

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



Boston Red Sox (6-10-2) at Atlanta Braves (5-9-2)
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YESTERDAY'S NEWS: The Red Sox defeated the Twins, 7-6, yesterday at jetBlue Park...Martin Pérez started and threw 4.0 scoreless innings, striking out 7 batters with only 1 BB and 4 hits allowed.

- 10 players recorded at least 1 hit for the Sox, including Kevin Pillar (1-for-3), Jackie Bradley Jr. (1-for-2), Mitch Moreland (1-for-1, BB), Jonathan Araúz (1-for-2), and J.D. Martinez (1-for-3).

SOX & BRAVES: Today marks the 3rd of 6 spring training meetings between the Red Sox and Braves (tied, 1-1)...They will also play at jetBlue Park on 3/17 before closing their Grapefruit League schedules with games on 3/23 (North Port) and 3/24 (Fort Myers).

- 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.

BACK ME UP: Today's starting catcher, Kevin Plawecki, has recorded a .632 OBP this spring, going 7-for-14 (.500) with 5 BB and only 2 SO...He has hit safely in each of his 7 games with an at-bat and reached base in all 8 of his games played.

- The Sox signed Plawecki to a 1-year contract on 1/2/20...In 2019, he spent an entire season on an active ML roster for the first time in his career, appearing in 57 games with CLE (46 starts).

MOST RECENT ROSTER MOVES: Yesterday, the Red Sox reassigned 8 players to minor league camp and optioned 7 players to the minor leagues...They now have 47 players in major league camp, including 33 members of the 40-man roster and 14 non-roster invitees.

- 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...Velázquez was claimed off waivers by the Orioles yesterday.

FENWAY (SOUTH) FAITHFUL: The Red Sox sold 9,661 tickets to yesterday's game against the Twins...They have sold out each of their last 144 home Grapefruit League games, including their final 10 at City of Palms Park and all 134 at jetBlue Park since its opening in 2012...The Sox have sold out 247 of their last 248 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.

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.

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)

START ME UP: Ryan Weber, who is making his 3rd start tonight, has issued 0 BB and allowed 0 ER thus far in spring training (5.0 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 7 SO)...In his 13 Grapefruit League games since the start of 2018, he has posted a 1.16 ERA (3 ER/23.1 IP).

- Weber was selected by the Braves in the 22nd round of the 2009 June Draft and spent his first 8 professional seasons in the ATL organization...He pitched in 21 games (7 starts) for the Braves from 2015-16.

HAVE WE BENINTRODUCED?: Andrew Benintendi, who is leading off today, has recorded a .412 OBP thus far in spring training, going 5-for-15 (.333) with 1 HR...He has batted leadoff in each of his 7 Grapefruit League games.

- Benintendi has been the Red Sox' Opening Day starter in LF in each of the last 3 seasons (2017-19)...The Sox started 9 different players in LF in the previous 9 Opening Day games (Manny Ramirez, Jason Bay, Jacoby Ellsbury, Carl Crawford, Cody Ross, Jackie Bradley Jr., Mike Carp, Hanley Ramirez, Brock Holt).

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
Totals	430	405.2	3.62	.214

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 (Nelson Cruz, Anthony Rendon, Nolan Arenado, and Cody Bellinger).

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).
- Dustin Pedroia, who is on the 60-day injured list, is 36 years old; he has 13 years and 41 days of MLB service.

GOLDEN GLOVES: Nine players in Red Sox camp have been named a Gold Glove Award finalist at least once: OFs Jackie Bradley Jr. (2014, '16, '18, '19), Kevin Pillar (2015, '16, '17), Andrew Benintendi (2018, '19), and J.D. Martinez (2015); catchers Jonathan Lucroy (2014, '16) and Christian Vázquez (2019); SS Xander Bogaerts (2015); 1B Mitch Moreland (2016, '17, '18); and LHP Chris Sale (2017);

- Moreland (2016, 1B) and Bradley (2018, CF) are the only Red Sox in camp to win a Gold Glove Award.

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).

THE COUNTDOWN

Opening Day (3/26 at TOR): 17 days
 Home Opener (4/2 vs. CWS): 24 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 47 players in Major League Spring Training camp: 22 pitchers (3 NRI), 5 catchers (3 NRI), 11 INF (4 NRI), and 9 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
Mon., 3/9	at ATL	6:05 p.m.	RHP Ryan Weber, RHP Brandon Workman, LHP Jeffrey Springs, RHP Marcus Walden	RHP Felix Hernández
Tue., 3/10	vs. STL	1:05 p.m.	LHP Brian Johnson, LHP Josh Taylor, RHP Matt Barnes, RHP Colten Brewer, RHP Robinson Leyer	RHP Jack Flaherty, RHP Junior Fernandez, LHP Tyler Webb, RHP Giovanny Gallegos

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 (1)	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*
Sunday, 3/8	MINNESOTA	jetBlue Park	W 7-6	6-10-2	HALL (1-0)	Garrin (0-1)	FELTMAN (1)	9,661*

*Sellout

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
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

TONIGHT'S RED SOX PITCHERS at ATLANTA BRAVES

65-RYAN WEBER, RHP

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

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Tossed 2.0 scoreless IP on 2/25 vs. BAL (2 H, SO) and 3.0 scoreless IP on 3/2 at PIT (3 H, R, 0 ER, 6 SO)...**2019 IN REVIEW:** Completed his 1st season in the Red Sox organization...Attended spring training as a non-roster invitee and began the season with Pawtucket...Spent most of the season with Triple-A Pawtucket, posting a 4.50 ERA in 16 appearances, all starts...Pitched in 18 games (3 starts) over 4 stints with the ML club...Had a 7.94 ERA (10 ER/11.1 IP) as a starter and a 3.99 ERA (13 ER/29.1 IP) in relief...Allowed 7 ER in 4.0 IP on 5/29 vs. CLE, but posted a 3.93 ERA (16 ER/36.2 IP) in his other 17 ML games... For Boston, struck out 29 batters and walked only 8 for a SO/BB ratio of 3.63 and a BB/9.0 IP rate of 1.77.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/25	BAL	-	2.0	2	0	0	0	1
3/2	at DET	-	3.0	3	1	0	0	6

44-BRANDON WORKMAN, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 3.38 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Tossed 1.0 scoreless IP on 3/1 vs. ATL (2 SO) and allowed 1 ER over 1.2 IP on 3/5 vs. HOU (4 H, 2 SO)...**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
3/5	HOU	-	1.2	4	1	1	0	2

64-MARCUS WALDEN, RHP

2 G, 0-0, 6.75 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Made his spring debut on 3/1 vs. ATL (1.2 IP, H, 2 R, 2 HB, 2 BB, SO)... Tossed 1.0 scoreless IP on 3/5 vs. HOU...**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
3/5	HOU	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

59-JEFFREY SPRINGS, LHP

3 G, 0-0, 13.50 ERA

2020 SPRING TRAINING: Started on 3/4 vs. DET (1.0 IP, 5 H, 5 R)...Tossed 2.0 IP 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
3/4	DET	-	1.0	5	5	5	0	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 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.
- 3/8 C Roldani Baldwin, C/INF Connor Wong, INF Jeter Downs, 1B Josh Ockimey, RHPs R.J. Alvarez, Trevor Hildenberger and Tanner Houck, and LHP Mike Kickham reassigned to minor league camp...1B/3B Bobby Dalbec, INF C.J. Chatham, LHP Kyle Hart, and RHPs Mike Shawayn and Phillips Valdez optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket...OF Marcus Wilson optioned to Double-A Portland...LHP Yoan Aybar optioned to High-A Salem.