

# BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



**Boston Red Sox (4-5-1) at Detroit Tigers (4-4-1)**

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**YESTERDAY'S NEWS:** The Red Sox earned a 4-2 win over the Braves yesterday at jetBlue Park...Rafael Devers hit a 2-run HR in the 1st inning, Nathan Eovaldi and Tanner Houck each threw 3.0 scoreless innings, and Brandon Workman made his spring training debut with a perfect 4th inning.

**SOX & TIGERS:** Today marks the 1st of 2 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Tigers...These teams will also meet Wednesday at jetBlue Park.

- ☛ The Sox and Tigers are scheduled to play 7 times in the 2020 regular season but won't see each other until late August...They have 3 games scheduled for 8/28-30 at Comerica Park and 4 games set for 9/4-7 in Boston.
- ☛ The Sox won last year's season series, 5-2...The Tigers won the first 2 meetings, but BOS won the final 2 games of that series at Fenway Park, then swept a 3-game set in Detroit in July.

**START ME UP:** Thus far in spring training, Nathan Eovaldi (5.0 IP), Eduardo Rodriguez (3.0 IP), and Martín Pérez (2.0 IP) have combined to allow 0 ER in 10.0 IP...They have struck out 17 batters and walked only 1.

- ☛ Tanner Houck (5.0 IP), Brian Johnson (4.0 IP), Bryan Mata (3.0 IP), and Ryan Weber (2.0 IP) have combined to throw 14.0 scoreless innings.

**NICE WORK, MAN:** Brandon Workman made his spring training debut yesterday and threw a perfect 4th inning against the Braves (2 SO)...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.

**MATT'S DEBUT:** Matt Barnes is scheduled to make his spring training debut today...In 2019, his average of 15.39 SO/9.0 IP led the AL and ranked 2nd in the majors behind only Josh Hader (16.41)...He posted a 2.63 ERA (8 ER/27.1 IP) after the All-Star break.

- ☛ Barnes is the only AL pitcher to make at least 60 appearances and throw at least 60.0 innings in each of the last 4 seasons (2016-19)...The only NL pitcher to do that is Kenley Jansen.
- ☛ Barnes has increased his SO/9.0 IP rate from each season to the next...In 2018 and 2019 combined he averaged 14.71 SO/9.0 IP, the AL's 2nd-highest mark behind only Aroldis Chapman (14.79) (min. 100.0 IP).

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>405.2</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>.214</b>

**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).

**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.

**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 Plawewski, 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 Martín 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).

**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 Darwin 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).

**MOST RECENT ROSTER MOVES:** On 2/23, the Red Sox claimed RHP Phillips Valdez off waivers from the Mariners...To make room on the 40-man roster, the Sox placed 2B Dustin Pedroia on the 60-day injured list.

- ☛ The Sox have a full 40-man roster, 27 non-roster invitees, and 1 player on the injured list...In the 2019 regular season, 47 players appeared in at least 1 game for the Red Sox (26 pitchers, 21 position players).

## THE COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 24 days  
Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 31 days

## 2019 AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Record	GB
Yankees	103-59 (.636)	--
Rays	96-66 (.593)	-7.0
<b>Red Sox</b>	<b>84-78 (.519)</b>	<b>-19.0</b>
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), **Plawewski** (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
Mon., 3/2	at DET	1:05 p.m.	RHP Ryan Weber, RHP Matt Barnes, RHP Denyi Reyes, RHP Phillips Valdez, RHP Colten Brewer	LHP Daniel Norris, LHP Tarik Skubal, LHP Nick Ramirez, RHP Joe Jiménez, LHP Tyler Alexander, RHP Zack Godley
Tue., 3/3	at NYY	1:05 p.m.	LHP Martín Pérez, LHP Josh Taylor, RHP Austin Brice, LHP Josh Osich, RHP Domingo Tapia, RHP R.J. Alvarez	RHP Masahiro Tanaka, LHP Zack Britton, RHP Adam Ottavino, RHP Clarke Schmidt

