaz for RHP Addison Reed on Aug. 29, 2015.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	@COL	-	5.40	1-1	1.2	2	2	1	0	1	0
2/28	COL	-	4.15	1-0	2.2	3	1	1	1	0	3
3/5	@SD	W	2.84	1-1	2.0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals			1-0	2.84	3-2	6.1	7	3	2	1	3

2017 CLUBS	W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV	IP	ER	BB	SO
Reno (AAA)	2-2	8.40	10-10	0	45.0	42	15	25
Hillsboro (A-Short)	1-0	4.91	2-2	0	11.0	6	1	9
ARIZONA	0-0	-	1-0	0	0.0	3	1	0
MINORS	30-26	4.60	122-81	1	499.0	255	97	319
MAJORS	1-1	3.50	8-2	0	18.0	7	5	10

No. 65 - RHP Joey Krehbiel @JOEYKREHBIEL

◆ Made 44 appearances with Double-A Jackson, going 2-4 with 4 saves and a 3.27 ERA and 74 strikeouts in 2017...also made 2 scoreless outings with 1 save at Triple-A Reno (1.2 IP).

◆ Finished among the Top 7 in his respective leagues in appearances in 2015 (T-1st, 60; California), 2016 (2nd, 52; Southern) and 2017 (T-7th, 44; Southern).

◆ Traded to D-backs from Angels with OF Zach Borenstein for LHP Joe Thatcher and OF Tony Campana (July 5, 2015).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/24	CLE	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2/27	SF	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/3	@LAD	-	2.70	1-0	1.1	3	1	1	0	0	0
3/6	LAA	-	2.25	1-0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			0-0	2.25	4-0	4.0	4	1	1	0	3

2017 CLUBS	W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV	IP	ER	BB	SO
Jackson (AA)	2-4	3.27	4-0	4	55.0	20	27	74
Reno (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2-0	1	1.2	0	0	2
MINORS	12-18	3.33	27-2	25	327.1	121	134	399

No. 30 - LHP T.J. McFarland @66TJMAC

◆ Went 4-5 with a 5.33 ERA, 29 strikeouts and 17 walks in a career-high 43 appearances in his first season with the D-backs in 2017.

◆ Led NL relievers in 2017 in ground-ball pct. (62.8).

◆ Since 2013, ranks among relievers in ground balls (5th, 517), ground ball pct. (7th, 63.0) and groundball-to-flyball ratio (9th, 3.36)...he leads left-handed relievers in ground balls in the same time frame.

◆ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on Dec. 6, 2017.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	MIL	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2/28	COL	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/3	@LAD	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	2	1	0	0	0	1
3/6	LAA	-	0.00	1-0	1.1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Totals			-	0.00	4-0	4.1	4	2	0	1	2

2017 CLUBS	W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV	IP	ER	BB	SO
Reno (AAA)	0-0	0.00	7-0	1	11.0	0	4	9
ARIZONA	4-5	4.49	43-1	0	54.0	32	17	29
MINORS	52-37	3.75	158-129	3	742.0	309	231	517
MAJORS	16-2	4.49	164-3	0	252.1	126	86	154

No. 56 - RHP Albert Suárez @ALBERTSUAREZ822

◆ In 2017 with Giants, limited righties to a .211 average.

◆ Earned first career save on Aug. 6, 2017 vs D-backs.

◆ Selected by the D-backs in the first round of the 2017 Rule 5 Draft.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	MIL	-	0.00	1-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
3/2	@COL	-	6.75	1-1	2.0	5	3	3	1	1	3
3/6	LAA	-	6.35	1-0	1.2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Totals			-	6.35	3-1	5.2	8	5	3	1	5

2017 CLUBS	W-L	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1-1	0	3.0	0	0	5
AZL Giants	0-1	9.64	3-3	0	4.2	5	2	3
San Jose (Adv A)	0-0	3.00	2-2	0	6.0	2	1	3
SAN FRANCISCO	0-3	5.12	18-0	0	31.2	18	11	34
MINORS	28-36	3.50	119-113	2	557.2	217	143	377
MAJORS	3-8	4.51	40-12	0	115.2	58	37	88

MINOR LEAGUE CALL-UPS

No. 85 - RHP Connor Grey

◆ Combined to go 9-4 with a 2.87 ERA in 18 games (17 starts) between Short-Season Hillsboro, Single-A Kane County, Single-A Adv. Visalia, and Triple-A Reno.

