



# New York Mets (12-10-2) vs. Washington Nationals (13-9-3)

RHP Cade Cavalli (0-1, 0.00) | RHP Joander Suarez (0-0, -.-)  
Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 1:05 p.m. ET | Game #27 / Home #14  
CACTI Park of the Palm Beaches | West Palm Beach, Fla.

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2019 World Series Champions \* National League East Champions: 2017, 2016, 2014, 2012 \* National League Wild Card: 2019

## ROSTER

Major League Coaching Staff

NO.	NAME	POSITION
10	BUTERA, Blake	Manager
9	JOHNS, Michael	Bench
1	SMARSLOK, Tyler	Field Coord.
23	RAY, Corey	First Base
7	ESTEVEZ, Victor	Third Base
62	BORGSCHULTE, Matt	Hitting
60	AYDT, Andrew	Asst. Hit.
67	O'MALLEY, Shawn	Asst. Hit.
53	MATHEWS, Simon	Pitching
63	DOOLITTLE, Sean	Pit. Strat.
68	GLANT, Dustin	Asst. Pit./Bullpen
88	WILSON, Bobby	Catching/Run Game Coord.
83	ANDERS, Grant	Develop./Bullpen Catcher

Pitchers (19, 5 LHP, 14 RHP)

NO.	NAME	POSITION
39	BEETER, Clayton	RHP
24	CAVALLI, Cade	RHP
79	GRANILLO, Andre	RHP
22	GRIFFIN, Foster	LHP
99	HENRY, Cole	RHP
77	HERZ, DJ#	LHP
27	IRVIN, Jake	RHP
18	LITTELL, Zack	RHP
41	LORD, Brad	RHP
25	McGARRY, Griff	RHP
36	MIKOLAS, Miles	RHP
51	PÉREZ, Cionel	LHP
50	POULIN, PJ	LHP
64	RIBALTA, Orlando	RHP
75	SCHULTZ, Paxton	RHP
45	SMITH, Drew*	RHP
76	VARLAND, Gus	RHP
52	WALDICHUK, Ken	LHP
32	WILLIAMS, Trevor#	RHP

Catchers (3)

NO.	NAME	POSITION
34	BARRERA, Tres*	C
14	MILLAS, Drew (S)	C
20	RUIZ, Keibert (S)	C

Infielders (6)

NO.	NAME	POSITION
5	ABRAMS, CJ (L)	SS
87	CHAPARRO, Andrés	1B
2	GARCÍA Jr., Luis (L)	2B
12	HOUSE, Brady	3B
26	NUÑEZ, Nasim (S)	INF
8	TENA, José (L)	INF

Outfielders (5)

NO.	NAME	POSITION
33	FRANKLIN, Christian	OF
4	LILE, Daylen (L)	OF
21	WIEMER, Joey	OF
29	WOOD, James (L)	OF
30	YOUNG, Jacob	OF

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# - 60-day IL

3 Non-Roster Invite

33 Players In Camp

## NATIONALS NEWS

### LAST NIGHT IN JUPITER

The Washington Nationals fell to the Miami Marlins, 3-2, last night in Jupiter...LHP **Cionel Pérez**, RHP **Drew Smith** and RHP **Orlando Ribalta** combined to throw 3.0 scoreless innings of relief allowing just one hit with three strikeouts...After today's game, the Nationals will fly back to D.C. to play their last two exhibition games against the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday and Monday.

- The Nationals lead MLB with a 3.08 ERA this spring, by far the lowest total, ahead of second-place Houston (3.47) and third-place New York-NL (3.54)...They are in search of becoming the first team to post a sub-3.00 Spring Training ERA since the 2011 Atlanta Braves (2.75)...Washington last led MLB in Spring Training ERA in 2016 with a 3.37 mark, which served as a precursor to the regular season as the Nationals recorded a 3.51 ERA, second best in MLB, on their way to winning the National League East.
- Brady House** leads the Grapefruit League with six doubles this spring, while his nine extra-base hits are two shy of Toronto's **Daulton Varsho** (11) for the lead.

### 2026 SPRING TRAINING

The Nationals will play 30 games through March 23, including two exhibition matchups against the Baltimore Orioles (March 22 at Camden Yards, March 23 at Nationals Park), before heading to Wrigley Field to face the Chicago Cubs on Opening Day on March 26.

- On March 4, the Nationals defeated Team Venezuela, 5-1, in an exhibition game at CACTI Park of the Palm Beaches ahead of the 2026 World Baseball Classic.
- The Nationals will face eight opponents this spring, with games against the Houston Astros (6), Miami Marlins (6), St. Louis Cardinals (6), New York Mets (5), Baltimore Orioles (2), Philadelphia Phillies (2), New York Yankees (2) and Team Venezuela (1).

