

SPRING TRAINING INFORMATION







LOS ANGELES DODGERS (7-6-1) at Cleveland Indians (7-6-1) Thursday, March 8, 2018 – 6:05 p.m. MT | Goodyear Ballpark LHP Alex Wood (2-0, 10.80) vs. RHP Josh Tomlin (0-1, 11.25)

Spring Game 15/Road Game 9 TV: SportsNet LA Radio: None



TURN ON THE LIGHTS: The Dodgers will face the Cleveland Indians for the third and final time of Cactus League play, in the club's first night game of the spring in Goodyear. The teams have split the matchups this spring, with Cleveland taking the first game, 8-7, on March 1 and Los Angeles winning the second, 8-1, on Monday, March 5, with both games being played at CR-G. The Dodgers have 19 more exhibition games this spring; including nine at Camelback Ranch on three Spring Training weekends and will head back to Los Angeles for a three-game Freeway Series against the Angels on March 25-27. Following the I-5 matchup, the Dodgers will open the 2018 season on March 29 against the San Francisco Giants at Dodger Stadium.

RECAP: Yesterday, the Dodgers returned to winning form with a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels, following a solid start by ace Clayton Kershaw. Kershaw, who made his third start of the spring, allowed just three hits in 3.0 shutout innings and struck out two against two walks. Non-roster invitees Brian Schlitter, Daniel Corcino and Joe Broussard all tossed a scoreless inning of relief, while Brock Stewart recorded his first win of Cactus League play. At the plate, Logan Forsythe drove in three of the four runs for the Dodgers with an RBI double in the second inning and his second home run of Cactus League play, a two-run blast in the seventh. Outfielder Andrew Toles also added a run with a solo shot in the sixth inning for his second homer of the spring.

- With the two home runs in yesterday's contest, the Dodger home run total is now at 26, which is currently tied with the Indians for the most in the big leagues this spring.
- The Dodgers' 38 doubles this spring lead all Major League teams and the offense currently ranks among the top teams this spring in hits (137, 5th), runs scored (92, T-3rd), slugging percentage (.528, 2nd) and OPS (.874, 5th).
- Dodger pitchers have recorded 118 strikeouts this spring, which ranks fifth in the Cactus League, behind just the Indians (130), Reds (128), Cubs (123) and Padres (119).

GOOD WOOD: Dodger left-hander Alex Wood will take the mound for his third start of the spring the Indians tonight. Wood, who last pitched on Saturday against the Diamondbacks, allowed two runs on three hits in 2.1 innings with three strikeouts as he recorded his second win of the spring. The southpaw has gone 2-0 in Cactus League play, while allowing four runs in 3.1 innings (10.80 ERA) and striking out four against three walks.

Wood had a breakout 2017 campaign in which he went 16-3 with a 2.72 ERA in 27 games (25 starts) and was named to the NL All-Star team for the first time in his career. In five big league seasons, Wood has gone 43-33 with a 3.20 ERA in 139 career games (102 starts) with Atlanta (2013-15) and Los Angeles (2015-17). The Georgia native finished ninth in the NL Cy Young voting last year.

THE PENGUIN IS HERE: Dodger alumni and legend Ron Cey joined the team today as he will serve as a guest instructor for the club this weekend. The six-time All-Star and the 1981 World Series co-MVP is also here to visit with the Dodgers Sponsorship and Premium clientele throughout the weekend. Cey played 12 seasons with the Dodgers, posting a .264/.359/.445 slashline with 223 doubles, 18 triples, 228 home runs and 842 RBI in 1,481 games.

<u>LET'S READ!</u>: The Los Angeles Dodgers and the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) launched their second annual Dodgers Reading Champions Challenge, yesterday, inviting youth from across Los Angeles County to read one million minutes during the campaign, which runs through August. The Dodgers Reading Champions Challenge encourages children in first through eighth grade to track the time they spend reading online and offers participants the opportunity to win cool prizes. Students who read more than 30 minutes per day are rewarded with incentives which include monthly opportunities to be on the field at Dodger Stadium. Parents, educators and guardians can register students and learn more about the program at Dodgers.com/LAReads.

