



ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (3-4) vs. CHICAGO CUBS (4-1-2)

RHP Merrill Kelly (0-1, 9.00) vs. RHP Jake Arrieta (First Start)

Sun., March 7, 2021 · Salt River Fields at Talking Stick · 1:10 p.m.

Game No. 8 · Home Game No. 5 · Home: 1-3 · Road: 2-1

FOX Sports Arizona, 98.7 FM Arizona's Sports Station



DIAMOND-FACTS

◆ Arizona is in its 24th Cactus League season and 11th at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick (Tucson from 1998-2010).

10TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2021

- ◆ Salt River Fields at Talking Stick is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2021.
- ◆ Since the inaugural game on Sat., Feb. 26, 2011, the stadium has hosted 3+ million fans for baseball, 1+ million guests for special events and won 40+ "Best of" awards.
- ◆ The facility had 157 sellouts from 2011-20 and the D-backs and Rockies have drawn more than 300,000 fans 8 times, the only MLB complex to ever accomplish the feat.

YESTERDAY'S RECAP

- ◆ The D-backs lost, 7-6, vs. Rangers.
- ◆ **Zac Gallen** tossed 3.0 scoreless innings (1 H, 1 BB, 3 K).
- ◆ **Joe Mantipty, Taylor Guilbeau** and **Tyler Gilbert** each tossed 1.0 scoreless frame.
- ◆ **Ketel Marte** had 2 doubles.
- ◆ **Eduardo Escobar** had 1 RBI.
- ◆ **Geraldo Perdomo** had a 2-run single in the eighth inning.

VS. CUBS

- ◆ The D-backs and Cubs will face off in back-to-back weekends after the All-Star break with the Cubs visiting the desert July 16-18 then the D-backs visiting the friendly confines July 23-25.

AT THE DISH

- ◆ **Josh Rojas**, who hit 2 homers @ Reds on Friday, is hitting .333 (5-for-15)/1.308 OPS with 3 homers and 6 RBI in 5 games.
- ◆ **Ketel Marte**, in 4 games, is hitting .600 (6-for-10)/1.536 OPS with 3 doubles and 2 RBI.
- ◆ **Trayce Thompson**, in 5 games, has 2 solo homers.

GETTING OFFENSIVE

- ◆ Arizona is batting .337 (44-for-135) with 29 runs scored (7.25 per game) and 8 home runs in its last 4 games.
- ◆ The D-backs, among Cactus League teams, rank tied for first with 15 doubles (with Royals), second with an .836 OPS, .472 SLG and 100 total bases (Royals - .839 OPS/.493 SLG/106 TB), third with 9 home runs (Royals & Brewers - 10), tied for fourth with a .274 average (with Royals and Rockies) and fifth in runs (34).

1...2...3 STRIKES & YOU'RE...NOT WALKING

- ◆ The D-backs rank second among all teams with a 3.21 strikeout-to-walk ratio (61 SO/19 BB), behind only the Dodgers (3.38).
- ◆ Arizona's 2.95 walks per 9.0 innings are third overall behind the Astros (2.80) and Dodgers (2.88).

ON THE SHELF

- ◆ **Kole Calhoun** suffered a right knee medial meniscus tear and, on Thursday morning, had a partial medial meniscectomy performed by Dr. Waslewski.
- ◆ **Tim Locastro** tested positive for COVID-19 on March 1.

ACQUISITIONS AND ROSTER

- ◆ Signed INF **Asdrúbal Cabrera**, RHP **Tyler Clippard** and RHP **Joakim Soria**.
- ◆ Arizona has 61 players in camp: 35 pitchers (10 left-handed), 6 catchers, 13 infielders and 7 outfielders.

