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## Cincinnati Reds (6-3-1) at Colorado Rockies (8-3-1) RHP Graham Ashcraft (0-0, 2.25) vs RHP Bradley Blalock (0-0, 0.00) Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - Salt River Fields at Talking Stick - 1:10 p.m. MST

**SPLIT 'EM UP:** The Reds split up their Spring Training roster today to take on the Rockies in North Scottsdale and the Dodgers tonight at Camelback Ranch.

- This afternoon's game is the first of 2 spring meetings between the Reds and Shelby Cravens' Rockies...the Reds are 10-17-3 all-time vs Col in the Cactus League (1-1 in 2024).
- Media members who cover both games today/tonight, will be rewarded for their hard work and dedication in a special ceremony at the Reds Player Development Complex on Thu (3/6).

**FRIENDLY CONFINES:** The Reds this spring are unbeaten through 5 games at Goodyear Ballpark (4-0-1), making them 1 of just 4 remaining Major League teams with an undefeated home record, along with Col (5-0), NYM (3-0-2), and SF (4-0-2)...their current streak of 5 home games without a loss is the club's longest to begin a spring season since joining the Cactus League in 2010.

**RED-HOT REDS:** With Mon's 5-4 win vs Mil, the Reds improved to 6-3-1 in 2025 Cactus League action, marking its best 10-game start to a Spring Training slate since 2007 (7-2-1)...Cin is also tied for the third-best record among all Major League teams this spring, behind only Chc (8-2-3) and Col (8-3-1).

### DESERT DANDIES:

- SS Elly De La Cruz** this spring is among Major League leaders in home runs (3, T2nd), extra-base hits (5, T2nd) and total bases (18, T2nd)...**De La Cruz** leads all Major Leaguers with at least 15 plate appearances in slugging percentage (1.385) and OPS (2.032).
- OF Jacob Hurtubise's** 4 steals rank T1st in the majors.
- The Reds lead the majors with 6 triples through 10 Cactus League games...also own the second-highest slugging percentage (.480) & the third-best OPS (.819).
- OF Austin Hays** on 2/24 vs LAD tied a Reds single-game Cactus League record (since 2010) with 6 RBI, matching the mark set by **Yasiel Puig** on 3/17/19 vs Cle.

**MEN OF STEAL:** The Reds collected 5 stolen bases in the 7th inning of Mon's 5-4 win over the Brewers, their most in a single spring inning since 2006 (as far back as Spring Training play-by-play data is reliably available)...the 5 steals were also tied for their second-most in a single Spring Training game during that same stretch (4x, last: 3/6/24 at SD), fewer than only their 6 stolen bases on 3/4/24 vs the Athletics.

**GOING THE EXTRA MILE:** 2b **Matt McLain** in the 9-4 win on 2/26 at LAA recorded 3 extra-base hits (1hr, 2 2b), a feat teammate **Austin Hays** accomplished on 2/24 vs LAD (2hr, 1 2b)...along with **Hays**, became the fourth Red since 2006 (as far back as Spring Training play-by-play data is reliably available) to post a game with 3 extra-base hits, along with **Joey Votto** (4/3/22 at AZ) & **Chris Dominguez** (3/29/15 at LAA).

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG:** The Reds open Major League Spring Training camp with 60 players, 32 pitchers, 5 catchers, 13 infielders, 10 outfielders, a full 40-player roster, & 20 non-roster invitees.

- Cin's 40-man roster features 7 new players: **RHP Scott Barlow**, **INF Cooper Bowman**, **OF Austin Hays**, **INF Gavin Lux**, **LHP Taylor Rogers**, **RHP Brady Singer**, & **C Jose Trevino**...**Lux**, **Rogers**, **Singer**, and **Trevino** were acquired via trade...**Barlow** and **Hays** were signed as free agents...**Bowman** was selected from the Athletics in the first round (No. 7 overall) of the Major League phase of the 2024 Rule 5 Draft.

**THE FUTURE IS NOW:** All five of MLB.com's Top 100 Reds prospects begin Spring Training in Major League camp: **RHP Chase Burns** (No. 26), **RHP Rhett Lowder** (No. 35), **INF Sal Stewart** (No. 84), **3b Cam Collier** (No. 91), and **SS Edwin Arroyo** (No. 92).

- The Reds enter a season with 5 representatives on MLB.com's Top 100 Prospects list for the second consecutive year and for the fifth time since the outlet began ranking baseball's top prospects in 2004 (also: 2020, 2018, and 2016)...their 5 top-100 prospects are tied with TB for sixth-most among all Major League teams, behind only Chc (7), Sea (7), CHW (6), LAD (6), and Det (6).

