



# ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (16-12-1) @ SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS (19-6-3)

RHP Merrill Kelly (1-0, 4.35) vs. RHP Justin Verlander (2-0, 1.69)

Sat., March 22, 2025 • 12:05 p.m. AZT • Scottsdale Stadium • Scottsdale, Ariz.

Game No. 30 • Road Game No. 15 • Home: 12-3 • Road: 4-9-1

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Radio: Arizona Sports 98.7 | Webcast: --



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## D-BACKS 28TH SPRING TRAINING

- ◆ Arizona is in its 28th Cactus League season and 15th at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick (Tucson from 1998-2010).
- D-backs rank third in average home attendance this Spring (10,637), behind the Cubs (12,922) and Dodgers (11,065).

## TUNE IN TO TODAY'S ACTION

- ◆ Today's game @ Giants will be a radio broadcast on Arizona Sports 98.7 with Chris Garagiola & Tom Candiotti on the call.

## GALLEN GETS OPENING DAY NOD

- ◆ **Zac Gallen** was named the D-backs' Opening Day starter vs. Cubs.
- It will mark his third career (and consecutive) Opening Day start with Arizona.
- The bid will tie him with Madison Bumgarner, Zack Greinke and Ian Kennedy for third most Opening Day starts in club history, behind Randy Johnson (6) and Brandon Webb (4).

## 2025 EVENING ON THE DIAMOND

- ◆ Tonight is the D-backs annual fundraising gala, "Evening on the Diamond," at Chase Field.
- The guest list features players, coaches, alumni and Arizona's leading business/community leaders while the night helps make an impact on the Arizona community with silent and live auctions, and a live music performance by Gavin DeGraw.

## OPENING DAY HIGHLIGHTS @ CHASE FIELD - MARCH 27

- ◆ The highly anticipated 2025 Opening Day, March 27 @ Chase Field will hold a special pre-game celebration:
- First pitch guests: Big 12 Champion ASU Football Team - Head Coach Kenny Dillingham, quarterback Sam Leavitt, wide receiver Jordyn Tyson, defensive back Xavion Alford and defensive lineman C.J. Fite.
- National Anthem by American Idol star and Gilbert native McKenna Breinholt and Luke Air Force Base Honor Guard and Flyover.
- Rally Towel giveaway to the first 20,000 fans courtesy of AZ Complete Health.

## "WHAT'S NEW AT CHASE"

- ◆ Derrick Hall, Luis Gonzalez and Chef Stephen Tilder previewed the 2025 season's newest food and concession areas, promotional giveaways, special events and more earlier this week.
- New food items include Filthy Mac Fries, S'mores Nachos, an 18-inch Grand Slamwich and Sonoran Beef Nachos.
- Promotions included 8 postgame fireworks shows and 5 concerts, 4 bobblehead giveaways and 3 replica jersey giveaways.

## SEATGEEK NAMED D-BACKS' OFFICIAL TICKET MARKETPLACE

- ◆ The D-backs and SeatGeek have reached a new partnership making SeatGeek the D-backs' Official Ticket Marketplace.
- Advantage Members will have the opportunity to utilize SeatGeek's innovative selling feature, Next Fan Up, to help them buy and sell D-backs tickets with ease, and for the best value.

## ADVANTAGE MEMBERSHIPS

- ◆ Fans looking for a plethora of benefits and the best way to experience all Chase Field has to offer can secure their Advantage Membership right now at [dbacks.com/advantage](https://dbacks.com/advantage).
- Benefits include discounts, Advantage Points to redeem for the benefits that mean the most to them, VIP access & exclusive events, postseason priority, priority presales and flexible plans.

## ARIZONA SPORTS 98.7 FM/LATINO MIX 100.3 CONTINUE THE CALL

- ◆ Fans can listen in to the 2025 action on Arizona Sports 98.7 FM for English radio and Latino Mix 100.3 for Spanish.
- Arizona Sports 98.7, with periodic games on ESPN 620 AM, is hosted by Chris Garagiola with either Tom Candiotti, Josh Colimenter & Tuffy Gosewisch, and Steve Zinsmeister on pre/post.
- Latino Mix 100.3 FM will feature for the 12th straight season Oscar Soria & Rodrigo Lopez along with Richard Saenz.
- The complete 2025 broadcast schedule is available at [dbacks.com/broadcast](https://dbacks.com/broadcast) (subject to change).

