



CLEVELAND INDIANS

2021 SPRING TRAINING GAME INFORMATION

CLEVELAND INDIANS (4-3-0) at OAKLAND ATHLETICS (2-3-1)

RHP Adam Plutko (1-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Grant Holmes (0-0, 4.50)

Spring Game #8/Road Game #4 » Sunday, March 7, 2021 » Hohokam Stadium » 3:05 p.m. (ET) » Indians.com webcast

TODAY'S TILT VS OAKLAND

» The Indians hit the road for a matchup with the Oakland Athletics at Hohokam Stadium in Mesa on Sunday afternoon...marks the first of two Cactus League contests between the clubs this spring, with the second coming on March 15 at Goodyear Ballpark.

» Oakland swept Cleveland in all four contests during 2020 Cactus League play...the Tribe dropped two split-squad games at Las Vegas Ballpark, one in Mesa and one in Goodyear...the Indians are 11-13-0 (.458) all-time against the A's in Cactus League play.

» The teams are scheduled to meet six times in the 2021 regular season, with Cleveland hosting Oakland July 16-18 at Progressive Field and later heading to the Bay Area August 10-12.

GREETINGS FROM GOODYEAR

» The Cleveland Indians return to the Goodyear Development Complex for their 13th year of Spring Training in the Cactus League...after 16 seasons in Winter Haven, Florida from 1993-2008, the Tribe became the 14th organization to make its Spring Training home in Arizona beginning in 2009, while the Cincinnati Reds made it an even 15-15 split of teams between the Cactus and Grapefruit circuits after joining the Indians here in Goodyear for the 2010 campaign.

» The Indians instructional league program began using the Goodyear facility in September of 2008...Cleveland also held Spring Training at Hi Corbett Field in Tucson, Arizona for 46 seasons from 1947-1992 where then-owner Bill Veeck (1946-49) owned a ranch...portions of the 1989 film *Major League* were filmed at Hi Corbett.

» Cleveland is 186-179-30 (.510) all-time in Cactus League play.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHUP

» Cleveland was held off the scoreboard for the first time in 2021 Cactus League play on Saturday afternoon, dropping a 7-inning contest to the Chicago White Sox, 7-0, at Goodyear Ballpark.

» The White Sox offense put up crooked numbers in three different frames, plating two runs off Tribe starter **LHP SCOTT MOSS** (L, 2.0IP, 3H, 2R/ER, BB) in the 1st, three runs against **LHP SAM HENTGES** (2.0IP, 4H, 3R/ER, SO) in the 3rd and two runs off **RHP BRYAN SHAW** (1.0IP, 1H, 2R/ER, BB, 2SO, WP, 2-run HR) in the 5th...**RHP HEATH HEMBREE** (1.0IP, SO) and **LHP KYLE NELSON** (1.0IP, 2SO) both turned in scoreless frames.

» The Indians offense mustered three total hits on the afternoon - singles from **DH BO NAYLOR** (1-for-3), **CF OSCAR MERCADO** (1-for-1, BB) and **3B TYLER KRIEGER** (1-for-2).

B-GAME HIGHLIGHTS

» In yesterday's B-Game, **RHP SHANE BIEBER** sharpened his tools over three scoreless frames, striking out five batters and allowing just three hits...**OF BEN GAMEL** (2-for-2, 2 2B, 2RBI) was perfect at the plate and **INF GABRIEL ARIAS** (1-for-2, HR) crushed a solo homer to in a 5-2 Tribe victory over Cincinnati.

LEADING THE WAY

» Cleveland leads the Cactus League in batting average (.282) and is tied for first in hits (59)...the club also ranks third in runs (36) and fifth in on-base percentage (.365)...meanwhile, **SS GABRIEL ARIAS** is tied for second in hits (6) and is off to a perfect 6-for-6 start to the spring with six singles.

» On the pitching side, the Tribe ranks fifth in the Cactus League in ERA (4.58) and strikeouts (57).

