



# GAME NOTES

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### St. Louis Cardinals (6-7-2) vs. Miami Marlins (8-5-2)

Spring Training Game No. 16 • Roger Dean Chevrolet • March 10, 2018

Michael Wacha (0-1, 3.60 ERA) vs. Elieser Hernandez (0-0, 3.86)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Cardinals return home to play the Miami Marlins for the third time in the last five days at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium at 1:05 p.m....today's game will be televised on Fox Sports Midwest and broadcast on KMOX.... Redbird pitchers and catchers reported on Feb. 13 with the first full-squad workout on Feb. 19.

**LAST GAME:** Preston Tucker hit a three-RBI triple in the bottom of the 7th inning as the Houston Astros rallied for a 4-2 win over the Cardinals last night in West Palm Beach...Miles Mikolas threw 4.0 scoreless innings of four-hit ball in his third start of the Spring and Mike Mayers struck out four in 2.0 perfect innings of relief...Paul DeJong homered off Justin Verlander and Carson Kelly hit a sac fly for the Cardinals offense.

**COMING UP:** The Cardinals travel to West Palm Beach to take on the Washington Nationals at 1:05 p.m....the game will be the eighth of 10 straight games in Palm Beach County for the Cardinals...tomorrow's game will be televised on Fox Sports Midwest Plus and broadcast on KMOX... on Monday, the Cardinals have their first open date of Spring Training after 26 straight days on the field.

**ON THE AIR:** The Cardinals will broadcast 18 Spring Training games on their radio flagship station KMOX 1120 AM...Mike Shannon, John Rooney, Mike Claiborne and Ricky Horton will be on the call...the 50,000-watt station can sometimes be heard as far south as Jupiter on a clear day.

**ON THE INTERNET:** The 11 games not broadcast on KMOX can be heard on cardinals.com with Tom Ackerman, Mike Claiborne, Chris Hrabec and Kyle McClellan calling the action.

**ON THE TUBE:** FOX Sports Midwest will televise 15 Spring Training games in 2018 with Dan McLaughlin, Jim Edmonds, Ricky Horton, Al Hrabosky, Tim McCarver, Rick Ankiel and Brad Thompson calling the action. Every telecast will be streamed live on the FOX Sports GO app and at FOXSportsGO.com. Games include 2/23 at MIA, 2/24 at NYM, 2/25 vs. HOU, 3/1 vs. MIN, 3/2 vs. BOS+, 3/4 vs. HOU, 3/5 vs. WSH, 3/9 at HOU, 3/10 vs/ MIA+, 3/11 at WSH, 3/16 vs. MIA, 3/17 at ATL, 3/18 at WSH, 3/24 vs. NYM, and 3/25 at WSH.

**LAST SEASON:** The Cardinals concluded their 126th season of play in the National League by finishing 3rd in the National League Central Division and 7th overall in the Senior Circuit with an 83-79 record, their 9th straight season with a winning record...Manager Mike Matheny has led the Cardinals to his 6th straight winning season since taking over the post in 2012.

**LAST SPRING:** The 2017 Cardinals posted a 20-8-4 spring record (12-2-2 at home, 8-6-2 at RDS), finishing leading all Grapefruit League and National League teams...they drew 90,318 fans to Roger Dean Stadium during 16 home games.

#### Cardinals Recent Spring Training Records

| Year  | W-L-T   | Team Batting Avg. | Team ERA |
|-------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| 2017  | 20-8-4  | .255              | 3.28     |
| 2016  | 11-13-3 | .263              | 3.81     |
| 2015* | 13-11-3 | .252              | 3.06     |
| 2014* | 11-13-1 | .260              | 5.27     |
| 2013* | 16-14-1 | .280              | 4.20     |
| 2012* | 16-9-2  | .276              | 3.05     |
| 2011* | 14-16-1 | .261              | 3.79     |
| 2010  | 15-14-0 | .280              | 4.95     |
| 2009* | 19-12-2 | .290              | 4.35     |
| 2008  | 17-10-2 | .286              | 4.01     |

\*Reached the postseason.

**Note:** The Cardinals moved to Jupiter and began playing at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium in 1998.

#### Cardinals Recent Transactions

**March 8:** Reassigned 1B/OF Rangel Ravelo to minor league camp.

**March 5:** Signed INF Paul DeJong to a six-year contract with club option years in 2024 and 2025. Renewed OF Tommy Pham and signed 24 players to one-year contracts for 2018.

**March 4:** Reassigned RHP Hector Mendoza, RHP Daniel Poncedeleon, LHP Jordan Schafer, RHP Jake Woodford, C Jeremy Martinez, C Dennis Ortega and INF Max Schrock to minor league camp.

