

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Peoria Stadium

Goodyear Ballpark

SEATTLE MARINERS (7-12-1) vs. CHICAGO WHITE SOX (8-13-1)

SEATTLE MARINERS (7-12-1) at CINCINNATI REDS (9-7-2)

Game #21 & 22 (7-12-1)

Home #10 (3-6)

Road #10 (2-6-1)

TODAY'S SPLIT-SQUAD INFORMATION

Home Game Starters: RH Luis Castillo (1-1, 3.38) vs. RH Jake Woodford (0-0, 4.70)

Road Game Starters: RH George Kirby (0-0, 12.27) vs. LH Andrew Abbott (0-0, 7.88)

Home First Pitch: 1:10 pm PT • Radio: Seattle Sports (710 AM) • TV: ROOT SPORTS

Road First Pitch: 1:05 pm PT • Radio: MLB.TV • TV: None

SPRING RECORD

Overall Record..... 7-12-1

PEORIA STADIUM.....3-7

Home Record 3-6

Road Record 2-6-1

Current Streak.....W2

THE COUNTDOWN

12

12 days to Opening Day, 3/28 vs. BOS

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March 17..... vs. Arizona

March 18.....at Texas

March 19.....vs. Colorado

March 20..... OFF DAY

Bold - Peoria Stadium

BY THE NUMBERS

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The Mariners have the best starting rotation in the American League by projected FanGraphs WAR (14.1)...the Mariners rotation features 3 of the top 10 pitchers in the AL by projected fWAR: **Luis Castillo** (2nd, 3.9), **George Kirby** (T5th, 3.5) and **Logan Gilbert** (T9th, 3.2).

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Luis Castillo, **Austin Voth**, **Heath Hembree**, **Ty Buttrey**, **Joey Krehbiel** and **Reid VanScoter** combined to 1-hit the Reds earlier this spring on Feb. 26.

9

Scott Servais enters his 9th season as Mariners manager...in 8 seasons at the helm, Servais has led Seattle to a 616-578 (.516) record.

86

FanGraphs currently projects the 2024 Mariners with an 86-76 (.528) record, projected to have the 4th-highest win total in the American League and 6th-highest in MLB.

88+

Seattle is one of 5 teams in the Major Leagues with 88+ wins in each of the last 3 seasons, along with the Braves, Astros, Dodgers and Blue Jays.

THE ROSTER

Seattle's Major League, Spring Training roster is at 45 players (36 players on the 40-man roster + 9 non-roster invitees)...the roster features 25 pitchers (19 on 40-man + 6 NRI) and 21 position players (18 on 40-man + 3 NRI).

ON THE AIR

Today's game at Peoria Stadium will be televised live on **ROOT SPORTS** with **Dave Sims** and **Mike Blowers** on the call...the game will be broadcast live on Seattle Sports (710 AM) with **Rick Rizzs** and **Aaron Goldsmith** on the call...today's game in Goodyear will not be televised, but the Reds radio broadcast is available via MLB.TV.

TODAY'S TILT...the Mariners continue 2024 Cactus League play today with their second split-squad of the spring...the Mariners will face the White Sox at Peoria Stadium at 1:10 pm PT and will journey to Goodyear Ballpark to take on the Reds at 1:05 pm PT...it is the 2nd of 3 matchups between the Mariners and both the White Sox and Reds.

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS (subject to change)...

SATURDAY: Mariners vs. White Sox 1:10 pm PT Sea. Sports (710 AM)/ROOT

CWS — Woodford, Toussaint, Shaw, Anderson Cousins

SEA — Castillo, Voth, Muñoz, Bolton, Speier*, Saucedo*

SATURDAY: Mariners vs. Reds 1:05 pm PT None

CIN — Abbott*, Diaz, Sims

SEA — Kirby, Hancock, Vargas, de Geus, Krehbiel

SUNDAY: Mariners vs. Diamondbacks 1:10 pm PT Sea. Sports (710 AM)/ROOT

AZ — Walston*, Cecconi, McGough, Frias

SEA — Gilbert, T. Miller, Thornton, Buttrey, Snider

* left-handed pitcher

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH...both of yesterday's games were canceled due to rain...the Mariners were set to take on the Angels at Tempe Diablo Stadium and the Padres Prospects at Peoria Stadium in the inaugural Spring Breakout game featuring top prospects...the Mariners last Cactus League game to be rained out was exactly one year prior, March 15, 2023 against Oakland.

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FIREPOWER...the Mariners have scored 116 runs this spring, 3rd-most among Cactus League teams, trailing only the Dodgers (126 R) and Rockies (117 R)...Seattle's 25 home runs this spring are tied for 4th-most in the Cactus League.