D-BACKS SELL OUT IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS

- ◆ On Feb. 21, the D-backs sold out all Spring Training tickets less than 24 hours after going on sale to the public.
- ◆ Due to COVID restrictions, the D-backs' 14 home games will have approximately 2,200 tickets.
- ◆ The entire Spring Training schedule at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick sold out... presales were prioritized with Salt River Fields Season Ticket holders followed by Season Ticket holders for the D-backs and Rockies.
- ◆ Ticket prices for all games remained the same as in 2020 and were sold in socially-distanced pods of 2, 4 or 6 tickets.
- ◆ Additionally, increased sanitation protocols will be in place while parking, concessions and merchandise purchases will be cashless in order to provide a safe and comfortable fan experience.

SPRING TRAINING BROADCAST SCHEDULE

- ◆ The spring broadcast schedule features:
 - 11 telecasts on FOX Sports Arizona featuring Steve Berthiaume and Bob Brenly.
 - 11 English radio broadcasts on 98.7 FM Arizona's Sports Station or ESPN Phoenix 620 AM featuring Greg Schulte and Tom Candiotti
 - 5 webcasts on dbacks.com featuring Mike Ferrin and Tom Candiotti.
 - 1 Spanish radio broadcast on TUDN Radio KHOV 105.1 FM featuring Oscar Soria and Rodrigo López.

D-BACKS AND BANNER HEALTH

- ◆ The D-backs and Banner Health, Arizona's largest employer and health system, teamed up last spring to rename the team-specific facilities at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick the Banner Sports Medicine Performance Center...the organizations are collaborating to provide the best possible technology and advancements in the field of sports medicine.

SPRING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPP	RESULT	REC.	WIN	LOSS	ATT.
2/28	@ COL	L, 2-5	0-1	Diehl	Frankoff	*2,100
3/1	MIL	L, 1-7	0-2	Burnes	M. Kelly	*2,100
3/2	SD	L, 2-7	0-3	Weathers	C. Smith	*2,100
3/3	@ CLE	W, 9-4	1-3	Weaver	Plesac	1,869
3/4	LAA	W, 9-2	2-3	Bumgarner	Canning	*2,130
3/5	@ CIN	W, 5-2	3-3	Moll	Lorenzo	2,211
3/6	TEX	L, 6-7	3-4	de Geus	R. Smith	*2,215
3/7	CHI		1:10 p.m.	FSAZ, 98.7 FM		
3/8	@ SF		1:05 p.m.			
3/9	COL		1:10 p.m.	FSAZ, dbacks.com		
3/10	@ LAD		6:05 p.m.			
3/11	OFF DAY					
3/12	@ LAA		1:10 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/13	@ SD		1:10 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/14	SF		1:10 p.m.	98.7 FM		
3/15	@ SEA		1:10 p.m.			
3/16	OAK		1:10 p.m.	620 AM		
3/17	@ TEX		6:05 p.m.			
3/18	LAD		1:10 p.m.	dbacks.com		
3/19	@ MIL		1:05 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/20	KC		1:10 p.m.	98.7 FM		
3/21	CWS		1:10 p.m.	98.7 FM		
3/22	@ OAK		1:05 p.m.			
3/23	SEA		6:10 p.m.	98.7 FM		
3/24	CLE		6:10 p.m.	FSAZ+, dbacks.com		
3/25	@ KC		1:05 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/26	CIN		1:10 p.m.	620 AM		
3/27	OFF DAY					
3/28	@ CWS		1:05 p.m.			
3/29	@ CHI		12:05 p.m.	FSAZ		
3/30	CLE (Chase Field)		12:40 p.m.	FSAZ, 620 AM, 105.1 FM		

All Times Local | *SRF Sellout

MISCELLANEOUS

Home:	1-3	Away:	2-1
Day:	2-4	Night:	1-0
vs. AL:	2-1	vs. NL:	1-3

ATTENDANCE

HOME	ROAD
Total: 8,545	Total: 6,180
Avg: 2,136 (4G)	Avg: 2,060 (3G)
Largest: 2,215 (3/6)	Largest: 2,211 (3/5)

UPCOMING PITCHING PROBABLES

MARCH 7 VS. CHC - 1:10 P.M.

