



# SPRING TRAINING NOTES

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## Cincinnati Reds (7-5-2) vs Cleveland Guardians (4-9-1)

### LHP Nick Lodolo (0-0, 0-0) vs RHP Xzavion Curry (0-0, 3.60)

Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Goodyear Ballpark - 1:05 p.m. MST  
RADIO: 700 WLW

**TODAYS GAME:** Is the second of 4 spring meetings between the **Reds** and their **Goodyear** neighbors... during the regular season the **Ohio Cup** rivals will meet 6/11-6/12 at **Cin** and 9/24-9/25 at **Cle**.

- The **Reds** are **26-24-7** vs **Cle** in the Cactus League (**1-0** in **2024**) and **58-73** all-time during the regular season vs the **Guardians**, including **13-23** over the last **8** seasons.

### DESERT DANDIES:

- Reds** pitchers have issued just **35** walks through the team's first **14** games, the **fewest** by any Major League team...the staff's **FIP** (3.29, 3rd), **WHIP** (1.24, 5th), **HR allowed** (12, T5th), and **Strikeouts per 9 innings** (10.09, 5th) also rank among all Major League leaders.
- Reds baserunners have **23 stolen bases**, the second-most in the Majors behind **LAA** (29).
- SS Elly De La Cruz** (8-for-20, 1 2b, 1 3b, 1hr, 7r, 4rbi, 5bb, 3sb) leads the **Reds** with **8** hits though the team's first **14** Cactus League games...he's hit safely in each of his last **5g**.
- 1B Christian Encarnacion-Strand**, **OF Stuart Fairchild**, and **C Tyler Stephenson** lead the team with **2 HR** apiece...**Encarnacion-Strand** has **2 triples**.
- Including **Fri's** rainout at **LAD**, **RHP Nick Martinez** has allowed **1 unearned run** over **9.0** innings (2h, 1bb, 13k).

**RAINED OUT:** **Fri's** cancellation in the middle of the fifth inning at **LAD** was the **Reds'** **10th** rainout in **15** years in Arizona, their first **Cactus League** rainout since 3/15/23 vs **Chc** at **Goodyear Ballpark**.

**CRUZ MISSILE:** **SS Elly De La Cruz** on Sat at **Col** belted a **470-foot home run** off **RHP Cal Quantrill**.

- De La Cruz** and **NYY's Spencer Jones** (2/24 off **Det's RHP Mason Englert**) are the only 2 players on record this spring to hit home runs measuring at least 470 feet...**Jones'** HR off **Det's RHP Mason Englert** on 2/24 also traveled 470 feet.
- Sat's 470-foot homer is the longest HR on record of **De La Cruz's** career...In 2023, while with **Cin**, he hit **4 HRs** that traveled at least **450-feet**, including a **467-foot** blast on 9/26 off **Cle's Xzavion Curry**... he hit **3 HRs** last year with **AAA-Louisville** that met or eclipsed the 450-foot mark.

**COMINGS AND GOINGS:** Below is a list of transactions since the day pitchers and catchers reported.

- 2/13:** claimed off waivers from the Minnesota Twins **OF Bubba Thompson** (#66); designated for assignment **RHP Levi Stoudt**.
- 2/17:** **RHP Levi Stoudt** was claimed off waivers by the Seattle Mariners.
- 2/24:** signed to minor league contracts and invited to Major League Spring Training camp **INF Mike Ford** (#38) and **INF/OF Tony Kemp** (#12).
- 3/7:** reassigned to minor league camp **RHP Julian Aguiar**, **INF Edwin Arroyo**, **INF Tyler Callihan**, **OF Blake Dunn**, **LHP Jacob Heatherly**, **RHP Rhett Lowder**, **RHP Zach Maxwell**, **C Mat Nelson**, **RHP Chase Petty**, **LHP Reiver Sanmartin**, **C Michael Trautwein**, and **C Daniel Vellojin**.
- 3/8:** reassigned to minor league camp and optioned to **AAA-Louisville** **RHP Casey Legumina**, **RHP Christian Roa**, **RHP Carson Spiers**, **OF Rece Hinds** and **OF Jacob Hurtubise**...**INF Noelvi Marte** received an 80-game suspension for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
- 3/9:** reassigned to minor league camp and optioned to **AAA-Louisville** **RHP Lyon Richardson**... **INF/OF Jose Barrero** was claimed off waivers by the Texas Rangers.