TODAY'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

CLEVELAND INDIANS

45	Adam Plutko	RHP
39	Oliver Pérez	LHP
53	Blake Parker	RHP
56	DJ Johnson	RHP
99	James Karinchak	RHP
73	Jean Carlos Mejía	RHP
70	Carlos Vargas	RHP

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

67	Grant Holmes	RHP
58	Paul Blackburn	RHP
35	Jake Diekmann	LHP
70	Jordan Weems	RHP
62	Lou Trivino	RHP

AT THE HELM

» In his eighth season as Cleveland's manager, **Terry Francona** led the Indians to a 35-25 record in the shortened 2020 season, as the Tribe finished second in the AL Central and secured a berth in the AL Wild Card Series against the New York Yankees...Francona dealt with persistent health issues during the 2020 season, and as a result, first base coach **Sandy Alomar** served as acting manager from Aug. 2-9 and then from Aug. 18 through the end of the season (46 regular season games total)...Francona ranks second among active managers in wins (1,702), trailing only Houston's Dusty Baker (1,892)...he is 55 wins away from tying **Lou Boudreau** for most wins in franchise history.

2021 INDIANS MAJOR LEAGUE COACHING STAFF

MEMBER	POSITION	PRO EXP (264 YRS)
Terry Francona	Manager	41
Sandy Alomar	First Base Coach	37
DeMarlo Hale	Bench Coach	28
Victor Rodriguez	Assistant Hitting Coach	44
Mike Sarbaugh	Third Base Coach	32
Brian Sweeney	Bullpen Coach	7
Ty Van Burkleo	Hitting Coach	39

UPCOMING PROBABLES & BROADCAST INFORMATION

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers - Cleveland vs. Opponent	First Pitch	Radio/TV
Mon. Mar. 8	vs. Seattle	RHP Zach Plesac (0-1, 13.50) vs. LHP Yusei Kikuchi (0-1, 4.50)	3:05PM ET	Indians.com webcast
Tues. Mar. 9	@ Texas	RHP Aaron Civale (1-0, 0.00) vs. LHP Wes Benjamin (0-0, 0.00)	3:05PM ET	Indians.com webcast
Wed. Mar. 10	vs. Los Angeles-AL	RHP Cal Quantrill (0-0, 5.40) vs. TBD	3:05PM ET	Real 106.1/IRN/STO

25 DAYS LEFT UNTIL OPENING DAY

April 1, 2021 at Detroit Tigers
Comerica Park

INDIANS RECENT SPRING RECORDS

Year	W-L-T	AVG	ERA
2020	10-12-0	.277	5.56
2019	17-14-3	.265	4.70
2018	19-13-3	.280	4.81
2017	17-16-3	.301	5.63
2016	18-12-4	.257	4.03
2015	14-18-1	.270	4.54
2014	20-9-2	.288	4.28
2013	17-16-2	.282	5.14
2012	7-22-3	.247	5.42
2011	15-14-2	.274	5.19
2010	19-9-3	.289	3.96
2009	12-20-3	.279	6.00

2021 MLB.com CLEVELAND INDIANS TOP 10 PROSPECTS

1. Nolan Jones, 3B
2. Triston McKenzie, RHP
3. Tyler Freeman, SS
4. Bo Naylor, C
5. George Valera, OF
6. Gabriel Arias, SS
7. Daniel Epsino, RHP
8. Brayson Rocchio, SS
9. Aaron Bracho, 2B
10. Ethan Hankins, RHP

SCHEDULE/BROADCAST INFO

» The Indians are scheduled to play 29 Spring Training games in 2021, with 15 coming at Goodyear Ballpark; the Tribe will be the home team in 14 of those games, while the Reds will play host in an evening contest on March 17...there will be no split-squad Spring Training games for any club in 2021.

» Fifteen Indians Spring Training games will be broadcast on local radio and the Indians Radio Network, while 10 will be televised on SportsTime Ohio, the flagship TV home of the Indians.

» SportsTime Ohio has elected to pick up the visiting game feed for the following games: March 4, March 10, March 16, March 24 and March 30.

MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS AVAILABLE FOR TODAY'S GAME

#	Player
79	OF Steven Kwan
82	C Bryan Lavastida
83	OF Connor Marabell
97	OF Will Benson

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULED PITCHERS

CLEVELAND INDIANS

34	Zach Plesac	RHP
62	Nick Wittgren	RHP
36	Bryan Shaw	RHP
37	Heath Hembree	RHP
88	Phil Maton	RHP
48	Emmanuel Clase	RHP
66	Nick Sandlin	RHP

SEATTLE MARINERS

18	Yusei Kikuchi	LHP
47	Rafael Montero	RHP
59	Joey Gerber	LHP
45	Domingo Tapia	RHP
50	Erik Swanson	RHP
57	Roenis Elias	LHP
60	Brandon Brennan	RHP

ON THE MOUND: ADAM PLUTKO

» **RHP ADAM PLUTKO** is slated to make his second start of the spring Sunday afternoon against the Athletics...made his first start against the Mariners on March 2, tossing two scoreless frames and earning the win (2H, BB, SO) in the Tribe's 6-1 victory over Seattle.

