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SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Sutter Health Park

West Sacramento, CA • 5:07 p.m. (PT)

Exhibition Game 1

0-0, WEST, 1ST

LHP KYLE HARRISON

0-0, 10.80 ERA

19-6-3, CACTUS, 1ST

RHP LANDEN ROUPP

1-0, 3.75 ERA

GUESS WHO’S BACK: The **Sacramento River Cats** take the field for the first time since the end of the 2024 season when they suffered an 8-3 loss at the hands of the eventual Triple-A National Champion Sugar Land Space Cowboys...Sacramento battled all through the season and never dipped below the level mark en route to finishing the season at 80-70 (.533), the first time since 2012 accomplishing each respective feat.

RUN IT BACK: The **Sacramento River Cats** and **San Francisco Giants** will battle for the fourth time in their history, and the second straight year that the two affiliates do battle...During the 2024 episode the River Cats cruised to an 8-1 victory, all of which started with a **OF Wade Meckler** single turned into an run on an RBI knock from **IF David Villar** in the top of the first...**IF Casey Schmitt** also earned a first-inning RBI, while the River Cats scored three times in the fifth without a single hit...A **IF Pablo Sandoval** pinch-hit single became the Giants’ first and only run when **IF Tyler Fitzgerald** singled through the left side...Villar collected two more RBI in the top of the ninth, knocking in both **OF Heliot Ramos** and **IF Donovan Walton** with a two-bagger to right-center field.

MVP: While River Cats players work hard on the field, so does the rest of the organization as the **Sacramento River Cats** were named the 2024 Bob Freitas Award winners by Baseball America, given annually to the best franchise in all of Triple-A baseball...It was the second time the River Cats have received the honor in their history, first doing so in 2004, a season that also included a Pacific Coast League championship for the second straight year...In 2024, Sacramento saw their best single-game turnstile since 2019 (Sept. 21), sold their most season tickets in a single year since the inaugural campaign in 2000, and received recognition from the Consulate General of Mexico for Sacramento’s outstanding work in enhancing visibility and representation... Sacramento is one of only eight multi-time winners in Triple-A.

FAMILIAR FACES: Today’s contest will feature many fan-favorite **Giants** and **River Cats** of 2024, as in fact a total of 38 players wore a uniform for both San Francisco and Sacramento last season...Among those names included 2024 NL All-Star **OF Heliot Ramos**, **IF Tyler Fitzgerald**, **OF Luis Matos**, **OF Grant McCray**, **OF Jorge Soler**, **RHP Hayden Birdson**, **RHP Spencer Bivens**, **LHP Robbie Ray**, **RHP Mason Black**, and more...Of those 38, a total of 12 made their MLB debut for the Giants in **RHP Nick Avila**, **Birdsong**, **Bivens**, **Black**, **LHP Raymond Burgos**, **RHP Trevor McDonald**, **LHP Erik Miller** (made SFG Opening Day roster), **RHP Randy Rodriguez**, **RHP Landen Roupp**, **RHP Kai-Wei Teng**, **IF Trenton Brooks**, and **McCray**.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME: Much like the 2024 edition, the **San Francisco Giants** will serve as the home team in the third base dugout, while the **Sacramento River Cats** jump over to the first base dugout as the visitors in the contest...Last season, the River Cats tallied a .285 (771-for-2703) average batting on the road, compared to just a .241 (576-for-2389) mark at Sutter Health Park...Only 68 of their 170 home runs came at home, and the River Cats had 13 more strikeouts at Sutter Health Park in 314 less at-bats...The script was flipped on the mound, as River Cats pitching was strong in what can be a hitter-friendly stadium by posting a 3.56 ERA (267 er, 675.0 ip) at home while struggling to a 6.30 (456 er, 651.0 ip) mark on the road...Sacramento missed bats often in friendly confines, recording 120 more strikeouts at home (775) than on the road (655).

