



St. Louis Cardinals (10-12-3) vs. Washington Nationals (12-11-1)

Spring Training Game No. 26 • Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium • Jupiter, Florida

LHP Steven Matz (1-0, 2.63) vs. RHP Jake Irvin (0-0, 0.84)

REMAINING SPRING SLATE: The St. Louis Cardinals continue their final week of Grapefruit League play by welcoming **Dan Reiter** & **Scott Smulczewski**, and the Washington Nationals to Jupiter today, the 26th of 30 scheduled Spring Training games for the Redbirds.

• The Cardinals follow tomorrow's open date with a pair of split-squad day games on their final Friday in Florida, facing the Astros in Jupiter (1:05 p.m. ET) and traveling to Port St. Lucie to play the Mets (1:10 p.m. ET).

• St. Louis will break camp in Florida on Monday to fly to Memphis to play the "Battle of the Birds" exhibition with the Triple-A Redbirds at AutoZone Park.

THE SCOOP IN JUMPIN' JUPITER: Seven pitchers in Major League camp are scheduled to pitch on the Cardinals Complex backfields in Jupiter this morning.

• Newest Cardinal signing **Phil Maton** will face the Washington Nationals in a minor league game.

• LHP **JoJo Romero**, RHP **Chris Roycroft**, LHP **Mathew Liberatore**, RHP **Kyle Leahy**, RHP **Sonny Gray**, and RHP **Michael McGreevy** will throw Live PP.

WORKOUT DAY: A week from today, the Cardinals and Twins will hold team workouts and batting practice at Busch Stadium ... Minnesota's workout is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., followed by St. Louis.

THE NEST: A newly-released Cardinals Productions feature about **Brendan Donovan** has debuted online at youtube.com/Cardinals ... The 20-minute long-form video offers Cardinals fans an inside look at a Major League offseason alongside the Gold Glove award winner and his wife, Aly, at their home in Alabama.

PLAYING FOR KEEPS: In eight days, the Cardinals will host the Minnesota Twins on Opening Day on March 27, the earliest game in franchise history.

• St. Louis has played on March 28 twice: at Milwaukee in 2019 and at the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2024.

• The earliest opener in St. Louis was March 30, 2023 vs. Toronto, the only other time playing an Interleague team on Opening Day.

• 2020 Opening Day was scheduled for March 26 in Cincinnati before the COVID-19 pandemic postponed the season.

ANDERSON RE-ASSIGNED: The Cardinals reduced their Spring Training roster to 30 players yesterday after re-assigning RHP **Nick Anderson** to minor league camp.

• INF/OF **José Barrero** is the lone non-roster invitee remaining in Major League camp.

Grapefruit League Cardinal			Stat	Rankings
Victor Scott II	Stolen Bases:	5	T-3rd	
Luken Baker	Home Runs:	4	T-4th	
Nolan Gorman	At-Bats:	46	T-3rd	
	Plate Appearances:	49	T-7th	
César Prieto	Doubles:	5	T-2nd	
	Extra-Base Hits:	6	T-8th	
José Fermain	Doubles:	5	T-2nd	
Iván Herrera	Extra-Base Hits:	6	T-8th	
Lars Nootbaar	Walks:	12	T-1st	
Michael Helman	Sacrifice Flies:	3	T-1st	
	Hit By Pitches:	3	T-1st	
Ryan Fernandez	Appearances:	8	T-4th	
	Holds:	4	T-2nd	
Ryan Helsley	Appearances:	8	T-4th	
	Holds:	4	T-2nd	
John King	Holds:	4	T-2nd	

GRAY TO START OPENING DAY: RHP **Sonny Gray** as the Cardinals Opening Day starter vs. Minnesota on March 27 at Busch Stadium.

• Gray has been the Opening Day starter for his team three times (Oakland 2013 & 2014; Cincinnati 2020); Gray, who was scratched from making the 2016 Athletics Opening Day start due to food poisoning, is lifetime 2-0 with an 0.45 ERA in his three Opening Day starts.

• The three-time All-Star had been named the Cardinals 2024 Opening Day starter before suffering hamstring injury in his 2nd Grapefruit League start on March 4.