## FEATURED IN TODAY'S GAME

- ◆ **Josh Naylor**, in 16 games, is hitting .436 (17-for-39)/1.162 OPS with 5 doubles, 1 homer and 8 RBI...has reached base in 14 games.
- ◆ **Randal Grichuk** has hit safely in 7 of his last 8 games and is batting .450 (9-for-20)/1.350 OPS with 2 doubles, 2 homers and 11 RBI.
- ◆ **Jose Herrera**, in 10 games, is hitting .300 (9-for-30)/.323 OBP with 2 doubles and 4 RBI.
- ◆ **Ildemaro Vargas**, in 18 games, is hitting .341 (15-for-44) with 4 doubles, 2 homers and 9 RBI...has made 6 starts at second base, 2 at shortstop and 2 at third.
- ◆ **Merrill Kelly** makes his fifth Spring start...made his last start on March 17 vs. Angels (3 ER in 2.2 IP, 4 K).

## LAST NIGHT'S RECAP

- ◆ The D-backs won 16-9 @ Brewers after tallying 18 hits, including 6 for extra bases.
- **Ketel Marte** went 4-for-4 with 1 double, 1 triple and 4 RBI.
- **Lourdes Gurriel Jr.** went 3-for-4 with 1 homer (2-run in first) and 4 RBI.
- **Gabriel Moreno** went 2-for-4 with 1 homer (2-run in first) and 2 RBI.
- **Jake McCarthy** went 2-for-3 with 1 double and 1 walk.
- **Corbin Burnes** made his sixth start of the Spring.
- **Ryan Thompson** and **Joe Mantiplay** combined for 2.2 innings without an earned run allowed.

## GROOVER NAMED TO ALL-SPRING BREAKOUT FIRST TEAM

- ◆ **LuJames Groover** was named to All-Spring Breakout First Team at third base after going 2-for-3 with 1 double, 1 triple and 1 RBI, where the D-backs prospects won 5-2 vs. Royals prospects on March 14.

## MLB PIPELINE'S TOP 30 PROSPECTS

- ◆ MLB Pipeline's Top 30 D-backs' prospects included these 8 at the start of camp:
- INF **Jordan Lawlar** (No. 1), RHP **Yilber Díaz** (No. 4), C **Adrian Del Castillo** (No. 5), RHP **Cristian Mena** (No. 13), RHP **Joe Elbis** (No. 19), OF **Jorge Barrosa** (No. 21), INF **Tim Tawa** (No. 25) and LHP **Blake Walston** (No. 30).

## 2025 COACHING STAFF

- ◆ **Torey Lovullo**, the winningest and longest-tenured skipper in franchise history, returns for his ninth season as manager.
- ◆ 4 coaches return to the staff: **Jeff Banister** (bench coach, 4th season), **Dave McKay** (first base coach, 12th season), **Joe Mather** (hitting coach, 4th season) and **Damion Easley** (assistant hitting coach, 4th season).
- ◆ 5 new coaches to the staff: **Brian Kaplan** (pitching coach), **Wellington Cepeda** (bullpen coach), **Shaun Larkin** (third base coach), **Travis Denker** (assistant hitting coach) and **Owen Dew** (assistant pitching coach).

## ROSTER REVIEW

- ◆ Arizona opened with 63 players in camp (33 pitchers, 6 catchers, 14 infielders and 10 outfielders), including 23 non-roster invitees (12 pitchers, 2 catchers, 6 infielders and 3 outfielders).

