



ANGELS 2017 SPRING TRAINING NOTES

LOS ANGELES ANGELS (1-0) @ OAKLAND ATHLETICS (0-1)

February 26, 2017

Hohokam Stadium

TV: Fox Sports West

Radio: AM830 KLAA

Spring Game #2

Road Game #1 (0-0)



TODAY'S CONTEST

LEADING OFF: The Angels play their second of 35 Spring Training games today as the Club visits the Oakland A's...The starting pitching match-up features Angels RHP **Bud Norris** against Oakland right-hander **Kendall Graveman**...Today's contest is the first of 15 scheduled Cactus League road games for the Halos...The Angels will also play a Spring Training road game on April 1 at Dodger Stadium to close out exhibition play...In 2016 the Halos posted a 19-8-6 record in Spring Training play, finishing with a winning record for the 12th time in the last 15 years.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP: The Angels defeated the Milwaukee Brewers yesterday in the Cactus League opener by a 2-0 score at Tempe Diablo Stadium...**Brooks Pounders** earned the win for the Halos after tossing two scoreless innings in relief...The Angels plated their two runs on an RBI single by **Ben Revere** and a sac fly from **Ryan LaMarre**.

ANGELS/A'S: Today is first of two contests this Spring for the Angels against Oakland...They will meet again on March 28 at Tempe Diablo Stadium...The division rivals will meet 19 times in the 2017 regular season, starting with a four game series at The Oakland Coliseum to open the year...Last year, the Halos captured 12 of 19 meetings with the A's and won the season series for the third straight year.

IN WITH THE NEW: Angels General Manager **Billy Eppler** acquired several Major League veterans throughout the offseason who will contribute to the 2017 club...OF **Cameron Maybin** was acquired from Detroit on Nov. 3 (one day after the conclusion of the World Series)...INF **Danny Espinosa**, a native of Santa Ana, CA, was acquired in a trade with Washington on Dec. 10...The Halos also signed free agent OF **Ben Revere**, RHP **Jesse Chavez** and INF **Luis Valbuena**, in addition to adding C **Martin Maldonado** in a trade with Milwaukee.

New Angels in 2017

Austin Adams, RHP
Vicente Campos, RHP
Jesse Chavez, RHP
Danny Espinosa, INF
Nolan Fontana, INF
Ryan LaMarre, OF
Martin Maldonado, C
Cameron Maybin, OF
Brooks Pounders, RHP
Ben Revere, OF
Luis Valbuena, INF
Kirby Yates, RHP

IN THE DUGOUT: Manager **Mike Scioscia** enters his 18th season at the helm of the Halos and is the longest tenured skipper in the Majors...This season, **Alfredo Griffin** returns to First Base Coach after spending the last two years as the Angels Infield Coach (Griffin previously served as First Base Coach for LAA from 2000-15)...Also returning to Scioscia's staff in 2017, are: **Dino Ebel** (Bench Coach), **Charles Nagy** (Pitching Coach), **Dave Hansen** (Hitting Coach), **Ron Roenicke** (Third Base Coach), **Scott Radinsky** (Bullpen Coach), **Paul Sorrento** (Assistant Hitting Coach), **Steve Soliz** (Catching & Information Coach), **Tom Gregorio** (Bullpen Catcher) and **Anel De Los Santos** (Bullpen Catcher).

STREAKING: The Angels enter today's game riding a 12 game unbeaten streak in Spring Training play...The Halos closed the 2016 Spring by going 9-0-2.

ANGELS IN THE WBC: Five members of the Angels organization will represent their native countries this Spring in the 2017 World Baseball Classic...The list includes two players from the 40-man roster: INF **Andrelton Simmons** (Netherlands) and LHP **Jose Alvarez** (Venezuela)...Non-roster invitees RHP **Deolis Guerra** and RHP **Yusmeiro Petit** will both join Alvarez on the Venezuelan squad, while minor league RHP **Sam Holland** will play for Australia.

