



CLEVELAND INDIANS

2018 SPRING TRAINING GAME INFORMATION

TEXAS RANGERS (5-10-2) at CLEVELAND INDIANS (10-7-2)

RHP Clayton Blackburn (1-1, 4.91) vs. RHP Trevor Bauer (0-1, 8.64)

Spring Game #20/Home #9 » Monday, March 12, 2018 » Goodyear Ballpark » 4:05 p.m. (ET) » webcast

GREETINGS FROM GOODYEAR

» The Cleveland Indians return to the Goodyear Development Complex for their 10th year of Spring Training in the Cactus League...after 16 seasons in Winter Haven, Florida from 1993-2008, the Tribe became the 14th organization to make its Spring Training home in Arizona beginning in 2009, while the Cincinnati Reds made it an even 15-15 split of teams between the Cactus and Grapefruit circuits after joining the Indians here in Goodyear for the 2010 campaign.
» Cleveland is 149-142-25 (.512) all-time in the Cactus League.

TODAY'S MATCHUP VS. TEXAS

» The Indians will face a split-squad Rangers club today for the second of three Cactus League matchups between the teams this spring...Cleveland earned a 9-4 victory at Goodyear on March 2 in the first contest, and the Indians will travel to Surprise for their final tilt on March 24.
» In 24 all-time Cactus League contests, the Indians hold an 9-14-1 (.391) record against the Rangers...the teams went 2-2 against each other in the spring of 2017, including a split in a two-game set at San Antonio's Alamodome.
» The Indians and Rangers began their 2017 regular seasons in Arlington, with the Tribe sweeping a three-game set...Cleveland took three games out of four when they hosted Texas in June and posted a mark of 6-1 in the overall season series...including the years the Texas franchise was in Washington (1961-1971), Cleveland owns an all-time record of 321-341 (.485) against the Rangers.
» The Indians and Rangers will meet six times in the 2018 regular season, starting with a three-game series at Progressive Field April 30-May 2...the Tribe will then travel to Globe Life Park for a three-game set July 20-22 in the clubs' first contests following the All-Star break.

TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

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47	Trevor Bauer	RHP
69	Stephen Fife	RHP
44	Nick Goody	RHP
38	Jeff Beliveau	LHP
58	Neil Ramirez	RHP
88	Ben Taylor	RHP
78	Cameron Hill	RHP

TEXAS RANGERS (SS)

47	Clayton Blackburn	RHP
62	Jose Leclerc	RHP
59	Connor Sadzeck	RHP
56	Austin Bibens-Dirkx	RHP
31	Chris Martin	RHP

ATHLETIC TRAINER'S TABLE

» **RHP JULIAN MERRYWEATHER** (right elbow UCL sprain) underwent "Tommy John" surgery Friday in an operation performed by Dr. Keith Meister...the 26-year-old right-hander did not appear in Cactus League action this spring and will miss the duration of the 2018 season.
» **OF MICHAEL BRANTLEY** (Oct. 18 right ankle surgery) continues to progress toward full baseball activity, and began working on defensive lateral movements last week...began baserunning drills on Sunday and continues to be unrestricted in all hitting activities...he will participate in outfield work today.
» **OF BRANDON GUYER** (Oct. 11 extensor tendon surgery) re-aggravated his left wrist injury; received an MRI on Feb. 22 and began his return to baseball activities Feb. 27...he has begun hitting off a tee and is working towards progressing to front-toss hitting...he took Saturday off from baseball activities.
» **RHP DANNY SALAZAR** (right shoulder inflammation) remains a few weeks behind in his throwing program; he is expected to begin throwing off a mound soon...Salazar was sent home early on Thursday due to illness and resumed his throwing program on Saturday...he is participating in weighted ball work and is slated to throw from 120 feet today.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP - VS. MILWAUKEE

» The Indians surrendered three runs in the top of the 9th inning and dropped the home half of their split-squad day, 5-4, to the Brewers.
» **SS FRANCISCO LINDOR** led off the game with a solo homer, his third of the spring...**1B YONDER ALONSO** recorded an RBI single, while **1B BOBBY BRADLEY** tacked on an RBI double of his own...**2B JASON KIPNIS** was 2-for-3 with a triple, his eighth extra-base hit of the spring.
» **RHP CARLOS CARRASCO** was strong in his second Cactus League start, fanning six and allowing just one hit over 3.0 scoreless innings...**RHP CODY ALLEN** and **LHP ANDREW MILLER** each contributed scoreless outings.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP - AT KANSAS CITY

