

# GAME NOTES 2024 SPRING TRAINING

St. Louis Cardinals (5-6-2) vs. New York Mets (7-5-0)

Spring Training Game No. 14 • Saturday, March 9, 2024 • Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium • Jupiter, Fla.

LHP Steven Matz vs. LHP Sean Manaea

CARDINALS 2024 SPRING RECAP											
Record	Attendance										
vs. NL3-4-1	Home (6)30,510										
vs. AL2-2-1	Home Avg5,085										
at Home2-3-1	Road (7)26,989										
on Road 3-3-1	Road Avg3,956										
at RDCS*2-3-2	? Total57,499										
*Includes road games at Roger	Home High5,528										
Dean Chevrolet Stadium	Feb. 27 vs. Red Sox										

#### RECENT CARDINALS SPRING TRAININGS

Year	W-L-T	Team BA	Team ERA
2024	5-6-2	.234	3.55
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

# RECENT NON-ROSTER INVITEES TO MAKE CARDS OPENING DAY ROSTERS

**2023:** INF Taylor Motter & OF Jordan Walker **2022:** RHP Aaron Brooks & RHP Andre Pallante

**2021:** none

2020: RHP Kodi Whitley 2019: C Matt Wieters 2018: C Francisco Peña 2017: C Eric Fryer

2016: C Eric Fryer & Jeremy Hazelbaker

**2015:** RHP Carlos Villanueva **2014:** RHP Pat Neshek

**2013**: none

2012: RHP Scott Linebrink 2011: RHP Miguel Batista

2010: none

 $\textbf{2009:} \ \mathsf{OF} \ \mathsf{Colby} \ \mathsf{Rasmus}, \ \mathsf{3B} \ \mathsf{David} \ \mathsf{Freese}, \ \&$ 

INF Joe Thurston

2008: INF Rico Washington & LHP Ron Villone

# PLAYERS JOINING THE CARDINALS AFTER SPENDING 10+ YEARS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Player/Season(s)	01	rganization (Seasons)
<b>Brandon Crawford</b>	2024	Giants (2011-23)
Lance Berkman	2011-12	Astros (1999-2010)
John Smoltz	2009	Braves (1988-2008)
Troy Percival	2007	Angels (1995-2004)
Larry Walker	2004-05	Rockies (1995-2004)
Chuck Finley	2002	Angels (1986-99)
Shawon Dunston	2000	Cubs (1985-95, '97)
Bobby Witt	1998 Ran	gers (1986-92, 95-98)
Mark McGwire	1997-01	Athletics (1986-97)
Jack Clark	1985-87	Giants (1975-84)
César Cedeño	1985	Astros (1970-81)
Jim Kaat	1980-83	Twins (1959-73)
Willie Davis	1975	Dodgers (1960-73)
Fernando Valenzuela	1997	Dodgers (1980-90)
Gary Gaetti	1996-98	Twins (1981-90)
Rich Gedman	1991-92	Red Sox (1980-90)
Bob McClure	1991-92	Brewers (1977-86)
Pedro Guerrero	1988-92	Dodgers (1978-88)
Dan Quisenberry	1988-89	Royals (1979-88)
Denny Walling	1988-90	Astros (1977-88, 92)
Vada Pinson	1969	Reds (1958-68)
Lew Burdette	1963-64	Braves (1951-63)
Dazzy Vance	1933 D	odgers (1922-32, '35)
Guy Bush	1938	Cubs (1923-34)
Red Ames	1915-19	Giants (1903-13)
Kid Nichols	1904-05	Boston-NL (1890-01)

#### RECENT TRANSACTIONS

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

<u>March 5</u>: 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. THE GRAPEFRUIT GANG: The defending Grapefruit League champion St. Louis Cardinals enter their 133rd season of play in the National League and are conducting their 27th Spring Training at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium (1998-2024 ... The Cardinals welcome John Tudor, Larry State, Matt Gifford, and Michelle Spahn to Jupiter as Harrison Bader and the visiting New York Mets face the Redbirds in their 4th of six Spring matchups.

**ON DECK:** The next three Cardinals games are at The Dean in Jupiter before the team travels across the state to Fort Myers as part of two-day overnight trip to play the Boston Red Sox (March 12) and Minnesota Twins (March 13).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Happy 39th birthday to Cardinals PR & Communications Manager Carson Shipley aka "The Big Chicken" ... Other notables born today include Yankees manager Aaron Boone (51), former All-Star catcher Benito Santiago (59), former NBA guard Mahmoud Abdul Rauf, (55), former NFL linebacker Brian Bosworth (59), former Chess champion Bobby Fisher (b. 1943), Hall of Famers Arky Vaughan (b. 1912) and Billy Southworth (b. 1893), Vyacheslav Molotov (b. 1890), and Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci (b. 1454).

**BIRD SEED:** The Cardinals 3.55 Spring ERA is 4th-lowest in MLB behind the Nationals (3.48), Orioles (3.21), and Mets (2.66) ... **Alec Burleson** and **Jose Fermín** rank T-3rd among qualified Grapefruit League leaders in batting average (.318), while **Jordan Walker** ranks T-2nd in runs (7), T-3rd in slugging (.500), and 5th in OPS (.846).

**SPRING BREAKOUT:** MLB's inaugural Spring Breakout takes place next week that will showcase each organization's top prospects in seven-inning exhibition games as part of traditional doubleheaders coupled with Spring Training games in both Florida and Arizona.

