



GAME NOTES

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St. Louis Cardinals (3-6-1) vs. Washington Nationals (6-4-1)

Spring Training Game No. 11 • Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium • March 5, 2018

Luke Weaver (1-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. Tanner Roark (0-1, 0.00 ERA)

TODAY'S GAME: The St. Louis Cardinals host the defending National League East Division Champion Washington Nationals today at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium at 1:05 p.m....Redbird pitchers and catchers reported on Feb. 13 with the first full-squad workout on Feb. 19.

LAST GAME: The Cardinals fell to the Houston Astros 4-1 at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium yesterday afternoon...Yairo Muñoz was 2-for-4 with a double while Marcell Ozuna smoked a double off the left field wall...Michael Wacha took the loss allowing two runs over 3.0 innings including a solo home run to Jose Altuve...Dakota Hudson hurled 1.2 scoreless innings in relief.

COMING UP: The Cardinals play as the visiting team against the Miami Marlins at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium tomorrow afternoon at 1:05 p.m....the game will be the third of 10 straight games in Palm Beach County for the Cardinals...tomorrow's game will be 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 5: Signed INF Paul DeJong to a six-year contract with club option years in 2024 and 2025.

March 4: Reassigned RHP Hector Mendoza, RHP Daniel Ponce de Leon, 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.

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

• **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 Washington Nationals at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium at 1:05 p.m.

• **CARDINALS VS. NATIONALS:** The Cardinals play the first of six Spring Training matchups against the Washington Nationals today...the two teams will split the series with three games in Jupiter (today, Mar. 7, 18) and three in West Palm Beach (Mar. 11, 16, 25)...last season, the Cardinals swept the Nationals with one tie (5-0-1) in Grapefruit League play...during the regular season, the two teams split with each squad winning a series 2-1 at home...St. Louis will host Washington Aug. 13-16 at Busch Stadium and travel to D.C. on Labor Day (Sept. 3-5) for a three-game series.

• **TODAY'S HURLERS:** RHP Luke Weaver will make his second start of Spring Training today...LHP Austin Gomber, LHP Tyler Lyons, LHP Ryan Sherriff and RHP Dominic Leone are scheduled to pitch in relief.

• **TOMORROW'S STARTING PITCHER:** RHP Jack Flaherty is scheduled to make his team-leading third start of Spring Training tomorrow afternoon against the Miami Marlins at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium at 1:05 p.m....Flaherty retired all six batters faced in 21 pitches in his first start vs. Miami (2/23) and allowed four runs over 2.0 innings against the Orioles in his last start on a Manny Machado grand slam.

• **FOREVER DEJONG:** Infielder Paul DeJong was signed to a six-year (2018-2023) contract with two club option years in 2024 and 2025 this morning...the 24-year old infielder finished second in the National League Rookie of the Year voting in 2017.

• **GOOD WOOD:** Through eight games, the Cardinals currently lead all Grapefruit League teams in batting (.272) and rank 2nd in on-base percentage (.348).

• **CARDINALS REASSIGN SEVEN:** The Cardinals reassigned seven players to minor league camp following Sunday's game (RHP Hector Mendoza, RHP Daniel Ponce de Leon, LHP Jordan Schafer, RHP Jake Woodford, C Jeremy Martinez, C Dennis Ortega, INF Max Schrock)...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 56 players with 16 non-roster invites.

• **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 Irsringhausen), 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**	L, 4-1	Peacock-Wacha-McCurry	3-6-1	6,454	Ozuna 1-3, 2B ; Muñoz 2-4, 2B
3/5 vs. WAS**	1:05	Luke Weaver vs. Tanner Roark			
3/6 at MIA**	1:05	Jack Flaherty vs. Brett Graves			
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				

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