



ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (8-13-5) @ CHICAGO WHITE SOX (11-11-5)

RHP Merrill Kelly (0-2, 6.59) vs. LHP Dallas Keuchel (0-0, 7.11)

Sun., March 28, 2021 · Camelback Ranch · 1:05 p.m.

Game No. 27 · Road Game No. 13 · Home: 4-7-3 · Road: 4-6-2

No broadcasts



DIAMOND-FACTS

- ♦ Arizona is in its 24th Cactus League season and 11th at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick (Tucson from 1998-2010).

10TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

- ♦ Salt River Fields at Talking Stick is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2021.
- ♦ Since the inaugural game on Sat., Feb. 26, 2011, the stadium has hosted 3+ million fans for baseball, 1+ million guests for special events and won 40+ "Best of" awards.
- ♦ The facility had 157 sellouts from 2011-20 and the D-backs and Rockies have drawn more than 300,000 fans 8 times, the only MLB complex to ever accomplish the feat.

SINGLE-GAME TICKETS ON SALE

- ♦ D-backs single-game tickets for the first 3 homestands at Chase Field are on sale.
- ♦ The team is expecting to make 25 percent of the seats available each game with social distancing and increased safety, health and comfort measures in place.
 - Each of the first 3 homestands will feature a promotional item giveaway to the first 5,000 fans: Clear Tote Bags on April 9-11 (Gila River Hotels & Casinos); D-backs Grafti Cap on April 30 – May 2 (Pepsi); Ketel Marte Switch-Hitter bobblehead on May 14-16 (Gila River Hotels & Casinos).

D-BACKS MOURN THE PASSING OF MIKE BELL

- ♦ On Friday, the D-backs issued the following statement on the passing of Mike Bell, an original expansion draft pick of the franchise in 1997 who served as a minor league manager, field coordinator, farm director and Vice President of Player Development. Bell spent 13 seasons as a coach or executive with the D-backs, including 9 in charge of Player Development.
 - During those 9 years, 47 homegrown players made their Major League debut with Arizona, 36 minor league clubs made playoff appearances and 11 claimed league championships, including 3 affiliates during his final season of 2019.
- ♦ "Mike was truly beloved by everyone who knew him – from coaches and players to colleagues and staff in Arizona and throughout our minor league system. His loss leaves a huge hole in our hearts but his impact cannot be overstated and his legacy will not be forgotten. Mike brought authenticity and positive energy to every interaction he had, both on and off the field, and he was a true leader in the game of baseball that has embraced his family for three generations. Our deepest condolences are with Kelly, his children, Luke, Mikayla and Madeline, and the entire Bell family."

FRIDAY'S RECAP

- ♦ The D-backs lost, 7-3, vs. Reds.
- ♦ **Madison Bumgarner** allowed 6 runs over 5.1 innings (4 H, 3 BB, 7 K).
- ♦ **Alex Young** (2.0 IP) and **Yoan López** (1.0) each made a scoreless appearance.
- ♦ **Eduardo Escobar** hit a solo homer (3) in the third inning and **Josh Rojas** hit a 2-run homer (4) in the seventh inning.

AT THE DISH

- ♦ **Asdrúbal Cabrera** has a 9-game hitting streak, batting .464 (13-for-28)/1.393 OPS with 4 doubles, 3 home runs and 7 RBI.
- ♦ **Tim Lincecum** is batting .304 (7-for-12) with 3 doubles, 1 triple, 1 walk and 2 stolen bases in 9 games since returning to action on March 13.
- ♦ **Pavin Smith** is batting .417 (5-for-12) with 2 doubles, 1 home run, 1 RBI and 1 walk in his last 5 games.
- ♦ **Christian Walker** is tied for fourth in all of Spring Training with 14 RBI.
- ♦ **David Peralta**, in his last 7 games, is hitting .304 (7-for-23) with 3 doubles, 1 homer, 4 RBI and 1 walk.

