



ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (10-12-1) VS. CINCINNATI REDS (12-10-0)

RHP Ryne Nelson (1-1, 5.63) vs. LHP Andrew Abbott (1-2, 9.82)

Mon., March 16, 2026 • 1:10 p.m. AZT • Salt River Fields at Talking Stick • Scottsdale, Ariz.

Game No. 24 • Home Game No. 12 • Home: 3-7-1 • Road: 7-5

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D-BACKS 29TH SPRING TRAINING BREAKDOWN

- ◆ Arizona is in its 29th Cactus League season and 16th at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick (Tucson from 1998-2010).
- ◆ 5 home games against NL West rivals: Rockies (Feb. 21, March 12), Dodgers (Feb. 25), Giants (March 7) and Padres (March 15).
- ◆ 5 home games against 2025 Postseason contenders: Guardians (March 1), Mariners (March 9), Reds (March 16), Cubs (March 18) and Brewers (March 20).
- ◆ World Baseball Classic exhibition game vs. Team Mexico (March 3).

SINGLE-GAME TICKETS ON SALE NOW

- ◆ 2026 single-game tickets can now be purchased at dbacks.com/tickets, via the MLB Ballpark App or by phone at 602.462.4600.
- ◆ Opening Week features the Home Opener on Monday, March 30 vs. Tigers, Postgame Fireworks on Friday, April 3 and The All-American Rejects Postgame Concert on Saturday, April 4.
- ◆ The AL-champion Blue Jays will visit the desert for just the sixth time, from April 17-19: Postgame Fireworks on Friday, Ketel Marte Tee courtesy of State Farm on Saturday.
- ◆ Rivalry series vs. Dodgers (June 1-4, August 7-9) and a nostalgic pennant-race series vs. Yankees (Sept. 18-20).
- ◆ Holidays include Mother's Day Jersey courtesy of Dignity Health (May 10), Father's Day Polo (June 21) and Fourth of July Weekend (July 3-4) with back-to-back Fireworks Spectaculars presented by Bar-S.
- ◆ Full promotional schedule at dbacks.com/promotions.

"WHAT'S NEW AT CHASE FIELD" - MARCH 17

- ◆ Tomorrow/Tuesday, Derrick Hall, Luis Gonzalez and Chef Stephen Tilder will preview the 2026 season's newest food and concession areas, promotional giveaways, special events and more at Chase Field...program begins at 11:00 a.m. with food tasting at 11:30 a.m.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

- ◆ Due to expected high temperatures, the start time for this Friday's D-backs vs. Brewers game has been moved to 6:10 p.m....gates at Salt River Fields will open at 4:30 p.m.

SPRING SNAKEBITES

- ◆ The D-backs face NL Central teams in 3 of the next 4 games, starting today vs. Reds, Wednesday vs. Cubs and Friday vs. Brewers.
- ◆ **Ryne Nelson** makes his second straight home start of Spring (fourth start overall).
- ◆ **Ildemaro Vargas** is batting .361 (13-for-36)/.861 OPS with 2 doubles, 1 homer and 5 RBI in 11 games.
- ◆ **Tim Tawa** is hitting .303 (10-for-33)/.1001 OPS with 3 doubles, 2 homers and 5 RBI in 11 games.
- ◆ **Jordan Lawlar** has hit safely in 5 of his last 6 games and made 11 starts in center field.
- ◆ **Jacob Amaya** in his last 8 games, is hitting .308 (8-for-26)/.859 OPS with 2 homers and 9 RBI, including a grand slam.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP

- ◆ The D-backs and Padres tied 4-4 yesterday...marked the D-backs' first tie this Spring.
 - **Brandon Pfaadt** tossed 5.0 no-hit innings with 6 strikeouts...threw 43 strikes in 51 pitches.
 - **Jorge Barrosa** went 1-for-3 with 1 triple and 2 RBI...has reached base safely in 9 of his last 10 games (8 H, 3 BB)/.344 OBP.
 - **Alek Thomas** started in center field and doubled in his first at-bat since returning from WBC play with Team Mexico.
 - **Ildemaro Vargas** went 1-for-3 and has 13 hits in his last 8 games.
 - **Paul Sewald** and **Jonathan Loaisiga** combined for 2.0 scoreless innings with 1 strikeout apiece...each have been scoreless in their last 3 appearances.

