

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



Boston Red Sox (3-5-1) vs. Atlanta Braves (3-5-1)
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YESTERDAY'S NEWS: The Red Sox lost to the Yankees, 5-2, yesterday at jetBlue Park...Eduardo Rodriguez started and struck out 6 batters in 3.0 scoreless innings (0 BB, 2 H).

- In relief, Jeffrey Springs struck out all 3 batters he faced in the 6th inning, while Brian Johnson recorded perfect 8th and 9th innings (2 SO).
- José Peraza (2-for-2, 2B), Tzu-Wei Lin (2-for-3), and Bobby Dalbec (1-for-2, RBI) had the Sox' 5 hits.

SOX & BRAVES: Today marks the 1st of 6 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Braves...They will also play here at jetBlue Park on 3/17 and 3/24, with 3 games in North Port scheduled for 3/6, 3/9, and 3/23.

- The Sox and Braves will meet in Interleague play during the 2020 regular season, with 2 games at Truist Park (5/12-13) and 2 at Fenway Park (6/16-17).
- The Sox lead the Braves in the all-time series, 40-32, having gone 27-9 vs. ATL since the start of 2006.

NATHAN'S FAMOUS: Nathan Eovaldi is making his 2nd start of spring training today...He also started last Monday at MIN and threw 2.0 scoreless innings (2 H, 4 SO).

- Eovaldi has made 14 career starts against the Braves in the regular season, going 3-3 with a 2.71 ERA (26 ER/86.1 IP)...He last faced them on 9/3/18 at SunTrust Park and threw 3.1 scoreless innings.
- During a span of 7 starts against the Braves from 2012-14, Eovaldi went 2-0 with a 0.90 ERA (5 ER/50.0 IP).

NICE WORK, MAN: Brandon Workman is scheduled to make his spring training debut today...In 2019 he held opponents to a .123 AVG, the lowest mark in modern MLB history, according to Elias (min. 60.0 IP).

- Last year, Workman also held opponents to a .166 SLG, MLB's lowest mark since at least 1961 (min. 60.0 IP)... He allowed only 1 HR to his 286 batters faced in 71.2 IP.
- Workman set career bests last season in wins (10), saves (16), appearances (73), strikeouts (104), and SO/9.0 IP (13.06), as he struck out 36.3% of his batters faced.

FENWAY (SOUTH) FAITHFUL: The Red Sox have sold out each of their last 139 home Grapefruit League games, including their final 10 at City of Palms Park and all 129 at JetBlue Park since its opening in 2012...The Sox have sold out 242 of their last 243 home Grapefruit League games.

- This is the 28th consecutive season the Sox have called Fort Myers, FL, their Spring Training home (1993-2020), breaking a tie with Winter Haven, FL (27 years, 1966-92), for their most years spent at a Spring Training city...The Sox are in their 9th spring at the Fenway South Spring Training and Player Development Complex (2012-20), having played at City of Palms Park from 1993-2011.

J.D. POWER: J.D. Martinez homered Friday at MIN, his 1st Grapefruit League HR as a member of the Red Sox...From 2018-19, he led the majors with 235 RBI and ranked T-4th with 79 HR in the regular season...He has hit .300+ with 35+ HR and 100+ RBI in each of the last 3 seasons.

HEART OF THE ORDER: Last year marked the first time in franchise history the Red Sox featured 3 players who hit .300+ with 30+ HR: J.D. Martinez (.304/36), Xander Bogaerts (.309/33), and Rafael Devers (.311/32).

- Each of those 3 players also had 100+ RBI in 2019... The other 29 teams feature a total of 4 players who hit .300+ with 30+ HR and 100+ RBI last season, including only 1 in the AL (Nelson Cruz, Anthony Rendon, Nolan Arenado, and Cody Bellinger).

GOLDEN GLOVES: Nine players in Red Sox camp have been named a Gold Glove Award finalist at least once: Pitcher **Chris Sale** (2017); catchers **Jonathan Lucroy** (2014, '16) and **Christian Vázquez** (2019); outfielders **Jackie Bradley Jr.** (2014, '16, '18, '19), **Kevin Pillar** (2015, '16, '17), **Andrew Benintendi** (2018, '19), and **J.D. Martinez** (2015); first baseman **Mitch Moreland** (2016, '17, '18); and shortstop **Xander Bogaerts** (2015).

