

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES



Minnesota Twins (11-8-1) at Boston Red Sox (10-11-2)
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STATE OF THE SOX: The Red Sox began their Grapefruit League slate with a 1-5 record, but they are 9-6-2 in their last 17 games.

⚡ BOS is playing 39 games in 38 days during spring training, including 4 exhibition contests...The club's lone off day from 2/23-4/1 is scheduled for 3/22.

HOME WHITES: The Red Sox will wear home white jerseys today, as well as on 3/25 vs. PHI.

JIMMY FUND VISIT: A group from the Jimmy Fund is visiting Fort Myers today for the organization's annual trip to Spring Training...The group took batting practice at JetBlue Park yesterday, and today the children will visit with Red Sox players in the morning and then watch the game against the Twins from a suite.

CHAIRMAN'S CUP: The 2017 Chairman's Cup (formerly Mayor's Cup) between the Red Sox and Twins continues today with the 4th of 6 scheduled meetings...The Sox earned a 12-5 win over the Twins yesterday at Hammond Stadium...BOS also defeated MIN, 8-7, on 2/25 at JetBlue Park...The Twins shut out the Sox, 13-0, on 3/11 at Hammond.

⚡ The Red Sox trail the Twins, 11-12-1, in the yearly series, which began in 1993...Minnesota owns a 71-63-1 edge in those contests.

⚡ BOS has lost the Cup just twice in the last 10 years, taking 7 of those and tying once...Prior to that stretch, the Twins took 10 of the first 14 series (1993-2006).

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

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

INFIELD ON FIRE: Red Sox infielders Dustin Pedroia (.435 AVG), Marco Hernandez (.382), Sam Travis (.344), Pablo Sandoval (.333), Deven Marrero (.333), Mitch Moreland (.310), Brock Holt (.280), and Josh Rutledge (.263)—along with Xander Bogaerts (.500, 3-for-6)—are batting a combined .342 (83-for-243) in Grapefruit League games.

HOT CORNER: Pablo Sandoval hit 2 HR in yesterday's 12-5 win at MIN...He leads the Red Sox in HR (tied, 3), RBI (tied, 11), hits (tied, 13), and at-bats (39) this spring...He is batting .333 with a .965 OPS (13-for-39, 2 2B, 3 HR).

⚡ Sandoval has not committed an error in 28 total chances at 3B in Grapefruit League games...Only 1 other player in either league has handled as many as 25 chances at 3B without committing an error this spring (ATL's Rio Ruiz, also 28 chances).

ON BASE MACHINE: Marco Hernandez has reached base via hit or BB in each of his 13 Grapefruit League games this spring...He leads the Sox in OBP (.462), hits (tied, 13), and triples (2) and is batting .382 (13-for-34) with a 1.079 OPS.

⚡ In 30 career Grapefruit League games with the Red Sox (2015-17), Hernandez has hit .446 with a .508 OBP and a .696 SLG (25-for-56, 10 2B, 2 3B, 7 BB, 13 R, 11 RBI).

FIRST IMPRESSION: Signed by BOS as a minor league free agent on 1/14/17, Kyle Kendrick is 2-0 with a 1.50 ERA (3 ER/18.0 IP) in 5 appearances (4 starts) this spring...He has not allowed a run in his last 15.0 innings.

⚡ Among qualifying pitchers in both the Grapefruit and Cactus leagues, Kendrick ranks T-1st in innings (18.0), 3rd in WHIP (0.83), 4th in ERA (1.50), 6th in opponent AVG (.188), and T-9th in strikeouts (16).

⚡ In his last 3 starts, Kendrick has held opponents to 0 runs and a .159 AVG (7-for-44, 9 SO, 3 BB).

97, 98, 99...: The Sox have sold out each of their last 99 home Grapefruit League games, including each of their final 10 at City of Palms Park and all 89 at JetBlue Park since its opening in 2012...The Sox have sold out 207 of their last 208 home Grapefruit League games.

⚡ BOS has won 7 of its last 8 home games, including an exhibition victory vs. Team USA on 3/9...Between Grapefruit League and exhibition games, BOS is 9-4 at home and 3-7-2 on the road.

⚡ The Red Sox are in their 6th spring at the Fenway South Spring Training and Player Development Complex in Fort Myers, FL since moving here in 2012...The complex's main field, JetBlue Park, has a total capacity of approximately 11,000 (9,900 fixed seats).

