

MINNESOTA TWINS (9-11-3) vs. PITTSBURGH PIRATES (12-9-1) MARCH 17, 2025 - LECOM PARK - BRADENTON, FL - 1:05 P.M. ET

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS AND BROADCAST SCHEDULE				TODAY'S EXPECTED PITCHERS
DATE/OPP.	PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS	TIME (ET)	RADIO/TV	
3/18 vs. Phi	RHP Thomas Harrington vs. LHP Christopher Sánchez	1:05 P.M.	SportsNet Pittsburgh, MLBN	PIRATES: Paul Skenes (R), Caleb Ferguson (L), Dennis Santana (R), Tanner Rainey (R), Ryan Borucki (L) TWINS: Joe Ryan (R), Cole Sands (R), Anthony Misiewicz (L), Scott Blewett (R), Huascar Ynoa (R), Justin Topa (R)
3/19 at TB	LHP Andrew Heaney vs. RHP Zack Littell	1:05 P.M.	Pirates.com	
3/20	-OFF DAY-			
3/21 at Bos	TBD vs. TBD	6:05 P.M.	100.1 FM & AM 1020/*SNP+	

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Right-hander Paul Skenes will make his fourth start of the spring here today at LECOM Park...The 22-year-old, who was last year's BBWAA National League Rookie of the Year and All-Star Game starter, was recently named Pittsburgh's 2025 Opening Day starter for its 3/27 game at Miami...Across three starts this spring, Skenes has notched 12 strikeouts over 10.0 innings (12h, 4r/4er, 5bb, 1hr, 1hb).

ALSO EXPECTED: Caleb Ferguson pitched the sixth inning of Friday's tie vs. Detroit (2k)...Dennis Santana tossed the seventh inning Thursday at Minnesota (1h, 1r/1er, 1bb)...Tanner Rainey pitched the eighth inning Friday (1k)...Ryan Borucki had Friday's ninth inning (1h, 1r/1er, 2k, 1hr).

OPEN IT UP: On Saturday, manager Derek Shelton announced Paul Skenes as Pittsburgh's Opening Day starter for its 3/27 opener at Miami's loanDepot park...The 22-year-old, last year's BBWAA National League Rookie of the Year, went 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA (133.0ip/29er) and 170 strikeouts over 23 starts in his first big-league season...At 22 years and 302 days, he will become the Pirates' youngest Opening Day starter since at least 1900 (h/t Elias) and the youngest Opening Day starter for any Major League team since Miami's José Fernández (21y, 243d) in 2014.

SUNDAY IN TAMPA: Pittsburgh defeated New York (AL), 4-3...Carson Fulmer made his first spring training start since 3/19/18 for Chicago (AL) at Arizona, tossing 2.2 innings (4h, 2r/2er, 1bb, 3k, 1hr)...Joey Wentz and Isaac Mattson each threw 2.0 scoreless innings, with each pitcher also recording four strikeouts...The game was tied at 2 until the ninth inning, when Darick Hall gave the Pirates the lead with a two-run home run, his third of the spring...It marked Pittsburgh's second go-ahead, ninth-inning home run of the spring season (also: Konnor Griffin, 3/1 at Baltimore).

PIRATES GOLD: Today, Pittsburgh will have its second split-squad day of the spring when it hosts Minnesota and travels to Lakeland to play Detroit...The Pirates' other split-squad this spring came on 2/26, when they defeated Baltimore at LECOM Park and were defeated in North Port against Atlanta...There are 50 players remaining in Major League camp (34 players on the 40-man roster, 14 non-roster invitees and two pitchers on the 60-day injured list)...Matt Gorski is tied for first in the Grapefruit League with 13 RBI, and Jared Jones ranks tied for fifth with 17 strikeouts.

BUCS AND TWINS: This is the fourth of five meetings between Pittsburgh and Minnesota this spring...The Pirates were victorious in Bradenton on 2/23 and in Fort Myers on 2/27, while the Twins took last Thursday (3/13)'s contest in Fort Myers...Pittsburgh will return to Lee Health Sports Complex next Monday, 3/24, for its final game of the spring...During the regular season, the Pirates will travel to Minneapolis from July 11-13.