- Moreland (2016, 1B) and Bradley (2018, CF) are the only Red Sox in camp to win a Gold Glove Award.

SLUGGING SOX: The Red Sox return 197 of the franchise-record 245 HR they hit in 2019...This year's club features 8 players who hit 10+ HR for the Sox last season, including J.D. Martinez (36), Xander Bogaerts (33), Rafael Devers (32), Christian Vázquez (23), Jackie Bradley Jr. (21), Mitch Moreland (19), Michael Chavis (18), and Andrew Benintendi (13).

- In 2019, the Sox tied the MLB record for most extra-inning HR in a season (9), last accomplished by the 1992 Astros (source: Elias).
- Last season, the Sox homered in 18 consecutive games at Fenway Park from 6/24-8/5, the longest streak in the venue's history (previous: 17 in 1969).

FRESH FACES: When the Red Sox opened spring training in 2019, Colten Brewer was the only player on the 40-man roster who was not in the organization the previous year.

- In 2020, the Sox have 12 players on their 40-man roster who were not in the organization last year, including 5 position players: INF Jonathan Araúz, INF José Peraza, OF Kevin Pillar, C Kevin Plawecki, and OF Alex Verdugo.
- 7 of the Red Sox' 40-man pitchers were not in the organization last year: RHP Austin Brice, LHP Matt Hall, RHP Chris Mazza, LHP Josh Osich, LHP Martin Pérez, LHP Jeffrey Springs, and RHP Phillips Valdez.

VETERAN PRESENCE: Five players in Red Sox camp have 8+ years of MLB service time: Jonathan Lucroy (9 years, 136 days), Mitch Moreland (9.067), Chris Sale (9.061), J.D. Martinez (8.036), and Nathan Eovaldi (8.013).

- The oldest Red Sox player in camp is 34-year-old Mitch Moreland (born 9/6/85), while the youngest is 20-year-old RHP Bryan Mata (born 5/3/99).

WORLD TOUR: 22 players in Red Sox camp were born outside of the 50 United States, including 9 in the Dominican Republic, 5 in Venezuela, 1 in Aruba, 1 in Puerto Rico, 1 in Mexico, 1 in Taiwan, 1 in Cuba, 1 in Australia, 1 in Colombia, and 1 in Panama.

DOWN ON THE FARM: The Red Sox entered 2019 ranked 30th of 30 in *Baseball America's* organizational rankings, with 0 top-100 prospects...This year, the Sox are ranked 20th in the club rankings, with 3 top-100 prospects: 1B/3B Triston Casas (70), 3B/1B Bobby Dalbec (75), and INF Jeter Downs (86).

- 5 of the Sox' top 6 prospects as ranked by *Baseball America* are in Major League camp: 1B/3B Bobby Dalbec (No. 2), INF Jeter Downs (No. 3), RHP Bryan Mata (No. 4), OF Jarren Duran (No. 5), and LHP Darwinson Hernandez (No. 6).

LEADING THE WAY: The Red Sox named Ron Roenicke Interim Manager on 2/11/20, after he served as the club's bench coach from 2018-19...The 2020 season is his 30th as a coach or manager, including his 23rd in the majors.

COACHING UPDATE: The Red Sox have named Jerry Narron bench coach for the 2020 season...He enters his 26th season on a major league coaching staff, having also served as the Red Sox' bench coach in 2003...Narron was Ron Roenicke's bench coach in MIL from 2011-15.

- The Sox welcomed 3 additional new members to their 2020 coaching staff: Pitching Coach Dave Bush, Assistant Pitching Coach Kevin Walker, and Assistant Hitting Coach Peter Fatse...Returning to the staff are Tim Hyers (hitting), Tom Goodwin (1st base), Carlos Febles (3rd base), Craig Bjornson (bullpen), and Ramón Vázquez (coach).

WHAT A RELIEF: The Red Sox return each of their top 9 leaders in relief appearances from 2019...Last year, Red Sox relief pitchers led the majors with 10.50 SO/9.0 IP.