2018 Dodger Spring Training Schedule						
Date	Opp.	Time	Rec.	Winner	Loser	Attend.
2/23	CWS	W, 13-5	1-0	Lee	Danish	6,813
2/24	SF	L, 3-9	1-1	Okert	Bañuelos	13,141
	at KC	L, 4-8	1-2	Smith	Broussard	5,020
2/25	at SEA	L, 0-2	1-3	Nicasio	Alexander	7,504
2/26	at TEX	W, 9-6	2-3	Wood	Minor	3,109
2/27	TEX	T, 4-4	2-3-1			4,598
2/28	at SD	L, 5-10	2-4-1	Wieck	Lowe	2,781
3/1	CLE	L, 7-8	2-5-1	Marshall	Moseley	5,725
3/2	at CWS	W, 7-6	3-5-1	Chopping	Walsh	7,423
3/3	ARI	W, 14-6	4-5-1	Wood	Ray	13,186
3/4	at SF	W, 9-3	5-5-1	Maeda	Samardzija	12,141
3/5	CLE	W, 8-1	6-5-1	Copping	Merritt	6,889
3/6	at CHI	L, 9-5	6-6-1	Darvish	Font	14, 479
3/7	at LAA	W, 4-2	7-6-1	Stewart	Lamb	5,650
3/8	at CLE	6:05 PM				
3/9	KC	1:05 PM				
3/10	CHI	7:05 PM				
3/11	at COL	1:10 PM				
3/12	MIL	1:05 PM				
3/13	Off Day					
3/14	COL	7:05 PM				
3/15	KC	1:05 PM				
3/16	at ARI	1:10 PM				
3/17	at CWS	1:05 PM				
3/18	at MIL	1:05 PM				
	SD	1:05 PM				
3/19	OAK	7:05 PM				
3/20	at OAK	1:05 PM				
3/21	Off Day					
3/22	LAA	7:05 PM				
3/23	at KC	1:05 PM				
3/24	CWS	12:05 PM				
3/25	at LAA	6:07 PM				
3/26	LAA	7:10 PM				
3/27	LAA	7:10 PM				
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- The Dodgers posted the seventh 100-win season in franchise history (third in Los Angeles history) and first since 1974 (102-60). The Dodgers won 90+ games for the fifth consecutive season, a feat that had only previously been accomplished once in franchise history, 1951-56 (6).
- Los Angeles finished with the best record in the Majors for the first time since 1974 and the National League's best record for the first time since 2009. The Dodgers set a Los Angeles record for victories with 104 (104-58), tying for the second most in franchise history (also: 1942, 104-50) and finishing one shy of the club record of 105 (105-49), set in 1953.
- The Dodgers topped the NL in ERA (3.38), opponents' batting average (.228, 1st MLB), strikeouts (1,549), WHIP (1.15, 1st MLB) and shutouts (16). Los Angeles' 3.39 starters' ERA topped the Majors, while the 3.38 ERA by the club's relievers led the NL (4th, MLB).
- The Dodgers established franchise records with 553 extrabase hits (previous high: 541 in 1953), 312 doubles (previous high: 307 in 2006) and 221 home runs (4th, NL), which topped the club's previous high of 211 set in 2000. The club also set a Los Angeles record with a .437 slugging percentage, outpacing the previous high of .432 set in 2006.

COLLEGE BASEBALL CLASSIC: Dodger Stadium will host the annual College Baseball Classic this Sunday, March 11, as three of college baseball's top 25 ranked teams will take the field at Chavez Ravine. Seventh-ranked Texas Christian University will face 21st-ranked Vanderbilt at 10:30 a.m. followed by the annual local matchup of UCLA (#11) vs. USC at 3:00p.m. Tickets begin at just \$10 for both matchups (student tickets are \$5) and can be purchased at Dodgers.com/classic.