TUNE IN TO THE ACTION

- ◆ The D-backs have 26 total Spring Training broadcasts with 8 free telecasts on DBACKS.TV (by registering with an email address) and local television providers, 11 radio broadcasts across Arizona Sports 98.7 FM and ESPN 620 AM, 3 Spanish-language broadcasts on La Campesina 101.9 FM & 860 AM and Si Se Puede app, and 4 dbacks.com livestreams...visit dbacks.com/broadcast.
- ◆ DBACKS.TV subscriptions are \$99.99 for the full season or watch via local TV providers at dbacks.com/channelfinder.

WBC ROUNDUP - MARCH 15

- ◆ DOM vs. USA (Semifinals): **Ketel Marte** started at second base and went 2-for-4 and **Geraldo Perdomo** started at shortstop and went 1-for-3.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC PARTICIPATION

- ◆ The D-backs began WBC action with 12 total players – 10 from big league camp (bold are 40-man; underline is non-roster; no mark is Minor Leaguer) – playing in the World Baseball Classic:
 - DOM: 2B **Ketel Marte**, SS **Geraldo Perdomo**, 1B **Carlos Santana**; PR: 3B **Nolan Arenado**; VEN: LHP **Eduardo Rodriguez**; MEX: OF **Alek Thomas**; CAN: RHP **Michael Soroka**, RHP Indigo Diaz; GBR: OF **Kristian Robinson**; TPE: LHP **Yu-Min Lin**; NED: OF Druw Jones, Jakey Joseph, RHP Jaitoine Kelly

SPRING BREAKOUT ON MARCH 21

- ◆ On March 21 at 5:00 p.m. AZ, the D-backs will host the Rockies at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick for the third annual "Spring Breakout" prospect game.
- ◆ Featured D-backs prospects include OF **Ryan Waldschmidt** (No. 1 prospect), INF **Kayson Cunningham** (No. 2), OF **Slade Caldwell** (No. 3), OF **Tommy Troy** (No. 4), INF **Demetrio Crisantes**, RHP **Daniel Eagen** (No. 7), LHP **Kohl Drake** (No. 12) and OF **Druw Jones** (No. 16).

TWO SPECIAL FANS TO TAKE CENTER STAGE AT HOME OPENER

- ◆ The D-backs home opener on March 30 vs. Tigers features 2 special fans who were personally invited from D-backs President, CEO & General Partner, Derrick Hall:
 - Throwing out the ceremonial first pitch will be **Beauden Baumkirchner**, who, at just 3 years old, developed a rare and aggressive staph infection that led to septic shock and months in intensive care and underwent more than 20 surgeries, including the amputation of both legs...in January, he visited MLB Network with Challenged Athletes Foundation, which included a FaceTime with **Corbin Carroll**...today, he plays baseball at Lake Havasu Little League using prosthetic legs, continuing to inspire those around him.
 - Performing the National Anthem will be **Joe Giacinto**, an Arizona clarinetist born blind and autistic...completely self-taught, he learns and performs music entirely by ear and has memorized hundreds of pieces, and dreams of performing alongside Andrea Bocelli.

CAMP UPDATES

- ◆ Camp roster currently has 37 players (5 non-roster invitees): 19 pitchers (3), 4 catchers (1), 10 infielders (2) and 4 outfielders.
- ◆ **Gabriel Moreno** was scratched Friday night (right forearm tightness).
- ◆ **Pavin Smith** has left forearm tightness and is day-to-day.
- ◆ **Merrill Kelly** made his Spring debut on March 13 (36 pitches)...was scratched from his first Opening Day start due to intercostal nerve irritation, announced by Torey Lovullo on Feb. 25...threw his first bullpen on March 5 and a live BP on March 8.
- ◆ **Corbin Carroll** made his Spring debut on March 11...suffered a broken right hamate hook during live batting practice on Feb. 10...had surgery performed on Feb. 11.

