



# GAME INFORMATION

ATLANTA BRAVES MEDIA RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

## ATLANTA BRAVES (4-6-1) vs. PITTSBURGH PIRATES (3-5-2)

RH Brandon McCarthy (0-0, 0.00) vs. RH Chad Kuhl (0-0, 0.00)

Exhibition Game No. 12 • Exhibition Home Game No. 7

March 5, 2018 • Champion Stadium • Lake Buena Vista, Fla. • WIFN (1340 AM/103.7 FM)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Braves and Pirates play the second of four meetings between the two clubs this season...Atlanta and Pittsburgh played to a 3-3 tie in their first game on 2/27, and are set for a pair of meetings at Bradenton on Saturday, March 10 and Friday, March 16.

*A* Atlanta went 2-5 in seven games against the Pirates last season... The Braves are just 10-17 against Pittsburgh since 2014, and have dropped the season series against the Pirates in each of the last four years.

**ROSTER MOVES:** Atlanta optioned RHPs Jason Hursh and Akeel Morris to Triple-A Gwinnett, and reassigned No. 4 prospect Kyle Wright to minor league camp yesterday...The Braves now have 57 active players in camp, including 31 pitchers.

*A* Of the 57 active players in camp, 31 are pitchers (13 left-handers and 18 right-handers), seven are catchers, 10 are infielders and nine are outfielders...There are 19 non-roster invitees (six pitchers, four catchers, four infielders and five outfielders)...The club had 59 players in camp last season.

*A* In all, nine of Atlanta's Top 10 prospects as named by Baseball America opened the spring in camp, including each of the top four...OF Ronald Acuña Jr. (No. 1) was joined by LHP Luiz Gohara (No. 2), RHP Mike Soroka (No. 3), RHP Kyle Wright (No. 4), INF Austin Riley (No. 6), LHP Kolby Allard (No. 7), LHP Max Fried (No. 8), OF Cristian Pache (No. 9) and C Alex Jackson (No. 10).

**CHRISTIAN COLÓN:** INF Christian Colón went 2-for-3 with a home run and five RBI on 3/3 vs. STL...Colón is batting .357 (5-for-14) through seven games, and his six total RBI are most on the club.

*A* Colón has totaled just 25 RBI over 349 at-bats in his major league career, including a single-game high of three on 9/15/16 vs. OAK while with the Royals...In 610 games at the minor league level, Colón has just one five-RBI game, 6/17/11 while in Double-A.

**ACUÑA JR. HEATS UP:** OF Ronald Acuña Jr. has reached base at least two times in each of his last four games after going 1-for-2 with a walk yesterday vs. MIA...He is batting .429/.500/.571 through seven games, and his nine total hits are most on the club.

*A* Last season, Acuña Jr. led the minor leagues with 181 hits, and paced all Atlanta farmhands in batting average (.325, 181-for-557), runs (88), hits, doubles (31), triples (tied, 8), home runs (tied, 21), RBI (82) OPS (.896) and stolen bases (44).

*A* Following the season he appeared in 23 games with the Peoria Javelinas of the Arizona Fall League and batted .325/.414/.639 to become the youngest player in league history to be named MVP... He led the league in runs (22), home runs (7), extra-base hits (12) and total bases (53).

*A* Acuña Jr. enters 2018 named as the No. 2 prospect in the minor leagues by MLB.com, and as the top overall outfield farmhand.

**STRONG STARTS:** Atlanta starting pitchers have worked to a 0.75 ERA (2 ER/24.0 IP) and a 2-1 record over 11 starts this spring...RHP Mike Foltyniewicz tossed 3.0 scoreless innings yesterday vs. STL and joins RHPs Julio Teheran and Matt Wisler as Atlanta starters with 5.0 scoreless innings of work this spring.

*A* The Braves used 11 starting pitchers last season, one year after tying the franchise record with 16 different starters...Overall, the starters went 46-72 (.390), the fourth-worst record in the majors...They tossed 914.1 innings, the eighth most in baseball, while their 4.80 ERA (488 ER) was the ninth-highest mark in the majors.

**TOMORROW'S STARTER:** LHP Sean Newcomb is slated to make his third start of the spring tomorrow afternoon at Toronto...Newcomb has four strikeouts over 3.0 frames in his first two starts of the exhibition season.