RHP Merrill Kelly (0-1, 9.00) vs. RHP Jake Arrieta (First Start)

- ARI: RHP Josh Green, RHP Joakim Soria, RHP Chris Devenski, RHP Kevin Ginkel, RHP Humberto Castellanos
- CHC: RHP Adbert Alzolay, LHP Andrew Chafin, RHP Brandon Workman, RHP Jason Adam, RHP Robert Stock, RHP Manuel Rodriguez, LHP Jerry Vasto

MARCH 8 @ SF - 1:05 P.M.

LHP Caleb Smith (0-1, 27.00) vs. RHP Logan Webb (0-0, 0.00)

- ARI: LHP Alex Young, RHP Yoan López, LHP Sam Moll, LHP Miguel Aguilar
- SF: RHP Dedniel Núñez, LHP Anthony Banda, RHP Silvino Bracho, RHP Daniel Alvarez, RHP Jay Jackson, RHP Jimmie Sherf, RHP Shun Yamaguchi

MARCH 9 VS. COL - 1:10 P.M.

TBA vs. RHP Chi Chi González (0-0, 6.00)

- ARI: TBA
- COL: RHP José Mujica, RHP Jairo Díaz, RHP Robert Stephenson, LHP Ben Bowden

SCHEDULED PITCHERS

STARTING PITCHER

No. 29 - RHP Merrill Kelly

- ◆ Last season, limited to just 5 starts before undergoing season-ending thoracic outlet surgery... was 3-2 with a 2.59 ERA (9 ER in 31.1 IP).
 - At the time of his injury, ranked among NL leaders in fewest walks per 9.0 IP (2nd, 1.44), strikeout-to-walk ratio (6th, 5.80), wins (T-5th, 3), ERA (10th, 2.59) and WHIP (10th, 0.99).
 - Allowed 1 run or fewer in 3 of his 5 starts.
 - Averaged 1.44 walks per 9.0 IP, down from 2.80 in 2019.
 - Was scratched from his start on Aug. 24 and placed on the 10-day injured list (right shoulder impingement).
 - Set a career high with 6.1 hitless innings to start a game on July 28, 2020 @ Rangers...the no-hit bid was snapped in the seventh inning on Rougned Odor's solo homer.
- ◆ Had a blood clot removed from his right shoulder on Aug. 25, 2020 and underwent thoracic outlet surgery on Sept. 9 (performed by Dr. Pearl in Dallas).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/1	vs. MIL	L	9.00	1-1	2.0	1	2	2	1	1	5

ADDITIONAL PITCHERS

No. 32 - Chris Devenski

- ◆ In 2020, limited to just 4 games with the Astros due to 2 stints on the injured list with right elbow inflammation from July 29-Sept. 4 and Sept. 7 to the end of season).
 - Had a bone spur removed from his right elbow on Sept. 15.
- ◆ In 2019, was 2-3 with a 4.83 ERA in 61 appearances with Houston.
 - Averaged 94.7 on his fastball, the highest single-season average velocity of his career.
 - Made his seventh career start on Aug. 13 @ White Sox after Gerrit Cole was scratched in pre-game warmups (1 ER in 2.0 IP).
- ◆ Was a 2017 AL All-Star.

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3/1	vs. MIL	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3

No. 37 - RHP Kevin Ginkel

- ◆ Worked on a new delivery with former Major Leaguer Luke Hagerty before the 2019 season.
 - Hagerty owns a training facility, X2 Athletic Performance, in Scottsdale.
 - The new delivery, which he is bent at the knees as he comes set, helps him "activate" his legs and stay back.
- ◆ In 2020, was 0-2 with 1 save, a 6.75 ERA (12 ER in 16.0 IP) and 18 strikeouts in 19 games...averaged 10.13 strikeouts per 9.0 innings.
 - Increased his 4-seam average fastball velocity from 93.5 mph in 2019 to 95.5 in 2020.
 - Opponents hit .192 (5-for-26) off his slider.
- ◆ In 2019, was 3-0 with 2 saves, 9 holds, a 1.48 ERA (4 ER in 24.1 IP) in 25 games in his first Major League season.
 - Opponents hit .075 (3-for-40) with 20 strikeouts vs. slider.
 - Earned his first career save on Sept. 16 vs. Marlins (0 ER in 1.0 IP).