VETERAN SNAKES

- ◆ **Ketel Marte** (since 2017) becomes just the second D-back to play 10 seasons, joining Nick Ahmed (2014-23).
- ◆ Among D-back pitchers all-time, **Zac Gallen**, **Merrill Kelly** and **Kevin Ginkel** enter their franchise-record-tying eighth season with Randy Johnson (1999-2004, '07-08) and Andrew Chafin (2014-20, '23).
- ◆ **Torey Lovullo** enters as the winningest and longest-tenured skipper in franchise history, and his 10th season as Manager as only the second manager/head coach in Phoenix professional sports history to reach double-digits (Cardinals, Coyotes, Mercury, Suns), joining the Suns' John MacLeod (14 seasons, 1974-87).

COACHING STAFF

- ◆ **Torey Lovullo** returns 9 coaches and added 1 new coach...returnees: **Jeff Banister** (bench coach, fifth season), **Dave McKay** (first base coach, 13th season), **Joe Mather** (hitting coach, fifth season), **Damion Easley** (assistant hitting coach, fifth season), **Brian Kaplan** (pitching coach, second season), **Wellington Cepeda** (bullpen coach, second season), **Travis Denker** (assistant hitting coach, second season), **Owen Dew** (assistant pitching coach, second season) and **Shaun Larkin** (infield coach, second season...new coach: **J.R. House** (third base & catching coach) rejoins the organization (previously 2012-18 in player development).

SCHEDULED PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

No. 19 - RHP Ryne Nelson

- Named the D-backs' 2025 Most Valuable Pitcher by the Arizona Chapter of the BBWAA after going 7-3 with 1 save, a 3.39 ERA (58 ER in 154.0 IP), opponent .217 AVG, 41 walks and 132 strikeouts in 23 starts (33 games).
- Set career highs last season in games, innings and strikeouts.
- In 23 starts, went 6-3 with a 3.16 ERA (45 ER in 128.0 IP), opponent .219 AVG (103-for-471)/.667 OPS, 35 walks and 105 strikeouts.
- In 12 home starts (8 quality) last season, went 4-1 with a 2.56 ERA (20 ER in 70.1 IP), opponent .215 AVG (55-for-256)/.634 OPS, 16 walks and 59 strikeouts.
- In his final 7 starts (6 QS), went 1-0 with a 2.85 ERA (13 ER in 41.0 IP), opponent .221 AVG (33-for-149), 11 walks and 33 strikeouts.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/27	@SEA	W	0.00	1-1	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/5	@CHC	L	3.86	1-1	2.2	3	2	2	0	0	3
3/11	vs.ATH	-	5.63	1-1	3.1	2	3	3	2	1	4
TOTALS			1-1	5.63	3-3	8.0	5	5	5	2	10

ADDITIONAL PITCHERS

No. 50 - LHP Philip Abner

- In 2025 in 5 games in his first season with Arizona, went 0-0 with a 4.91 ERA (2 ER in 3.2 IP), 3 walks and 5 strikeouts...selected from Triple-A Reno on Sept. 18 and made his debut Sept. 19 vs. Phillies.
- Played across 3 levels last season, going a combined 3-2 with 7 saves, a 3.07 ERA (20 ER in 58.2 IP), opponent .216 AVG, 16 walks and 70 strikeouts in 53 games between Triple-A Reno (8 G), Double-A Amarillo (34 G) and High-A Hillsboro (11 G).
- Spent majority of last season with Amarillo, going 3-1 with 1 save, a 4.21 ERA (17 ER in 36.1 IP), 7 walks and 42 strikeouts in 34 games.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/20	@COL	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/24	@TEX	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/28	@LAA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
3/4	@ATH	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/7	vs.SF	-	1.80	1-0	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	1
3/11	vs.ATH	-	1.50	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/13	@KC	W	3.86	1-0	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	2
TOTALS			1-0	3.86	7-0	7.0	5	3	3	1	9

No. 45 - RHP Taylor Clarke

- Fourth season with the D-backs in his second stint with the club, seventh overall in the Majors.
- In 2025 with the Royals, went 1-1 with 1 save, a 3.25 ERA (20 ER in 55.1 IP), 0.85 WHIP, opponent .194 AVG, 9 walks and 44 strikeouts in 51 games...posted career highs in scoreless outings (40), WHIP and opponent AVG.
- Last season was 1 of 2 pitchers in MLB to record 50+ appearances and allow 9 walks or fewer (also: Tyler Rogers/SF-NYM, 81 G/7 BB).
- Posted 50+ appearances in each of his last 2 seasons in 2023 and 2025 (did not appear in the Majors in 2024)...has 40+ outings in his last 4 seasons (2021-23, '25).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	@CLE	-	0.00	1-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/27	@SEA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/6	vs.CWS	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1
3/9	vs.SEA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/12	vs.COL	-	0.00	1-1	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS			-	0.00	5-2	6.0	3	0	0	2	4