## 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*
Sunday, 3/1	ATLANTA	jetBlue Park	W 4-2	4-5-1	EOVALDI (1-0)	Foltynewicz (0-1)	DE JESUS (1)	9,758*

\*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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

## TODAY'S RED SOX PITCHERS vs. DETROIT TIGERS

### 65-RYAN WEBER, RHP

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

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Started on 2/25 vs. BAL (2.0 IP, 2 H, SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Completed his 1st season in the Red Sox organization...Attended spring training as a non-roster invitee and began the season with Pawtucket...Spent most of the season with Triple-A Pawtucket, posting a 4.50 ERA in 16 appearances, all starts...Pitched in 18 games (3 starts) over 4 stints with the ML club...Had a 7.94 ERA (10 ER/11.1 IP) as a starter and a 3.99 ERA (13 ER/29.1 IP) in relief...Allowed 7 ER in 4.0 IP on 5/29 vs. CLE, but posted a 3.93 ERA (16 ER/36.2 IP) in his other 17 ML games...For Boston, struck out 29 batters and walked only 8 for a SO/BB ratio of 3.63 and a BB/9.0 IP rate of 1.77.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/25	BAL	-	2.0	2	0	0	0	1

### 32-MATT BARNES, RHP

**First appearance of the spring**

**2019 IN REVIEW:** Posted career bests in SO/9.0 IP (15.39) and SO/BF (38.6%)...His SO/9.0 IP ratio was the highest among AL relievers and his SO/BF rate was the 2nd-highest among that group...Appeared in 70 games (T-10th in AL), matching his career-high (also 2017)...Was 1 of 3 Boston relievers to work 70+ games (also Walden, Workman)...Struck out a career-high 110 batters, tied for the 3rd-most among ML relievers...Was 1 of only 3 AL relievers (Workman, Liam Hendriks) to register 100+ SO...Led the Red Sox and finished T-8th in the AL with 26 holds...Posted a 2.63 ERA (8 ER/27.1 IP) after the All-Star break, compared to a 4.62 ERA (19 ER/37.0 IP) before.

### 79-DENYI REYES, RHP

**1 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA**

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Retired all 6 BF in 2.0 scoreless IP on 2/25 vs. Baltimore, striking out 2...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Spent the entire season with Double-A Portland at only 22 years old, his 1st experience at that level...Ranked 2nd among Double-A pitchers with 151.1 IP...Ranked 4th among Eastern League pitchers with a 1.03 WHIP (min. 100.0 IP)...Led the Sea Dogs in starts (26), IP (151.1), and SO (116), and tied for the lead in wins (8)...Threw 6.0+ innings in 18 of his 26 starts and 7.0+ innings in 6 of them...Averaged only 2.20 BB/9.0 IP (37 BB), making 7 starts with 6.0+ IP and 0 BB...Made 4 starts in which he received no decision despite throwing 6.0+ innings and allowing 1 or 0 runs.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/25	BAL	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2

### 95-PHILLIPS VALDEZ

**1 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA**

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Tossed a scoreless relief inning on 2/27 vs. PHI (2 SO)...Claimed off waivers by Boston from Seattle on 2/23...**2019 HIGHLIGHTS:** Saw the 1st ML action of his career with Texas...Posted a 3.94 ERA (7 ER/16.0 IP) with 18 SO and 9 BB over 11 relief appearances...Made his ML debut on 6/8 vs. Oakland, tossing 2.0 scoreless IP (1 H, 2 BB)...Held a 1.35 ERA over his first 5 games...Following the season was claimed off waivers by Seattle from Texas...**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:** Over 226 career minor league appearances (89 starts) from 2009-19, is 38-34 with a 3.76 ERA (290 ER/694.0 IP), including a 3.93 ERA (99 ER/227.0 IP) in 62 Triple-A outings (36 starts).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/27	PHI	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

## 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.