



CHICAGO CUBS GAME NOTES

WORLD SERIES TITLES: 1907, 1908, 2016 N.L. PENNANTS: 1876, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1885, 1886, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1910, 1918, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1945, 2016

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Chicago Cubs (5-7-3) vs. Oakland Athletics (9-4)

March 12, 2017 ... HoHoKam Park ... Spring Game No. 16

RHP Jake Arrieta (0-0, 9.00) vs. RHP Raul Alcantara (0-0, 4.15)

2017 CACTUS LEAGUE SEASON: The Chicago Cubs today continue their Cactus League schedule when they return to their former Spring Training home, HoHoKam Park, to take on the Oakland Athletics.

- © This marks the Cubs' 39th-consecutive spring in Mesa, Ariz., the longest active streak in the Cactus League.
- © San Francisco is second, as this marks the club's 37th consecutive spring in Scottsdale, Ariz.

YESTERDAY AT SLOAN: Chicago yesterday defeated the Colorado Rockies, 4-3, as the Cubs plated three runs in the eighth inning to erase a 3-1 deficit ... with one out in the eighth, Eloy Jimenez homered, Carlos Corporan was hit by a pitch then Ian Happ belted a two-run, game-winning home run, his second blast in as many days.

- © Kyle Schwarber was 2-for-3 with a solo homer from the leadoff spot of the lineup.
- © Jon Lester allowed one run in 3.0 innings and Eddie Butler tossed 2.0 scoreless innings to finish the game and earn his third win of the spring.

WBC HAPPENINGS: Cubs infielder Javier Baez last night was 2-for-5 with a double, home run and three RBI in Puerto Rico's 9-4 win over Mexico ... Cubs outfielder John Andreoli was 1-for-5 with a walk, run scored and RBI in Italy's 11-10, 10-inning setback against Venezuela yesterday.

- © Baez and Andreoli will be in opposing dugouts today when Italy takes on Puerto Rico in Jalisco, Mexico today.

CAMP BREAKDOWN: The Cubs have 60 players in camp, including 20 non-roster invitees ... the breakdown by position: 34 pitchers (10 non-roster), six catchers (two non-roster), 12 infielders (five non-roster) and eight outfielders (three non-roster).

- © Chicago has its top selections in the 2011 (Javier Baez), 2012 (Albert Almora Jr.), 2013 (Kris Bryant), 2014 (Kyle Schwarber) and 2015 (Ian Happ) drafts in camp.
- © This year's camp has players from seven countries or commonwealths represented: the United States, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Japan, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

JOE MADDON AT THE HELM: Joe Maddon begins his third season as manager of the Cubs after last season leading Chicago to its first World Series title in 108 years ... in his first season with the Cubs, he was named the 2015 N.L. Manager of the Year by the BBWAA.

- © The 2017 campaign marks Maddon's 43rd season in professional baseball, his 24th at the major league level and 12th as a major league manager.
- © Maddon previously managed the Rays for nine years from 2006-14, leading Tampa Bay to four post-season appearances (2008, 2010, 2011, 2013) and winning the American League pennant in 2008.

ABOUT THE COACHING STAFF: The Cubs return the same coaching staff from the last two seasons, with bench coach Dave Martinez and hitting coach John Mallee beginning their third seasons with the Cubs ... pitching coach Chris Bosio starts his sixth year with the club.

- © Brandon Hyde handles first base coaching duties for a third-straight season while third-base coach Gary Jones returns for his fourth season ... Lester Strode enters his 11th season as the team's bullpen coach ... Mike Borzello is in his sixth year with the team as the catching and strategy coach.
- © Eric Hinske is in his fourth year on the Cubs coaching staff, his third as assistant hitting coach ... Henry Blanco is in his third year as a quality assurance coach, Franklin Font is in his sixth season as a staff assistant and Chad Noble is in his fourth season as the bullpen catcher.

NEWCOMERS: Chicago enters the season with 13 new players on the 40-man roster since the conclusion of the 2016 season ... the Cubs also had 13 new players on the 40-man entering the 2016 Spring Training campaign.

- © Pitchers Brett Anderson, Brian Duensing and Koji Uehara, as well as outfielder Jon Jay, were signed as free agents.
- © Pitchers Eddie Butler, Wade Davis, Alec Mills and Caleb Smith were acquired via trades.
- © Pitchers Jack Leathersich, José Rosario and Duane Underwood, catcher Victor Caratini and outfielder Jacob Hannemann were promoted from within.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC: The Cubs have eight players in their organization on World Baseball Classic rosters, including five in major league camp: John Andreoli (Italy), Javier Baez (Puerto Rico), Jim Henderson (Canada), Jhondaniel Medina (Venezuela) and Hector Rondon (Venezuela).