### CATCHING UP ON A BUSY OFFSEASON

On October 1, 2025, the Washington Nationals named **Paul Toboni** as the club's President of Baseball Operations. Toboni, widely regarded as one of the best young minds in the sport, joins the organization after spending the previous 11 seasons (2015-25) with the Boston Red Sox, where he most recently held the title of Senior Vice President, Assistant General Manager. From 2022-23, he served as Boston's Vice President of Amateur Scouting and Player Development, during which he oversaw the selection and development of **Roman Anthony** and **Kyle Teel**, among others.

- Four weeks later, Toboni announced the hire of **Blake Butera** as the eighth manager in Nationals history...Butera, 33, was most recently the Senior Director of Player Development Operations for the Tampa Bay Rays, a position he had held since 2024. Prior to that, he served as the Rays' Minor League field coordinator in 2023 and as a manager in their Minor League system from 2018-22...He was named Carolina League Manager of the Year in 2021 and 2022 with the Charleston RiverDogs, winning the Carolina League Championship in both seasons, and in fact, the 2022 RiverDogs were named the Minor League Team of the Year by *Baseball America*.
- On December 18, Toboni named **Anirudh Kilambi** as the next General Manager of the club...Kilambi, a highly regarded front office executive with more than 10 years of experience, comes over from the Philadelphia Phillies organization, where he spent the previous five seasons (2021-25) as their Assistant General Manager under the leadership of their President of Baseball Operations, **Dave Dombrowski**... Before joining the Phillies, he spent seven years (2015-21) with the Tampa Bay Rays, serving in various different roles, elevating to the Director of Decision Science before departing for Philadelphia.
- Butera, Kilambi and Toboni spent the coming weeks finalizing the Major League coaching staff, which features Bench Coach **Michael Johns**, who spent the last 18 seasons (2008-25) in the Tampa Bay Rays' organization, including the last two as the first base coach on **Kevin Cash's** staff...Other coaches include Field Coordinator **Tyler Smarslok**, Hitting Coach **Matt Borgschulte**, Assistant Hitting Coach/Assistant Director of Hitting **Andrew Aydt**, Assistant Hitting Coach **Shawn O'Malley**, Pitching Coach **Simon Mathews**, Assistant Pitching Coach **Sean Doolittle**, Assistant Pitching/Bullpen Coach **Dustin Glant**, First Base/Outfield/Baserunning Coach **Corey Ray**, Third Base/Infield Coach **Victor Estevez**, Catching Coach/Run Game Coordinator **Bobby Wilson** and Bullpen Catcher/Development Coach **Grant Anders**.

### NEW NATS IN TOWN

The Washington Nationals acquired 12 players since the end of the 2025 season...**Miles Mikolas** and **Zack Littell** arrive at camp, helping to anchor the Nationals' rotation after agreeing to terms with the team on Feb. 11 and March 10, respectively...Top 100 prospect **Harry Ford** comes to Washington after being acquired as part of a trade that sent **Jose A. Ferrer** to the Seattle Mariners...Other acquisitions include **Luis Perales**, **Foster Griffin**, **Joey Wiemer**, **Paxton Schultz**, **Gus Varland**, **Abimelec Ortiz**, **Ken Waldichuk** and **Andre Granillo**... **Griff McGarry** rounds out the list of new acquisitions as a Rule 5 draft selection from Philadelphia.

- Two-time All-Star **Miles Mikolas** joined the Nationals this offseason, providing a veteran presence to Washington's rotation...His 4.4 BB% since signing with the Cardinals in 2018 is the best in MLB (min. 750.0 IP), while his 1161.0 innings consumed are the ninth most...In seven lifetime appearances (6 starts) at Nationals Park, Mikolas has gone 5-2 with a 2.79 ERA (12 ER/38.2 IP), the best mark in any stadium in his career (min. 5 GS).
- Right hander **Zack Littell** signed with Washington in Spring Training on a one-year Major League contract with a mutual option for the 2027 season...Littell, 30, is one of just 12 pitchers in MLB to make 60 starts and maintain an ERA under 3.75 since the beginning of 2024...He led MLB last season with .042 walks per batter faced and was second with 1.54 walks per 9.0 innings.
- Former first-round pick **Foster Griffin** returns to Major League Baseball after spending the previous three seasons with the Yomiuri Giants of Nippon Professional Baseball. In 17 starts last season, he went 6-1 with a 1.52 ERA (15 ER/89.0 IP), yielding just one home run en route to being named an NPB Central League All-Star. In that time, he went 18-10 with a 2.57 ERA (90 ER/315.2 IP) across 54 starts.

### TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER - CADE CAVALLI - R/R - 6'4"/223

Tall, powerful right hander was Washington's Minor League Pitcher of the Year in 2021 and 2022, made his Major League debut in 2022 and returned to the mound in 2025.

- Named Nationals' 2026 Opening Day starter.
- Across three of his Spring Training starts, he has yet to allow an earned run on one hit and two walks-with nine strikeouts over 9.0 innings.
- Made his return on Aug. 6 against the Athletics...Worked 4.1 scoreless innings with six strikeouts.
- In his third start, Cavalli worked 7.0 scoreless innings with five strikeouts against the Philadelphia Phillies on Aug. 16 for his first Major League win.
- Collected all three of his wins against National League East opponents (Miami twice, Philadelphia).
- Went 3-0 with a 2.25 ERA (7 ER/28.0 IP) with 19 strikeouts in five starts against the NL East...The Nationals went 5-0 in those starts.
- 2025 Pitch Mix:** 4 Seam (31.2%) Knuckle-Curve (30.5%) Sinker (18.3%) Changeup (13.6%) Cutter (6.3%) Slider (0.1%)

## SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPP.	TV/RADIO/RES.
Sat. 2/21	1:05 p.m.	vs. HOU	W, 2-1
	1:05 p.m.	at STL	W, 6-2
Sun. 2/22	1:10 p.m.	at MIA	W, 16-8
Mon. 2/23	6:05 p.m.	vs. PHI	T, 5-5
Tue. 2/24	6:05 p.m.	vs. STL	W, 6-1
Wed. 2/25	6:35 p.m.	at NYY	L, 7-0
Thur. 2/26	1:05 p.m.	at PHI	L, 7-3
Fri. 2/27	6:05 p.m.	vs. HOU	T, 4-4
Sat. 2/28	1:10 p.m.	at NYM	W, 3-2
Sun. 3/1	1:05 p.m.	vs. MIA	L, 3-0
Mon. 3/2	1:05 p.m.	at HOU	T, 3-3
Tue. 3/3		OFF DAY	
Wed. 3/4	6:05 p.m.	vs. VEN	W, 5-1
Thur. 3/5	1:05 p.m.	vs. NYM	W, 7-4
Fri. 3/6	1:05 p.m.	at HOU	L, 7-1
Sat. 3/7	6:05 p.m.	vs. NYY	W, 3-0
Sun. 3/8	1:05 p.m.	vs. HOU	W, 3-1
Mon. 3/9		OFF DAY	
Tue. 3/10	1:10 p.m.	at MIA	W, 7-5
Wed. 3/11	1:05 p.m.	vs. STL	W, 3-1
Thur. 3/12	6:05 p.m.	at HOU	W, 3-2
Fri. 3/13	6:05 p.m.	vs. NYM	L, 8-3
Sat. 3/14	12:05 p.m.	vs. MIA	L, 4-1
Sun. 3/15	1:05 p.m.	at STL	L, 6-3
Mon. 3/16	6:10 p.m.	at NYM	W, 12-6
Tue. 3/17	1:05 p.m.	vs. STL	W, 1-0
Wed. 3/18	6:05 p.m.	vs. MIA	Cancelled
Thur. 3/19	1:05 p.m.	at STL	L, 5-1
	4:30 p.m.	at STL*	L, 9-8
Fri. 3/20	7:10 p.m.	at MIA	L, 3-2
Sat. 3/21	1:05 p.m.	vs. NYM	

\* - Spring Breakout ~ - Games will re-air on MLB Network

### \*\*\*OPENING DAY\*\*\*

Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 12:20 p.m. at CHC

## WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

On Tuesday, the sixth World Baseball Classic concluded, and several Nationals participated in the international tournament...**Harry Ford** (Great Britain) and **Matt Mervis** (Israel) represented their respective country and heritage, while **Sean Paul Liñan** (Colombia) and **Shinnosuke Ogasawara** (Japan) were alternates...Additionally, 2019 World Series Champions **Yan Gomes** (Brazil) and **Gerardo Parra** (Venezuela) took part as their team's Catching Coach and First Base Coach, respectively.

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Jessica Camerato - Nationals.com (March 10)

"(Zack Littell is) someone that we're just really excited to get in here," Nationals manager **Blake Butera** said. "He always wants the ball. He's super consistent, like you know what you're going to get every night out. He's a competitive competitor. He wants to be on the mound. Just somebody you love to have in your rotation."