No. 37 - RHP Kevin Ginkel

- Entering his eighth season with the D-backs and is the longest-tenured active reliever on the club.
- In 2025 was limited to 29 games due to 2 stints on the IL...went 1-4 with 3 saves, a 7.36 ERA (21 ER in 25.2 IP) and 29 strikeouts.
- In his final 23 games from May 13-Aug. 2, held lefties to a .133 AVG (4-for-30) with 0 extra-base hits, 3 walks and 13 strikeouts.
- Against his slider (42.6% usage), opponents hit .200 (9-for-45) with no homers and a 42.2% whiff.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/1	vs.CLE	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	2
3/5	@CHC	-	4.50	1-0	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1
3/8	@CIN	-	3.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3/11	vs.ATH	-	2.45	1-0	0.2	3	2	0	0	0	1
3/14	@SF	-	10.38	1-0	0.2	4	4	4	1	0	0
TOTALS			0-0	10.38	5-0	4.1	11	7	5	1	4

No. 24 - RHP Kade Strowd

- In 2025, made his MLB debut on May 18 vs. Nationals...in 25 games over 3 stints with the Orioles, went 0-1 with a 1.71 ERA (5 ER in 26.1 IP), opponent .178 AVG, 1.10 WHIP, 13 walks and 24 strikeouts.
- Was scoreless in 19 of his final 22 appearances last season from July 26-Sept. 28, going 0-1 with a 1.09 ERA (3 ER in 22.0 IP), opponent .162 AVG, 12 walks and 21 strikeouts.
- In 2024, began the season with Double-A Bowie (Orioles) before being promoted to Triple-A Norfolk in May.

PROBABLES (italics denotes D-backs Minor Leaguer)

MARCH 16 VS. REDS @ 1:10 P.M.

RHP Ryne Nelson vs. LHP Andrew Abbott

AZ: RHP Kevin Ginkel, RHP Ryan Thompson, RHP Taylor Clarke, RHP Drey Jameson, RHP Kade Strowd, RHP Isaiah Campbell, RHP Bryce Jarvis
 CIN: RHP Emilio Pagán, RHP Tony Santillan, RHP Lyon Richardson, RHP Hagen Danner, RHP Zach Maxwell, RHP Luis Mey

MARCH 18 VS. CUBS @ 1:10 P.M.

RHP Merrill Kelly vs. TBA

AZ: RHP Joe Ross, RHP Taylor Clarke, RHP Juan Morillo, RHP Paul Sewald, RHP Jonathan Loaisiga
 CHC: TBA

DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP	All Times Local	RESULT	REC.	* SRF Sellout	WIN	LOSS	ATT.
2/20	@COL	W, 3-2	1-0		Rashi (1-0)	Weigel (0-1)		10,033
2/21	vs. COL	L, 11-6	1-1		Gordon (1-0)	Bratt (0-1)		10,185
2/22	vs. LAA	L, 10-9	1-2		Murphy (1-0)	Angelo (0-1)		10,375
2/23	@CLE	L, 9-5	1-3		Festa (1-0)	Burgos (0-1)		3,385
2/24	@TEX	W, 6-4	2-3		Hoffmann (1-0)	Gomber (0-1)		3,464
2/25	vs. LAD	L, 10-7	2-4		Diaz (1-0)	Ray (0-1)		*11,065
2/26	vs. KC	W, 13-10	3-4		Dubin (1-0)	Panzini (0-1)		6,471
2/27	@SEA	W, 3-1	4-4		Nelson (1-0)	Castillo (0-1)		9,992
2/28	@LAA	W, 8-5	5-4		Loaisiga (1-0)	Sandridge (0-1)		7,445
3/1	vs. CLE	W, 9-6	6-4		Drake (1-0)	Denholm (0-1)		*11,068
3/2	OFF DAY							
3/3	vs. MEX	L, 6-3			Gastelum	Morillo		10,472
3/4	@ATH	W, 3-1	7-4		Carrillo (1-0)	Ferguson (0-1)		5,086
3/5	@CHC	L, 8-1	7-5		Rea (1-1)	Nelson (1-1)		12,824
3/6	vs. CWS (ss)	L, 6-0	7-6		Kay (2-0)	Eagen (0-1)		10,044
3/6	@MIL (ss)	L, 6-2	7-7		Fitzpatrick (1-0)	Burgos (0-2)		4,908
3/7	vs. SF	L, 7-4	7-8		Brubaker (1-0)	Drake (1-1)		12,815
3/8	@CIN	L, 13-4	7-9		Santillan (1-0)	Dubin (1-1)		6,007
3/9	vs. SEA	W, 2-1	8-9		Anderson (1-0)	Castaño (0-1)		*11,944
3/10	@LAD	L, 4-1	8-10		Glasnow (1-0)	Strowd (0-1)		8,636
3/11	vs. ATH	L, 13-3	8-11		Morales (2-1)	Russell (0-1)		9,244
3/12	vs. COL	L, 13-2	8-12		Sullivan (2-0)	Jameson (0-1)		10,481
3/13	@KC	W, 11-5	9-12		Abner (1-0)	Cameron (0-1)		8,311
3/14	@SF	W, 8-7	10-12		Thompson (1-0)	Fulmer (0-1)		10,193
3/15	vs. SD	T, 4-4	10-12-1		----	----		13,851
3/16	vs. CIN				1:10 PM			
3/17	OFF DAY							
3/18	vs. CHC				1:10 PM		dbacks.com livestream	
3/19	@CWS				6:05 PM			
3/20	vs. MIL				1:10 PM			
3/21	vs. TEX				1:10 PM		98.7 FM	
3/21	vs. COL (Spring Breakout)				5:00 PM		DBACKS.TV^	
3/22	@SD				1:10 PM		98.7 FM	
3/23	vs. CLE				6:40 PM		DBACKS.TV 98.7 FM KNAI 101.9 FM 860 AM	
3/24	vs. CLE				12:40 PM		KNAI 101.9 FM 860 AM	

MISCELLANEOUS

Home: 3-7-1
 Away: 7-5-0
 Day: 8-12-1
 Night: 2-0-0
 vs. NL: 2-8-1
 vs. AL: 8-4-0

ATTENDANCE

HOME	ROAD
Total: 117,543	Total: 90,284
Avg: 10,686	Avg: 7,524
Largest: 13,851 (3/15)	Largest: 12,824 (3/5)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 3/15 Optioned to Triple-A Reno: RHP Drey Jameson
 Reassigned to Minor League camp: RHP John Curtiss, INF Luken Baker.
- 3/12 Reassigned to Minor League camp: RHP Isaiah Campbell, RHP Shawn Dubin, RHP Thomas Hatch, RHP Bryce Jarvis, C Matt O'Neill, OF Oscar Mercado, OF Kristian Robinson.

SCHEDULED PITCHERS CONT.

- Made 9 appearances with Bowie, going 2-1 with a 0.00 ERA (0 ER in 10.1 IP), 1 walk with 11 strikeouts...in 37 games with Norfolk, went 4-2 with a 6.80 ERA (31 ER in 41.0 IP), 27 walks and 60 strikeouts.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	vs. LAA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/26	vs. KC	-	10.80	1-0	0.2	3	2	2	0	0	1
3/4	@ATH	-	6.75	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/7	vs. SF	-	9.82	1-0	1.0	1	2	2	0	1	1
3/10	@LAD	L	11.57	1-0	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0
3/13	@KC	-	9.00	1-0	1.1	1	1	0	0	1	2
TOTALS			0-1	9.00	6-0	6.0	9	7	6	0	5

No. 81 - RHP Ryan Thompson

- In 2025, was limited to 48 games with Arizona, going 3-2 with 1 save, a 3.92 ERA (18 ER in 41.1 IP) and 36 strikeouts.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/26	vs. KC	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
3/1	vs. CLE	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/5	@CHC	-	6.00	1-0	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	1
3/8	@CIN	-	4.50	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/11	vs. ATH	-	7.20	1-0	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	0
3/14	@SF	-	6.00	1-0	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			-	6.00	6-0	6.0	7	4	4	1	4