



SAN DIEGO PADRES (3-4) vs. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (5-3)
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007 • TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM • TEMPE, AZ
LHP DAVID WELLS (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP KELVIM ESCOBAR (0-0, 0.00 ERA)
ROAD GAME No. 5 • SPRING GAME No. 10

LAST GAME: The San Diego Padres committed four errors en route to an 8-6 loss to the Cubs on Thursday at the Peoria Sports Complex...San Diego notched 11 hits, while Chicago tallied 14...Greg Maddux made his second start of the spring, allowing five hits and two runs in 3.0 innings...Trevor Hoffman suffered the loss, allowing a home run to Daryle Ward in the seventh inning...Termel Sledge went 2-for-4 with his third home run, a grand slam off Kerry Wood in the fourth inning...Geoff Blum also had two hits, including a homer in the second.

SLEDGE HAMMER: Outfielder Termel Sledge ranks among the National League spring leaders in home runs (T2-3), RBI (T6-7) and slugging percentage (T4-1.000)...he is 6-for-15 (.400) with 15 total bases and an on-base percentage of .438 in five games.

JUST ONE OF THOSE DAYS: Although the Padres were charged with four errors Thursday, the club's six are still the fewest among any National League team this spring.

AND HE'S STILL A CLASSIC: Saturday the Tony Gwynn 2007 Classic takes place at PETCO Park. The Classic is a doubleheader that features two of San Diego's local colleges playing against teams from the Big 10 and the Big 12. First up, Oklahoma will take on USD at 3:00 p.m., followed by a SDSU/Michigan tilt at 7:00 p.m.

IT'S A FULL SQUAD: San Diego's minor league position players report today...they will undergo physicals and have photo day on Saturday and then conduct the first full-squad workout Sunday...minor league spring games get underway a week from today on March 16 against Kansas City's farmhands.

ROSTER ROUND-UP: The back-to-back National League West Division Champion Padres have 58 players in Big League camp, including injured catcher Todd Greene (right shoulder dislocation)...with a full 40-man roster along with 18 non-roster invitees, the squad is currently made up of 31 pitchers, 13 infielders, seven outfielders and seven catchers...of the 58 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).

THE DAILY SCOOP: The Padres provide daily T.V. feeds throughout spring training...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 YVYX circuit # 84TVGP949948 (Standard PGAD Fees Will Apply)...for additional information, please call the Padres Media Relations Department at (623) 412-4000.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

Padres	Opponent
Friday, March 9 at CHI (NL)	
RHP Jake Peavy, RHP Heath Bell	LHP Rich Hill
RHP Aaron Rakers, RHP Kevin Cameron	
LHP Royce Ring	
Friday, March 9 at LAA	
LHP David Wells, RHP Mike Thompson	RHP Kelvim Escobar
LHP Justin Hampson, LHP Ryan Ketchner	RHP Francisco Rodriguez
LHP Frank Brooks, RHP Andrew Brown	RHP Scot Sheilds
RHP Scott Cassidy	LHP Darren Oliver
Saturday, March 10 vs. COL	
RHP Chris Young	RHP Rodrigo Lopez
RHP Doug Brocaill	LHP Oscar Rivera
RHP Cla Meredith	RHP Matt Herges
RHP Steve Watkins, LHP Adrian Burnside	LHP Eric DuBose
	RHP Darren Clarke

BROADCAST NEWS

All Padres spring games will be broadcast in English on XX Sports Radio with all weekend contests also broadcast in Spanish on XEMO 860...English broadcasts will feature long time voice of the Padres, Jerry Coleman, along with Ted Leitner and newcomer Andy Masur...Eduardo Ortega has the Spanish call with Juan Avila...Matt Vasgersian and Mark Grant will call five television games on Channel 4...four more Channel 4 games will be broadcast on March 10 vs. Colorado (1:05 p.m.), March 18 vs. Chicago (AL) (1:05 p.m.), March 20 vs. Los Angeles (AL) (7:05 p.m.) and March 26 vs. Kansas City (7:05 p.m.).