DATE/OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	RECORD	PITCHERS OF RECORD (W/L/S)	ATTENDANCE	HOME ATT./AVG.
2/22 at Orioles	W	10-5	1-0-0	Tanner Rainey (1-0) / Corbin Martin	7,628	
2/23 vs. Twins	W	5-1	2-0-0	Tim Mayza (1-0) / Travis Adams	5,433	5,433/5,433
2/24 at Phillies				-CANCELED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER-		
2/25 vs. Braves	L	1-2	2-1-0	Enoli Paredes / Colin Holderman (0-1) / Davis Daniel	3,543	8,976/4,488
2/26 vs. Orioles (SS)	W	7-3	3-1-0	Ryan Borucki (1-0) / Matt Bowman	3,544	12,520/4,173
2/26 at Braves (SS)	L	4-9	3-2-0	Daysbel Hernández / Randy Labaut (0-1)	4,553	
2/27 at Twins	W	12-1	4-2-0	Caleb Ferguson (1-0) / Pablo López	4,933	
2/28 vs. Rays	W	3-2	5-2-0	Mitch Keller (1-0) / Ryan Pepiot / Cristofer Melendez (1)	5,151	17,671/4,418
3/1 at Orioles	W	5-2	6-2-0	Tanner Rainey (2-0) / Brandon Young / Eddy Yean (1)	7,593	
3/2 vs. Tigers	L	4-10	6-3-0	Jackson Jobe / Tim Mayza (1-1)	6,883	24,554/4,911
3/3 at Yankees	L	3-12	6-4-0	Carlos Carrasco / Bubba Chandler (0-1)	8,896	
3/4 vs. Red Sox	L	4-12	6-5-0	Quinn Priester / Andrew Heaney (0-1)	5,655	30,209/5,035
3/5 vs. Blue Jays	W	7-6	7-5-0	Ryan Borucki (2-0) / Jake Bloss / Ryder Ryan (1)	4,566	34,775/4,968
3/6 at Orioles	W	9-5	8-5-0	Kyle Nicolas (1-0) / Luis González	6,390	
3/7 vs. Phillies	W	3-2	9-5-0	Dennis Santana (1-0) / Tyler Phillips / Eddy Yean (2)	6,769	41,544/5,193
3/8 at Braves	L	5-6	9-6-0	Dany Jiménez / Jaden Woods (0-1)	7,035	
3/9 at Tigers	L	3-5	9-7-0	Tarik Skubal / Andrew Heaney (0-2) / Tyler Owens	7,376	
3/10 vs. Orioles	L	3-6	9-8-0	Matt Bowman / Mitch Keller (1-1) / Gerald Ogando	5,026	46,570/5,174
3/11 vs. Yankees	W	9-1	10-8-0	Paul Skenes (1-0) / Cam Schlichtler	5,749	52,319/5,232
3/12				-OFF DAY-		
3/13 at Twins	L	3-15	10-9-0	Bailey Ober / Jared Jones (0-1)	6,372	
3/14 at Phillies Prospects	L	3-5	--	Casey Steward / Wilber Dotel / Aaron Combs	6,347	(-SPRING BREAKOUT-)
3/14 vs. Tigers	T	8-8	10-9-1	--	6,749	59,068/5,370
3/15 vs. Orioles	W	15-5	11-9-1	Valentin Linarez (1-0) / Gregory Soto	6,789	65,857/5,488
3/16 at Yankees	W	4-3	12-9-1	Isaac Mattson (1-0) / Rob Zastryzny / J.C. Flowers III (1)	9,603	
3/17 vs. Twins (SS)				1:05 P.M. ET - 100.1 FM & AM 1020, SportsNet Pittsburgh		
3/17 at Tigers (SS)				1:05 P.M. ET		
3/18 vs. Phillies				1:05 P.M. ET - SportsNet Pittsburgh, MLB Network		
3/19 at Rays				1:05 P.M. ET - Pirates.com		
3/20				-OFF DAY-		
3/21 at Red Sox				6:05 P.M. ET - 100.1 FM & AM 1020, *SportsNet Pittsburgh+		
3/22 vs. Orioles				1:05 P.M. ET - SportsNet Pittsburgh		
3/23 at Blue Jays				1:07 P.M. ET - 100.1 FM & AM 1020, *SportsNet Pittsburgh		
3/24 at Twins				1:05 P.M. ET - 100.1 FM & AM 1020, *SportsNet Pittsburgh		

*Game available on SportsNet Pittsburgh or SportsNet Pittsburgh+ via the opposing team's broadcast

PITCHING GAME LOGS FOR ACTIVE PITCHERS STILL IN CAMP

Table with columns: DATE, OPP, DEC., IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO. Rows for pitchers #51 David Bednar (RHP), #43 Ryan Borucki (LHP) - NRI, #6 Bailey Falter (LHP), #64 Caleb Ferguson (LHP), #41 Carson Fulmer (RHP) - NRI, #78 Thomas Harrington (RHP) - NRI, #0 Andrew Heaney (LHP), #35 Colin Holderman (RHP).

Table with columns: DATE, OPP, DEC., IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO. Rows for pitchers #37 Jared Jones (RHP), #23 Mitch Keller (RHP), #62 Justin Lawrence (RHP), #18 Tim Mayza (LHP), #50 Carmen Mlodzinski (RHP), #66 Kyle Nicolas (RHP), #27 Tanner Rainey (RHP) - NRI.

