

# BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES • SATURDAY, MAR. 7, 2020

1:05 p.m. --- Boston Red Sox (4-9-2) vs. Toronto Blue Jays (6-5-2)

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1:05 p.m. --- Boston Red Sox (4-9-2) at Philadelphia Phillies (10-4-1)

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**YESTERDAY'S NEWS:** The Red Sox lost to the Braves yesterday, 7-5, in North Port...Eduardo Rodriguez started and allowed 2 runs in 4.0 IP (3 H, 1 BB, 4 SO).

- Kevin Plawecki reached base 3 times (1-for-1, 2 BB), Jonathan Araúz went 1-for-2 with 2 RBI, and José Peraza and Michael Chavis were each 1-for-3 with a double.

**SOX & JAYS:** Today marks the 1st of 2 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Blue Jays, who will also play Wednesday, 3/18, in Dunedin.

- The Sox and Jays will open their 2020 regular seasons against each other, with a 4-game series in Toronto scheduled for 3/26-29...They will play each other 10 times before May, with a 3-game set at Fenway Park from 4/21-23 and 3 games at Rogers Centre from 4/27-29.
- The Sox won the 2019 season series, 11-8, going 5-4 in Boston and 6-4 in Toronto.

**SOX & PHILLIES:** Today marks the 2nd of 2 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Phillies...On 2/27, PHI earned a 12-5 win at jetBlue Park.

- The Sox and Phillies will not face each other in the regular season...They have met in Interleague play in 10 of the last 12 years, including each of the last 3.
- BOS holds a 43-28 edge over PHI in the all-time series...They split the 2019 season series, with the Sox going 2-0 at Citizens Bank Park and the Phillies going 2-0 at Fenway Park.

**MOST RECENT ROSTER MOVES:** On Thursday, 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.

**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).

**START ME UP:** Nathan Eovaldi is making his 3rd start of spring training...In his first 2, he threw 5.0 scoreless innings with 0 BB, 8 SO, and 3 hits allowed.

- Tanner Houck has also allowed 0 runs thus far in 2 spring training appearances (1 start), surrendering 3 hits in 5.0 IP with 3 BB and 4 SO.

**FENWAY (SOUTH) FAITHFUL:** 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 Jaren Duran (No. 5), and LHP Darwinzon Hernandez (No. 6)...Mata has been reassigned to minor league camp.

**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.

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

**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 COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 19 days  
Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 26 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)

### 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
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, RHP Hector Neris, RHP Drew Storen, LHP Francisco Liriano, RHP Anthony Swarzak, RHP Mauricio Llovera
Sun., 3/8	vs. MIN	1:05 p.m.	LHP Martin Perez, RHP Ryan Brasier, RHP Heath Hembree, LHP Matt Hall, RHP Chris Mazza	RHP Kenta Maeda, RHP Tyler Duffey, RHP Ryan Wisler, RHP Cory Gearrin, RHP Ryan Garton, LHP Sam Clay

## 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*
Friday, 3/6	at Atlanta	North Port	L 5-7	4-9-2	Davidson (1-0)	ALVAREZ (0-1)		7,045

\*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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. TORONTO BLUE JAYS

### 17-NATHAN EOVALDI, RHP

2 G, 2 GS, 1-0, 0.00 ERA

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Tossed 2.0 scoreless IP on 2/24 at MIN and 3.0 scoreless IP on 3/1 vs. ATL...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made 23 appearances (12 GS)...Missed roughly 3 months on the IL (right elbow injury)...Threw 5.0+ IP in each of his first 4 GS before being placed on the IL on 4/20 with a loose body in his right elbow...Went 5.0+ IP in his final 2 starts (6.0 IP at TB on 9/22, 5.0 IP on 9/27 vs. BAL).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at MIN	-	2.0	2	0	0	0	4
3/1	ATL	W	3.0	1	0	0	0	4

### 72-JOSH TAYLOR, LHP

2 G, 0-0, 3.00 ERA

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Tossed 1.0 scoreless IP on 2/28 at MIN...Allowed 1 R over 2.0 IP on 3/3 at NYY...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his ML debut...Appeared in 52 G (1 start) over 2 stints with BOS...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 2019, posted a 2.13 ERA (10 ER/42.1 IP) and .187 opponent AVG (28-for-150).

