



# CINCINNATI REDS

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## Opening Day, Monday, April 6, 2009 Cincinnati Reds vs New York Mets, Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati

### RED HOTS

#### 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
<b>Great American Ball Park .....</b>	<b>2003-09</b>

#### GABP Opening Day Results

3/31/03 vs Pit.....	L, 10-1	42,343
4/5/04 vs Chi.....	L, 7-4	42,122
<b>4/4/05 vs NYM.....</b>	<b>W, 7-6</b>	<b>*42,794</b>
4/3/06 vs Chi.....	L, 7-16	42,591
4/2/07 vs Chi.....	W, 5-1	42,720
3/31/08 vs Ari.....	L, 2-4	42,498

\* Largest crowd in Great American Ball Park history

#### 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
<b>2009.....</b>	<b>Nick Lachey</b>

#### Opening Day Starts, Reds Pitchers

Mario Soto .....	6
Pete Donohue.....	5
Joe Rijo.....	4
<b>Aaron Harang.....</b>	<b>*3</b>
Tom Browning .....	3
Ewell Blackwell.....	3
Paul Derringer .....	3
Si Johnson.....	3
Gary Nolan .....	3
Jim O'Toole .....	3
Bucky Walters.....	3
Tom Seaver.....	3

\* 2006-08

#### Opening Day Ks, By Reds Pitchers

1. Gary Nolan .....	12, 1969 vs LA
2. Mario Soto .....	10, 1982 vs Chi
T3. Mario Soto .....	8, 1984 vs NYM
Jim Merritt.....	8, 1970 vs Mtl
Jim O'Toole .....	8, 1965 vs Mil
Jesse Duryea .....	8, 1890 vs Chi

#### Career Opening Day HR, Reds

1. Adam Dunn* .....	5
2. Frank McCormick .....	4
T3. Barry Larkin .....	3
Tony Perez.....	3
Frank Robinson .....	3

\* Dunn is the only player in Reds history with a pair of 2-homer games on Opening Day (2005, 2007)

#### Career Opening Day RBI, Reds

1. Tony Perez .....	14
T2. Adam Dunn .....	11
Bug Holliday .....	11
T4. Dave Concepcion .....	9
George Foster .....	9
Tommy Corcoran.....	9
T7. Sean Casey.....	8
Barry Larkin .....	8
Pete Rose.....	8
Frank Robinson .....	8
Frank McCormick .....	8

#### Records & Fans

Listed below are the records and announced attendance figures for the first 6 seasons at **Great American Ball Park**:

2008.....	43-38.....	2,058,632
2007.....	39-42.....	2,058,593
2006.....	42-39.....	2,134,472
2005.....	42-39.....	1,943,157
2004.....	40-41.....	2,287,250
2003.....	35-46.....	2,355,259
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>241-245.....</b>	<b>12,837,363</b>

**OPENING DAY FACTS:** Today's game is the Reds' **133rd Opening Day** game, the seventh at **Great American Ball Park**...the Reds are **64-67-1** in home openers, including **60-63-1** vs National League opponents and 4-1 in **Opening Day** games played on **April 6** (most recent, 4-3 loss vs SD in 1992)...are **3-7-1** in their last 11 openers...are 11-2 in **Opening Day extra-inning** games, most recently an 8-4 victory at Hou in 11 innings in 1990...last played extra frames on **Opening Day** at home in **1988** (5-4 win vs StL, 12 innings)...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)...on **Opening Day 1876**, the founding year of the National League, the Reds earned a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Browns...**Opening Day results and lineups** are on media guide pages 378-380.

**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.

**OPENING DAY vs METS:** The Reds and Mets are meeting for only the third time on Opening Day...Cin is **2-0 vs NYM** in season openers, an **8-1 victory in 1984** and a dramatic **7-6 win in 2005**.

**In the 1984 opener, Mario Soto** beat **Mike Torrez**, 8-1...**Soto** had 8 strikeouts, the third-highest total by a Reds pitcher on Opening Day...that victory was the second in a streak of 9 straight Opening Day wins for the Reds (1983-1991). **In the 2005 opener**, the Redlegs scored 3 runs in the bottom of the ninth inning on a 2-run HR by **Adam Dunn** and a solo shot by **Joe Randa**, who became the first player in Reds history to hit a **walkoff homer** on Opening Day...the Reds became the first team in Major League history to win an Opening Day game on back-to-back, game-tying and game-winning HR in the last inning...**Pedro Martinez**, in his Mets debut, had 12 strikeouts and during one stretch **recorded by strikeout** 9 straight outs and 12 of 13 outs...Opening Day **sold out** in a club-record **12 minutes** and produced a Great American Ball Park record attendance of **42,794**.

**OPENING DAY VETERAN:** Today's **Opening Day** game is the seventh in **Cincinnati** for **Dusty Baker**, his second as **Reds manager**...as a **player**, he was on the Opening Day rosters of the **Braves** in 1971 and 1974...he is **3-1 as a manager** on Opening Day here, including an 11-8 victory by the **Giants** in 1999, a 7-4 win by the **Cubs** in 2004, a 16-7 **Cubs** victory in 2006 and last year's 4-2 Reds loss to the **Diamondbacks**.

