



# GAME NOTES

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### St. Louis Cardinals (3-5-1) vs. Houston Astros (6-3-1)

Spring Training Game No. 10 • Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium • March 4, 2018

Michael Wacha (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. Brad Peacock (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The St. Louis Cardinals play the first of five straight games at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium beginning today by hosting the defending World Champion Houston Astros, for the second straight Sunday (2/25), with a first pitch at 1:05 p.m....today's game will be televised on Fox Sports Midwest and broadcast on KMOX...Redbird pitchers and catchers reported on Feb. 13 with the first full-squad workout on Feb. 19.

**LAST GAME:** The Cardinals lost to the Atlanta Braves 9-2 yesterday afternoon at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex...Jedd Gyorko was 2-for-3 with an RBI, José Martínez hit an RBI double and Yadier Molina was 1-for-3 with a single, walk and run scored...Miles Mikolas surrendered four runs over 3.0 innings taking the loss...Mike Mayers fired 2.2 scoreless innings in relief and Luke Gregerson threw a scoreless inning in his Spring Training debut.

**COMING UP:** The Cardinals host the Washington Nationals tomorrow afternoon at 1:05 p.m...the game will be the second of 10 straight games in Palm Beach County for the Cardinals...tomorrow's game will be broadcast on FOX Sports Midwest and streamed on cardinals.com.

**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 Hrabe 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 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.

**February 14:** Signed RHP Bud Norris as a free agent and designated RHP Rowan Wick for assignment.

**January 19:** Acquired RHP Dominic Leone and RHP Conner Greene in a trade with the Toronto Blue Jays for OF Randal Grichuk.

• **GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE:** The St. Louis Cardinals embark on their 127th season of play in the National League in 2018 and their 21st Spring Training in Jupiter...this afternoon, the Cardinals host the 2017 defending World Champion Houston Astros at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium at 1:05 p.m.

• **CARDINALS VS. ASTROS:** The Cardinals play the second of four matchups against the Houston Astros this Spring, with today marking the second of consecutive Sunday home games against the Astros and the final time the Cardinals host the Astros in Jupiter...the Astros won last Sunday 7-3.

• **TODAY'S HURLERS:** RHP Michael Wacha will make his second start of Spring Training today...RHP Dakota Hudson, RHP Daniel Ponceleón, RHP Conner Greene, RHP Josh Lucas and RHP Derian Gonzalez are scheduled to pitch in relief.

• **TOMORROW'S STARTING PITCHER:** RHP Luke Weaver is scheduled to make his second start of Spring Training tomorrow afternoon against the Washington Nationals at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium at 1:05 p.m...Weaver earned the win in his first start of the Spring at Boston (2/27) tossing 2.0 innings and allowing one run.

• **GOOD WOOD:** Through eight games, the Cardinals currently lead all Grapefruit League teams in batting (.279) rank 2nd in on-base percentage (.357) and 3rd in slugging (.429) and OPS (.787).

• **JOHNNY BE GOOD:** John Gant struck out seven batters over 3.0 innings of relief against the Orioles on Wednesday and currently is tied (J. Verlander, HOU) for the Grapefruit League lead with nine strikeouts this Spring.

• **SETTING UP CAMP:** The Cardinals currently have 62 players on the roster with 22 invitees...the youngest player in camp is 20-year old catcher Dennis Ortega as well as six Cardinals first round picks: 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).

• **NEW FACES:** Players acquired during the 2017-18 off-season and appearing in their first Cardinals spring camp include catchers Steven Baron (SEA) and Francisco Peña (BAL), infielders Tommy Edman, Yairo Muñoz (OAK); Rangel Ravelo and Max Schrock (OAK); outfielders Randy Arozarena, Oscar Mercado, Tyler O'Neill (SEA) and Marcell Ozuna (MIA); and pitchers John Brebbia, Sean Gilmartin (NYM), Derian Gonzalez, Conner Greene (TOR), Luke Gregerson (HOU), Preston Guilmet (JPN), Ryan Helsley, Jordan Hicks, Dakota Hudson, Dominic Leone (TOR), Josh Lucas, Hector Mendoza (CUBA), Miles Mikolas (JPN), Jason Motte (ATL), Bud Norris (LAA) and Jake Woodford.

• **WELCOME BACK:** The Cardinals signed free-agent pitcher Luke Gregerson, fresh off a 2017 season which included him winning a Gold Medal (Team USA - WBC) and a World Series Championship (Astros)...Gregerson was originally drafted by the Cardinals in 2006, but was traded to the San Diego Padres in the deal that acquired infielder Khalil Greene in 2009.

• **ANOTHER FAMILIAR FACE:** Right-hander Jason Motte also returns to the Cardinals, signing as a minor league free agent with an invitation to Major League Spring Training...Motte spent 2017 with the Atlanta Braves...Motte, who recorded nine saves to finish the 2011 season and the final out for the Cardinals in the World Series, co-leads the Cardinals postseason save rankings with eight (Jason Lirnghausen), while his 54 regular season saves (2008-14) rank 12th all-time.

• **THIS BUD'S FOR YOU:** The Cardinals signed free-agent pitcher Bud Norris on February 14...Norris pitched mainly as a reliever last season with the Los Angeles Angels and ranked 10th in the American League with 19 saves in 60 appearances.

• **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.

• **WINNING WAYS:** Cardinals manager Mike Matheny led the Cardinals to 83 wins last season bringing his career win total to 544 in his 6th-consecutive winning season since taking the post in 2012...in 2012, he became the first rookie manager to lead the Cardinals to the postseason since Eddie Dyer in 1946...Matheny's .560 managerial win pct. is 16th all-time among managers with six or more seasons of experience with 12 of the 16 ahead of him inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame...his clubs have recorded three 1st place finishes, two 2nd place finishes and Matheny's 544 managerial wins rank 5th on the Cardinals franchise list and trails Hall of Famer Billy Southworth by 76 wins to tie for 4th.

### 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.IIP, 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+*	1:05	Michael Wacha vs. Brad Peacock			
3/5 vs. WAS*#	1:05	Luke Weaver vs. Tanner Roark			
3/6 at MIA^+	1:05				
3/7 vs. WAS+	1:05				
3/8 vs. MIA#	1:05				
3/9 at HOU*#	6:05				
3/10 vs. MIA+*	1:05				
3/11 at WAS+*	1:05				
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				

Game times are local and are subject to change

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