

Cole to make first start since Tommy John surgery

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PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Gerrit Cole is ready for game action. Well, exhibition game action, anyway, as the Yankees' announced that the right-hander is scheduled to start Wednesday's spring training contest against the Red Sox at George M. Steinbrenner Field. It will be Cole's first start of any kind since undergoing Tommy John surgery a little over a year ago.

The plan is for Cole, who has cracked 97 mph in live batting practice sessions this spring, to throw one inning against Boston. While it won't be a long outing, it will check a box that Cole and the Yankees previously stopped short of committing to this spring.

The outing will also mark the most significant step yet in a rehab process that has gone as planned thus far.

"Everyone's been excited just how good he's looked," Yankees



GERRIT COLE

manager Aaron Boone said Tuesday before the Yankees played the Rays at Charlotte Sports Park. "So the fact that he's getting into a game now, I think just kind of indicates where he is and how well it is going. I don't want, necessarily, people to think

we're speeding this thing up or anything. That's not the case. It's just he's ready to do this."

Despite the welcomed lack of hiccups, the Yankees and Cole have been adamant about not accelerating that rehab process this spring. That remains unchanged with a week left to go in camp, meaning the 2023 Cy Young winner is still looking at late-May or early-June for his season debut in a best-case scenario.

"I think we've been and he's been very disciplined," Boone said. "That's one of the reasons I think the rehab process for him has gone well. He's listened to, obviously, the doctors and all the people that are involved, and he's crushed the rehab. But I don't think we've rushed anything as we've gone either."

Rodón won't get game action

While the Yankees are looking forward to Cole's spring debut, Boone said that he doesn't think Carlos Rodón (elbow surgery) will

get in an exhibition game with a week left in camp. That's due to the way schedules are lined up, the manager said.

Rodón is slated to throw two innings and 35 pitches in a live batting practice session on Thursday, and Boone still hopes to have him back sometime in April.

"He's doing well," Boone said. "He's not far behind."

The skipper added that he isn't sure where Rodón and Cole will be when the regular season begins, but options include staying back in Tampa for extended spring or beginning rehab assignments.

McMahon trusted at short

While Ryan McMahon is still developing some instincts at shortstop, Boone said he would be comfortable with the infielder playing the position and being a "true backup" if the regular season were today.

"I think he can handle it," Boone said with McMahon making another start at short on Tuesday. "He's such

a natural fielder and arm, and I think he'll have enough range to hold his own there as well."

The slick-fielding McMahon is still set to be the Yankees' primary third baseman. But with the Bombers trusting him at shortstop in an emergency situation, they won't have to carry a more tested backup for the position on their bench.

With that in mind, the likeliest configuration for their bench includes catcher J.C. Escarra, outfielder Randal Grichuk, first baseman Paul Goldschmidt and utilityman Amed Rosario. The Yankees could have theoretically used first baseman Ben Rice as a backup catcher, swapping out Escarra for an experienced backup shortstop like Oswald Cabrera or Max Schuemann, but Rice hasn't caught in a game this spring.

Cabrera, returning from an ankle fracture suffered last May, also didn't start playing in games until recently.

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL STANDINGS

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 3, Toronto 1
Columbus 5, Carolina 1
Montreal 3, Boston 2, OT
Minnesota 4, Chicago 3, OT
Nashville 4, Winnipeg 3, SO
Edmonton 5, San Jose 3
Vancouver 5, Florida 2
Tampa Bay 6, Seattle 2
Buffalo 2, Vegas 0

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey 6, N.Y. Rangers 3
Carolina 6, Pittsburgh 5, SO
Washington 4, Ottawa 1
Dallas at Colorado, late
St. Louis at Calgary, late
Philadelphia at Anaheim, late

Thursday's Games

Montreal at Detroit, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Boston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Florida at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Utah at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Utah, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Jose, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Columbus, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

PENGUINS SUMMARY

Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 2

Pittsburgh 4 2 1 — 7
Colorado 2 0 0 — 2

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 14 (Rust, Acciari), 3:01. 2, Colorado, MacKinnon 45 (Makar, Necas), 4:08. 3, Pittsburgh, Mantha 26 (Karlsson), 4:23. 4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 15 (Wotherspoon, Chinakhov), 13:00. 5, Pittsburgh, Soderblom 3 (Karlsson, Dewar), 13:43. 6, Colorado, Burns 10 (Brindley, Manson), 14:21. Penalties—Malkin, PIT (Tripping), 0:48; Koiivinen, PIT (Cross Checking), 5:33; Drury, COL (Interference), 8:39.

