



# GAME NOTES

## St. Louis Cardinals DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS



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### St. Louis Cardinals (6-6-2) at Houston Astros (10-5-1) Spring Training Game No. 15 • FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches • March 9, 2018 Miles Mikolas (0-2, 19.29 ERA) vs. Justin Verlander (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

**TONIGHT'S GAME:** The Cardinals play the only night game on their Grapefruit League schedule tonight against the Houston Astros at the FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beach in West Palm Beach at 6:05 p.m....tonight's game will be televised on Fox Sports Midwest and streamed on cardinals.com....Redbird pitchers and catchers reported on Feb. 13 with the first full-squad workout on Feb. 19.

**LAST GAME:** The Cardinals rallied from a 4-1 deficit to win 5-4 over the Miami Marlins yesterday afternoon at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium... Jose Martinez hit an opposite field game-tying two-run home run in the 7th inning and Adolis Garcia's sac fly in the bottom of the 8th scored Randy Arozarena who hit a one-out triple a batter earlier...Tyler Lyons pitched two perfect innings for the win and Dominic Leone recorded his second save with a scoreless 9th inning.

**COMING UP:** The Cardinals return home to face the Miami Marlins for the third time over five days tomorrow afternoon in Jupiter...the game will be the seventh 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 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 Spring Training.

• **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, 3-0-1 in their last four games, travel to West Palm Beach to take on the Houston Astros in their lone night game of the season at 6:05 p.m.

• **CARDINALS VS. ASTROS:** The Cardinals are playing the third of four matchups against the Houston Astros this Spring...Houston won the first two games in Jupiter with a 7-3 win on Feb. 25 and 4-1 win on Mar. 4...tonight's matchup marks the third game the Cardinals have played against the Astros at the FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches with all three being played at night.

• **TONIGHT'S STARTING PITCHER:** RHP Miles Mikolas is tonight's starting pitcher against the Houston Astros...the newly acquired right-hander has pitched 4.2 innings in two starts and last pitched against the Atlanta Braves in Orlando on Mar. 3.

• **TOMORROW'S STARTING PITCHER:** RHP Michael Wacha is scheduled to make his third start of the Spring tomorrow afternoon, and will face the Miami Marlins at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium at 1:05 p.m.

• **HOME AWAY FROM HOME:** In five games at FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches in 2017, the Cardinals won all five with three victories against the Washington Nationals and two against the Houston Astros...the Cardinals play five games in West Palm Beach this season (WSH 3, HOU 2).

• **RUNNIN' REDBIRDS:** Through 14 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 17 and the next closest Grapefruit League team are the Pirates and Yankees with 13...Kolten Wong leads the majors with six steals and teammate Oscar Mercado ranks second with five.

• **SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE THEY'RE SIGNED:** The Cardinals announced Monday they signed 24 players to one-year contracts for the 2018 season and renewed OF Tommy Pham for the 2018 season.

• **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.

• **CARDINALS REASSIGN RAVELO:** The Cardinals reassigned 1B/OF Rangel Ravelo to minor league camp prior to yesterday afternoon'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.

CARDINALS 2018 SPRING RECAP		
	Record	Attendance
vs. NL.....	4-3-1	Home (7).....38,141
vs. AL.....	2-3-1	Home Avg ..... 5,449
at Home.....	3-3-1	Road (7).....43,578
on Road.....	3-3-1	Road Avg..... 6,226
at RDS*.....	3-4-2	Total.....81,719
*Includes road games at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium.		Home High.....6,654 vs. Boston (3/2)

#### TODAY'S PITCHING LINEUP

RHP Miles Mikolas  
RHP Mike Mayers  
RHP John Brebbia  
RHP Preston Guilmet  
RHP Sam Tuivailala  
RHP Bud Norris

### 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, O 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*#	6:05	Miles Mikolas vs. Justin Verlander			
3/10 vs. MIA+*	1:05	Michael Wacha vs. Elieser Hernandez			
3/11 at WAS+*	1:05	Luke Weaver vs. TBA			
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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