MVP, MVP!: OF **Mike Trout** enters his sixth full Major League season in 2017...Last season, the 25-year-old hit .315 (173/549) with 32 doubles, five triples, 29 home runs, 100 RBI and a Major League leading 123 runs scored, 116 walks and .441 OBP...He earned his second career American League MVP Award, becoming the first player to win the award twice in an Angels uniform...Has finished in Top Two of MVP voting each of last five seasons, joining **Barry Bonds** (2000-04) as only players to accomplish the feat...Trout also earned his fifth consecutive Silver Slugger Award and was selected to his fifth straight All-Star Game.

WHO WILL BE MR. 1000?: The Angels enter 2017 having used 995 different players in franchise history...The fifth player to make their Halos debut this season will become the 1,000th different player in Club history.

DOWN ON THE FARM: Angels Minor League Pitchers and Catchers are scheduled to report to Tempe on Saturday (March 4)...Position players will report on March 9 with the first full-squad workout set for March 11...Halos minor leaguers will play their first exhibition games on March 16 against the San Francisco Giants.

OPENING DAY NOTES: The Halos will square off with the Oakland Athletics on Opening Day (Oakland Coliseum - April 3)...Marks fifth Opening Day meeting between Angels and A's and first since 2009 (a 3-0 Angels win at Angel Stadium)...Clubs last Opening Day contest at the Coliseum came in 1982, with Oakland winning 3-2 in 11 innings after Angels reliever **Don Aase** yielded a walk-off walk to **Davey Lopes**...Since 2004, Angels are 9-4 on Opening Day, but have lost the opener in each of the last three seasons after winning a franchise record five straight Opening Day games from 2009-13.

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER - RHP BUD NORRIS

2017 SPRING TRAINING: First appearance today
2016 REGULAR SEASON (with ATL & LAD): 6-10, 5.10 ERA

- Today's game marks first appearance in an Angels uniform...Today is also his first career appearance in a Cactus League game after attending Spring Training in Florida for first 10 professional seasons (in camp with HOU, BAL & ATL).
- In nine Major League seasons, he has compiled a 62-78 career record with 1012 strikeouts and a 4.51 ERA (1101.2 IP - 552 ER).
- **VS. OAKLAND:** In four career regular season starts against the A's, is 0-2 with a 9.35 ERA (17.1 IP - 18 ER)...All four appearances came during 2013 season.
- Signed with Angels as a minor league free agent on Jan. 28, 2017.
- Began 2016 season with Atlanta and went 3-7 with a 4.22 ERA (70.1 IP - 33 ER) in 22 games (10 starts) for the Braves before being traded to Dodgers on June 30.
- Made 13 appearances (nine starts) for the Dodgers following the trade and went 3-3 with a 6.54 ERA (42.2 IP - 31 ER)...Was on disabled list from Aug. 1 - 19 with a mid-back strain...Did not pitch in postseason for Dodgers.
- Native of Novato, CA and attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
- Owns a 0.46 career ERA (19.2 IP - 1 ER) at Angel Stadium.

ANGELS SCHEDULED TO PITCH TODAY

RHP Daniel Wright	RHP Justin Miller	RHP Austin Adams
LHP Greg Mahle	RHP Blake Parker	RHP Jose Valdez
RHP Drew Gagnon	RHP Keynan Middleton	RHP Osmer Morales

ROSTER RUNDOWN

The Angels entered Spring Training 2017 with a franchise record 69 players in big league camp (previous high was 67 players in 2001, '09 & '14)...The 29 non-roster invitees are also a franchise record (previous was 28 in 2010)...19 "home grown" players are in camp, who have remained with the Halos after originally being drafted or signed by the Club...Total of 14 former first round draft picks, including 2016's **Matt Thaiss** (16th overall)...21 players represent seven foreign countries: 11 from Venezuela, four from the Dominican Republic, two from Puerto Rico and one each from Cuba, Curacao, Mexico and Nicaragua...Youngest player in camp is **Matt Thaiss** (21), oldest is **Albert Pujols** (37)...17 players in camp have no MLB service time; four are on 40-man roster...12 of 69 players in camp were born in Southern California.

