



SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS

2008 GAME NOTES

Saturday, May 10, 2008
Regular Season Game #36, Road Game #18

Arvest Ballpark
Springdale, AR

SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS (17-18)

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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS NATURALS (18-17)

RHP ADAM OTTAVINO (0-3, 6.98 ERA) vs. RHP CARLOS ROSA (3-2, 1.38 ERA)

TONIGHT'S GAME: The Springfield Cardinals continue an eight-game road trip, with the final game of a four-game series against the Northwest Arkansas Naturals. After a day off on Sunday, the Cards will head to North Little Rock to face the Arkansas Travelers for four. The Cards will return to Hammons Field on Friday, May 16th for a four-game series against the Tulsa Drillers. Individual tickets are available for all regular season home games at Hammons Field by calling (417) 863-2143 or online at www.springfieldcardinals.com.

VS. THE NATURALS: This is the third series between these two clubs this year, as they've split the first two four-game series so far. The Cards are 5-6 against the Naturals in 2008 and 3-4 here at Arvest Ballpark after dropping two of the first three in this series.

ADAM OTTAVINO: Making his fifth start for Springfield and second start vs Northwest Arkansas...is coming off the disabled list today after spending the last two weeks on it with right shoulder inflammation...in his last start before going on the DL, at Northwest Arkansas on 4/24, allowed four runs on five hits over six innings, taking the loss in a 4-2 defeat...in 2007, made 27 starts for Palm Beach in the Florida State League, going 12-8 with a 3.08 ERA...his 12 wins were second in the league and his 128 strikeouts were third...named to both the mid-season and postseason Florida State League All-Star Teams...rated by Baseball America as the Cardinals' sixth best prospect...drafted by STL in the first round (30th overall) of the 2006 June Draft...**CARLOS ROSA:** Making eighth start of the year and second against Springfield...in last start, allowed one run on six hits over five innings in a no-decision vs Tulsa on 5/5...has only allowed one run over his last three starts (19 innings)...his ERA of 1.38 is the best in the Texas League...last year, went 6-6 with Wichita with a 4.36 ERA in 21 games, after earning the promotion from Wilmington of the Carolina League, where he was 2-1 with a 0.39 ERA in four games...rated by Baseball America as the Royals' #7 prospect...signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Kansas City Royals on 11/29/01.

LAST GAME: Too much Northwest Arkansas pitching for the Springfield Cardinals on Friday night led to a 2-0 win for the Naturals at Arvest Ballpark. Naturals' starter Blake Johnson (3-2) shut out the Cards over seven innings, allowing six hits. Johnson has not allowed a run in his last 13 innings overall. Greg Atencio picked up his first save of the year with two scoreless innings to finish the game. Shane Robinson had two hits to lead the Cards' offense, which collected nine hits, but couldn't punch through with a run. Cards' starter Tyler Herron (0-1) pitched well in defeat, allowing two runs on nine hits over six innings.

MAJOR MOVES: The Springfield Cardinals had six players on the transaction wire today. Right-hander Adam Ottavino (right shoulder inflammation) has come off the disabled list and will start tonight for Springfield. AJ Van Slyke (.244, 0 HR, 1 RBI), Luke Gorsett (.207, 2 HR, 8 RBIs) and Josh Dew (0-2, 6.30 ERA) were all sent to Palm Beach of the Florida State League. Joining Springfield is 1B/OF Steven Hill, who was hitting .320 with seven homers and 25 RBIs in 32 games for Palm Beach. Also joining the Cards is INF Isa Garcia, who was batting .310 with no home runs and 15 RBIs in 23 games.

WHITE WASHED: Last night was the third time the Cards have been shut out this year and the second time here in Springdale. The Cards have lost 12-0, 1-0 and 2-0 this year and have yet to record a shut-out of their own. Last season, the Redbirds were blanked six times and shut out their opponent nine times.

GOIN' MULTI: Allen Craig is just the second Cardinal this year to record a multi-homer game, after swatting two in Wednesday's 8-1 victory. It's his third career multi-homer game. Craig had 21 homers last year in Palm Beach and had a pair of two-homer games. Both were within a week of each other; 4/26 at Vero Beach and 5/2 vs Brevard County. Casey Rowlett is the only other Cardinal to do it this year, recording a multi-homer game vs Northwest Arkansas on 4/30.

