



# BOSTON RED SOX



## SPRING TRAINING NOTES

**Boston Red Sox (7-9-1) at Los Angeles Dodgers (12-6)  
Friday, March 16, 2007 • Holman Stadium, Vero Beach, FL**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE INTRIGUE:** The Red Sox play the 3rd of 4 straight games vs. National League teams this afternoon when they face the Los Angeles Dodgers at Holman Stadium in Vero Beach...Boston has dropped 3 straight and 4 of 5 but has won 6 of 11 and 7 of its last 13 "A" games after starting the spring at 0-3-1...team is 3-5-1 at City of Palms Park and 4-4 on the road...the Red Sox last night made their lone "overnight" stay in Grapefruit League play this spring...the coaching staff and 9 players spent the night on the East Coast before traveling to Vero Beach for this afternoon's game...the remainder of the squad is splitting time in the 2 games.

**ABOUT LAST NIGHT:** The Red Sox were held to 5 hits in a 4-1 loss to the Mets in Port St. Lucie last night...Josh Beckett was the starter and loser, allowing 3 runs (2 earned) on 6 hits in 5.0 innings, striking out 6...Oliver Perez earned the win for the Mets with 9 strikeouts over 5.0 shutout innings...Javier Lopez worked 2.0 scoreless innings of relief before Craig Hansen was touched for a run in the bottom of the 8th...Boston brought the tying run to the plate in the 9th off New York closer Billy Wagner before Scott White and Ed Rogers both popped out to end the game.

► Last night's attendance of 7,325 was a Tradition Field spring record (opened in 1988)...Boston is drawing an average of 7,468 for its road contests this spring, 2nd-most in the Grapefruit League to the Yankees (7,866).

**VS. THE DODGERS:** This afternoon marks the 2nd and final spring matchup between the Red Sox and Dodgers...Los Angeles edged out a 2-1 victory in the first meeting on March 5 at City of Palms Park...despite playing the National League West division in 2007 interleague play, the Red Sox did not draw the Dodgers this season...the 2 clubs last squared off in the regular season in 2004, when the Sox took 2 of 3 from the Dodgers.

**AGAINST THE SENIOR CIRCUIT:** The Red Sox are 3-4 vs. National League teams this spring, including losses in their last 2 games...Boston was 16-2 vs. the N.L. in 2006, tying Oakland in 2002 and Minnesota in 2006 for the most victories ever by a club in interleague play.

**BATTING BITS:** Boston has been held to a combined 3 runs and 15 hits in the last 3 games after hitting .326 (46-141) with 28 runs scored in its previous 4 games...Sox rank 10th among A.L. clubs with a .255 team batting average...club has just 9 homers in 17 games, tied for 4th-fewest in the A.L.

**INDIVIDUAL BATTING NOTES:** Alex Cora has hit safely in 8 of his last 9 "A" games at .370 (10-27)...J.D. Drew is 8-17 (.471) with 2 doubles, a triple, homer and 3 RBI in last 6 games...Mike Lowell is 5-11 (.455) with a homer, 3 RBI and 3 runs in his last 4 games to raise his average from .105 to .233...Joe McEwing is 4-9 (.444) in his last 6 games and is tied for 3rd in the A.L. with 8 runs scored...Dustin Pedroia is 4-10 (.400) in his last 3 contests...Manny Ramirez tops the A.L. with 9 walks and is tied for 7th with a .471 on-base percentage...Ed Rogers is 7-13 (.538) with a homer and 7 RBI in his last 9 games with an at-bat...Kevin Youkilis is 9-16 (.563) with 3 doubles in his last 6 games...is tied for the A.L. lead with 5 doubles, tied for 2nd with a .543 on-base percentage and tied for 5th with a .429 batting average.

**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 3.00 ERA (14 ER/42.0 IP) in "A" games this spring...that includes 3 starts each for Schilling, Wakefield and Beckett, 2 for Matsuzaka, and 2 relief appearances for Papelbon, who has been pitching on the same day as Wakefield to date...however, Beckett, Matsuzaka and Wakefield have compiled a 5.94 ERA (11 ER/16.2 IP) in their last 4 starts.

**MORE PITCHING:** Boston ranks 4th among A.L. clubs with a 4.00 ERA this spring...Sox' longest outing to date is Beckett's 5.0 innings last night against the Mets in St. Lucie...Bryan Corey had worked 7.0 scoreless innings this spring before issuing a run in his 2nd inning of work on Tuesday...Joel Pineiro has pitched 5 scoreless innings in his last 4 games...Craig Breslow has pitched 3 scoreless innings in his 3 "A" appearances...Javier Lopez has allowed just one run in his 6 "A" appearances (7.2 IP) for a 1.17 ERA.

### RECENT SPRING NEWS

**PITCHING UPDATES:** RHP Mike Timlin was shut down for approximately a week on March 9 as he continues to feel discomfort from a strained oblique muscle...Timlin originally felt the discomfort while throwing his 1<sup>st</sup> live BP in February...Threw about 40 pitches in a live BP session on March 7 but felt discomfort.

**LHP Jon Lester** will pitch today in a minor league game for Triple-A Pawtucket vs. Minnesota's Rochester club at the minor league camp.