2016 IN REVIEW

The Angels completed 2016 with a 74-88 (.457) record in fourth place in the A.L. West (21 games behind Texas)...Halos finished with a sub .500 record for just third time in last 13 seasons (74 wins were fewest since 70 in 1999)...LAA finished below third place for first time since 1999 (4th)...Halos used 53 players in 2016 (55 on active roster), including 15 different starting pitchers this season (most in A.L.)...Angels set a new American League record with 24 different winning pitchers...**Mike Trout** captured his second career A.L. MVP Award after leading MLB in runs (123), walks (116) & OBP (.441)...Trout also represented Club at All-Star Game in San Diego...**Albert Pujols** paced LAA with 31 home runs and climbed to ninth place all-time with 591 career HR...Angels drew 3,016,142 fans to Angel Stadium, marking the 14th consecutive season with at least three million fans.

THIS 'N' THAT

BROADCAST INFO: In 2017, the Angels will have 34 Spring Training games airing on television, with Fox Sports West carrying 31 games, Prime Ticket televising two games and KCOP airing one game...The games will also be available for live streaming via FOX Sports GO on phones, tablets and computers...**Terry Smith** and **Jose Mota** will team up to call the action from Arizona...**Mark Gubicza** will fill in for Mota from March 6-14, while he is calling World Baseball Classic action from Jalisco, Mexico...Immediately following game coverage, "Angels Live" will offer postgame analysis with **Patrick O'Neal**, **Alex Curry** and **Kent French** rotating at the host position to lead discussions with analysts Gubicza and Mota...When the Angels return to Southern California on March 30 for their final three exhibition games, **Victor Rojas** will take over television play-by-play duties alongside Gubicza as the pair begin their eighth season together as the Angels television announcing team.

TEMPE TRADITION: 2017 represents the Angels' 25th Spring Training campaign in Tempe, AZ (since 1993)...Tempe Diablo Stadium is the oldest ballpark in the Cactus League...Halos have drawn over 100,000 fans to Tempe Diablo Stadium in 11 of the last 13 seasons...LAA set a franchise Spring Training home attendance record in 2012, attracting 130,126 fans to Tempe Diablo Stadium.

GUEST INSTRUCTORS: Throughout the Spring, the Angels have a number of alumni returning as guest instructors, including: **Bobby Grich** (Feb. 20-22), **Shigetoshi Hasegawa** (Feb. 21-26), **Scott Shields** (Feb. 24-28), **Clyde Wright** (March 4-6), **Wally Joyner** (March 10-14) and **David Eckstein** (March 15-17).

UPCOMING GAMES & PROBABLE PITCHERS

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	OPPOSING PITCHER	ANGELS PITCHER	TV/RADIO
Monday	Feb. 27	San Diego	Tempe Diablo Stadium	RHP Tyrell Jenkins (0-0, --- ERA)	RHP JC Ramirez (0-0, --- ERA)	FSW/AM830
Tuesday	Feb. 28	@Chicago Cubs	Sloan Park	TBD (0-0, --- ERA)	TBD (0-0, --- ERA)	FSW/AM830

2017 ANGELS SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TV	W/L	SCORE	ANGELS RECORD	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	ATTENDANCE	
									GAME	TOTAL
February 25	Milwaukee	Tempe Diablo	FSW(D)	W	2-0	1-0	Pounders (1-0)	Chamberlain (0-1)	6,061	6,061
February 26	@Oakland	Hohokam Stadium	FSW							
February 27	San Diego	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
February 28	@Chicago Cubs	Sloan Park	FSW							
March 1	Texas	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 2	San Francisco	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 3	Milwaukee	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 4	@Chicago White Sox	Camelback Ranch	FSW							
March 5	Cincinnati	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 6	Chicago Cubs	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 7					OFF DAY					
March 8	@Cincinnati	Goodyear Ballpark	FSW							
March 9	@Cleveland	Goodyear Ballpark	PT							
March 10	San Diego	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 11	@Los Angeles Dodgers	Camelback Ranch	FSW							
March 12	Seattle	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 13	Los Angeles Dodgers	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 14	@Kansas City	Surprise Stadium	FSW							
March 15	@San Francisco	Scottsdale Stadium	FSW							
March 16	@Colorado	Salt River Fields	FSW							
March 17	@Texas	Surprise Stadium	FSW							
March 18	Colorado	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 19	Chicago White Sox	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 20					OFF DAY					
March 21	@Cincinnati	Goodyear Ballpark	FSW							
March 22(ss)	Texas	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
	@Seattle	Peoria Sports Complex	-							
March 23	@San Diego	Peoria Sports Complex	FSW							
March 24 (N)	Seattle	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 25	Arizona	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 26	Kansas City	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 27	@Arizona	Salt River Fields	FSW							
March 28	Oakland	Tempe Diablo	FSW							
March 29	@Milwaukee	Maryvale Baseball Park	FSW							
March 30	Los Angeles Dodgers	Angel Stadium	KCOP							
March 31	Los Angeles Dodgers	Angel Stadium	PT							
April 1	@Los Angeles Dodgers	Dodger Stadium	FSW							

