



# ANGELS 2018 SPRING TRAINING NOTES

LOS ANGELES DODGERS (6-6-1) @ LOS ANGELES ANGELS (6-6)

March 7, 2018

Tempe Diablo Stadium

TV: Fox Sports West

Radio: AM830 KLAA

Spring Game #13

Home Game #6 (3-2)



## TODAY'S CONTEST

**LEADING OFF:** The Angels play their 13th of 33 Spring Training games today as the Club hosts the Los Angeles Dodgers in Tempe...The starting pitching match-up features Angels RHP **Garrett Richards** against Dodgers ace LHP **Clayton Kershaw**...Today's contest is the sixth of 15 scheduled Cactus League home games in Tempe.

**ANGELS/DODGERS:** Today's contest is the first of five meetings this Spring between the Halos and Dodgers...The teams will meet again in Arizona on March 22 at Camelback Ranch before returning home for the exhibition Freeway Series (March 25 at Angel Stadium and March 26-27 at Dodger Stadium)...The Clubs will meet six times during the 2018 regular season (July 6-8 at Angel Stadium and July 13-15 at Dodger Stadium)...This will be first time the clubs meet six times in the regular season since 2015...The Angels lead the all-time regular season series with Arizona 63-51...The teams split the four game regular season series last year.

**SPRINGTIME FOR HITTERS:** INF **David Fletcher** has posted a .450 (9/20) batting average and leads the Halos in hits...INF **Jeffrey Marte** is batting .615 (8/13)...INF **Matt Thaiss** and INF **Colin Walsh** have each homered twice this Spring for the Angels and Walsh leads the Club with seven RBI in Cactus League play.

**YESTERDAY'S RECAP:** Yesterday, the Angels were defeated by the Arizona Diamondbacks by a 5-4 score at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick...INF **Luis Valbuena** hit his first home run of the Spring and finished the day 2-for-3 with one run scored and one RBI...The Angels went 0-for-6 with RISP...RHP **JC Ramirez** allowed three earned runs in his 3.1 innings of work, with all three runs coming on a 3-run HR by **David Peralta** in third inning...RHP **Blake Parker**, RHP **Keynan Middleton** and RHP **Eduardo Paredes** each tossed one scoreless inning in relief.

**DOWN ON THE FARM:** Angels Minor League Pitchers and Catchers reported to Tempe on Saturday (March 3)...Position players will report tomorrow (March 8) with the first full-squad workout set for March 10...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).

**IN WITH THE NEW:** Angels General Manager **Billy Eppler** acquired several Major League veterans throughout the offseason who will contribute to the 2018 club...Angels kicked off the offseason by re-signing OF **Justin Upton** to a five-year deal...On Dec. 9 at Angel Stadium, the team introduced RHP/DH **Shohei Ohtani** after he signed a minor league deal to make the move from Japan to the Majors...The Club acquired four-time All-Star INF **Ian Kinsler** from Detroit on Dec. 13 and signed All-Star INF **Zack Cozart** on Dec. 15...The Angels also added veterans OF **Chris Young** and C **Rene Rivera** as free agent signings, acquired RHP **Jim Johnson** from Atlanta, RHP **Felix Peña** from Chicago (N.L.), OF **Jabari Blash** from New York (A.L.) and RHP **Luke Bard** in the Rule 5 Draft from Minnesota.

### 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 to 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 GARRETT RICHARDS

2018 SPRING TRAINING: 0-0, 1.80 ERA  
2017 REGULAR SEASON: 0-2, 2.28 ERA

- Today's game marks third appearance (all starts) of the Spring...Entering eighth Major League season with Angels.
- Worked three scoreless innings in last start Friday vs. Cubs in Tempe...Made Spring debut Feb. 25 vs. San Diego in Tempe...Only run allowed was solo HR by Austin Hedges.
- Limited to six starts in 2017...Was on disabled list from Apr. 6 - Sept. 5 with a right biceps strain suffered in season debut Apr. 5 vs. Oakland.
- Allowed two-or-fewer earned runs in five of six starts in 2017...Held opposing hitters to a .180 (18/100) batting average against.
- **VS. DODGERS:** In six career regular season games (four starts) vs. Dodgers, is 1-0 with a 1.78 ERA (30.1 IP - 6 ER)...Last faced LAD in regular season in 2015.
- In 154 career regular season games (99 starts) for Angels, is 40-34 with two saves, a 3.53 ERA (668.1 IP - 262 ER) and 558 strikeouts.
- Since 2014, average fastball velocity of 96.5 MPH ranks fourth in the Majors (min. 400 IP), according to FanGraphs.
- Originally selected by Angels in first round (42nd overall) of 2009 First-Year Player Draft out of University of Oklahoma.

## RICHARDS' 2018 SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP	W-L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	SD	-		2	1	1	1	1	1	3
3/2	CHC	-		3	2	0	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>0-0</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

## ANGELS SCHEDULED TO PITCH TODAY

LHP John Lamb                      RHP Jim Johnson                      RHP Blake Wood  
LHP Ian Krol

## 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
Thursday	March 8	@Oakland	Hohokam Stadium	RHP Kendall Graveman (0-2, 13.50 ERA)	LHP Tyler Skaggs (0-0, 10.38 ERA)	PT/AM830
Friday	March 9	@Chicago Cubs	Sloan Park	LHP Jon Lester (1-1, 4.15 ERA)	RHP Matt Shoemaker (1-0, 7.71 ERA)	FSW/AM830

## 2018 ANGELS SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TV	W/L	SCORE	ANGELS RECORD	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	ATTENDANCE	
									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							
March 8	@Oakland	Hohokam Stadium	PT							
March 9	@Chicago Cubs	Sloan Park	FSW							
March 10 (ss)	San Francisco	Tempe Diablo	PT							
	(ss) @San Francisco	Scottsdale Stadium	-							
March 11	Texas	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 12	Cincinnati	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 13					OFF DAY					
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					OFF DAY					
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:** 6-6

**Home:** 3-2      **vs. A.L.:** 0-3  
**Road:** 3-4      **vs. N.L.:** 6-3

### 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.

(courtesy of Rodney Johnson of SABR).

### 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.

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