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SPRING TRAINING NOTES • DAY 14 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007 • PEORIA, AZ

THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING: With the Annual Charity Game against the Seattle Mariners scheduled for tomorrow (1:05 p.m.), the Padres are just a day away from live action at the Peoria Sports Complex...the Padres open the 31-game Cactus League schedule on Friday when they host the Mariners at 1:05 p.m...for tickets to all Spring Training games in Peoria, fans can call Ticketmaster at (480) 784-4444, visit www.ticketmaster.com or go to the box office at either PETCO Park or the Peoria Sports Complex.

TOMORROW'S ROTATION: Jake Peavy has been penciled in to start tomorrow's Charity Game against Horacio Ramirez...slated to follow Peavy are RHP Cla Meredith, RHP Doug Brocail, RHP Trevor Hoffman, LHP Sean Thompson, RHP Andrew Brown and RHP Scott Cassidy.

INTRASQUAD ACTION: The first intrasquad game of 2007 took place today at 11:30 a.m...the Padres used 11 pitchers in the scrimmage, combining to work both sides of a six-inning game and allow only four runs on seven hits...all seven hits were singles, collected by outfielders Will Venable, Paul McNulty and Adam Shabala, infielders Manny Alexander and Oscar Robles and catchers Nick Hundley and Josh Bard...RHP Mike Thompson turned in the strongest outing from the mound, facing six batters over 2.0 scoreless innings while recording three strikeouts.

ROSTER ROUND-UP: The back-to-back National League West Division Champion Padres have 57 players in Big League camp, including injured catcher Todd Greene (right shoulder dislocation)...with a full 40-man roster along with 17 non-roster invitees, the squad is currently made up of 31 pitchers, 13 infielders, seven outfielders and six catchers...of the 57 players, the Padres return 12 (eight pitchers) from last year's Opening Day roster (including three who opened 2006 on the disabled list)...the Friars have also retained 16 members of last season's Division Series roster (seven pitchers).

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 1 | Annual Charity Game vs. Seattle in Peoria (1:05 p.m.) |
| March 2 | First Cactus League Game vs. Seattle (1:05 p.m.) |
| March 6 | First Televised Spring Game vs. Arizona (7:05 p.m.) |
| April 1 | Team Workout at PETCO Park |
| April 3 | First Game of Regular Season at San Francisco (1:05 p.m.) |
| April 6 | Padres Home Opener vs. Colorado (7:05 p.m.) |

CACTUS LEAGUE CONSISTENCY: At 499-467-5, the Padres are just one win away from collecting their 500th Spring Training victory...coming off a 17-11 performance last year that placed third in the Cactus League, the Padres have now posted winning records in each of the last two spring campaigns and have finished over .500 in nine of their last 11...the Friars accomplished the feat seven consecutive years from 1996-2002, going 130-86-4 (.602) over the stretch.

TOUGH TICKET: San Diego's Home Opener (Friday, April 6, 7:05 p.m. vs. Colorado) figures to be a quick sellout when individual game tickets go on sale Saturday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. (PST)...the Padres had six home sellouts in 2006 despite only two home weekends featuring Division rivals Los Angeles and San Francisco...the 2007 slate calls for four weekends against these teams with the Dodgers coming April 27-29 and August 31-September 2 and the Giants in town August 3-5 and September 14-16...other weekend games to circle on the schedule include the Boston Red Sox first-ever PETCO Park visit, June 22-24, and "Tribute to Tony" Weekend, July 20-22..."Tribute to Tony" marks the final weekend before Gwynn travels to Cooperstown for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame...on Saturday (July 21) of that weekend, the Padres will stage an extensive pre-game ceremony honoring Mr. Padre before squaring off against Philadelphia, the team he faced in his Major League debut in 1982...the Padres will also host the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals at PETCO Park for a weekend series, May 11-13.

A LOOK BACK

The Padres all-time Spring Training results:

| Year | Record | Year | Record | Year | Record |
|------|--------|------|---------|--|-----------|
| 1969 | 10-15 | 1986 | 16-14 | 2003 | 8-17-2 |
| 1970 | 14-12 | 1987 | 13-16 | 2004 | 11-20 |
| 1971 | 11-14 | 1988 | 11-16 | 2005 | 16-14 |
| 1972 | 12-8 | 1989 | 18-8 | 2006 | 17-11 |
| 1973 | 6-16 | 1990 | 12-2 | TOTAL | 499-467-5 |
| 1974 | 10-10 | 1991 | 15-12 | The Friars have a career .517 winning percentage in Spring Training play...they posted a franchise-best 12-2 mark (.857) in 1990 and have collected a franchise-high 20 wins on three occasions (1996-97, 1999). | |
| 1975 | 10-10 | 1992 | 13-15 | | |
| 1976 | 8-7 | 1993 | 13-15 | | |
| 1977 | 16-10 | 1994 | 11-18 | | |
| 1978 | 15-13 | 1995 | 3-8-1 | | |
| 1979 | 9-11 | 1996 | 20-13 | | |
| 1980 | 8-10 | 1997 | 20-11 | | |
| 1981 | 12-13 | 1998 | 19-10-3 | | |
| 1982 | 15-8 | 1999 | 20-12-1 | | |
| 1983 | 12-13 | 2000 | 16-14 | | |
| 1984 | 13-17 | 2001 | 17-11 | | |
| 1985 | 11-15 | 2002 | 18-15 | | |

THE DAILY SCOOP: Throughout the Spring Training schedule, the Padres provide a daily feed on happenings from the Peoria Sports Complex...feeds will include player interviews, b-roll of that day's workout and game, along with any breaking news...for a schedule of feeds from March 1-31, please contact Bret Picciolo at (619) 993-6642...local San Diego media can receive this feed via your PETCO Park Loop free of charge...if your PETCO Park Loop is not yet activated, or you do not have a connection to PETCO Park, you can order daily feeds from the SBC/ATT fiber hub at (323) 993-5864...please ask for the San Diego Padres Spring Training Feed Reference VYVX circuit # 84TVGP949948 (Standard PGAD Fees Will Apply)...for additional information, please call the Padres Media Relations Department at (623) 412-4000.

TODAY IN THE NEWS

- [Padres' new approach: See the ball, take the ball](#) – Tom Krasovic, Union Tribune
- [Battle for openings shaping up in Padres bullpen](#) – Dan Hayes, North County Times
- [Young out to get even better](#) – Lyle Spencer, MLB.com
- [Notes: Relievers fighting for spots](#) – Corey Brock, MLB.com
- [Change of coast pays big for Bard](#) – Corey Brock, MLB.com
- [Welcome to the quirky, zany world of the Brothers Giles](#) – Bob Nightengale, USA Today