



ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (15-14-1) VS. CLEVELAND GUARDIANS (15-14-1)

RHP Michael Soroka (0-0, 4.15) vs. LHP Parker Messick (2-0, 3.60)

Tue., March 24, 2026 • 12:40 p.m. AZT • Chase Field • Phoenix, Ariz.

Game No. 31 • Home Game No. 17 • Home: 7-8-1 • Road: 8-6

TV: --- | Livestream: ---

English Radio: --- | Spanish Radio: La Campesina 101.9 FM & 860 AM



Banner Sports Medicine Performance Center • Salt River Fields at Talking Stick • 7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, Ariz., 85258

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).
- ◆ Played a WBC exhibition game vs. Team Mexico on March 3.

SRF AND D-BACKS AMONG ATTENDANCE LEADERS

- ◆ In all of Spring Training play, the D-backs finished with the second-best total home attendance (161,054) and average home attendance (10,737), behind the Cubs (194,679/12,979).

OPENING DAY ON THURSDAY

- ◆ The D-backs will open the season @ Dodgers this Thursday @ 5:30 p.m. on NBC and Peacock. Luis Gonzalez will be on the call with Jason Benetti and Orel Hershiser.
- ◆ **Zac Gallen** gets the starting nod, his fourth straight season opener, tying Brandon Webb (2006-09) for the second most behind Randy Johnson's 6 straight (1999-2004).

HOME OPENING DAY 6 DAYS AWAY

- ◆ Opening Day is on Monday, March 30 vs. Tigers and features 2 special fans who were personally invited by 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.
- ◆ Tickets can now be purchased at dbacks.com/tickets, via the MLB Ballpark App or by phone at 602.462.4600.

ROSTER NOTES

- ◆ Manager **Torey Lovullo** announced his starting rotation to start the season: RHP **Zac Gallen**, RHP **Ryne Nelson**, LHP **Eduardo Rodriguez**, RHP **Michael Soroka** and RHP **Brandon Pfaadt**.
- ◆ Lovullo announced yesterday that LHP **Brandon Garcia** was optioned to Triple-A Reno...mentioned that the club will start the season with all RHP in the bullpen...confirmed postgame that RHP **Juan Morillo** and RHP **Andrew Hoffmann** also made the team.

SPRING SNAKEBITES

- ◆ **Gabriel Moreno** started his second straight game at catcher last night since March 9 after being held back (right elbow inflammation)...has caught 12.0 innings and gone 3-for-6 with 1 double, 2 homers and 2 RBI in those 2 games.
- ◆ **Alek Thomas** has hit safely in 9 of his 11 games at a .345 clip (10-for-29)/1.148 OPS with 3 doubles, 1 triple, 2 homers and 8 RBI.
- ◆ **Nolan Arenado** is batting .333 (6-for-18)/1.324 OPS with 4 doubles, 2 homers and 9 RBI in 9 games.
- ◆ **Geraldo Perdomo** is batting .333 (8-for-24)/.782 OPS with 1 double and 3 walks in 9 games.
- ◆ **Jordan Lawlar** has hit safely in 9 of his last 11 games at a .324 clip (11-for-34)/.924 OPS with 1 double, 2 homers, 3 RBI and 4 walks...made 13 starts in center field and 3 in left.
- ◆ **Ildemaro Vargas** is batting .370 (17-for-46)/.970 OPS with 4 doubles, 2 homers and 9 RBI walks in 16 games...has made 5 starts at second base, 5 at third and 3 at shortstop.

LAST NIGHT'S RECAP

- ◆ The D-backs lost 7-0 vs. Guardians.
 - **Merrill Kelly** made his third start last night, tossing 52 pitches over 2.0 innings...Manager **Torey Lovullo** announced that Kelly will start the season on the injured list.
 - **Pavin Smith** had 2 singles...is 4-for-13 (.308) with 1 RBI in his last 4 games since returning to the lineup after tightness in his left forearm starting on March 12.
 - **Kevin Ginkel** and **Paul Sewald** each tossed 1.0 scoreless inning.

TUNE IN TO THE ACCIÓN

- ◆ Today's game vs. Guardians at Chase Field features Spanish radio that will broadcast on La Campesina 101.9 FM and 860 AM hosted by Oscar Soria and Rodrigo Lopez.
- ◆ DBACKS.TV subscriptions are \$99.99 for the full season or watch via local TV providers at dbacks.com/channelfinder.