- © Also on WBC rosters from the Cubs organization: RHP Miguel Mejia (Puerto Rico), RHP Mario Meza (Mexico) and RHP Erling Moreno (Colombia).

2016 REVIEW: The Cubs in 2016 won their third World Series in franchise history, and their first since winning consecutive titles in 1907 and 1908, when they defeated the Cleveland Indians in the Fall Classic, four-games-to-three ... the N.L. Pennant was Chicago's first since 1945 ... Chicago dispatched of the San Francisco Giants in the NLDS, 3-1, before they beat the Los Angeles Dodgers, 4-2, in the NLCS.

SLOAN PARK: The Cubs return for their fourth season at Sloan Park following 17 years at HoHoKam Stadium in Mesa (1997-2013) ... the club set numerous Spring Training attendance marks last season, averaging 15,078 fans per game.

Cubs 2017 Spring Record

Overall: 5-7-3 Home: 3-3-2 Road: 2-4-1

Upcoming Probable Starters

Monday at Padres:

RHP John Lackey (0-0, 0.00) vs. TBD

Tuesday vs. Brewers:

RHP Zach Davies (1-0, 1.59) vs. LHP Brett Anderson (1-0, 7.20)

Cubs Game-By-Game Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATT.
Sat, 2/25	Oakland	W, 4-3	14,929
	San Francisco – Scottsdale	L, 6-8	11,515
Sun, 2/26	Cleveland	T, 1-1	15,388
Mon, 2/27	Chicago (A.L.)	T, 4-4	14,621
Tue, 2/28	Los Angeles (A.L.)	L, 5-7	12,688
Wed, 3/1	Kansas City – Surprise	W, 7-3	7,593
Thu, 3/2	Cincinnati – Goodyear	L, 2-6	6,722
	Arizona – Scottsdale	L, 1-3	13,309
Fri, 3/3	Cincinnati	L, 4-8	15,037
Sat, 3/4	Los Angeles (N.L.)	W, 9-3	15,438
Sun, 3/5	Texas – Surprise	T, 9-9	11,048
Mon, 3/6	Los Angeles (A.L.) – Tempe	W, 13-10	7,384
Tue, 3/7	WBC Team Italy	L, 7-8	10,762
Wed, 3/8	OFF DAY		
Thu, 3/9	Seattle	L, 6-8	15,107
Fri, 3/10	Seattle – Peoria	L, 10-11	12,201
Sat, 3/11	Colorado	W, 4-3	15,501
Sun, 3/12	Oakland – Mesa+		
Mon, 3/13	San Diego – Peoria (1:10 p.m.)*		
Tue, 3/14	Milwaukee*		
Wed, 3/15	Arizona (7:05 p.m.)^*		
Thu, 3/16	Los Angeles (N.L.) – Glendale*		
Fri, 3/17	Chicago (A.L.) – Glendale (12:05 p.m.)*		
Sat, 3/18	WBC Asia Team*		
	Milwaukee – Maryvale+		
Sun, 3/19	Kansas City (7:05 p.m.)^+		
Mon, 3/20	Colorado – Scottsdale (1:10 p.m.)*		
Tue, 3/21	OFF DAY		
Wed, 3/22	Cincinnati – Goodyear (6:05 p.m.)^+		
Thu, 3/23	Arizona – Scottsdale* (1:10 p.m.)		
Fri, 3/24	Cleveland*		
Sat, 3/25	Cincinnati (Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 1:05 PT)^+ Colorado – Scottsdale (1:10 p.m.)*		
Sun, 3/26	San Diego*		
	Cincinnati (Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 1:05 PT)#+		
Mon, 3/27	Cleveland – Goodyear (6:05 p.m.)+		
Tue, 3/28	San Francisco^*		
Wed, 3/29	Oakland*		
Thu, 3/30	Houston (Minute Maid Park, 7:10 p.m. CT)#*		
Fri, 3/31	Houston (Minute Maid Park, 1:10 p.m. CT)^*		

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All Games 1:05 p.m. Arizona time unless otherwise noted

March 7 vs. Italy & March 18 vs. WBC Asia Team do not count towards Cactus League stats nor attendance totals

2017 SLOAN PARK CACTUS LEAGUE ATTENDANCE FIGURES

No. of Games at Sloan Park/Total Attendance 8/118,709
Average Attendance.....14,839

FIVE ON THE LIST: Five Cubs made MLB.com's Top-100 Prospects List that came out last month: outfielder Eloy Jimenez is 13th, infielder Ian Happ is 28th, outfielder Albert Almora Jr. is 75th, pitcher Dylan Cease is 77th and infielder Jeimer Candelario is 96th.