VS. WHITE SOX...today marks the Mariners 2nd of 3 matchups against the White Sox this spring...the two teams played in the Mariners Cactus League opener on Feb. 24, with the White Sox winning 8-7...the teams will meet again on March 23 at Camelback Ranch for their final Cactus League matchup of the spring...the Mariners are 22-26-2 all-time against the White Sox in spring action.

VS. REDS...the Mariners are set to journey to Goodyear Ballpark for the 2nd of 3 matchups against the Reds this Spring...the Mariners narrowly missed a no-hitter in the first game between the two squads on Feb. 26, blanking the Reds and allowing just 1 hit...the teams will meet again for the Mariners only night game of the Cactus League campaign on March 21 at Peoria Stadium...the Mariners own a 17-7-1 edge all-time in spring play against the Reds.

THE COACHING STAFF...manager **Scott Servais** enters his 9th season as Seattle's skipper...returning to the Major League staff are Third Base Coach **Manny Acta**, Major League Coach & Director of Pitching Strategy **Trent Blank**, Hitting Coach & Director of Hitting Strategy **Jarret DeHart**, Infield Coach **Perry Hill**, First Base Coach **Kristopher Negrón**, Major League Field Coordinator **Carson Vitale** and Pitching Coach **Pete Woodworth**...additionally, **Tony Arnerich** transitions to Bullpen Coach...the Mariners added 3 coaches to their big-league staff: Bench Coach & Offensive Coordinator **Brant Brown**, Major League Pitching Strategist and Asst. Pitching Coach **Danny Farquhar** and Asst. Hitting Coach **Tommy Joseph**.

FAMILIAR FACES AND IMPACT ADDITIONS...of the 40 players on Seattle's Major League, 40-man roster and 60-day Injured List (39+1 60-day IL), 24 spent time in the Mariners organization in 2023...of the 16 newcomers, 14 are new to the organization while outfielder **Mitch Haniger** and right-hander **Levi Stoudt** return to the Mariners...of the 24 returnees from last season (13 pitchers + 11 position players), all but one (outfielder **Jonatan Clase**) appeared in the Majors with Seattle last season...the 14 players completely new to the organization include 7 pitchers: **Cody Bolton**, **Jackson Kowar**, **Gregory Santos**, **Collin Snider**, **Ryne Stanek**, **Carlos Vargas** and **Austin Voth**, and 7 position players: catchers **Blake Hunt** and **Seby Zavala**; infielders **Jorge Polanco** and **Luis Urias**; infielder/outfielders **Luke Raley** and **Samad Taylor**; and designated hitter/catcher **Mitch Garver**.

OPENING MONTH OF THE SEASON...the Mariners will open the 2024 regular season at T-Mobile Park, with Opening Day against the Boston Red Sox on March 28...promotions during the first month of the season include 3 consecutive **Julio Rodríguez** "No Fly Zone" Bobblehead Nights from April 1-3 vs. Cleveland, with bobbleheads going to the first 10,000 fans each game..."Mariners Hoodie Night" on April 12 vs. the Cubs..."Salute to Armed Forces Night - Mariners Cap" on April 13 vs. the Cubs...3 consecutive **Ken Griffey Jr.** "Home Run Robbery" Bobblehead Nights from April 15-17 vs. Cincinnati...other promotions include "Mariners Turn Ahead The Clock Jersey Night" on April 26 vs. Arizona, "90s Night - Mariners Neon Hat Night" on April 27 vs. Arizona, 2 Little League Days (April 14 & 28), Jackie Robinson Day on April 15 and "Bark at the Park" on April 29 vs. Atlanta.

OPENING WEEK WARM-UP...Hall of Famer **Edgar Martinez** was named as an Opening Week Warm-Up guest on Sunday...the Mariners will host the Opening Week Warm-Up presented by Starbucks on March 24 at T-Mobile Park, where fans will be able to take over the ballpark with behind-the-scenes access, plus get a front row seat to watch the Mariners take on the Chicago Cubs in Cactus League action on MarinersVision...for more information visit Mariners.com/WarmUp.

HEY AARON GOLDSMITH, AS YOU KNOW...yesterday's inaugural Spring Breakout game featuring top prospects was rained out, and **YOU MAY ALSO KNOW**...that the game was set to feature 22 of the Mariners Top 30 prospects according to *MLB Pipeline*, but...**DID YOU KNOW?**...that the Mariners and Padres have another prospect game scheduled on March 23?...the game will feature many of the same prospects that were set to play in yesterday's cancelled Spring Breakout game.



#68 — GEORGE KIRBY (RHP)

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	BK
2023	SEATTLE	13-10	3.35	31	31	1	0	0	190.2	179	74	71	22	6	19	172	1	0
2024	SPRING	0-0	12.27	2	2	0	0	0	3.2	8	6	5	0	0	1	5	0	0
ML Totals		21-15	3.37	56	56	1	0	0	320.2	314	128	120	35	11	41	305	5	0

2024 Spring Training - Went 2.1 innings, allowing 2 earned runs on 4 hits with 1 walk and 5 strikeouts on March 10 vs. San Francisco...made first spring appearance on 2/27 at Giants, tossing 1.1 IP.