Table with columns: DATE, OPP, DEC., IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO. Rows for pitchers #49 Yohan Ramirez (RHP) - NRI, #60 Dennis Santana (RHP), #30 Paul Skenes (RHP), #54 Burch Smith (RHP) - NRI, #63 Hunter Stratton (RHP) - NRI, #44 Peter Strzelecki (RHP), #34 Joey Wentz (LHP).

2025 SPRING TRAINING ROSTER (AS OF 3/17/25)

PITCHERS (15+7+2)

- 51 Bednar, David
43 Borucki, Ryan (L)*
6 Falter, Bailey (L)
64 Ferguson, Caleb (L)
41 Fulmer, Carson*
78 Harrington, Thomas*
0 Heaney, Andrew (L)
35 Holderman, Colin
37 Jones, Jared
23 Keller, Mitch
62 Lawrence, Justin
18 Mayza, Tim (L)
50 Mlodzinski, Carmen
36 Moreta, Dauri (60-Day IL)
66 Nicolas, Kyle
24 Oviedo, Johan (60-Day IL)
27 Rainey, Tanner*
49 Ramirez, Yohan*
60 Santana, Dennis
35 Skenes, Paul
54 Smith, Burch*
63 Stratton, Hunter*
44 Strzelecki, Peter
34 Wentz, Joey (L)

*Non-Roster Invitee

CATCHERS (4+1)

- 14 Bart, Joey
32 Davis, Henry
55 Delay, Jason
73 Gutierrez, Abraham*
5 Rodriguez, Endy (S)

INFIELDERS (5+2)

- 39 Gonzales, Nick
45 Hall, Darick (L)*
13 Hayes, Ke'Bryan
2 Horwitz, Spencer (L)
7 Kiner-Falefa, Isiah
19 Triolo, Jared
72 Williams, Alikea*

INFIELDER/OUTFIELDER (4+2)

- 3 Bae, Ji Hwan (L)
25 Cook, Billy
26 Frazier, Adam (L)
76 Gorski, Matt*
46 Solak, Nick*
38 Yorke, Nick

OUTFIELDERS (6+2)

- 15 Cruz, Oneil (L)
59 Johnson, Bryce (S)*
22 McCutchen, Andrew
77 Palacios, Joshua (L)
28 Pham, Tommy
10 Reynolds, Bryan (S)
29 Stewart, DJ (L)*
65 Suwinski, Jack (L)

MANAGER & COACHES

- 17 Shelton, Derek (Manager)
16 Brock, Tarrik (First Base)
82 Comadena, Jordan (Catching)
86 Haddad, Radley (Game Planning/Strategy)
52 Hague, Matt (Hitting)
90 Hernandez, Raúl (Bullpen Catcher)
12 Kelly, Don (Bench)
96 López, Mendy (Infield)
47 Marin, Oscar (Pitching)
88 Marrero, Christian (Assistant Hitting)
95 Morales, Stephen (Coach)
87 Perez, Miguel (Bullpen)
58 Rabelo, Mike (Third Base/Field Coordinator)
56 Strom, Brent (Assistant Pitching)
98 Tucker, Jonny (Integrated Baseball Coach)

NAME PRESENTATIONS

Ji Hwan Bae (no hyphen), Ke'Bryan Hayes (apostrophe), Raúl Hernández, Mendy López, Joshua Palacios (full first name), Yohan Ramirez, Endy Rodriguez, DJ Stewart (no periods)

NAME PRONUNCIATIONS

Ji Hwan (JEE-wahn) Bae (BAY)
David Bednar (bed-NAR)
Ryan Borucki (boar-uck-ee)
Tarrik (TAR-ick) Brock
Jordan Comadena (COMMA-deena)
Matt Gorski (GORE-ski)
Abraham (Abe-rah-han) Gutierrez
Radley Haddad (had-DAD)
Matt Hague (Hay-ge)
Ke'Bryan (KEY-bryan) Hayes
Andrew Heaney (HEE-nee)
Oscar Marin (mah-REEN)
Tim Mayza (MAY-zuh)
Carmen Mlodzinski (ma-JINSK-ee)
Dauri Moreta (DOW-ree) Moreta (mo-RETTA)
Kyle Nicolas (Nicholas)
Johan (Yo-hahn) Oviedo (oh-vee-YAY-doh)
Tommy Pham (Fam)
Mike Rabelo (rah-BELL-o)
Yohan (Yo-hawn) Ramirez
Brent Strom (rhymes with prom)
Peter Strzelecki (STREZ-lecky)
Jack Suwinski (suh-WIN-ski)
Jared Triolo (TREE-olo)
Alikea (ah-LEEK-uh) Williams