Second Period—7, Pittsburgh, Karlsson 7 (Shea), 10:36. 8, Pittsburgh, Rust 25 (Rakell, Malkin), 16:20 (pp). Penalties—Mantha, PIT (Holding), 3:30; Pittsburgh bench, served by Chinakhov (Tripping), 11:11; Roy, COL (Hooking), 13:30; Colorado bench, served by Brindley (Too Many Men on the Ice), 15:40.

Third Period—9, Pittsburgh, Acciari 9 (Dewar, Soderblom), 9:06. Penalties—Malkin, PIT (Roughing), 10:59; Kelly, COL (Roughing), 10:59; Clifton, PIT (Fighting), 10:59; Drury, COL (Fighting), 10:59. Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 7-8-6-21. Colorado 17-4-6-27.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 3; Colorado 0 of 4.

Goalsies—Pittsburgh, Silovs 15-9-8 (27 shots-25 saves). Colorado, Blackwood 18-8-1 (16-12), Colorado, Wedgewood 25-5-5 (5-2).
A—18,121 (18,007), T—2:32.
Referees—Trevor Hanson, Chris Rooney. Linesmen—Ryan Gibbons, Travis Toomey.

NCAA TOURNAMENT GLANCE

FIRST FOUR
Tuesday, March 17
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio

Howard 86, UMBC 83
Texas 68, NC State 66

Wednesday, March 18
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio

Prairie View 67, Lehigh 55
SMU (20-13) vs. Miami (Ohio) (31-1), late

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.

Duke (32-2) vs. Siena (23-11), 2:50 p.m.
Ohio St. (21-12) vs. TCU (22-11), 12:15 p.m.

At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.

Louisville (23-10) vs. South Fla. (25-8), 1:30 p.m.
Michigan St. (25-7) vs. N. Dakota St. (27-7), 4:05 p.m.

Friday, March 20
At Viejas Arena
San Diego

St. John's (28-6) vs. N. Iowa (23-12), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas (23-10) vs. Cal Baptist (25-8), 9:45 p.m.

At Xfinity Mobile Arena
Phila.

UCLA (23-11) vs. UCF (21-11), 7:25 p.m.
UConn (29-5) vs. Furman (22-12), 10 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 20
At Benchmark International Arena
Tampa, Fla.

Florida (26-7) vs. Prairie View, 9:25 p.m.
Clemson (24-10) vs. Iowa (21-12), 6:50 p.m.

Thursday, March 19
At Paycom Center
Oklahoma City

Vanderbilt (26-8) vs. McNeese St. (28-5), 3:15 p.m.
Nebraska (26-6) vs. Troy (22-11), 12:40 p.m.

At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.

North Carolina (24-8) vs. VCU (27-7), 6:50 p.m.
Illinois (24-8) vs. Penn (18-11), 9:25 p.m.

At Paycom Center
Oklahoma City

Saint Mary's (Cal.) (27-5) vs. Texas A&M (21-11), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (28-6) vs. Idaho (21-14), 10:10 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 19
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.

Michigan (31-3) vs. Howard, 7:10 p.m.
Georgia (22-10) vs. Saint Louis (28-5), 9:45 p.m.

Friday, March 20
At Benchmark International Arena
Tampa, Fla.

Texas Tech (22-10) vs. Akron (29-5), 12:40 p.m.
Alabama (23-9) vs. Hofstra (24-10), 3:15 p.m.

At Xfinity Mobile Arena
Phila.