» At Surprise, the other half of the Tribe earned a 3-1 victory against the Royals.
» **C ROBERTO PÉREZ** provided the critical blow, a two-run homer (his second of the spring) in the top of the 3rd inning...**OF BRANDON BARNES** provided insurance with a solo shot in the top of the 5th...**INF GIOVANNY URSHELA** and **INF YANDY DÍAZ** both went 2-for-3 on the afternoon.
» **LHP RYAN MERRITT** started for the Tribe and earned the win with 2.0 shutout innings (1H, 2K, 0BB)...**LHP SHAWN MORIMANDO** turned in 3.0 hitless innings of relief (2K), while **LHP TYLER OLSON**, **RHP EVAN MARSHALL** and **RHP LOUIS HEAD** (1.0 inning each) also recorded scoreless appearances.

MEDIA INFORMATION: The Press Room at the Goodyear Complex opens at 7:30AM on game days...The Indians clubhouse is open to members of the media with proper credentials for roughly 50 minutes prior to morning workouts and again from 11:15AM-Noon on game days...The clubhouse may close at certain times for team meetings, etc...For all games played at Goodyear Ballpark, a shuttle is available from the Indians Player Development Complex to Goodyear Ballpark beginning at NOON and will run for approximately 30 minutes after the final out...Goodyear Ballpark media dining room is located behind the press box and serves lunch for \$7 on game days...While the game is in progress, upon request, players that have been removed from the game can be made available near the Indians clubhouse located in the RF corner after exiting the game...Indians Manager Terry Francona will be available every morning around 9:10AM (subject to change) in the Press Room.

UPCOMING PROBABLES & BROADCAST INFORMATION

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers - Cleveland vs. Opponent	First Pitch	Radio/TV
Tues. March 13		OFF DAY		
Wed. March 14	vs. Los Angeles-AL	RHP Corey Kluber (2-0, 3.12) vs. RHP Matt Shoemaker (1-1, 10.80)	4:05PM ET	webcast
Thur. March 15	vs. Cincinnati	RHP Mike Clevinger (0-0, 4.00) vs. RHP Tyler Mahle (0-0, 3.72)	4:05PM ET	ALT 99.1/IRN/webcast

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DAYS LEFT UNTIL OPENING DAY
March 29, 2018 @ Seattle Mariners
Safeco Field

INDIANS RECENT SPRING RECORDS

Year	W-L-T	AVG	ERA
2017	17-16-3	.301	5.63
2016	18-12-4	.257	4.03
2015	14-18-1	.270	4.54
2014	20-9-2	.288	4.28
2013	17-16-2	.282	5.14
2012	7-22-3	.247	5.42
2011	15-14-2	.274	5.19
2010	19-9-3	.289	3.96
2009	12-20-3	.279	6.00
2008	15-14-0	.285	4.61
2007	16-14-1	.260	3.67
2006	20-12-1	.286	4.79

2018 MLB.com CLEVELAND INDIANS TOP 10 PROSPECTS

- Francisco Mejía, C
- Triston McKenzie, RHP
- Bobby Bradley, 1B
- Yu Chang, SS
- Nolan Jones, 3B
- Quentin Holmes, OF
- Greg Allen, OF
- Will Benson, OF
- Willi Castro, SS
- Aaron Civale, RHP

ON THE MOUND: TREVOR BAUER

» Tribe right-hander **TREVOR BAUER** makes his fourth start of Spring Training today against the Texas Rangers...faced the Rangers on March 2, striking out four batters in 3.0 innings (3H, 1R/ER, 1HB) as the Indians won 9-4...made his spring debut at Cincinnati on February 25, throwing 2.0 hitless innings (3K, 1HB)...took the loss on March 7 against Chicago-NL, allowing eight runs (seven earned) on eight hits (two home runs) in 3.1 innings (1HB, 3BB, 3K)...has a 0-1 record with an 8.64 ERA overall in Cactus League action this year.
» In his career against Texas, Bauer has no record, a 3.38 ERA (4ER/10.2IP) and 11 strikeouts in four spring games (two starts)...also has four career regular-season starts against the Rangers, owning a 1-0 record and 3.67 ERA (11ER/27.0IP)...the Tribe has won three of his four starts.
» Bauer put together his best season to date in the Tribe rotation in 2017, recording career highs in wins (17), strikeouts (196) and innings pitched (176.1), while posting his lowest full-season ERA (4.19).
» He won a career-best nine straight decisions from July 21-September 10, an Indians pitching staff season-high...the streak was part of a second-half stretch in which he went 10-1 with a 2.60 ERA from July 21 to the end of the season.

MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS AVAILABLE FOR TODAY'S GAME

#	Player	MG Bio
66	RHP Argenis Angulo	Pg. 266
62	RHP Dominic DeMasi	Pg. 274
60	LHP Anderson Polanco	Pg. 296

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

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28	Corey Kluber	RHP
57	Carlos Torres	RHP
46	Matt Belisle	RHP
49	Tyler Olson	LHP
34	Zach McAllister	RHP

LOS ANGELES ANGELS

52	Matt Shoemaker	RHP
52	Blake Parker	RHP
32	Cam Bedrosian	RHP
39	Keynan Middleton	RHP
48	Jose Alvarez	LHP
25	Noe Ramirez	RHP
64	Felix Peña	RHP

LEADING THE TRIBE

» **INF JASON KIPNIS** continues to lead MLB with six homers so far in Spring Training...Kipnis's longball total is tied with Yan Gomes (2016) and Shelley Duncan (2012) for the most in a spring by a Tribe batter since the club returned to the Cactus League in 2009...Kipnis also has 12 RBI, which ranks T3rd in the Cactus League (T5th in MLB), and eight extra-base hits (T1st in MLB).
» With two longballs in his last three games, **SS FRANCISCO LINDOR** now ranks 2nd on the club with three spring homers...**INF YANDY DÍAZ's** grand slam on Saturday gave him nine RBI on the spring, propelling him into a tie for 2nd on the club, with **INF RICHEL SHAFER**.
» **RHP COREY KLUBER** ranks T2nd in MLB (T1st in Cactus League) with 15 strikeouts this spring...**RHP CARLOS CARRASCO** fanned six of the nine batters he faced yesterday, putting him in 2nd place on the Tribe with 12 punchouts this spring...as a team, the Indians pitching staff has struck out 179 batters, second in MLB and 15 more than any other team in Arizona.
» The Tribe offense leads MLB in home runs (35) and RBI (124)...they also rank 2nd in runs (132) and hits (197), 3rd in batting average (.289) and slugging percentage (.517), 4th in on-base percentage (.360) and 3rd in OPS (.517).

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

» After 18 consecutive days of Cactus League action (20 total games played), the Tribe will enjoy its first of two scheduled Spring Training off days tomorrow...Cleveland will also be off next Tuesday (March 20).
» Following today's wave of transactions (see Page 2 for full details), the Indians now have 50 players in Major League camp.

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#47 - RHP TREVOR BAUER: Recorded his best MLB season to date in 2017, setting career highs in wins (17), strikeouts (196) and games started (31)...went 17-9 with a 4.19 ERA (82ER/176.1IP) in 32 games (31 GS); his 2017 ERA is his lowest career full-season mark... also ranked T4th in the A.L. in wins and 7th in strikeouts...set career best with 14 strikeouts over 7.0 innings pitched on May 30 vs. Oakland...won career-best nine-straight decisions July 21-September 10, the longest win streak on the team last season...struck out six-or-more batters in 22 of his 31 starts, which was tied for the 6th-most such starts in the A.L.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows include games against CIN, TEX, ChC and Cactus Totals.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#69 - RHP STEPHEN FIFE: Split season between Triple-A New Orleans in the Miami Marlins organization, and the Seibu Lions in Japan's Pacific League...posted a 4-3 record and 3.97 ERA (29ER/65.2IP) in 12 starts with NOLA before being released on June 16 to sign with Seibu...went 1-1 with a 6.86 ERA in five starts with the Lions.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows include games against CIN, LAD and Cactus Totals.

#44 - RHP NICK GOODY: Spent almost entire season in Cleveland bullpen, after beginning year with Triple-A...finished year with a 2.80 ERA (20th-lowest among A.L. relievers) and .198 average against (13th-lowest among A.L. relievers)...did not allow an earned run in his first 17 games with the Tribe, a career-best streak that spanned 17.1IP...struck out a career best 11.9 batters per 9.0IP, and set a single-game career-best with five strikeouts in 1.2IP on July 30 at CWS...began year with Triple-A Columbus, and fanned 10 of 17 batters faced in 4.1 IP over three appearances.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows include games against ARI, OAK, LAD, ChC, COL and Cactus Totals.