- The Totals** - Went 13-10 with a 3.35 ERA (71 ER, 190.2 IP), 19 walks and 172 strikeouts through 31 games started.
- All-Stars in Seattle** - Was named to his first career All-Star Team and became the 4th Mariners pitcher to appear in an All-Star Game in Seattle, joining Freddy Garcia, Jeff Nelson and Kazuhiro Sasaki (2001).
- Career-Best Marks** - Set career-best marks in wins (13), ERA (3.35), starts (31), innings pitched (190.2), walks (19), strikeouts (172), WHIP (1.04) and opponent average (.246).
- Quality Kirby** - Finished the season with a career-high 20 quality starts, most among Mariners pitchers and tied for 3rd-most in the American League...made 8 consecutive quality starts (April 9-May 26), his longest quality start streak in his career...his 8-game quality start streak was tied for the 3rd-longest such streak in the Majors in 2023.
- These Boots Were Not Made For Walking** - Led all qualified pitchers in the Majors with a 9.05 strikeout-to-walk ratio in 2023, 4th-best SO/BB ratio in a single season in American League history among qualified starting pitchers.
- Kirby's Complete** - Pitched his first career complete game on April 27 at Philadelphia, tossing 8.0 IP and allowing 1 R on 4 H and 1 BB with 7 K...he became the first Mariners pitcher to lose a complete game since Taijuan Walker on Sept. 24, 2014 at Toronto.
- Nifty Fifty** - Made his 50th career start on Aug. 23 at Chicago White Sox...through his first 50 career starts Kirby recorded 275 strikeouts and 36 walks...his 7.64 strikeout-to-walk ratio was highest in Major League history through a pitcher's first 50 career starts.
- Lucky Number 7** - Made 11 starts of at least 7.0 innings, tied for the 3rd-most 7.0+ inning starts in the Majors...pitched 7.0+ innings in 3 consecutive starts (April 27-May 9)...prior to the streak, Kirby had never pitched 7.0+ IP in consecutive games...during the streak Kirby was 2-1 with a 1.64 ERA (4 ER, 22.0 IP) with 2 walks and 18 strikeouts.

ALSO SCHEDULED TO PITCH

#62 - Emerson Hancock (RHP)

2024 Spring Training - Tossed 2.0 scoreless innings with 3 strikeouts in spring debut on 3/2 vs. OAK...tossed 1.2 IP in second spring start with 1 walk and 3 strikeouts.

- The Totals** - Had 4.50 ERA (6 ER, 12.0 IP) with 3 walks and 6 strikeouts over 3 starts for Seattle.
- Welcome to the Show** - Tossed 5.0 IP and allowed 2 hits, 1 run (1 ER), 3 walks and struck out 3 during his Major League debut on Aug. 9 against San Diego.
- IL-** Left his start on Aug. 20 after the 2nd inning with a right shoulder strain... placed on 15-day IL on Aug. 21 and transferred to 60-day IL on Aug 22.
- In the Minors** - had a 4.32 ERA (47 ER, 98.0 IP) with 38 walks and 107 strikeouts in 20 games with Double-A Arkansas.

#97 - Brett de Geus (RHP)

2024 Spring Training: Has made 5 appearances this spring, spanning 4.2 IP with 5 K.

- The Totals** - Appeared in 29 minor league games (2 starts) in the Royals organization, going 2-3 with a 4.86 ERA (25 ER, 46.1 IP) with 17 walks and 36 strikeouts.
- Changing Sides** - Added to Mariners Major League camp on March 6.
- Acquired** - Signed as a minor league free agent with Seattle on Dec. 3,

2023.

#64 - Joey Krehbiel (RHP)*

2024 Spring Training: Earned the win with 1-2-3 7th inning with 2 K on 2/26 at CIN...allowed 1 R in 1.0 IP with 1 walk on 3/1 at COL...tossed 1.0 IP on 3/8 at CHC.

- The Totals** - Made 6 appearances with Baltimore, going 1-0 with a 1.80 ERA.
- Minor Details** - Made 35 appearances out of the bullpen for Triple-A Norfolk (Baltimore).
- Transactions** - Designated for assignment by Baltimore on May 3...transferred to the Development List on May 8...selected by Orioles on July 30 and spent 3 more stints with Baltimore through the end of the season.

