

GAME INFORMATION



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ATLANTA BRAVES (14-13) vs. BOSTON RED SOX (16-10-1)

LH Drew Smyly (0-1, 5.00) vs. LH Martín Pérez (2-2, 3.00)

Spring Training Game No. 28 • Spring Training Road Game No. 14

March 30, 2021 • 1:05 p.m. • JetBlue Park • Ft. Myers, Fla. • MLB Network • Braves Radio Network

TODAY’S GAME: The Braves and Red Sox conclude their Grapefruit League schedules today by playing their ninth game of the spring...Boston has won five of the first eight games, including shutting out Atlanta, 4-0, yesterday in North Port...The clubs will next play in the regular-season, when they open a two-game series in Boston on May 25.

- Major League Baseball revised the 2021 Sping Training schedule on February 12...Under the revised schedule, Grapefruit League Clubs will play a regionalized schedule to mitigate travel.
- Atlanta will play just five different teams this spring - Baltimore (3 games), Boston (9), Minnesota (7), Pittsburgh (3) and Tampa Bay (7).

ROSTER MOVES: The Braves Saturday selected the contract of INF Pablo Sandoval, designated OF Phillip Ervin for assignment, released INF Jason Kipnis from the organization, and released INF Jake Lamb from the roster...A day earlier, Atlanta selected the contracts of INF Ehire Adrianza and RHP Nate Jones, optioned RHP Bryse Wilson to the club's alternate training site, outrighted OF Abraham Almonte to the alternate training site, and placed RHP Touki Toussaint on the 60-day injured list with a right shoulder strain.

- The moves trimmed Atlanta's spring roster to 31 players...The club opened camp with 67 players.
- The Braves have 15 pitchers (seven left-handers and eight right-handers), four catchers, eight infielders and four outfielders remaining in camp.

#MVFFREE: 1B Freddie Freeman played in all 60 games in 2020 and hit a career-best .341/.462/.640 (73-for-214) to earn National League Most Valuable Player honors...Freeman became just the fourth player in Atlanta franchise history to earn the award, joining Chipper Jones (1999), Terry Pendleton (1991) and Dale Murphy (1982, 1983).

- He posted a 1.102 OPS, after producing career-best totals in each of the three slash line categories...In modern Braves franchise history, only 2B Roger Hornsby had a higher OPS in a season (1.130, 1928 with Boston).

20 IN ‘20: The Braves clinched the 20th division title in franchise history last season, beating Miami, 11-1 on September 22 at Truist Park to win the National League East...The 20 division titles are the most in major league history, one more than New York (AL) and Los Angeles (NL)...Last season also marked the franchise’s 26th postseason berth in the modern era and its third straight.

- Atlanta beat Cincinnati in the inaugural N.L. Wild Card Series and swept Miami in the NLDS before falling to Los Angeles, the eventual World Series champions, in seven games in the NLCS.
- The postseason series wins for Atlanta last season were the first for the club since 2001.

SILVER SLUGGERS: A franchise-record four Braves – OF Ronald Acuña Jr., C Travis d’Arnaud, 1B Freddie Freeman and DH Marcell Ozuna – were recipients of 2020 National League Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger awards...Atlanta was the only team in the majors to have four winners.

BRIAN SNITKER: The Braves signed manager Brian Snitker to a contract extension through the 2023 season on February 26...The deal includes a club option for 2024.

- The 2021 season marks Snitker’s 45th in the Braves organization after signing with the club as a non-drafted free agent in 1977 and is his sixth as the major league manager.
- Named interim manager on May 17, 2016 and given the full-time job that October, Snitker has compiled a 353-317 (.527) record in the role... Only Bobby Cox (2,058), Fredi Gonzalez (432) and Lum Harris (379) have more victories as Braves manager since the franchise relocated to Atlanta in 1966.

OPENING DAY: The Braves will open the 2021 season Thursday in Philadelphia... Since moving to Atlanta in 1966, the Braves have gone 24-31 (.436) on Opening Day, including 12-20 (.375) on the road... This will be the fourth time in the last five years the Braves open on the road.

