

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



Boston Red Sox (4-8-2) at Atlanta Braves (4-8-1)
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YESTERDAY'S NEWS: The Red Sox lost to the Astros yesterday, 5-0, at jetBlue Park.

- Jackie Bradley Jr. (1-for-2) increased his Grapefruit League AVG to .421 (8-for-19)...Marcus Walden threw a perfect 6th inning.

SOX & BRAVES: Today marks the 2nd of 6 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Braves (BOS leads, 1-0)... They will also play at jetBlue Park on 3/17 and 3/24, with 2 more games in North Port scheduled for 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.

STEADY EDDIE: Eduardo Rodriguez is scheduled to make his 2nd Grapefruit League start today... On 2/29 vs. NYY, he struck out 6 batters and walked none in 3.0 scoreless innings.

- In 2019, Rodriguez finished 6th in AL Cy Young Award voting...He set career highs in wins (19), starts (34), innings (203.1), and strikeouts (213).
- The Sox went 26-8 (.765) in Rodriguez's starts in 2019, including 9-0 when he threw 7.0+ innings.
- In his final 17 starts of the season (beginning 7/1), Rodriguez went 11-2 with a 2.90 ERA.

ROSTER MOVES: Yesterday, 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.

- On Wednesday, 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: Collin 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.

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.

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).

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)

FENWAY (SOUTH) FAITHFUL: Yesterday's game against the Astros was sold out (9,472)...The Red Sox have sold out each of their last 142 home Grapefruit League games, including their final 10 at City of Palms Park and all 132 at jetBlue Park since its opening in 2012...The Sox have sold out 245 of their last 246 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.

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 are 21-year-olds Jeter Downs (born 7/27/98) and Jonathan Araúz (born 8/3/98).

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* were invited to Major League camp this year: 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).

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.

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).

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).

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): 20 days
 Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 27 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 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)

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)

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)

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
Fri., 3/6	at ATL	1:05 p.m.	LHP Eduardo Rodriguez, RHP Matt Barnes, RHP Colten Brewer, RHP R.J. Alvarez	RHP Kyle Wright
Sat., 3/7	vs. TOR	1:05 p.m.	RHP Nathan Eovaldi, LHP Josh Taylor, RHP Phillips Valdez, RHP Trevor Hildenberger, RHP Robinson Leyer	RHP Trent Thornton, RHP Nate Pearson, RHP Julian Merryweather, LHP Brian Moran, LHP Kirby Sneed, RHP Bryan Baker, RHP Ryan Dull
	at PHI	1:05 p.m.	RHP Tanner Houck, LHP Mike Kickham, RHP Domingo Tapia, LHP Josh Osich, RHP Austin Brice	LHP Ranger Suarez

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*
Thursday, 3/5	HOUSTON	jetBlue Park	L 0-5	4-8-2	James (1-0)	HART (0-2)		9,472*

*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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 ATLANTA BRAVES

57-EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ, LHP

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

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Made his 2020 spring debut on 2/29 vs. NYY, striking out 6 and allowing 2 hits over 3.0 scoreless IP...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Went 19-6 with a 3.81 ERA (86 ER/203.1 IP)...His career-high 19 wins ranked 3rd in MLB...Also had career bests in starts (34), IP (203.1), and SO (213)...His 34 starts were tied for the most in MLB (7 other pitchers)...Boston went 26-8 (.765) in his starts...The only other pitcher to start as many as 25 team wins was Gerrit Cole (Houston was 26-7 in his starts)...Was 1 of 15 pitchers to throw 200.0+ IP, and 1 of only 5 LHP to do so...His 13 starts of 6.0+ IP and 1 or 0 runs allowed trailed only Gerrit Cole and Justin Verlander for the most in the AL (both 15)...Boston went 18-3 when Rodriguez threw 6.0+ IP, including 12-0 from 4/12-7/22, allowing 1 or 0 runs in 13 of those games.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/29	NYN	-	3.0	2	0	0	0	6

32-MATT BARNES, RHP

1 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

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

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

48-COLTEN BREWER, RHP

3 G, 0-0, 2.25 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Has made 3 relief appearances this spring: 1.0 IP on 2/22 vs. TB, 2.0 IP on 2/26 at PIT, 1.0 IP on 3/2 at DET...**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
3/2	at DET	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

60-R.J. ALVAREZ, RHP

3 G, 0-0, 15.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Has made 3 relief appearances this spring: 1.0 IP on 2/24 at TB, 1.0 IP on 2/27 vs. PHI, 1.0 IP on 3/3 at NYY...**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
3/3	at NYY	-	1.0	3	1	1	1	0

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.