



# CINCINNATI REDS

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## GABP NOTES

### CINCINNATI REDS BALLPARKS

Union Grounds .....	1869-70
Avenue Grounds .....	1876-79
Bank Street Grounds .....	1880, 1882-83
League Park .....	1884-1901
Palace of the Fans .....	1902-11
Redland/Crosley Field .....	1912-70
Riverfront/Cinergy Field .....	1970-2002
Great American Ball Park .....	2003-18

### GABP OPENING DAY RESULTS

3/31/03 vs Pit .....	L, 10-1 .....	42,343
4/5/04 vs Chi .....	L, 7-4 .....	42,122
4/4/05 vs NYM .....	W, 7-6 .....	42,794
4/3/06 vs Chi .....	L, 16-7 .....	42,591
4/2/07 vs Chi .....	W, 5-1 .....	42,720
3/31/08 vs Ari .....	L, 4-2 .....	42,498
4/6/09 vs NYM .....	L, 2-1 .....	42,177
4/5/10 vs StL .....	L, 11-6 .....	42,493
3/31/11 vs Mil .....	W, 7-6 .....	42,398
4/5/12 vs Mia .....	W, 4-0 .....	42,956
4/1/13 vs LAA ...	L, 3-1 (13) .....	43,168
3/31/14 vs StL .....	L, 1-0 .....	43,134
4/6/15 vs Pit .....	W, 5-2 .....	43,633
4/4/16 vs Phi .....	W, 6-2 .....	43,683
4/3/17 vs Phi .....	L, 4-3 .....	*43,804

\* Largest regular-season crowd in GABP history

### FINDLAY MARKET PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

2003 .....	Reds HOF Tom Browning
2004 .....	Dave Parker
2005 .....	Bengals RB Rudi Johnson
2006 .....	Reds HOF Mario Soto
2007 .....	Reds HOF Eric Davis
2008 .....	Reds HOF Cesar Geronimo
2009 .....	Hall of Famer Frank Robinson
2010 .....	Hall of Famer Johnny Bench
2011 .....	Hall of Famer Joe Morgan
2012 .....	Aaron Boone
2013 .....	Reds HOF George Foster
2014 .....	Reds HOF Dave Concepcion
2015 ...	R. Dibble, N. Charlton, R. Myers
2016 .....	1990 manager Lou Piniella
2017 .....	Reds HOF Sean Casey
2018 .....	Danny Graves, Sam LeCure

### GABP OPENING DAY FIRST PITCHES

2003.....	President George H.W. Bush
2004.....	Vice President Dick Cheney
2005.....	Representative Rob Portman
2006.....	President George W. Bush
2007.....	Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory
2008.....	Commissioner Todd Portune
2009.....	Nick Lachey
2010.....	George Grande
2011.....	Police Chief Tom Streicher
2012.....	Sheriff Simon L. Leis Jr.
2013.....	Team USA manager Joe Torre
2014.....	Dave Concepcion, Barry Larkin
2015.....	R. Dibble, N. Charlton, R. Myers
2016.....	1990 WS manager Lou Piniella
2017.....	GE Aviation CEO David Joyce
2018 .....	Olympian Nick Goepper

### REDS PLAYERS RIDING IN FINDLAY MARKET PARADE

2009 ...	Edinson Volquez, Johnny Cueto
2010 .....	Bronson Arroyo
2011 .....	Mike Leake, Travis Wood
2012 .....	Mat Latos, Nick Masset
2013 .....	Mat Latos, Bronson Arroyo
2014 .....	Aroldis Chapman, Mat Latos
2015 .....	Raisel Iglesias, A. DeSclafani
2016 ...	Brandon Finnegan, K. Sampson
2017..	Rookie Davis, Robert Stephenson
2018 .....	TBA

### RECENT OPENING DAY WEATHER

2005.....	66 degrees, gorgeous
2006.....	50 degrees, gloomy, chilly
2007.....	72 degrees, perfect
2008.....	57 degrees, cloudy, rainy
2009.....	37 degrees, cold, rainy
2010.....	78 degrees, party cloudy, windy
2011.....	41 degrees, cloudy, cold
2012.....	60 degrees, sunny
2013.....	47 degrees, partly sunny
2014.....	64 degrees, sunny
2015.....	68 degrees, cloudy, rain
2016.....	50 degrees, windy
2017.....	68 degrees, cloudy

## OPENING DAY 2018

### CINCINNATI REDS VS WASHINGTON NATIONALS

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 • GREAT AMERICAN BALL PARK



### 142ND OPENING DAY GAME

Today's game is the Reds' **142nd Opening Day** game, their 16th at **Great American Ball Park**...according to **Elias Sports Bureau**, it is the earliest **Opening Day** date in Major League Baseball history, not including games played outside the United States or Canada, and for the first time since **1968** each team will play its first game of the championship season on the first day...there were only **20 Major League teams** in **1968**...the earliest **Opening Day** date in Reds history had been **March 31** (1998, 2003, 2008, 2011, 2014)...the Reds are **68-72-1** in home openers, including **64-67-1** vs National League opponents, **0-1** vs American League opponents (2013 vs LAA) and **6-9** at **GABP**...**Opening Day results and lineups** are on media guide pages **382-383**.

### REDS VS NATIONALS ON OPENING DAY

The Reds and **Nationals** are meeting for the **first time** on **Opening Day**, though the Reds beat the **Montreal Expos** all 5 times they met in the season's first game: 5-1 in 1970, 4-1 in 1985, 11-5 in 1987, 2-1 in 1993 and 4-1 in 1996.

### OPENING DAY STARTER

**RHP Homer Bailey** will make his first career **Opening Day** start...he will become the fourth straight different **Opening Day** starter for the Reds (**Johnny Cueto** 2012-2015, **Raisel Iglesias** 2016, **Scott Feldman** in 2017)...will be the longest stretch of different **Opening Day** starting pitchers since a **6-year stretch** from **2001-2006** (**Pete Harnisch** 2000-2001, **Joey Hamilton** 2002, **Jimmy Haynes** 2003, **Cory Lidle** 2004, **Paul Wilson** 2005, **Aaron Harang** 2006).

### TWILIGHT ZONE

For the seventh straight season the **Opening Day** first pitch is scheduled for **4:10 p.m. ET**, the Reds' latest starting times since the **2003 opener** began at **4:11**...that 2003 game, the first regular season game at GABP, was the latest **Opening Day** start since the **1994 game** began at **8:05** to accommodate **ESPN Sunday Night Baseball**.

### BONUS BASEBALL

The Reds are **11-3** in **Opening Day extra-inning** games, most recently a 13-inning, 3-1 loss vs LAA in **2013** that ranked as the second-longest **Opening Day** in team history...most recently won an extra-inning **Opening Day** game in **1990** at **Hou** (8-4 win, 11 innings) and most recently won an extra-inning game at home on **1988** (5-4 win vs StL, 12 innings).

### AT NIGHT & ON THE ROAD

The Reds played a pair of openers at **night** (1966, 1994)...opened **on the road** 5 times, including 3 times because of inclement weather (1877, 1885, 1966), once because of labor strife (1990) and once as scheduled (1888).

### HOMER HAPPY

There were **41 home runs** hit in the 15 previous **Opening Day** games at **Great American Ball Park**, including at least 1 homer every year...in **2017**, the Reds and **Phillies** combined for **3 home runs** (Phi's **Cesar Hernandez** & **Freddy Galvis**, Cin's **Scooter Gennett**)...the **Opening Day** record for HR by both teams is **6** (2005, 2010, 2011).

### POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Former Reds pitchers **Danny Graves** (1997-2005) and **Sam LeCure** (2010-2015), both now working on the **Reds** on **Radio** broadcast team, will serve as grand marshals of the **99th Findlay Market Parade**, which begins at **noon Monday**...**Graves** is the team's all-time leader in saves (182)...**Randy Myers**, one of the **1990 World Series** champion "Nasty Boys" bullpen trio, will serve as the **Opening Day** game's **honorary captain**...Reds Hall of Famer **Eric Davis** will deliver the official **Opening Day** game ball...Olympic freestyler **Nick Goepper**, the Lawrenceburg, IN native who who won the silver medal in the men's slopestyle competition in South Korea, will throw out the **Opening Day** ceremonial first pitch...singer/songwriter **Nicki Bluhm** will sing our **National Anthem**...the flyover will be performed by a pair of **F-16 Fighting Falcons** of the **112th Fighter Squadron "Stingers"** from the **180th Fighter Wing Ohio Air National Guard Base in Toledo**...during **Opening Day** pre-game ceremonies, more than 100 men and women from **Cincinnati Fire Fighters Union Local 48** will hold in the outfield a 150-foot by 300-foot flag...the Reds will remember members of the family who passed away in the last year...the seventh annual **Reds Community Fund Block Party** begins at 11:00 a.m. at **Joe Nuxhall Way** and **Freedom Way**.

### THE FIRST PROFESSIONAL TEAM

On May 4, 1869, the **Red Stockings** beat the Cincinnati Great Westerns, 45-9, in the first professional baseball game...the **Red Stockings** would go on to win their first 130 games, including 81 official games and 49 exhibitions, before losing to the **Brooklyn Atlantics**, 8-7 in extra innings, on June 14, 1870...the Reds would be expelled from the league in 1880, in part for refusing to stop selling beer during games.

### GREAT AMERICAN FANS

This afternoon's **Opening Day** crowd will be the **118th sellout** during the regular season at 42,319-seat **Great American Ball Park**...there were **2 home sellouts** here in **2017**...on the field during the regular season, the Reds are **60-57** when playing in front of regular season sellout crowds at **GABP** (0-2 in 2017, 3-2 in 2016, 3-4 in 2015, 3-4 in 2014, 9-7 in 2013, 11-4 in 2012, 7-5 in 2011, 4-4 in 2010, 2-4 in 2009, 2-3 in 2008, 1-2 in 2007, 3-4 in 2006, 1-1 in 2005, 7-4 in 2004, 4-7 in 2003)...the Reds also sold out all 4 **National League Division Series** games in **2010** (1) and **2012** (3) and events during all 3 days of **2015 All-Star Game Week** for a total of **124 sellouts overall** since the ballpark opened in **2003**.

### IN THE BOOTHS

Hall of Famer **Marty Brennaman** is broadcasting his 45th consecutive **Opening Day** game...he will be joined in the **700 WLW Radio** booth by **Jeff Brantley**...**FOX Sports Ohio** broadcasters for the game are **Thom Brennaman** and **Chris Welsh**...**FOX Sports Ohio's** day-long **Opening Day** coverage begins at **10:00 a.m.**

### WHAT'S NEW AT GABP IN 2018

After 15 seasons the teams have switched bullpens, with the Reds now occupying the **right field bullpen** while the visiting team occupies the **left center field bullpen**...the **field lighting** has been converted to energy-efficient **LED bulbs**...**additional netting** now extends to the outfield end of each dugout, while the **existing netting** behind home plate has been replaced...a second level has been added to the **BOWTIE Bar** in right field and is open to all ticketed fans...the **Reds Hall of Fame** feature exhibit **Reds Threads presented by Dinsmore** includes more than 120 uniform items and traces the history of Reds uniforms back to the 1869 Red Stockings.