



CINCINNATI REDS

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Game 2, Home 2 (0-1)
Cincinnati Reds (0-1)
RHP Edinson Volquez (NR)
vs
New York Mets (1-0)
RHP Mike Pelfrey (NR)
Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Great American Ball Park

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

Wed vs NYM:	RHP Edinson Volquez vs RHP Mike Pelfrey	wlw radio/fso, 7:10
Thu vs NYM:	RHP Bronson Arroyo vs LHP Oliver Perez	wlw radio, 12:35
Fri vs Pit:	RHP Johnny Cueto vs RHP Jeff Karstens	wlw radio/fso, 7:10
Sat vs Pit:	RHP Micah Owings vs LHP Paul Maholm (0-0, 1.35)	wlw radio/fso, 1:10
Sun vs Pit:	RHP Aaron Harang (0-1, 1.80) vs RHP Ian Snell (0-1, 13.50)	wlw radio/fso, 1:10

RED HOTs

Opening Day Roster

Returning	New in '09	Gone
Arroyo, P	Herrera, P	Affeldt, P
Burton, P	Masset, P	Coffey, P
Cordero, P	Owings, P	Fogg, P
Cueto, P	Rhodes, P	Mercker, P
Harang, P	Hanigan, C	Bako, C
Lincoln, P	Hernandez, C	Valentin, C
Volquez, P	Gonzalez, SS	Castro, IF
Weather, P	Janish, IF	Hatteberg, IF
Encarn., IF	Bruce, OF	Keppinger, IF
Phillips, IF	Dickerson, OF	Dunn, OF
Votto, 1B	Hairston, OF	Freel, OF
	McDonald, OF	Griffey, OF
	Nix, OF	Hopper, OF
	Taveras, OF	Patterson, OF

Gonzalez was on 2008 Opening Day disabled list

Top 10 Crowds at GABP

Opening Day 2005 vs NYM.....	42,794
Opening Day 2007 vs Cubs.....	42,720
Opening Day 2006 vs Cubs.....	42,591
Opening Day 2008 vs D'Backs.....	42,498
7/28/07 vs Cubs ('70s Night).....	42,365
Opening Day 2003 vs Pit.....	42,343
6/5/03 vs NYY.....	42,282
Opening Day 2009 vs Mets.....	42,177
Opening Day 2004 vs Cubs.....	42,122
6/4/03 vs NYY.....	42,082

2008 NL Central Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cubs	97	64	.602	-
Brewers	90	72	.556	7.5
Astros	86	75	.534	11.0
Cardinals	86	76	.531	11.5
REDS	74	88	.457	23.5
Pirates	67	95	.414	30.5

.500

In 2008, at **74-88** (.457) the Reds finished below .500 for the eighth consecutive season...is their longest stretch of sub-.500 finishes since 1945-55, when they failed to reach the even mark in 11 straight years...haven't finished .500 since 2000, when **Jack McKeon's** club went **85-77** (.525).

Home Runs By Ballpark, 2003-08

U.S. Cellular Field.....	1,381
Great American Ball Park	1,367
Rangers Park In Arlington	1,240
Coors Field.....	1,148
Yankee Stadium	1,147
Wrigley Field.....	1,142
Miller Park.....	1,131
Minute Maid Park.....	1,117

GABP opened in 2003

GABP Highlights

3/28/03.....	1st game (3-1 loss vs Cle)
4/4/03.....	Sosa's 500th HR
6/3/03.....	Yankees named Jeter captain
7/20/03.....	Bagwell's 400th HR
10/3/04 vs Pit.....	Larkin's final game
9/3/07.....	PMartinez' 3,000th strikeout
9/28/07.....	Cubs clinch NL Central

Wins By Managers

1. Connie Mack.....	3,731
3. Tony LaRussa	2,462
4. Bobby Cox.....	2,329
7. Joe Torre.....	2,152
14. Lou Piniella.....	1,701
26. Jim Leyland	1,326
33. Bill Rigney.....	1,239
34. DUSTY BAKER.....	1,236
Joe Cronin.....	1,236

Today's Milestone

His next appearance will be the 900th of **Jerry Hairston Jr.'s** career.

TONIGHT'S GAME: Is Game 2 (0-1) of a 3-game series vs **Jay Horwitz'** Mets (0-1) and Game 2 (0-1) of a 6-game homestand to open the season that also includes **Jim Trdinich's** Pirates (Fri-Sun)...following this homestand the Reds embark on their longest road trip of the season, an 11-day, 10-game jaunt to **Mil** (3g), **Hou** (off day, 4g) and **Chi** (3g).