Jim Bowden - The Athletic (March 16)

"(Cade Cavalli) showed up this spring with a handlebar mustache, having made adjustments to his pitching plan and pitch sequencing, and the results have been so positive that he was named the team's Opening Day starter. The once top pitching prospect is primed for his breakout year."

Spencer Nusbaum - The Athletic (March 17)

"That's been also another great part of camp, is the attitude towards all these changes have been fantastic," (Jake) Irvin said. "Guys are bought in. That's all you can really ask for when it comes to utilizing a bunch of new stuff."

## PAUL TOBONI

Washington Nationals President of Baseball Operations **Paul Toboni** enters his first season as the head of the club's baseball operations and 14th season in professional baseball...On Oct. 1, Toboni was hired by the organization after spending the previous 11 years with the Boston Red Sox, where he most recently held the title Senior Vice President, Assistant General Manager...From 2022-23, he served as the club's Vice President of Amateur Scouting and Player Development...He rose through the ranks in Boston, having joined the organization as a baseball operations intern in 2015.

## BLAKE BUTERA

First-year manager **Blake Butera** was named the eighth skipper in Nationals history on Oct. 31, 2025...Butera joins the Nationals from the Rays' organization, where he spent the previous two seasons as the Senior Director of Player Development...He served as the Rays' Minor League Field Coordinator in 2023 following four seasons (2018-22) as a manager in their Minor League system...At Single-A Charleston, Butera was named Carolina League Manager of the Year in 2021 and 2022...At 33 years old, he enters the 2026 season as the youngest manager in MLB.

### SPRING TRAINING PITCHING LOGS

BEETER, Clayton (RHP) #39						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/25	1.0	2	2	0	0	2
3/1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
3/4*	1.0	0	0	0	2	2
3/10	1.0	0	0	0	1	3
3/12	0.2	0	0	0	0	1
3/15	0.2	1	1	0	0	3
3/16	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

CAVALLI, Cade (RHP) #24						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	2.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/6	4.0	1	1	0	0	6
3/11	3.0	0	0	0	1	2

GRANILLO, Andre (RHP) #79						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/23	1.0	2	4	0	1	0
2/27	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
3/2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/5	1.0	2	0	0	1	1
3/14	1.2	1	0	0	0	0
3/17	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

GRIFFIN, Foster (LHP) #22						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/4*	2.0	2	0	0	1	1
3/10	3.0	3	1	1	0	4
3/20	5.0	5	3	3	2	5

HENRY, Cole (RHP) #99						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/28	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/4*	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/8	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/14	0.2	0	0	0	2	1
3/19	1.0	3	2	2	0	2

HERZ, DJ (LHP) #77						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/13	3.0	3	1	1	0	2
3/19	2.2	3	3	3	5	3

LITTELL, Zack (RHP) #18						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/13	3.0	3	1	1	0	2
3/19	2.2	3	3	3	5	3

LORD, Brad (RHP) #41						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/23	2.0	1	1	0	1	1
3/1	2.1	5	2	2	0	2
3/11	3.0	3	1	1	1	1
3/15	2.0	1	0	0	0	1
3/19	3.0	1	0	0	1	1

McGARRY, Griff (RHP) #25						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/27	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/2	0.2	1	1	1	2	0
3/5	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/8	1.0	1	0	0	1	1
3/12	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/16	1.0	2	1	1	0	1

MIKOLAS, Miles (RHP) #36						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/27	2.0	1	0	0	3	2
3/5	3.0	3	3	3	1	3
3/15	4.2	5	5	4	3	1

PÉREZ, Cionel (LHP) #51						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/28	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/4*	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/11	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/13	1.0	2	1	0	0	1
3/16	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/20	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

POULIN, P.J. (LHP) #50						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/21	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
2/25	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
2/28	1.0	0	0	0	2	1
3/4*	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
3/7	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/12	0.2	0	0	0	0	1
3/17	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

RIBALTA, Orlando (RHP) #64						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
3/5	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/8	1.0	1	1	1	0	2
3/11	1.0	2	0	0	0	0
3/14	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
3/16	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
3/20	1.0	1	0	0	1	0

SCHULTZ, Paxton (RHP) #75						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/21	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
2/25	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
2/28	1.0	1	1	1	1	1
3/4*	1.0	2	0	0	0	1

SMITH, Drew (RHP) #45						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/6	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
3/13	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/15	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
3/19	1.0	2	0	0	1	2
3/20	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