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

### 95-PHILLIPS VALDEZ, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 16.88 ERA

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Tossed 1.0 scoreless IP on 2/27 vs. PHI (2 SO) and 1.2 IP on 3/2 at DET (3 H, 5 R, 2 BB)...**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.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/27	PHI	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/2	at DET	-	1.2	3	5	5	2	0

### 78-TREVOR HILDENBERGER, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 6.00 ERA

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Tossed 2.0 IP on 2/24 at MIN and 1.0 IP on 2/28 at MIN...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made the Twin's Opening Day roster for the 2nd straight season...Allowed 0 R in his first 11 G (3/31-4/21, 7.2 IP)...Optioned to Triple-A Rochester on 5/16, appearing in 9 G (8.44 ERA, 10 ER/10.2 IP) prior to being placed on the IL on 6/15 (right elbow strain)...Reinstated from the IL on 8/20.

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

## TODAY'S RED SOX PITCHERS at PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

### 89-TANNER HOUCK, RHP

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

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Tossed 3.0 scoreless relief IP on 3/1 vs. ATL (2 H, BB, 3 SO)...Started and threw 2.0 scoreless IP in his Grapefruit League debut on 2/24 at TB (H, 2 BB, SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his Triple-A debut but spent most of the year with Double-A Portland...Named an Eastern League mid-season All-Star...His first 15 outings came as a starter, but 16 of his final 18 came in relief...In 14 Triple-A relief outings, posted a 2.05 ERA and .179 opponent AVG (22.0 IP, 14 H, 5 ER)...Also pitched for Peoria in the Arizona Fall League and for Team USA in the Premier12 tournament...All 8 appearances with the teams came as a starter.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24	at TB	-	2.0	1	0	0	2	1
3/1	ATL	-	3.0	2	0	0	1	3

### 31-AUSTIN BRICE, RHP

3 G, 0-0, 0.00 ERA

**2020 SPRING TRAINING:** Has made 3 scoreless appearances: 1.2 on 2/24 at TB, 1.0 IP on 2/28 at MIN, 1.0 IP on 3/3 at NYY...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Set career highs in appearances (36), IP (44.2), and SO (46) with MIA...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
2/28	at MIN	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
3/3	at NYY	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

### 74-MIKE KICKHAM, LHP

2 G, 1-0, 3.38 ERA

**2019 IN REVIEW:** Attended ML Spring Training as a non-roster invitee with Miami and spent the entire season with Triple-A New Orleans...Went 4-1 with a 3.86 ERA as a reliever (14 ER/32.2 IP) and 1-4 with a 4.53 ERA as a starter (27 ER/53.2 IP)...Posted a 2.92 ERA (8 ER/24.2 IP) from 6/27-7/27...Allowed 1 run in a season-high 7.0 IP on 7/27 vs. Nashville.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	TB	W	1.0	3	0	0	0	1
2/25	BAL	-	1.2	3	4	1	1	3

### 75-DOMINGO TAPIA, RHP

3 G, 0-0, 2.25 ERA

**2019 IN REVIEW:** Ranked 2nd among PawSox pitchers with 44 appearances...Led the club's primary relievers with 66.0 IP...Made 13 appearances of 2.0+ IP...Made his lone start of the season on 4/16 vs. Buffalo and threw 3.0 scoreless IP (1 H, 0 BB, 3 SO)...Threw a season-high 4.0 IP and allowed 0 R 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 G from 5/25-6/30.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/22	TB	W	1.0	3	0	0	0	1
2/25	BAL	-	1.2	3	4	1	1	3