TEAM PHOTO: At 4:00 p.m. today the Reds will take the team photo that will be given free to the first **40,000** fans attending the **Fri, 4/24** night game against the **Braves**, courtesy of **SmarTravel**...with a donation of **\$2,525** to the **Reds Community Fund**, **Harry Brown** of **Cincinnati** placed the winning bid in the online auction to have his photo taken with the team...**Harry** will receive an autographed print of that special photo and a pair of **RCF** polo shirts...the giveaway on 4/24 will include the photo taken with Reds uniformed personnel only.

ONLINE CHAT: Reds Vice President and Assistant General Manager **Bob Miller** will participate in an online chat at reds.com **Friday at 11:00 a.m. ET**...fans can log on and post their questions beginning at **8:00 a.m.** on Friday.

CIVIL RIGHTS GAME: At Great American Ball Park on **Sat, 6/20** the Reds and Chicago White Sox will meet in the **Civil Rights Game**, the first time the contest will be played during the regular season...the weekend's festivities will include a roundtable discussion at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center's **Harriet Tubman Theater** (Fri, 6/19, 4:00 p.m.), a luncheon at **Duke Energy Center** honoring the 3 winners of Major League Baseball's **Beacon Awards** (Sat, 6/20, 11:30 a.m.) and a **Youth Summit** at **Fountain Square** downtown (Sat, 6/20, 4:00 p.m.)...the luncheon on 6/20 will honor Beacon of Hope winner **Bill Cosby**, Beacon of Life winner **Hank Aaron** and Beacon of Change winner **Muhammad Ali**.

VOTE NOW: Through 4/30, fans can vote online at reds.com to decide which **Reds pitcher** will have a 2009 bobblehead...the **Fans Choice Bobblehead** will be given to the first 30,000 fans on **Sat, 7/18 vs Mil** and is part of a collectible set of 4 bobbleheads that also features **Joey Votto** (Sat, 5/9 StL), **Jay Bruce** (Sat, 7/4 vs StL) and **Brandon Phillips** (Sat, 8/15 vs Wsh).

NON-ROSTER INVITEES: The Opening Day roster includes a pair of non-roster invitees, **OF Darnell McDonald** and **OF Laynce Nix**...the club's most recent Opening Day rosters included 5 non-roster invitees last season (**RHP Johnny Cueto**, **RHP Mike Lincoln**, **LHP Kent Mercker**, **C Paul Bako**, **OF Corey Patterson**), 1 in 2007 (**RHP Victor Santos**), 1 in 2006 (**IF Andy Abad**) and 2 in 2005 (**IF Rich Aurilia**, **1B Jacob Cruz**).

FINISHED STRONG: In 2008 the Reds won 7 of their last 10 series (**3-0 vs SF**, 1-2 vs Pit, **2-1 vs Chi**, **2-1 at Mil**, **2-1 at Ari**, **2-1 vs StL**, **2-1 vs Mil**, **1-0 vs Fla**, 1-2 at Hou, 0-3 at StL).

DOT, DOT, DOT....: **Dusty Baker** finished the 2008 season with **1,236 wins** as a manager, tied with **Joe Cronin** for 34th on that all-time list...at **74-88** the Reds in 2008 were 2 wins better than in 2007 (**72-90**)...last season went **46-46** (.500) vs opponents with records at or above .500 and **28-42** (.400) vs opponents with records below .500...during the 2007 and 2008 seasons combined, the Reds went **88-92** (.489) vs opponents with records at or above .500 and **58-86** (.403) vs opponents with records below .500.

YOUNG GUNS: In 2008 the Reds used a rookie starting pitcher 46 times...in those 46 starts, **RHP Johnny Cueto** (31gs, 9-14, 4.81, 174ip, 93er), **RHP Homer Bailey** (8gs, 0-6, 7.93, 36.1ip, 32er), **RHP Daryl Thompson** (3gs, 0-2, 6.91, 14.1ip, 11er) and **RHP Ramon Ramirez** (4gs, 1-1, 3.00, 24ip, 8er) combined to go **10-23, 5.21** (248.2ip, 144er).

KKKKKKKKKK: In 2008, for the first time in franchise history 4 Reds pitchers recorded at least **150 strikeouts** in the same season (**Edinson Volquez** 206, **Bronson Arroyo** 163, **Johnny Cueto** 158, **Aaron Harang** 153).