» Split the shortened 2020 season between the rotation and the bullpen, opening the year with a 5-3 win as a starter against the White Sox on July 28 (6.0IP, 5H, 2R, 4SO)...posted a 4.88 ERA for the 2020 season, tallying four starts and six relief appearances...season ERA in relief was 1.54 in six outings (2ER/11.2IP)...was in the rotation Aug. 11-21...as a starter, his ERA was 7.31 in four starts (16.0IP, 20H, 13ER, 4HR)...recorded his first career relief win on Sept. 25 vs. Pittsburgh and notched his second career save in a 4.0IP outing on Aug. 29 at St. Louis.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

» The Indians have 56 players in Major League camp as Cactus League play opens, including 16 non-roster invitees in addition to members of the 40-man roster...club has 27 pitchers, including 21 right-handers (eight non-roster) and six left-handers (two non-roster); six catchers (three non-roster), 12 infielders (three non-roster) and 11 outfielders (two non-roster).

2020 SEASON RECAP

» The Indians finished the 2020 shortened season with a 35-25 record and their fifth postseason berth in the last eight years, an AL Wild Card matchup with the New York Yankees...the Tribe fell 2-0 in the three-game series at Progressive Field.

» **JOSÉ RAMÍREZ** led the American League in runs (45) and slashed .292/.386/.993 en route to being named runner-up for AL MVP, marking the highest finish for a Cleveland player since 1995 and his third top-4 finish in the last four years.

» **SHANE BIEBER** led MLB in wins (8), ERA (1.63) and strikeouts (122) to win the pitching 'Triple Crown' and the AL Cy Young Award.

MEDICAL UPDATES

» **RHP CAM HILL** underwent right wrist surgery during the offseason and currently has no timetable for return...**OF JORDAN LUPLOW** received an injection and is still day-to-day with a mild impingement in his left ankle...**RHP NICK SANDLIN** will throw live BP Friday after being sidelined due to illness...**OF HAROLD RAMÍREZ** is cleared for team activity and is scheduled to DH in Monday's game.

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#45 - RHP ADAM PLUTKO: Split the shortened 2020 season between the rotation and the bullpen, opening the year in the 'pen entering Spring Training and Summer Camp in a battle for a rotation spot...season ERA in relief was 1.54 in six outings (2ER/11.2IP)...recorded his first career relief win on Sept. 25 vs. Pittsburgh and notched his second career save in a 4.0IP outing on Aug. 29 at St. Louis...picked up his first win of the year in a spot start on July 28 (game 2) vs. Chicago-AL (2R/6.0IP) and was in the rotation, Aug. 11-21...as a starter his ERA was 7.31 in four starts (16.0IP, 20H, 13ER, 4HR)

Date	Opp.	Dec.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	TBF	
3/2	@ SEA	W (1-0)	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	9	
Cactus Totals			1-0	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	9

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#39 - LHP OLIVER PEREZ: Posted 16 scoreless appearances in 2020 as lefties hit just .185 (5-for-27) against him...from Aug. 16 to the end of the season he posted an ERA of 2.45 (11.0IP, 11H, 4R/3ER, 5BB, 8SO)...has appeared in 18 seasons, most ever for a Mexican-born player in MLB history...owns the second-most appearances (691) & third-most strikeouts (1541) among Mexican-born pitchers in MLB history.

Date	Opp.	Dec.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	TBF	
3/2	@ SEA	--	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	
Cactus Totals			--	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4

#53 - RHP BLAKE PARKER: Began the 2020 season at the Philadelphia Alternate Training Site in Lehigh Valley and had his contract selected on August 11...did not allow an earned run in his first 9.2 innings of the season and in 11 of his 14 appearances overall...recorded multiple strikeouts in five straight outings (14SO, 6.2IP), Aug. 30-Sept. 14, a career-long streak...tied a career-high four strikeouts on Sept. 14 at Miami.