THE ROJAS REPORT

- ♦ **Josh Rojas** has reached base safely in 18 of his last 20 games - including 13 straight from March 1-18 - batting .349 (22-for-63)/.993 OPS with 3 doubles, 4 homers, 12 RBI and 6 walks.
- ♦ He ranks among all qualified Major Leaguers this spring in hits (1st, 22), total bases (T-3rd, 37) and AVG (9th, .338).

ON THE MOUND

- ♦ **Chris Devenski** has made 6 scoreless appearances (6.0 IP) with a 0.83 WHIP and .105 opponent AVG.
- ♦ **Joe Mantiplay** has not allowed 1 earned run in 8 outings (7.1 IP).

ON THE SHELF

- ♦ **Zac Gallen** was scratched from his start on March 22 with right lateral forearm soreness and diagnosed with a hairline fracture of his right forearm at the radial head.
- ♦ **Kole Calhoun** suffered a right knee medial meniscus tear and had a partial medial meniscectomy performed by Dr. Waslewski on March 4.
- ♦ **Tyler Clippard** was diagnosed with a sprained capsule in his right shoulder following his last outing on March 19 and will not participate in baseball activities for 6 weeks.

SPRING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPP	RESULT	REC.	WIN	LOSS	ATT.
2/28	@ COL	L, 2-5	0-1	Diehl	Frankoff	*2,100
3/1	MIL	L, 1-7	0-2	Burnes	M. Kelly	*2,100
3/2	SD	L, 2-7	0-3	Weathers	C. Smith	*2,100
3/3	@ CLE	W, 9-4	1-3	Weaver	Plesac	1,869
3/4	LAA	W, 9-2	2-3	Bumgarner	Canning	*2,130
3/5	@ CIN	W, 5-2	3-3	Moll	Lorenzen	2,211
3/6	TEX	L, 6-7	3-4	de Geus	R. Smith	*2,215
3/7	CHI	W, 5-4	4-4	Soria	Alzolay	*2,299
3/8	@ SF	T, 2-2	4-4-1	-	-	1,059
3/9	COL	L, 4-11	4-5-1	C. González	Weaver	*2,232
3/10	@ LAD	L, 2-3	4-6-1	Cleavinger	Ginkel	2,311
3/11	OFF DAY					
3/12	@ LAA	L, 3-4	4-7-1	Barria	Soria	2,040
3/13	@ SD	W, 6-3	5-7-1	Bukauskas	Johnson	1,862
3/14	SF	L, 3-6	5-8-1	Menez	C. Smith	*2,253
3/15	@ SEA	W, 6-2	6-8-1	Widener	Newsome	1,875
3/16	OAK	W, 12-3	7-8-1	Bumgarner	Luzardo	*2,232
3/17	@ TEX	L, 0-3	7-9-1	Gibson	Gallen	2,068
3/18	LAD	T, 7-7	7-9-2	-	-	*2,283
3/19	@ MIL	L, 3-9	7-10-2	Suter	Clippard	2,248
3/20	KC	T, 6-6	7-10-3	-	-	*2,389
3/21	CWS	T, 4-4	7-10-4	-	-	*2,424
3/22	@ OAK	T, 4-4	7-10-5	-	-	1,998
3/23	SEA	L, 0-3	7-11-5	Flexen	M. Kelly	*2,306
3/24	CLE	W, 6-5	8-11-5	Smith	Civale	*2,197
3/25	@ KC	L, 1-10	8-12-5	Weaver	Duffy	2,078
3/26	CIN	L, 3-7	8-13-5	Miley	Bumgarner	*2,427
3/27	OFF DAY					
3/28	@ CWS		1:05 p.m.			
3/29	@ CHI		12:05 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/30	CLE (Chase Field)		12:40 p.m.	FSAZ, 620 AM, 105.1 FM		

All Times Local | *SRF Sellout

MISCELLANEOUS

Home: 4-7-3	Away: 4-6-2
Day: 6-10-5	Night: 2-3
vs. AL: 5-5-3	vs. NL: 3-8-2

ATTENDANCE

HOME	ROAD
Total: 31,587	Total: 23,719
Avg: 2,256 (14 G)	Avg: 1,977 (12 G)
Largest: 2,427 (3/26)	Largest: 2,311 (3/10)

UPCOMING PITCHING PROBABLES

MARCH 28 @ WHITE SOX - 1:05 P.M.

