



# CHICAGO CUBS GAME NOTES

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## Chicago Cubs (9-5-3) vs. Oakland Athletics (9-8-1)

March 19, 2021 ... HoHoKam Stadium ... Spring Game No. 18

RHP Zach Davies (1-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Frankie Montas (0-0, 0.00)

**CUBS TRAVEL TO OLD STOMPING GROUNDS:** The Chicago Cubs today head towards downtown Mesa to their former Spring Training ballpark, HoHoKam Stadium, to play the Oakland Athletics ... the Cubs last called HoHoKam home in Spring Training 2013 prior to moving to Sloan Park in 2014 ... Chicago has won two-straight games, is unbeaten in its last four (2-0-2) and is 6-4-2 in its last 12 games ... the Cubs tomorrow host the Rockies at Sloan Park.

- ⊙ The Cubs this Spring Training will play 28 games, 14 at home and 14 on the road ... March 1 kicked off a stretch of 28 games in 29 days with the team's lone day off on Tuesday, March 16.
- ⊙ The Cubs are celebrating their 43rd-consecutive spring in Mesa, Ariz., the longest active streak in the Cactus League.
- ⊙ San Francisco ranks second, as this marks the club's 42nd-consecutive spring in Scottsdale, Ariz.
- ⊙ This marks Chicago's eighth Spring Training at Sloan Park and the Nike Performance Center.

**GOOD DAY IN GOODYEAR:** The Cubs yesterday defeated the Cleveland Indians at Goodyear Ballpark, 4-3, as David Bote was 2-for-2 with a solo homer and two runs scored ... Jake Marisnick belted a three-run home run, his first of the spring.

- ⊙ Jake Arrieta made the start and allowed one run on four hits, walking none and striking out five in 4.0 innings ... Dillon Maples (1.0 IP, H, R/ER, 3 SO), Keegan Thompson (1.0 IP, 2 H, 3 SO), Brandon Workman (1.0 IP, H, 2 SO), Jason Adam (1.0 IP, 2 H, BB, 2 SO) and Trevor Megill (1.0 IP, 2 H, R/ER, SO) followed.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Cubs manager David Ross today turns 44 years old ... happy birthday, Rossy! ... pitcher Tommy Nance, currently in minor league camp, turns 30 today ... happy birthday, Tommy!

**RANKINGS AND WHATNOT:** The Cubs are sporting a .361 on-base percentage, third-best in the Cactus League behind the Giants (.371) and Reds (.363) ... Chicago's 24 home runs are third in the Cactus League behind the Royals (31) and Brewers (27).

- ⊙ Anthony Rizzo has scored eight runs in nine games and has a .464 on-base percentage to go along with a .318 average (7-for-22) ... Willson Contreras has a .464 on-base percentage and a .348 batting average (8-for-23) with two homers and six RBI.
- ⊙ Joc Pederson leads the Cactus League with a .500 average, .563 OBP, 1.192 slugging mark and 1.755 OPS while his five homers are tied for the Cactus League lead, his 13 hits are tied for second and his 10 RBI are tied for fifth.
- ⊙ Zach Davies has not allowed a hit in 5.0 innings (17 BF) ... Rex Brothers has spun five scoreless outings (5.0 IP), allowing two hits and one walk with five strikeouts ... Shelby Miller has allowed one earned run in 7.0 innings, walking two and striking out eight.

**GIMMIE A "BI!":** The Cubs this morning at 10 a.m. will play an intrasquad B-Game at Sloan Park ... right-handed pitcher Adbert Alzolay will be starting that tilt.

**DAVID ROSS IS THE BOSS:** David Ross begins his second season as manager of the Cubs after guiding the 2020 club to the N.L. Central Division title ... he became the seventh manager to lead the team to a division crown in his first season at the helm of the Cubs, and the first since Lou Piniella in 2007.

- ⊙ Ross played 15 major league seasons as a catcher and is a two-time World Series champion (Red Sox in 2013 and Cubs in 2016) ... served as a special assistant to baseball operations with the Cubs from 2017-19.
- ⊙ Ross is the 55th manager in Cubs history, replacing Joe Maddon on October 24, 2019.
- ⊙ The 2021 season marks Ross' 24th in professional baseball.

**CAMP BREAKDOWN:** The Cubs have 47 players currently in major league Spring Training ... the 47 players include 26 pitchers (six non-roster), four catchers (two non-roster), eight infielders (two non-roster) and nine outfielders (five non-roster).

- ⊙ This year's camp has featured players from seven countries or commonwealths being represented: The United States, Canada, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panamá, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

**NEWCOMERS:** Chicago has 12 new players on the 40-man roster since the conclusion of the 2020 season ... the Cubs had 12 new players on the 40-man roster entering 2020 Spring Training and nine new players on the 40-man roster entering 2019 Spring Training.