Date	Opp.	Dec.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	TBF	
3/1	vs. KC	--	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	
3/4	@ MIL	--	4.50	1.0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6	
Cactus Totals			--	4.50	2.0	3	1	1	2	3	0	10

#56 - RHP DJ JOHNSON: Spent 2020 in Japan between the Hiroshima Carp and Rakuten Golden Eagles, going a combined 1-0 with a 3.81 ERA in 30 relief outings (12ER/28.1IP)...signed in late October with Hiroshima and was traded to Rakuten during the season.

Date	Opp.	Dec.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	TBF	
3/1	vs. KC	--	0.00	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	
3/4	@ MIL	--	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	6	
Cactus Totals			--	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	2	1	0	10

#99 - RHP JAMES KARINCHAK: Finished 2020 tied for first among Major League relievers in strikeouts (53), which led the AL, while finishing tied for sixth in games (27), seventh in opponent batting average (.159), tied for eighth in holds (8) and ninth in relief IP (27.0)...did not allow an earned run over his first seven outings (7.1IP) thru Aug. 9, and over his first 15 outings thru Aug. 25 he posted a 0.54 ERA (1ER/16.2IP/31SO)...allowed earned runs in 6 of his 27 outings...batters hit just .159 (14-for-88) off him for the year while recording 17.7 strikeouts per 9.0 IP...fanned 53 of his 109 batters faced (48.6%), striking out 51% (30/59) of right-handed hitters and 46% of LH batters (23/50)...struck out at least one batter in 22 straight games, Sept. 25, 2019-Sept. 11, 2020, the third-longest streak in club history.

Date	Opp.	Dec.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	TBF	
2/28	vs. CIN	--	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	
3/3	vs. ARI	--	0.00	1.0	0	1	0	2	2	0	5	
Cactus Totals			--	0.00	2.0	1	1	0	2	3	0	8

#73 - RHP JEAN CARLOS MEJIA: Spent the entirety of the 2020 season at the Lake County Alternate Training Site...during 2020 Spring Training in Arizona, he posted a 5.40 ERA in 4 outings/1 start (5.0IP, 4H, 3R/ER, 3BB, 7SO)...posted a 1.64 ERA in 4 games/2 starts for Licy in the Dominican Winter League after the season (11.0IP, 10H, 2ER, 9SO).

Date	Opp.	Dec.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	TBF	
Cactus Totals			--	0.00	2.0	1	1	0	2	3	0	8

#70 - RHP CARLOS VARGAS: Added to the 40-man roster on Nov. 20, 2020...did not pitch in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic...threw 4.1 innings in the Fall Development Program in Goodyear, AZ following the season (8SO)...spent entirety of the 2019 season at short-season Mahoning Valley, going 7-6 with a 4.34 ERA in 25 games/24 starts (112.0IP, 106H, 54ER, 112SO)...ranked among the New York-Penn League leaders in starts (T1st, 15), complete games (T1st, 1), innings pitched (3rd, 77.2), wins (3rd, 6) and strikeouts (T8th, 71).

Date	Opp.	Dec.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	TBF	
3/2	@ SEA	--	9.00	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	
Cactus Totals			--	9.00	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	0	4