Tennessee (22-11) vs. SMU-Miami (Ohio) winner, 4:25 p.m.
Virginia (29-5) vs. Wright St. (23-11), 1:50 p.m.

At Enterprise Center
St. Louis

Kentucky (21-13) vs. Santa Clara (26-8), 12:15 p.m.
Iowa St. (27-7) vs. Tenn. St. (23-9), 2:50 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 20
At Viejas Arena
San Diego

Arizona (32-2) vs. LIU Sharks (24-10), 1:35 p.m.
Villanova (24-8) vs. Utah St. (28-6), 4:10 p.m.

At Enterprise Center
St. Louis

Miami (25-8) vs. Missouri (20-12), 10:10 p.m.
Purdue (27-8) vs. Queens University Royals (21-13), 7:35 p.m.

Thursday, March 19
At Moda Center
Portland, Ore.

Wisconsin (24-10) vs. High Point (30-4), 1:50 p.m.
Arkansas (26-8) vs. Hawaii (24-8), 4:25 p.m.
BYU (23-11) vs. Texas, 7:25 p.m.
Gonzaga (30-3) vs. Kennesaw St. (21-13), 10 p.m.

LOCAL BOWLING

TUESDAY NITE MENS

Standings — Dunkle's Heating & A/C 14-2, Mattern CPA, LLC 14-2, Five G Farm 11-5, Ace Hardware 10-6, Lutz Concrete Construction 9-7, Digital Styles 8-8, Almost Done 5-11, Bare Bone Skull Cleaning 5-11, Linmas Pharmacy 3-13, Sheakley's Custom Exhaust 1-15.

High game — Bryan Sherman 267, Devin Dunkle 267, Dan Ace 258.
High series — Dunkle 692, Ace 676, Don Gregory 674.

LET'S TAKE A BREAK

Standings — Pin Pals Express 33-15, Sweet 'N Sassy 31.5-16.5, Loose As A Goose 28.5-19.5, Pin Doppers 27-21, Golden Girls 25-23, Kitty Kats 22-26, Bipolar Rollers 17-31.

High game — Marilyn Williams 167, April Shouey 158, Greta Foster 154.
High series — Shouey 440, Williams 429, Vicki Goughier/Vicki Brooks 477.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FIRST FOUR
Wednesday, March 18
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.

Nebraska 75, Richmond 56

At Moody Center
Austin, Texas

Missouri St. (22-12) vs. Stephen F. Austin (25-9), late

Thursday, March 19
At Colonial Life Arena
Columbia, S.C.

Southern U. (19-13) vs. Samford (16-18), 7 p.m.

At Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa

Virginia (19-11) vs. Arizona St. (24-10), 9 p.m.

FORT WORTH 3
First Round
Friday, March 20
At Moody Center
Austin, Texas

Texas (31-3) vs. Missouri St.-Stephen F. Austin winner, 4 p.m.
Oregon (22-12) vs. Virginia Tech (23-9), 1:30 p.m.

At Crisler Center
Ann Arbor, Mich.

NC State (20-10) vs. Tennessee (16-13), 8 p.m.
Michigan (25-6) vs. Holy Cross (23-9), 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21
At Hope Coliseum
Morgantown, W.Va.

Kentucky (23-10) vs. James Madison (26-8), 2:30 p.m.
West Va. (27-6) vs. Miami (Ohio) (28-6), 5 p.m.

At KFC Yum! Center
Louisville, Ky.

Alabama (23-10) vs. Rhode Island (28-4), 2:30 p.m.
Louisville (27-7) vs. Vermont (27-7), Noon

SACRAMENTO 2
First Round
Saturday, March 21
At Pauley Pavilion
Los Angeles

UCLA (31-1) vs. Cal Baptist (23-10), 10 p.m.
Okla. St. (23-9) vs. Princeton (26-3), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20
At Williams Arena
Minneapolis

Mississippi (23-11) vs. Gonzaga (24-9), 3:30 p.m.
Minnesota (22-8) vs. Green Bay (25-8), 6 p.m.