⚡ This is the 25th consecutive season the Sox have called Fort Myers, FL their Spring Training home (1993-2017), having played at City of Palms Park through 2011...Only Winter Haven, FL hosted the club for more springs (27 years from 1966-92).

WORLD TOUR: SS Xander Bogaerts (Netherlands), LHP Fernando Abad (Dominican Republic), and minor league OF Mike Meyers (Israel) are representing the Red Sox at the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

⚡ The Netherlands is 4-2 in the tournament and has advanced to the single-elimination championship round (3/20-22 at Dodger Stadium)...Bogaerts has started all 6 games at 3B (4-for-19, 3B, 6 BB, 2 RBI, 4 R).

⚡ The D.R. went 4-2 and has been eliminated from the tournament...Abad made 4 appearances, all scoreless (2.1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 1 SO).

⚡ Team Israel went 4-2 and has been eliminated...Meyers appeared in 3 games (0-for-1, BB, 2 R).

SLAMMIN' SAM TRAVIS: Sam Travis has hit .400 and slugged .700 (28-for-70, 6 2B, 5 HR) with 24 RBI in 37 career Grapefruit League games (2015-17)...6 of his 11 hits this spring have gone for extra bases (3 HR, 3 2B).

⚡ Travis leads the Red Sox in HR (tied, 3), SLG (.719), and OPS (1.151)...He also led BOS with 13 RBI in only 18 Grapefruit League games in 2016.

OPENING ACT: Rick Porcello has been named the Red Sox' Opening Day starting pitcher (4/3 vs. PIT)...This will be the 1st O.D. start of his career...Porcello has started his club's 4th game of the season 6 times (2009-12, '14, '16), the 3rd game once (2013), and the 2nd game once (2015).

⚡ Porcello won the 2016 AL Cy Young Award after leading the majors in wins (22) and SO/BB ratio (5.91)...The Red Sox went 25-8 in his starts last season, including 17-3 in his final 20...BOS was 15-1 in his home starts in 2016, having won each of his first 14.

⚡ Porcello has pitched 6.0+ innings in each of his last 18 starts, the majors' longest active streak to begin 2017...He has thrown at least 5.0 innings in 41 consecutive starts, the AL's longest active streak.

ROSTER MOVES: Prior to Friday's game vs. HOU, the Sox optioned RHP Kyle Martin and LHP Luis Ysla to Triple-A Pawtucket and reassigned RHP Marcus Walden to minor league camp.

⚡ Prior to Tuesday's game vs. TOR, the Red Sox optioned LHPs Brian Johnson and Henry Owens and RHP Brandon Workman to Pawtucket...3B Rafael Devers, OF Junior Lake, and C Jordan Procysen were reassigned to minor league camp.

HAVE WE BENINTRODUCED?: Red Sox OF Andrew Benintendi is ranked No. 1 overall in *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospects list...Since the list debuted in 1990, the only other Red Sox player to begin a season ranked No. 1 overall is Daisuke Matsuzaka (2007).

⚡ Also representing the Red Sox on *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospects list are 3B Rafael Devers (No. 18) and LHP Jason Groome (No. 43).

YOUTH BRIGADE: Dustin Pedroia (born 8/17/83), Chris Young (9/5/83), and Hanley Ramirez (12/23/83) are the oldest players in Red Sox camp, and they are only 33 years old.

⚡ 22-year-olds Andrew Benintendi (born 7/6/94) and Jamie Callahan (born 8/24/94) are the youngest Red Sox in major league camp.

MEDIA GUIDE: The 2017 Boston Red Sox Media Guide is available for download at <http://pressroom.redsox.com> and www.redsoxpressbox.com.

IN CAMP: Boston has 49 players in Major League Spring Training Camp, including 14 non-roster invitees: 24 pitchers (7 NRI), 5 catchers (2 NRI), 11 infielders (2 NRI), and 9 outfielders (3 NRI).