RED SOX LEADERS IN RELIEF APPEARANCES (2019)

Pitcher	G	IP	ERA	AVG
Brandon Workman	73	71.2	1.88	.123
Matt Barnes	70	64.1	3.78	.210
Marcus Walden	70	78.0	3.81	.213
Ryan Brasier	62	55.2	4.85	.238
Colten Brewer	58	54.2	4.12	.277
Josh Taylor	52	47.1	3.04	.229
Heath Hembree	45	39.2	3.86	.224
Totals	430	405.2	3.62	.214

THE COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 25 days
 Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 32 days

2019 AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Record	GB
Yankees	103-59 (.636)	--
Rays	96-66 (.593)	-7.0
Red Sox	84-78 (.519)	-19.0
Blue Jays	67-95 (.414)	-36.0
Orioles	54-108 (.333)	-49.0

IN CAMP: The Red Sox have 67 players in Major League Spring Training camp: 34 pitchers (11 NRI), 7 catchers (5 NRI), 16 INF (7 NRI), and 10 OF (4 NRI). In addition, Dustin Pedroia is on the 60-day IL.

HOW THEY WERE OBTAINED (RED SOX 40-MAN ROSTER AND INJURED LIST)

Amateur Draft Picks (11)

Barnes (2011-1st), **Benintendi** (2015-1st), **Bradley Jr.** (2011-compensation), **Chatham** (2016-2nd), **Chavis** (2014-1st), **Dalbec** (2016-4th), **Hart** (2016-19th), **Pedroia** (2004-2nd), **Shawarzyn** (2016-5th), **Vázquez** (2008-9th), **Workman** (2010-2nd)

Free Agents (11)

Brasier (March 2018), **Eovaldi** (Dec. 2018), **Martinez** (Feb. 2018), **Moreland** (Jan. 2020), **Osich** (Dec. 2019), **Peraza** (Dec. 2019), **Pérez** (Dec. 2019), **Pillar** (Feb. 2020), **Plawecki** (Jan. 2019), **Walden** (Dec. 2016), **Weber** (Dec. 2018)

By Trade (10)

Brewer (From Padres, Nov. 2018), **Brice** (From Marlins, Jan. 2020), **Hall** (From Tigers, Jan. 2020), **Hembree** (From Giants, July 2014), **Rodriguez** (From Orioles, July 2014), **Sale** (From White Sox, Dec. 2016), **Springs** (From Rangers, Jan. 2020), **Taylor** (From Diamondbacks, May 2018), **Verdugo** (From Dodgers, Feb. 2020), **Wilson** (From Diamondbacks, April 2019)

International Free Agents (5)

Aybar (July 2013), **Bogaerts** (Aug. 2009), **Devers** (Aug. 2013), **D. Hernandez** (Aug. 2013), **Lin** (June 2012)

Waivers (2)

Mazza (From Mets, Dec. 2019), **Valdez** (From Mariners, Feb. 2020)

Rule 5 Draft Picks (1)

Araúz (2019)

Contracts Purchased (1)

Velázquez (Feb. 2018, Mexican League)

RED SOX 2019 TEAM LEADERS

Stat	Leader
HR	J.D. Martinez (36)
RBI	Xander Bogaerts (117)
Hits	Rafael Devers (201)
Doubles	Rafael Devers (54)
AVG	Rafael Devers (.311)
OPS	Xander Bogaerts (.939)
Wins	Eduardo Rodriguez (19)
Saves	Brandon Workman (16)
Strikeouts	Chris Sale (218)
ERA	Brandon Workman (1.88)
Opp. AVG	Brandon Workman (.123)
Innings	Eduardo Rodriguez (203.1)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	OPP.	TIME	RED SOX PITCHERS	OPPOSING PITCHERS
Sun., 3/1	vs. ATL	1:05 p.m.	RHP Nathan Eovaldi, RHP Brandon Workman, RHP Tanner Houck, RHP Marcus Walden, RHP Colten Brewer	RHP Mike Foltynewicz
Mon., 3/2	at DET	1:05 p.m.	RHP Ryan Weber, RHP Matt Barnes, RHP Denyi Reyes, RHP Phillips Valdez	LHP Daniel Norris