TODAY'S PITCHING PROBABLES

- Right-handed pitcher **Zach Neal** is making his second appearance of the spring. In his first game against Kansas City on Feb. 24, he allowed three runs on five hits and struck out one batter in 2.0 innings of relief. Neal is entering his ninth professional season and his first with the Dodgers after spending the past five years with the Athletics' organization. In two big league seasons with Oakland (2016-17), he has gone 2-4 with two saves, a 4.89 ERA (46 ER/84.2 IP) and a 1.16 WHIP in 30 career games (six starts).
- Luban native Yaisel Sierra is set to make his fourth appearance of the spring, after allowing one hit and striking out three batters in 1.1 innings on Sunday against San Francisco. In 3.0 innings of relief this spring, he has allowed four runs (two earned), while striking out four against three walks. Sierra is in his third season in the Dodgers organization and last year, he went 5-1 with a 3.04 ERA in 39 combined games with Double-A Tulsa and Triple-A Oklahoma City.
- Veteran right-hander **Mark Lowe** will make his fourth appearances this spring. In his last outing on Sunday against the Giants, he allowed two runs on two hits in an inning of relief, while striking out two against one walk. In three Cactus League games, he has allowed eight runs in 2.1 innings of relief, while striking out three batters. Lowe is entering his 11th major league season and second stint with the Dodgers (2013) after spending last season with the White Sox and Mariners organizations. Last season, he went 3-4 with one save and posted a 6.66 ERA in a combined 40 games with Triple-A Tacoma (Mariners) and Triple-A Charlotte (White Sox), striking out 43 batters against 23 walks in 48.2 innings.
- Left-hander Scott Alexander is set to make his fourth outing of the spring, after allowing just one hit in 2.0 scoreless innings of relief with four strikeouts on Monday against the Indians. The southpaw has appeared in three Cactus League games, allowing one run in 3.0 innings (3.00 ERA) and striking out five without issuing a walk. Alexander begins his fourth big league season and his first with the Dodgers after a three-team swap with the Royals and White Sox. He owns a 5-4 record with four saves and a 2.78 ERA in 79 career big league games over three seasons with the Royals (2015-17).
- Ambidextrous pitcher **Pat Venditte** will appear in his fifth game of the spring tonight, after making his last appearance against the Indians on March 5 where he allowed one hit and struck out two batters in an inning of relief. Venditte has tossed 4.2 scoreless innings in four outings, while striking out seven without issuing a walk in Cactus League play. He enters his first season with the Dodgers after spending 2017 with the Phillies' Triple-A Lehigh Valley, going 9-5 with two saves and posting a 3.36 ERA (26 ER/69.2 IP) in 52 relief appearances.
- Southpaw Edward Paredes will make his fifth outing of the spring, after last pitching on March 5 against the Indians. In four Cactus League games, Paredes has allowed three runs in 3.0 innings (9.00 ERA) and has struck out eight against three walks. The 31-year-old lefty reliever enters his 10th professional season and his first big league camp with the Dodgers after making his big league debut last season with the club.

SPRING TRAINING TRANSACTIONS

- Feb. 17 Signed INF Chase Utley to a two-year contract
- Feb. 23 Claimed J.T. Chargois off waivers from Minnesota Twins; placed LHP Julio Urías on the 60-day disabled list
- Feb. 26 Signed C Rocky Gale to a minor league contract with an invite to Spring Training

BREAKDOWN

Starts by Batting Order:

1st: Taylor (8), Utley (5), Toles (1)
2nd: Seager (5), Pederson (3), Forsythe (1), Bellinger (1), Turner (2), Utley (1), Toles (1)

3rd: Turner (5), Bellinger (2), Barnes (1), Puig (1), Toles (1), Kemp (2), Grandal (2) **4th**: Bellinger (3), Puig (4), Hernandez (2), Kemp (3), Grandal (1), Taijeron (1)

5th: Kemp (2), Ramos (1), Toles (1), Grandal (4), Barnes (1), Muncy (1),

Verdugo (1), Farmer (1), Puig (1),

Pederson (1)