DA FRANCHISE: **IF David Villar** will be chasing history this season, as the 2022 PCL MVP is on the doorstep of joining numerous franchise offensive top-10 categories... Among the first to chase is the most significant, as Villar currently ranks third in home runs in Sacramento history with 60...Just ahead in second place is **OF Chris Shaw** (63), while in first place is **OF Chris Carter** (65)...Among the other categories where Villar is in or is chasing the top 10 are plate appearances (1,182; 10th), hits (266; 18th), RBI (210; 6th), and total bases (507; 10th).

JUST TAKE IT EASY, MAN: Today marks the 14th exhibition game in **Sutter Health Park** history, with the first coming back in 2001...The largest gap between exhibition games was 2007-2012, going five years between battles with Sacramento’s then-parent affiliate, **The Athletics**...Each of the three prior exhibition games against the Giants have been sold-out affairs, reaching the maximum capacity of 14,014 at Sutter Health Park.

TOMORROW IN BASEBALL HISTORY: March 24, 2001 — During an exhibition game against the Giants, Diamondback hurler Randy Johnson’s fastball hits and instantly kills a dove flying in front of home plate. The bird appears to explode as the National League Cy Young winner’s pitch sends it over catcher Rod Barajas’ head.

EXHIBITIONS		
DATE	OPPONENTS	ATTENDANCE
3/29/01	vs. Oakland Athletics	14,408
3/31/01	vs. San Diego Padres	14,317
4/1/01	vs. San Diego Padres	13,368
3/29/03	Texas vs. Seattle	14,015
3/30/03	vs. Oakland Athletics	14,611
4/4/04	vs. Colorado Rockies	13,573
3/30/06	vs. Oakland Athletics	14,414
3/29/07	vs. Oakland Athletics	14,294
3/31/12	vs. Oakland Athletics	10,112
3/30/16	vs. San Francisco Giants	14,014
4/5/2017	vs. San Jose Giants	5,440
3/24/2018	vs. San Francisco Giants	14,014
3/24/2024	vs. San Francisco Giants	14,014
Total		170,594
Average		13,123

2025 FIRST HALF PROMOTIONS	
March 28.....	Heliot Ramos Bobblehead Giveaway
April 17.....	Green Awareness Night presented by SMUD
April 18.....	First Responder’s Night
April 20.....	Easter
May 1.....	Dorados
May 3.....	AANHPI Night/Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway
May 4.....	Dinger’s Birthday/Take Meow’t to the Ballgame
May 17.....	Salute to Armed Forces Night presented by Budweiser
May 18.....	Bark in the Park
May 29.....	Dorados
May 30.....	Corduroy Bucket Hat Giveaway
May 31.....	Dino Night
June 1.....	Pride Night
June 28.....	Videogame Night
July 3.....	Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular

2025 WEEKLY PROMOTIONS	
Tuesdays.....	Toyota Family Value Tuesday
Wednesdays.....	Wine Wednesdays presented by Bogle Family Vineyards
Thursdays.....	Thirsty Thursdays
Fridays.....	SMUD Orange Fridays
Saturdays.....	Sutter Health Fireworks Saturdays
Sundays.....	Sunday Funday/Kids Run the Bases

2024 ATTENDANCE

409,707

There were a total of 409,707 fans that entered through the gates of Sutter Health Park to watch a **Sacramento River Cats** game in 2024, which is Sacramento’s most fans in a year since the 2019 campaign when there were 549,440 fans in attendance...Sacramento’s highest attended game was the final Saturday home game on Sept. 21, which saw 13,060 fans enter the gate for Sacramento’s largest single-game crowd since they had a sellout of 14,014 against Nashville on Aug. 10, 2019.

2024 LAST 7 GAMES: 4-3			
DAY	DATE	SITE	RESULT
Sunday	9/22	West Sacramento, CA	L, 3-8
Saturday	9/21	West Sacramento, CA	W, 3-1
Friday	9/20	West Sacramento, CA	W, 2-1
Thursday	9/19	West Sacramento, CA	L, 4-5
Wednesday	9/18	West Sacramento, CA	L, 4-5
Tuesday	9/17	West Sacramento, CA	W, 6-3
Sunday	9/15	Round Rock, TX	W, 11-6