

GAME NOTES 2024 SPRING TRAINING

St. Louis Cardinals (7-8-2) at Minnesota Twins (6-10-2)

Spring Training Game No. 18 • Wednesday, March 13, 2024 • Hammond Stadium • Fort Myers, Fla.

LHP Zack Thompson vs. RHP Louie Varland

CARDINALS 2024 SPRING RECAP Attendance 4-6-1 Home (8).....42,1673-2-1 vs. AL.. Home Avg5,271 at Home2-5-1 Road (9).....40,896 on Road 5-3-1 Road Avg4,544 at RDCS*3-5-2 Total.....83,063 *Includes road games at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium Home High......6,385 March 9 vs. NY Mets

RECENT CARDINALS SPRING TRAININGS

Year	W-L-T	Team BA	Team ERA
2024	7-8-2	.253	4.68
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
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*Reached Postseason

BA TOP 100 PROSPECTS BY TEAM

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	Rays	6		Cubs	5
	Padres	6		Brewers	5
	Yankees	6			

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	TOP 30 CARDINA	ALS PROSPECTS
1.	SS Masyn Winn	16. OF Travis Honeyman
2.	RHP Tekoah Roby	17. INF César Prieto
3.	OF Victor Scott II	18. OF Zach Levenson
4.	RHP Tink Hence	19. C Pedro Pagés
5.	INF Thomas Saggese	20. RHP Branneli Franco
6.	C Iván Herrera	21. LHP Brycen Mautz
7.	OF Chase Davis	22. RHP Edwin Nuñez
8.	LHP Cooper Hjerpe	23. RHP Zack Showalter
9.	RHP Gordon Graceffo	24. LHP Quinn Mathews
10.	. C Leonardo Bernal	25. RHP Nick Robertson
11.	RHP Sem Robberse	26. LHP Drew Rom
12.	RHP Max Rajcic	27.1B Luken Baker
13.	RHP Won-Bin Cho	28 LHP Pete Hansen
14.	RHP Michael McGreevy	29. RHP Adam Kloffenstei
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CARDINALS SPRING TRAINING RECORDS AT STADIUMS SINCE 2006

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as the visiting team vs. Marlins	23-27-7
at Clover Park	25-23-6
at CACTI Park of the Palm Beaches	19-16-4
vs. the Nationals	13-7-1
vs. the Astros	6-9-3
at Hammond Stadium	6-6-1
at JetBlue Park	5-3-0

RECENT CARDINALS RECORDS FOLLOWING LOSING SEASONS

Year	W-L	Win Increas	e Postseason
2008	86-76	+8	
2000	95-67	+20	Lost NLCS
1998	83-79	+4	
1996	88-74	+14	Lost NLCS
1995	62-81	+9	
1991	84-78	+14	
1989	86-76	+10	
1987	95-67	+16	Lost World Series
1984	84-78	+5	
1982	92-70	+33	Won World Series

*St. Louis has not recorded back-to-back sub-.500 <u>full seasons</u> since 1958 (72-82) and 1959 (71-83), longest active in Major League Baseball.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

March 8: Optioned RHP Adam Kloffenstein to Memphis (AAA) and re-assigned LHP Cooper Hjerpe to minor league camp.

March 5: Re-assigned RHP Andre Granillo, RHP Tink Hence, LHP Packy Naughton, RHP Max Rajcic, RHP Victor Santos, RHP Logan Sawyer, C Leonardo Bernal, C Sammy Hernandez, C Carlos Linárez, and OF Moisés Gómez to minor league camp following the game.

RECENT REDBIRDS: The defending Grapefruit League champion St. Louis Cardinals are in the midst of their 133rd season of play in the National League and are conducting their 27th Spring Training at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium (1998-2024). FLYING HIGH: Victor Scott II was 3-for-3 with a stolen base (#4) and a walk, Alec Burleson hit his first HR of the Spring and was 2-for-3 with 2 RBI and C Iván Herrera also homered in the Cardinals 8-6 win yesterday in front of a sellout crowd of 9,738, the Red Sox largest this season at JetBlue Park at Fenway South.

