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2024 OPENING DAY PITCHING MATCHUPS ANNOUNCED

**Twenty All-Star Hurlers to Take the Mound on Opening Day;
Four Opening Day Starters to Make Debut with New Team;
MLB Network’s New “Baseball Eve” to Feature Nine Different Studio Shows
Previewing Opening Day 2024 on Wednesday, March 27th**

Major League Baseball, in conjunction with the 30 Clubs, announced today the pitching matchups for all 16 Opening Day contests scheduled to be played, including tomorrow’s Seoul Series opener and the 15 Opening Day matchups on Thursday, March 28th.

Opening Day will feature 20 All-Star pitchers and four starting pitchers – Corbin Burnes, Tyler Glasnow, Frankie Montas and Alex Wood – who will take the mound on Opening Day in debut performances with their new clubs.



The 2024 Opening Day pitching matchups across the Majors feature:

GAME	PITCHING MATCHUP	TIME
SD vs. LAD	Yu Darvish vs. Tyler Glasnow	6:05 a.m. (ET) on 3/20 (Seoul Series)
NYM vs. MIL	Jose Quintana vs. Freddy Peralta	1:10 p.m. (ET)
BAL vs. LAA	Corbin Burnes vs. Patrick Sandoval	3:05 p.m. (ET)
PHI vs. ATL	Zack Wheeler vs. Spencer Strider	3:05 p.m. (ET)
CIN vs. WSH	Frankie Montas vs. Josiah Gray	4:10 p.m. (ET)
SD vs. SF	TBD vs. Logan Webb	4:10 p.m. (ET)/1:10 p.m. (PT)
LAD vs. STL	TBD vs. Miles Mikolas	4:10 p.m. (ET)/1:10 p.m. (PT)
TB vs. TOR	Zach Eflin vs. José Berríos	4:10 p.m. (ET)
MIA vs. PIT	Jesús Luzardo vs. Mitch Keller	4:10 p.m. (ET)
KC vs. MIN	Cole Ragans vs. Pablo López	4:10 p.m. (ET)/3:10 p.m. (CT)
HOU vs. NYY	Framber Valdez vs. Nestor Cortes	4:10 p.m. (ET)/3:10 p.m. (CT)
CWS vs. DET	Garrett Crochet vs. Tarik Skubal	4:10 p.m. (ET)/3:10 p.m. (CT)
TEX vs. CHI	Nathan Eovaldi vs. Justin Steele	7:35 p.m. (ET)/6:35 p.m. (CT)
OAK vs. CLE	Alex Wood vs. Shane Bieber	10:07 p.m. (ET)/7:07 p.m. (PT)
AZ vs. COL	Zac Gallen vs. Kyle Freeland	10:10 p.m. (ET)/7:10 p.m. (PT)
SEA vs. BOS	Luis Castillo vs. Brayan Bello	10:10 p.m. (ET)/7:10 p.m. (PT)

The 15 games on Thursday, March 28th will feature six divisional contests and one Interleague game as the World Champion Texas Rangers open their campaign against the Chicago Cubs at Globe Life Field at 7:35 p.m. (ET)/6:35 p.m. (CT) on ESPN’s national broadcast.

Under the new theme “Baseball Eve,” MLB Network will air nine different studio shows on Wednesday, March 27th, marking the most-ever new studio content MLB Network has produced the day before Opening Day. ***MLB Central*** with **Mark DeRosa, Robert Flores** and **Lauren Shehadi** will begin the day at 9:00 a.m. (ET), followed by ***High Heat*** with **Alanna Rizzo** at 11:00 a.m. (ET) and ***MLB Now*** hosted by **Brian Kenny** at 12:00 p.m. (ET). Later in the day, the Emmy Award-winning ***MLB Tonight*** will air at 6:00 p.m. (ET), followed by a National League Preview at 7:00 p.m. (ET), an American League Preview at 8:00 p.m. (ET), and a Predictions Special at 9:00 p.m. (ET). Commentary throughout the evening will be provided by hosts **Greg Amsinger, Lauren Gardner, Matt Vasgersian** and **Adnan Virk** alongside analysts **Mike Lowell, Dan O’Dowd, Jake Peavy, Carlos Peña** and **Harold Reynolds**. ***MLB Tonight: Women at Bat – Breaking Barriers In Baseball*** will debut at 5:00 p.m. (ET), plus ***MLB Tonight Exclusive: LA’s Big Three*** will air at 10:00 p.m. (ET), featuring the first-ever sit-down interview with **Mookie Betts, Shohei Ohtani** and **Freddie Freeman**.