AGAINST THE ATHLETICS: This is the second of three Cactus League meetings between the Cubs and Athletics ... the Cubs beat Oakland, 4-3, at Sloan Park on Feb. 25 ... following today's game, the teams will meet for the Sloan Park Cactus League finale, March 29.



**CUBS ON
THE MOUND
Spring Training**

Cubs Starters & Relievers in 2017 Cactus League Play

	W-L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
Cubs Starters	1-3	3.77	28.2	30	14	12	4	5	24
Cubs Relievers	4-4	6.14	102.2	122	73	70	13	42	76
Totals	5-7	5.62	131.1	152	87	82	17	47	100

Today's Cubs Starter — #49 RHP Jake Arrieta

	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2015 — CUBS	*22-6	1.77	33	+33	+4	+3	229.0	150	52	45	10	48	236
2016 — CUBS	18-8	3.10	31	31	1	0	197.1	138	72	68	16	76	190
2017 — CUBS (Spring Training)	0-0	9.00	1	1	0	0	2.0	5	3	2	1	0	1
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS	74-46	3.58	167	161	6	5	992.2	804	420	395	86	348	907

Jake, the 2015 N.L. Cy Young Award winner and a 2016 N.L. All-Star, has become one of the most dominating pitchers in baseball over the last two seasons ... since the beginning of 2015, he has gone 40-14 with a 2.39 ERA (113 ER/426.1 IP), a pair of no-hitters and a .189 opposing batting average.

- ⊙ Is 54-21 with six complete games, five shutouts and a 2.52 ERA (178 ER/634.2 IP) in 98 starts for the Cubs since he was acquired from Baltimore, July 2, 2013, with pitcher Pedro Strop and two international signing bonus slots (slot numbers three and four) for pitcher Scott Feldman and catcher Steve Clevenger.
- ⊙ Went 22-6 in 33 starts in 2015 and his 1.77 ERA (45 ER/229.0 IP) was the lowest for a Cubs qualifying starting pitcher in 96 years since 1919, when Pete Alexander had a 1.72 ERA.
- ⊙ Has fanned a Cubs franchise-record 53 batters in the postseason and is tied for the franchise lead with seven postseason starts ... overall has gone 4-2 with a 3.64 ERA (17 ER/42.0 IP) in postseason play.
- ⊙ Has posted a 2.20 ERA (78 ER/319.1 IP) in 49-career starts at Wrigley Field, the fifth-lowest ERA in the ballpark's history ... his .177 opponent average at Wrigley Field leads all pitchers.
- ⊙ Originally selected by the Orioles in the fifth round of the 2007 Draft out of Texas Christian University.

In 2016, Jake went 18-8 with a 3.10 ERA (68 ER/197.1 IP) ... limited opponents to an MLB-best .194 batting average ... named to the N.L. All-Star Team for the first time.

- ⊙ Ranked among N.L. leaders in wins (18, t-3rd), ERA (3.10, 10th), opponent's OBP (.277, 6th), slugging (.306, 1st) and OPS (.583, 2nd).
- ⊙ Notched nine starts of at least 6.0-scoreless innings, tied for the most in the majors (also, Tanner Roark) ... his 11 starts allowing three or fewer hits also tied for the major league lead (with Dan Straily and Tom Koehler).
- ⊙ Went 11-3 on the road, the second-most road victories in the majors (Max Scherzer, 12-4).
- ⊙ Tossed his second career no-hitter, and the 15th in franchise history, April 21 at Cincinnati ... he walked four batters and struck out six ... also went 2-for-4 at the plate with a walk and run scored.
- ⊙ Did not allow a hit over his first 5.1 innings pitched in Game Two of the World Series, marking the longest no-hit bid in a Fall Classic game since Jerry Koosman of the New York Mets tossed 6.0 innings of no-hit ball in Game Two of the 1969 World Series.
- ⊙ Won Game Six of the World Series, becoming the third Cubs pitcher to win multiple starts in a single Fall Classic, and the first since Lon Warneke in 1935.