RHP Merrill Kelly (0-2, 6.59) vs. LHP Dallas Keuchel (0-0, 7.11)

ARI: RHP Joakim Soria, RHP Stefan Crichton, RHP Chris Devenski, RHP Jon Duplantier, LHP Miguel Aguilar, LHP Tyler Gilbert, RHP Carlos Navas, RHP Keury Mella

CWS: RHP Michael Kopech, LHP Garrett Crochet, RHP Liam Hendricks, RHP Codi Heuer

MARCH 29 @ CUBS - 12:05 P.M.

LHP Caleb Smith (1-2, 6.75) vs. RHP Zach Davies (3-0, 0.68)

ARI: RHP Stefan Crichton, RHP Anthony Swarzak, LHP Joe Mantiplay, RHP Kevin Ginkel

CHI: RHP Craig Kimbrel, LHP Andrew Chafin, RHP Brandon Workman, LHP Rex Brothers, RHP Pedro Strop

MARCH 30 vs. INDIANS - 12:40 P.M. - CHASE FIELD

TBA vs. RHP Aaron Civale (1-2, 6.14)

ARI: TBA

CLE: RHP Bryan Shaw, RHP Trevor Stephan, RHP Emmanuel Clase, RHP James Karinchak, RHP Adam Plutko, RHP Nick Sandlin

SCHEDULED PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

No. 29 - RHP Merrill Kelly

- ◆ Last season, limited to just 5 starts before undergoing season-ending thoracic outlet surgery... was 3-2 with a 2.59 ERA (9 ER in 31.1 IP).
- At the time of his injury, ranked among NL leaders in fewest walks per 9.0 IP (2nd, 1.44), strikeout-to-walk ratio (6th, 5.80), wins (T-5th, 3), ERA (10th, 2.59) and WHIP (10th, 0.99).
- Allowed 1 run or fewer in 3 of his 5 starts.
- Averaged 1.44 walks per 9.0 IP, down from 2.80 in 2019.
- Was scratched from his start on Aug. 24 and placed on the 10-day injured list (right shoulder impingement).
- Set a career high with 6.1 hitless innings to start a game on July 28, 2020 @ Rangers...the no-hit bid was snapped in the seventh inning on Rougned Odor's solo homer.
- ◆ Had a blood clot removed from his right shoulder on Aug. 25, 2020 and underwent thoracic outlet surgery on Sept. 9 (performed by Dr. Pearl in Dallas).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/1	vs. MIL	L	9.00	1-1	2.0	1	2	2	1	1	5
3/7	vs. CHI	-	9.00	1-1	3.0	4	3	3	2	1	1
3/18	vs. LAD	-	9.00	1-1	4.0	8	6	4	0	1	1
3/23	vs. SEA	L	6.59	1-1	4.2	5	1	1	0	2	3
Totals			0-2	6.59	4-4	13.2	18	12	10	3	11

ADDITIONAL PITCHERS

No. 32 - Chris Devenski

- ◆ In 2020, limited to just 4 games with the Astros due to 2 stints on the injured list with right elbow inflammation from July 29-Sept. 4 and Sept. 7 to the end of season.
- Had a bone spur removed from his right elbow on Sept. 15.
- ◆ In 2019, was 2-3 with a 4.83 ERA in 61 appearances with Houston.
- Averaged 94.7 on his fastball, the highest single-season average velocity of his career.
- ◆ Was a 2017 AL All-Star.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/3	@ CLE	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/7	vs. CHI	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	2
3/13	@ SD	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3/14	vs. SF	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/17	@ TEX	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/23	vs. SEA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals			0-0	0.00	6-0	6.0	2	0	0	3	5