**March 1:** Reassigned RHP Jordan Hicks to minor league camp.

**February 19:** Signed RHP Jason Motte as a minor league free agent with an invitation to Major League

• **GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE:** The St. Louis Cardinals are in their 127th season of play in the National League in 2018 and in the midst of their 21st Spring Training in Jupiter...the Cardinals are 3-1-1 over their last five games and host the Miami Marlins at Roger Dean Stadium at 1:05 p.m.

• **CARDINALS VS. MARLINS:** The Cardinals play the fourth of seven Spring Training matchups against the Miami Marlins in the stadium both teams call home during Spring Training...St. Louis will be the home team in three of the seven games (Mar. 8, today & 16)...Miami won the first game on Feb. 23 (6-4), the two squads tied on Tuesday (3-3) and the Cardinals won on Thursday (5-4)...the Cardinals and Marlins will face-off in six games during their 2018 regular season series...June 5-7, the Cardinals host the Marlins for a three-game series in St. Louis, while the Marlins host at Marlins Park in a three-game series Aug. 6-8...last season, the Cardinals won the regular season series against the Marlins, 5-2 including a three-game sweep in Miami.

• **TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER:** RHP Michael Wacha is today's starting pitcher against the Miami Marlins...this marks Wacha's third start of Spring Training, as he last pitched on Sunday against the Houston Astros and allowed two runs over 3.0 innings.

• **TOMORROW'S STARTING PITCHER:** RHP Luke Weaver is scheduled to make his third start of the Spring tomorrow afternoon, and will face the Washington Nationals at FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches at 1:05 p.m.

• **FISH WEEK:** This week the Marlins and Cardinals will face off three times over five days...St. Louis tied Miami on Tuesday and rallied to win 5-4 on Thursday.

• **RUNNIN' REDBIRDS:** Through 15 Spring Training games, the Cardinals lead MLB with 20 steals in 26 attempts (78.6%) including back-to-back games with a steal of home plate...the Rockies rank second with 19 and the next closest Grapefruit League team is the Blue Jays with 15...Kolten Wong leads the majors with six steals and teammate Oscar Mercado ranks second with five.

• **SCARY STUFF:** Relief pitcher Mike Mayers struck out four of the six batters he faced last night and has struck out nine while scattering two hits in 7.0 relief innings this Spring for an .091 opponent batting average.

• **FOREVER DEJONG:** Infielder Paul DeJong was signed to a six-year (2018-2023) contract with two club option years in 2024 and 2025 on Monday...the 24-year old infielder finished second in the National League Rookie of the Year voting in 2017 and hit his first home run of the Spring last night off Justin Verlander versus Houston.

• **CARDINALS REASSIGN RAVELO:** The Cardinals reassigned 1B/OF Rangel Ravelo to minor league camp prior to Thursday's game...six Cardinals first round picks are on the roster: INF Kolten Wong (2011), RHP Michael Wacha (2012), RHP Luke Weaver (2014), RHP Jack Flaherty (2014), RHP Jake Woodford (2015) and RHP Dakota Hudson (2016)...the roster currently lists 55 players with 15 non-roster invites.

• **MIKE AND THE MAD DOG:** Cardinals manager Mike Matheny has a few new faces on his coaching staff including veteran pitching coach Mike Maddux, who spent last season with the Washington Nationals and previous years with the Texas Rangers and Milwaukee Brewers after a 15-year playing career in the majors...Jose Oquendo returns to the Major League staff as the third base coach, Bryan Eversgerd was named bullpen coach, Willie McGee as coach and Mike Shildt moves from third base coach to bench coach.

• **ANOTHER FAMILIAR FACE:** Right-hander Jason Motte also returns to the Cardinals, signing as a minor league free agent with an invitation to Major League Spring Training...Motte spent 2017 with the Atlanta Braves...Motte, who recorded nine saves to finish the 2011 season and the final out for the Cardinals in the World Series, co-leads the Cardinals postseason save rankings with eight (Jason Irsinghausen), while his 54 regular season saves (2008-14) rank 12th all-time.

• **THIS BUD'S FOR YOU:** The Cardinals signed free-agent pitcher Bud Norris on February 14...Norris pitched mainly as a reliever last season with the Los Angeles Angels and ranked 10th in the American League with 19 saves in 60 appearances.