- ⊙ Pitchers Jake Arrieta, Jonathan Holder, Kohl Stewart, Trevor Williams and Brandon Workman were signed as free agents, as were catcher Austin Romine and outfielders Jake Marisnick and Joc Pederson.
- ⊙ Pitchers Zach Davies were acquired via trade.
- ⊙ Pitchers Cory Abbott and Keegan Thompson, and infielder Christopher Morel, were promoted from within the organization.

**AGAINST THE ATHLETICS:** The Cubs own a 10-5 all-time regular season record against the Athletics, including a 6-3 mark at Wrigley Field ... the teams last met for three games at the Friendly Confines, August 5-7, 2019, with the Cubs taking two of three contests.

- ⊙ This is the second Cactus League meeting between the Cubs and A's ... on March 9 at Sloan Park, Chicago defeated Oakland, 9-8 in seven innings thanks in part to a Rafael Ortega walk-off grand slam.

### Cubs 2021 Spring/Exhibition Record

Overall: 9-5-3 ..... Home: 4-2-2 ..... Road: 5-3-1

### Upcoming Probable Starters

Saturday vs. Rockies: RHP Trevor Williams (1-0, 1.04) vs. LHP Austin Gomber (0-0, 0.00)

### Cubs Game-By-Game Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	ATT.
Sun, 2/28	OFF DAY		
Mon, 3/1	San Diego	W, 1-0 (7)	1,636
Tue, 3/2	Kansas City	W, 3-2 (7)	3,225
Wed, 3/3	Seattle	T, 8-8	3,282
Thu, 3/4	Los Angeles (N.L.)	W, 7-0 (7)	2,337
Fri, 3/5	Cleveland	L, 4-10 (7)	3,298
Sat, 3/6	Milwaukee	W, 3-1 (7)	2,220
Sun, 3/7	Arizona	L, 4-5	2,299
Mon, 3/8	Texas	W, 9-0 (7)	3,316
Tue, 3/9	Oakland	W, 9-8 (7)	3,423
Wed, 3/10	San Francisco	L, 6-7	1,251
Thu, 3/11	Colorado	W, 8-6	2,243
Fri, 3/12	Milwaukee	L, 3-8 (7)	3,569
Sat, 3/13	Kansas City	L, 2-10	2,168
Sun, 3/14	Los Angeles (A.L.)	T, 1-1	3,566
Mon, 3/15	Chicago (A.L.)	T, 4-4	2,289
Tue, 3/16	OFF DAY		
Wed, 3/17	San Diego	W, 8-2	3,577
Thu, 3/18	Cleveland	W, 4-3	2,211
Fri, 3/19	Oakland – Mesa		
Sat, 3/20	Colorado*+		
Sun, 3/21	Cincinnati*+		
Mon, 3/22	Los Angeles (A.L.) – Tempe (1:10 PM)		
Tue, 3/23	Chicago (A.L.)*+		
Wed, 3/24	Seattle – Peoria (6:40 PM)		
Thu, 3/25	Los Angeles (N.L.)*+ (6:05 PM)		
Fri, 3/26	San Francisco*+		
Sat, 3/27	Cincinnati – Goodyear (6:05 PM)		
Sun, 3/28	Texas – Surprise (12:05 PM)		
Mon, 3/29	Arizona*+ (12:05 PM)		

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### 2021 SLOAN PARK CACTUS LEAGUE ATTENDANCE FIGURES

No. of Games at Sloan Park/Total Attendance ..... 8/27,276  
Average Attendance ..... 3,410

**COACHING STAFF:** The Cubs major league coaching staff features three new faces in 2021: Willie Harris (third base), Chris Valaika (assistant hitting) and Jonathan Mota (staff assistant) ... Harris, a former outfielder who won the 2005 World Series with the White Sox, joins the staff after last season serving as the Reds Minor League Outfield and Baserunning Coordinator ... Valaika is in his fifth season as a coach in the organization, and is a former major league infielder ... Mota is in his sixth season as a coach for the Cubs after 12 years in Chicago's farm system through 2015, primarily as an infielder.

- ⊙ Tommy Hottovy (pitching) and Anthony Iapoco (hitting) return for their third seasons on the staff ... Andy Green (bench), Craig Driver (first base/catching), Kyle Evans (Sr. Dir. MLB Data), Mike Napoli (quality assurance) and Chris Young (bullpen) return for their second seasons ... Mike Borzello, associate pitching coach along with catching and strategy, is in his 10th season with Chicago ... Juan Cabreja (fifth season) returns as a staff assistant ... bullpen catcher Chad Noble returns for his eighth season.