SPRING BREAKOUT RECAP

- ◆ The D-backs prospects won 10-3 vs. the Rockies prospects last Saturday at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick in the third annual "Spring Breakout" prospect game.
 - Shortstop **Jose Fernandez** (No. 27 prospect in the organization per MLB Pipeline) went 3-for-3 with 1 triple and 3 RBI and was named All-Spring Breakout First-Team.
 - **Drew Jones** (No. 16) started in center field and went 2-for-3 with 2 RBI.
 - **Kayson Cunningham** (No. 2), the club's 2025 first-round draft pick, started at DH and had 2 singles.
 - **LuJames Groover** (No. 10) started at first base and reached base 3 times (1-for-1, 2 BB).

EVENING ON THE DIAMOND RAISES \$3.4 MILLION

- ◆ On Saturday, the D-backs and Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation celebrated over \$100 million in giving and raised \$3.4 million at their annual "Evening on the Diamond" marquee fundraising gala at Chase Field...the event brought together players, coaches, alumni along with dignitaries, community and corporate leaders, Advantage Members and more for a night celebrating community impact across Arizona.
- ◆ The evening featured premium silent and live auctions with exclusive memorabilia, luxury experiences and one-of-a-kind items, along with an impactful paddle raise for a meaningful cause to benefit the D-backs RBI fund.

CONGRATS, TEAM VENEZUELA!

- ◆ Congratulations to **Eduardo Rodriguez** and additional D-backs members, **Rolando Valles** (Coaching Staff), **Francisco Cartaya** (International Scouting), **Rafael Yanez** (International Scouting) with Team Venezuela on winning their first WBC gold medal.

CAMP UPDATES

- ◆ Camp roster currently has 33 players (3 non-roster invitees): 17 pitchers (3), 3 catchers (1), 9 infielders (2) and 4 outfielders.
- ◆ On Sunday, the D-backs optioned LHP **Philip Abner** to Triple-A Reno and reassigned C **Aramis Garcia** and INF **Jacob Amaya** to Minor League camp.
- ◆ **Lourdes Gurriel Jr.** has yet to make his Spring debut but continues to get at-bats during back-field work.

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).

10 YEARS AT THE HELM

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 - Through the 2025 season, Lovullo's 9 seasons are sixth among active Managers behind Terry Francona/CIN (24),

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. 34 - RHP Michael Soroka

- First season with the D-backs, seventh in the Majors...agreed to terms on a 1-year contract in December.
- In 2025, went a combined 3-8 with a 4.52 ERA (45 ER in 89.2 IP), .216 opponent AVG, 29 walks and 95 strikeouts in 22 games with the Nationals and Cubs.
- Last season during his first season with the Nationals, went 3-8 with a 4.87 ERA (44 ER in 81.1 IP), opponent .224 AVG, 24 walks and 87 strikeouts in 16 starts.
- Recorded a career-best 10 strikeouts @ Dodgers on June 22 (ND; 3 ER in 5.1 IP, 2 BB, 10 K).
- Acquired by the Cubs for INF Ronny Cruz and OF Christian Franklin on July 30...6 games (1 GS) with the Cubs, went 0-0 with a 1.08 ERA (1 ER in 8.1 IP), opponent .188 AVG, 5 walks and 8 strikeouts.
- Made 2 relief appearances (1.2 IP) in the 2025 Postseason, with 2 walks and 1 strikeout for the Cubs (GM 2 NLWC vs. Padres; GM 1 NLDS @ Brewers).
- Slated to pitch for Team Canada in the 2026 WBC for the first time.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/24	@TEX	-	0.00	1-1	2.0	2	1	1	0	1	3
3/1	vs.CLE	-	9.82	1-1	1.2	4	3	3	1	3	1
3/19	@CWS	-	4.15	1-1	5.0	1	0	0	0	1	8
TOTALS		0-0	4.15	3-3	8.2	7	4	4	1	5	12

ADDITIONAL PITCHERS

No. 56 - RHP Andrew Hoffmann

- In 8 games in his first stint with the D-backs, went 1-1 with a 7.36 ERA (6 ER in 7.1 IP), opponent .241 AVG, 6 walks and 7 strikeouts.
- Acquired from the Royals for OF Randal Grichuk on July 26 and optioned to Triple-A Reno.
- Made his MLB debut last season on May 30 vs. Tigers with the Royals (2.0 IP)...in 3 games over 2 stints with the Royals, went 0-0 with a 3.86 ERA (2 ER in 4.2 IP), 4 walks and 5 strikeouts.
- In 32 games with Triple-A Omaha (Royals) last season, went 3-3 with 2 saves, a 2.25 ERA (10 ER in 40.0 IP), opponent .230 AVG, 10 walks and 55 strikeouts.
- In 2024, was limited to 25 games (11 starts) with Omaha, going 3-5 with a 6.82 ERA (50 ER in 66.0 IP) and 66 strikeouts...was placed on the injured list (strained right forearm) from April 17-June 3.
- Signed by the Braves in 2021 as a 12th-round selection out of the University of Illinois.
- Began his collegiate career at Oakland University (2019), then John A. Logan College (2020), before finishing at Illinois (2021).