- 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
- Cardinals vs. Astros Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium March 17 at 10:05 a.m. - MLB TV

CARDINALS REDUCE SPRING ROSTER TO 56: The Cardinals reduced their Spring Training roster to 56 players yesterday by optioning RHP Adam Kloffenstein to Memphis (AAA) and re-assigning non-roster LHP Cooper Hjerpe to minor league camp ... St. Louis currently has 39 Major League roster players and 17 non-roster invitees remaining in its Major League camp.

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS: Brandon Crawford is the 8th notable Major Leaguer this century to join the Cardinals after playing double-digit seasons for another organization, following Lance Berkman (2011-12), John Smoltz (2009), Troy Percival (2007), Larry Walker (2004-05), Chuck Finley (2002), Shawon Dunston (2000), and Mark McGwire (1997-2001). - Elias

#### IN THE TRAINING ROOM:

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

**SURVIVOR ISLAND:** The results are in and it's official: 1B **Luken Baker** has extended his streak of being the only Cardinal to play in a game every day that the Cardinals have had a game this Spring ... Support our team member, **Daniel Venn**, as he continues to play it cool and Vote for Tank

- Baker shares the Grapefruit League lead with 12 games played (with Robert Hassell III and Daniel Johnson).
- Scouting reports indicate that non-roster infielder **Tay-lor Motter** appeared in the first 10 team games for St. Louis last Spring.

**GEORGE KISSELL AWARD:** Minor League Equipment Manager **Dave Vonderhaar** was recently named winner of the 2023 George Kissell Award ... Since 2008, recipients are selected by a poll of Cardinals minor league field staff ... The award is presented to personnel who exhibit excellence in player development.

## CARDINALS 2024 SPRING SCHEDULE & RESULTS

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3/8 at WSH	W, 7-6	Mautz-Js. Gray-Thompson	5-6-2	3,539	Gorman HR, Scott 2-4, SB; Walker 1-1, 2 BB				
3/9 vs. NYM	1:05	LHP Steven Matz vs. LHP Sean	Bally Sports // KMOX						
3/10 at MIA^	1:10	LHP Drew Rom vs. RHP Edward	d Cabrera		Bally Sports // KMOX				
3/11 vs. WSH	1:05	LHP Drew Rom vs. RHP Edward Cabrera RHP Miles Mikolas vs. LHP Patrick Corbin LHP Matthew Liberatore vs. TBA  Bally Sports, MLB app (radio) MLB app (WEEI)							
3/12 at BOS	1:05	LHP Matthew Liberatore vs. TB	A		MLB app (WEEI)				
3/13 at MIN	1:05								
3/14 vs. NYM									
3/15 Spring Breakout	2:05								
vs. MIA	6:05				Bally Sports // KMOX				
3/16 at WSH	12:05								
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## TODAY'S PITCHERS

#### #32 • Steven Matz • RHP • 32 yrs

- Makes his first Grapefruit League start and 2nd appearance today. Struck out two over a scoreless inning on March 4 at Washington.
- Joined the Cardinals on a four-year contract (2022-25) after previously pitching for the New York Mets (2015-20) and Toronto Blue Jays (2021) organizations.
- In 2023, made 25 appearances (17 starts) between the starting rotation and bullpen. Limited lefthanded batters to a .215/295/304 slashline (17-79) with three extra-base hits.
- Since joining the Cardinals, has gone 9-10 with a 4.29 ERA in 40 appearances (27 starts).
- 2023 Darryl Kile Award recipient, voted on by teammates.
- Finished 6th in the 2016 NL Rookie of the Year voting (9-8, 3.40 ERA, 1.21 WHIP in 22 starts).
- In 2015, became the first Mets pitcher to allow 2 runs or fewer in each of his first five MLB starts. His 1.80 ERA was the lowest for any Met in team history after five career outings (min. 30.0 IP).
- Started his career 11-1 in his first 14 regular season starts. Became the first Met in franchise history to win 11 of his first 12 MLB decisions, and joined Kazuhisa Ishii (2002 Dodgers) as the only two left-handers in MLB history to win 11 of their first 14 MLB starts.

#### #61 • Sem Robberse • RHP • 22 yrs (pronounced ROBBER-suh)

- Born in Zeist, Netherlands, the same hometown as Hall of Fame pitcher Bert Blyleven.
- Was acquired at the 2023 MLB Trade Deadline with RHP Adam Kloffenstein from the Blue Jays in exchange for RHP Jordan Hicks.
- Enters the 2024 season rated at the Cardinals No. 11 prospect by Baseball America.
- Attended 2023 Major League Spring Training with the Blue Jays.
- With his first appearance for St. Louis, would become the 3rd Cardinal in history born in the Netherlands, joining C John Otten (26g in 1895) and 2B John Houseman (80g in 1897).
- Pitched for the American League in the 2023 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game.

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

- 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).

#### #29 • Nick Robertson • RHP • 25 yrs

- Acquired by the St. Louis Cardinals along with minor league RHP Victor Santos in exchange for OF Tyler O'Neill on December 8, 2023.
- Was originally drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 7th Round of the 2019 draft out of James Madison University.
- Traded to the Boston Red Sox for OF Enrique "Kike" Hernandez at the 2023 MLB Trade deadline.

#### #55 • Riley O'Brien • RHP • 29 yrs

- 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
- 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

- 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

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