◆ Selected by the D-backs in the 20th round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft.

No. 87 - LHP Anthony Vasquez

◆ First season in the D-backs organization.

◆ Signed as a Minor League free agent on Jan. 22.

◆ In 2011, made 7 starts for the Mariners...was the Mariners' 18th-round pick in the 2009 draft.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	@COL	-	0.00	1-0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2/27	@SF	L	54.00	1-0	0.0	2	2	2	1	0	1
TOTALS			0-1	54.00	2-0	0.2	3	2	2	1	1

No. 91 - RHP Parker Markel

◆ Did not play in 2017.

◆ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on Feb. 21.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/24	CLE	-	13.50	1-0	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	1
2/27	@SF	-	16.20	1-0	1.0	1	2	2	1	1	1
Totals			-	16.20	2-0	1.2	3	3	3	1	2

No. 98 - LHP Josh Taylor

◆ Went 4-7 with a 5.01 ERA at Double-A Jackson in 2017.

◆ Traded to the D-backs by Phillies on July 5, 2015.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/26	@CIN	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/28	COL	-	0.00	1-0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/2	@COL	-	0.00	1-0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals			-	0.00	3-0	1.2	2	0	0	0	3

2017 SEASON RECAP

SEASON NO. 20 RECAP

◆ The D-backs went 93-69 (52-29 at home and 41-40 on the road), and won the NL Wild Card Game vs. Rockies, 11-8.

◆ Arizona went 45-31 vs. NL West, 17-16 vs. NL Central, 19-14 vs. NL East and 12-8 in Interleague Play.

LOVULLO NAMED NL MANAGER OF THE YEAR

◆ **Torey Lovullo** was named the NL Manager of the Year after guiding the D-backs to a second-place finish in the NL West in his first season as manager... he is the third Arizona manager to garner the honor, joining Bob Melvin (2007) and Kirk Gibson (2011).

◆ Lovullo's 93 wins were the most by an Arizona manager in his first 162 games, 1 more than Bob Brenly's 92 in 2001.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE WIN COLUMN

◆ The D-backs' 93 wins were 24 more than their total of 69 in 2016...the 24-win difference from last season was the second largest in the Majors, behind the Twins (26), and fourth-best increase in a single-season in franchise history.

NEW D-BACKS ERA RECORD

◆ The D-backs' 3.66 ERA was a franchise best, 0.11 better than the previous mark of 3.77 in 1999, and 1.43 lower than 2016 (5.09).

◆ Arizona's 1.43 difference in ERA from 2016 to 2017 was the best in baseball, ahead of Cleveland (0.54) and Minnesota (0.49).

ARIZONA BBWAA AWARDS

- ◆ **MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Paul Goldschmidt
- ◆ **MOST VALUABLE PITCHER:** Zack Greinke
- ◆ **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Jimmie Sherfy
- ◆ **GOOD GUY AWARD:** Archie Bradley

2018 SPRING TRANSACTIONS

FEBRUARY

- 5 Outrighted OF **Rey Fuentes** to Triple-A Reno.
- 16 Signed LHP **Jorge De La Rosa** to a Minor League contract.
- 19 Agreed to terms on a 2-year contract with OF **Jarrod Dyson**; placed **RHP Shelby Miller** (Tommy John surgery rehab) on the 60-day disabled list.
- 20 Acquired OF **Steven Souza Jr.** from the Rays and RHP **Taylor Widener** from the Yankees...the D-backs traded INF **Brandon Drury** to the Yankees and LHP **Anthony Banda** and 2 players to be named to the Rays...the Rays also acquired INF **Nick Solak** from the Yankees.

MARCH

- 5 Signed C **Anthony Recker** (No. 27) to a Minor League contract with an invitation to Major League Spring Training.
- 6 Optioned INF **Domingo Leyba** to Double-A Jackson.
- 10 Optioned RHP **Jake Barrett** and LHP **Jared Miller** to Triple-A Reno...reassigned RHP **R**