



LOS ANGELES DODGERS SPRING TRAINING INFORMATION

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LOS ANGELES DODGERS (0-0) at Oakland Athletics (0-0)
Sunday, February 28, 2021 – 1:05 p.m. MT | Hohokam Stadium | Mesa, AZ
LHP Mike Kickham (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Daulton Jeffries (0-0, 0.00)
Spring Game 1/Road Game 1
TV: SNLA Radio: AM 570/KTNQ (Spanish)



LID-LIFTING: The World Champion Dodgers open their 13th season of Cactus League play this afternoon, taking on the American League West's Oakland Athletics at Hohokam Stadium in Mesa. Today will be the first of two Cactus League meetings between the California clubs with the other coming on March 26 at Camelback Ranch. Los Angeles will play 29 exhibition games this spring, including 14 games at Camelback Ranch - Glendale, and will head back to Los Angeles for a three-game Freeway Series against the Angels from March 28-30.

- The Dodgers will also open the regular season against the Rockies on Thursday, April 1 at Coors Field in Denver – just 32 days away!
- Los Angeles took two out of three games vs. Oakland during the regular season in 2020 and will play the Athletics three times in 2021 as well, with that series coming on the first road trip from April 5-7 at the Oakland Coliseum.

WORLD CLASS STAFF: Dodger manager **Dave Roberts** enters his sixth season with the club after leading the franchise to its seventh World Series championship last year. The 2016 National League Manager of the Year piloted the club to a 43-17 record in the abbreviated 2020 season and then a 13-5 mark in the playoffs en route to the title. Since taking the reigns in 2016, Roberts has compiled a record of 436-273, good for a .609 winning percentage, which is best in baseball over that time.

- The club returns the bulk of its coaching staff with bench coach **Bob Geren** (6th season), third base coach **Dino Ebel** (3rd season), hitting coach **Robert Van Scoyoc** (3rd season), hitting coach **Brant Brown** (4th season), assistant hitting coach **Aaron Bates** (3rd season) and pitching coach **Mark Prior** (4th season, 2nd in current role), bullpen coach **Josh Bard** (2nd season), assistant pitching coach **Connor McGuinness** (2nd season) and game planning/communications coach **Danny Lehmann** (3rd season) returning in their same roles.
- There is one new face on the coaching staff at **Clayton McCullough** takes over the first base coaching duties from George Lombard, who moved on to become the Tigers' bench coach. McCullough enters his seventh season with the Dodger organization, previously serving as a minor league field coordinator and last year overseeing the Dodgers' operation at the alternative site on the USC campus. Prior to joining the Dodgers in 2015, the North Carolina native worked for the Toronto Blue Jays organization from 2006-2014, serving as the manager of the GCL Blue Jays (2006-2007), Class-A Lansing Lugnuts (2008-2009), Advanced-A Dunedin Blue Jays (2010-2011) and Class-A Vancouver Canadians (2012-2013). McCullough posted a combined record of 629-559 during his managerial career in the Blue Jays' organization.

KICKAM WHILE THEY'RE DOWN: Dodger non-roster invitee **Mike Kickham** gets the ball for the Cactus League opener this afternoon after going 1-1 with a 7.71 ERA (12/14.0 IP) in six games (two starts) for the Red Sox last season. Kickham, 32, is in his 12th professional season and first with Los Angeles after playing in parts of three Major League seasons with Boston (2020) and San Francisco (2013-14). He is 1-4 with a 9.95 ERA in 20 career games (five starts). In 10 minor league seasons (Giants, Mariners, Rangers and Marlins organizations), the southpaw is 46-54 with a 4.06 ERA (377 ER/835.1 IP) and one save in 195 games (141 GS). The St. Louis native was originally selected by the Giants in the 10th round of the 2010 First-Year Player draft out of Missouri State.

BEST IN SHOW: The Dodgers won the seventh World Series in franchise history last year, going 43-17 during the 60-game season and then dispatching the Brewers (2-0), Padres (3-0), Braves (4-3) and Rays (4-2) in the Postseason to claim the crown. The club also won the NL pennant for the third time in four years.

