

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



Boston Red Sox (4-5-2) at New York Yankees (6-3-1)
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YESTERDAY'S NEWS: The Red Sox ended in an 11-11 tie with the Tigers yesterday in Lakeland...BOS entered the 6th inning with a 7-1 lead and had an 11-5 advantage going into the 9th, but the Tigers rallied for 6 runs.

- 3 players ranked by *Baseball America* among the Red Sox' top 20 prospects homered yesterday: Marcus Wilson (3-run), Bobby Dalbec (3-run), and Connor Wong (2-run).
- Ryan Weber (3.0 IP), Matt Barnes (1.0 IP), and Colten Brewer (1.0 IP) allowed 0 ER through the first 5 innings of the game (9 SO, 0 BB).

SOX & YANKS: Today marks the 2nd of 2 Grapefruit League meetings between the Red Sox and Yankees...NYY earned a 5-2 win Saturday at jetBlue Park.

- The Sox and Yankees will begin their 19-game season series with a 3-game set in the Bronx from Friday-Sunday, 5/8-10...The Yankees will not have to travel to Fenway Park until a 3-game set from 6/12-14.
- The Sox were 5-14 against the Yankees in 2019...In the 6 seasons prior (2013-18), the clubs were 57-57 against each other in the regular season.

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), Ryan Weber (5.0 IP), Brian Johnson (4.0 IP), and Bryan Mata (3.0 IP) have combined to allow 0 ER in 17.0 IP.

MATT'S DEBUT: Matt Barnes made his 2020 spring training debut yesterday with a perfect 4th inning of relief...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).

NICE WORK, MAN: Brandon Workman made his spring training debut Sunday 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.

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

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).

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 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 Darwinzon Hernandez (No. 6).

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).

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.

TEAM OF THE CENTURY: In 18 seasons under their current ownership group (Henry-Werner, 2002-2019), the Red Sox have won more World Series titles (4) than any other team... In that time, the Sox also rank 2nd in regular season winning percentage (.557; 1,625-1,291).

- The Sox have won 90+ games in 12 of the last 18 seasons, including in 3 of the last 4 (93-69 in 2016, 93-69 in 2017, 108-54 in 2018, 84-78 in 2019).

MOST WORLD SERIES TITLES, 2002-2019

Rk.	Team	World Series
1.	Boston Red Sox	4 (2004, '07, '13, '18)
2.	San Francisco Giants	3 (2010, '12, '14)
3.	St. Louis Cardinals	2 (2006, '11)

THE COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 23 days
 Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 30 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), **Shawaryn** (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
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
Wed., 3/4	vs. DET	1:05 p.m.	LHP Jeffrey Springs, RHP Ryan Brasier, RHP Heath Hembree, LHP Yoan Aybar, RHP Mike Shawaryn	RHP Ivan Nova

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*
Monday, 3/2	at Detroit	Lakeland	T 11-11	4-5-2	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,746

*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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 at NEW YORK YANKEES

54-MARTÍN PÉREZ, LHP

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

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Started on 2/26 at PIT (2.0 IP, H, R, 0 ER, BB, 3 SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:**

Made 32 appearances (29 starts) in his debut with the Twins organization...Pitched in relief in his first 3 outings, but his final 29 appearances came as a starter...Made 8 starts against AL East teams and went 4-1 with a 4.03 ERA (20 ER/44.2 IP)...Surrendered only 1 HR to his 148 LHH faced, holding LHH to a .228 AVG and .585 OPS...Allowed an average exit velocity of 85.4 mph, according to Statcast...Among the 436 pitchers who allowed at least 100 batted balls, that was the 20th-lowest mark in the majors.

