



Baseball Is Back, Spring Has Sprung

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Other than Cubs, White Sox Meet in World Series perhaps, they're the best seven words in baseball . . .

Pitchers and catchers report to spring training.

Almost nobody outside Chicago has picked either local club to make a dent this season, but no one will be heard to complain in Arizona this week, the first week of training camp for both clubs. What matters is the sound of ball against bat and glove. The warmth of bright sunshine. The smell of freshly cut grass. The whiff of optimism in the air.

Baseball is back, and for some of us, it hasn't come a second too soon.

On Sunday, the Cubs and the White Sox are scheduled to conduct their first full workouts in Mesa and Glendale, respectively. It won't be long until local high school, college, youth and adult teams follow them.

Opening Day is April 1st, only 48 days away. And that' no foolin'.