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Cubs Relievers

#52 RHP JUSTIN GRIMM: Justin is in his fifth season with Chicago ... he was acquired from Texas in July of 2013 with infielder Mike Olt and pitchers Carl Edwards Jr. and Neil Ramirez for pitcher Matt Garza ... has gone 18-18 with three saves, 39 holds and a 4.54 ERA (143 ER/283.1 IP) in 235 career major league games (19 starts) between the Rangers (2012-13) and Cubs (2013-16).

- ⊙ Is 10-10 with three saves, 39 holds and a 3.29 ERA (66 ER/180.1 IP) in 213 relief appearances with the Cubs.
- ⊙ In 2016, he made 68 relief appearances for Chicago, and in 28 outings from June 28-September 13 he posted a 0.40 ERA (1 ER/22.2 IP) ... held opponents to a .156 average (12-for-77) during that run.
- ⊙ Appeared in six playoff games, allowing six runs over 4.1 innings pitched ... tossed 1.1-scoreless frames in NLCS Game Three.
- ⊙ In 2015, he posted a career-best 1.99 ERA (11 ER/49.2 IP) in 62 relief appearances ... led Cubs relievers and ranked fifth among all N.L. relievers with 12.14 strikeouts per nine innings.

#54 RHP WILLIAMS PEREZ: Williams joined the Cubs on a minor league deal in January of this year following eight years with the Atlanta Braves organization that included 34 games (31 starts) with the Braves spanning the 2015-16 campaigns.

- ⊙ Is 9-9 with a complete game, one save and a 5.18 ERA (98 ER/170.1 IP) in his 34 major league outings (31 starts) ... has walked 66 and struck out 100.
- ⊙ In 2016, he missed part of the season for Atlanta due to a right rotator cuff strain that landed him on the 15-day disabled list, June 7 ... transferred to the 60-day D.L., August 7, before he was activated, September 2 ... all told, went 2-3 with a 6.04 ERA (36 ER/53.2 IP) in 11 starts in his final season with the Braves.
- ⊙ Owns a 32-27 record with three complete games, one shutout, one save and a 3.30 ERA (200 ER/546.0 IP) in 118 career minor league games, including 98 starts.

#19 RHP KOJI UEHARA: Koji signed a one-year deal with the Cubs in December of 2016 following four seasons with the Boston Red Sox, including a World Series title in 2013 ... has pitched professionally since 1999, amassing over 600 appearances between Yomiuri in the NPB Central League from 1999-2008 and eight seasons in the majors with Baltimore (2009-11), Texas (2011-12) and Boston (2013-16).

- ⊙ In eight major league seasons, has gone 19-22 with 67 holds, 93 saves and a 2.53 ERA (123 ER/437.2 IP) in 387 outings, all but 12 in relief.
- ⊙ Owns a 0.86 WHIP in his big league career, the lowest mark in major league history among pitchers with at least 400.0 innings, while his 7.91 strikeout to walk ratio is best in major league history (min. 400.0 IP).
- ⊙ In 2016, he went 2-3 with a 3.45 ERA (18 ER/47.0 IP), seven saves and 18 holds in 50 outings ... averaged 12.06 strikeouts per 9.0 innings, the second-highest single-season rate of his career (12.23 in 2013).
- ⊙ Made scoreless appearances in Games One and Three of the 2016 ALDS vs. Cleveland (2.0 IP).

#29 LHP ROB ZASTRYZNY: Rob made his major league debut in 2016, his fourth year in the Cubs organization ... was drafted in the second round of the 2013 draft and became the first Cubs pitcher drafted under Theo Epstein to make the majors.

- ⊙ Went 1-0 with a 1.13 ERA (2 ER/16.0 IP) in eight games (one start) in his debut season with the Cubs ... made his major league debut, August 19 at Colorado, tossing a scoreless inning of relief.
- ⊙ Became the 21st Canadian-born player to appear in a regular season game for the Cubs ... became the ninth Canadian-born pitcher to start for the Cubs, and the first since Ryan Dempster.
- ⊙ Has gone 17-16 with a 4.60 ERA (171 ER/334.1 IP) in 73 minor league contests, all but five as a starter ... began his career with Single-A Boise and has appeared at every level of the Cubs organization.
- ⊙ Drafted in second round of the 2013 Draft out of the University of Missouri.

