

# ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS 2018 SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



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Salt River Fields at Talking Stick • 7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, Ariz., 85258

# ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (3-5) at COLORADO ROCKIES (2-4-1)

Friday, March 2, 2018 ♦ Salt River Fields at Talking Stick ♦ Scottsdale, Ariz. ♦ 1:10 p.m.

Game No. 9 ♦ Road Game No. 4 ♦ Home Record: 1-4-0 ♦ Road Record: 2-1-0

RHP Albert Suarez (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Chad Bettis (0-0, 0.00)

- No TV or Radio -

# **DIAMOND-FACTS**

- Arizona is in its 21st Cactus League season and eighth at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick...Tucson was spring headquarters from 1998-2010.
- ♦ The D-backs have won 4 Cactus League titles (also: 1999, 2002, '07, '16).

# YESTERDAY'S RECAP

- ♦ The D-backs fell to the Brewers, 6-1
- ◆ RF César Puello went 2-for-2 with a RBI... LF Yasmany Tomás was 1-for-3, and 3B Kristopher Negrón went 1-for-2.
- RHP Zack Godley threw 3.0 shutout innings, allowing just 1 hit with 4 strikeouts...RHP Fernando Salas, RHP Silvino Bracho and LHP Jorge De La Rosa each tossed a perfect frame.

# REMEMBERING KT

- ◆ The D-backs and Reds will honor Kevin Towers at Salt River Fields on March 14 @ 7:00 p.m. with a ceremony for those who were unable to travel to San Diego for Sunday's Celebration of Life.
- ♦ RSVP to KT@dbacks.com by March 10...dress will be "KT Casual" in lieu of traditional attire... khakis, jeans and club polos are encouraged.

# R.I.P. JOE GILMARTIN

◆ The D-backs lost a member of their family this week when **Joe Gilmartin** passed away at the age of 88...he is a member of the NBA Hall of Fame as a sportswriter and was a fixture in the Chase Field press box...his son, Leo, has worked for the D-backs as a radio producer/engineer since 1998

# T-MINUS 4 DAYS FOR TICKETS

◆ D-backs single-game tickets will go on sale Monday at dbacks.com/tickets, at the Chase Field Box Office or by phone at (602) 514-8400.

# SPEED DO WHAT SPEED DO

- Today will be the spring debut for OF Jarrod Dyson, who is batting fifth as the designated hitter.
- ♦ Dyson ranks second in the Majors since 2012 with an 84.0 stolen base pct., behind only Drew Stubbs (85.3), and fifth with 184 stolen bases, trailing Dee Gordon (254), Billy Hamilton (243), Jose Altuve (224) and Rajai Davis (217).
- Dyson signed with the D-backs on Feb. 19 on a 2-year contract.

# OH, IT'S YOU AGAIN

- ♦ Today is already the fourth of 6 meetings this spring between the Rockies and D-backs, with Arizona holding a 2-1 advantage...the Salt River Fields complex-mates only played twice during Cactus League play in 2017.
- ♦ The D-backs will host the Rockies at Chase Field for the 2018 Opening Series from March 29-31.

# OFFSEASON ACQUISITIONS

◆ Acquired, RHP Brad Boxberger and OF Steven Souza Jr.; signed C Alex Avila, OF Jarrod Dyson and RHP Yoshihisa Hirano; selected RHP Albert Suarez in the Rule 5 Draft.

# **ROSTER ROUNDUP**

- ♦ Arizona opened the spring with 59 players in Major League camp: 31 pitchers (8 left-handed), 6 catchers, 12 infielders and 10 outfielders.
- ♦ The D-backs returned 30 players from its 40-man roster at the start of last Spring Training...Arizona returned 24 in 2017, 22 in 2016, 23 in 2015 and 26 in 2014.

# **POSTSEASON PROWESS**

◆ The D-backs have made the postseason 6 times in 20 years (30.0 pct.), the second-best pct. in baseball history, trailing only the Yankees (46.9; 53-for-113) [source: Elias Sports Bureau].