#### CARDINALS 2018 SPRING RECAP

| Record  | Attendance                            |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| vs. NL..... 4-3-1                                     | Home (7)..... 38,141                  |
| vs. AL..... 2-4-1                                     | Home Avg ..... 5,449                  |
| at Home..... 3-3-1                                    | Road (8)..... 49,768                  |
| on Road..... 3-4-1                                    | Road Avg..... 6,221                   |
| at RDS*..... 3-4-2                                    | Total..... 87,909                     |
| *Includes road games at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium. | Home High..... 6,654 vs. Boston (3/2) |

#### CARDINALS 2018 SPRING SCHEDULE & RESULTS

| Date/Opp.           | Time/Result | Probable Starters/ Winner-Loser-Save | Record | Att.  | Highlights                                |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|---|
| 2/23 at MIA^+*      | L, 6-4      | Wimmers-Schafer-Guerra               | 0-1    | 3,613 | Flaherty 2IP, 2K, OR; Mercado 2-3, R      |
| 2/24 at NYM+*       | W, 10-5     | Helsley-McGowan                      | 1-1    | 5,864 | 14 Hits, HRs by A.Garcia & Arozarena      |
| 2/25 vs. HOU+*      | L, 7-3      | Cole-Mikolas                         | 1-2    | 5,169 | Pham HR; Molina HR; Mayers 2.1IP, OR      |
| 2/26 at MIN#        | L, 5-4      | Thorpe-Greene-Jorge                  | 1-3    | 7,788 | Wacha 2 IP, 0 R; Kelly 1-3, 2B, RBI       |
| 2/27 at BOS(ss)#    | W, 6-1      | Weaver-Beeks                         | 2-3    | 9,355 | Muñoz 3-5, RBI, SB; Knizner HR            |
| 2/28 at BAL#        | W, 10-9     | Gant-Crichton-Bowman                 | 3-3    | 6,506 | Muñoz 3-5, 2HR, 4RBI; Gant 3 IP, 7K       |
| 3/1 vs. MIN*#       | T, 3-3      | None                                 | 3-3-1  | 4,352 | Ozuna 1-2, HR; Mercado 3-3, SB            |
| 3/2 vs. BOS+*       | L, 9-6      | Pomernaz-Norris                      | 3-4-1  | 6,654 | Bader 3-4, 2 2B 2 R; Pham 2-3, 3B.        |
| 3/3 at ATL+         | L, 9-2      | Teheran-Mikolas                      | 3-5-1  | 7,246 | Gyorko 2-3, RBI; Gregerson 1 IP, 2 K      |
| 3/4 vs. HOU+*       | L, 4-1      | Peacock-Wacha-McCurry                | 3-6-1  | 6,454 | Ozuna 1-3, 2B; Muñoz 2-4, 2B              |
| 3/5 vs. WAS*#       | W, 2-1      | Gomber-Benoit-Leone                  | 4-6-1  | 5,303 | Jo. Martinez 2-3, 2B, SB; Weaver 3 IP, 4K |
| 3/6 at MIA^+        | T, 3-3      | None                                 | 4-6-2  | 3,206 | Flaherty 4.0 IP, 7K; Knizner HR           |
| 3/7 vs. WAS+        | W, 4-3      | Bowman-Solis                         | 5-6-2  | 5,109 | Wainwright 3.2IP, R, 4K; G. Garcia HR     |
| 3/8 vs. MIA#        | W, 5-4      | Lyons-Tazawa-Leone                   | 6-6-2  | 5,100 | Jo. Martinez 1-4, HR, 2RBI; Lyons 2IP, OR |
| 3/9 at HOU*#        | L, 4-2      | Peacock-Brebbia-Devenski             | 6-7-2  | 6,190 | Mikolas 4 IP, 0 R; DeJong 1-3, HR         |
| 3/10 vs. MIA+*      | 1:05        | Michael Wacha vs. Elieser Hernandez  |        |       |   |
| 3/11 at WAS+*       | 1:05        | Luke Weaver vs. Tanner Roark         |        |       |   |
| 3/12                |             | OPEN DATE                            |        |       |   |
| 3/13 at MIA^+       | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/14 at HOU#        | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/15 vs. BAL+       | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/16 vs. MIA*#      | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| at WAS              | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/17 at ATL+*       | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/18 vs. WAS+*      | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/19                |             | OPEN DATE                            |        |       |   |
| 3/20 vs. NYM+       | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/21 at MIA^#       | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/22 vs. ATL+       | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/23 at NYM#        | 1:10        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/24 vs. NYM+*      | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/25 at WAS+*       | 1:05        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/26 vs. TOR (exh.) | 7:07        |                                      |        |       |   |
| 3/27 vs. TOR (exh.) | 7:07        |                                      |        |       |   |

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