2021 CLEVELAND INDIANS SPRING EXHIBITION SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Site	Time (EST)	Win/Loss/Save	T.O.G.	Attend.	W-L-T
FEBRUARY 28	CINCINNATI	GOODYEAR	W, 5-1	SHAW/GUTIERREZ/HENTGES	2:59	2,211*	1-0-0
MARCH 1	KANSAS CITY	GOODYEAR	L, 6-8	KOWAR/BIEBER/SNIER	3:39	1,488	1-1-0
March 2	@ Seattle	Peoria	W, 6-1	Plutko/Kikuchi	2:28	1,525	2-1-0
MARCH 3	ARIZONA	GOODYEAR	L, 4-9	WEAVER/PLESAC	2:55	1,869	2-2-0
March 4	@ Milwaukee	Phoenix	W, 5-1	Civale/Lauer	2:25	2,059	3-2-0
March 5	@ Chicago-NL	Mesa	W, 10-4	Clase/Maples	2:49	3,298	4-2-0
MARCH 6	CHICAGO-AL	GOODYEAR	L, 0-7	López/Moss	2:07	2,211*	4-3-0
March 7	@ Oakland	Mesa	3:05PM	(Indians.com)			
MARCH 8	SEATTLE	GOODYEAR	3:05PM	(INDIANS.COM)			
March 9	@ Texas	Surprise	3:05PM	(INDIANS.COM)			
MARCH 10	LOS ANGELES-AL	GOODYEAR	3:05PM	(REAL 106.1/INDIANS RADIO NETWORK/SPORTSTIME OHIO)			
March 11	@ San Diego	Peoria	3:10PM	(Indians.com)			
MARCH 12	LOS ANGELES-NL	GOODYEAR	3:05PM	(WMMS/INDIANS RADIO NETWORK)			
March 13	@ San Francisco	Scottsdale	3:05PM	(WTAM/Indians Radio Network)			
OFF DAY							
MARCH 15	OAKLAND	GOODYEAR	4:05PM	(INDIANS.COM)			
March 16	@ Los Angeles-AL	Tempe	4:10PM	(Indians.com/SportsTime Ohio)			
March 17	@ Cincinnati	Goodyear	9:05PM	(Real 106.1/Indians Radio Network/SportsTime Ohio)			
MARCH 18	CHICAGO-NL	GOODYEAR	4:05PM	(WTAM/INDIANS RADIO NETWORK/SPORTSTIME OHIO)			
March 19	@ Colorado	Salt River	4:10PM				
March 20	@ Chicago-AL	Glendale	4:05PM	(WTAM/Indians Radio Network)			
MARCH 21	TEXAS	GOODYEAR	4:05PM	(WTAM/INDIANS RADIO NETWORK/SPORTSTIME OHIO)			
MARCH 22	MILWAUKEE	GOODYEAR	4:05PM	(SPORTSTIME OHIO)			
MARCH 23	SAN FRANCISCO	GOODYEAR	4:05PM	(WTAM/INDIANS RADIO NETWORK/SPORTSTIME OHIO)			
March 24	@ Arizona	Salt River	9:10PM	(Indians.com/SportsTime Ohio)			
OFF DAY							
MARCH 26	COLORADO	GOODYEAR	4:05PM	(WMMS/INDIANS RADIO NETWORK)			
March 27	@ Los Angeles-NL	Glendale	3:05PM	(WTAM/Indians Radio Network)			
MARCH 28	SAN DIEGO	GOODYEAR	4:05PM	(INDIANS.COM)			
March 29	@ Kansas City	Surprise	3:05PM	(Indians.com)			
MARCH 30	@ Arizona	Chase Field	3:40PM	(Indians.com/SportsTime Ohio)			

*Denotes maximum capacity crowd at Goodyear Ballpark

STARTS BY POSITION

Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Arias									
Bauers		4							
Bradley		3							
Chang			2	1					
Clement								1	
Collins									
Freeman, M.			1	1					
Freeman, T.									
Gamel						2		1	
Giménez					4				
Hamilton						1	1		1
Hedges	4								
Hernandez			4						
Johnson								3	
Jones									
Krieger				1					
Luplow									
Mercado							3	1	
Miller									
Naylor, B.									1
Naylor, J.								1	2
Pérez	3								
Reyes									3
Ramírez					3				
Rosario, A.					3				
Rosario, E.						4			
Taylor									

CATCHERS' CAUGHT-STEALING %'s

Player	CS	SBA	CS%
Collins	-	-	-
Hedges	0	1	0%
Naylor	1	1	100%
Pérez	0	4	0%
Taylor	0	2	0%

2021 TRANSACTIONS

- January 29** Signed free agent **2B CESAR HERNANDEZ**.
- February 3** Signed free agnets **RHP DJ JOHNSON** and **RHP BRYAN SHAW** to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League camp.
- February 4** Signed **2B Mike Freeman** to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League camp.
- February 4** Signed free agent **OF EDDIE ROSARIO**
- February 12** Signed free agent **OF BEN GAMEL** to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League camp.
- February 15** Signed free agent **OF BILLY HAMILTON** to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League camp.
- February 16** Signed free agent **RHP BLAKE PARKER** to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League camp.
- February 18** Signed free agent **LHP OLIVER PÉREZ** to a Minor League contract and invited him to Major League camp.
- February 19** Signed free agent **C RYAN LAVARNWAY** to a Minor League contract with a non-roster invitation to Major League camp.
- February 24** Claimed **OF HAROLD RAMIREZ** off waivers from the Miami Marlins and designated **RHP JORDAN HUMPHREYS** for assignment.

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