**2020 IN REVIEW:** The Cubs in 2020 won the N.L. Central Division with a 34-26 record in an abbreviated 60-game regular season due to the COVID-19 pandemic ... Chicago fell to the Marlins in the wild card round, two-games-to-none ... it marked the fifth time in six seasons dating to 2015 that the Cubs advanced to the postseason, and it marked the sixth-straight consecutive winning season for Chicago – that's the franchise's longest winning stretch since six-straight winning seasons from 1967-72.



**CUBS ON THE MOUND**  
Today's Pitchers

**2021 CACTUS LEAGUE TEAM STATS**

	W-L	ERA	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
<b>Cubs Pitching</b>	9-5	4.50	5	132.0	136	75	66	15	52	138
	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO
<b>Cubs Hitting</b>	.263	498	84	131	22	4	24	80	64	136

**Cubs Starter — #27 RHP Zach Davies (1-0, 0.00)**

	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2020 — PADRES	7-4	2.73	12	12	0	0	69.1	55	26	21	9	19	63
2021 — CUBS (SPRING TRAINING)	1-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	5.0	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS</b>	<b>50-36</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>683.2</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>497</b>

Zach was acquired from San Diego in a six-player deal, December 29, 2020, and is in his seventh major league season after making his big league debut with Milwaukee in 2015 ... is 50-36 with a 3.79 ERA (288 ER/683.2 IP) in 123 career starts with the Brewers (2015-19) and Padres (2020).

- Ⓢ From 2017-20, ranked tied for eighth among N.L. right-handed pitchers with 36 victories while his 3.74 ERA ranks 10th.
- Ⓢ Has won 10 or more games three times (2016-17, 2019 with Milwaukee) and twice made 30 or more starts (2017, 2019).
- Ⓢ Won a career-high 17 games for Milwaukee in 2017, tying Zack Greinke for second in the N.L. and trailing only Clayton Kershaw's 18 victories ... his 33 starts in 2017 tied for the N.L. lead with three others and his 191.1 innings ranked ninth.
- Ⓢ Acquired by Milwaukee from Baltimore, July 31, 2015 for Gerardo Parra ... was acquired by San Diego, November 27, 2019, five-player deal.
- Ⓢ Was a 26th round selection by Baltimore in the 2011 draft out of Mesquite High School (Ariz.).

**In 2020**, his lone season with the Padres, Zach's four victories tied for third-most in the majors and his 69.1 innings were 12th most among all N.L. pitchers ... won a career-high five-consecutive outings from August 17-September 9.

- Ⓢ Walked 19, struck out 63 and recorded a 1.07 WHIP ... opponents hit .216 with a .269 OBP and a .630 OPS.
- Ⓢ Finished the regular season with a 6.88 run support average, the highest among all qualifying N.L. pitchers and the 4th-highest in the majors.
- Ⓢ Held left-handed hitters to a .171 average (20-for-117) while right-handed hitters batted .254 (35-for-138).
- Ⓢ Among all big league pitchers threw 750+ total pitches on the season, his 41.3 % change up usage was the highest rate in baseball ... opposing hitters posted a .176 average against the pitch and it produced a 35.9-percent whiff rate, the highest whiff rate of any pitch in a single season in his career.
- Ⓢ His cutter had 6.1 inches of vertical movement in 2020, which ranked as the 2nd-most movement of any cutter in the majors (min. 100 occurrences).

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**Cubs Relievers**

**#48 LHP REX BROTHERS:** Rex is a non-roster invitee to Spring Training for the second-straight season ... has gone 20-14 with 63 holds, 20 saves and a 3.84 ERA (115 ER/269.1 IP) in 317 major league outings with the Rockies (2011-15), Braves (2017-18) and Cubs (2020).

- Ⓢ Appeared in three games for the Cubs, allowing three runs in 3.1 innings pitched ... made the Opening Day roster and had two stints with the major league club ... struck out eight of his 15 batters faced ... held lefties to an 0-for-6 mark with three walks.
- Ⓢ Spent 2019 in the Yankees organization on a minor league deal ... posted a 4.62 ERA (25 ER/48.2 IP) in 36 appearances between Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and Single-A Staten Island.
- Ⓢ Rejoined the Cubs organization after being acquired by the club in November of 2015 ... began Spring Training with the club before being released, March 10, 2016.
- Ⓢ Posted a 2.82 ERA (55 ER/175.2 IP) in 195 outings from 2011-13 ... from 2012-14, his 221 appearances led all major league lefties.