Recent Braves Transactions

- March 27:** Selected the contract of INF Pablo Sandoval...Designated OF Phillip Ervin for assignment...Released INF Jason Kipnis from the organization...Released INF Jake Lamb from the roster.
- March 26:** Selected the contracts of INF Ehire Adrianza and RHP Nate Jones...Optioned RHP Bryse Wilson to the alternate training site...Outrighted OF Abraham Almonte to the alternate training site...Placed RHP Touki Toussaint on the 60-day injured list with a right shoulder strain.
- March 25:** Optioned OF Guillermo Heredia to the alternate training site...Reassigned INF Ryan Goins to minor league camp...RHP Carl Edwards Jr. opted out of his minor league contract.
- March 24:** Optioned RHP Jacob Webb and RHP Kyle Wright to the alternate training site.

Spring Training Results and Schedule

Date/Opp.	Time/ Result	Probable Pitchers/ Winner-Loser-Save	Record	Attendance	Braves HRs	Highlights
2/28 at Tampa	L, 9-7 (7)	Ríos-Burrows-None	0-1	1,127	Kazmar Jr. (1)	Wright goes 1.1 IP; Rays walk-off
3/1 at Boston	W, 5-3 (7)	Ynoa-Richards-De La Cruz	1-1	1,852	None	Ynoa strikes out four in 1.2 IP; Contreras drives in three
3/2 vs. Minnesota	W, 6-0 (7)	Anderson-Barnes-None	2-1	1,666	d'Arnaud (1)	Anderson works 2.0 scoreless IP; d'Arnaud homers
3/3 vs. Baltimore	L, 8-1 (7)	LeBlanc-Jackson-Goudeau	2-2	1,707	Albies (1)	Smyly goes 2.0 scoreless IP; strikes out three in Braves debut
3/4 at Pittsburgh	L, 6-1 (7)	Shreve-Sobotka-None	2-3	1,575	None	Offense limited to five hits; RH Bryse Wilson starts, retires 6-of-7 batters.
3/5 vs. Minnesota	W, 4-0 (7)	Webb-Waddell-None	3-3	1,686	None	Braves score all four runs in sixth; Wright tosses 3.0 scoreless IP.
3/6 at Tampa	Cancelled					
3/7 vs. Boston	W, 5-4	Matzek-Whitlock-Arano	4-3	1,875	None	Swanson hits three-run double; Morton blanks Sox over 3.0 IP in debut.
3/8	OPEN					
3/9 vs. Pittsburgh	L, 10-1	Brault-Smyly-None	4-4	1,756	None	Braves nearly no-hit; Phil Ervin records lone hit with two outs in 9th inn.
3/10 at Boston	L, 5-3	Houck-McHugh-Brice	4-5	1,906	None	Fried debuts, works 4.0 IP; BOS's Dalbec hits go-ahead slam in 6th inn.
3/11 vs. Tampa	W, 2-0	Matzek-McHugh-Jackson	5-5	1,739	Acuña (1), Harris II (1)	Six pitchers limit Rays to three hits; Acuña, Harris II each hit first homers.
3/12 at Minnesota	W, 8-5	Toussaint-Duffey-Minter	6-5	2,456	Camargo (1), Kazmar (2)	ATL scores five runs late to come back and beat Twins; Kazmar homers again.
