

# TEXAS RANGERS ALTERNATE TRAINING SITE 2021 GAME NOTES

Dell Diamond

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Game 7 | Home Game 4 | Tuesday, April 20, 2021 | 4:05 p.m. | Dell Diamond | Round Rock, TX

# Houston Astros ATS (2-3-1) at Texas Rangers ATS (3-2-1)

Astros ATS: RHP Austin Hansen (0-0, 0.00) | Rangers ATS: RHP Sam Gaviglio (1-0, 0.00)



#### SERIES HISTORY

Overall: 3-2-1	
In Round Rock: 2-1	
In Corpus Christi: 1-1-1	
Streak: W2	
One-Run Games: 0-0	

#### **SERIES INFORMATION**

Game 1 | Monday, April 19 | W 8-5 WP: Collin Wiles (1-0, 0.00) LP: Ronel Blanco (0-1, 13.50)

Game 2 | Tuesday, April 20 | 4:05 p.m. Astros: RHP Austin Hansen (0-0, 0.00) Rangers: RHP Sam Gaviglio (1-0, 0.00)

# ALTERNATE TRAINING SITE EXHIBITION GAME SCHEDUL

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4/7	vs Houston ATS	L 3-0
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4/8	vs Houston ATS	W 4-1
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4/12	at Houston ATS	L 9-3
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4/13	at Houston ATS	T 1-1
	Whataburger Field (Corp.	us Christi)
4/14	at Houston ATS	W 4-2
	Whataburger Field (Corp.	us Christi)
4/19	vs Houston ATS	W 8-5
	Dell Diamond (Round Ro	ck)
4/20	vs Houston ATS	4:05 p.m.
	Dell Diamond (Round Ro	ck)
4/23	vs Kansas City ATS	3:30 p.m.
	Globe Life Field (Arlington	n)
4/24	vs Kansas City ATS	2:30 p.m.
	Globe Life Field (Arlington	n)
4/26	vs Kansas City ATS	6:05 p.m.
	Dell Diamond (Round Ro	ck)
4/27	vs Kansas City ATS	6:05 p.m.
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#### TODAY'S GAME

The Texas Rangers aim for a two-game Alternate Training Site exhibition series sweep over the Houston Astros in Tuesday afternoon's finale. Rangers RHP Sam Gaviglio is set to make his second straight Alternate Training Site start while the Astros plan to counter with RHP Austin Hansen. First pitch at Dell Diamond is scheduled for 4:05 p.m.

## STELLAR START FOR SAM

Texas RHP Sam Gaviglio has shined in his three outings during the Alternate Training Site thus far. The righty has allowed just two hits in 5.0 scoreless innings across one start and one relief appearance. Gaviglio posted a 2-0 record with a 7.71 ERA (4 ER/4.2 IP) in four relief outings at Major League Spring Training last month.

#### **OUT OF THE 'PEN**

Texas starter RHP Sam Gaviglio is scheduled to pitch approximately four innings in tonight's contest. Following Gaviglio out of the Rangers bullpen, in no particular order, is expected to be RHP Joe Barlow, RHP Blake Bass, RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Jimmy Herget, RHP Ryder Ryan and RHP Cole Uvila.

#### **ABOUT LAST NIGHT**

Texas Rangers LF Carl Chester played the role of hero on Monday night, blasting a walk-off three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Rangers an 8-5 victory over the Houston Astros in Alternate Training Site action at Dell Diamond. Texas jumped out to an early 5-0 lead as 3B Diosbel Arias doubled in the second inning before 1B Curtis Terry followed up with a towering two-run homer to put the Rangers up 2-0. In the fourth, Terry advanced to first on an Astros fielding error before back-to-back singles by Chester and DH Charles Leblanc loaded the bases. 2B Yonny Hernandez then sent all three runners home with a double, extending the Texas lead to 5-0. Houston later rallied for five straight runs to level the game. In the ninth, Rangers C John Hicks and Terry each singled, then Chester stepped to the plate and launched his first home run in a professional game since August 24, 2019, a three-run blast that declared Texas the victors by a final score of 8-5.

#### TAXI! TAXI!

In accordance with MLB roster regulations for 2021, the Rangers will carry a five-man Taxi Squad that is permitted to travel with the club for road games. Texas' Taxi Squad for their current road series against the Los Angeles Angels and Chicago White Sox includes RHP Josh Sborz, RHP Hunter Wood, LHP Hyeon-jong Yang, C Drew Butera and INF Andy Ibáñez.

### IT'S BASEBALL TIME IN ROUND ROCK

On February 9, the Round Rock Express officially accepted their invitation to become the new Triple-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers. The 10-year agreement will keep Rangers Triple-A baseball in Round Rock through the 2030 season. Kicking off with the Alternate Training Site, the Express are reuniting with the Rangers after spending eight seasons as the club's top affiliate from 2011-2018. Round Rock was previously a member of the Houston Astros organization from 2019-2020.

## WELCOME TO THE ALTERNATE TRAINING SITE

Created during the cancelled 2020 Minor League Baseball season, the Alternate Training Site concept provides a secondary location within close geographic proximity to each Major League Baseball club for players to train and be ready to quickly and safely be called up if necessary. At MLB's request, the Alternate Training Site model will be implemented for the month of April after the start of the Triple-A baseball season was postponed until early May.

#### 16 DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY!

The Round Rock Express kick off their 21st season of professional baseball in Central Texas on Thursday, May 6 at Dell Diamond against the Oklahoma City Dodgers.