## PROBABLES (*italics denotes D-backs Minor Leaguer*)

### MARCH 22 @ GIANTS AT 12:05 P.M.

**RHP Merrill Kelly vs. RHP Justin Verlander**

AZ: RHP John Curtiss, RHP Shelby Miller

SF: RHP Sean Hjelle, RHP Ryan Walker, LHP Erik Miller

### MARCH 23 @ WHITE SOX AT 1:05 P.M. (SPLIT SQUAD)

**RHP Ryne Nelson vs. LHP Brandon Eisert**

AZ: RHP John Curtiss

CWS: RHP Steven Wilson, RHP Gus Varland

### MARCH 23 VS. PADRES AT 1:10 P.M. (SPLIT SQUAD)

**RHP Brandon Pfaadt vs. TBA**

AZ: LHP Joe Mantiplay

SD: TBD

**SCHEDULED PITCHERS**

**STARTING PITCHER**

**No. 29 - RHP Merrill Kelly**

- ◆ Is entering his seventh season with Arizona...along with Zac Gallen, is the longest tenured D-backs starting pitcher.
- ◆ In 2024, went 5-1 with a 4.17 ERA (38 R-36 ER in 77.2 IP) and 65 strikeouts over 13 starts in his sixth season with the D-backs..
- ◆ His 53 wins as a D-back rank sixth on the franchise's wins list, behind Randy Johnson (118), Brandon Webb (87), Curt Schilling (58), Patrick Corbin (56) and Zack Greinke (55).
- ◆ His 38 consecutive starts of 5.0+ innings from April 6, 2023-Sept. 5 marked the second longest streak in the Majors since 2022, behind only Mitch Keller (49 straight starts from April 5, 2023-July 8, 2024).
- ◆ Placed on the 15-day injured list (right shoulder strain) on April 23...transferred to the 60-day injured list on May 2...reinstated from the 60-day injured list on Aug. 11.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/28	vs. KC	-	0.00	1-1	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
3/6	vs. SEA	W	4.15	1-1	2.1	4	2	2	0	2	3
3/11	vs. KC	-	2.35	1-1	3.1	5	0	0	0	0	1
3/17	vs. LAA	-	4.35	1-1	2.2	6	3	3	0	0	4
TOTALS			1-0	4.35	4-4	10.1	16	5	5	0	3

**ADDITIONAL PITCHERS (NUMERICAL)**

**No. 46 - RHP John Curtiss**

- ◆ Signed by the D-backs as a Minor League free agent with an invite to Spring Training in February.
- ◆ In 2024, made 3 appearances with the Rockies.
- ◆ Spent most of 2024 with Triple-A Albuquerque, going 2-5 with 6 saves, a 3.96 ERA (22 ER in 50.0 IP) and 41 strikeouts in 43 games.
- ◆ Has played parts of 7 seasons in the Majors with the Twins (2017-18), Angels (2019), Rays (2020), Marlins (2021), Mets (2023) and Rockies (2024).
- ◆ Missed the 2022 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery.
- ◆ In 44 career games, has gone 1-1 with 2 saves, a 3.83 ERA (19 ER in 44.2 IP), 25 walks and 49 strikeouts.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	@ COL	-	0.00	1-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/26	vs. MIL	-	0.00	1-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/2	@ TEX	-	0.00	1-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/5	vs. SF	L	2.08	1-0	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	2
3/10	@ LAD	L	5.40	1-1	0.2	3	2	2	0	1	0
3/15	vs. CWS	-	7.71	1-0	2.0	3	3	3	0	1	2
3/19	vs. COL	-	6.75	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			0-2	6.75	7-2	8.0	7	6	6	1	3

**No. 18 - RHP Shelby Miller**

- ◆ In 2024, went 0-0 with a 2.70 ERA (2 ER in 6.2 IP) and 10 strikeouts in 7 games with the Tigers.
- ◆ Acquired by Arizona along with Gabe Speier from Atlanta in exchange for Aaron Blair, Ender Inciarte and Dansby Swanson on Dec. 8, 2015.
- ◆ Signed by the D-backs as a minor league free agent on Feb. 17, 2025.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/3	vs. CHC	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/8	@ CIN	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/11	vs. KC	-	3.86	1-0	0.1	1	1	1	0	0	0
3/14	vs. CIN	-	2.70	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/17	vs. LAA	-	3.38	1-0	2.0	2	1	1	0	0	4
TOTALS			-	3.38	5-0	5.1	4	2	2	0	7