# D-BACKS TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

- ♦ The D-backs will celebrate their 20th anniversary all season long with a series of events and online opportunities that will allow fans to look back at the franchise's first 20 years while focusing on the next generation of fans and players.
- ♦ An online vote to determine the D-backs All-Time Team is available at dbacks.com/20.
- ♦ Elements of the celebration include:
  - ☐ The logo (top L corner) features the team's historic and current colors (Purple and Sedona Red) and 6 stars, each representing a D-backs playoff team (1999, 2001, '02, '07, '11 & '17);
  - A commemorative patch, featuring the logo, will adorn the team's jerseys throughout the season and caps during the first homestand;
  - ☐ The "D-backs 20th Anniversary Experience," a 2,000 square-foot exhibit at Chase Field, located on the Main Concourse in right field behind the Coors Light Strike Zone, will feature historic artifacts, memorabilia and photography celebrating the team's history and a wall featuring baseballs signed by nearly all D-backs players and coaches.

# D-BACKS ACQUIRE SOUZA AND WIDENER...

- On Feb. 20, the D-backs acquired OF Steven Souza Jr. from the Rays and RHP Taylor Widener from the Yankees.
  - The D-backs traded INF Brandon Drury to the Yankees and LHP Anthony Banda and 2 players to be named to the Rays...the Rays also acquired INF Nick Solak from the Yankees.
- ♦ Souza was named the Rays' Most Valuable Player by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the BBWAA in 2017 after he set career highs in most offensive categories, including runs (78), hits (125), doubles (21), homers (30), RBI (78), walks (84), slugging pct. (.459), OPS (.810) and stolen bases (16).

# **HERE COMES 2**

- ◆ Torey Lovullo is in his second season as D-backs' manager after leading the club to a Wild Card win vs. Rockies and a berth in the NLDS vs. Dodgers in 2017.
- ♦ Lovullo was the seventh manager to garner Manager of the Year honors in his first season at the helm: Hal Lanier in 1986 (Astros), Dusty Baker in 1993 (Giants), Joe Girardi in 2006 (Marlins), Matt Williams in 2014 (Nationals), Jeff Banister in 2015 (Rangers) and Dave Roberts in 2016 (Dodgers).

	20	18 D-B	ACKS	SPRING S	CHEDULE	
				WINNING	LOSING	
DATE		RESULT	REC.	PITCHER	PITCHER	ATT.
2/21	ASU	W, 6-2	N/A	Carpenter	C. Davis	5,506
2/22				– OFF DAY –		
	@ COL	W, 7-6	1-0	Payamps	Pierpont	7,682
	CLE	L, 2-11	1-1	Morimando	J. Miller	9,628
2/25	MIL	L, 1-5	1-2	Chacin	Greinke	8,370
2/26	@ CIN (ss)	W, 5-2	2-2	Ray	Stephenson	2,129
	COL (ss)	W, 7-4	3-2	Shipley	Freeland	5,292
	@ SF	L, 12-14	3-3	Heston	Vasquez	6,708
2/28		L, 3-9	3-4	Almonte	Hirano	5,799
3/1	MIL	L, 1-6	3-5	Suter	Chafin	6,763
3/2	@ COL		0 p.m.			
3/3	@ LAD		5 p.m.	Arizona Sport		
3/4	CHI		0 p.m.	FSAZ+/ ESPN	620 AM	
3/5	@ SD		0 p.m.			
3/6	LAA	1:1	0 p.m.	FSAZ/dbacks.	com	
3/7				– OFF DAY –		
3/8	@ MIL		5 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/9	@ KC		5 p.m.			
	KC		0 p.m.		elay - 6 p.m.)/ESPI	N 620 AM
3/11	@ CWS		5 p.m.	Arizona Sport	s 98.7 FM	
	COL	1:1	0 p.m.			
3/13				– OFF DAY –		
3/14	CIN		0 p.m.	FSAZ/dbacks.	com	
3/15	@ CHC		5 p.m.	dbacks.com		
	LAD		0 p.m.	FSAZ		
-,	SD		0 p.m.	Arizona Sport		
	@ CIN		5 p.m.	FSAZ+/Arizor	na Sports 98.7 FM	
3/19			0 p.m.			
3/20	@ LAA		5 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/21	SF	6:4	0 p.m.	dbacks.com		
3/22			0 p.m.	dbacks.com		
	@ CLE		5 p.m.			
3/24	KC (ss)	1:1	0 p.m.	ESPN 620 AM		
	@ LAA (ss)	1:0	5 p.m.			
	@ COL		0 p.m.	Arizona Sport	s 98.7 FM	
	CLE - Chase			KHOV 105.1 F	M	
3/27	CLE - Chase	Field 12:4	0 p.m.	FSAZ/ESPN 62	20 AM/KHOV 105.	1 FM