THE ROTATION: **RHP Edinson Volquez** (33g, 32gs, 17-6, 3.21), **RHP Bronson Arroyo** (34gs, 15-11, 4.77), **RHP Aaron Harang** (30g, 29gs, 6-17, 4.78) and **RHP Johnny Cueto** (31gs, 9-14, 4.81) each made at least **25 starts** and produced an **ERA below 5.00**...that Reds quartet became the first to finish with 25 starts and ERAs below 5.00 since **1992**, when it was accomplished by **RHP Tim Lincecum** (34gs, 15-14, 3.91), **LHP Chris Hammond** (26gs, 7-10, 4.21), **RHP Jose Rijo** (33gs, 15-10, 2.56) and **LHP Greg Swindell** (30gs, 12-8, 2.70)...the '92 Reds finished **90-72**.

RISING STARS: In 2008, **OF Jay Bruce**, **1B Joey Votto** and **RHP Johnny Cueto** ranked among the National League rookie leaders in almost every statistical category...**Cueto** led NL rookie pitchers in strikeouts (158), while **Votto** ranked first in hitting (.297), hits (156), HR (24), total bases (266), multi-hit games (42), on-base percentage (.368) and slugging percentage (.506)...**Votto** (24hr, 84rbi) and **Bruce** (21hr, 52rbi) became the first pair of Reds rookies ever to produce more than 13 home runs each in the same season...the Reds were the only team in the Major Leagues this season to have 2 rookies with as many as 21hr each...**Votto** hit 23 of his 24 homers as a first baseman, a new club record for HR by a rookie at that position (**Ted Kluszewski**, 12hr, 1948).

REDS AT GREAT AMERICAN BALL PARK (0-1, .000): In 2008, at **43-38** the Reds established a new Great American Ball Park record for victories in a season...went **12-11-3** in their 26 home series...in 6 seasons at GABP are **241-246-1** (35-46 in 2003, 40-41 in 2004, 42-39-1 in 2005, 42-39 in 2006, 39-42 in 2007, 43-38 in 2008).

REDS ON THE ROAD (31-50, .383): Last season the Reds went **8-16-2** in their 26 road series...produced 3 winning road trips: from **6/20-6/29** went 5-4 at NYY/Tor/Cle, from **8/12-8/14** went 2-1 at Pit and from **9/8-9/14** went 4-2 at Mil/Ari...dating back to 2006, the Reds have produced a losing record in 23 of their last 28 road trips.

IN THE STANDINGS (2): The Reds have spent the following days alone or tied at each position in the National League Central Division standings: FIRST - 0, SECOND - 0, THIRD - 0, FOURTH - 1, FIFTH - 1, SIXTH - 0...have spent **0** days above, **0** days at and **2** days below .500.

REDS vs METS: Reds are 294-249 all-time vs the Mets, including 0-1 this season and 3-4 last season...**at Great American Ball Park:** Reds are 8-12, including 0-1 this season and 2-2 last season...**at Shea Stadium:** Reds went 126-131, including 1-2 last season...**last Mets sweep:** at Cin: 4/28-4/29, 1997 (2g); 7/4-7/6, 2003 (3g).

WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS: 1919, 1940, 1975, 1976, 1990 **NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:** 1919, 1939, 1940, 1961, 1970, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1990

REDS IN THE FIELD

Reds Career vs Mets					
	avg	h	ab	hr	rbi
Bruce	.261	6	23	1	2
Dickerson	.000	-	-	-	-
Encarn.	.340	16	47	3	9
Gonzalez	.281	97	345	14	52
Hairston	.244	10	41	0	1
Hanigan	-	-	-	-	-
Hernandez	.114	4	35	1	2
Janish	-	-	-	-	-
McDonald	.333	1	3	-	-
Nix	.000	0	1	0	0
Phillips	.350	28	80	5	24
Taveras	.276	21	76	0	4
Votto	.250	8	32	1	5