TICKET TALK

Individual game tickets went on sale Saturday, March 3...the 2007 slate calls for four weekends against the Division rival Dodgers and Giants with Los Angeles coming April 27-29 and August 31-September 2 and San Francisco 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.

PADRES PITCHING NOTES

33 - David Wells, LHP

Will make his first official start of Spring today vs. the Angels...spent most of the 2006 season with the Boston Red Sox before being traded to San Diego on August 31...joined the Padres for the second time (also 2004) and started five games down the stretch going 1-2 with a 3.49 ERA (11 ER/ 28.1 IP)...made one start in the Division Series vs. St. Louis, losing despite allowing only two runs over 5.0 innings...allowed seven hits while striking out two without issuing a walk...went 12-8 with a 3.73 ERA (81 ER/195.2 IP) for the Padres in 2004...ranks in the top ten among active pitchers in wins (230, eighth), strikeouts (2,119, 10th), innings pitched (3,281.2, sixth), complete games (54, eighth) and BB/9IP (1.86, fourth).

39 - Mike Thompson, RHP

Suffered the loss in his only official Spring appearance on 3/5 at KC (2 R, 2.0 IP)...went 4-5 with a 4.99 ERA (51 ER/92.0 IP) in 19 games (16 starts) for the Padres in 2006...won his Major League debut against the Diamondbacks on May 17 in Arizona...allowed three earned runs in 5.0 innings...became just the 15th Padres starter (18th Padres pitcher) to tally a win in his Major League debut...also made three relief appearances during the season tossing 2.2 innings of scoreless ball.

45 - Justin Hampson, LHP

Slated to make his third Spring appearance today...pitched 1.0 scoreless inning 3/6 vs. ARI...allowed one hit in a scoreless frame for his first Spring appearance 3/3 vs. SEA...claimed off waivers by the Padres on 10/11/06 after spending seven years in the Colorado Rockies organization...after playing most of the 2006 season at Triple-A Colorado Springs, made his Major League debut on 9/10 vs. WSH suffering a blown save in that contest after allowing one run in 1.2 innings pitched...earned his first Big League win in his lone start, tossing 5.0 innings and allowing six runs on 10 hits 9/18 vs. SF...went 1-0 with a 7.50 ERA (10 ER/12.0 IP) in five games (one start) for the Rockies.

64 - Ryan Ketchner, LHP

Allowed two hits in 2.0 IP this Spring...worked a shutout inning on 3/7 vs. LAA and previously 3/4 vs. OAK...appeared in 13 minor league games (two starts) in the Dodgers organization in 2006...went 2-1 with a 1.69 ERA (5 ER/26.2 IP) between his three stops in the minors...struck out a total of 29 on the year, averaging 9.79 K/9.0 IP...trying to become the first deaf pitcher in the Major Leagues since 1908...in parts of six minor league seasons owns a 31-27 record with a 3.03 ERA (170 ER/504.1 IP) in 127 games (65 starts).

75 - Frank Brooks, LHP

Allowed a run in 1.0 inning 3/5 vs. KC...San Diego marks his seventh different organization...originally drafted in the 13th round of the First-Year Player Draft by the Philadelphia Phillies...started the 2006 season with Triple-A Omaha in the Royals organization...pitched in 17 games (all in relief) and posted a 0-2 record with a 5.96 ERA (15 ER/22.2 IP)...over parts of eight minor league seasons, has gone 46-46 with a 3.59 ERA (307 ER/770.1 IP)...has recorded 639 career strikeouts against just 306 walks.

58 - Andrew Brown, RHP

Blown save and loss on 3/7 vs. the Angels (3 H, 4 R)...previously, including the 3/1 Charity Game vs. SEA, had tossed 2.0 innings of shutout ball this Spring...made his Major League debut for the Cleveland Indians in 2006 allowing two hits over 2.0 scoreless innings 9/13 vs. Kansas City...finished the year 0-0 with a 3.60 ERA (4 ER/10 IP) in nine relief appearances...was traded along with infielder Kevin Kouzmanoff to San Diego in exchange for infielder Josh Barfield on 11/8/06.