All Times Local

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Record: 3-5	<b>Day:</b> 3-5	HOME	ROAD							
Home: 1-4	Night: 0-0	Total:	35,852 Total:	16,519						
Away: 2-1	vs. AL: 0-1	Avg:	7,170 <b>Avg:</b>	5,506						
Neutral: 0-0	vs. NL: 3-4	Largest:	9,628 (2/24) Largest:	7,682						

# **UPCOMING PITCHING PROBABLES**

MARCH 2 @ COL - 1:10 P.M.

# RHP Albert Suarez vs. RHP Chad Bettis

ARI: RHP Ryan Atkinson, LHP Jared Miller, RHP Michael Blazek, RHP Jake Barrett, LHP Yuhei Nakaushiro

MIL: RHP Antonio Senzatela, RHP Peter Lambert, RHP Jairo Diaz

# MARCH 3 @ LAD - 1:05 P.M.

# LHP Robbie Ray vs. LHP Alex Wood

ARI: RHP Taylor Clarke, RHP Joey Krehbiel, RHP Neftali Feliz, LHP TJ. McFarland, LHP Antonio Bastardo

LAD: TBA

# MARCH 4 VS. CHC - 1:10 P.M.

RHP Taijuan Walker vs. LHP Jon Lester

ARI: TBA
CHC: TBA

# STARTING PITCHER

# No. 56 - RHP Albert Suárez @ALBERTSUAREZ822

- ♦ With 2017 Giants, limited right-handers to a .211 average. With 2017 Giants,
- ♦ Selected by the D-backs in the first round of the Rule 5 Draft.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	MIL	-	0.00	1-0	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
2017 (	LUBS		W-L	ERA	G-GS	CG		IP	ER	ВВ	SO.
Sacram	ento (AAA)		0-0	0.00	1-1	0		3.0	0	0	5
AZL Gia	ants		0-1	9.64	3-3	0		4.2	5	2	3
San Jos	se (Adv A)		0-0	3.00	2-2	0		6.0	2	1	3
SAN FR	ANCISCO		0-3	5.12	18-0	0		31.2	18	11	34
MINOR	S	2	8-36	3.50	119-113	2	5.	57.2	217	143	377
MAJOR	S		3-8	4.51	40-12	0	1	15.2	58	37	88

# ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

# No. 73 - RHP Ryan Atkinson @OldSport 34

- ♦ Made a combined 26 starts in 2017 with Double-A Jackson, Single-A Adv. Visalia and Single-A Kane County, going 9-10 with a 3.30 ERA and 167 strikeouts.
- ♦ Limited opponents to a .211 average, including a .173 mark by lefties in 2017.
- ♦ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on July 2, 2016.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	SO.
2/21	ASU	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2/26	@CIN	-	5.40	1-0	1.2	1	1	1	0	1	2
Totals		-	5.40	2-0	1.2	1	1	1	0	1	2
2017 (	LUBS		W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV		IP	ER	BB	SO.
Kane C	ounty (A)		2-5	3.34	10-10	0	5	6.2	21	18	68
Visalia	(A+)		3-3	3.33	9-9	0	4	8.2	18	18	66
Jackson	n (AA)		4-2	3.22	7-7	0	3	6.1	13	24	33
MINOR	S	1	0-14	3.29	35-33	0	17	5.0	64	73	206

# No. 33 - RHP Jake Barrett @BJBACE99

- ♦ Appeared in 28 games over 2 stints with Arizona in 2017, going 1-1 with a 5.00 ERA.
- ♦ In 2013, ranked fourth among all Minor League relievers with a 1.21 ERA and seventh with 29 saves...was rated by Baseball America as the Best Reliever in the California League.
- ♦ Signed by D-backs as a third-round selection in the 2012 First-Year Player Draft.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/24	CLE	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1
2/27	@SF	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Totals		-	0.00	2-0	2.0	2	0	0	0	2	3
2017 (	CLUBS	W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV	IP	ER	ВВ	SO.		
Reno (	AAA)		2-0	4.91	20-0	3	2	22.0	12	11	19
ARIZON	۱A		1-1	5.00	28-0	0	2	27.0	15	15	26
Visalia	(A+)		0-0	2.45	4-0	0		3.2	1	1	7
MINOR	S		12-10	5.00	206-0	82	21	13.1	82	88	211
MAJOR	RS		2-3	3.96	68-0	0	8	36.1	238	43	82