Opening Day will also feature the first *MLB Network Showcase* game of 2024 with the Los Angeles Dodgers hosting the St. Louis Cardinals at 4:10 p.m. (ET)/1:10 p.m. (PT), marking Shohei Ohtani’s first game at Dodger Stadium as a Dodger. *MLB Central* (9:00 a.m. ET), *High Heat* (11:00 a.m. ET), *MLB Now* (12:00 p.m. ET) start MLB Network’s live content, plus *MLB Tonight* (1:00 p.m. ET) will lead up to and follow the game.

For more on 2024 Opening Day starters, see the accompanying pages.

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San Diego Padres vs. Los Angeles Dodgers @ Gocheok Sky Dome (1:05 p.m. ET)

Seoul Series Opener – March 20th

YU DARVISH VS. TYLER GLASNOW

- SD** San Diego's Yu Darvish will make his fourth career Opening Day start and his third in four seasons for San Diego (also 2021 and 2022). In addition to his two Opening Day starts for the Padres, the five-time All-Star also started the 2017 season opener for the Rangers. Darvish will become the fifth Padres pitcher to start at least three Opening Day contests for the team, joining Randy Jones (1975-77, 1980); Eric Show (1984, 1986-87, 1989); Andy Benes (1993-95); Jake Peavy (2006-09).
- LA** Los Angeles' Tyler Glasnow will make his second career Opening Day start in his debut with the Dodgers. The 30-year-old California native, who was acquired by Los Angeles from the Rays in December, previously started the 2021 season opener for Tampa Bay. Glasnow will become the first Dodgers hurler to make his team debut with an Opening Day start since Derek Lowe in 2005.

New York Mets vs. Milwaukee Brewers @ Citi Field (1:10 p.m. ET)

JOSE QUINTANA VS. FREDDY PERALTA

- NY** New York's Jose Quintana, in his second season with the Mets, will make his second career Opening Day start and his first with the Mets. The 2016 All-Star previously opened the 2017 campaign for the White Sox. The 35-year-old left-hander is already one of just two Colombian-born pitchers in Major League history to start on Opening Day, along with Julio Teheran (six OD starts). Quintana's start will mark the first Opening Day start by a left-hander for the Mets since Jon Niese in 2013.
- MI** Milwaukee's Freddy Peralta is making his first career Opening Day. In his seventh season, the 27-year-old right-hander, who was an All-Star in 2021, will become the first native of the Dominican Republic to make the Opening Day start for the Brewers since Wily Peralta in 2016.

Baltimore Orioles vs. Los Angeles Angels @ Camden Yards (3:05 p.m. ET)

CORBIN BURNES VS. PATRICK SANDOVAL

- OR** Baltimore's Corbin Burnes will make his third career and third consecutive Opening Day start in his debut for the Orioles. The three-time All-Star and 2021 NL Cy Young Award winner, who was acquired by Baltimore in February, previously started the 2022 and 2023 season openers for Milwaukee. Burnes will become the third O's pitcher in five seasons to make his Baltimore debut with a start on Opening Day, joining Tommy Milone (2020) and Kyle Gibson (2023).
- LA** Los Angeles' Patrick Sandoval will make his first career Opening Day start. The 27-year-old left-hander, in his sixth Major League season (all with the Angels), will become the first southpaw to make the Opening Day start for the Angels since Andrew Heaney in 2020.

Philadelphia Phillies vs. Atlanta Braves @ Citizens Bank Park (3:05 p.m. ET)

ZACK WHEELER VS. SPENCER STRIDER

- PH** Philadelphia's Zack Wheeler will make his first career Opening Day start. The 33-year-old right-hander will become the first pitcher other than Aaron Nola to take the Opening Day assignment since Jeremy Hellickson made back-to-back Opening Day starts in 2016-17.
- ATL** Atlanta's Spencer Strider will also make his first career Opening Day start following a 20-win All-Star campaign in 2023. The 25-year-old, who finished fourth in NL Cy Young Award voting last season, will become the ninth-youngest Opening Day hurler for the Braves, and the youngest since 22-year-old Michael Soroka in 2020.

Cincinnati Reds vs. Washington Nationals @ Great American Ball Park (4:10 p.m. ET)

SHANE McCLANAHAN VS. EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ

- CIN** Cincinnati's Frankie Montas will make his third career Opening Day start and his first with the Reds in his team debut. The 30-year-old right-hander, who signed with Cincinnati in January, previously made Opening Day starts for the A's in 2020 and 2022. Montas will mark Cincinnati's fifth consecutive different Opening Day starter following Sonny Gray (2020); Luis Castillo (2021); Tyler Mahle (2022); and Hunter Greene (2023). In addition, he will become the first Reds hurler to make his team debut with an Opening Day start since Scott Feldman in 2017.
- WAS** Washington's Josiah Gray will make his first career Opening Day start. The 26-year-old right-hander, who was an All-Star for the first time in 2023, will be Washington's youngest Opening Day starter since 25-year-old Stephen Strasburg in 2014.