THE .500 MARK: The Springfield Cardinals started the season a dismal 1-9. After going 16-7 over their next 23 games, Springfield went over .500 for the first and only time this year after Wednesday's win in Northwest Arkansas. After losing the last two games in this series, Springfield is back to a game under at 17-18. Last year, the Cardinals won the Texas League North first half title with a record of 36-31, then won the second half with a record of 37-32, combining to finish 73-63.

STILL AT THE TOP: Shane Robinson continues to terrorize Texas League pitching, recording his fifth straight multi-hit game in Friday's loss at Northwest Arkansas. Robinson had recorded three straight three-hit games prior to going 2-3 on Thursday and 2-4 on Friday. Now hitting a league-best .431, Robinson has hit in five straight overall and 13 of his last 14. Jon Jay is now tenth in the league with a .320 average entering Saturday's game.

WHERE WE RANK: The Springfield Cardinals' offense sits at a .282 batting average entering today's action, third in the league behind Frisco's .294 and Corpus Christi at .290. Springfield's homer total of 32 is now third behind Midland (34) and Frisco (43). Pitching-wise, the Cards are fourth in the league with a team ERA of 4.37. Springfield is number two in the league with 275 strikeouts.

MEMPHIS REPORT: The Memphis Redbirds (16-20) dropped a heart-breaker in Las Vegas last night, blowing a 3-0 lead and falling 4-3 to the 51's. Anthony Reyes started and worked three scoreless innings for the Redbirds. Colby Rasmus went 0-5 and is now hitting just .191. Memphis travels to Tucson tonight, sending PJ Walters to the mound in just his second Triple-A start.

"NATURAL" PROSPECTS: The Kansas City Royals have a total of seven players on the Northwest Arkansas roster that Baseball America considers to be among Kansas City's Top 30 Prospects. Six of the seven are pitchers and three are in the top ten. They are: #2 RHP Daniel Cores, #7 RHP Carlos Rosa, #8 RHP Julio Pimentel, #14 RHP Blake Johnson, #25 OF Jose Duarte, #28 LHP Dusty Hughes and #30 LHP Rowdy Hardy.

BASEBALL AMERICA PROSPECTS IN SPRINGFIELD: With all the recent changes to Springfield's roster, it now features ten of Baseball America's Top 30 STL prospects: RHP Adam Ottavino (#6), RHP Clayton Mortensen (#8), RHP Tyler Herron (#9), OF Jon Jay (#11), RHP Jess Todd (#12), INF Allen Craig (#15), INF Jose Martinez (#17), INF Mark Hamilton (#27), RHP Luke Gregerson (#28) and INF Tyler Greene (#29).

TEXAS-LEAGUE "HOT CORNER" ONLINE: To hear interviews with current and former Texas League stars, visit the Texas League website at www.texas-league.com and click on the "Hot Corner". The "Hot Corner", hosted by Dave Barr, has already featured interviews with former Cards' outfielder Colby Rasmus and other former stars of the Texas League.

SEEING STARS: The 2008 Texas League All-Star Game presented by Great Southern, will be held at Hammons Field on Wednesday, June 25th. Stars from all eight Texas League Teams will visit Hammons Field for the first time in Springfield history. Tickets are still available by calling (417) 863-0395.

2008 TEXAS LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTH	W	L	Pct	GB
Northwest Arkansas	18	17	.514	-
Springfield	17	18	.486	1.0
Arkansas	13	22	.371	5.0
Tulsa	13	22	.371	5.0
SOUTH				
Frisco	23	11	.676	-
Midland	20	15	.571	3.5
Corpus Christi	20	15	.571	3.5
San Antonio	15	19	.441	8.0

TEXAS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY, MAY 9
Frisco 3 Corpus Christi 16
Arkansas 2 Tulsa 4
San Antonio 3 Midland 9
Springfield 0 Northwest Arkansas 2

SATURDAY, MAY 10
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas 7:00pm
Arkansas at Tulsa 7:05pm
Frisco at Corpus Christi 7:05pm
Midland at San Antonio 7:05pm

SUNDAY, MAY 11
NO GAMES SCHEDULED

MONDAY, MAY 12
Frisco at Midland 6:30pm
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa 7:05pm
Corpus Christi at San Antonio 7:05pm
Springfield at Arkansas 7:10pm

2008 CARDINALS AT A GLANCE

1st Half Record:	17-18
1st Half Standing:	Second Place in North
Home Record:	7-11
Road Record:	10-7
vs Northwest Arkansas in 2008:	5-6
At home vs Northwest Arkansas in 2008	2-2
On road vs Northwest Arkansas in 2008	3-4

