



# GAME NOTES

## CARDINALS 2026 SPRING RECAP

Record	Attendance
vs. NL.....5-4-0	Home (6).....25,141
vs. AL.....3-0-0	Home Avg .....4,190
vs. WBC.....0-1	Road (6).....25,404
at Home.....3-4-0	Road Avg .....4,234
on Road.....5-1-0	Total.....50,545
at RDCS*.....4-4-0	Home High.....4,754
	March 1 vs. Pirates

\*Includes road games at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium

## STL 2026 FARM SYSTEM RANKINGS

Baseball America.....2	ESPN.....7
Baseball Prospectus..2	The Athletic.....11
MLB Pipeline.....4	FanGraphs.....TBA

## TOP 30 CARDINALS PROSPECTS

1. SS JJ Wetherholt	16. RHP Tink Hence
2. LHP Liam Doyle	17. OF Emanuel Luna
3. C Rainiel Rodriguez	18. INF Jesus Baez
4. OF Joshua Baez	19. OF Nathan Church
5. LHP Quinn Mathews	20. OF Tai Peete
6. SHP Jurrangelo Cijntje	21. LHP Cooper Hjerpe
7. LHP Brandon Clarke	22. LHP Cade Crossland
8. RHP Tanner Franklin	23. 1B/3B Deniel Ortiz
9. LHP Ixan Henderson	24. LHP Brycen Mautz
10. C Jimmy Crooks	25. LHP Braden Davis
11. C Leo Bernal	26. 1B Jack Gurevitch
12. RHP Yhoiker Fajardo	27. RHP Frank Elissalt
13. SS Yairo Padilla	28. RHP Nate Dohm
14. SS/OF Ryan Mitchell	29. OF Bryan Torres
15. RHP Tekoah Roby	30. OF Zach Levenson

## CARDINALS ON WBC ROSTERS (12)

RHP Riley O'Brien	Korea
C Leo Bernal	Panama
RHP Gordon Graceffo	Italy
INF Thomas Saggese	Italy
RHP Luis Gastelum	Mexico
OF Bryan Torres	Puerto Rico
ATC Chris Conroy	Puerto Rico
COA Stubby Clapp	Canada
COA Julio Rangel	Panama
OF Matt Koperniak	Great Britain
INF Noah Mendlinger*	Israel
OF Zach Levenson*	Israel

\*Minor League Camp

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

2025: none	2015: RHP Carlos Villanueva
2024: OF Victor Scott II	2014: RHP Pat Neshek
2023: INF Taylor Motter	2013: none
OF Jordan Walker	2012: RHP Scott Linebrink
2022: RHP Aaron Brooks	2011: RHP Miguel Batista
RHP Andre Pallante	2010: none
2021: none	2009: OF Colby Rasmus
2020: RHP Kodi Whitley	3B David Freese
2019: C Matt Wieters	INF Joe Thurston
2018: C Francisco Peña	2008: LHP Ron Villone
2017: C Eric Fryer	INF Rico Washington
2016: C Eric Fryer	2007: none
OF Jeremy Hazelbaker	

## GOLD GLOVES BY TEAM - MLB HISTORY

1. Cardinals .....100	6. Pirates.....50
2. Orioles .....72	7. Red Sox .....49
3. Yankees .....68	8. Phillies .....48
4. Braves .....59	9. Dodgers .....47
5. Reds.....55	10. Twins/Giants/Cubs.44

## RECENT CARDINALS TRANSACTIONS

**March 2:** Optioned RHP Tekoah Roby to Memphis (AAA). Re-assigned SHP Jurrangelo Cijntje, LHP Pete Hansen, LHP Ixan Henderson, RHP Austin Love, RHP Hancel Rincón, RHP Sem Robberse, LHP Jared Shuster, LHP Zack Thompson, C Grayson Tarlow, and OF Mike Antico to minor league camp.

**February 21:** Signed INF Ramón Urías to a free agent contact for 2026 with a mutual option for 2027. Designated RHP Zak Kent for assignment. Claimed by Minnesota on Feb. 26.