3/13 at Boston	L, 7-2	Pérez-Anderson-None	6-6	1,936	None	Anderson strikes out seven in 3.1 IP; Braves bats held to six hits.
3/14 vs. Tampa	W, 8-7	Tarnok-Zombro-None	7-6	1,961	Kipnis (1), Acuña (2), Langeliers (1), Kazmar (3), Adrianza (1)	Adrianza hits walk-off three-run homer; ATL clubs spring-best five HRs.
3/15 vs. Minnesota	W, 5-1	Wilson-Smeltzer-None	8-6	1,822	Acuña (3)	Acuña homers for the third time in four games; Wilson goes 4.0 scoreless.
3/16 at Boston	L, 5-3	Andriese-Johnstone-Bazardo	8-7	1,937	Ozuna (1)	Ozuna produces all of ATL's runs with a three-run HR.
3/17 at Baltimore	L, 5-2	Fry-Ynoa-Sulser	8-8	1,774	Albies (2)	Braves offense limited to four hits; Morton makes second spring start.
3/18	OPEN					
3/19 vs. Minnesota	W, 4-2	Smith-Thielbar-Dayton	9-8	1,979	None	Anderson strikes out nine in 4.1; bullpen tosses 4.2 perfect innings.
3/20 vs. Boston	W, 8-2	Wilson-Pérez-None	10-8	2,055	Jackson (1)	Jackson hits three-run homer, Adrianza records three hits to pace offense.
3/21 at Tampa	W, 11-1	Fried-Yarbrough-None	11-8	1,127	Swanson (1), Contreras (1)	Braves score spring-best 11 runs; Fried tosses 6.0 IP, allowing just one run.
3/22 at Minnesota	L, 4-2	Berrios-Wright-None	11-9	2,666	None	Offense held to five hits; Wright allows four runs in 5.0 IP.
3/23 vs. Boston	L, 7-6	Richards-Ynoa-McCarthy	11-10	1,922	Acuña (4), Lamb (1), Adrianza (2)	Acuña hits team-leading fourth HR; bullpen works 4.2 scoreless IP.
3/24 at Pittsburgh	L, 6-3	Kranick-Anderson-Shreve	11-11	1,648	Riley 2 (2)	Riley drives in all three runs with pair of homers.
3/25 vs. Tampa	W, 5-2	Tomlin-Ríos-Martin	12-11	1,903	Ozuna (2)	Braves break late tie with three in the eighth; Ozuna doubles and homers.
3/26 at Minnesota	W, 7-6	Vodnik-Happ-Tarnok	13-11	2,630	None	ATL records 15 hits; Jackson and Adrianza hit two-run singles.
3/27 vs. Baltimore	W, 8-5	Fried-Means-Johnstone	14-11	2,126	Acuña (5)	Acuña hits leadoff homer, Riley adds three-run double; Fried makes final start.
3/28 at Tampa	L, 16-5	Roe-Sobotka-None	14-12	1,127	Freeman (1), Jackson (2)	Four Braves pitchers combine to allow 12 runs in the eighth inning.
3/29 vs. Boston	L, 4-0 (7)	Houck-Anderson-None	14-13	1,935	None	Braves shut out for first time; offense held to four singles.
3/30 at Boston	1:05 PM	LH Drew Smyly vs. LH Martín Pérez				