Multi-Hit Games					
Player	2	3	4	5	Tot.
Bruce	-	-	*	-	0
Dickerson	-	*	-	-	0
Encarn.	-	-	*	-	0
Gonzalez	-	-	*	-	0
Hairston	-	-	*	-	0
Hanigan	*	-	-	-	0
Hernandez	-	*	-	-	0
Janish	-	-	*	-	0
McDonald	-	*	-	-	0
Nix	-	-	*	-	0
Phillips	-	-	*	-	0
Taveras	-	-	-	*	0
Votto	-	-	*	-	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0
* Career highs					
Catchers' ERA					
Catcher	GS	IP	ER	ERA	
Hanigan	0-0	0.0	0	-	
Hernandez	0-1	9.0	2	2.00	
Totals	0-1	9.0	2	2.00	
Catchers' Caught Stealing %					
Catcher	SB	CS		%	
Hanigan	0	0		0%	
Hernandez	2	0		0%	
Catchers	2	0		0%	
(Double Steals	0	0)			
(Pickoffs/CS	0	1)			
(PO attempt	0	0)			
Last Home Run (AB since)					
Bruce 9/19 vs Mil, 2				
Dickerson 9/3 vs Pit, leadoff				
Encarnacion 9/28 at StL				
Gonzalez 8/9/07 vs LA				
Hairston 9/27 at StL				
Hanigan 8/26 at Hou				
Hernandez 9/8 vs Cle				
Janish 9/17 vs StL				
McDonald 7/26/04 vs Bos				
Nix 7/1/05 at Sea				
Phillips 8/22 at Col (67)				
Taveras 6/13 at WSox				
Votto 9/28 at StL (1)				
Multi-Homer Games (0)					
None None				
Pinch-Hit Home Runs (0)					
None None				
Leadoff Homers (0)					
None None				
Walkoff Homers (0)					
None None				
Grand Slams (0)					
None None				
Back-To-Back Homers (0)					
None None				
Homers in 3 Straight Games					
None None				
Homers By Reds Pitchers (0)					
None None				

REDS BATTERS: In the National League last season ranked last in team hits and batting (.247) and 12th in runs scored...pinch hitters ranked ninth in hitting (.231, 5hr, 39rbi)...ranked 14th in team fielding percentage (.981) and third in errors (114).

32 JAY BRUCE, of 24g, .300, 3hr, 13rbi, 1sb in spring training
Is on his first Opening Day roster...just turned 22 years old on Fri...during spring training led the club in total bases (29, tied w/ Dickerson) and RBI (13)...in his last 13 spring games hit .368 (14-38, 2hr, 9rbi) and produced 6rbi in his last 5g...last season, in his Major League debut finished fourth among rookies in voting for the National League's Jackie Robinson Award and was a TOPPS Major League All-Star...made 108 apps and 103 starts...after Ken Griffey Jr. was traded on 7/31 started in RF in 49 of the Reds' last 53g of the season...didn't join the club until 5/27...after the All-Star break led the club in HR (15)...in August led all National League rookies in HR (7)...hit 13-game hitting streak from 7/27-8/9 and his 12-game streak from 7/9-7/23 were the 2 longest streaks by a National League rookie last season...led all NL rookie outfielders in assists (8) and ranked among the rookie leaders in HR (21, 3rd), RBI (52, 4th), multi-hit games (26, 5th), runs (63, 4th), hits (105, 5th), total bases (187, 4th), doubles (17, 6th), on-base percentage (.314, 10th), slugging percentage (.453, 4th)...on 5/27 was promoted from Louisville (49g, .364, 9 2b, 5 3b, 10hr, 37rbi, 8sb).

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	RF - 5	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

21 CHRIS DICKERSON, of 24g, .323, 2hr, 6rbi, 6sb in spring training
 Is on his first Opening Day roster...on Fri will celebrate his 27th birthday...during spring training led the club in at bats (62), hits (20), total bases (29, tied w/ Bruce) and stolen bases (6)...in his last 17 spring games hit .340 (16-47)...last season, on 8/12 was promoted from Louisville to take the roster spot vacated by Adam Dunn, who was traded to the Diamondbacks...from 8/12-9/6 started 22 of the Reds' next 23g but then was slowed by a stress fracture in his posterior left ankle...made just 3 starts after 9/6...and made his last appearance of the season as a pinch hitter on 9/18 vs StL...a CT scan on 9/22 revealed the stress fracture and on 9/26 had surgery to remove a piece of bone related to that injury (Dr. Timothy Kremchek)...in August led the Reds in doubles (7) and stolen bases (5)...in 97g for the Bats hit .287 (16 2b, 9 3b, 11hr, 53rbi, 26sb) and played all 3 outfield positions.

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	PH, CF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

28 EDWIN ENCARNACION, 3b **16g, .209, 2hr, 6rbi, 1sb in spring training**
 During spring training was bothered by a sore right shoulder and appeared in just 4 of the Reds' last 11 "A game" exhibitions...last season produced 26 homers in 146 apps, both career highs...ranked second on the club in home runs behind Adam Dunn's 32.

