

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



Boston Red Sox (5-10-2) vs. Minnesota Twins (7-4-4)
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YESTERDAY'S NEWS: The Red Sox went 1-1 in split-squad action yesterday, earning a 5-2 win over the Blue Jays at jetBlue Park and losing to the Phillies in Clearwater, 10-2.

- In the win over TOR, Nathan Eovaldi allowed 1 hit in 3.0 scoreless innings...Andrew Benintendi (1-for-2), Rafael Devers (2-for-3), J.D. Martinez (1-for-3), and Mitch Moreland (1-for-2, BB) were a combined 5-for-10.
- At PHI, Kevin Pillar (2-for-3), Jackie Bradley Jr. (1-for-3), and Kevin Plawewski (1-for-3) combined to go 4-for-9... Austin Brice threw 2.0 perfect innings of relief (4 SO).

SOX & TWINS: The Red Sox and Twins will face each other 7 times during the 2020 regular season, with 3 games scheduled for 4/24-26 at Target Field, and 4 games set for 8/10-13 at Fenway Park.

- BOS and MIN split the 2019 season series (3-3)...The Sox hold a 316-314 edge since the Twins moved to Minnesota prior to the 1961 season.

CHAIRMAN'S CUP: The 2020 Chairman's Cup between the Red Sox and Twins continues today with the 3rd of 5 meetings (MIN leads, 2-0)...These teams will also play on 3/20 at Hammond Stadium and 3/22 here at jetBlue Park.

- The Twins lead, 13-12-2, in the yearly series, which began in 1993...MIN owns an 80-72-1 edge in games.

MAYOR'S/CHAIRMAN'S CUP YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1993	Minnesota	2007	Boston
1994	Minnesota	2008	Boston
1995	Minnesota	2009	Boston
1996	Minnesota	2010	Boston
1997	Boston	2011	Minnesota
1998	Boston	2012	Boston
1999	Boston	2013	Boston
2000	Minnesota	2014	TIE
2001	Minnesota	2015	Boston
2002	Minnesota	2016	Minnesota
2003	Minnesota	2017	TIE
2004	Boston	2018	Boston
2005	Minnesota	2019	Minnesota
2006	Minnesota		

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 Plawewski, 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.

NATHAN'S FAMOUS: Nathan Eovaldi made his 3rd start of spring training yesterday and allowed only 1 hit in 3.0 IP...He has yet to allow a run in 8.0 IP, holding opponents to a .143 AVG (4-for-28) with 12 SO and 1 BB.

- The only other pitcher to allow 0 runs in at least 8.0 IP is LAA's Jaime Barria (9.0 IP)...Eovaldi's 12 SO rank T-2nd in the majors.

THE BRICE YOU PAY: Austin Brice has struck out 10 batters and walked only 1 in 5.2 scoreless innings over 4 relief outings, holding opponents to a .100 AVG (2-for-20).

- Brice was acquired by the Red Sox on 1/10/20 from MIA, in exchange for minor league SS Angeudis Santos.
- Brice would become the first player born in China to appear in a regular season game for the Red Sox...When he made his ML debut in 2016, he became the first player born in Hong Kong ever to play in the majors.

FENWAY (SOUTH) FAITHFUL: The Red Sox have sold out each of their last 143 home Grapefruit League games, including their final 10 at City of Palms Park and all 133 at jetBlue Park since its opening in 2012...The Sox have sold out 246 of their last 247 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 is 21-year-old 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 Darwinson 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 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)...They also tied the MLB record for most extra-inning HR in a season (9).

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).

THE COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 18 days
 Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 25 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), Plawewski (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
Sun., 3/8	vs. MIN	1:05 p.m.	LHP Martín Pérez, 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
Mon., 3/9	at ATL	6:05 p.m.	RHP Ryan Weber, RHP Brandon Workman, RHP Colten Brewer, RHP Marcus Walden	RHP Felix Hernández

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
Saturday, 3/7	TORONTO	jetBlue Park	W 5-2	5-9-2	EOVALDI (2-0)	Thornton (0-1)	LEYER (1)	9,549*
	at Philadelphia	Clearwater	L 2-10	5-10-2	Suarez (1-1)	HOUCK (0-1)		10,201*

*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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. MINNESOTA TWINS

54-MARTÍN PÉREZ, LHP

2 G, 2 GS, 0-1, 3.38 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Started on 2/26 at PIT (2.0 IP, H, R, 0 ER, BB, 3 SO) and 3/3 at NYY (0.2 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 1 ER, BB)...**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 came as a starter...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 MLB.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/26	at PIT	-	2.0	1	1	0	1	3
3/3	at NYY	L	0.2	4	6	1	1	0

70-RYAN BRASIER, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 3.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Did not allow a hit over 2.0 scoreless IP on 3/4 vs. DET (SO)...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)...Averaged 9.86 SO/9.0 IP...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
3/4	DET	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	1

37-HEATH HEMBREE, RHP

2 G, 0-1, 10.13 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Threw 2.0 IP on 3/4 vs. DET (4 H, 3 R, 3 SO)...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...Of 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 WHP (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
3/4	DET	L	2.0	4	3	3	0	2

56-MATT HALL, LHP

2 G, 0-0, 9.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Threw 1.0 relief IP on 2/23 at BAL (3 H, 2 R, 2 BB, SO)...Also threw 1.0 IP on 2/28 at MIN (BB, 2 SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Split the season between Detroit (16 G) and Triple-A Toledo (25 G, 13 GS)....8 of his outings with Detroit were more than 1.0 IP...Allowed 0 hits and 0 runs over at least 1.0 IP in 5 of his appearances with Detroit...Closed his season with 2.0 scoreless IP on 9/19 at CLE (1 H) and 1.0 scoreless IP on 9/25 vs. MIN (0 H)...In 7 games (2 starts) with Toledo in June, posted a 1.80 ERA (4 ER/20.0 IP).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/23	at BAL	-	1.0	3	2	2	2	1
2/28	at MIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	2

22-CHRIS MAZZA, RHP

2 G, 1 GS, 0-1, 12.00 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Last appeared on 2/27 vs. PHI (1.0 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 2 BB, 2 SO)...Started on 2/23 at BAL, receiving the loss (2.0 IP, 3 H, R, 2 BB, SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Made his ML debut with the Mets...In 9 relief outings across 5 stints with the Mets, posted a 5.51 ERA (10 ER/16.1 IP) with 11 SO, 5 BB, and 0 HR allowed...Did not allow a hit or run in his final 3 outings of the season, tossing 4.2 scoreless innings in September...6 of his ML outings were longer than 1.0 IP...Spent the majority of the season with Triple-A Syracuse after beginning the campaign with Double-A Binghamton.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/23	at BAL	L	2.0	3	1	1	2	1
2/27	PHI	-	1.0	3	3	3	2	2

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 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.