**OPENING DAY STARTER:** **Aaron Harang** is making his fourth straight Opening Day start, the first Reds pitcher to do so since **RHP Jose Rijo** had the honors in 4 straight seasons from 1992-95...the only other Reds pitchers to make at least 4 consecutive Opening Day starts are **Pete Donohue** (5 straight, 1923-27) and **Mario Soto** (5, 1982-86)...**Soto** holds the club record for overall Opening Day starts (6)...see that complete list in the **Red Hots** box to the left...between **Rijo's** last appearance in 1995 and **Harang's** 2006 start, Opening Day nods went to **Pete Schourek, John Smiley, Mike Remlinger, Brett Tomko, Pete Harnisch** (twice), **Joey Hamilton, Jimmy Haynes, Cory Lidle** and **Paul Wilson**.

**START ME UP:** Starting pitcher **Aaron Harang** is 1-2 in **Opening Day** starts, a 16-7 loss to the **Cubs** in 2006, a 5-1 win over the **Cubs** in 2007 and last year's 4-2 loss to the **Diamondbacks**.

**POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE:** Hall of Famer **Frank Robinson** will be the grand marshal of the **90th Findlay Market Parade** and honorary captain of the **Opening Day** game vs the Mets...**Bronson Arroyo** will ride in the parade, which begins at 10:30 a.m....Cincinnati native and Jive Records recording artist **Nick Lachey** will throw out the ceremonial first pitch...18-year-old **Mia Carruthers** will sing the **National Anthem**...the singer/song writer is a student at Cincinnati's School for Creative & Performing Arts and a star of the MTV reality show **Taking the Stage**...members of the University of Cincinnati's **2008 Big East champion** football team will hold a giant American flag in the outfield during the singing of our **National Anthem**...UC head football coach **Brian Kelly** will deliver the official game ball to the mound...Cincinnati firefighter **John Winfrey** will perform **God Bless America** during the game...**2B Brandon Phillips** will receive his 2008 **Rawling's Gold Glove Award**...a moment of silence will be held in honor of **Glenn Sample**, longtime Reds official scorer and local sports icon who passed away in November...the Reds will dedicate the official scorer's booth his honor...**UC's marching band** will lead the crowd in **Take Me Out to the Ball Game**...the **Goshorn Brothers** will perform a pregame concert in the **Fan Zone**.

**GREAT AMERICAN FANS:** This afternoon's Opening Day game will be the **40th sellout** at Great American Ball Park...on the field the Reds are **18-21** when playing in front of sellout crowds at GABP (2-3 in 2008, 1-2 in 2007, 3-4 in 2006, 1-1 in 2005, 7-4 in 2004, 4-7 in 2003).

**IN THE BOOTHS:** Hall of Famer **Marty Brennaman** is broadcasting his 36th consecutive Opening Day game...he will be joined in the **700 WLW Radio** booth today by his son, **Thom**, and **Jeff Brantley**...**FOX Sports Ohio** broadcasters **George Grande & Chris Welsh**, the longest-running TV duo in Reds history, are returning for their 17th season together.

**OPENING DAY ENTERTAINMENT:** Reds rightsholders **700 WLW Radio** and **FOX Sports Ohio** will broadcast live pre-game shows from Great American Ball Park...**700 WLW Radio** will be stationed under the **Power Stacks** in center field...**FOX Sports Ohio** will broadcast from its new set location on the **third base Terrace Level concourse** and will go on the air at 12:30 with a 30-minute **Reds Live** special...**Goshorn Brothers** will perform in the **Fan Zone** from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m...**Pete Wagner Dixieland Band** will perform throughout the ballpark from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

**WHAT'S NEW IN 2009:** A **140-foot by 140-foot high definition scoreboard** in left field, a new digital HD **out of town scoreboard** on the left field fence and 768 feet of new **digital ribbon boards** that wrap around the ballpark...**FOX Sports Ohio Champions Club**, an all-inclusive club in the renovated **Club 4192**...**FOX Sports Ohio** has a new set location on the **third base Terrace Level concourse**...**Coca-Cola** is the official soft drink of the Reds...the Reds will host the **White Sox** in the **Civil Rights Game** on 6/20...**\$5 tickets** are available in advance...**\$1 hot dogs, \$1 Coca-Cola, \$1 peanuts, \$1 popcorn** and **\$1 ice cream** are available at first base concession stands in the **Fan Zone** and **View Level**...**\$5 14-ounce draft beer** is sold all all beer stands except those in the club and suite levels...**\$7 adult value meal** (regular hot dog, 16-ounce Coca-Cola and small chips or snack)...**\$5 kids value meal** (kids hot dog, small Coca-Cola, snack and baseball card)...the **Reds Hall of Fame and Museum** will host 2 new exhibits, **Crosley Field Remembered** and **Negro Leagues and Cincinnati**.

**STILL GOING GREEN:** For the third straight Opening Day, the Reds will partner with **Duke Energy** to go "carbon neutral"...the Reds have purchased from **Carbon Solutions Group** credits called **Voluntary Emission Reductions (VER)**, which are used to fund energy projects that help reduce the amount of carbon emissions released into the atmosphere...the electricity and natural gas used at Great American Ball Park on Opening Day will create carbon emissions...by purchasing the VER credits, the Reds are giving back to the environment by helping fund such energy projects as wind mill and solar farms that emit no carbon...the club also has an extensive recycling program with **Rumpke**.