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	G-GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/2	vs. SD	-	0.00	1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1

No. 48 - RHP Joakim Soria

- ◆ Is a 2-time AL All-Star (2008, '10).
- ◆ Is the all-time games pitched (732) and saves (223) leader among Mexico-born pitchers.
 - Is a native of Monclava, Mexico, known as the "steel capital" of the country.
 - Is 1 of 3 Mexico-born pitchers to be selected to multiple All-Star Teams, joining Fernando Valenzuela (6x) and Esteban Loaiza (2x).
- ◆ In 2020, was 2-2 with 2 saves, a 2.82 ERA (7 ER in 22.1 IP), .217 opponent average and 24 strikeouts in 22 appearances in his second season with the A's.
 - Allowed just 4 extra-base hits (3 doubles and 1 home run)...his .289 opponent slugging pct. was his lowest since 2008 (.255).
 - Left-handers batted .130 (3-for-23), down from .230 in 2019 and was his lowest since 2013 (.068).
 - Did not allow a earned run in his first 9 games (9.2 IP) with 14 strikeouts.

No. 54 - RHP Humberto Castellanos

- ◆ In 2020, went 0-1 with a 6.75 ERA (8 ER in 10.2 IP) and 12 strikeouts in 8 games over 4 stints with the Astros...average 10.13 strikeouts per 9.0 innings.
 - Had made 5 appearances above Single-A Advanced prior to the season
- ◆ In 2019, combined to go 4-2 with 7 saves and a 2.89 ERA in 34 games with Single-A Quad Cities (14 G), Single-A Adv. Fayetteville (15) and Triple-A Round Rock (5).
 - Averaged 10.0 strikeouts per 9.0 innings (83 SO in 74.2 IP).
- ◆ Pitched for Jalisco in the Mexican Pacific Winter League in 2018/19 and 2019/20.

No. 74 - RHP Josh Green

- ◆ In 2020, spent the entire season at the D-backs' Alternate Training Site then participated in Arizona's Instructional League.
- ◆ In 2019, named D-backs Minor League Pitcher of the Year after going 11-5 with a 2.71 ERA and 101 strikeouts in 22 starts between Single-A Adv. Visalia (14) and Double-A Jackson (8).
 - Led all D-backs farmhands in wins and ranked second in ERA behind Levi Kelly (2.15) [min. 100.0 IP].
 - Posted a 1.38 ERA in 2 postseason starts for Jackson, including 7.0-shutout frames in Game 2 of the finals.

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3/1	vs. MIL	-	9.00	1-0	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	1

TRANSACTIONS

- 3/7 Reassigned to Minor League camp: RHP **Bradley Roney**, C **Dominic Miroglio**, INF **Drew Ellis**, INF **Christian Lopes**.
- 3/4 Added RHP **Anthony Swarzak** as a non-roster invitee. Released OF **Drew Weeks**.
- 3/1 Outrighted RHP **Keury Mella** to Triple-A Reno and assigned him to Major League Spring Training.
- 2/28 Traded LHP **Travis Bergen** to the Blue Jays for cash considerations.
- 2/26 Agreed to terms with RHP **Tyler Clippard** on a 1-year contract with a mutual option for 2022...reinstated RHP **Luis Frias** from the injured list...designated LHP **Travis Bergen** and RHP **Keury Mella** for assignment.
- 2/25 Added RHP **Ben Heller** as a non-roster invitee.
- 2/22 Added C **Dominic Miroglio** as a non-roster invitee.
- 2/22 Agreed to terms with INF **Asdrubal Cabrera** on a 1-year contract...placed RHP **Luis Frias** on the injured list.