

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES

BOSTON RED SOX (12-7-1) at PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES (7-8-3)

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Game Coverage: WEEI 850 AM



STATE OF THE SOX: The Red Sox are 12-7-1 (.632), the 2nd-best record in the Grapefruit League behind BAL (15-4-1; .789).

- Sox pitchers rank 3rd in MLB in ERA (3.55) and opponent AVG (.225), and 4th in WHIP (1.24).
- Sox starting pitchers rank 2nd in MLB in WHIP (1.03) and 3rd in opponent AVG (.209).
- Boston's hitters lead the Grapefruit League in walks (86)...They rank 3rd in OBP (.346), 4th in OPS (.751), and 5th in SLG (.405).

YESTERDAY'S NEWS: The Red Sox beat the New York Yankees yesterday in Tampa, 9-4.

- Nick Pivetta started and tossed 3.0 innings (4 H, 3 R, BB, 3 SO, 62 pitches, 37 strikes).
- Triston Casas (1-for-3, 2 R, BB) hit a solo HR in the 4th inning...Enmanuel Valdez (1-for-2) hit a solo HR in the 5th.
- 3 Sox players recorded 2 RBI: Bobby Dalbec (2-for-4), Dalton Guthrie (1-for-4, R), and Tyler McDonough (1-for-2, R, 2B).

THE ROAD TO OPENING DAY: The Red Sox are currently in a stretch of 12 games in 11 days, excluding Spring Breakout, before a scheduled off day next Wednesday, 3/20.

- Prior their off day on 3/8, the Red Sox played on 14 consecutive days from 2/23-3/7...They played 16 games over that span, starting with an exhibition against Northeastern University on 2/23.
- The Sox will also be off on Wednesday, 3/27, before opening the regular season the following day against the Seattle Mariners at T-Mobile Park.

SPRING INTO ACTION: During Spring Training, Boston will play 35 exhibition games in 33 days, including a game against Northeastern University on 2/23, last weekend's 2 games in the Dominican Republic vs. TB, and 2 games vs. TEX at Globe Life Field (3/25-26).

- In addition to those 35 games, the Sox will host one of the inaugural MLB Spring Breakout Games this Saturday, 3/16 vs. ATL (see note below).

SPRING BREAKOUT: The Red Sox will host one of the inaugural MLB Spring Breakout Games on 3/16 vs. ATL.

- The game will showcase baseball's future stars, as each club will field a team of top prospects in the exhibition game...16 of the Red Sox' top 20 prospects, according to MLB.com, are scheduled to play in the game—including 9 of the Sox' top 10 prospects (see box on right).
- The Sox' Spring Breakout game on Saturday will be broadcast on NESN and MLB Network...Additionally, all Spring Breakout games will be broadcast live and blackout free on MLB's digital platforms (MLB.com, MLB.TV, and the MLB app).

TOP 100: According to MLB.com, 4 of the game's top 100 prospects are in the Red Sox organization, including INF/OF Ceddanne Rafaela (No. 76), who is in Major League Spring Training with the club...The club's other Top 100 prospects are INF Marcelo Mayer (No. 15), OF Roman Anthony (No. 24), and C Kyle Teel (No. 40).

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: Netflix will be producing 2 documentaries on the Boston Red Sox this year.

- For the first time, Netflix will follow an MLB team over the course of a full season...This docuseries will provide viewers a window into what it takes to compete across a season's ups and downs in one of the most rabid sports environments...Netflix will have unprecedented access to players, coaches, and executives throughout the 2024 season; the docuseries will debut in 2025.
- The second project—coming to Netflix later this year—is an untitled documentary looking back at the extraordinary and historic 2004 Red Sox season.

COACHING STAFF: Alex Cora returns for his 6th season as manager of the Red Sox (2018-19, '21-23)...He led the Sox to a 440-370 (.543) record during his first 5 seasons.

- Pitching Coach Andrew Bailey is the only new member of the Major League coaching staff.