2020 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATT.
Friday, 2/21	NORTHEASTERN	jetBlue Park	W 3-0	---	LAU	Burroni	BAZARDO	6,851
Saturday, 2/22	TAMPA BAY	jetBlue Park	W 4-3	1-0	KICKHAM (1-0)	Ryan (0-1)	GORST (1)	9,641*
Sunday, 2/23	at Baltimore	Sarasota	L 5-11	1-1	LeBlanc (1-0)	MAZZA (0-1)		7,327
Monday, 2/24	at Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	L 2-3		May (1-0)	HART (0-1)	Barnes (1)	6,215
	at Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte	T 2-2	1-2-1	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,133
Tuesday, 2/25	BALTIMORE	jetBlue Park	W 12-4	2-2-1	JOHNSON (1-0)	Cervenka (0-1)		9,219*
Wednesday, 2/26	at Pittsburgh	Bradenton	W 6-3 (F/8)	3-2-1	BREWER (1-0)	Howard (0-2)	AYBAR (1)	4,886
Thursday, 2/27	PHILADELPHIA	jetBlue Park	L 5-12	3-3-1	Irvin (1-0)	POYNER (0-1)		9,618*
Friday, 2/28	at Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	L 1-4	3-4-1	Stashak (1-0)	HILDENBERGER (0-1)	Barnes (2)	8,026
Saturday, 2/29	NEW YORK YANKEES	jetBlue Park	L 2-5	3-5-1	Alvarez (1-0)	HEMBREE (0-1)	Acevedo	9,552*

*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
Sunday, March 1	ATLANTA	JetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
Monday, March 2	at Detroit	Lakeland	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Tuesday, March 3	at New York Yankees	Tampa	1:05 p.m.	ESPN/WEEI 850 AM
Wednesday, March 4	DETROIT	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Thursday, March 5	HOUSTON	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Friday, March 6	at Atlanta	North Port	1:05 p.m.	ESPN/WEEI 850 AM
Saturday, March 7	at Philadelphia	Clearwater	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
	TORONTO	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM
Sunday, March 8	MINNESOTA	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	NESN/ WEEI 93.7 FM
Monday, March 9	at Atlanta	North Port	6:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM
Tuesday, March 10	ST. LOUIS	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Wednesday, March 11	at Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte	6:35 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM
Friday, March 13	TAMPA BAY	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Saturday, March 14	at Houston	West Palm Beach	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM
Sunday, March 15	at St. Louis	Jupiter	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
Monday, March 16	PITTSBURGH	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Tuesday, March 17	ATLANTA (SS)	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Wednesday, March 18	at Toronto	Dunedin	1:07 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Thursday, March 19	TAMPA BAY (SS)	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Friday, March 20	at Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
	at Baltimore	Sarasota	6:05 p.m.	
Saturday, March 21	BALTIMORE (SS)	jetBlue Park	6:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
Sunday, March 22	MINNESOTA	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM
Monday, March 23	at Atlanta	North Port	1:05 p.m.	MLBN/WEEI 850 AM
Tuesday, March 24	ATLANTA	jetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM

TODAY'S RED SOX PITCHERS vs. ATLANTA BRAVES

17-NATHAN EOVALDI, RHP

1 G, 1 GS, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Started on 2/24 at MIN, striking out 4 and allowing 2 hits over 2.0 scoreless IP...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made 23 appearances (12 starts), missing roughly 3 months of the season on the IL (right elbow injury)...Began the season in the starting rotation, but his first 11 appearances after coming off the IL were in relief...His final 8 outings of the season came as a starter...Threw 5.0+ innings in each of his first 4 starts before being placed on the IL on 4/20 (retro to 4/18) with a loose body in his right elbow...Went 5.0+ IP in his final 2 starts of the season (6.0 IP at TB on 9/22, 5.0 IP on 9/27 vs. BAL).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at MIN	-	2.0	2	0	0	0	4

44-BRANDON WORKMAN, RHP

First appearance of the spring

2019 IN REVIEW: Set career highs in wins (10), saves (16), appearances (73), and SO (104)...Also posted career bests in opponent AVG (.123), OBP (.267), SLG (.166), and OPS (.433)...His 36.3% SO rate (286 BF) and 13.06 SO/9.0 IP (71.2 IP) were also career bests...Was 1 of only 3 AL relievers (also Matt Barnes, Liam Hendriks) to reach 100+ SO...Allowed only 1 HR to his 286 BF over 71.2 IP and posted a career-best 0.13 HR/9.0 IP...Had 60 scoreless appearances in 73 games (82%), the 4th-most scoreless outings among AL pitchers...Led the AL with 10 relief wins and became the 1st Boston reliever with double-digit wins since 1982 (Mark Clear-14, Bob Stanley-12).