• With the start, the Cardinals will have sent a right-hander to the mound on Opening Day in 26 consecutive seasons since 2000 ... LHP **Donovan Osborne** in 1999 vs. Milwaukee was the last St. Louis southpaw.



CARDINALS 2025 SPRING RECAP

Record	Attendance
vs. NL.....8-7-2	Home (11).....62,234
vs. AL.....2-5-1	Home Avg5,186
at Home7-4-1	Road (13).....58,624
on Road3-8-2	Road Avg4,599
at RDGS*7-7-1	Total.....120,858
	Home High.....7,463
	March 9 vs. Yankees

*Includes road games at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium

ST. LOUIS OPENING DAY FORECAST

March 27 at 3:15pm CT vs. Minnesota Twins
Day: Partly cloudy. High: 64°
 Winds SW at 5-10 mph. Chance of rain 5%
Night: Partly cloudy. Low: 45°
 Winds SE at 5-10 mph. Chance of rain 20%

RECENT CARDINALS SPRING TRAININGS

Year	W-L-T	Team BA	Team ERA
2025	10-12-3	.227	4.51
2024	13-12-5	.248	4.52
2023	17-7-5	.254	4.00
2022*	9-5-0	.277	4.54
2021*	8-10-6	.244	3.98
2020*	10-9-2	.246	3.52
2019*	12-15-4	.239	4.57
2018	17-13-2	.253	3.93
2017	20-8-4	.255	3.28
2016	11-13-3	.263	3.81

*Reached Postseason

CARDINALS SPRING TRAINING RECORDS AT STADIUMS SINCE 2006

at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium... 172-133-31
 as the home team **149-103-24**
 as the visiting team vs. Marlins 23-30-7
 at Clover Park..... 25-25-7
 at CACTI Park of the Palm Beaches..... 24-19-5
 vs. the Nationals 18-7-1
 vs. the Astros 6-12-4
 at George M. Steinbrenner Field..... 4-2-0
 at TD Ballpark..... 0-1-0

RECENT NON-ROSTER INVITEES TO MAKE CARDS OPENING DAY ROSTERS

2024: OF Victor Scott II	2015: RHP Carlos Villanueva
2023: INF Taylor Motter	2014: RHP Pat Neshek
OF Jordan Walker	2013: none
2022: RHP Aaron Brooks	2012: RHP Scott Linebrink
RHP Andre Pallante	2011: RHP Miguel Batista
2021: none	2010: none
2020: RHP Kodi Whitley	2009: OF Colby Rasmus
2019: C Matt Wieters	3B David Freese
2018: C Francisco Peña	INF Joe Thurston
2017: C Eric Fryer	2008: LHP Ron Villone
2016: C Eric Fryer	INF Rico Washington
OF Jeremy Hazelbaker	

RECENT CARDINALS TRANSACTIONS

March 18: Re-assigned RHP **Nick Anderson** to minor league camp.

March 16: Optioned INF **Michael Helman**, INF **Thomas Saggese**, and OF **Matt Koperniak** to Memphis (AAA) following the game. Re-assigned RHP **Michael Gomez**, RHP **Andre Granillo**, C **Gavin Collins**, C **Wade Stauss**, C **Chance Sisco**, C **Yohel Pozo**, INF **César Prieto**, INF **RJ Yeager**, OF **Nathan Church**, and OF **Ryan Vilade** to minor league camp following the game.

March 15: Optioned RHP **Riley O'Brien** to Memphis (AAA).

March 14: Optioned RHP **Rodderly Muñoz** to Memphis (AAA) following the game.

March 13: Signed RHP **Phil Maton** to a one-year contract for 2025 ... Optioned RHP **Gordon Graceffo** to Memphis (AAA) before the game.