SOX & PHILLIES: The Red Sox and Phillies will play their 2nd and final Spring Training games today...The Sox beat the Phillies at JetBlue Park, 7-6, on 2/26.

- During the regular season, the clubs will play a 3-game series at Fenway Park from 6/11-13...Last season, the Sox won a 3-game series in Philadelphia, 2-1.

MUY BELLO: The Red Sox last week signed Brayan Bello, to a 6-year contract extension that spans the 2024-2029 seasons, with a club option for 2030.

- Bello, 24, completed his first full MLB season in 2023 and became the 1st Red Sox pitcher since Roger Clemens in 1987 to lead the club's pitching staff in starts (28), innings (157.0), and wins (12) in an age-24 season or younger.
- A native of Samaná, DR, he has spent his entire career in the Red Sox organization since signing as an international free agent on July 2, 2017.

THE NEW GUYS: 10 members of the Red Sox' 40-man roster were not in the organization during the 2023 season:

RED SOX OFFSEASON 40-MAN ROSTER ACQUISITIONS

Player	Acquired	Date
RHP Isaiah Campbell	Trade with SEA	11/17
RHP Greg Weissert	Trade with NYY	12/6
RHP Justin Slaten	Trade with NYM	12/6
OF Tyler O'Neill	Trade with STL	12/8
RHP Cooper Criswell	Free Agent	12/13
INF Vaughn Grissom	Trade with ATL	12/30
RHP Lucas Giolito	Free Agent	1/3
INF/OF Romy Gonzalez	Waivers	1/31
C Tyler Heineman	Waivers	2/2
RHP Liam Hendriks	Free Agent	2/20

WELCOME TO CAMP: On 3/3, the Red Sox added 1B C.J. Cron to their Spring Training roster as a non-roster invitee.

- A 2022 National League All-Star, he has hit .260 (953-for-3,670) with a .791 OPS, 194 doubles, 187 home runs, and 604 RBI in 1,049 career games with LAA (2014-18, '23), TB (2018), MIN (2019), DET (2020), and COL (2021-23).

0.000: 9 of the 52 players in Major League Spring Training camp with the Red Sox have zero days of MLB service time: Jorge Benitez, Cam Booser, Justin Hagenman, Bryan Mata, Chase Shugart, Justin Slaten, Nick Sogard, Jamie Westbrook, and Nick Yorke.

2023 IN REVIEW: The Red Sox finished 5th in the AL East last season with a 78-84 record...They were 9 games over .500 entering play on 7/29 (56-47, .544), then finished 22-37 (.373) in their final 59 games.

- Boston led MLB in doubles (339)...Among AL teams, they ranked 2nd in XBH (540), 3rd in hits (1,437).
- Red Sox rookies hit 49 HR, 2nd most in club history behind 1987 (67 HR)...The only teams with more HR by rookies in 2023 were CIN (68), OAK (53), and COL (51).

A LOOK AHEAD: The Red Sox will open the regular season with a 10-game, 11-day West Coast road trip to SEA (4 games), OAK (3), and LAA (3)...Their 1st game is scheduled for 3/28 at SEA.

- The Sox' home opener is scheduled for 4/9 vs. BAL... Their opening homestand continues with a 3-game series vs. LAA and a 4-game series vs. CLE, which begins on Patriots Day (4/15).

ROAD WARRIORS: The Red Sox' season-opening 10-game road trip ties their 2nd-longest to begin a season in franchise history...They opened 2019 with an 11-game trip and went on a 10-game trip to begin the 1901 season.

- The Sox' home opener on 4/9 is the latest scheduled home opener in the Majors this season.

FORT SOX: The Red Sox are in their 13th season at the Fenway South Spring Training and Player Development Complex, which opened in 2012.

- This is the 32nd season the Sox have called Fort Myers their Spring Training home (1993-2024), their most years spent at a Spring Training city.

COUNTDOWN TO OPENING DAY

14 days (3/28 at SEA)

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Players on ST Roster: 52
40-Man Roster: 37
NRIs: 15

Pitchers: 25 (18 RHP/7 LHP)
Infielders & Outfielders: 22
Catchers: 5

Returning Players: 33
New to Organization: 19

Oldest Player: 36 (Luetge)
Youngest Player: 21 (Yorke)

ROSTER BY BIRTHPLACE

United States: 35
Dominican Republic: 5
Venezuela: 2
Canada: 2
Curaçao: 2
Puerto Rico: 2
Australia: 1
Japan: 1
Portugal: 1
South Korea: 1

HOW THEY WERE ACQUIRED

Trade: 16
Minor League Free Agents: 14
First-Year Player Draft: 8
Free Agents: 6
International Free Agents: 5
Waiver Claims: 2
Rule 5 Draft: 1

MLB.COM'S TOP 20 RED SOX PROSPECTS

Rk.	Player	Pos.
1.	Marcelo Mayer	INF
2.	Roman Anthony	OF
3.	Kyle Teel	C
4.	Ceddanne Rafaela	INF/OF
5.	Miguel Bleis	OF
6.	Wilyer Abreu	OF
7.	Wikelman Gonzalez	RHP
8.	Nick Yorke	2B
9.	Yoelcin Cespedes	SS
10.	Nazzan Zanetello	SS
11.	Luis Perales	RHP
12.	Richard Fitts	RHP
13.	Mikey Romero	INF
14.	Allan Castro	OF
15.	Franklin Arias	INF
16.	David Sandlin	RHP
17.	Yordanny Monegro	RHP
18.	Nathan Hickey	C
19.	Chase Meidroth	INF
20.	Antonio Anderson	INF

bold = on Spring Breakout roster

BASEBALL AMERICA BEST TOOLS IN RED SOX SYSTEM

Tool	Player
Best Hitter for Average	Nick Yorke
Best Power Hitter	Marcelo Mayer
Best Strike-Zone Discipline	Roman Anthony
Fastest Baserunner	David Hamilton
Best Defensive C	Kyle Teel
Best Defensive INF	Marcelo Mayer
Best Defensive OF	Ceddanne Rafaela
Best OF Arm	Wilyer Abreu
Best Fastball	Luis Perales
Best Curveball	Wikelman Gonzalez
Best Slider	Alex Hoppe
Best Changeup	Chris Murphy

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	OPP.	BOS TIME	RED SOX PITCHERS	OPPOSING PITCHERS
Thu., 3/14	at PHI	1:05 p.m.	RHP Josh Winckowski, LHP Chris Murphy, RHP Isaiah Campbell, LHP Jorge Benitez	LHP Ranger Suarez, RHP Ricardo Pinto, LHP Jose Alvarado, RHP Jeff Hoffman, RHP Andrew Bellatti, RHP Jose Ruiz
Fri., 3/15	vs. MIN	6:05 p.m.	RHP Garrett Whitlock, LHP Brennan Bernardino, LHP Joe Jacques, RHP Greg Weissert, LHP Lucas Luetge	RHP Jordan Balazovic, RHP Justin Topa, RHP Ronny Henriquez, LHP Caleb Thielbar, RHP Matt Bowman, RHP Brock Stewart

2024 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATT.
Fri., 2/23	NORTHEASTERN	JetBlue Park	W 7-2	---	SHUGART	Hauser	None	5,971
Sat. 2/24	at Baltimore	Sarasota	L 3-4	0-1	McSweeney (1-0)	TELLIER (0-1)	None	7,950
Sun., 2/25	MINNESOTA	JetBlue Park	W 8-6	1-1	DiVALERIO (1-0)	Boushley (0-1)	SCROGGINS (1)	9,352*
Mon., 2/26	at Atlanta	North Port	W 5-4	2-1	CELLUCCI (1-0)	Holmes (0-1)	JACKSON (1)	6,867
Tue., 2/27	PHILADELPHIA	JetBlue Park	W 7-6	3-1	FOGELL (1-0)	Skirrow (0-1)	None	8,938
Wed., 2/28	at St. Louis	Jupiter	T 3-3	3-1-1	---	---	---	5,528
Thu., 2/29	at Washington	West Palm Beach	L 3-4	3-2-1	Finnegan (1-0)	BENITEZ (0-1)	La Sorsa (2)	3,575
Fri., 3/1	DETROIT	JetBlue Park	W 5-2	4-2-1	WHITLOCK (1-0)	Olson (0-2)	None	8,648
Sat., 3/2	at Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	L 3-5	4-3-1	Varland (1-0)	GIOLITO (0-1)	Harris (1)	5,801
Sun., 3/3	WASHINGTON	JetBlue Park	W 4-2	5-3-1	HOUCK (1-0)	Henry (0-1)	KELLY (1)	7,589
Mon., 3/4	at Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte	W 3-2	6-3-1	GUERRERO (1-0)	White (0-1)	SONG (1)	4,017
Tue., 3/5	TORONTO	JetBlue Park	W 3-1	7-3-1	LUETGE (1-0)	Bash (1-1)	ALEXANDER (1)	8,434
Wed., 3/6	at Detroit	Lakeland	L 1-2	7-4-1	Vest (1-0)	JACQUES (0-1)	Englert (1)	6,932
Thu., 3/7	TAMPA BAY	JetBlue Park	W 7-4	8-4-1	WHITLOCK (2-0)	Pepiot (0-1)	SONG (2)	7,408
Fri., 3/8	at Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	L 1-7	8-5-1	Ryan (1-0)	CRISWELL (0-1)	None	6,249
Sat., 3/9	ATLANTA	JetBlue Park	L 2-3	8-6-1	Elder (1-1)	PIVETTA (0-1)	RILEY (1)	7,456
Sun., 3/10	at Tampa Bay	Santo Domingo, DR	W 4-0	9-6-1	CRAWFORD (1-0)	Curet (0-1)	None	11,853
Mon., 3/11	TAMPA BAY	Santo Domingo, DR	W 7-6	10-6-1	MURPHY (1-0)	Uwasawa (0-1)	RODRIGUEZ (1)	11,418
Tue., 3/12	PITTSBURGH	JetBlue Park	W 1-0	11-6-1	BOOSER (1-0)	Ryan (0-2)	LUETGE (1)	8,501
Wed., 3/13	ST. LOUIS	JetBlue Park	L 6-8	11-7-1	Liberatore (2-0)	BELLO (0-1)	Baker (1)	9,738
Wed., 3/13	at NEW YORK-AL	Tampa	W 9-4	12-7-1	HAGENMAN (1-0)	Mosqueda (0-1)	None	9,738

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME (ET)	TV/RADIO
Thu., March 14	at Philadelphia	Clearwater	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Fri., March 15	MINNESOTA	JetBlue Park	6:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
Sat., March 16	ATLANTA (SPRING BREAKOUT)	JetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
Mon., March 18	at Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.	WEEI 850 AM
Tues., March 19	TAMPA BAY	JetBlue Park	1:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM
Fri., March 20		*Off Day*		
Thurs., March 21	BALTIMORE	JetBlue Park	6:05 p.m.	NESN+/WEEI 93.7 FM
Fri., March 22	at Toronto	Dunedin	1:07 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM
Sat., March 23	MINNESOTA	JetBlue Park	6:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
Mon., March 25	at Texas	Globe Life Field	8:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 93.7 FM
Tues., March 26	at Texas	Globe Life Field	2:05 p.m.	NESN/WEEI 850 AM

DEFENSIVE INNINGS - GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE GAMES

PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	TOTAL	PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	TOTAL	PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	TOTAL
Abreu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71.0	71.0	Guthrie	0	0	0	0	0	24.0	3.0	11.0	38.0	Reyes	0	25.0	9.0	11.0	9.0	9.0	0	0	63.0
Alvarez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Hamilton	0	0	34.0	0	28.0	0	0	0	62.0	Rosier	0	0	0	0	0	39.0	0	0	39.0
Casas	0	46.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46.0	Heineman	30.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30.0	Scott	15.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.0
Contreras	0	0	0	0	0	14.0	0	24.0	38.0	Hickey	5.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	Sogard	0	0	15.0	4.0	29.0	0	0	0	48.0
Cron	0	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0	Kolozsvary	32.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32.0	Story	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.0
Dalbec	0	25.0	0	26.0	0	0	0	0	51.0	McGuire	39.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39.0	Valdez	0	0	53.0	0	0	0	0	0	53.0
Devers	0	0	0	41.0	0	0	0	0	41.0	Meidroth	0	0	0	24.0	14.0	0	0	0	38.0	Westbrook	0	0	4.0	37.0	0	4.0	0	0	45.0
Dunand	0	22.0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	24.0	O'Neill	0	0	0	0	0	28.0	0	5.0	33.0	Wong	24.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24.0
Duran	0	0	0	0	0	13.0	17.0	0	30.0	Pérez	22.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.0	Yorke	0	0	34.0	0	0	0	0	0	34.0
Gonzalez	0	0	9.0	17.0	15.0	1.0	10.0	0	52.0	Rafaela	0	0	0	0	0	0	73.0	0	73.0	Yoshida	0	0	0	0	0	9.0	0	0	9.0
Grissom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Refsnyder	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	13.0	17.0	35.0										

TODAY'S RED SOX PITCHERS

25-JOSH WINCKOWSKI, RHP

GAME	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/28 at WSH	-	2.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/4 at DET	-	2.2	2	1	1	0	2
3/9 at TB	-	3.0	2	0	0	0	1
TOTALS:	0-0	7.2	4	1	1	1	4

72-CHRIS MURPHY, LHP

GAME	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/25 vs. MIN	-	2.0	3	0	0	0	2
3/1 at MIN	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2
3/5 vs. TB	-	1.0	2	1	1	2	2
3/10 vs. TB	W	2.0	5	3	3	1	0
TOTALS:	1-0	7.0	10	4	4	3	6

44-ISAIAH CAMPBELL, RHP

GAME	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24 at BAL	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1
2/27 at STL	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	0
3/1 at MIN	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
3/4 at DET	-	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
3/9 at TB	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS:	0-0	5.1	2	0	0	2	4

91-JORGE BENITEZ, LHP

GAME	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2/24 at BAL	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
2/28 at WSH	L	0.2	3	2	2	2	0
3/2 at TB	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	3
3/5 vs. TB	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
3/11 vs. PIT	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	3
TOTALS:	0-1	4.2	4	2	2	4	10

MOST RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 3/11 Reassigned RHPs **Luis Guerrero** and **Andrew Politi** to minor league camp.
- 3/8 Optioned RHPs **Wikelman Gonzalez** and **Luis Perales** to Triple-A Worcester.
- 3/7 Reassigned 3 players to minor league camp: INF **Chase Meidroth**, OF **Corey Rosier**, and INF/OF **Joe Dunand**...Signed RHP **Brayan Bello** to a six-year contract extension that spans the 2024-2029 seasons, with a club option for 2030.
- 3/6 Optioned LHP **Brandon Walter** to Triple-A Worcester...Reassigned the following players to minor league camp: RHP **Melvin Adón**, **Franklin German**, and **Alex Hoppe**; LHP **Helcris Olivarez**; and C **Nathan Hickey** and **Stephen Scott**.
- 3/3 Added 1B **C.J. Cron** to the club's 2024 Spring Training roster as a non-roster invitee.
- 2/23 Added LHP **Joely Rodriguez** to the club's 2024 Spring Training roster as a non-roster invitee.
- 2/20 Signed RHP **Liam Hendriks** to a two-year contract through the 2025 season, with a mutual option for 2026.
- 2/17 Acquired minor league RHP **David Sandlin** from the Kansas City Royals, in exchange for RHP **John Schreiber**.
- 2/12 Added LHP **Lucas Luetge** to the club's 2024 Spring Training roster as a non-roster invitee.