2008 ATTENDANCE

TEAM	TOTAL	AVG
1. Frisco	139,144	8,185
2. Corpus Christi	141,980	6,761
3. Springfield	116,361	6,465
4. Arkansas	81,944	6,303
5. Northwest Arkansas	98,120	4,906
6. Tulsa	71,081	4,443
7. Midland	54,669	3,905
8. San Antonio	61,086	3,593

PROBABLE SPRINGFIELD LINEUP 5/10/08

1. #4	SHANE ROBINSON	LF
2. #23	JON JAY	CF
3. #5	ALLEN CRAIG	DH
4. #--	STEVEN HILL	1B
5. #40	MARK SHOREY	RF
6. #3	JOSE MARTINEZ	2B
7. #--	ISA GARCIA	3B
8. #8	TYLER GREENE	SS
9. #26	MATT PAGNOZZI	C
#30	ADAM OTTAVINO	STARTING PITCHER

UPCOMING GAMES

Date	Opp	Pitching Probables	Time	TV/Radio
5/11		OFF DAY		
5/12	@ ARK	RHP Cory Rauschenberger vs RHP Fernando Rodriguez	7:10pm	JOCK 98.7 FM
5/12	@ ARK	RHP Jess Todd vs RHP Brok Butcher	7:10pm	JOCK 98.7 FM

2008 CARDINALS RECORD WHEN:

At home7-11	Cardinals hit zero HR's5-10	First game of series5-5
On the road10-7	Cardinals hit one HR7-6	Last game of series6-3
Day games5-5	Cardinals hit two or more HR's5-2	First game of homestand2-1
Night games12-13	Cardinals don't allow a HR6-5	Last game of homestand2-1
Extra innings2-1	Leading after 7 innings13-0	First game of road trip2-1
Shutouts0-3	Tied after 7 innings2-2	Last game of road trip2-0
In one run games5-2	Trailing after 7 innings0-15	First game of off-days (scheduled)1-0
Cardinals score more than four14-2	Leading after 8 innings13-0	Errorless games6-7
Cardinals score four or less3-16	Tied after 8 innings1-1	Postponed Games due to Weather1
Cardinals score first13-5	Trailing after 8 innings1-16	Double-Header Record0-0-1
Opponent scores first4-13	Runs Via HR55	
Out-hit opponents15-2	Opponent Runs Via HR64	
Out-hit by opponents0-15		

2008 CARDINALS HIGHS & LOWS

TEAM BATTING		
Most Runs - Inning - Cards	10 (2nd)	4/17 vs Tulsa
Most Runs - Inning - Opponents	6 (7th)	5/1 vs NWA
Most Runs - Game - Cards	20	4/17 vs Tulsa
Most Runs - Game - Opponents	12	4/7 vs Midland
Most Runs - Game - Both Clubs	25	4/17 vs Tulsa
Most Hits - Game - Cards	20	4/22 @ NWA
Most Hits - Game - Opponents	18	4/7 vs Midland
Fewest Hits - Game - Cards	3	4/8 vs Midland
Most Home Runs - Game - Cards	4	*4/30 vs NWA
Most Home Runs - Game - Opponents	4	*4/30 vs NWA
TEAM PITCHING		
Most Strikeouts - Game - Cards	14	4/4 vs Frisco
Most Strikeouts - Game - Opponents	10	*4/13 @ Midland
Fewest Strikeouts - Game - Cards	5	4/12 @ Frisco
Fewest Strikeouts - Game - Opponents	2	4/10 @ Frisco
Most Walks - Game - Cards	8	5/1 vs NWA
Most Walks - Game - Opponents	7	4/28 @ Tulsa
Fewest Walks - Game - Cards	1	4/3 vs Frisco
Fewest Walks - Game - Opponents	1	4/4 vs Frisco
Fewest Hits Allowed	3	4/21 @ NWA
TEAM MISCELLANEOUS		
Largest Crowd - Home	8,459	4/30 vs NWA
Largest Crowd - Road	10,216	4/12 @ Frisco
Longest Game - Innings	14	4/22 @ NWA
Longest Game - Time (Overall)	4:20	4/22 @ NWA
Longest Game - Time (9-inning game)	3:37	4/10 @ Frisco
Largest Margin of Victory	15	4/17 vs Tulsa
Largest Margin of Defeat	12	4/7 vs Midland
Most Left On Base	14	4/22 @ NWA
Most Errors Defensively	3	*4/8 vs Midland
Most Double Plays	2	*4/19 vs Tulsa
Longest Winning Streak	6	4/24 - 4/29
Longest Losing Streak	6	4/3 - 4/8
INDIVIDUAL BATTING		
Longest Hitting Streak (Games)	12, Jay	4/20 - 5/1
Most Runs - Game	4, Robinson	*4/25 @ Tulsa
Most Hits - Game	4, Craig	*4/25 @ Tulsa
Most Doubles - Game	2, Van Slyke	*4/22 @ NWA
Most Triples - Game	1, Rowlett	*5/7 @ NWA
Most Home Runs - Game	2, Craig	*5/7 @ NWA
Most RBI - Game	4, Rowlett	*4/30 vs NWA
Most Stolen Bases - Game	2, Greene	4/21 @ NWA
INDIVIDUAL PITCHING		
Most Strikeouts - Game (Starter)	10, Garcia	4/21 @NWA
Most Strikeouts - Game (Reliever)	5, Honel	4/13 @ Midland
Most IP - Game (Starter)	8.2, Walters	4/29 vs NWA
Most IP - Game (Reliever)	3.0, Salas	*4/22 @NWA

