

CINCINNATI REDS NOTES

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2020 NL Central			
	W-L	GB	WCGB
CHC	34-26	-	-
STL	30-28	3.0	-
CIN	31-29	3.0	+2.0
MIL	29-31	5.0	-
PIT	19-41	15.0	10.0

Red Hots: One of baseball's most storied franchises sought a new play-by-play announcer for the 2021 season ... The Reds earned the seventh seed in the 2020 National League Playoffs ... In 2021 the Reds hope to welcome fans back to Great American Ball Park, while also striving to produce Major League Baseball's most engaging television broadcast on Fox Sports Ohio...

New Addition to the Broadcast Booth: Following in the footsteps of some of baseball's most renowned voices, Mike Watts would enter the broadcast booth among the youngest to call games in Reds history. Below are the Reds' Ford C. Frick Award winners, with their debut age in Cincinnati:

Today's Matchup
April 1, 2021 (Opening Day)
Cincinnati Reds (0-0)
vs St. Louis Cardinals (0-0)

	Debut Season	Age on Opening Day	Ford C. Frick Award Inductee
Red Barber	1934	24y/2m	1978
Al Michaels	1971	26y/4m/24d	2021
Mike Watts	2021	28y/2m/29d	N/A
Marty Brennaman	1974	31y/8m/8d	2000

Watts By the Numbers
One of America's busiest broadcasters, Mike Watts eclipsed 150 games called for a third consecutive year.

- 2016: 146 games
- 2017: 149 games
- 2018: 203 games
- 2019: 218 games
- 2020: 151 games

Major League Experience: Mike Watts has spent eight years covering professional sports teams as credentialed media for MLB (Yankees & Mets), NFL, NBA, WNBA, NHL, MLS, and premier collegiate events.

Resume - Key Announcing Highlights:

			
ESPN/SEC Network Multi-Sport PxP SOC, FB, MBB, WBB 2016-Present	Cincinnati Bengals Television PxP (Preseason Games) 2018-Present	Madison Square Garden Public Address Announcer (NY Knicks, NY Liberty, CBB) 2018-Present	USL Championship Lead National PxP (ESPN Networks) 2015-Present

Reds' Last Lineup (@ ATL)
LF Shogo Akiyama
RF Nicholas Castellanos
1B Joey Votto
3B Eugenio Suarez
2B Mike Moustakas
DH Jesse Winker
CF Nick Senzel
SS Freddy Galvis
C Tucker Barnhart

What Mike Watts Brings: A team-first approach to broadcasting with production team and on-air partners ... the ability to find unique and engaging storylines both on and off the field... consistently bringing excitement and energy to every game ... a desire to work with the organization to create additional content and different ways to connect with fans... an understanding of sabermetrics as appropriate with the broadcast's overarching philosophy ... experience calling over 750 REMIs ...

Projected Starting Pitcher
RHP Sonny Gray
11GS, 5-3, 3.70 ERA
56.0 IP, 72K/26BB, 23 ER

The Fordham/WFUV-FM Connection: Fordham's on-campus NPR-affiliated radio station has placed numerous broadcasters into MLB booths... Vin Scully '49, Michael Kay '82, Charlie Slowes '83, Ryan Ruocco '08 are among notable MLB play-by-play announcers. The New York-based Jesuit institution also serves as the alma mater to broadcasters Mike Breen (NBA on ABC), Spero Dedes (NFL on CBS), Tony Reali (Around the Horn), Bob Papa (NY Giants), Chris Carrino (Brooklyn Nets), Mike Yam (NFL Network) and others.

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[Watts \(The Plain Dealer\)](#)
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About Mike: Born in Cleveland, Ohio ... broadcast from UC's Marge Schott Stadium and Cleveland's Progressive Field as a high school student at Saint Ignatius ... attended Fordham University in the Bronx ...engaged to be married in July 2021 ... debut on ESPN networks at 23 years old (2016) ... grew up 1 of 5 kids ... has a fraternal twin ... "average rec-league catcher" and "Wild Thing-impersonating pitcher" through eighth grade ... recipient of Fordham's Marty Glickman Award and awards from NYSBA and the NY AP Awards... broadcast Big East, Atlantic 10, NEC baseball over the past five years ... broadcast 25+ Championship Games in various sports... youngest PxP to call an NFL game on TV in 2018-19 (Bengals Preseason) ...

Youngest Active MLB PxP's		
M. Monaco	BOS	27yo
M. Watts*	CIN	28yo
K. Brown	BAL	30yo
J. Davis	LAD	33yo
R. Ruocco	NYN	34yo
J. Bennetti	CHW	37yo
A. Goldsmith	SEA	37yo
B. Wagner	TOR	40yo



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