**#88 RHP JUAN GÁMEZ:** Juan is a non-roster invitee to major league Spring Training in his first season in the organization ... spent 2019-20 playing pro ball in Mexico, including a 3.52 ERA (18 ER/46.0 IP) in 46 relief appearances for Monterrey in 2019.

- Ⓢ A converted catcher, began his pitching career in 2016 while in the Twins farm system ... in 2017, his first full season as a pitcher, was 1-1 with a 6.33 ERA (19 ER/27.0 IP) in 15 relief appearances for Rookie League Elizabethton.
- Ⓢ Selected by the Twins in the 31<sup>st</sup> round of the 2016 draft out of North Dakota State University.

**#65 RHP JAKE JEWELL:** Jake is a non-roster invitee to major league Spring Training in his first season with the Cubs ... is 0-1 with a 6.99 ERA (22 ER/28.1 IP) in 21 career relief appearances spanning two seasons with the Angels (2018-19).

- Ⓢ Spent 2020 at the Giants alternate site after he was claimed off waivers on January 13, 2020.
- Ⓢ Appeared in 18 games over seven stints for the Angels in 2019 ... had a 6.84 ERA (20 ER/26.1 IP).
- Ⓢ Attended Norman High School in Oklahoma and Northeast Oklahoma A&M College ... selected by the Angels in the fifth round of the 2014 draft.

**#57 RHP JAMES NORWOOD:** James has appeared in 23 games with Chicago since 2018, going 0-2 with a 4.50 ERA (11 ER/22.0 IP) ... has gone 15-17 with a 3.91 ERA (118 ER/271.2 IP) in 183 minor league games, including 15 starts.

- Ⓢ Made the Cubs Opening Day roster in 2020 and appeared in three games ... placed on the 10-day injured list, August 2 (retro to July 30), with right shoulder inflammation and missed the remainder of the season.
- Ⓢ Selected in the seventh round of the 2014 draft out of St. Louis University.

**#35 LHP JUSTIN STEELE:** Justin was added to the Cubs 40-man roster, November 20, 2018 ... is in his eighth season in the organization ... has gone 16-23 with a 3.62 ERA (129 ER/320.2 IP) in 80-career minor league outings, all but five as a starter ... reached the Double-A level for the first time in 2018.

- Ⓢ Spent a majority of the 2020 season at the South Bend alternate site ... was recalled by the Cubs, August 2, but did not appear in game prior to his option back to the alternate site, August 5.
- Ⓢ Spent the entire 2019 season with Double-A Tennessee, going 0-6 with a 5.59 ERA (24 ER/38.2 IP) in 11 starts ... was placed on the injured list, June 22, with a right abdomen strain and missed the rest of the season.
- Ⓢ Selected by the Cubs in the fifth round of the 2014 draft out of George County High School in Lucedale, Miss.

**#18 RHP RYAN TEPERA:** Ryan returns to the Cubs after signing a one-year deal on March 2, 2021 ... is in his second season with the organization, going 0-1 with a 3.92 ERA (9 ER/20.2 IP) in 21 relief appearances.

- Ⓢ Had eight scoreless appearances from 8/2-8/24 (9.1 IP) ... struck out 32, walking 12 during this 2020 season.
- Ⓢ In 2019, was limited to 23 relief appearances last season with the Blue Jays due to a right elbow impingement that sidelined him from mid-May through the end of August ... returned from the injured list in September to post a 3.38 ERA (4 ER/10.2 IP) in 11 outings ... had a 6.55 ERA (8 ER/11.0 IP) in 12 outings prior to being placed on the injured list.
- Ⓢ Originally selected by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 19<sup>th</sup> round of the 2009 draft out of Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX).

**#38 LHP BRAD WIECK:** Brad was acquired by the Cubs at the 2019 trade deadline, joining his third organization ... began his career in the Mets system before being acquired by San Diego in June of 2015.

- Ⓢ In 2020, made the Cubs Opening Day roster but appeared in just one game before being placed on the 10-day injured list July 26 with a right hamstring strain ... was transferred to the 45-day injured list, August 18, and missed the rest of the season.
- Ⓢ Pitched in a career-high 44 major league contests between the Padres and Cubs during the 2019 season ... was 2-1 with a 3.60 ERA (4 ER/10.0 IP) in 14 games with Chicago after being called up from Triple-A Iowa, September 1 ... with the Cubs, held opponents to a .063 average (2-for-32) with a .211 OBP, .188 slugging mark and a .398 OPS.
- Ⓢ Made his major league debut with San Diego in 2018 ... has gone 2-2 with a 5.27 ERA (25 ER/42.2 IP) in 50 relief appearances with the Padres (2018-19) and Cubs (2019-20) ... has walked 14 and struck out 61, limiting hitters to a .201 average (32-for-159).