56 - Scott Cassidy, RHP

Has allowed no hits in 2.0 innings this Spring...tossed a scoreless frame 3/4 vs. OAK and again on 3/7 at LAA...earned the save after 1.0 shutout inning in the 3/1 Charity Game vs. SEA...compiled a 6-4 record with a 2.53 ERA (12 ER/42.2 IP) over 42 games for the Padres in 2006...went 2-1 at home with a 2.38 ERA...allowed only four earned runs over 26.0 innings of work...did not allow a run over 16.2 consecutive innings at PETCO Park, 4/8-5/31...in parts of three Major League seasons spread over a five year span (2002-06) owns a 8-9 record with a 4.88 ERA (66 ER/121.2 IP) in 111 games.

PADRES BATTING NOTES

Marcus Giles - 2B

Knocked a leadoff home run on 3/7 at LAA...has gone 4-for-12 with a double in four games during Spring Training...batted .248 in 84 games before the All-Star break and .282 in 57 games after the break in 2006...clubbed 148 doubles over the last four seasons (2003-06), including 145 as a second baseman - the second highest total of any second sacker in the Majors over that span (Brian Roberts, 148)...Marcus and Brian Giles are the third set of brothers to play for the Padres as teammates (Gwynns and Alomars).

Brian Giles - DH

3-for-10 in four Spring games...tripled vs. the Angels on 3/7...led the 2006 Padres in games played (158) and walks (104), and tied for the club lead in RBI (83, Cameron) and multi-hit games (44, Gonzalez)...placed fifth in the National League with 104 walks...is one of 14 active players in Major League Baseball with 1,000 career walks.

Khalil Greene - SS

Homered vs. LAA on 3/7 in Tempe...played in four games this Spring...collected his first hit and RBI of the Spring, going 1-for-3, 3/6 vs. ARI...knocked 15 home runs for the third consecutive year in 2006, tying his own single-season Padres record for a shortstop...suffered a sprained ligament in the middle finger on his left hand during an at-bat 8/3 at Houston...entering that game, his 55 RBI and 15 homers as a shortstop ranked first and second, respectively, in the National League.

Russell Branyan - 3B

Has two hits in four Spring games...from the time he joined the Friars on 8/26/06 through the end of the season, he paced the team in home runs with six...launched his fifth long ball as a Padres player 9/24 vs. PIT, a 453-foot home run that tied the longest in PETCO Park history.

Geoff Blum - 1B

Homered yesterday vs. the Cubs and is now 4-for-10 this Spring...went 1-for-3 with a home run in a B game on 3/7 vs. SEA...also played third base, second base and shortstop in that game...knocked all four of his home runs from the left side of the plate in 2006...became the primary shortstop when Khalil Greene went on the disabled list August 19 (retroactive to August 18) and batted .270 (33-for-122) with seven doubles, a triple, two home runs and 18 RBI from 8/18 through the end of the season...hit a go-ahead solo home run in the 14th inning in Game 3 of the 2005 World Series (White Sox).

Jose Cruz Jr - CF

Has two hits in 11 at-bats over three Spring games...played in 86 games for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2006, appearing at all three outfield positions...batted .313 (21-for-67) vs. left-handers while posting a .199 (35-for-156) batting average vs. right-handers...has 198 career home runs and 107 stolen bases.

Jack Cust - LF

Is 3-for-9 in five Spring games...had one hit yesterday vs. the Cubs...went 1-for-3 (.333) for the Padres after having his contract purchased from Triple-A Portland on September 9, 2006...hit .293 (129-for-441) in 138 games for the Beavers...ranked second in the Pacific Coast League in home runs (30) and runs scored (97) while finishing fifth with a .549 slugging percentage.