At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.

Baylor (24-8) vs. Nebraska, 2 p.m.
Duke (24-8) vs. Coll. of Charleston (27-5), 11:30 a.m.

At Pete Maravich Assembly Center
Baton Rouge, La.

Texas Tech (25-7) vs. Villanova (25-7), 8:30 p.m.
LSU (27-5) vs. Jacksonville (24-8), 6 p.m.

SACRAMENTO 4
First Round
Saturday, March 21
At Colonial Life Arena
Columbia, S.C.

S. Carolina (31-3) vs. Southern U.-Samford winner, 1 p.m.
Clemson (21-11) vs. Southern Cal (17-13), 3:30 p.m.

At Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa

Georgia (22-9) vs. Virginia-Arizona St. winner, 1:30 p.m.
Iowa (26-6) vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (30-4), 4 p.m.

Friday, March 20
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.

Michigan St. (22-8) vs. Colorado St. (27-7), 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma (24-7) vs. Idaho (29-5), 10 p.m.

At Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena
Fort Worth, Texas

Washington (21-10) vs. S. Dakota St. (27-6), 2:30 p.m.
TCU (29-5) vs. UC San Diego Tritons (24-8), Noon

FORT WORTH 1
First Round
Saturday, March 21
At Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.

UConn (34-0) vs. UTSA (18-15), 3 p.m.
Iowa St. (22-9) vs. Syracuse (23-8), 5:30 p.m.

At Value City Arena
Columbus, Ohio

Notre Dame (22-10) vs. Fairfield (28-4), 2 p.m.
Ohio St. (26-7) vs. Howard (26-7), 11:30 a.m.

At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.

Illinois (21-11) vs. Colorado (22-11), 9:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt (27-4) vs. High Point (27-5), 7 p.m.

Friday, March 20
At Carmichael Arena
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Maryland (23-8) vs. Murray St. (31-3), 3 p.m.
North Carolina (26-7) vs. W. Illinois (26-5), 5:30 p.m.



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The Oil City YMCA River Otters will be competing at the state swim meet being held Friday through Sunday at the pool of West Virginia University. Competing in the Prep Division for the Otters are (from front to back): Violet Marsh, Christine Donahue, Reagan Williams and Brea Vogan.



Also competing for the Oil City YMCA River Otters at the state meet at West Virginia are (from front to back): Oliver Dudek (Prep) and Logan Byers, John Lander and Madyson Kissell in the Senior Division.

ANNOUNCEMENT

FLY CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The 6th Annual Fly Casting Skills Development workshop will be held on five Saturdays from May through September at Cranberry High School. The workshop will be held on May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15 and September 19 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The fee is \$10 cash for participants ages 12-17 and \$20 cash for those ages 18 and older. Ages 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated prior to start date.

Fly casting instruction will be by FFI master certified casting instructor Gary Kell and FFI certified instructors Bob Anderson, Jack Barr and Chase Howard.

The workshop will utilize the Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Skills Development Program (FCSD). The mission of the FCSD is to give all anglers a guide to learning and improving their casting skills that address increasingly advanced fishing situations.

The workshop will start at the Foundation Level, which is for true beginners of the sport who might be picking up a fly rod for the first time. Fly rod outfits are provided for beginners to use.

The workshop will progress through four levels: Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold. These levels provide a broad, relevant range of fishing casts covering a number of skills to better your fishing opportunities. For more information, contact us at keystoneflyfishers1@gmail.com or call 814-673-5478. The FCSD program can be searched for on the FFI website.

SPORTS ON TV

Thursday, March 19
COLLEGE BASEBALL
8 p.m.

ESPNU — Oklahoma at LSU
SECN — Kentucky at Mississippi
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
12:15 p.m.

CBS — NCAA Tournament: TCU vs. Ohio St., First Round, Greenville, S.C.
12:40 p.m.

TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: Troy vs. Nebraska, First Round, Oklahoma City
1:30 p.m.