- With a franchise-best .717 winning percentage (43-17), the Dodgers posted the first .700+ win percentage season by an NL team since the 1909 Pirates (110-42, .724).
- The Dodgers won a division title for the eighth consecutive year, something just two other teams have accomplished:

MLB All-Time – Most Consecutive Division Titles	
Braves, 1991-2005	14
Yankees, 1998-2006	9
Dodgers, 2013-2020	8 (active streak)

INNINGS EATERS: Due to a reduction in the number of pitchers available in big league camps, today's game will be 7.0 innings and tomorrow's home-opener will be 6.0 frames. For the first two weeks of games, the opposing managers will settle on the exact number of innings the night before the contest. The number of innings will be reduced until March 14, when all games must be at least 7.0 innings.

2021 Dodger Spring Training Schedule

Date	Opp.	Result	Rec.	Winner	Loser	Attend.
2/28	at OAK	1:05 PM				
3/1	COL	1:05 PM				
3/2	at SF	7:05 PM				
3/3	CIN	6:05 PM				
3/4	CHC	6:05 PM				
3/5	at KC	1:05 PM				
3/6	SD	1:05 PM				
3/7	at TEX	1:05 PM				
3/8	CWS	1:05 PM				
3/9	at CIN	6:05 PM				
3/10	ARI	6:05 PM				
3/11	SEA	6:05 PM				
3/12	at CLE	1:05 PM				
3/13	OFF DAY					
3/14	KC	6:05 PM				
3/15	at COL	1:10 PM				
3/16	MIL	1:05 PM				
3/17	at CWS	1:05 PM				
3/18	at ARI	1:10 PM				
3/19	TEX	6:05 PM				
3/20	at SD	1:10 PM				
3/21	SF	6:05 PM				
3/22	at SEA	6:40 PM				
3/23	at MIL	1:10 PM				
3/24	OFF DAY					
3/25	at CHC	6:05 PM				
3/26	OAK	6:05 PM				
3/27	CLE	12:05 PM				
3/28	at LAA	6:07 PM				
3/29	LAA	7:10 PM				
3/30	LAA	7:10 PM				

WATCH 'EM ALL: SportsNet LA will broadcast all 29 Spring Training games, while 17 games will air on AM 570 and an additional eight games on Spanish radio, beginning today when all three stations will carry the game. **Joe Davis** (6th season) and **Orel Hershiser** (8th season) have the call this afternoon. SportsNet LA's flagship program, Access SportsNet: Dodgers, airs nightly at 7:00 p.m. and is hosted by **John Hartung** with feature analysis from Hershiser, **Nomar Garciaparra**, **Jerry Hairston Jr.** and **Ned Colletti**. AM 570's Dodger Talk, hosted by **David Vassegh** onsite in Glendale, Arizona airs every weeknight and every Dodger Spring Training and regular season game will be streamed in HD for free on the iHeartRadio app by searching for AM 570 LA Sports. The Dodgers' Spanish-language broadcast on KTNQ 1020 AM shifts to a three-person booth this year with **Jaime Jarrin**, **Fernando Valenzuela** and **Pepe Yñiguez**, reuniting the trio that previously called games together from 2003-13.

- The Dodgers would also like to welcome **Kirsten Watson** to their broadcast team. In her role as a reporter and host, Watson will contribute to the Dodgers' SportsNet LA game broadcasts and studio programming as well as pre- and postgame coverage on both television and radio. Watson joins the Dodgers following two years as a reporter and host with Spectrum SportsNet, where she appeared on pre-, post- and in-game broadcasts of the Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Sparks and South Bay Lakers while also co-hosting the network's Lakeshow studio program. Watson earned her Master's and Bachelor's degrees from Columbia and was a member of the school's volleyball team.
- Congratulations are in order after a dominating performance at the annual Southern California Sports Broadcasters' awards last week. Dodger broadcasters taking home the hardware were **Joe Davis** (Bob Miller Television Play-by-Play Award), **Orel Hershiser** (Television Analyst Award), **Jaime Jarrin** (Spanish Radio Play-by-Play Award), **Rick Monday** (Radio Analyst Award), **Alanna Rizzo** (Television Reporter Award), **Charley Steiner** (Chick Hearn Radio Play-by-Play Award) and the Call of the Year Award when the Dodgers won the World Series) and **David Vassegh** (Irv Kaze Radio Host/Reporter Award). Congrats all!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date/Time (Local)	Opp.	Location	Probables	TV/RADIO
March 1/1:05 pm	COL	Camelback Ranch	RHP Trevor Bauer vs. RHP Dereck Rodriguez	SNLA/AM 570/KTNQ 1020
March 2/7:05 pm	SF	Scottsdale Stadium	RHP Walker Buehler vs. TBD	SNLA/AM 570/KTNQ 1020