San Diego Padres vs. San Francisco Giants @ Petco Park (4:10 p.m. ET/1:10 p.m. PT)

TBD VS. LOGAN WEBB

- San Francisco's Logan Webb will make his third career Opening Day start and third consecutive for the Giants. The 27-year-old will be the first Giants right-hander to make at least three consecutive Opening Day starts since Tim Lincecum opened up four straight seasons from 2009-12. Overall, Webb will become the 12th pitcher in franchise history to make three straight Opening Day starts.

Los Angeles Dodgers vs. St. Louis Cardinals @ Dodger Stadium (4:10 p.m. ET/1:10 p.m. PT)

TBD VS. MILES MIKOLAS

- St. Louis' Miles Mikolas will draw his third career and second consecutive Opening Day assignment following Opening Day starts for the Cardinals in 2019 and 2023. The two-time All-Star is one of just four pitchers to make Opening Day starts for St. Louis since 2013, joining Adam Wainwright, Carlos Martínez and Jack Flaherty. The 35-year-old will become the oldest hurler to make consecutive Opening Day starts for the Cards since Chris Carpenter at 34 and 35 years old in 2010-11, respectively.

Tampa Bay Rays vs. Toronto Blue Jays @ Tropicana Field (4:10 p.m. ET)

ZACH EFLIN VS. JOSÉ BERRÍOS

- Tampa Bay's Zach Eflin will make his first career Opening Day start in his second season with the Rays. The 29-year-old right-hander posted career-bests of 16 wins, a 3.50 ERA, 177.2 innings pitched and 186 strikeouts across 31 starts for Tampa Bay in 2023.
- Toronto's José Berríos will make his fourth career Opening Day start and his second in three seasons for the Blue Jays (also 2022). The two-time All-Star previously started the 2019 and 2020 season openers for the Twins. A native of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, Berríos will become the first hurler from Puerto Rico to start at least four season openers (Javier Vázquez and Jaime Navarro also made three).

Miami Marlins vs. Pittsburgh Pirates @ loanDepot park (4:10 p.m. ET)

JESÚS LUZARDO VS. MITCH KELLER

- Miami's Jesús Luzardo will make his first career Opening Day start and will become the first Marlins hurler other than Sandy Alcantara to take the mound on Opening Day since 2019. Additionally, the 26-year-old Luzardo will become the first Marlins left-hander to start on Opening Day since Wei-Yin Chen in 2016.
- Pittsburgh's Mitch Keller will make his second career and second consecutive Opening Day start for the Pirates. Coming off his first career All-Star campaign in 2023, the 27-year-old right-hander will become the first Pirates starter to make consecutive Opening Day starts since Francisco Liriano made three straight Opening Day starts from 2014-16. Keller will become the first right-hander to accomplish the feat with Pittsburgh since Francisco Cordova in 1998-99.

Kansas City Royals vs. Minnesota Twins @ Kauffman Stadium (4:10 p.m. ET/3:10 p.m. CT)

COLE RAGANS VS. PABLO LÓPEZ

- Kansas City's Cole Ragans will make his first career Opening Day start. The 26-year-old left-hander, who joined the Royals following a trade from Texas last June, is slated to become the youngest left-hander to start on Opening Day for the Royals since 25-year-old Danny Jackson in 1987.
- Minnesota's Pablo López will make his second career and second consecutive Opening Day start for the Twins. The 28-year-old native of Venezuela, who was an All-Star for the first time in 2023, will become the first Twins hurler since José Berríos (2019-2020) to draw consecutive Opening Day starts.

Houston Astros vs. New York Yankees @ Minute Maid Park (4:10 p.m. ET/3:10 p.m. CT)

FRAMBER VALDEZ VS. NESTOR CORTES

- Houston's Framber Valdez will make his third career and third straight Opening Day start for the Astros. The two-time All-Star will become the seventh Astros hurler to make three straight Opening Day starts, and just the second left-hander to do so, joining Dallas Keuchel (2015-17).
- New York's Nestor Cortes will make his first career Opening Day start. The 29-year-old will become the first left-hander to start on Opening Day for the Yankees since CC Sabathia made six consecutive Opening Day starts from 2009-14. In addition, Cortes will become the 15th native of Cuba (35th time overall) to make an Opening Day start in Major League history, and just the second Cuban-born Yankees hurler to do so, joining Orlando Hernández (2000).

Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit Tigers @ Guaranteed Rate Field (4:10 p.m. ET/3:10 p.m. CT)

GARRETT CROCHET VS. TARIK SKUBAL

- § Chicago's Garrett Crochet will make not only his first career Opening Day start, but his first career Major League start after appearing in relief in each of his previous 72 Major League appearances. According to Elias, Crochet will become just the fifth pitcher since 1940 to make his first career start on Opening Day, joining Philadelphia's Al Gerheuser (1943), Pittsburgh's Preacher Roe (1944), Los Angeles' Fernando Valenzuela (1981) and Texas' Tanner Scheppers (2014). The 24-year-old left-hander, who was the 11th overall selection in the 2020 Draft, will become the youngest Opening Day starter for the White Sox since a 24-year-old Chris Sale made the season-opening start for the 2013 White Sox.
- Ⓜ Detroit's Tarik Skubal will make his first career Opening Day start. The 27-year-old left-hander, who is embarking on his fifth Major League season, will become the youngest Opening Day hurler for Detroit since a 27-year-old Justin Verlander in 2010. Additionally, this marks the fifth straight season for the Tigers to send a left-hander to the mound on Opening Day (also: Matthew Boyd in 2020-21; Eduardo Rodriguez in 2022-23).

Texas Rangers vs. Chicago Cubs @ Globe Life Field (7:35 p.m. ET/6:35 p.m. CT)

NATHAN EOVALDI VS. JUSTIN STEELE

- Ⓜ Texas' Nathan Eovaldi will make his fourth career Opening Day start and his first with the Rangers. The two-time All-Star previously started on Opening Day in three consecutive seasons for the Red Sox from 2020-22. Eovaldi will become the eighth consecutive different starting pitcher to start for Texas on Opening Day. Since 2011, only Cole Hamels started multiple Opening Day contests for the Rangers. In addition, Eovaldi will be just the second native Texan to ever start on Opening Day for the Rangers, joining fellow Alvin (TX) High School alum Nolan Ryan (1990-92).
- Ⓒ Chicago's Justin Steele will make his first career Opening Day start following his first career All-Star campaign in 2023. The 28-year-old will become the first left-hander to take the ball on Opening Day for the Cubs since Jon Lester in 2019. In addition, Steele will be the youngest starter for the Cubs on Opening Day since 28-year-old Jeff Samardzija in 2013.

Oakland Athletics vs. Cleveland Guardians @ Oakland Coliseum (10:07 p.m. ET/7:07 p.m. PT)

ALEX WOOD VS. SHANE BIEBER

- Ⓐ Oakland's Alex Wood will make his first career Opening Day start in his debut with the Athletics. The 33-year-old left-hander signed with the A's in February following the last three seasons across the Bay with the Giants. The 2017 NL All-Star will be the second consecutive southpaw to start on Opening Day for the A's as well as the second consecutive pitcher to make his A's debut with the Opening Day start, following the season-opening start by Kyle Muller in 2023. Wood will also be the oldest Opening Day starter for the A's since 33-year-old Mike Fiers in 2019.
- Ⓒ Cleveland's Shane Bieber will make his fifth career and fifth consecutive Opening Day start for the Guardians. The 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner and two-time All-Star (2019, 2021) will join Stan Coveleski (5, 1917-21) and Corey Kluber (5, 2015-19) as the only hurlers in Cleveland history to make at least five straight Opening Day starts.

Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Colorado Rockies @ Chase Field (10:10 p.m. ET/7:10 p.m. PT)

ZAC GALLEN VS. KYLE FREELAND

- Ⓐ Arizona's Zac Gallen will make his second career and second consecutive Opening Day start for the D-backs. The 28-year-old, who was an All-Star for the first time in 2023, will become the first right-hander to receive consecutive Opening Day nods for Arizona since Zack Greinke in 2016-17.
- Ⓜ Colorado's Kyle Freeland will make his third career Opening Day start after starting the season openers for the Rockies in 2019 and 2022. The 30-year-old left-hander will join teammate Germán Márquez (2020-21, 2023) as the only pitchers in franchise history to make three Opening Day starts.

Seattle Mariners vs. Boston Red Sox @ T-Mobile Park (10:10 p.m. ET/7:10 p.m. PT)

LUIS CASTILLO VS. BRAYAN BELLO

- § Seattle's Luis Castillo will make his fourth career Opening Day start and second consecutive with the Mariners. Prior to joining the Mariners, the 31-year-old native of the Dominican Republic previously made two Opening Day starts for the Reds in 2019 and 2021. The three-time All-Star (2019, 2022-23) will be the first right-hander to make consecutive Opening Day starts for Seattle since Felix Hernández made 10 straight from 2009-18.
- Ⓒ Boston's Brayan Bello will make his first career Opening Day start. The 24-year-old right-hander will become Boston's youngest Opening Day starter since 24-year-old Aaron Sele in 1995. In addition, the Samana, Dominican Republic native will be the sixth-youngest Dominican-born hurler to start on Opening Day in Major League history, behind only Kansas City's Yordano Ventura (23 in 2015); Ramón Martínez of the Dodgers (24 in 1992); Luis Severino of the Yankees (24 in 2018); Melido Pérez of the White Sox (24 in 1990); and San Francisco's Juan Marichal (24 in 1962).