**THE SKIPPER:** **Terry Francona** was introduced as the Reds' 65th field manager on 10/4/24, agreeing to a 3-year contract through the 2027 season with a club option for 2028.

- Francona** is a 3-time American League Manager of the Year (2013, '16, '22) who has guided his teams to the Postseason 11 times, including 3 World Series appearances (2004, 2007, 2016) and 2 titles ('04 & '07).
- The 2025 season will mark **Francona's** 24th as a Major League manager, his first with the Reds...he owns an overall record of 1950-1672 (.538) for Phi (1997-2000), Bos (2004-11), and Cle (2013-23).
- His teams won 90 games in a season 12 times and have posted a .564 winning percentage in the playoffs (44-34)...from 2004-2020, **Francona's** clubs posted a winning record in 16 consecutive seasons.
- In 2022, his **Guardians** became the first team in American League history to qualify for Postseason play while having the youngest roster in the majors.

**...AND HIS CREW:** New members of the Reds coaching staff in 2025 include bench coach Brad Mills, director of hitting/Major League hitting coach Chris Valaika (vuh-LAY-kah), staff assistant Mike Napoli, assistant hitting coaches Alex Peláez (puh-LIE-uz) and Will Remillard (rem-UH lard), assistant pitching coach Simon Mathews, and bullpen catcher James Keller...returning to the coaching staff in 2025 are bench coach/field coordinator Freddie Benavides (12th season on Major League staff), third base coach J.R. House (7th), director of pitching/pitching coach Derek Johnson (7th), bullpen catcher José Duarte (7th), coach/coordinator of advance scouting Kyle Arnsberg (4th), first base coach Collin Cowgill (3rd), and bullpen coach Matt Tracy (3rd).

**2024 IN REVIEW:** The Reds completed the 2024 season with a 77-85 record (.475) to earn a fourth-place finish in the National League Central Division standings, 16.0 games back of first-place Mil (93-69) and 6.0 games behind both StL and Chc (each 83-79)...on 9/14 were eliminated from National League Central Division title contention and on 9/18 were eliminated from the NL Wild Card race.

- Reds baserunners in 2024 combined for 207 stolen bases, marking just the third time they eclipsed 200 steals in the last 100 years (also: 207sb, 1988 and 210sb, 1976)...**Elly De La Cruz** led MLB with 67 stolen bases, joining **Bobby Tolan** (57sb, 1970) as the only Reds to do so since 1900.
- The Reds tied SD for the best record in the majors in series openers, going 33-20 (.623) in such games...the 33-such wins matched the 1999, 1976, and 1972 clubs for their 10th-most in a single season since 1900.

### PROBABLE PITCHERS:

**Tuesday, March 4 - Split Squad**  
at Col, 1:10pm MST

**Reds:** RHP Graham Ashcraft, LHP Alex Young, RHP Ian Gibaut, RHP Lenny Torres, MiLB TBA

**Rockies:** RHP Bradley Blalock, RHP Jake Woodford, RHP Tyler Kinley, RHP Seth Halvorsen, LHP Luis Peralta, RHP Angel Chivilli, RHP Zach Agnos

at LAD, 6:05pm MST

TV: MLB Network | Radio: WLW

**Reds:** RHP Chase Petty, LHP Taylor Rogers, RHP Bryan Shaw, RHP Lyon Richardson, RHP Luis Mey, MiLB TBA

**Dodgers:** RHP Yoshinobu Yamamoto, RHP Roki Sasaki

**Wednesday, March 5**

vs Tex, 1:05pm MST

Radio: WSAI

**Reds:** RHP Hunter Greene, RHP Albert Abreu, RHP Yosver Zulueta, RHP Scott Barlow, RHP Chase Burns, RHP Zach Maxwell, RHP José Acuña, RHP Connor Phillips

**Rangers:** RHP Tyler Mahle, RHP Matt Festa, RHP Jacob Webb, RHP Luke Jackson, RHP Joe Barlow

**Thursday, March 6**

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### TELEVISED SPRING GAMES:

FanDuel Sports Network Ohio

Monday, 3/3 vs Brewers

Saturday, 3/8 vs Diamondbacks

Sunday, 3/9 at Angels\*

Tuesday, 3/18 vs Angels

\*broadcast produced by FanDuel Sports Network West

MLB Network

Monday, 3/3 vs Brewers

Tuesday, 3/4 at Dodgers

Sunday, 3/16 at Brewers Prospects\*

Monday, 3/17 at Guardians

Tuesday, 3/18 vs Angels

Saturday, 3/22 at Padres

\*denotes Spring Breakout game



**Thursday, March 27**  
**4:10 ET vs. San Francisco**  
**Great American Ball Park**