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	3B - 6	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-

2 ALEX GONZALEZ, ss **10g, .250, 1rbi in spring training**
 Spent the 2008 season on the disabled list with a compression fracture in his left knee....
 this spring hit safely in 6 of his 10 apps but didn't play in an "A" game after 3/23, when
 he suffered a strained right hamstring.

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	SS - 8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	

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55 RAMON HERNANDEZ, c **11g, .217, 1hr, 2rbi in spring training**
 Played for Venezuela in the World Baseball Classic...hit safely in 4 of his last 6 spring training apps (4-13, .308)...during the Winter Meetings was acquired from the Orioles for Ryan Freel and minor league IF Justin Turner and IF Brandon Waring...in 2008 was the Orioles' Opening Day catcher and started 119g.

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	C - 7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

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16 DARNELL McDONALD, of 26g, .300, 1hr, 10rbi, 3sb in spring training
 In his 12th professional season is on his first Opening Day roster...on 12/2 was signed to a minor league contract...during spring training ranked among the club leaders in apps (26), hitting (.300), doubles (4), RBI (10) and stolen bases (3)...originally was a first-round draft pick of the Orioles in the 1997 draft (26th overall)...at Rochester was selected to play in the Triple-A All-Star Game

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	CF - 2	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

17 LAYNCE NIX, of 25g, .226, 2hr, 5rbi, 1sb in spring training
On 12/16 was signed to a minor league contract...during spring training ranked among the club leaders in apps (25) and doubles (4)...spent most of the 2008 season at Class AAA Nashville, where he led his club in HR (23).

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	PH	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 BRANDON PHILLIPS, 2b **22g, .283, 0hr, 4rbi, 3sb in spring training**
 Opened spring training with a team-high 10-game hitting streak...last season won the Rawlings Gold Glove Award for National League second basemen and the *Bill James Handbook's* Fielding Bible Award...missed the last 17g of last season after suffering a broken right index finger on 9/9 at Mil...on 9/12 had surgery to insert 2 pins into that finger...for the second consecutive season led National League second basemen in fielding percentage (.990, 7e, 706tc)...led the team in multi-hit games (45), stolen bases (23), run scored (80) and triples (7) and ranked 16th in the NL in triples.

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	2B - 4	2	-	-	-	3B	-	1	1	-	-

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19 JOEY VOTTO, 11b **20g, .314, 3hr, 11rbi, 2sb in spring training**
 Last name is pronounced VAH-toe...played for Canada in the World Baseball Classic and hit .556 (second among all WBC players) with a 1.111 slugging percentage (third best)...in his last 5 spring training apps went 6-for-13 (.462, 2rbi)...is rated 25th on the list of top Major League players under the age of 30 by noted baseball historian Bill James...in 2008 finished second in the National League Rookie of the Year Award voting, was a finalist for a Players Choice Award in the category of Outstanding NL Rookie, was a TOPPS Major League Rookie All-Star and in a unanimous vote of the local chapter of the BBWAA received the Ernie Lombardi Award as the Reds' MVP...in September 2008 received the NL Rookie of the Month Award presented by Gillette...led NL rookies in hitting (.297), hits (156), HR (24), total bases (266), multi-hit games (42), on-base percentage (.368) and slugging percentage (.506) and ranked second in RBI (84), runs scored (69), doubles (32) and extra-base hits (59)...among all NL batters ranked fourth with a .317ba in day games...ranked eighth among all NL first basemen in fielding percentage (.991, 11e, 1197tc) and established a club record for first basemen with 136 assists (135, Frank McCormick, 1944)...led the Reds in games (151), hitting, hits, total bases, doubles and RBI...became the first player in franchise history to produce at least 20 homers and 30 doubles in his rookie season...also led the club with 18g of at least 3 hits, the most by any rookie in the Major Leagues...hit 23 of his 24 homers as a first baseman, a new franchise record for home runs by a rookie at that position (Ted Kluszewski, 12hr, 1948) and the second-most by any rookie in Reds history (Frank Robinson, 38hr, 1956)...his 84rbi were the third-most in Reds history by a rookie (Frank McCormick, 106rbi, 1938 & Jim Greengrass, 100rbi, 1953).

Date	Opp	Game	Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Mon	vs NYM	1	1B - 3	3		1	-	-	-	-	1	2	