# St. Louis Cardinals (8-4-0) vs. New York Mets (5-5-1)

Spring Training Game No. 13 • Saturday, March 7, 2026

Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium • Jupiter, Florida

RHP Kyle Leahy (1-1, 9.64) vs. RHP Kodai Senga (Spring Debut)

**JUMPIN' JUPITER:** The St. Louis Cardinals are in the midst of their 29th Spring Training at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium (1998-2026) ... After winning both games of their overnight Gulf Coast Highway road trip through Bradenton and Sarasota, the Redbirds return to Jupiter this afternoon to face the visiting New York Mets in their 3rd of six Spring matchups ... St. Louis has won three Grapefruit League games in a row and four of their last five (Feb. 28-present) ... On Monday, March 23, the Cardinals break camp in Florida and fly to Springfield, Mo. to play an exhibition with the Double-A Cardinals at Hammons Field at 6:05 p.m. CT.

**WORLD CLASS:** The Cardinals have nine players, two coaches, and one athletic trainer on provisional rosters for the 2026 World Baseball Classic taking place from March 5-17 ... Among those in Major League camp include **Riley O'Brien** (Korea), **Leo Bernal** (Panama), **Gordon Graceffo** (Italy), **Thomas Saggese** (Italy), **Luis Gastelum** (Mexico), **Matt Koperniak** (Great Britain), **Bryan Torres** (Puerto Rico), coaches **Stubby Clapp** (Canada) and **Julio Rangel** (Panama), and Certified Asst. Athletic Trainer **Chris Conroy** (Puerto Rico).

**THIS DATE IN BASEBALL HISTORY (March 7, 1991):** Hall of Famer **Cool Papa Bell** passes away at the age of 87 in St. Louis ... The eight-time All-Star played parts of 21 seasons in the Negro Leagues (1922-37, '43-46), including 10 seasons with the St. Louis Stars ... Bell was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974, while a statue of the speedster was unveiled in front of Busch Stadium II in 2002.

**SILVER AND GOLD:** The 2026 St. Louis Cardinals Media Guide can be downloaded now at [Cardinals-Pressbox.com](https://www.cardinals.com/pressbox), while printed copies will be available for purchase for \$20 at [Cardinals.com/mediaguide](https://www.cardinals.com/mediaguide) and at Busch Stadium near Opening Day ... The 2026 edition features **Alec Burleson** and **Masyn Winn** and on the cover displaying their offseason hardware.

**IN FULL BLOOM:** The Cardinals introduced **Chaim Bloom** on Sept. 30 as the team's new President of Baseball Operations taking the post that had been held by **John Mozeliak** who headed the team's baseball operations since Oct. of 2007 ... Bloom, who worked previously with the Boston Red Sox (2020-23) and Tampa Bay Rays (2005-19) had served as an advisor for the Cardinals the past two seasons.

**GEORGE KISSELL AWARD:** Dominican Summer League Cardinals (R) Manager **Fray Peniche** (pah-NEE-chee) was recently named the 2025 recipient of the George Kissell Award ... Since 2008, winners have been selected by a poll of Cardinals minor league staff ... The award is presented to a Cardinals staffer who exhibits excellence in player development ... Peniche, 52, enters his 16th season as a coach in the Cardinals organization (28th overall), all as manager for the DSL Cardinals at the Cardinals Dominican Academy in Boca Chica.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:** The Cardinals recently celebrated their 7th high school graduating class with **Jarol Baéz** (HA-roll), **Edward Guribe** (goo-REE-bay), and **Xavier Cruz** (zah-vee-air) earning diplomas from the Cardinals Baseball Academy in the Dominican Republic.

**OLI EXTENDED AS CARDS MANAGER:** The Cardinals recently signed Manager **Oliver "Oli" Marmol** to a two-year contract extension through the 2028 season, with a club option for 2029 ... The 39-year-old Marmol has piloted the team over the past four seasons (2022-25) and enters 2026 ranked 11th on the franchise's all-time managerial wins list with 325 victories ... Oli is currently the NL's 3rd-longest tenured manager ... 2026 is Oli's 20th year in the organization as a player, coach, instructor, and manager (2007-present).

**BE OUR GUEST:** Those scheduled to visit Jupiter in a coaching capacity this Spring Training include special Guest Instructors **David Freese**, **Kolten Wong**, **Adam Wainwright**, and **Ozzie Smith**, and Cardinals Special Assistants **Yadier Molina** and **Willie McGee**.

**FEELING A DRAFT:** The Cardinals own six of the top 86 picks (13, 32, 50, 68, 72, 86) in the upcoming 2026 MLB Draft, the most of any Major League team ... Since the DeWitt ownership group (1996-present), 2026 will be only the third time St. Louis has possessed as many as six of the top 86 selections, following 2005 (6 of top 78) and 2012 (6 of top 86).