#38 - LHP JEFF BELIVEAU: Divided 2017 between Toronto (19 games) and Triple-A Buffalo (29 games)...went 1-1 with a 7.47 ERA in 19 games with Blue Jays (June 25-July 1), and 4-1, 3.04 in 29 games (one start) in Triple-A...returned to Buffalo on July 25 for rest of year.

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#58 - RHP NEIL RAMIREZ: Divided 2017 between four organizations at both the Major and Minor League levels...made 29 combined MLB appearances with San Francisco and the Mets, earning an 0-1 record with a 7.18 ERA (25ER/31.1IP)...overall left handed batters to a .212 (11/52) batting average.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows include games against ARI, MIL, SEA, SF, CIN, COL and Cactus Totals.

#88 - RHP BEN TAYLOR: Waiver claim from Boston on Feb. 25...appeared in 14 games with Red Sox in 2017; had a 0-1 record and 5.19 ERA (17.1IP, 20H, 10ER, 9BB, 18SO)...on Triple-A D.L. May 28-June 25 (right elbow inflammation) and missed time on MLB D.L. July 26-August 30 (left intercostal strain)...had a 2.70 ERA and 2 saves (131.1IP, 7H, 4R/ER, 5BB, 12K, .156 avg) in 12G in Triple-A.

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#78 - RHP CAMERON HILL: Named an Eastern League Midseason All-Star after posting a 2.66 ERA (14ER/47.1IP) in 25 first-half appearances with Double-A Akron...finished E.L. season 7th in saves (13) and T10th in games pitched (41)...final 11 appearances of the season were scoreless (9.2IP, 9SO).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., ERA, IP, H, R, ER, BB, K, HR, TBF. Rows include games against ARI, OAK, SF, CIN, SD and Cactus Totals.

2018 CLEVELAND INDIANS SPRING EXHIBITION SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Large table with columns: Date, Opponent, Site, Time, Win/Loss/Save, T.O.G., Attend., W-L-T. Lists exhibition games from February to March 27.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with columns: Player, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, RF, DH. Lists players and their starts at various positions.

2018 TRANSACTIONS

- January 4 Signed free agent LHP ROBERT ZARATE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp; invited the following internal players to Major League camp: 1B BOBBY BRADLEY, RHP LOUIS HEAD, RHP CAMERON HILL, RHP JOSH MARTIN, 1B NELLIE RODRIGUEZ, OF RICHIE SHAFFER & RHP COLE SULSER.
January 22 Signed free agents LHP ADAM WILK & C JACK MURPHY to Minor League contracts with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp; signed free agents RHP JUAN ZAPATA & RHP LOGAN FRANCO to Minor League contracts.
January 26 Signed free agent RHP PRESTON CLAIBORNE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 8 Signed free agent RHP STEPHEN FIFE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 15 Signed free agent C RYAN HANIGAN to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 16 Released RHP LISALVERTO BONILLA to pursue an opportunity in the Korean Baseball Organization.
February 17 Signed free agent OF RAJAI DAVIS to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 22 Signed free agent RHP CARLOS TORRES to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
February 25 Signed free agent RHP MATT BELISLE to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp; claimed RHP BEN TAYLOR off waivers from the Boston Red Sox; placed RHP CODY ANDERSON on the 60-day Disabled List.
February 28 Signed free agent INF MIKE NAPOLI to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League spring camp.
March 9 Optioned INF WILLI CASTRO and INF YU CHANG to AA Akron...Reassigned RHP COLE SULSER, INF NELLIE RODRIGUEZ and LHP ROBERT ZARATE to Minor League camp.
March 12 Optioned OF ABRAHAM ALMONTE, C FRANCISCO MEJIA, RHP JULIAN MERRYWEATHER, LHP SHAWN MORIMANDO, and RHP ADAM PLUTKO to AAA Columbus...Reassigned RHP LOUIS HEAD, RHP JOSH MARTIN, LHP ADAM WILK and INF BOBBY BRADLEY to Minor League camp.

CATCHERS' CAUGHT-STEALING %'s

Table with columns: Player, CS, SBA, CS%. Lists catchers and their caught-stealing percentages.

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C Yan Gomes @Yan_AGomes
INF Erik González @31Mago
RHP Nick Goody @Its_all_Goody41
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