TODAY'S PITCHING PROBABLES

- i LHP **Mike Kickham** takes the ball in the Dodgers' 2021 Cactus League lid-lifter today. The 32-year old is entering his 12th professional season and first with Los Angeles. Kickham is 1-4 with a 9.95 ERA in 20 career big league games (five starts). In 10 minor league seasons (Giants, Mariners, Rangers and Marlins organizations), the southpaw is 46-54 with a 4.06 ERA (377 ER/835.1 IP) and one save in 195 games (141 GS). The St. Louis native was originally selected by the Giants in the 10th round of the 2010 First-Year Player draft out of Missouri State.
- i LHP **Garrett Cleavinger** is also expected to see his action today in Dodger blue after being acquired in a minor league trade with the Phillies and Rays on Dec. 29, 2020. The native of Kansas made his Major League debut on Sept. 17, 2020 with the Phillies vs. the New York Mets. In the minor leagues, has combined to post a 19-12 record with nine saves and a 4.08 ERA in 140 relief appearances over five seasons while limiting opponents to a .217 batting average with 294 strikeouts in 220.1 innings. Cleavinger originally selected by Baltimore in the third round of the 2015 First-Year Player Draft.
- i RHP **Dennis Santana** enters his eighth professional season with a 2-2 record and a 6.66 ERA (19 ER/25.2 IP) in 16 Major League games with the Dodgers from 2018-20. Last year, Santana went 1-2 with a 5.29 ERA (10 ER/17.0 IP) in 12 games in his third MLB season while limiting opposing hitters to a .234 batting average. The native of the Dominican Republic made his first Opening Day roster last year and spent nearly the entire 60-game season as a reliever with the big club.
- i RHP **Andre Jackson** will make his Dodger Spring Training debut today after being added to the 40-man roster on Nov. 20, 2020. Last year, Jackson stayed sharp at the Dodgers' alternate site during season and in 2019, he went 7-2 with a 3.06 ERA (39 ER/114.2 IP) and a 1.28 WHIP in 25 starts between Class-A Great Lakes and Advanced-A Rancho Cucamonga. The former University of Utah standout was selected by the Dodgers in the 12th round of the 2017 First-Year player draft.
- i RHP **Edwin Uceta** enters his sixth season in the Dodgers' organization and this is his second big league camp after being invited as a non-roster pitcher last year. In 2020, Uceta spent the season at the Dodgers' alternate site and was subsequently added to the 40-man roster on Nov. 20, 2020. In four minor league seasons, he has posted a 20-12 record with a 3.73 ERA (137 ER/331.0 IP) and 362 strikeouts. The native of the Dominican Republic was ranked by Baseball America as the 22nd-best Dodger prospect entering this season.
- i RHP **Michael Grove** is set to make his Spring Training debut this afternoon after spending last year at the alternate site. Grove was selected by the Dodgers in the second round of the 2018 draft and went 0-5 with a 6.10 ERA (35 ER/51.2 IP) and a 1.55 WHIP in 21 games with the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (Advanced-A) in 2019. That season, Grove struck out 73 batters against 19 walks in 51.2 innings of work. The Wheeling, WV native attended the University of West Virginia he was named to the All-Big 12 Second Team and Academic All-Big 12 First Team after going 3-1 with a 2.87 ERA (15 ER/47.0 IP) and holding batters to a .174 average in 2018.

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