REDBIRD REINFORCEMENTS: The Cardinals finish their two-game overnight road trip in Fort Myers in a rematch of the 1987 World Series with the Minnesota Twins at Hammond Stadium today at 1:05 p.m. A bus of 10 players will be sent from Jupiter this morning as approximately 20 players stayed over last night.

TWIN KILLING?: The Cardinals and Twins are facing each other for the second time this Spring Training season as St. Louis won the first matchup 5-4 in Jupiter behind the pitching of **Miles Mikolas** and hitting of **Paul Goldschmidt** (HR #1) ... The Cardinals will travel to the Twin Cities for a three-game series August 23-25. Last season, St. Louis dropped 2-of-3 at Busch Stadium against Minnesota at the trade deadline (Aug. 1-3).

GULF COAST HIGHWAY: The Cardinals are playing in Fort Myers for the first time since March 9-10, 2020, when they played an overnight trip prior to the season being shut down due to COVID-19 protocols ... St. Louis is 6-6-1 at Hammond Stadium dating back to 2006.

THE SCOOP AT JUP': Former member of the Twins and current Cardinals RHP Kyle Gibson will be staying back in Jupiter to throw a live BP session today and will be facing Paul Goldschmidt, Nolan Arenado, Brendan Donovan, Matt Carpenter, Brandon Crawford and Willson Contreras, among those who did not make the trip.

SURVIVOR ISLAND: First baseman Luken Baker remains the only Cardinal to have played in a game every day that the Cardinals have had a game this Spring. He's played in all 16 Spring Training dates the Cardinals have had a game. ... It's obvious that Daniel Venn continues to Vote for Tank.

• Baker and Orioles non-roster outfielder **Daniel Johnson** co-lead the Grapefruit League with 16 games played.

GREAT, SCOTT!: With his 3-for-3 performance yesterday, including a stolen base and a walk, Victor Scott II moved into the top spot among qualified Grapefruit League batting leaders with a .370 average, and second to Nationals prospect James Wood (.475) with a .469 on-base percentage. Scott's four stolen bases are second only to former Cardinal Lane Thomas (WSH, 5) in the Grapefruit League and three behind the Cardinals most since 2006 by Kolten Wong (7 SB in 2016) ... According to Baseball America, Scott bunted 28 times in 2023 (24 times against LHP) and hit .708 on bunts.

PROSPECTING: Making the trip to Fort Myers among the Cardinals top prospects include CF Victor Scott II (No.3) who led Minor League Baseball with 94 stolen bases and won the Rawlings Minor League Gold Glove; 2B Thomas Saggese (No. 5), Texas League MVP and Double-A batting champion (.318 BA); SS Masyn Winn (No. 1), the Cardinals starting shortstop over the final month of the season; and C Iván Herrera (No. 6), the Cardinals 2023 Minor League Player of the Year and 2024 Caribbean All-Star for Panama.

IN THE TRAINING ROOM:

- OF **Lars Nootbaar** has two non-displaced fractured ribs on his left side from colliding with an outfield wall.
- RHP Sonny Gray was removed from his March 4 start due to a mild right hamstring strain.
- OF **Tommy Edman** is continuing his recovery from offseason right wrist surgery.

SPRING BREAKOUT: MLB's inaugural Spring Breakout this week will showcase each organization's top prospects in seven-inning exhibition games as part of traditional double-headers coupled with Spring Training games.

- St. Louis is one of five MLB clubs that made all of their Top 10 prospects available, as 26 of the Cardinals Top 30 prospects will participate (MLB Pipeline)
- Cardinals vs. Marlins Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium March 15 at 2:05 p.m. - MLB Network (Broadcasters: Mark DeRosa, Greg Amsinger & Jonathan Mayo)
- Cardinals vs. Astros Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium March 17 at 10:05 a.m. - MLB TV

STILL TO COME: Outfielder **Tommy Edman** is the lone player on the active Spring roster who has yet to appear in Grapefruit League action.