No. 34 - RHP Jon Duplantier

- ◆ Has been sidelined due to a cut on his right index finger.
- ◆ Spent the 2020 season at the D-backs' Alternate Training Site.
- ◆ Participated in a MLB roundtable on June 15, 2020, with Josh Bell, Dominic Smith and Sterling Sharp to discuss issues related to race, social justice and baseball.
- ◆ In 2019, earned a save in Major League debut on April 1 @ Padres, the second D-back to earn a save in his first game (also: Byung-Hyun Kim on May 29, 1999 @ Mets)...Taylor Clarke would later do so on April 20 @ Cubs.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/4	vs. LAA	-	0.00	1-0	2.0	1	1	0	0	0	1
3/24	vs. CLE	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			0-0	0.00	2-0	3.0	1	1	0	0	1

No. 48 - RHP Joakim Soria

- ◆ Is a 2-time AL All-Star (2008, '10).
- ◆ Is the all-time games pitched (732) and saves (223) leader among Mexico-born pitchers.
- Is a native of Monclava, Mexico, known as the "steel capital" of the country.
- Is 1 of 3 Mexico-born pitchers to be selected to multiple All-Star Teams, joining Fernando Valenzuela (6x) and Esteban Loaiza (2x).
- ◆ In 2020, was 2-2 with 2 saves, a 2.82 ERA (7 ER in 22.1 IP), .217 opponent average and 24 strikeouts in 22 appearances in his second season with the A's.
- Allowed just 4 extra-base hits (3 doubles and 1 home run).
- Left-handers hit .130 (3-for-23), down from .230 in 2019 and was his lowest since 2013 (.068).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/7	vs. CHI	W	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3/12	@ LAA	L	18.00	1-0	1.0	3	4	4	1	0	1
3/17	@ TEX	-	12.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/23	vs. SEA	-	12.27	1-0	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	1
Totals			1-1	12.27	4-0	3.2	5	5	5	1	3

No. 58 - RHP Stefan Crichton

- ◆ Turned 29 between Feb. 28 and March 1 as he was born on a leap year on Feb. 29, 1992.
- ◆ In 2020, made 26 appearances in his second season with Arizona and was 2-2 with 5 saves and a 2.42 ERA (7 ER in 26.0 IP).
- Went 5-for-5 in save opportunities with no hits allowed (13 BF) after moving into the closer's role on Sept. 11.
- Allowed 1 "barrel" out of 73 batted balls (1.4 pct.) [comparable hit types (exit velo. + launch angle) that led to a min. .500 BA/1.500 SLG].
- Earned his first save on Sept. 11 vs. Mariners.
- Finished with 7 straight outings with no hits/walks/HBP allowed (20 BF; 6.0 IP), 1 shy of the club record (8 by Jake Barrett from Sept. 3-16, 2016).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/5	@ CIN	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	2
3/9	vs. COL	-	0.00	1-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/17	@ TEX	-	0.00	1-0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/21	vs. CWS	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/23	@ KC	-	4.50	1-0	1.0	2	3	2	1	0	1
Totals			0-0	4.50	5-0	4.0	6	3	2	1	6