*Happened more than once - most recent listed

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	BY DAY		BY OPPONENT		
			Home	Road	Total
Monday	3-2				
Tuesday	4-1	ARK	3-1	0-0	3-1
Wednesday	1-1	COR	0-0	0-0	0-0
Thursday	3-4	FRI	0-3	1-2	1-5
Friday	2-4	MID	0-3	2-1	2-4
Saturday	1-4	NWA	2-2	3-4	5-6
Sunday	3-2	SAN	0-0	0-0	0-0
		TUL	2-2	4-0	6-2
		vs. North	7-5	7-4	14-9
		vs. South	0-6	3-3	3-9
BY MONTH					
April	12-14				
May	5-4				
June	-				
July	-				
August/September	-				
BY SERIES					
	3G	4G	5G		
Won	1	1	0		
Lost	3	0	0		
Split	-	3	-		
Sweeps	0	1	0		
Opp. Sweeps	2	0	0		
*Rain Shortened					

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

May 10:	RHP Josh Dew sent to Class-A Palm Beach
May 10:	OF Luke Gorsett sent to Class-A Palm Beach
May 10:	INF AJ Van Slyke sent to Class-A Palm Beach
May 10:	INF Steven Hill promoted from Class-A Palm Beach
May 10:	INF Isa Garcia promoted from Class-A Palm Beach
May 10:	RHP Adam Ottavino activated off DL
May 4:	RHP Jess Todd promoted from Class-A Palm Beach
May 4:	RHP Tyler Herron promoted from Class-A Palm Beach
May 4:	RHP PJ Walters promoted to Triple-A Memphis
May 3:	LHP Jaime Garcia promoted to Triple-A Memphis
May 2:	RHP Marco Gonzalez promoted from Class-A Palm Beach
May 2:	RHP Adam Ottavino placed on DL (inflammation right shoulder)
April 29:	C Matt Pagnozzi joins team from Triple-A Memphis
April 29:	C Bryan Anderson promoted to Triple-A Memphis
April 26:	RHP Bob Zimmermann activated off DL
April 26:	RHP Matt Scherer promoted to Triple-A Memphis
April 25:	INF Pete Maestrales released from organization
April 25:	INF Casey Rowlett joins team from Triple-A Memphis
April 22:	INF Brendan Ryan rejoins St. Louis Cardinals
April 22:	RHP Bob Zimmermann placed on DL
April 22:	LHP Adam Daniels activated from DL
April 21:	RHP Luke Gregerson activated from DL
April 21:	RHP Kris Honel released from organization