* — Sellout

FSW — Fox Sports West

(D) — Airing on tape delay

PT — Prime Ticket

KCOP— KCOP-TV (Channel 13 - Los Angeles)

(N) — Night game (5:10 p.m.)

(ss) — Split Squad

RADIO INFO: All Spring Training games will be broadcast on KLAA AM830 in Southern California, except for March 22 @ Seattle & March 24 vs. Seattle.

ANGELS TOP PROSPECTS

2017 Top Prospects by Baseball America

1. **Jahmai Jones (OF)**
2. **Matt Thaiss (INF), ST: 0-0, 1 BB**
3. **Alex Meyer (RHP)**
4. **Brandon Marsh (OF)**
5. **Nate Smith (LHP)**
6. **Taylor Ward (C)**
7. **Grayson Long (RHP)**
8. **Chris Rodriguez (RHP)**
9. **Keynan Middleton (RHP)**
10. **Jaime Barria (RHP)**

ANGELS SPRING TALLY

OVERALL: 1-0

Home: 1-0 vs. A.L.: 0-0
Road: 0-0 vs. N.L.: 1-0

UPCOMING SPRING BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

28 Dustin Ackley

MARCH

1 Jose Valdez
 2 Bud Norris
 3 Scott Radinsky
 6 Alfredo Griffin
 6 Eduardo Paredes
 13 Manny Banuelos

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 10: Acquired RHP Austin Adams from Cleveland for cash considerations or a PTBNL... Designated RHP Deolis Guerra for assignment.

Feb. 15: RHP Deolis Guerra cleared waivers and was outrighted to Triple-A Salt Lake.

ANGELS CONTRACTS (40-MAN ROSTER)

Signed through 2017

Albert Pujols (2021)

Mike Trout (2020)

Andrelton Simmons (2020)

Kole Calhoun (2019 + team option for 2020)

Luis Valbuena (2018 + mutual option for 2019)

Ricky Nolasco (2017 + multi-option for 2018)

Huston Street (2017 + team option for 2018)

Andrew Bailey (2017)

Jesse Chavez (2017)

Yunel Escobar (2017)

Danny Espinosa (2017)

Cameron Maybin (2017)

Cliff Pennington (2017)

Ben Revere (2017)

Potentially Arbitration Eligible after 2017

Garrett Richards (4th)

Martin Maldonado (3rd)

Matt Shoemaker (2nd)

Jose Alvarez (1st)

Cam Bedrosian (1st)

C.J. Cron (1st)

Andrew Heaney (1st)

Mike Morin (1st)

Carlos Perez (1st)

JC Ramirez (1st)

Tyler Skaggs (1st)

Kirby Yates (1st)

HISTORY OF TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM

Tempe Diablo Stadium (1968) is now the oldest ballpark in the Cactus League after Oakland moved out of Phoenix Municipal Stadium (1964) following the 2014 season. The ballpark originally hosted the expansion Seattle Pilots in 1969. The Pilots became the Milwaukee Brewers at the end of the 1970 Spring season. The Brewers played at Diablo through 1972 before moving to Sun City. The ballpark sat empty for four years before another expansion team, the Seattle Mariners, arrived in 1977. The Mariners left after the 1992 season for a new ballpark in Peoria. The Angels moved their spring camp from Palm Springs to Tempe in 1993. Diablo Stadium underwent renovations in 1992 and 2006.

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