#54 - Carlos Vargas (RHP)

2024 Spring Training: 1.0 ShO IP with 1 BB & 2 K on 2/27 at SF...1.0 ShO IP with 2 K on 3/7 vs. LAA.

- The Totals** - Appeared in 5 Major League games going 0-0 with a 5.79 ERA (3 ER, 4.2 IP), 7 strikeouts and 4 walks.
- Minor Details** - Made 38 relief appearances with Triple-A Reno, going 1-1 with 1 save, a 7.02 ERA (33 ER, 42.1 IP), 36 strikeouts and 32 walks.
- Debut** - Made Major League debut on Opening Day, March 30 at Los Angeles-NL, allowing 1 run on 2 hits and 1 walk while striking out 2.
- Ouch** - On 7-day minor league Injured List from Aug. 15-Sept. 3.
- Fireballer** - Averaged 99.4 MPH on 4-seam fastball and maxed out at 101.3 MPH.

2024 SEATTLE MARINERS - SPRING TRAINING DAY-BY-DAY

DAY	DATE	OPP	SCORE	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	REC	ATT
Saturday	Feb. 24	at Chicago White Sox	7-8	Coffey	Alford (0-1)		0-1	5,364
Sunday	Feb. 25	Cleveland Guardians	4-8	Morgan	Laws (0-1)		0-2	5,819
Monday	Feb. 26	Cincinnati Reds	2-0	Krehbiel (1-0)	Gilbert	VanScoter (1)	1-2	3,189
Tuesday	Feb. 27	San Francisco Giants	10-10				1-2-1	6,418
Wednesday	Feb. 28	Kansas City Royals	7-9	Bowlan	M. Perez (0-1)	Cerantola	1-3-1	3,598
Thursday	Feb. 29	Chicago White Sox	5-6	Cousin	Lawrence (0-1)	McGarity	1-4-1	3,977
Friday	March 1	Colorado Rockies	9-10	Hill	Buttrey (0-1)	Hollowell	1-5-1	7,028
Saturday	March 2	Oakland Athletics	8-12	Spence	Thornton (0-1)		1-6-1	6,510
Sunday	March 3	San Diego Padres	4-12	Darvish	Castillo (0-1)		1-7-1	8,172
Monday	March 4	OFF DAY						
Tuesday	March 5	Texas Rangers	9-10	Corniehl	de Geus (0-1)	Birlingmair	1-8-1	4,521
		Cleveland Guardians	1-4	Clase	Snead (0-1)	Leftwich	1-9-1	3,415
Wednesday	March 6	Kansas City Royals	8-7	Saucedo (1-0)	Brentz	Selley (1)	2-9-1	5,495
Thursday	March 7	Los Angeles Angels	5-0	Woo (1-0)	Canning		3-9-1	5,199
Friday	March 8	Chicago Cubs	5-9	Imanaga	Hancock (0-1)		3-10-1	12,832
Saturday	March 9	Milwaukee Brewers	7-5	L. Castillo (1-1)	F. Peralta	VanScoter (2)	4-10-1	8,052
Sunday	March 10	San Francisco Giants	8-3	Kirby (1-0)	Romero		5-10-1	7,572
Monday	March 11	San Diego Padres	3-13	Darvish	Gilbert (0-1)		5-11-1	7,548
Tuesday	March 12	Oakland Athletics	2-4	Jimenez	Snead (0-2)	Reyes	5-12-1	6,419
Wednesday	March 13	Los Angeles Dodgers	8-1	Lawrence (1-1)	Yamamoto		6-12-1	12,230
Thursday	March 14	Milwaukee Brewers	4-2	Thornton (1-1)	Peguero	Díaz (1)	7-12-1	7,930
Friday	March 15	Los Angeles Angels	cancelled					
		San Diego Padres	cancelled					
Saturday	March 16	Chicago White Sox		Peoria		1:10		TV / R
		Cincinnati Reds		Goodyear		1:05		
Sunday	March 17	Arizona Diamondbacks		Peoria		1:10		TV / R
Monday	March 18	Texas Rangers		Surprise		1:05		R
Tuesday	March 19	Colorado Rockies		Peoria		1:10		R
Wednesday	March 20	OFF DAY						
Thursday	March 21	Cincinnati Reds		Peoria		6:40		R
Friday	March 22	Milwaukee Brewers		Peoria		1:10		R
		Arizona Diamondbacks		Scottsdale		1:10		
Saturday	March 23	Chicago White Sox		Glendale		1:05		R
		San Diego Padres #		Peoria		1:10		
Sunday	March 24	Chicago Cubs		Peoria		1:10		TV / R
Monday	March 25	San Diego Padres		San Diego		6:40		TV# / R
Tuesday	March 26	San Diego Padres		San Diego		1:10		TV# / R

Bold: Home team

TV = ROOT SPORTS Broadcast, TV# = ROOT SPORTS Bonus Coverage, R = Seattle Sports (710 AM), R# = Delayed radio on 710 Seattle Sports