**SPRING FORWARD:** At **2:00 a.m. ET** this morning, **Cincinnati** moved **3 hours** ahead of **Goodyear** as **Daylight Saving Time** began...in the **spring of 1918**, **DST** was enacted by the U.S. government as a way to save coal during **World War I** and was meant to exist only during wartime...although the practice technically ended later that same year, many regions continued to follow **DST** until the government put the measure back in place in **1966**...in **2007**, **Daylight Saving Time** was expanded to about **65% of the year** because it reportedly **saves energy**, cuts down on **traffic accidents** and **reduces crime**...**Hawaii** and **most of Arizona** (including **Goodyear**) do not observe **DST** and thus did not "spring forward" 1 hour at **2:00 a.m. local time today**, nor did the islands of **American Samoa**, **Guam**, **Puerto Rico** or **Virgin Islands**...according to news reports, **26 states** are considering making **Daylight Saving Time** permanent, which would require approval by Congress.

**OUT OF OPTIONS:** The 8 players on the **Reds'** 40-man roster out of options include: **INF Jeimer Candelario**, **OF Stuart Fairchild**, **RHP Buck Farmer**, **RHP Ian Gibaut**, **C Luke Maile**, **RHP Nick Martinez**, **RHP Frankie Montas** and **RHP Lucas Sims**.

**SPRING ROSTER:** The **Reds'** Spring Training roster is currently at **44** players, including **22 pitchers**, **4 catchers**, **11 infielders**, **7 outfielders**, **32 players** on the **40-man roster** and **12 non-roster invitees**... The **Reds** began Major League camp with **62** players...Most recently, the **Reds** invited to Major League camp **65** (2023), **69** (2022), **60** (2021), **61** (2020), **63** (2019), **62** (2018), **65** (2017), **62** (2016), **64** (2015), **60** (2014), **58** (2013), **58** (2012), **54** (2011), **59** (2010), **63** (2009), **65** (2008), **58** (2007), **63** (2006), **55** (2005), **56** (2004), **64** (2003), **70** (2002), **58** (2001), **72** (2000), **54** (1999), **51** (1998), **55** (1997) and **59** (1996) players.

**THE SKIPPER:** **David Bell** is in his sixth season as a Major League manager (333-375, .470, 2020 Wild Card)...was hired on 10/22/18...on 9/22/21, the club announced a 2-year contract extension through 2023...on 7/28/23, the club announced a 3-year contract extension through 2026.

- David** and his father, **Buddy**, comprise 1 of 5 father-son duos to serve as Major League managers, joining **George & Dick Sisler**, **Bob & Joel Skinner**, **Bob & Aaron Boone** and **Felipe Alou & Luis Rojas**... **Buddy** managed **Det** (1996-1998), **Col** (2000-2002) and **KC** (2005-2007).
- David** previously spent 4 seasons in the **Reds** organization's player development department as a manager, at Class AA **Carolina** from 2009-2011 and at Class AAA **Louisville** in 2012.

### PROBABLE PITCHERS:

**Sunday, March 10**  
vs **Cle**, 1:05pm MST  
Radio: WLW

**REDS:** LHP Nick Lodolo, LHP Brent Suter, RHP Buck Farmer, RHP Fernando Cruz, LHP Tyler Gilbert, RHP Brooks Kriske, LHP Justin Bruihl, RHP Jake Gozzo, RHP Brooks Crawford, RHP Myles Gayman

**GUARDIANS:** RHP Xzavion Curry, LHP Anthony Banda, LHP Joey Cantillo, RHP Jack Leftwich, RHP Adam Oller, RHP Franco Aleman, RHP Mason Hickman

**Monday, March 11**  
OFF

**Tuesday, March 12**  
vs **CWS**, 6:05pm MST  
Radio: WLW

**REDS:** RHP Graham Ashcraft, RHP Fernando Cruz, RHP Tejay Antone, RHP Buck Farmer, LHP Alex Young, RHP Emilio Pagán, RHP Stevie Branche, RHP Alan Busenitz, RHP Owen Holt

**WHITE SOX:** RHP Dylan Cease, RHP Jake Woodford, RHP Deivi García, RHP Nick Nastrini

**Wednesday, March 13**  
at **SF**, 1:05pm MST  
Radio: WSAI

**REDS:** RHP Frankie Montas, LHP Justin Bruihl, RHP Tony Santillan, RHP Casey Legumina, RHP Zach Maxwell

**GIANTS:** TBD

### UPCOMING TELEVISED GAMES

**Bally Sports Ohio**

Thursday, 3/14 at Rangers

Friday, 3/15 vs Royals

Tuesday, 3/19 at Angels

Saturday, 3/23 vs Rockies

Sunday, 3/24 vs Guardians

**MLB Network**

Tuesday, 3/19 at Angels

Saturday, 3/23 vs Rockies

### 2023 NL CENTRAL STANDINGS

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	92	70	.568	-
Chicago	83	79	.512	9.0
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>.506</b>	<b>10.0</b>
Pittsburgh	76	86	.469	16.0
St. Louis	71	91	.438	21.0



**Thursday, March 28**  
**4:10 ET vs. Washington**  
**Great American Ball Park**

