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Opening Day vs. Pittsburgh Pirates Set for April 2

HOUSTON – The Houston Astros today unveiled their home schedule for the 2007 championship season, which begins at Minute Maid Park for a seventh consecutive year and at home for the 23rd time in the last 26 years. Opening Day for the Astros is set for Monday, April 2, 2007, at 6:05 p.m. versus the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Astros open the 2007 campaign with a six-game homestand against two National League Central foes – the Pittsburgh Pirates (April 2-4) and St. Louis Cardinals (April 6-8). Houston also closes the season at Minute Maid Park, with a three-game homestand vs. the Atlanta Braves (Sept. 28-30). Additionally, the Astros will play two exhibition games at home vs. the Kansas City Royals on Friday, March 30 (7:05 p.m.) and Saturday, March 31 (1:05 p.m.).

The schedule features three homes series vs. the Cardinals with two weekend matchups (April 6-8, June 1-3), and a midweek series (Aug. 28-30). Other key series at Minute Maid Park include four-game sets with both the Colorado Rockies (June 28-July 1) and the San Diego Padres (July 26-29); a four-game weekend set vs. the New York Mets (July 5-8); and two late-season series vs. the Chicago Cubs (Aug. 6-9, Sept. 11-13). The Astros are also home for the July 4th holiday as part of a three-game series vs. the Philadelphia Phillies (July 2-4).

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Houston's home Interleague slate features contests vs. the American League West Division. The Astros will face the Texas Rangers at Minute Maid Park in the first half of the annual Lone Star Series (May 18-20) as Texas' two Major League teams battle for the Silver Boot trophy. Houston also hosts the Oakland Athletics (June 12-14), and Seattle Mariners (June 15-17). The series against the Athletics marks that club's first trip to Houston.

Astros regular-season weekday games at Minute Maid Park are scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m., with the exception of Opening Day (April 2 at 6:05 p.m.), Fourth of July (July 4 at 1:05 p.m.

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vs. Philadelphia), and two Business Fan's Specials starting at 1:05 p.m. (June 14 vs. Oakland and August 30 vs. St. Louis). Non-nationally televised Saturday home games are scheduled to begin at 6:05 p.m., while Sunday home games are slated to start at 1:05 p.m.

Schedule and times are subject to change by Major League Baseball.

2007 Astros Home Schedule (PDF)