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

72-JOSH TAYLOR, LHP

1 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Struck out 2 in a scoreless relief inning on 2/28 at MIN...**2019 IN REVIEW:**

Completed his 1st full season in the Red Sox organization and made his ML debut... Appeared in 52 games (1 start) over 2 stints with Boston and posted a 3.04 ERA with 11.79 SO/9.0 IP (47.1 IP, 16 ER, 62 SO)...In 47 ML outings from 6/16 through the end of the season, posted a 2.13 ERA (10 ER/42.1 IP) and held opponents to a .187 AVG (28-for-150)...Held LHH to a .206 AVG and .559 OPS (14-for-68, 2 HR, 4 BB, 23 SO)...From 7/7 through the end of the season, held LHH to a .109 AVG and a .337 OPS (5-for-46, 1 XBH).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/28	at MIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

31-AUSTIN BRICE, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Tossed 1.2 scoreless IP on 2/24 at TB (1.2 IP, H, BB, 4 SO) and 1.0

scoreless IP on 2/28 at MIN (H)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Spent the majority of the season with Miami... Set career highs in appearances (36), IP (44.2), and SO (46)...Also had a career-best 3.43 ERA (17 ER/44.2 IP)...Among Marlins pitchers with at least 40.0 IP, held the 2nd-lowest ERA...Limited opposing RHH to a .192 AVG (20-for-104)...Had an 11.2-inning scoreless streak from 6/19-7/13 that spanned 10 appearances.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at TB	-	1.2	1	0	0	1	4

35-JOSH OSICH, LHP

2 G, 0-0, 3.38 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Tossed 1.0 scoreless IP on 2/22 vs. TB...Allowed 1 R over 1.2 IP on 2/26

at PIT (2 H, BB, 3 SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Set career highs in IP (67.2 IP) and SO (61)...In 12 games against AL East opponents, posted a 1.88 ERA and .149 opponent AVG (14.1 IP, 7 H, 3 ER)...Held LHH to a .171 AVG (19-for-111) with 30 SO and 4 BB...Allowed 22.2% of inherited runners to score (10 of 45), the 4th-lowest mark among AL relievers...Threw 2.0+ innings in 14 games, going 4-0 with a 0.57 ERA (2 ER/31.1 IP) and a .159 opponent AVG in those outings (29 SO, 4 BB)...In his final 16 appearances of the season (beginning 8/17), went 3-0 with a 2.41 ERA, a .188 opponent AVG, 20 SO, and only 4 BB (18.2 IP, 13 H, 5 ER, 1 HR).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	TB	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
2/26	at PIT	-	1.2	2	1	1	1	3

75-DOMINGO TAPIA, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Threw 2.0 scoreless IP on 2/25 vs. BAL (BB, SO)...Tossed a scoreless

relief inning on 2/22 vs. TB (1 H, 1 SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Spent the entire season with Triple-A Pawtucket...Ranked 2nd among team pitchers with 44 appearances...Led the club's primary relievers with 66.0 IP...Finished 11 games and recorded 2 saves...Made 13 appearances of at least 2.0 innings...Made his lone start of the season on 4/16 vs. Buffalo and threw 3.0 scoreless innings (1 H, 0 BB, 3 SO)...Threw a season-high 4.0 innings and allowed 0 runs on 5/25 at Rochester, giving up only 1 hit...Posted a 0.93 ERA (2 ER/19.1 IP) during a span of 10 appearances from 5/25-6/30.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	TB	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
2/25	BAL	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	1

60-R.J. ALVAREZ, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 18.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Has made appearances on 2/24 at TB (1.0 IP) and 2/27 vs. PHI (1.0 IP,

6 H, 4 R)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Attended spring training as a non-roster invitee with Miami...Spent the entire season with Triple-A New Orleans...Led New Orleans in appearances (50), finishing 34 games and converting 15 of his 21 SVO...Held RHH to a .215 AVG (26-for-121, 8 HR) and LHH to a .267 AVG (20-for-75, 4 HR)...**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:** His ML experience has come with San Diego (2014) and Oakland (2015)...Made Oakland's Opening Day roster in 2015.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at TB	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
2/27	PHI	-	1.0	6	4	4	0	0