89-TANNER HOUCK, RHP

1 G, 1 GS, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Started and threw 2.0 scoreless innings on 2/24 at TB (H, 2 BB, SO)...Was his 1st career Grapefruit League outing...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his Triple-A debut but spent most of the year with Double-A Portland and was named an Eastern League mid-season All-Star...His first 15 appearances came as a starter, but 16 of his final 18 outings came in relief...In 14 Triple-A relief appearances, posted a 2.05 ERA and held opponents to a .179 AVG (22.0 IP, 14 H, 5 ER)...Also pitched for Peoria in the Arizona Fall League and for Team USA in the Premier12 tournament...All 8 appearances with the teams came as a starter.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at TB	-	2.0	1	0	0	2	1

64-MARCUS WALDEN, RHP

First appearance of the spring

2019 IN REVIEW: Appeared in a career-high 70 games for Boston despite beginning the year with Triple-A Pawtucket...Set a Red Sox rookie record for appearances in a single season (previous: 66 by Hideki Okajima in 2007)...His 70 appearances were tied for the 10th-most in the AL and tied for the 2nd-most on the Sox' staff (Workman-73, Barnes-70)...Finished 9th in the AL with 78.0 relief IP, the most by a Boston pitcher since 2012 (Alfredo Aceves-84.0)...Ranked 2nd in the AL with 9 relief wins...Held opponents to a .213 AVG (61-for-287), including a .186 mark (21-for-113) after the All-Star break.

48-COLTEN BREWER, RHP

2 G, 1-0, 3.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Earned the win in relief on 2/26 at Pittsburgh (2.0 IP, H, R, 2 BB, SO)...Tossed a scoreless relief inning on 2/22 vs. Tampa Bay (HBP, 3 SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his 1st career Opening Day roster in his debut season in the Boston organization...Appeared in a career-high 58 games over 3 stints with Boston...Also appeared in 9 games for Triple-A Pawtucket...Of his 58 appearances for Boston, 43 were scoreless (74%)...Stranded 26 of his team-leading 38 inherited runners (68.4%, T-16th in AL)...Posted a 2.84 ERA (10 ER/31.2 IP) over his final 37 appearances (beginning 6/6; 5.87 ERA in 21 G through 5/29).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	TB	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
2/26	at PIT	W	2.0	1	1	1	2	1

2020 TRANSACTIONS

- 1/2 C Kevin Plawecki signed as a major league free agent...1B/OF Sam Travis designated for assignment.
- 1/9 1B/OF Sam Travis outrighted to Triple-A Pawtucket.
- 1/10 Acquired RHP Austin Brice from the Miami Marlins in exchange for minor league SS Angeudis Santos...INF Marco Hernández designated for assignment.
- 1/14 Red Sox and Manager Alex Cora mutually part ways.
- 1/16 Acquired LHP Jeffrey Springs from the Texas Rangers in exchange for 1B/OF Sam Travis...LHP Bobby Poyner designated for assignment.
- 1/17 Acquired LHP Matt Hall from the Detroit Tigers in exchange for minor league C Jhon Nuñez...RHP Travis Lakins designated for assignment.
- 1/21 RHP Travis Lakins traded to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations...LHP Bobby Poyner outrighted to Triple-A Pawtucket.
- 1/28 1B Mitch Moreland signed as a major league free agent...RHP Denyi Reyes designated for assignment.
- 2/3 RHP Denyi Reyes outrighted to Double-A Portland.
- 2/10 Acquired OF Alex Verdugo, INF Jeter Downs, and C/INF Connor Wong from the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for OF Mookie Betts, LHP David Price, and cash considerations.
- 2/11 C Juan Centeno, C/INF Connor Wong, INF Jeter Downs, OF César Puello, and RHP Denyi Reyes added to the 2020 Spring Training roster as non-roster invitees.
- 2/11 Named Ron Roenicke Interim Manager.
- 2/14 OF Kevin Pillar signed as a major league free agent.
- 2/19 Added C Jonathan Lucroy to the 2020 Spring Training roster as a non-roster invitee.
- 2/23 RHP Phillips Valdez claimed off waivers from the Seattle Mariners...2B Dustin Pedroia placed on the 60-day IL.