

# BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



**Boston Red Sox (4-7-2) vs. Houston Astros (4-6-1)**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2020 • jetBlue Park • Lee County, FL**



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**YESTERDAY'S NEWS:** The Red Sox lost to the Tigers, 13-9, yesterday at jetBlue Park...It marked the 2nd time this week those teams combined to score 22 runs in a game (also tied, 11-11, on Monday in Lakeland).

- Jackie Bradley Jr. went 3-for-3 with a HR and a double...In 7 Grapefruit League games, he is 7-for-17 (.412) with 2 HR.
- J.D. Martinez went 2-for-3 and also hit his 2nd HR of spring training, a 3-run shot in the 1st inning.
- Ryan Brasier threw 2.0 perfect innings of relief (1 SO).

**X FACTOR:** Xander Bogaerts made his 2020 Grapefruit League debut yesterday, going 0-for-2 as the DH...In 2019, he finished 5th in AL MVP voting after batting .309 with 33 HR, 117 RBI, and a .939 OPS.

- Last season, Bogaerts joined Alex Rodriguez as the only shortstops in MLB history with at least 30 HR and 50 doubles in a season.
- From 2015-19, Bogaerts led MLB shortstops in AVG (.298), RBI (452), doubles (198), and hits (882)...According to Baseball-Reference, he also led all shortstops in offensive WAR (25.4) in that time.

**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).

**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 13 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.
- 8 of the Red Sox' 40-man pitchers were not in the organization last year: RHP Austin Brice, LHP Matt Hall, RHP Chris Mazza, RHP Collin McHugh, LHP Josh Osich, LHP Martin Pérez, LHP Jeffrey Springs, and RHP Phillips Valdez.

**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.

**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.	<b>Boston Red Sox</b>	<b>4 (2004, '07, '13, '18)</b>
2.	San Francisco Giants	3 (2010, '12, '14)
3.	St. Louis Cardinals	2 (2006, '11)

**ROSTER MOVES:** Today, the Red Sox signed RHP Collin McHugh to a 1-year contract for the 2020 season...To make room on the 40-man roster, the club designated RHP Hector Velázquez for assignment.

- Yesterday, the Red Sox reassigned 5 players to minor league camp: 1B Tommy Joseph, LHPs Daniel McGrath and Bobby Poyner, and RHPs Bryan Mata and Denyi Reyes...The Sox now have 62 players in big league camp, including all 40 members of the 40-man roster and 22 non-roster invitees.

**WELCOME ABOARD:** McHugh is 58-43 with a 3.95 ERA in 210 career outings, including 119 starts and 91 relief appearances...From 2014-19 with the Astros he was 58-35 with a 3.63 ERA...He pitched exclusively as a starter from 2014-17 and appeared only in relief in 2018, before splitting the 2019 season between the two roles.

- Last season, McHugh made 8 starts before moving to the bullpen in May...In 27 relief appearances, he posted a 2.67 ERA and held opponents to a .208 AVG...He was placed on the injured list with right elbow soreness on 8/31 and missed the remainder of the season.
- Selected by the Mets in the 18th round of the 2008 June Draft, McHugh finished 4th in AL Rookie of the Year voting in 2014 and 8th in Cy Young voting in 2015.

**SOX & ASTROS:** Today marks the 1st of 2 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Astros...These teams will also play Saturday, 3/14 in West Palm Beach.

- The Sox and Astros will play each other 6 times in a span of 10 days during the regular season, with 3 games scheduled for 5/22-24 at Fenway Park and 3 for 5/29-31 at Minute Maid Park.

**FENWAY (SOUTH) FAITHFUL:** The Red Sox have sold out each of their last 141 home Grapefruit League games, including their final 10 at City of Palms Park and all 131 at jetBlue Park since its opening in 2012...The Sox have sold out 244 of their last 245 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.

**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.

**NICE WORK, MAN:** Brandon Workman is scheduled to pitch in relief today...In 2019 he held opponents to a .123 AVG, the lowest mark in modern MLB history (since 1900), 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>405.2</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>.214</b>

## THE COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 21 days  
 Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 28 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 62 players in Major League Spring Training camp: 30 pitchers (7 NRI), 7 catchers (5 NRI), 15 INF (6 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 (12)

**Brasier** (March 2018), **Eovaldi** (Dec. 2018), **Martinez** (Feb. 2018), **McHugh** (Mar. 2020), **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)

## 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
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
Fri., 3/6	at ATL	1:05 p.m.	LHP Eduardo Rodriguez, RHP Matt Barnes, RHP Colten Brewer, RHP R.J. Alvarez	TBD

## 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*
Wednesday, 3/4	DETROIT	jetBlue Park	L 9-13	4-7-2	Farmer (1-0)	HEMBREE (0-2)		9,310*

\*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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. HOUSTON ASTROS

### 81-KYLE HART, LHP

**2 G, 0-1, 9.00 ERA**

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Tossed 2.0 scoreless IP on 2/28 at MIN (BB, SO)...Made his 2020 spring debut on 2/24 at MIN (1.0 IP, 3 H, 3 R, BB)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Split the season between Double-A Portland and Triple-A Pawtucket...Led Red Sox minor leaguers in wins (12), innings (156.0), and complete games (2), and ranked 2nd in SO (140)...Tossed at least 6.0 innings in 18 of his 27 outings, including at least 7.0 innings in 6 of them...Made 6 quality starts with Portland and 9 with Pawtucket...Held Double-A batters to a .199 AVG (39-for-196) and led Pawtucket in wins (9)...Promoted to Pawtucket on 5/28 and threw a 9.0-inning shutout in his Triple-A debut on 5/30 vs. Lehigh Valley (5 H, 8 SO, 0 BB).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at MIN	L	1.0	3	3	3	1	0
2/28	at MIN	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	1

### 44-BRANDON WORKMAN, RHP

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

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Made his spring debut on 3/1 vs. ATL, striking out 2 in a scoreless relief inning...**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).

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

### 64-MARCUS WALDEN, RHP

**1 G, 0-0, 10.80 ERA**

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Made his spring debut on 3/1 vs. ATL (1.2 IP, H, 2 R, 2 HB, 2 BB, SO)...**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.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/1	ATL	-	1.2	1	2	2	2	1

### 61-BRIAN JOHNSON, LHP

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

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Has made 3 appearances this spring...Started on 2/22 vs. TB (1.0 IP) and made relief appearances on 2/25 vs. BAL (1.0 IP) and 2/29 vs. NYY (2.0 IP)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his 2nd consecutive Opening Day roster...Made 7 starts and 14 relief appearances for Boston, going 1-3 with a 6.02 ERA (27 ER/40.1 IP)...Missed 90 games due to a pair of stints on the IL...Held LHH to a .232 AVG (13-for-56, 1 HR)...In 6 games (3 starts) at Fenway Park, posted a 3.68 ERA and a .232 opponent AVG (14.2 IP, 13 H, 6 ER)...Allowed 3 ER or less in all but 1 of his 21 outings...Charged with a career-high 7 ER in 1.1 IP on 4/5 at ARI...Excluding that appearance, had a 4.62 ERA (20 ER/39.0 IP).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	TB	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
2/25	BAL	W	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
2/29	NYN	-	2.0	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 Ron Roenicke named 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.
- 3/4 1B Tommy Joseph, LHPs Daniel McGrath and Bobby Poyner, and RHPs Bryan Mata and Denyi Reyes reassigned to minor league camp.
- 3/5 RHP Collin McHugh signed as a major league free agent...RHP Hector Velázquez designated for assignment.