Probable Pitchers

Drew Smyly • LHP • 6-2 • 190 • 31 yrs • #18

- Set to make his fourth and final start of the spring...Has pitched to a 5.00 ERA in 9.0 IP (5 ER), allowing 10 hits and two walks.
- Has struck out 12 of the 36 batters he has faced (33.3%).
- Last appeared on 3/25 vs.TB...Pitched 5.0 shutout innings...Faced just two over the minimum, giving up one hit and one walk...Struck out six.
- Is in his first season with ATL after signing a one-year deal in November.
- Pitched in seven games, five starts, for the Giants last season, going 0-1 with a 3.42 ERA and 42 strikeouts...Struck out 14.35 per 9.0 innings, the most in the majors among pitchers making at least five starts.
- Opponents hit just .198/.261/.297 off of him, equating to a .558 OPS.
- Limited left-handers to three hits in 36 at-bats...His .083 average against lefties was the best in MLB (min. 5 starts).
- Missed 35 games with a left index finger sprain, 8/2-9/10.

Mike Soroka • RHP • 6-5 • 220 • 23 yrs • #40

- Set to make his spring debut...Will mark his first appearance since 8/3/20 vs. NYM, when he tore his right Achilles and underwent season-ending surgery.
- The injury occured in just his third start of the '20 season...Pitched to a 3.95 ERA (6 ER/13.2 IP) with seven walks and eight strikeouts.
- Was Atlanta's Opening Day starter, 7/24 at NYM...At age 22 years, 355 days, was the youngest Opening Day starter in the franchise's modern era (since 1900)...The last Braves pitcher to start Opening Day at a younger age was Tommy Bond in 1878, when hestarted the opener for the Boston Red Caps against the Providence Greys at 22 years and 29 days old.
- Made the All-Star team in '19, his first full major-league season...Finished as the Rookie of the Year runner-up and was sixth in Cy Young voting.
- Has a lifetime 2.86 ERA in 37 starts (214.0 IP).

Daily Pitching Logs

RH IAN ANDERSON (#36)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/2	vs. MIN	W, 1-0	2.0	3	0	0	1	2
3/13	at BOS	L, 1-1	3.1	4	3	3	1	7
3/19	vs. MIN	ND	4.1	4	2	2	1	9
3/24	at PIT	L, 1-2	6.0	8	4	4	1	1
3/29	vs. BOS	L, 1-3	2.2	5	4	4	1	3

LH GRANT DAYTON (#75)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/9	vs. PIT	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	2
3/11	vs. TB	H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/14	vs. TB	ND	1.2	3	2	2	1	0
3/19	vs. MIN	S, 1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
3/22	at MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/26	at MIN	ND	2.0	2	2	2	2	3

LH MAX FRIED (#54)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/10	at BOS	ND	4.0	3	1	1	0	3
3/21	at TB	W, 1-0	6.0	3	1	1	0	5
3/27	vs. BAL	W, 2-0	3.0	2	0	0	2	5

RH LUKE JACKSON (#77)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/3	vs. BAL	L, 0-1	1.0	1	1	1	1	1
3/9	vs. PIT	ND	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
3/11	vs. TB	S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/14	vs. TB	BS, 1	1.2	2	1	1	0	1
3/20	vs. BOS	H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/25	vs. TB	ND	1.0	1	1	1	1	3
3/27	vs. BAL	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

RH NATE JONES (#49)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/2	vs. MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/5	vs. MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/11	vs. TB	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
3/14	vs. TB	ND	1.1	1	0	0	0	0
3/19	vs. MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/22	at MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/26	at MIN	ND	1.0	1	1	1	1	2

RH CHRIS MARTIN (#55)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/15	vs. MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/19	vs. MIN	H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/25	vs. TB	S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	3

LH TYLER MATZEK (#68)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/1	at BOS	H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/4	at PIT	BS, 1	1.0	2	1	1	1	3
3/7	vs. BOS	W, 1-0	1.0	1	0	0	1	1
3/11	vs. TB	W, 2-0	1.2	0	0	0	1	3
3/15	vs. MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/20	vs. BOS	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/23	vs. BOS	ND	1.0	2	0	0	0	2
3/25	vs. TB	BS, 2	0.1	1	1	1	2	0
3/29	vs. BOS	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

LH A.J. MINTER (#33)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/1	at BOS	H, 1	1.0	3	0	0	0	1
3/9	vs. PIT	ND	1.0	2	2	2	0	3
3/12	at MIN	S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/14	vs. TB	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
3/20	vs. BOS	H, 2	0.1	0	0	0	0	1
3/21	at TB	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/24	at PIT	ND	1.0	4	2	2	0	1
3/27	vs. BAL	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

RH CHARLIE MORTON (#50)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/7	vs. BOS	ND	3.0	2	0	0	1	3
3/17	at BAL	ND	4.1	4	1	0	1	4
3/28	at TB	ND	3.0	2	0	0	2	2

LH SEAN NEWCOMB (#15)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/28	at TB	ND	1.0	1	1	1	2	2
3/17	at BAL	BS, 1	0.2	0	0	0	0	1
3/20	vs. BOS	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
3/23	vs. BOS	ND	1.1	2	0	0	0	2
3/26	at MIN	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	4
3/29	vs. BOS	ND	1.0	1	0	0	1	0