VARLAND, Gus (RHP) #76						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	1.0	2	1	1	1	1
2/26	0.2	3	4	4	1	1
3/5	1.0	0	0	0	2	0
3/8	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/11	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
3/14	1.2	1	0	0	0	1
3/17	2.0	1	0	0	0	3

WALDICHUK, Ken (LHP) #52						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	1.0	1	1	1	2	0
3/7	3.0	1	0	0	1	2
3/12	2.2	2	0	0	0	6
3/16	2.0	3	1	0	2	0

WILLIAMS, Trevor (RHP) #32						
DATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO

\*exhibition game vs. Venezuela

### SPRING TRAINING HITTING LOGS

ABRAMS, CJ (SS) #5						
DATE	AB	H	R	XBH	BB	SO
2/21	2	1	0	1	1	0
2/23	2	0	0	0	0	1
2/25	2	0	0	0	0	0
2/27	2	1	1	0	1	0
3/1	2	0	0	0	1	1
3/2	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/4*	2	1	1	0	1	1
3/6	2	0	0	0	1	1
3/7	2	0	0	0	1	1
3/10	3	1	0	1	0	1
3/12	3	1	0	0	0	2
3/13	3	0	0	0	0	1
3/15	2	1	0	0	1	0
3/16	3	2	2	1	0	1
3/19	4	1	0	1	0	1
3/20	2	1	0	0	0	0

BARRERA, Tres (C) #34						
DATE	AB	H	R	XBH	BB	SO
2/21	2	0	0	0	0	0
2/24	1	0	0	0	1	1
2/25	3	0	0	0	0	2
3/1	2	0	0	0	0	1
3/5	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/10	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/11	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/13	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/14	0	0	0	0	1	0
3/20	0	0	0	0	0	0

CHAPARRO, Andrés (1B) #87						
DATE	AB	H	R	XBH	BB	SO
2/22	1	1	1	0	2	0
2/24	2	0	0	0	0	1
2/26	2	1	1	1	0	0
2/28	0	0	0	0	1	0
3/2	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/5	3	1	1	0	0	0
3/7	2	0	0	0	1	1
3/8	2	0	0	0	0	2
3/11	3	1	0	0	0	1
3/12	2	1	1	1	0	0
3/14	4	0	0	0	0	3
3/15	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/16	2	0	0	0	1	2
3/19	2	0	0	0	0	1
3/20	2	1	1	1	0	1
3/19	1	0	0	0	1	1

FRANKLIN, Christian (OF) #33						
DATE	AB	H	R	XBH	BB	SO
2/21	2	0	0	0	0	2
2/23	2	0	0	0	0	1
2/25	2	1	0	0	0	1
2/27	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/1	2	0	1	0	0	1
3/2	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/5	3	2	0	0	0	1
3/7	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/8	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/11	1	1	1	0	0	0
3/12	1	1	0	0	1	0
3/14	2	0	1	0	0	1
3/15	1	0	0	0	0	1
3/19	1	0	0	0	0	0
3/20	3	0	0	0	0	0

GARCÍA Jr., Luis (2B) #2						
DATE	AB	H	R	XBH	BB	SO
2/27	2	2	1	1	0	0
3/1	2	0	0	0	0	0
3/4*	3	1	0	1	0	1
3/6	2	0	0	0	1	0
3/7	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/10	3	0	0	0	0	1
3/12	3	0	0	0	0	0
3/13	3	0	0	0	0	2
3/15	3	1	1	0	0	0
3/16	3	1	1	0	0	0
3/19	2	0	1	0	0	1
3/20	2	0	0	0	0	1

HOUSE, Brady (3B) #12						
DATE	AB	H	R	XBH	BB	SO
2/22	4	2	2	2	0	1
2/24	2	0	0	0	0	1
2/26	2	0	1	0	0	0
2/28	3	2	1	2	0	1
3/2	3	2	0	1	0	1
3/4	2	0	1	0	1	1
3/6	2	0	0	0	0	2
3/7	2	0	0	0	0	1
3/10	3	2	1	2	0	1
3/12	4	2	1	0	0	1
3/14	2	1	0	1	0	0
3/15	2	1	0	0	1	0
3/19	4	2	0	0	0	0
3/20	2	1	1	0	0	0

LILE, Daylen (OF) #4						
DATE	AB	H	R	XBH	BB	SO
2/22	3	0	0	0	0	0
2/24	2	0	0	0	0	0
2/26	2	0	0	0	0	2
2/28	3	0	0	0	0	2
3/2	2	0	1	0	1	1
3/4*	2	2	1	0	0	1