**DAY-BY-DAY**

DATE	OPP	All Times Local		* SRF Sellout	^ road telecast		ATT.
		RESULT	REC.	WIN	LOSS		
2/21	vs. COL	L, 8-12	0-1	Darnell (1-0)	Rice (0-1)		*11,025
2/22	@ COL	L, 3-9	0-2	Justice (1-0)	Cabrera, J. (0-1)		*11,261
2/23	@ SEA	L, 5-11	0-3	Wainscott (1-0)	Henry (0-1)		8,599
2/24	vs. CLE	W, 4-3	1-3	Russell (1-0)	Walters (0-1)		6,852
2/25	@ CHC	L, 2-4	1-4	Poteet (1-0)	Chalas (0-1)		10,396
2/26	vs. MIL	W, 7-1	2-4	Burnes (1-0)	Alexander (0-1)		6,038
2/27	@ CIN	T, 3-3	2-4-1	--	--		3,308
2/28	vs. KC	W, 6-1	3-4-1	R. Nelson (1-0)	Harvey (0-1)		9,468
3/1	vs. COL	W, 8-4	4-4-1	Gallen (1-0)	Dollander (0-1)		*13,552
3/2	@ TEX	L, 3-6	4-5-1	Gray (2-0)	Walston (0-1)		9,821
3/3	vs. CHC	W, 10-2	5-5-1	Burnes (2-0)	Kilian (1-1)		9,341
3/4	OFF DAY						
3/5	vs. SF	L, 5-11	5-6-1	Harris (1-0)	Curtiss (0-1)		9,206
3/6	@ CLE (ss)	L, 0-4	5-7-1	Bibee (1-0)	R. Nelson (1-1)		4,428
	vs. SEA (ss)	W, 11-4	6-7-1	Kelly (1-0)	Díaz (0-3)		7,193
3/7	@ LAA	CANCELLED (RAIN)					
3/8	@ CIN (ss)	L, 8-9		Moll (2-0)	Martinez (0-1)		10,311
	@ ATH (ss) in LV	L, 2-4		Sears (1-1)	Henry (0-2)		8,708
3/9	vs. TEX (ss)	W, 14-1		Burnes (3-0)	Eovaldi (0-1)		*13,116
	@ ATH (ss) in LV	W, 7-5		Brigham (1-0)	Murdock (0-1)		8,130
3/10	@ LAD	L, 2-6		Yamamoto (1-0)	Curtiss (0-2)		12,419
3/11	vs. KC	W, 3-2		Pfaadt (1-0)	Erceg (0-1)		9,910
3/12	@ ATH	W, 5-2		Díaz (1-0)	Ferguson (0-1)		8,098
3/13	@ SEA	CANCELLED (INCLEMENT WEATHER)					
3/14	vs. CIN	W, 2-1		Martinez (1-1)	Zulueta (0-1)		*13,122
3/15	vs. CWS	W, 9-8		J. Morillo (1-0)	Schoenle (0-1)		*13,695
3/16	@ SD	W, 5-4		Pfaadt (2-0)	Hart (0-1)		9,222
3/17	vs. LAA (ss)	L, 5-11		Darrell-Hicks (1-0)	Isea (0-1)		*11,003
	@ KC (ss)	L, 1-12		Lugo (3-0)	Nelson, R. (1-2)		9,235
3/18	OFF DAY						
3/19	vs. COL	W, 1-0		Rice (1-1)	Woodford (0-2)		*13,242
3/20	vs. ATH	W, 11-3		Gallen (2-0)	Estes (3-1)		*12,795
3/21	@ MIL	W, 16-9		Knowlton (1-0)	Peralta (1-2)		9,597
3/22	@ SF			1:05 PM	98.7 FM		
3/23	vs. SD (ss)			1:10 PM	98.7 FM		
	@ CWS (ss)			1:05 PM			
3/24	vs. CLE			6:40 PM	DBACKS.TV ESPN 620 100.3 FM KQMR		
3/25	vs. CLE			12:40 PM	100.3 FM KQMR		

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Home:	12-3-0
Away:	4-9-1
Day:	14-11-1
Night:	2-1-0
vs. NL:	7-6-1
vs. AL:	9-6-0

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>HOME</b>	
Total:	159,558
Avg:	10,637
Largest:	13,695 vs. CWS (3/15)
<b>ROAD</b>	
Total:	123,533
Avg:	8,824
Largest:	12,419 @ LAD (3/10)

**RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

- 3/21 C Adrian Del Castillo optioned to Triple-A Reno.
- 3/19 LHP Kyle Nelson, RHP Drey Jameson, INF Jordan Lawlar optioned to Triple-A Reno; RHP Scott McGough, INF Trey Mancini reassigned to Minor League camp.
- 3/14 LHP Tommy Henry, INF Grae Kessinger, OF Jorge Barrosa optioned to Triple-A Reno.  
RHP Jeff Brigham, LHP José Castillo, RHP Juan Morillo, INF Connor Kaiser, OF Cristian Pache reassigned to Minor League camp.
- 3/10 RHP Yilber Díaz, RHP Cristian Mena and INF Tim Tawa optioned to Triple-A Reno.  
RHP Kyle Amendt, LHP Kyle Backhus, RHP Christian Montes De Oca, RHP Lister Sosa, C Christian Cerda, INF Tristan English, INF LuJames Groover, OF Kristian Robinson and OF A.J. Vukovich reassigned to Minor League camp.
- 3/7 RHP Joe Elbis optioned to Double-A Amarillo.
- 2/20 RHP Seth Martinez claimed off waivers by the Marlins.
- 2/18 INF Geraldo Perdomo agreed to a 4-year contract extension for 2026-29 with a club option for 2030.
- 2/17 RHP Kendall Graveman agreed to a 1-year contract with a mutual option for 2026.
- 2/17 RHP Seth Martinez was designated for assignment.