No. 64 - RHP Keury Mella

- ◆ Pronounced: KAY-ooh-ree MAY-uh.
- ◆ Reassigned to Minor League camp on March 20.
- ◆ In 2020, made 11 appearances in his first season with the D-backs and went 2-0 with a 1.80 ERA (2 ER in 10.0 IP) and 10 strikeouts.
- Earned his first Major League win on Sept. 15 @ Angels (0 ER in 1.0 IP).
- 8 of his last 9 outings were scoreless (1.08 ERA; 1 ER in 8.1 IP).
- ◆ Spent most of the 2019 season with Triple-A Louisville in the Reds' organization, going 8-14 with a 5.05 ERA (80 ER in 142.2 IP) and 102 strikeouts in 27 starts.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/12	@ LAA	-	0.00	1-0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/15	@ SEA	-	0.00	1-0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/18	vs. LAD	-	3.86	1-0	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	2
3/21	vs. CWS	-	3.00	1-0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/23	vs. SEA	-	2.70	1-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals			0-0	2.70	5-0	3.1	2	1	1	1	5

No. 68 - LHP Miguel Aguilar

- ◆ In 2020, posted a 2.04 ERA (4 ER in 17.2 IP) and 8 saves in 15 games with Obregon in the Mexican Pacific Winter League.
- ◆ In 2019, went 1-1 with 6 saves, a 2.12 ERA (7 ER in 29.2 IP), .208 opponent average, 0.88 WHIP and 33 strikeouts in 26 appearances with Double-A Jackson.
- Appeared in 3 postseason games, including tossing 1.0 scoreless inning in the decisive Game 5 victory for the Generals in the Southern League championship series.

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/2	vs. SD	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/5	@ CIN	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/8	@ SF	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/17	@ TEX	-	0.00	1-0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/21	vs. CWS	-	9.00	1-0	0.1	2	4	4	0	2	1
Totals			0-0	9.00	5-0	4.0	5	4	4	0	4

No. 76 - RHP Carlos Navas

- ◆ Reassigned to Minor League camp on March 20.
- ◆ Signed by D-backs as a Minor League free agent on Dec. 18, 2020.
- ◆ Spent the entire 2020 season at the Giants' Alternate Training Site.
- ◆ Combined to go 2-7 with a 3.40 ERA in 35 games (7 starts) with Double-A Richmond and Triple-A Sacramento in 2019.

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3/15	@ SEA	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/20	vs. KC	-	0.00	1-0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/22	@ OAK	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			0-0	0.00	3-0	2.2	2	0	0	0	2

No. 88 - LHP Tyler Gilbert

- ◆ Reassigned to Minor League camp on March 12.
- ◆ Selected by the D-backs in the Triple-A phase of the 2020 Rule 5 Minor League draft.
- ◆ In 2020, made 3 relief appearances for the Dodgers (2.1 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 2 K).
- His locker was next to Mookie Betts as a non-roster invitee to the Dodgers' Spring Training in 2020.
- ◆ In 2019, appeared in 4 games with the Phillies, going 1-0 with a 3.60 ERA (2 ER in 5.0 IP)...allowed 5 hits, 0 walks and 6 strikeouts.
- Was 2-4 with 2 saves and a 2.83 ERA in 36 games with Triple-A Lehigh Valley.

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2/28	@ COL	-	9.00	1-0	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	1
3/3	@ CLE	-	6.75	1-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/6	vs. TEX	-	3.86	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3/14	vs. SF	-	3.00	1-0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/19	@ MIL	-	2.70	1-0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3/22	@ OAK	-	2.08	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals			0-0	2.08	6-0	4.1	2	1	1	0	5

TRANSACTIONS

- 3/28 Optioned to Triple-A Reno: RHP **Jon Duplantier**; Reassigned to Minor League camp: LHP **Joe Mantiply**, RHP **Anthony Swarzak**, OF **Trayce Thompson**.
- 3/27 Re-signed C **Bryan Holaday**.
- 3/26 Released C **Bryan Holaday**.
- 3/24 Optioned to Triple-A Reno: C/OF **Daulton Varsho**; Reassigned to Minor League camp: LHP **Miguel Aguilar**, LHP **Ryan Buchter**, RHP **Seth Frankoff**, INF **Domingo Leyba**, INF **Juniel Querecuto**.