CARDINALS 2025 SPRING SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date/Opp.	Time/Result	Probable Starters/ Winner-Loser-Save	Record	Att.	Broadcast Details/ Game Highlights
2/22 at MIA^	L, 7-6	Rooney-Svanson-Pushard	0-1	3,996	Arenado 1-2; Barrero 1-2, 2 RBI; Liberatore 2.0 IP
2/23 vs. HOU	L, 11-6	Blubaugh-Roberse	0-2	4,841	Wetherholt 2-3, HR, 3 RBI; Yeager 2-2, HR
2/24 vs. NYM	W, 7-4	Leahy-Suarez-Muñoz	1-2	4,633	Baker 1-4, HR, 4 RBI; Barrero HR; Contreras 2-3
2/25 at TOR	L, 3-2	Y.Garcia-Bedell-Juenger	1-3	5,495	Scott 2-3, 3B, HR; Mathews 2 IP, 0 R, 3 K
2/26 at NYY	L, 7-0	Warren-Hence	1-4	8,655	McGreevy 2.0 IP, 2 K; Fernandez 1.0 IP, 3 K
2/27 vs. MIA	W, 8-4	Liberatore-Bellozo	2-4	4,318	Arenado 3-R HR; Contreras 2-2; Scott 2 SB
2/28 at HOU	L, 3-2	Walter-Fedde-Gusto	2-5	2,377	Prieto 1-1, 2B; Bernal 1-1; Roby 3.0 IP
3/1 vs. WSH (ss)	W, 3-2	Svanson-Grisson, Jr.	3-5	4,670	Contreras 2-run HR; Saggese walk-off 1B
3/2 at MIA^	L, 5-3	Soriano-King-Belgrave	3-6	3,599	Nootbaar 2B, BB; Baker 2-run HR; Walker SF
3/3	OPEN DATE				
3/4 vs. NYM	W, 6-1	Pallante-Megill	4-6	4,899	Scott 2B, SB; Arenado 2-run 2B; Koperniak HR
at WSH	W, 6-4	Rajcic-Lara	5-6	2,071	Saggese HR; Y. Peña GW 2-run HR
3/5 at HOU	L, 6-5	Ullola-Loutos	5-7	2,338	Baker HR; Barrero HR; Herrera 2 2B
3/6 vs. WSH	L, 12-1	Soroka-Roby	5-8	4,811	Contreras 2-3; Fedde 3.0 IP, 0 H; Nootbaar 1-2
3/7 vs. HOU	W, 6-4	Anderson-Blubaugh-Gomez	6-8	5,182	Herrera HR; Bernal HR; Fermin 1-2, 2 BB
3/8 at WSH	W, 5-3	Matz-Herz-Leahy	7-8	3,818	Saggese 2-3, 2 R; Pages 1-3, 2 R; Baker 2 BB
3/9 vs. NYY	W, 6-5	Romero-Cohen-Roycroft	8-8	7,463	Preito GW HR; Koperniak GT HR; Gorman HR
3/10 at NYM	L, 8-0	Canning-Gray	8-9	6,097	Barrero 1-1, 2B; Baker 1-3; Gorman 1-3
3/11 vs. MIA	L, 12-5	Weathers-Fedde	8-10	4,675	Barrero 2-3; Herrera 2B; Prieto 1-2
3/12 vs. NYM	L, 2-0	Blackburn-Miolas-Shook	8-11	5,807	Mikolas 5.0 IP; Pages 1-3, 2B; Scott 1-3, SB
3/13 at HOU	T, 1-1	---	8-11-1	2,756	Herrera 3B, Koperniak 2B; Matz 4.2 IP
3/14 SPG Breakout	T, 3-3	at Miami Marlins	---	---	Mathews 3.0 IP; Prieto 2-2, 2B
at NYM	T, 3-3	---	8-11-2	7,142	McGreevy 4.0 IP; Pozo 2-R HR; Koperniak 2-4
3/15 vs. TOR	W, 9-5	Pallante-Little	9-11-2	6,041	Burleson HR; Nootbaar HR; Donovan 3-4
3/16 at MIA^	L, 11-5	Quantrill-Gray	9-12-2	6,838	Baker 2-R HR; Herrera 2-2; Scott 1-2, 2B, BB
3/17 at WSH	W, 6-2	Fedde-Gore	10-12-2	3,442	Scott 2-4, HR; Fermin 2-5, 2 2B, 4 RBI
3/18 vs. MIA	T, 4-4	---	10-12-3	4,894	Pages 2-3, HR; Fermin HR; Mikolas 6.0 IP
3/19 vs. WSH	1:05	LHP Steven Matz vs. RHP Jake Irvin			FanDuel Sports Network // KMOX
3/20	OPEN DATE				
3/21 vs. HOU	1:05	RHP Sonny Gray vs. TBA			KMOX
at NYM	1:10	RHP Michael McGreevy vs. RHP Clay Holmes			MLB.TV
3/22 at MIA (ss)^	1:10				KMOX
3/23 vs. WSH (ss)	1:05				KMOX
3/24 at Memphis	7:15				KMOX