# No. 49 - RHP Michael Blazek

- ♦ Spent the majority of the 2017 season with Triple-A Colorado Springs (Brewers), going 3-4 with 2 saves and a 3.71 ERA in 26 games.
- ♦ Appeared in 5 games (1 start) for Milwaukee in 2017 and was 0-1 with an 8.31 ERA... did not allow a run in his 4 relief appearances (6.1 IP).
- ♦ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on Jan. 20.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	ВВ	S0
2/23	@COL	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/25	@CIN	-	3.38	1-0	1.2	3	1	1	0	1	0
Totals		-	3.38	2-0	2.2	3	1	1	0	1	0
2017 (	CLUBS		W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV		IΡ	ER	BB	SO.
	<b>CLUBS</b> do Springs	(AAA)	<b>W-L</b> 3-4	<b>ERA</b> 3.71	<b>G-GS</b> 26-13	<b>SV</b> 2	8	<b>IP</b> 35.0	<b>ER</b> 35	<b>BB</b> 33	<b>SO</b> 66
	do Springs	(AAA)					-	••			
Colorac	do Springs UKEE		3-4	3.71	26-13	2		5.0	35		66

# **TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS** No. 63 - LHP Jared Miller

# @JAREDMILLER24

- ♦ Combined to post a 2.93 ERA with 3 saves and 94 strikeouts in 53 relief appearances with Double-A Jackson and Triple-A Reno in 2017.
- Earned the win in the 2014 College World Series championship game with Vanderbilt University.
- ♦ Signed by D-backs as 11th-round selection in 2014 First-Year Player Draft.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/24	CLE	L	18.00	1-0	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	0
2/27	@SF	-	9.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	;	0-1	9.00	2-0	2.0	3	2	2	1	1	0
2017	CLUBS		W-L	ERA	G-GS	SV		IP	ER	ВВ	SO
Jacks	on (AA)		0-3	3.89	31-0	2	39	9.1	17	18	51
Reno	(AAA)		3-3	1.72	22-0	1	31	1.1	6	10	43
MINO	RS	1	5-16	3 32	128-26	5	270	9.0	103	103	294

# No. 64 - LHP Yuhei Nakaushiro

- ♦ Spent the majority of the 2017 season with Double-A Jackson, posting a 2.35 ERA and .203 opponent average in 48 outings.
- ♦ As a prospect in Japan, he was viewed as the "Japanese Randy Johnson" because of his mid-90's fastball, his sweeping slider and his low arm slot.
- ♦ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on Feb. 19, 2016.

DATE OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22 ASU	-	54.00	1-0	0.1	4	2	2	0	1	0
2/24 COL	-	0.00	1-0	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
2017 CLUBS		W-L	ERA	G-GS	sv		IP	ER	BB	SO.
Jackson (AA)		1-2	1.35	48-0	4	6.5	5.0	17	27	63
Reno (AAA)		0-0	6.75	2-0	0	- 2	2.2	2	0	2
MINORS		1-2	2.13	80-0	6	97	7.0	23	40	105

# MINOR LEAGUE CALL-UPS

# No. 99 - RHP Andury Acevedo

- ♦ Posted a 3.47 ERA between Double-A Tennessee and Jackson and Triple-A lowa and Reno in 2017.
- ♦ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on Aug. 8, 2017.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	S0
2/25	MIL	-	27.00	1-0	0.1	2	1	1	0	1	1
2/27	@SF	-	18.00	1-0	0.2	1	1	1	0	1	1
Totals			18.00	2-0	1.0	3	2	2	0	2	