TNT — NCAA Tournament: South Florida vs. Louisville, First Round, Buffalo, N.Y.
1:50 p.m.

TBS — NCAA Tournament: High Point vs. Wisconsin, First Round, Portland, Ore.
2:50 p.m.

CBS — NCAA Tournament: Siena vs. Duke, First Round, Greenville, S.C.
3:15 p.m.

TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: McNeese St. vs. Vanderbilt, First Round, Oklahoma City
4:05 p.m.

TNT — NCAA Tournament: N. Dakota St. vs. Michigan St., First Round, Buffalo, N.Y.
4:25 p.m.

TBS — NCAA Tournament: Hawaii vs. Arkansas, First Round, Portland, Ore.
6:50 p.m.

TNT — NCAA Tournament: VCU vs. North Carolina, First Round, Greenville, S.C.
7:10 p.m.

CBS — NCAA Tournament: Howard vs. Michigan, First Round, Buffalo, N.Y.
7:25 p.m.

TBS — NCAA Tournament: Texas vs. BYU, First Round, Portland, Ore.
7:35 p.m.

TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: Texas A&M vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.), First Round, Oklahoma City
9:25 p.m.

TNT — NCAA Tournament: Penn vs. Illinois, First Round, Greenville, S.C.
9:45 p.m.

CBS — NCAA Tournament: Saint Louis vs. Georgia, First Round, Buffalo, N.Y.
10 p.m.

TBS — NCAA Tournament: Kennesaw St. vs. Gonzaga, First Round, Portland, Ore.
10:10 p.m.

TRUTV — NCAA Tournament: Idaho vs. Houston, First Round, Oklahoma City
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Samford vs. Southern U., First Four, Columbia, S.C.
9 p.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Arizona St. vs. Virginia, First Four, Iowa City, Iowa
COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)
6 p.m.

BTN — Rutgers at Ohio St.
8 p.m.

BTN — Penn at Maryland
COLLEGE WRESTLING (MEN'S)
Noon

ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: First Round, Cleveland
7 p.m.

ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Second Round, Cleveland
GOLF
6 a.m.

FS1 — LIV Golf League: First Round, The Club at Steyn City, Midrand, South Africa
8 a.m.

FS2 — LIV Golf League: First Round, The Club at Steyn City, Midrand, South Africa
2 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour: Valspar Championship, First Round, Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club — Copperhead Course, Palm Harbor, Fla.
6 p.m.

GOLF — LPGA Tour: Fortinet Founders Cup, First Round, Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club, Menlo Park, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOY'S)
10:30 p.m.

NBATV — The Throne: Sunnyslope (Ariz.) vs. Christopher Columbus (Fla.), Quarterfinal, East Rutherford, N.J.
HORSE RACING
3 p.m.

FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.

MLBN — Exhibition: Philadelphia Prospects vs. Minnesota Prospects, Fort Myers, Fla.
7 p.m.

MLBN — Exhibition: Tampa Bay Prospects vs. N.Y. Mets Prospects, Port St. Lucie, Fla.
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.

NBATV — Orlando at Charlotte
SOCCER (MEN'S)
1:40 p.m.

CBSSN — UEFA Europa League: Nottingham Forest at FC Midtjylland, Round of 16 — Leg 2
3:55 p.m.

CBSSN — UEFA Europa League: Lille at Aston Villa FC, Round of 16 — Leg 2
7 p.m.

FS1 — CONCACAF Champions League: Los Angeles Galaxy at Mount Pleasant FA, Round of 16 — Leg 2
9 p.m.

FS1 — CONCACAF Champions League: FC Cincinnati at Tigres de la UANL, Round of 16 — Leg 2
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
11:50 a.m.

FS2 — CONCACAF U-17 Qualifier: Dominican Republic vs. Canada, Final Round, Alajuela, Costa Rica
TENNIS
11 a.m.

TENNIS CHANNEL — Miami-WTA/ATP — Live; ATP 1st Round; WTA 2nd Round
VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
8 p.m.

CBSSN — Major League Volleyball: Columbus at Indy