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## ASTROS SET 2021 OPENING DAY ROSTER

*Astros GM James Click will be available to media today via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. CT*

**HOUSTON, TX** – The Houston Astros have set their 26-man Opening Day roster, which includes 13 pitchers and 13 position players. The announcement was made by Astros General Manager **James Click**.

**Click will be made available to the media today via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. CT. Zoom information is listed below:**

- **Direct link:** <https://zoom.us/j/98140657975?pwd=b1NYalRTVTRuRWg4SloyZ0dMSFRIQT09>
- **Meeting ID:** 981 4065 7975
- **Password:** 712458

Six Astros players are appearing on an Opening Day roster for the first time in their respective careers: **OF Yordan Alvarez, RHP Brandon Bielak, RHP Luis Garcia, IF Robel García, OF Chas McCormick, RHP José Urquidy**.

Per 2021 Major League rules, clubs can carry 26 players on their active MLB rosters through August 31. On September 1, the roster limit expands to 28 players. Prior to Sept. 1, clubs can carry a 27th player for doubleheaders.

Today, the Astros also announced the five-player taxi-squad for the first road trip. The Astros open the 2021 Championship Season in Oakland tonight (9:07 p.m. CT) for the first of a four-game series. They will then visit Anaheim for a two-game series vs. the Angels, April 5-6. The Astros Home Opener will be on Thursday, April 8 vs. the A's at 7:10 p.m. CT.

To finalize their Opening Day roster, the Astros made several roster moves, optioning **LHP Kent Emanuel, RHP Jake Odorizzi, C Garrett Stubbs** and **IF Abraham Toro**. Additionally, four players were officially placed on the 10-day IL, retro to March 29: **RHP Josh James, RHP Austin Pruitt, RHP Andre Scrubb, LHP Framber Valdez**.

### ASTROS 2021 OPENING DAY ROSTER AND TAXI SQUAD

#### PITCHERS (13)

Abreu, Bryan  
Bielak, Brandon  
Garcia, Luis  
Greinke, Zack  
Javier, Cristian  
McCullers Jr., Lance  
Paredes, Enoli  
Pressly, Ryan  
Raley, Brooks  
Smith, Joe  
Stanek, Ryne  
Taylor, Blake  
Urquidy, José

#### CATCHERS (2)

Castro, Jason  
Maldonado, Martín

#### INFIELDERS (6)

Altuve, Jose  
Bregman, Alex  
Correa, Carlos  
Díaz, Aledmys  
García, Robel  
Gurriel, Yuli

#### OUTFIELDERS (5)

Alvarez, Yordan  
Brantley, Michael  
McCormick, Chas  
Straw, Myles  
Tucker, Kyle

#### TAXI SQUAD - APRIL 1-6

Garza Jr., Ralph - RHP  
Rodriguez, Nivaldo - RHP  
Solomon, Peter - RHP  
Stubbs, Garrett - C  
Toro, Abraham - IF

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## ***OPENING DAY ROLL***

The Astros have won eight consecutive season openers (2013-20), which is the longest active streak in the Majors and just one win shy of matching the modern MLB record. Since 1900, four clubs have won nine straight season openers. The most recent were the Seattle Mariners, who won nine straight from 2007-15 (source: Elias). The Orioles were the last club to win eight straight season openers (2011-18).

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