**PROSPECTING:** Seven of the Cardinals top 10 prospects began Spring in Major League camp, highlighted by two of *Baseball America's* Top 100 overall: INF **JJ Wetherholt** (#3) and OF **Joshua Baez** (#54) ... Wetherholt is the highest-rated position player in the Cardinals organization since outfielder **Oscar Taveras** (No. 1 in 2014) ... The Cardinals enter the 2026 season rated as the No. 2 farm system behind the Pirates.

## CARDINALS 2026 SPRING SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date/Opp.	Time/Result	Probable Starters/ Winner-Loser-Save	Record	Att.	Broadcast Details/ Game Highlights
2/21 vs. WSH	L, 6-2	Yean-Fernandez	0-1-0	4,267	Church HR; Liberatore 2.0 IP, 4 K; Gorman 1-2
2/22 at HOU	W, 6-5	Rajcic-Muñoz-Saladin	1-1-0	2,598	Rajcic 2.0 IP; Rodriguez 2B; Pozo 2B, 2 RBI
2/23 vs. MIA	W, 5-4	Bedell-Martin	2-1-0	3,746	Mautz 2.0 IP; Rivas 2-2, game-tying RBI 2B
2/24 at WSH	L, 6-1	Luckham-Molina	2-2-0	2,228	Pallante 2.0 IP; Mendoza 2-3; Rivas 1-1
2/25 at NYM	W, 3-0	Fitts-Tong	3-2-0	4,922	Fitts 2.0 IP; Gorman 3-R HR; Davis 2-3, 2 RBI
2/26 vs. HOU	W, 9-4	Shuster-Willingham	4-2-0	3,758	HR's by Pozo, Burly, Crooks & Gazdar
2/27 vs. NYM	L, 14-3	Peralta-Mathews	4-3-0	4,717	Wetherholt solo HR; 2B by Saggese, Church, Davis
2/28 at MIA^	W, 10-2	McGreevy-Perez	5-3-0	3,766	Wetherholt 2-2, 3 RBI; Prieto 2-4, HR, 2 RBI
3/1 vs. PIT	L, 6-1	Barco-Leahy	5-4-0	4,754	Pozo 1B; Leahy 2.2 IP; Mautz 2.1 IP
3/2 vs. MIA	W, 3-2	Blewett-Belgrave	6-4-0	3,899	Pallante 3.0 IP; Ledbetter walk-off RBI single
3/3	OPEN DATE				
3/4 vs. NICARAGUA	L, 2-1	Ramirez-Liberatore-Worley	6-4-0	3,424	Liberatore 3.1 IP, 5 K; Yerzy HR; Herrera 2-2
3/5 at PIT	W, 3-2	Svanson-Sanders-Fernandez	7-4-0	5,380	Gorman HR; May 3 IP, 0 R; Mathews 2.2 IP, 7 K
3/6 at BAL	W, 10-2	McGreevy-Suarez	8-4-0	6,510	McGreevy 4.0 IP; Velázquez HR; Baéz HR
3/7 vs. NYM	1:05	RHP Kyle Leahy vs. RHP Kodai Senga			KMOX/Cardinals.TV
3/8 at MIA^	1:10	RHP Andre Pallante vs. TBA			KMOX/Cardinals.TV
3/9 vs. BAL	1:05	LHP Matthew Liberatore/RHP Richard Fitts vs. TBA			Cardinals TV/Cardinals.com
at HOU	1:05	TBA			Astros Radio (KMBE)
3/10 at NYM	1:10	TBA vs. RHP Christian Scott			Cardinals.com/SNY
3/11 at WSH	1:05				Cardinals.com
3/12 vs. NYM	1:05				KMOX/Cardinals TV
3/13 vs. HOU	6:05				KMOX/Cardinals TV
3/14 at MIA^	1:10				KMOX
3/15 vs. WSH	1:05				KMOX
3/16	OPEN DATE				
3/17 at WSH	1:05				Nationals TV/Cardinals.com
3/18 vs. HOU	1:05				KMOX/Cardinals TV
3/19 vs. WSH	1:05				KMOX
	Spring Breakout vs. WSH				
3/20 at NYM	1:10				Cardinals.com/SNY
3/21 vs. MIA	1:05				KMOX
3/22 at HOU	12:05				KMOX/Space City TV
3/23 at Spfld. (AA)	7:05				KMOX/Matrix Midwest

Game times are local and subject to change

^ Cardinals are "visiting" team at Roger Dean