LH WILL SMITH (#51)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/2	vs. MIN	H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/5	vs. MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/14	vs. TB	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	3
3/19	vs. MIN	W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/23	vs. BOS	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/27	vs. BAL	ND	0.2	1	1	1	2	1

LH DREW SMYLY (#18)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/3	vs. BAL	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
3/9	vs. PIT	L, 0-1	2.0	8	5	5	1	3
3/25	vs. TB	ND	5.0	1	0	0	1	6

RH MIKE SOROKA (#40)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
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RH JOSH TOMLIN (#32)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/20	vs. BOS	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	1
3/23	vs. BOS	ND	1.1	1	0	0	0	2
3/25	vs. TB	W, 1-0	1.2	1	0	0	0	2
3/27	vs. BAL	H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

RH HUASCAR YNOA (#73)

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3/1	at BOS	W, 1-0	1.2	0	1	1	2	4
3/7	vs. BOS	ND	2.1	3	3	3	0	4
3/12	at MIN	ND	3.0	3	3	3	3	4
3/17	at BAL	L, 1-1	3.0	5	4	3	0	6
3/23	vs. BOS	L, 1-2	4.1	5	7	2	2	6
3/28	at TB	BS, 1	3.0	4	3	3	0	4

Daily Batting Logs																												
Player (Jersey #)	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/7	3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28	3/29	3/30
R. Acuña Jr. (13)		2oo		oo		koo	okk	kok		1o4		ooo	oo4	w4w		okw	kck		owo		o4o		kko		4ok	koh	ko	
E. Adrianza (23)		oo	w2o	w		ok	1	ko	w		1w	1hw	o4	ok	o	o	w2	111	22		4ow	kooo	1	koo1	2	2o	owo	
O. Albies (1)		wek		o4		o1	wok			kkh		ook	1k1	ow1		o4o	kok		o1o		oko		kh1		oow	ooo	1k	
J. Camargo (17)		kweo		ko		o2	o1		ooo		o4o		ooo	k1k		ooo	1kk	1wo		oo	o	koo1		k2kk	ok		ww	
W. Contreras (60)		w1o		w			1		kko			kw			wko		w	e	o4	k	k		2	12	k	w	k	
T. d'Arnaud (16)			4o			o1	koo	wk		oko			oo			k1w	kwo		111		oow		1ok		owo		oo	
F. Freeman (5)						oo	1w	ko		ko	woo		1kw	ok1	wwo		oow	oko	kko		ok1		ooo		kw2	k24	ko	
E. Inciarte (11)	woh		o11		oek								1o		woo	owo		ooo		k1k		oooo		oo12	oo		oko	
A. Jackson (12)	wo			e	eok			ow		kok				oo1		okko		w4k		oko		koo		o1	2	ok4		
S. Kazmar (53)	4	e	w	o	w	2			1	o	41	kk	4		k	w		w	ow		o	o	o	1	1h	kw	o	
J. Morales (76)						w						oo	w	k	w			h		2						ww		
M. Ozuna (20)			o1	ok		ok	wol	wk		kw	kkk		oko	2wf	h4k		oow	w2w	ooo		ooo		2k4		oo1	k1k	k1	
C. Pache (14)		oe		1k		oo	3k		ooo	ok				owkw		kkk	kw		kooo	1o	ofo		w21	k1o	koo	oo		
A. Riley (27)	k11		k11		1kk		oo	wo		oo						koo	eo	kow		oook		44k	ooo		o2o	o1	ko	
P. Sandoval (48)	o1o		ko		fok		o2	oo	1oo		11k		o1w	1o	1kw	o1w	1o		fo		w2	ko2		111	1k		k	
D. Swanson (7)	wol			oo	2		2k	ok		k1		1ow	1	ok1	o2o		kw		e4k		1wk	owo	ko2		11c	ooo		

Key: 1-Single, 2-Double, 3-Triple, 4-Home Run, o-Out, k-Strikeout, w-Walk, h-HBP, e-Reached on error, b-SacBunt, c-Reached on fielder's choice, f-SacFly