## Recent Braves Transactions

**March 4:** Optioned RHP Jason Hursh to Triple-A Gwinnett...Optioned RHP Akeel Morris to Triple-A Gwinnett...Reassigned RHP Kyle Wright to minor league camp.

**March 3:** Reassigned RHP Mauricio Cabrera to minor league camp.

**March 1:** Reassigned C William Contreras to minor league camp.

**February 20:** Outrighted RHP Mauricio Cabrera to Triple-A Gwinnett.

**February 19:** Agreed to terms with RHP Peter Moylan on a one-year, non-guaranteed major league contract for the 2018 season...Designated RHP Mauricio Cabrera for assignment.

## Spring Training Results and Schedule

Date/Opp.	Time/Result	Probable Pitchers/ Winner-Loser-Save	Record	Attendance	Braves HRs	Highlights
2/23 at New York (NL)	L, 6-2	Bashlor-Socolovich-None	0-1	5,816	None	Wisler (2.0 IP, 0 R) starts strong, but Mets score six in eighth to top Braves
2/24 at Houston	L, 6-1	McHugh-Newcomb-None	0-2	4,057	None	Culberson triples in spring debut, Albies logs leadoff single in second straight game
2/25 at Washington	L, 9-3	Scherzer-Sims-None	0-3	3,675	Swanson (1), Franco (1)	Swanson and Franco hit solo home runs, but Braves drop third straight
2/26 vs. Washington	W, 2-1	Teheran-Fedde-Brothers	1-3	3,772	None	Braves earn first win behind two hits each from Albies and Suzuki
2/27 vs. Pittsburgh	T, 3-3	---	1-3-1	3,220	Camargo (1)	Foltyniewicz throws 2.0 scoreless in spring debut, Camargo homers in Braves tie
2/28 vs. New York (NL)	L, 6-4	Conlon-Ravin-None	1-4-1	4,384	None	McCarthy goes 3.0 innings and Acuña Jr. has two hits as Braves fall in 9th
3/1 vs. Washington (SS) at Detroit (SS)	L, 6-2 W, 5-2	Romero-Wright-None Jackson-Moreno-Morris	1-5-1 2-5-1	3,286 4,576	None Riley (1)	Wisler tosses 3.0 scoreless, but Nationals rally for win Acuña Jr. gets second straight multi-hit game, Riley homers in Braves win
3/2 at New York (AL)	L, 5-4	Feyereisen-Pfeifer-None	2-6-1	9,514	Acuña Jr. (1)	Acuña Jr. logs three hits, including home, but Yankees walk off in 9th
3/3 vs. St. Louis	W, 9-2	Teheran-Mikolas-None	3-6-1	7,246	Colón (1), Brantly (1)	Colón drives in five, Teheran goes 3.0 scoreless to earn second win
3/4 vs. Miami	W, 5-2	Blair-Conley-Jackson	4-6-1	5,414	None	Freeman and Albies tally two hits apiece as Braves win consecutive games
3/5 vs. Pittsburgh	1:05	RH Brandon McCarthy vs. RH Chad Kuhl				
3/6 at Toronto	1:07	LH Sean Newcomb vs. RH Joe Biagini				
3/7 OFF DAY						
3/8 vs. Houston	1:05	LH Scott Kazmir vs. RH Frances Martes				
3/9 vs. New York (AL)	6:05	RH Julio Teheran vs. RH Sonny Gray				
3/10 at Pittsburgh	1:05					
3/11 at Detroit	1:05					
3/12 vs. Philadelphia	6:05					
3/13 vs. Toronto	1:05					
3/14 vs. Philadelphia	1:05					
3/15 vs. Detroit	1:05					
3/16 at Pittsburgh	1:05					
3/17 vs. St. Louis (SS) at Philadelphia (SS)	1:05 1:05					
3/18 at Houston	1:05					
3/19 vs. Toronto	1:05					
3/20 OFF DAY						
3/21 vs. Detroit	6:05					
3/22 at St. Louis	1:05					
3/23 vs. Detroit	1:05					
3/24 vs. New York (AL)	1:05					
3/25 at Detroit	1:05					
3/26 vs. New York (AL)	7:35					
3/27 vs. Braves Future Stars	7:35					