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	2
2/24	@TEX	W	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/6	vs.CWS	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3
3/9	vs.SEA	-	1.93	1-0	1.2	3	1	1	0	1	2
3/13	@KC	-	1.59	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
3/15	vs.SD	-	2.70	1-0	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1
3/19	@CWS	-	2.57	1-0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/20	vs.MIL	-	2.25	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		1-0	2.25	8-0	8.0	6	2	2	0	3	10

No. 67 - RHP Juan Morillo

- In 2025, in 42 games over 4 stints in his first season with Arizona, went 0-3 with 1 save, a 4.19 ERA (16 ER in 34.1 IP), 20 walks and 36 strikeouts.
- Selected by the D-backs and made his Major League debut on April 19 @ Cubs (0 ER in 1.0 IP, 0 H, 2 K).
- Last season, led all NL Rookie relievers [min. 25 G] in AVG velocity (96.0 mph) and ranked second in AVG fastball velo (99.0 mph), behind Seth Halvorsen/COL (100.0 mph).
- Went scoreless in 23 of his final 26 games from June 6-Sept. 28 (2.84 ERA; 1 SV, 6 ER in 19.0 IP, 13 walks, 20 K).
- Recorded his first career save on Aug. 12 @ Rangers...became the 99th different player in franchise history to record a save.
- Did not allow a homer in his final 33 games (25.2 IP, 113 BF) from May 17.
- Began last season with Triple-A Reno, going 1-1 with 2 saves, a 2.57 ERA (6 ER in 21.0 IP), opponent .237 AVG, 9 walks and 20 strikeouts in 21 games.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	@CLE	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2/27	@SEA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1
3/6	vs.CWS	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/9	vs.SEA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
3/12	vs.COL	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/14	@SF	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/18	vs.CHC	-	0.00	1-0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	3
3/22	@SD	-	1.08	1-0	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0
TOTALS		-	1.08	8-0	8.1	5	1	1	0	2	8

PROBABLES (italics denotes D-backs Minor Leaguer)

MARCH 24 VS. GUARDIANS @ 12:40 P.M.

RHP Michael Soroka vs. LHP Parker Messick

AZ: RHP Andrew Hoffmann, RHP Juan Morillo
CLE: LHP Tim Herrin

MARCH 26 @ DODGERS @ 5:30 P.M.

RHP Zac Gallen vs. RHP Yoshinobu Yamamoto

MARCH 26 @ DODGERS @ 7:10 P.M.

RHP Ryne Nelson vs. RHP Emmet Sheehan

MARCH 27 @ DODGERS @ 6:10 P.M.

LHP Eduardo Rodriguez @ RHP Tyler Glasnow

DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP	All Times Local	RESULT	REC.	* SRF Sellout	^ road telecast	ATT.
			WIN	LOSS			
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	W, 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	W, 11-6	11-12-1	Nelson (2-1)	Abbott (1-3)		10,807
3/17	OFF DAY						
3/18	vs. CHC	W, 16-8	12-12-1	Ross (1-0)	Moore (0-1)		11,242
3/19	@CWS	L, 4-2	12-13-1	Borucki (2-0)	Garcia (0-1)		8,271
3/20	vs. MIL	W, 8-7	13-13-1	Jarvis (1-0)	Nova (0-1)		11,857
3/21	vs. TEX	W, 5-2	14-13-1	Nelson (3-1)	Gomber (0-2)		9,605
3/22	@SD	W, 11-1	15-13-1	Curtiss (1-0)	Buehler (2-1)		7,297
3/23	vs. CLE	L, 7-0	15-14-1	Cecconi (3-1)	Kelly (0-1)		15,913
3/24	vs. CLE			12:40 PM	KNAI 101.9 FM 860 AM		

MISCELLANEOUS

Home: 7-8-1
Away: 8-6-0
Day: 11-12-1
Night: 4-2-0
vs. NL: 6-8-1
vs. AL: 9-6-0

ATTENDANCE

HOME	ROAD
Total: 161,054	Total: 98,555
Avg: 10,737	Avg: 7,581
Largest: 13,851 (3/15)	Largest: 12,824 (3/5)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 3/22 Optioned to Triple-A Reno: LHP Philip Abner
Reassigned to Minor League camp: C Aramis Garcia, INF Jacob Amaya
- 3/20 Optioned to Triple-A Reno: RHP Kade Strowd
- 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.