6th: Grandal (2), Verdugo (1), Thompson (1), Pederson (4), Farmer (1), Locastro (1), Peter (1), Taijeron (1), Forsythe (2)

7th: Forsythe (2), Farmer (1), Jackson (1), Toles (1), Thompson (1), Verdugo (2), Ramos (1), Rios (1), Solano (1), Pederson

(1), Barnes (1), Hernandez (1) 8th: Hernández (2), Muncy (4), Smith (2), Peter (1), Locastro (1), Beaty (1), Barnes (1), Solano (2)

9th: Thompson (2), Solano (2), Beaty (1), Ramos (1), Jackson (1), Rios (1), Peter (1), Estevez (2), Hernández (1), Segedin (2)

Starts by Position:

C: Grandal (8), Farmer (3), Smith (2), Barnes (1)

1B: Bellinger (6), Beaty (3), Muncy (2), Rios (2), Segedin (1)

2B: Forsythe (4), Utley (5), Hernández (1), Locastro (2), Peter (1), Estevez (1)

3B: Turner (7), Muncy (2), Jackson (1), Peter (2), Forsythe (1), Segedin (1)

SS: Hernández (4), Solano (6), Jackson

(1), Taylor (2), Estevez (1) **LF**: Kemp (7), Verdugo (1), Toles (2),

Thompson (1), Pederson (3) **CF**: Taylor (4), Pederson (5), Ramos (1),

Verdugo (1), Toles (1), Hernandez (1) **RF**: Thompson (3), Puig (5), Toles (2),

Verdugo (3), Ramos (1) **DH**: Seager (5), Ramos (1), Barnes (3), Grandal (1), Pederson (1), Taijeron (2), Utley (1)

Innings by Position:

C: Grandal (38), Ramos (5), Farmer (16), Ruiz (21), Smith (33), Zarraga (4), Gale (4), Barnes (4)

1B: Bellinger (31), Locastro (4), Rios (40), Beaty (18), Darvill (3), Muncy (16), Ahmed (11), Segedin (2)

2B: Forsythe (20), Muncy (4), Utley (23), Peter (15), Estevez (13), Hernandez (4), Solano (11), Locastro (26), Montgomery (2), Beaty (7)

3B: Turner (36), Verdugo (5), Muncy (16), Montgomery (2), Jackson (11), Ahmed (3), Beaty (11), Peter (24), C. Santana (7), Forsythe (4), Segedin (5), Farmer (4)

SS: Hernández (20), Peters (4), Solano (29), Mora (3), Robinson (22), Jackson (15), Taylor (15), Estevez (8), Peter (3) LF: Kemp (36), Farmer (5), Locastro (7),

Verdugo (9), Toles (17), Taijeron (4), Thompson (5), Diaz (9), Peters (5), Pederson (16), Landon (5), Ramos (5), Gorliek (2)

Garlick (2) CF: Taylor (19), Peter (5), Pederson (30), Peters (17), Diaz (5), Ramos (17), Locastro (4), Verdugo (11), Toles (4), Thompson (6), Hernandez (6)

RF: Thompson (17), Solano (4), Puig (27), Verdugo (16), McKinstry (1),

Montgomery (1), Landon (4), Toles (12), Diaz (13), Peters (13), Taijeron (15),

Ramos (6)

DH: Ramos (6), Mieses (3), Barnes (21), Seager (19), Taijeron (16), Zarraga (12), Grandal (7), Pederson (6), Gale (7), Farmer (3), Utley (7), Beaty (2)

RECORD: 7-6-1 ATTENDANCE: ---

 DAY: 7-6-1
 NIGHT: 0-0-0
 HOME: 50,352
 AVERAGE: 8,392 (6 G)

 HOME: 3-2-1
 ROAD: 4-4-0
 ROAD: 58,107
 AVERAGE: 7,263 (8 G)

 VS. NL: 2-3-0
 VS. AL: 5-3-1
 TOTAL: 108,459
 AVERAGE: 7,828

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