Rob Bowen - C

Seeking his first hit (0-for-8) in his fourth Spring game...one of two San Diego switch-hitting catchers in 2006, batted .167 (3-for-18) from the right side and .263 (20-for-76) from the left...knocked all three of his long balls and collected 12 of his 13 RBI left-handed.

Adam Shabala - RF

Has notched one hit in six Spring at-bats...played the 2006 season with Triple-A Fresno of the Pacific Coast League in the San Francisco Giants organization...batted .277 (80-for-289) with five home runs and 41 RBI.

2007 SPRING TRAINING RESULTS/UPCOMING SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	REC	WINNER	LOSER	ATT	Broadcast
Thursday	March 1	SEATTLE (Charity Game)	W 4-3	0-0	S. Thompsom	C. Reitsma	8,436	
Friday	March 2	SEATTLE	W 3-2	1-0	R. Ring	J. Huber	4,413	XPRS, XEMO
Saturday	March 3	Seattle	W 1-0	2-0	C. Hensley	J. Washburn	7,804	XPRS, XEMO
Sunday	March 4	OAKLAND	L 3-4	2-1	C. Robertson	J. Cassel	5,386	XPRS, XEMO
Monday	March 5	Kansas City	L 4-9	2-2	J. Shiell	M. Thompson	2,706	XPRS
Tuesday	March 6	ARIZONA	W 5-3	3-2	S. Linebrink	C. Harville	5,150	Ch. 4 Padres, XPRS
Wednesday	March 7	Los Angeles Angels	L 4-6	3-3	D. Moseley	A. Brown	3,791	XPRS
Thursday	March 8	CHICAGO (NL)	L 5-8	3-4	J. Anderson	T. Hoffman	5,239	XPRS
Friday	March 9	Los Angeles Angels (ss) Chicago (NL) (ss)						XPRS, XEMO
Saturday	March 10	COLORADO						Ch. 4 Padres, XPRS, XEMO
Sunday	March 11	Arizona						XPRS, XEMO
Monday	March 12	Chicago (AL)						XPRS
Tuesday	March 13	Colorado						XPRS
Wednesday	March 14	TEXAS						XPRS
Thursday	March 15	OFF DAY						
Friday	March 16	Texas						XPRS, XEMO
Saturday	March 17	Chicago (NL)						XPRS, XEMO
Sunday	March 18	CHICAGO (AL)						Ch. 4 Padres, XPRS, XEMO
Monday	March 19	Oakland						XPRS
Tuesday	March 20	LOS ANGELES ANGELS						Ch. 4 Padres, XPRS
Wednesday	March 21	MILWAUKEE						XPRS
Thursday	March 22	CHICAGO (NL)						XPRS
Friday	March 23	Oakland						XPRS, XEMO
Saturday	March 24	ARIZONA (in Yuma, AZ) (ss) Milwaukee (ss)						XPRS, XEMO
Sunday	March 25	SAN FRANCISCO						XPRS, XEMO
Monday	March 26	KANSAS CITY						Ch. 4 Padres, XPRS
Tuesday	March 27	Texas						XPRS
Wednesday	March 28	Kansas City						XPRS
Thursday	March 29	SEATTLE (ss) Arizona (ss)						XPRS
Friday	March 30	ARIZONA						XPRS, XEMO
Saturday	March 31	Arizona (Chase Field, Phoenix,AZ)						XPRS, XEMO

CAPS - Home games XPRS (1090-AM/105.7-FM) XEMO (860-AM)

SPRING TRAINING TRANSACTIONS

None

RECORD

DAY: 2-4-0 NIGHT: 1-0-0
HOME: 2-2-0 ROAD: 1-2-0
VS. NL 1-1-0 VS. AL: 2-3-0

ATTENDANCE

HOME: 20,188 AVERAGE: 5,047
ROAD: 14,301 AVERAGE: 4,767
TOTAL: 34,489 AVERAGE: 4,927