

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



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YESTERDAY'S NEWS: The Red Sox lost to the Yankees, 9-1, yesterday in Tampa...Rafael Devers homered in the 4th inning, his 2nd HR of spring training...Austin Brice struck out 2 batters in a perfect 5th inning.

FOREVER AND DEVERS: Rafael Devers has gone 1-for-3 with a HR in each of his last 2 games (3/1 vs. ATL, 3/3 at NYY).

- Devers finished 12th in 2019 AL MVP voting after batting .311 with 32 HR, 115 RBI, and 129 runs scored at only 22 years old.
- In 2019, Devers set Red Sox single-season records for a 3rd baseman in HR (32), doubles (54), XBH (90), and total bases (359)...He also became the youngest player in Red Sox history with 200+ hits in a season.

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).

START ME UP: Thus far in spring training, Nathan Eovaldi (5.0 IP) and Eduardo Rodriguez (3.0 IP) have combined to throw 8.0 scoreless innings (5 H)...They have struck out 14 batters and walked none.

- 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.

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

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).

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.

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)

SOX & TIGERS: Today marks the 2nd of 2 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Tigers...They played to an 11-11 tie on Monday in Lakeland.

- 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.

FENWAY (SOUTH) FAITHFUL: The Red Sox have sold out each of their last 140 home Grapefruit League games, including their final 10 at City of Palms Park and all 130 at JetBlue Park since its opening in 2012...The Sox have sold out 243 of their last 244 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.

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).

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).

AHEAD IN 2020: The Red Sox' regular season will begin with a 7-game road trip through TOR (3/26-29) and BAL (3/30-4/1)...Their home opener is set for Thursday, 4/2 vs. CWS.

- The Sox' 2020 Interleague schedule will include 16 games vs. NL Central opponents: 3 vs. MIL, 3 vs. STL, 3 at CHC, 3 at PIT, and 4 against CIN (2 home, 2 road)...They will also play 4 games against ATL (2 home, 2 road)...The Sox will be making their first trip to Wrigley Field since 2012, and their first trip to PNC Park since 2014.

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.

THE COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 22 days
Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 29 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
Wed., 3/4	vs. DET	1:05 p.m.	LHP Jeffrey Springs, RHP Ryan Brasier, RHP Heath Hembree, LHP Yoan Aybar, RHP Mike Shawarzyn	RHP Ivan Nova, RHP Buck Farmer, RHP Jose Cisnero, LHP Hector Santiago, RHP Sandy Baez, LHP Gregory Soto, RHP Alex Wilson
Thu., 3/5	vs. HOU	1:05 p.m.	LHP Kyle Hart, RHP Brandon Workman, RHP Marcus Walden, LHP Brian Johnson	RHP Josh James, LHP Framber Valdez, RHP Joe Biagini, RHP Bryan Abreu, RHP Andre Scrubb

2020 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	RECORD	WIN	LOSS	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-AL	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
Tuesday, 3/3	at New York-AL	Tampa	L 1-9	4-6-2	Tanaka (1-0)	PÉREZ (0-1)		9,545*

*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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. DETROIT TIGERS

59-JEFFREY SPRINGS, LHP

2 G, 0-0, 3.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Tossed 2.0 innings on 2/24 at TB (3 H, R, 3 SO) and 1.0 scoreless IP on 2/29 vs. NYY (3 SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Missed more than 2 months of the season on the IL, making 25 relief appearances over 3 stints with Texas and pitching in 6 games for Triple-A Nashville...Opened the season with Texas, pitching in 9 games before being optioned to Triple-A Nashville on 4/26...Recalled by Texas a 2nd time on 5/15 and placed on the 10-day IL on 6/17 (left biceps tendinitis)...Transferred to the 60-day IL on 6/28...Pitched in 5 more games for Texas...Closed his season with 2.0 perfect IP of relief vs. Boston on 9/24.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at TB	-	2.0	3	1	1	0	3
2/29	NYN	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	3

70-RYAN BRASIER, RHP

1 G, 0-0, 9.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Made his spring debut on 2/29 vs. NYY (1.0 IP, 3 H, R, SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his 1st career Opening Day roster...In his 1st full ML season, set career highs in IP (55.2), appearances (62), and SO (61)...Was 1 of 4 Boston relievers to appear in 60+ games (also Matt Barnes, Marcus Walden, and Workman)...Averaged 9.86 SO/9.0 IP...Recorded a career-high 7 saves...Held RHH to a .608 OPS (28-for-121, 6 XBH)...Also appeared in 10 games for Triple-A Pawtucket, allowing 1 run in 9.1 IP (0.96 ERA) with 13 SO and 1 BB.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/29	NYN	-	1.0	3	1	1	0	1

37-HEATH HEMBREE, RHP

1 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Made his spring debut on 2/29 vs. NYY (0.2 IP, H, 3 R, 0 ER, 2 BB)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his 3rd career Opening Day roster...Was limited to 45 appearances for Boston due to 2 stints on the IL...Oh his 45 appearances, 32 were scoreless (71.1%)...Stranded 19 of his 24 inherited runners (79.1%), including each of his final 9...In a 24-game span from 4/25-7/14, allowed 2 ER over 20.2 IP (0.87 ERA) with a 0.87 WHIP (10 H, 30 SO, 8 BB)...Allowed 0 ER in 10 consecutive appearances from 4/25-5/20 (8.2 IP) and made 9 straight scoreless appearances from 5/24-6/10 (6.2 IP).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/29	NYN	-	0.2	1	3	0	2	0

80-YOAN AYBAR, LHP

3 G, 0-0, 9.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Has made 3 relief appearances this spring: 2/23 at BAL, 2/26 at PIT, 2/29 vs. NYY...**2019 IN REVIEW:** In 44 relief appearances between Single-A Greenville (40) and High-A Salem (4), held opponents to a .176 AVG (36-for-205) with 11.12 SO/9.0 IP (70 SO/56.2 IP)...In 18 games from 6/28 through the end of the season, posted a 2.12 ERA with a 1.01 WHIP (29.2 IP, 18 H, 7 ER)...Between the two clubs, held RHH to a .175 AVG (25-for-143) and LHH to a .177 AVG (11-for-62)...In the 9th inning, opponents were 1-for-17 with 0 BB, 0 XBH, and 3 SO...Made 15 appearances of at least 2.0 innings - including 14 of exactly 2.0 IP and 1 of 3.0 IP - allowed only 6 ER in 31.0 IP (1.74 ERA)...Following the season, appeared in 7 games for Peoria in the Arizona Fall League.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/23	at BAL	-	1.0	2	2	2	2	1
2/26	at PIT	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
2/29	NYN	-	1.0	2	1	1	0	0

73-MIKE SHAWARYN, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Threw 1.0 scoreless IP on 2/22 vs. TB (H, SO)...Also tossed 0.1 IP on 2/29 vs. NYY (BB)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made 14 relief appearances over 2 stints with Boston, his 1st ML action...Averaged 12.84 SO/9.0 IP in the majors (20.1 IP, 29 SO)...Also made 26 appearances (14 starts) for Triple-A Pawtucket...Posted a 3.59 ERA (29 ER/72.2 IP) as a starter for the PawSox...Attended ML Spring Training as a non-roster invitee...Made his ML debut on 6/7 vs. TB (2.0 IP, H, R, HR, 4 SO)...Did not allow a hit to 29 consecutive BF during a stretch in June.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	TB	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
2/29	NYN	-	0.1	0	0	0	1	0

2020 TRANSACTIONS

- 1/2 C Kevin Plawewski 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.