Game times are local and subject to change

^ Cardinals are "visiting" team at Roger Dean

TODAY'S PITCHERS

#32 STEVEN MATZ (LHP) · L/L · 33 yrs · 6-3, 205 lbs

- Joined the Cardinals on a four-year contract (2022-25) after previously pitching for the New York Mets (2015-20) and Toronto Blue Jays (2021) organizations.
- Since joining the Cardinals, has gone 10-12 with a 4.47 ERA in 52 appearances (34 starts).
- Began the 2024 season in the Cardinals five-man rotation. Appeared in 12 games, making seven starts.
- Was placed on the 15-day Injured List (lower back strain) on May 1, following his start on 4/30 [Game 2] at DET. Missed 108 games during the season and was transferred to the 60-day Injured List on June 28. Had injury rehabilitation assignments to Springfield (AA) and Memphis (AAA).
- Has landed on the Injured List 14 times over his Major League career, missing time in every season except for 2021 in which he missed time for a positive COVID-19 test.
- Returned from the Injured List on Sept. 1 and made one start and five relief appearances in September to finish out the season.

PITCHING LOGS

ERICK FEDDE (RHP)							MATTHEW LIBERATORE (LHP)						
DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO	DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
2/22-MIA	---	1.0	2	0	0	0 0	2/22-MIA	---	2.0	0	0	0	0 1
2/28-HOU	L-1	2.0	1	1	1	0 3	2/27-MIA	---	2.0	0	0	0	0 1
3/6-WSH	---	3.0	0	0	0	2 1	3/4-WSH	---	3.0	0	0	0	1 2
3/11-MIA	L-2	4.0	7	6	6	1 0	3/10-NYM	---	2.2	4	2	2	1 1
3/17-WSH	W-1	5.0	3	1	0	1 4	3/16-MIA	---	3.0	3	0	0	0 2
RYAN FERNANDEZ (RHP)							STEVEN MATZ (LHP)						
DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO	DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
2/22-MIA	H-1	1.0	2	0	0	1 1	2/24-NYM	---	2.0	0	0	0	1 0
2/26-NYY	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 3	3/2-MIA	---	3.0	2	1	1	2 3
3/1-WSH	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 2	3/8-WSH	W-1	4.0	5	2	2	0 3
3/4-NYM	H-2	1.0	0	0	0	1 1	3/13-HOU	---	4.2	2	1	1	2 3
3/7-HOU	H-3	1.0	0	0	0	0 2	MICHAEL MCGREEVY (RHP)						
3/10-NYM	---	1.0	2	2	2	0 0	DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
3/14-NYM	H-4	1.0	0	0	0	0 0	2/26-NYY	---	2.0	0	0	0	0 2
3/17-WSH	---	1.0	2	1	1	0 0	3/4-WSH	---	3.0	1	0	0	0 1
ANDRE GRANILLO (RHP)							3/9-NYY	---	2.2	5	1	1	0 1
DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO	3/14-NYM	---	4.0	3	1	1	0 4
2/23-HOU	---	0.2	2	2	0	1 1	MILES MIKOLAS (RHP)						
3/2-MIA	---	0.1	0	0	0	1 1	DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
3/5-HOU	---	0.1	0	0	0	0 1	2/23-HOU	---	2.0	2	0	0	1 0
3/10-NYM	---	0.1	0	0	0	0 1	3/1-WSH	---	2.2	3	2	2	0 1
3/16-MIA	---	1.1	0	0	0	0 2	3/7-HOU	---	4.0	4	2	2	1 3
SONNY GRAY (RHP)							3/12-NYM	L-1	5.0	5	1	1	1 3
DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO	3/18-MIA	---	6.0	6	3	3	2 4
3/5-HOU	---	2.2	4	3	3	0 3	ANDRE PALLANTE (RHP)						
3/10-NYM	L-1	4.0	6	4	4	1 4	DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
3/16-MIA	L-2	3.0	6	8	8	5 5	2/27-MIA	---	1.0	5	4	4	2 0
RYAN HELSLEY (RHP)							3/4-NYM	W-1	3.0	1	0	0	0 2
DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO	3/9-NYY	---	4.0	8	4	4	1 2
2/24-NYM	H-1	1.0	3	2	2	0 0	3/15-TOR	W-2	5.0	6	3	2	2 5
2/28-HOU	---	1.0	1	0	0	0 1	JOJO ROMERO (LHP)						
3/4-NYM	H-2	1.0	1	0	0	0 1	DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
3/8-WSH	H-3	1.0	0	0	0	0 1	2/23-HOU	---	1.0	1	0	0	2 3
3/11-MIA	---	1.0	1	1	0	0 1	2/27-MIA	H-1	1.0	0	0	0	0 1
3/15-TOR	H-4	1.0	0	0	0	0 0	3/2-MIA	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 1
JOHN KING (LHP)							3/5-HOU	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 3
DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO	3/9-NYY	W-1	1.0	1	0	0	0 2
2/23-HOU	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 0	3/13-HOU	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 0
2/27-MIA	---	1.0	1	0	0	1 1	3/15-TOR	---	1.0	1	0	0	0 2
3/2-MIA	L-1	0.2	5	3	3	1 0	3/18-MIA	H-2	1.0	0	0	0	1 1
3/5-HOU	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 1	CHRIS ROY-CROFT (RHP)						
3/8-WSH	H-2	1.0	2	0	0	0 1	DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
3/12-NYM	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 1	2/22-MIA	H-1	1.0	0	0	0	0 0
3/14-NYM	H-3	1.0	3	1	1	0 0	2/26-NYY	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 0
3/17-WSH	H-4	1.0	0	0	0	0 1	3/2-MIA	---	1.0	1	0	0	1 1
KYLE LEAHY (RHP)							3/5-HOU	---	1.0	2	0	0	0 1
DATE-OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB SO	3/9-NYY	S-1	1.0	0	0	0	0 3
2/24-NYM	---	1.0	0	0	0	1 1	3/13-HOU	---	1.0	1	0	0	0 0
2/27-MIA	---	1.0	0	0	0	0 1	3/15-TOR	---	1.0	1	0	0	1 1
3/4-NYM	H-2	2.0	1	0	0	0 3	3/18-MIA	---	1.0	1	0	0	1 2
3/8-WSH	S-1	2.0	2	0	0	0 1							
3/13-HOU	---	2.0	1	0	0	0 3							
3/17-WSH	---	2.0	2	0	0	0 3							