2008 Springfield Cardinals

Day-By-Day (1st Half)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Rec.	Time	Att	HRs
4/3	Frisco	L	6-3	Harrison (1-0)	Walters (0-1)	Madrigal (1)	0-1	2:35	3,830	
4/4	Frisco	L	2-1	Feldman (1-0)	Garcia (0-1)	Madrigal (2)	0-2	2:38	3,830	
4/5	Frisco	L	7-4 (11)	Gonzalez (1-0)	Webber (0-1)		0-3	3:16	3,830	
4/6	Midland	L	7-4	Borrell (1-0)	Ottavino (0-1)		0-4	3:16	3,830	Craig (1), Hamilton (1)
4/7	Midland	L	12-0	Webb (1-0)	Daniels (0-1)		0-5	2:50	3,830	
4/8	Midland	L	6-2	Madsen (2-0)	Walters (0-2)		0-6	2:22	3,830	Jay (1)
4/10	@ Frisco	W	12-5	Garcia (1-1)	Batista (1-1)		1-6	3:37	9,771	Hamilton GS (2)
4/11	@ Frisco	L	8-3	Ballard (1-0)	Mortensen (0-1)		1-7	2:41	9,491	Greene (1)
4/12	@ Frisco	L	4-2	Michalak (1-0)	Mikrut (0-1)	Garr (1)	1-8	2:47	10,216	Shorey (1)
4/13	@ Midland	L	7-3	Currin (1-0)	Rauschenberger (0-1)		1-9	3:07	3,302	
4/14	@ Midland	W	3-2 (10)	Salas (1-0)	Bell (1-1)	Scherer (1)	2-9	2:44	3,104	Anderson (1)
4/15	@ Midland	W	9-1	Garcia (2-1)	Mazzaro (1-1)		3-9	3:00	2,851	Robinson (1)
4/17	Tulsa	W	20-5	Mortensen (1-1)	Lo (0-3)		4-9	3:05	6,577	Hamilton (3), Martinez (1), Anderson (2), Ryan (1)
4/18	Tulsa	L	5-2	Cedeno (2-1)	Ottavino (0-2)	Strop (3)	4-10	2:56	6,363	
4/19	Tulsa	L	8-4	Bright (2-0)	Dew (0-1)		4-11	2:47	7,676	Martinez (2)
4/20	Tulsa	W	10-3	Mulder (1-0)	Johnson (0-2)		5-11	2:18	8,421	Shorey PH (2), Jay (2)
4/21	@ NW Arkansas	L	1-0	Mildren (1-2)	Garcia (2-2)	Lowery (1)	5-12	2:29	4,629	
4/22	@ NW Arkansas	W	7-4 (14)	Webber (1-1)	Green (0-1)	Gregerson (1)	6-12	4:20	3,358	
4/24-1	@ NW Arkansas	L	4-2 (7)	Colon (1-0)	Ottavino (0-3)	Lowery (2)	6-13	1:46	-	Hamilton (4)
4/24-2	@ NW Arkansas	W	4-3 (7)	Walters (1-2)	Johnson (1-2)	Gregerson (2)	7-13	2:18	5,120	Jay (3)
4/25	@ Tulsa	W	12-4	Mulder (2-0)	Johnson (0-3)		8-13	3:02	3,944	Craig (2)
4/26	@ Tulsa	W	7-3	Webber (2-1)	Bright (2-1)		9-13	3:11	7,077	
4/27	@ Tulsa	W	5-2	Garcia (3-2)	Lo (0-5)	Gregerson (3)	10-13	2:28	4,195	
4/28	@ Tulsa	W	6-5	Zuercher (1-0)	Cedeno (3-2)	Dew (1)	11-13	3:19	6,759	Greene (2), Gorsett (1)
4/29	NW Arkansas	W	5-4	Salas (2-0)	Plummer (0-1)		12-13	2:26	5,574	Greene (3)
4/30	NW Arkansas	L	11-6	Rosa (3-2)	Rauschenberger (0-2)		12-14	2:48	8,459	Rowlett 2 (2), Robinson (2), Pagnozzi (1)
5/1	NW Arkansas	L	9-6	Pimentel (2-2)	Dew (0-2)	Crist (1)	12-15	2:56	5,699	Craig (3)
5/2	NW Arkansas	W	7-3	Zimmermann (1-0)	de la Cruz (0-1)	Gregerson (4)	13-15	2:48	6,559	Pagnozzi (2), Craig (4), Gorsett (2)
5/3	Arkansas	L	10-4	Ortega (3-2)	Mortensen (1-2)		13-16	3:05	6,859	
5/4	Arkansas	W	8-3	Zimmermann (2-0)	Mosebach (3-2)		14-16	2:51	7,435	Greene (4)
5/5	Arkansas	W	4-1	Rauschenberger (1-2)	Denham (1-4)	Gregerson (5)	15-16	2:34	5,557	
5/6	Arkansas	W	7-6	Zimmermann (3-0)	Rodriguez (1-4)	Gregerson (6)	16-16	2:36	8,462	
5/7	NW Arkansas	W	8-1	Webber (3-1)	Hardy (0-3)		17-16	2:08	3,756	Craig 2 (6)
5/8	NW Arkansas	L	6-2	Hughes (3-2)	Mortensen (1-3)		17-17	2:35	5,816	
5/9	NW Arkansas	L	2-0	Johnson (3-2)	Herron (0-1)	Atencio (1)	17-18	2:15	5,250	