CARDINALS 2024 SPRING SCHEDULE & RESULTS

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					McGreevey & Kloffenstein 2.0 IP; Winn 2B
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3/9 vs. NYM	L, 9-3	Manaea-Matz	5-7-2	6,385	Saggese HR; Pages HR; Prieto 1-1
3/10 at MIA^	W. 12-8	Roycroft-Andriese	6-7-2	4,169	Saggese 4-4, 2B, 6 RBI; Rom 3 IP, 0 R, 4 K
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3/15 Spring Breakout	2:05	RHP Tink Hence vs. TBA			
vs. MIA	6:05	LHP Steven Matz vs. TBA			Bally Sports // KMOX
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TODAY'S PITCHERS

#57 • Zack Thompson • LHP • 26 yrs

- Making his 4th appearance of the Spring schedule and has recorded a decision in the previous three
 with a win (2/24 vs. NYM), a loss (3/2 vs. HOU) and a three-inning save at WSH (3/8). Ranks 3rd
 on the squad in innings pitched (8.0) and strikeouts (7) among Cardinals hurlers.
- First round selection in 2019 out of the University of Kentucky, was invited to Major League Spring Training each of his first three seasons as a non-roster invitee. Was on the 40-player roster in 2023 and made the Opening Day roster last season for the first time.
- Ranked 5th among National League left-handed pitchers in strikeouts (51) from 8/6 to the end of the season trailing only Blake Snell (70), Justin Steele (70), David Peterson (59) and Jesús Luzardo (53).
- Led the Cardinals in strikeouts (51) and WHIP (1.30) after his return to the starting rotation on August 6 and was second on the staff in wins behind Dakota Hudson (4).
- Allowed only two extra base hits all season to left-handed batters (80 batters faced).

#47 • John King • LHP • 29 yrs

- Making his 6th Spring Training appearance.
- Acquired by the Cardinals in a five-player trade with the Texas Rangers on July 30, 2023. Was
 the only player of all the Cardinals 2023 deadline acquisitions who immediately was added to the
 St. Louis roster.
- Ranked 2nd among National League pitchers (Colin Holderman, 11, PIT) with 10 Holds following his acquisition by the Cardinals on July 30.
- Ranked 3rd on the Cardinals with 20 appearances after the trade, posting a 1.45 ERA, 2nd on the team only to Ryan Helsley (0.77) from August 1 to the end of the season. His 1.45 ERA ranked 5th in all of MLB of pitchers with 20 or more appearances during that time period.
- Did not allow an extra base hit to a left-handed batter after August 7.
- Stranded 6 of 7 inherited runners with the Cardinals after stranding 10 of 16 with the Rangers.

#53 • Andre Pallante • RHP • 53 yrs (puh-LAWN-tay)

- Making his 6th Spring Training appearance. Four of the five have been scoreless.
- Pitched for Team Italy in the 2023 World Baseball Classic.
- Has seven career wins as a reliever through his first 99 career relief appearances rank T-3rd among Cardinals relievers and are most since Brad Thompson registered seven from 2005-07.
- Has made the Cardinals Opening Day Roster for the last two seasons (2022-23).

#55 • Riley O'Brien • RHP • 29 yrs

- Making his 6th Spring Training appearance. The previous five have been scoreless.
- Acquired by the Cardinals from the Mariners for cash considerations, November 5, 2023.
- Has played in the Rays, Reds, Mariners and now Cardinals organizations.
- Cardinals legacy as his grandfather, infielder Johnny O'Brien, played in 12 games for St. Louis in 1958 including making a pitching appearance, the first Cardinals position player since Pepper Martin in 1936 to do so.
- Made MLB debut with Cincinnati in a start on Sept. 28, 2021 at Chicago (AL). Made another MLB appearance with Seattle in 2022.
- 2023 Pacific Coast League Post-Season All-Star.

#64 • Ryan Fernandez • RHP • 25 yrs

- Making his 6th Spring Training appearance. Has a save (3/1 vs. NYM) and only one run allowed.
- Was selected by the Cardinals from the Red Sox in the 2023 Rule 5 Draft.
- Originally selected by the Boston Red Sox in the 23rd round of the 2018 MLB Draft.
- Established single-season career highs in appearances, innings pitched, and strikeouts in 2023.
- Averages 10.5 strikeouts/9 IP over his 128 career minor league appearances covering 216.0 innings pitched.

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