DAILY BATTING LOGS

Player	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/4n	3/4w	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/21n	3/21n	3/22	3/23	
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Baker		wk1	4oF		odo		ooo	ow4		1owo	ow4			ooww	1	1kk		w	ko	o1oo		k4	o1okk	1o							
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Burleson		ckw		Foo				o1o			oooo	o2o1		w1w		4ko	ooo		oko	koo		o4	oko		ooo						
Contreras	kh		2o1			w11		d4k		woc			11d		ooo	oow		k1o		oow		kk11	o2		wk2						
Donovan	ko		ooo		ook	wk1		ooo	3oc				o1			okw		ook	kwo			11o1	ooo		ok1o						
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Nootbaar	ow			koo		1ok		wow	2w		ook1		o1w	1wwk		kk1		kFw	woo	k3		w1o4	kwd		wcow						
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Prieto		ko	2			ok	2	o			1o	oo	o	1o	4	k	2o	w	o		w2	1									
Saggese		ok1		kod	okk		ok1	o1			w4ok			11c		cwk		o	oko		o	2									
Scott II		wk1		34o		w1k		ow1		o12			ooo	okow		oko	kww		ko1		1ko1		w2o	1oo4							
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Walker	ko		1k2		kko	kkk		foo		k												kkw		k2ow	ooo						
Winn	ooo		kdo				owoo		koo	oo1			kko	1wk		1oo	kok				koo	1oko	ooF								

Key: 1-Single, 2-Double, 3-Triple, 4-Home Run, o-Out, k-Strikeout, w-Walk, h-HBP, e-Reached on error, b-SacBunt, f-SacFly, c-Fielder's Choice, d-double play; Note: Read left-to-right for first-to-last AB.