# No. 90 - RHP Bradin Hagens

- ♦ First season in the D-backs organization.
- ♦ Signed with the D-backs as a Minor League Free Agent on Feb. 23.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	@COL	-	9.00	1-0	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	2
2/27	@SF	-	33.75	1-0	0.1	2	4	4	0	2	0
Totals			33.75	2-0	1.1	5	5	5	0	2	2

# No. 81 - LHP Gabe Speier

- ♦ Went 2-3 with a 4.30 ERA at Double-A Jackson in 2017.
- ♦ Traded to the D-backs by Atlanta on Dec. 9, 2015.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/26	@CIN	-	0.00	1-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/28	COL	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			0.00	2-0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0

# No. 98 - LHP Josh Taylor

- ♦ Went 4-7 with a 5.01 ERA in 33 games (14 starts) with Double-A Jackson in 2017.
- ♦ The native of Peoria, Ariz. is celebrating his 25th birthday today.

# No. 87 - LHP Anthony Vasquez

- ♦ Went 12-10 with a 3.83 ERA in 27 starts with Double-A Erie and Triple-A Toledo in the Tigers system in 2017.
- ♦ Made 7 starts for the Mariners in 2011, going 1-6 with a 8.90 ERA (29 ER in 29.1 IP).

# 2017 SEASON RECAP

# SEASON NO. 20 RECAP

- ♦ The D-backs went 93-69 (52-29 at home and 41-40 on the road), and won the NL Wild Card Game vs. Rockies, 11-8.
- Arizona went 45-31 vs. NL West, 17-16 vs. NL Central, 19-14 vs. NL East and 12-8 in Interleague Play.

# LOVULLO NAMED NL MANAGER OF THE YEAR

- ◆ Torey Lovullo was named the NL Manager of the Year after guiding the D-backs to a second-place finish in the NL West in his first season as manager... he is the third Arizona manager to garner the honor, joining Bob Melvin (2007) and Kirk Gibson (2011).
- Lovullo's 93 wins were the most by an Arizona manager in his first 162 games, 1 more than Bob Brenly's 92 in 2001.

# IMPROVEMENT IN THE WIN COLUMN

♦ The D-backs' 93 wins were 24 more than their total of 69 in 2016...the 24-win difference from last season was the second largest in the Majors, behind the Twins (26), and fourth-best increase in a singleseason in franchise history.

# A DIFFERENT DIFFERENTIAL

♦ The D-backs led the Majors with a +291 run differential increase from 2016...Arizona was a -138 in 2016 and a +153 this season.

#### ONE-RUN AND THE WIN

♦ Arizona went 29-23 (.558) in 1-run games, the second-most wins in the Majors, behind only Washington (30), and ahead of the Angels (27).

# WHO DOESN'T LIKE TATERS?

♦ The D-backs' 220 home runs were a single-season, franchise record, surpassing the 216 in 1999.

# **NEW D-BACKS ERA RECORD**

- ♦ The D-backs' 3.66 ERA was a franchise best, 0.11 better than the previous mark of 3.77 in 1999, and 1.43 lower than 2016 (5.09).
- ♦ Arizona's 1.43 difference in ERA from 2016 to 2017 was the best in baseball, ahead of Cleveland (0.54) and Minnesota (0.49).

# 1...2...3 STRIKES YOU'RE OUT

Arizona established a club record with 1,482 strikeouts, 164 more than its previous record (1,318 in 2016), and 9.26 strikeouts per 9.0 innings (8.17 in 2016).

# **ARIZONA BBWAA AWARDS**

**♦ MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Paul Goldschmidt MOST VALUABLE PITCHER: Zack Greinke \* ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Jimmie Sherfy **♦ GOOD GUY AWARD: Archie Bradley** 

# **2018 SPRING TRANSACTIONS**

# **FEBRUARY**

- Outrighted OF Rey Fuentes to Triple-A Reno.
- Signed LHP Jorge De La Rosa to a Minor League contract.
- Agreed to terms on a 2-year contract with OF Jarrod Dyson; placed RHP Shelby Miller (Tommy John surgery rehab) on the 60-day disabled list.
- 20 Acquired OF Steven Souza Jr. from the Rays and RHP Taylor Widener from the Yankees...the D-backs traded INF Brandon Drury to the Yankees and LHP Anthony Banda and 2 players to be named to the Rays....the Rays also acquired INF Nick Solak from the Yankees.