RED SOX 2017 SPRING TRAINING STATISTICAL LEADERS

Batting Stat	Leader
AVG.....	Dustin Pedroia (.435, 10-for-23)
Hits.....	Hernandez/Sandoval (13)
Doubles.....	Andrew Benintendi (5)
Triples.....	Marco Hernandez (2)
HR.....	Sandoval/Travis (3)
XBH.....	Andrew Benintendi (7)
Runs.....	Allen Craig (10)
RBI.....	Moreland/Sandoval (11)
BB.....	Andrew Benintendi (6)

Pitching Stat	Leader
Wins.....	Kendrick/Porcello/Rodriguez (2)
Innings.....	Kyle Kendrick (18.0)
Strikeouts.....	Kyle Kendrick (16)
Appearances.....	Noe Ramirez (8)
Starts.....	Kendrick/Rodriguez (4)
Saves.....	4 players tied (1)

HOW THEY WERE OBTAINED (RED SOX 40-MAN ROSTER)

Amateur Draft Picks (14)
 Barnes (2011-1st round), Benintendi (2015-1st round), Betts (2011-5th round), Bradley Jr. (2011-compensation round), Brentz (2010-compensation round), Johnson (2012-1st round), Marrero (2012-1st round), Martin (2013-9th round), Owens (2011-1st round), Pedroia (2004-2nd round), N. Ramirez (2011-4th round), Swihart (2011-1st round), Vazquez (2008-9th round), Workman (2010-2nd round)

By Trade (17)
 Abad (From Twins, Aug. 2016), Elias (From Mariners, Dec. 2015), Hembree (From Giants, July 2014), Hernandez (From Cubs, Dec. 2014), Holt (From Pirates, Dec. 2012), Kelly (From Cardinals, July 2014), Kimbrel (From Padres, Nov. 2015), Leon (From Nationals, Mar. 2015), Pomeranz (From Padres, July 2016), Porcello (From Tigers, Dec. 2014), Rodriguez (From Orioles, July 2014), Ross Jr. (From Rangers, Jan. 2015), Sale (From White Sox, Dec. 2016), Smith (From Mariners, Dec. 2015), Thornburg (From Brewers, Dec. 2016), Wright (From Indians, July 2012), Ysla (From Giants, Aug. 2015)

Free Agents (6)
 Moreland (Dec. 2016), Price (Dec. 2015), H. Ramirez (Nov. 2014), Sandoval (Nov. 2014), Scott (Aug. 2011), Young (Dec. 2015)

International Free Agents (1)
 Bogaerts (Aug. 2009)

Off Waivers (1)
 Selsky (From Reds, Jan. 2017)

Rule 5 Draft Pick (1)
 Rutledge (From Rockies, 2016)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	OPP.	TIME	RED SOX PITCHERS	OPPOSING PITCHERS
Sun. 3/19	vs. MIN	1:05 p.m.	LHP Drew Pomeranz, RHP Craig Kimbrel, LHP Robbie Ross Jr., LHP Edgar Olmos, RHP Hector Velazquez	RHP Justin Haley, LHP Craig Breslow, RHP Ryan Pressly, RHP Alex Wimmers
Mon. 3/20	vs. BAL	1:05 p.m.	RHP Kyle Kendrick, RHP Heath Hembree, RHP Noe Ramirez, RHP Austin Maddox, RHP Jamie Callahan	LHP Wade Miley, TBD
Tue., 3/21	at NYY	6:35 p.m.	LHP Chris Sale, RHP Joe Kelly, RHP Matt Barnes, LHP Robby Scott, RHP Chandler Shepherd, RHP Ben Taylor	TBD

2017 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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TODAY'S RED SOX PITCHERS vs. MIN

31-DREW POMERANZ, LHP 1 G, 0-0, 9.00 ERA
2017 SPRING: Made his spring debut on Tuesday vs. TOR...

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46-CRAIG KIMBREL, RHP 3 G, 0-0, 9.00 ERA
2017 SPRING: Fanned 2 in a scoreless inning on Thursday vs. PIT...

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28-ROBBIE ROSS JR., LHP 6 G, 0-0, 1.50 ERA
2017 SPRING: Has held opponents scoreless in 6 of 7 outings...

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71-EDGAR OLMOS, LHP 6 G, 1-0, 1.17 ERA
2017 SPRING: Has struck out at least 1 hitter in each of his 6 appearances...

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76-HECTOR VELAZQUEZ, RHP 3 G, 0-3, 9.00 ERA
2017 SPRING: Has started 2 of his 3 spring training appearances...

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DEFENSIVE INNINGS - GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE GAMES

Table with columns: PLAYER, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, RF, TOTAL

2017 SPRING TRANSACTIONS

- March 14 LHPs Brian Johnson and Henry Owens and RHP Brandon Workman optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket...