



BOSTON RED SOX



SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Boston Red Sox (10-10-1) at Philadelphia Phillies (7-13)

Thursday, March 22, 2007 • Bright House Networks Field, Clearwater, FL

ABOUT THE SOX: The Red Sox have matched their spring high with 3 straight wins following a 4-game losing streak...Club also won 3 straight from March 6-8...Team is 10-7 in its last 15 "A" games after starting the spring at 0-3-1...Boston is 4-6-1 at City of Palms Park and 6-4 on the road...With 10 victories, the Sox have eclipsed their win total for all of last spring, when they went 9-20-1.

WEDNESDAY WINNERS: Daisuke Matsuzaka earned his first Grapefruit League win, holding the Pittsburgh Pirates to one hit and one run with 7 strikeouts over 5.2 innings in a 7-3 Red Sox victory at McKechnie Field...Batting in the leadoff spot, Dustin Pedroia reached base in 4 of his 5 plate appearances, going 2-for-3 with a double, 2 walks and 3 runs scored...J.D. Drew drove in 3 runs as part of a 2-for-3 day to lift his spring batting average to .464...Hideki Okajima closed out the game with a scoreless 9th inning...Manny Delcarmen and Kyle Snyder also pitched for the Sox.

VS. PHILADELPHIA: This afternoon marks the 3rd of 5 spring games between the Red Sox and Phillies, culminating with 2 exhibition games at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia on March 30 and 31...The Red Sox dropped a 12-9, 10-inning contest on March 3 at City of Palms Park before emerging with an 11-10 win on March 9 in Clearwater...The Sox went 5-1 against the Phillies in 2006 and are 10-2 vs. Philadelphia over the last 3 seasons...The 2 clubs will not play each other in the 2007 regular season for the first time since 2002.

AGAINST THE SENIOR CIRCUIT: The Sox are 4-5 against National League teams this spring, with losses in 3 of their last 4...Of the 5 losses to the N.L., 3 have come by a single run...Boston was 16-2 vs. the N.L. in 2006, tying Oakland in 2002 and Minnesota in 2006 for the most wins ever by a team in interleague play.

BATTING BITS: Boston's 7 runs yesterday at Pittsburgh are its most since a 7-5 victory over the Yankees on March 12 at City of Palms Park...Club last scored more than 7 runs in game in an 11-10 win over the Phillies on March 9 in Clearwater...Team is batting .204 (46-225) with 2 homers and 19 runs scored in the last 7 games, dropping the team's spring average from .274 to .252, 12th among A.L. teams...Club has just 10 homers in 21 games, 3rd fewest in the A.L...Mike Lowell has both of Boston's homers in the last 7 games.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING NOTES: Alex Cora is batting .313 (10-32) in his last 11 games...J.D. Drew is 12-23 (.522) with 3 doubles, a triple, homer and 7 RBI in last 8 games...Mike Lowell has 2 homers, 4 RBI and 4 runs in his last 8 games...Is tied for 5th in the A.L. with 3 homers after hitting one all of last spring...Julio Lugo has a 3-game hitting streak at 4-for-10...Joe McEwing is 7-16 (.438) in his last 9 games...Dustin Pedroia is 6-16 (.375) with an RBI and 5 runs scored in his last 6 games to lift his average from .143 to .243...all 5 runs have come in his last 2 games...Wily Mo Pena is 2-for-25 in his last 9 games...Manny Ramirez is tied for 2nd in the A.L. with 11 walks but is 4-for-19 in his last 7 games...Bobby Scales is 4-6 in his last 4 games...Kevin Youkilis is hitting .435 (10-23) in last 9 games...Is tied for 2nd in the A.L. with a .500 on-base percentage, and is tied for 5th with 9 walks and 5 doubles.

FROM THE ROTATION: The 5 projected starters in Boston's rotation, Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Jonathan Papelbon, Curt Schilling, and Tim Wakefield have combined to post a 3.36 ERA (21 ER/56.1 IP) in "A" games this spring...that includes 4 starts for Beckett, 3 starts each for Schilling, Wakefield and Matsuzaka, and 3 games/2 relief appearances for Papelbon, who has been pitching on the same day as Wakefield to date.

MORE PITCHING: Boston ranks 4th among A.L. clubs with a 3.76 ERA this spring, compiling a 2.66 (18 ER/61.0 IP) figure in the last 7 contests...The bullpen has issued just 6 runs in its last 25.2 innings, good for a 2.10 ERA...Sox' longest outing to date is Daisuke Matsuzaka's 5.2 innings yesterday at Pittsburgh...Longest relief appearance is 3.0 innings for Julian Tavarez on March 18 at Baltimore...Joel Pineiro has pitched 7.1 scoreless innings in his last 6 games...Javier Lopez has allowed just one run in his 6 "A" appearances (7.2 IP) for a 1.17 ERA...Bryan Corey, Brendan Donnelly, and Joel Pineiro are tied for the A.L. lead with 8 games...Josh Beckett is tied for 3rd with 16.2 innings pitched and is 4th with 17 strikeouts.

THE SPRING TRAINING ROSTER is currently at 40 players, including 8 non-roster invitees...The breakdown: 20 pitchers (2 non-roster); 4 catchers (2 non-roster); 10 infielders (3 non-roster); and 6 outfielders (1 non-roster).

PITCHING UPDATES: RHP Mike Timlin has been playing catch on flat ground since last Friday, his 1st throwing since March 7 after strained oblique muscle...Is expected to continue that routine for the next several days before advancing to mound work.

LHP Jon Lester and RHP Mike Burns both pitched for Triple-A Pawtucket vs. Minnesota's Rochester club yesterday at the Sox' minor league camp...RHP Julian Tavarez will pitch in a minor league game this afternoon.

EVERYONE GETTING IN ON THE ACTION: 68 different players have seen action in at least one of Boston's 1st 19 Grapefruit League games (39 position players/ 29 pitchers)...Sox used a total of 101 players in "A" games last spring (66 position players/35 pitchers)...Joe McEwing and Bobby Scales lead the club with 18 games played apiece.

RECORD ATTENDANCE: The Red Sox-Dodgers game on March 5 set a single-game City of Palms Park attendance record of 8,249...the Red Sox have sold out 58 consecutive official Grapefruit League (non-college or exhibition) contests at City of Palms Park since March 16, 2003.

AAU GAME FRIDAY: The Southwest Florida Rotary Baseball Classic featuring AAU youth teams, the Fort Myers Linesiders and the Las Estrella de Silverio team from La Victoria, Dominican Republic, will take place this Friday at City of Palms Park immediately following the 1:05 game between the Red Sox and Orioles...Among those expected to attend are the Lieutenant Governor of Florida, Jeff Kottkamp. U.S. Congressman Connie Mack, and U.S. Senator Bill Nelson.

ESPN COVERAGE: Boston this afternoon will be televised by ESPN for the 2nd straight day...The Sox will also be on ESPN on Monday vs. the Reds in Sarasota...Sox were on ESPN 34 times in the regular season in 2006, more than any other team.

CLOSE CALLS: Sox are 5-5 in one-run games this spring with 3 of the last 4, 5 of last 7 and 9 of last 13 contests being decided by that margin...Boston's 10 one-run games are 2nd-most in the A.L. to Oakland's 11...12 of Boston's last 13 games have been decided by 3 runs or less, with the Sox going 6-6 in those contests...Boston was 5-2 in one-run games all of last spring.

POWER PLAYERS: Both 2006 league home run champions are on hand today...Ryan Howard had a major-league leading 58 homers in 2006, while David Ortiz paced the American League with 54 long balls...They were the only 2 players in all of baseball with 50+ home runs last season.

SHORTS: Boston has been a spring-high one game above .500 on 2 occasions, most recently at 7-6-1 at the end of play on March 12.

TRAVEL SQUAD TO CLEARWATER

PITCHERS: 41 Bryan Corey, 49 Tim Wakefield, 58 Jonathan Papelbon.

CATCHERS: 28 Doug Mirabelli, 46 Alberto Castillo, 78 Kevin Cash.

INFIELDERS: 11 Joe McEwing, 13 Alex Cora, 20 Kevin Youkilis, 23 Julio Lugo, 34 David Ortiz, 71 Jeff Bailey, 76 Bobby Scales, Andrew Pinckney, Jeremy West, Alex Prieto.

OUTFIELDERS: 3 Alex Ochoa, 22 Wily Mo Pena, 60 David Murphy, Matt Van Der Bosch.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE TIME OPP. RED SOX PITCHERS

Thu., March 22[^] 1:05 at PHI Tim Wakefield, Jonathan Papelbon
Fri., March 23* 1:05 BAL Curt Schilling, J.C. Romero, Brendan Donnelly
Sat., March 24* 1:05 at TB Devern Hansack
+NESN *WRKO Radio ^ESPN

OPPOSING PITCHERS

Jamie Moyer, Jon Lieber
Erik Bedard, John Parrish, Chris Ray
TBA



2007 SPRING TRAINING RESULTS/SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTENDANCE
Wed., Feb. 28	Minnesota Twins	City of Palms	T5-5 (10)	0-0-1	---	---	7,649
Thurs., March 1	Northeastern (SS)	City of Palms	W11-0 (7)	---	BRESLOW	Bashara	5,189
	Toronto Blue Jays (SS)	Dunedin	L1-4	0-1-1	Halladay (1-0)	GABBARD (0-1)	5,044
Friday, March 2	Toronto Blue Jays (SS)	City of Palms	L6-9 (10)	0-2-1	Thorpe (R, 1-0)	STURGE (R, 0-1)	7,150
	Boston College (SS)	City of Palms	W9-1 (7)	---	MATSUZAKA	MacDonald	7,534
Sat., March 3	Philadelphia Phillies	City of Palms	L9-12 (10)	0-3-1	Farnsworth (R, 1-0)	SMITH (R, 0-1)	8,169
Sunday, March 4	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	W6-1	1-3-1	SCHILLING (1-0)	Santana (0-1)	7,937
Monday, March 5	Los Angeles Dodgers	City of Palms	L1-2	1-4-1	Billingsley (R, 1-1)	DONNELLY (R, 0-1)	8,249
Tuesday, March 6	Florida Marlins	Jupiter	W14-6 (10)	2-4-1	BURNS (R, 1-0)	Tyler (R, 0-1)	8,044
Wed., March 7	New York Mets	City of Palms	W9-5	3-4-1	LOPEZ (R, 1-0)	Burgos (R, 0-1)	8,204
Thurs., March 8	Toronto Blue Jays (SS)	City of Palms	W3-2	4-4-1	MARTINEZ (1-0)	Machi (0-1)	7,565
	Minnesota Twins (SS)	Hammond Stadium	L 0-1	4-5-1	Santana (1-1)	SCHILLING (1-1)	7,630
Fri., March 9	Philadelphia Phillies	Clearwater	W11-10	5-5-1	GABBARD (1-1)	Hamels (0-1)	9,111
Sat., March 10	Detroit Tigers	Lakeland	W7-6	6-5-1	BECKETT (1-0)	Verlander (0-1)	9,140
Sun., March 11	Baltimore Orioles	City of Palms	L3-5	6-6-1	Trachsel (1-0)	MATSUZAKA (0-1)	7,957
Mon., March 12	New York Yankees	City of Palms	W7-5	7-6-1	DELCARMEN (R, 1-0)	Ohlendorf (R, 0-2)	7,882
Tues., March 13	Toronto Blue Jays	Dunedin	L0-1	7-7-1	Janssen (R, 1-0)	COREY (R, 0-1)	5,510
Wed., March 14	Pittsburgh Pirates	City of Palms	L2-3	7-8-1	Snell (R, 1-0)	ROMERO (R, 0-1)	8,159
Thurs., March 15	New York Mets	Port St. Lucie	L1-4	7-9-1	Perez (1-2)	BECKETT (1-1)	7,325
Friday, March 16	Los Angeles Dodgers	Vero Beach			Rained out after 2+ innings with Red Sox leading, 5-1.		
Sat., March 17	Cincinnati Reds	City of Palms	L1-2	7-10-1	Lohse (1-0)	PAPELBON (0-1)	7,845
Sunday, March 18	Baltimore Orioles	Fort Lauderdale	W2-1	8-10-1	TAVAREZ (R, 1-0)	Williams (R, 0-1)	8,661
Monday, March 19	Off Day						
Tues., March 20	Minnesota Twins	City of Palms	W6-5	9-10-1	BECKETT (2-1)	Perkins (0-1)	7,949
Wed., March 21	Pittsburgh Pirates	Bradenton	W7-3	10-10-1	MATSUZAKA (1-1)	Gorzellany (0-1)	6,021

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/Radio
Thursday, March 22	Philadelphia Phillies	Clearwater	1:05 p.m.	E
Friday, March 23	Baltimore Orioles	City of Palms Park	1:05 p.m.	R
Saturday, March 24	Tampa Bay Devil Rays	St. Petersburg	1:05 p.m.	R
Sunday, March 25	Florida Marlins	City of Palms Park	1:05 p.m.	TV/R
Monday, March 26	Cincinnati Reds	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.	E
Tuesday, March 27	Pittsburgh Pirates	City of Palms Park	1:05 p.m.	R
Wednesday, March 28	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	7:05 p.m.	TV
Thursday, March 29	Tampa Bay Devil Rays	City of Palms Park	1:05 p.m.	R
Friday, March 30	Philadelphia Phillies	Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia	7:05 p.m.	
Saturday, March 31	Philadelphia Phillies	Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia	1:05 p.m.	

(SS)—Split Squad Home Games at City of Palms Park, Fort Myers, Florida
 TV—Game televised by NESN E—Game televised by ESPN R—Game broadcast by WRKO (680 AM)

ROSTER MOVES: Boston has 40 players remaining in major league camp, including 8 non-roster invitees...the breakdown: 20 pitchers (2 non-roster invitees), 4 catchers (2 non-roster invitees), 10 infielders (3 non-roster invitees) and 6 outfielders (1 non-roster invitee)...Boston has 39 players on its major league roster.

March 20: Optioned LHP Kason Gabbard to Triple-A Pawtucket.

March 18: 3 players were optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket: LHP Craig Breslow, C George Kottaras and OF Brandon Moss; and 3 players were assigned to minor league camp: RHP Runelvys Hernandez, RHP Travis Hughes and INF Ed Rogers.

March 12: Returned Rule 5 Draft selection, RHP Nick Debarro to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays...Optioned RHP Kyle Jackson to Double-A Portland of the Eastern League...Assigned 3 non-roster players, LHP Abe Alvarez, C Dusty Brown, and OF Kerry Robinson to the minor league camp.

March 9: Optioned RHP Edgar Martinez and RHP David Pauley to Triple-A Pawtucket...Assigned 3 non-roster invitees, INFs Luis Jimenez and Chad Spann and OF Jacoby Ellsbury to minor league camp...Announced that non-roster RHP Adam Bernero has reported to minor league camp to begin his rehab after undergoing ligament reconstruction surgery on his right elbow on February 28.

TODAY'S RED SOX PITCHERS

49-TIM WAKEFIELD, RHP

0-0, 5.00 ERA, 3 "A" starts

2006 IN REVIEW: Went 7-11 with a 4.63 ERA in his 12th season in a Red Sox uniform, limited to 23 starts due to just his 2nd stint on the disabled list in his 14-year major league career...landed on the disabled list from July 22-September 13 with a stress fracture in his rib cage, his first D.L. stay since missing only 15 days in 1997 due to right elbow inflammation...his 23 starts were his fewest appearances in a season since his rookie season of 1992 (13) with Pittsburgh while his 140.0 innings were his fewest since 1999 with the Red Sox (also 140.0).

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/3	PHI	---	2.0	3	2	1	0	2
3/7	NYM	---	3.0	4	0	0	1	3
3/12	NYG	---	4.0	8	4	4	0	1
3/17	Minors	---	5.0	2	0	0	0	4

CAREER NOTES: Signed by the Red Sox on April 26, 1995, Wakefield enters his 13th season in Boston and is the active player with the longest continuous service in a Red Sox uniform...enters 2007 needing 20 appearances for 500 in his career and 68.0 innings for 2,500.0 in his career...is 13 wins shy of 150 as a Red Sox...is 141-121 with a 4.37 ERA (1049 ER/2160.2 IP) in 339 career starts and 10-13 with 22 saves and a 3.75 ERA (113 ER/271.1 IP) in 141 career relief appearances...over the last 4 years, has made 119 of his 123 appearances as a starter.

58-JONATHAN PAPELBON, RHP

0-1, 2.08 ERA, 3 "A" appearances

2006 IN REVIEW: Produced one of the top performances ever for a rookie relief pitcher, despite missing the final month of the season with right shoulder soreness...ranked 8th in the American League with 35 saves, 3rd most ever for a major league rookie, and was 10th with 49 games finished...issued just 7 earned runs in 68.1 innings for a 0.92 ERA, 8th lowest in ML history among pitchers with at least 50 innings...also held opponents to a .167 batting average, 2nd lowest in the majors and tied for the best in club history.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/3	PHI	---	2.0	0	0	0	0	4
3/7	NYM	---	3.0	1	0	0	1	4
3/12	Minors	---	3.2	7	3	3	1	4
3/17	CIN	L	3.2	5	2	2	1	5

CAREER NOTES: Began season at Double-A Portland before finishing the year in the Red Sox bullpen in 2005...combined to go 6-4, 2.59 (33 ER/114.2 IP) in 21 games/18 starts with Portland and Triple-A Pawtucket...ranked 2nd in the Florida State League in earned run average (2.64) and strikeouts (153) and placed 3rd in wins (12) at Single-A Sarasota in 2004...was Boston's 4th-round pick in the 2003 First-Year Player Draft.