**RHP Tim Wakefield** will make his next start in a minor league camp game tomorrow, pitching for Lancaster vs. Minnesota's Ft. Myers club at the minor league camp.

**RHP Curt Schilling** will make his next start in a minor league game on Sunday for Pawtucket vs. Cincinnati's Louisville club at the minor league complex.

**SEEING GREEN:** The Red Sox tomorrow will wear green hats and jerseys for a St. Patrick's Day affair with the Cincinnati Reds at 1:05 p.m. at City of Palms Park...it is believed the Red Sox first donned the green hats in Winter Haven in 1990, when Roger Clemens purchased caps and stirrups for the entire team...Boston enhanced the outfit with green jerseys in 2004.

**THE SPRING TRAINING ROSTER** is currently at 47 players, including 11 non-roster invitees...The breakdown: 24 pitchers (4 non-roster); 5 catchers (2 non-roster); 11 infielders (11 non-roster); and 7 outfielders (1 non-roster).

**EVERYONE GETTING IN ON THE ACTION:** 67 different players have seen action in at least one of Boston's first 17 Grapefruit League games (38 position players and 29 pitchers).

**RECORD ATTENDANCE:** The Red Sox-Dodgers game on March 5 established a new single-game City of Palms Park attendance record of 8,249...the Red Sox have sold out 56 consecutive official Grapefruit League (non-college or exhibition) contests at City of Palms Park since March 16, 2003.

**SPRING SHORTS:** Each of Boston's last 9 games have been decided by 3 runs or less, with the Sox going 4-5 in those contests...the Sox are 3-4 in one-run games, 1-1 in 2-run games and 0-3 in 3-run games this spring...**Boston's minor league clubs** begin spring games today with 5 games vs. Minnesota's minor league teams.

**MASS. LOTTERY TO RELEASE \$10 RED SOX INSTANT TICKET:** State Treasurer Tim Cahill yesterday joined Red Sox President and CEO Larry Lucchino at Fenway Park to announce the new \$10 game which will go on sale beginning Tuesday, March 20 at the Lottery's 7,500 licensed retailers throughout the state...the *\$10 Red Sox Instant Ticket* features a mixture of attractive cash prizes, and opportunities to instantly win one-of-a-kind Red Sox ticket/game experiences and unmatched team merchandise.

### TRAVEL SQUAD

**PITCHERS:** 17 Manny Delcarmen, 18 Daisuke Matsuzaka, 37 Hideki Okajima, 54 Craig Breslow, 68 Devern Hansack.

**CATCHERS:** 33 Jason Varitek, 46 Alberto Castillo, 78 Kevin Cash.

**INFIELDERS:** 11 Joe McEwing, 12 Eric Hinske, 13 Alex Cora, 20 Kevin Youkilis, 64 Dustin Pedroia, 71 Jeff Bailey, 76 Bobby Scales, 77 Ed Rogers, Jed Lowrie, Zach Borowiak.

**OUTFIELDERS:** 3 Alex Ochoa, 10 Coco Crisp, 22 Wily Mo Pena, Jeff Coraletti, Bryan Pritz, Matt Van Der Bosch.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPP.	RED SOX PITCHERS	OPPOSING PITCHERS
Fri., March 16	1:05	at LAD	Daisuke Matsuzaka, Hideki Okajima, Manny Delcarmen	Brad Penny, Hong-Chic Kuo, Eric Stults
Sat., March 17+*	1:05	CIN	Jonathan Papelbon, Brendan Donnelly, Joel Pineiro	Kyle Lohse, Victor Santos, Jon Coutlangus
Sun., March 18+	1:05	at BAL	Kason Gabbard	Daniel Cabrera
Mon., March 19			OFF DAY	
+NESN *WRKO Radio				



2007 SPRING TRAINING RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Table with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, SITE, RESULT, RECORD, WINNER, LOSER, ATTENDANCE. Lists training games from Feb 28 to March 15.

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(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: The Red Sox made 5 roster moves on Monday to reduce their major league spring training roster to 47 players:
--Returned Rule 5 Draft selection, RHP Nick Debarr 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.
Boston has 47 players remaining in major league camp, including 11 non-roster invitees...the breakdown: 24 pitchers (4 non-roster invitees), 5 catchers (2 non-roster invitees), 11 infielders (4 non-roster invitees) and 7 outfielders (1 non-roster invitee)...with Debarr's return to TB, Boston has 39 players on its major league roster.
Boston made its 1st roster moves of the spring on 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

18-DAISUKE MATSUZAKA, RHP

0-1, 3.86 ERA, 2 "A" starts

2006 IN REVIEW: Led all NPB teams with 13 complete games, ranked 2nd in the Pacific League with 17 wins, a 2.13 earned run average, and 200 strikeouts...placed 3rd in the PL with 186.1 innings, and tied for 5th with two shutouts...established a lifetime best for victories, posted the lowest ERA of his pro career and finished 3rd in the Pacific League's Most Valuable Player Award voting.

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CAREER NOTES: Joins the Red Sox after a standout 8-year career with the Pacific League's Seibu Lions of Nippon Professional Baseball...compiled a 108-60 record, 2.95 ERA, and 1,355 strikeouts over 1,402.2 innings in 204 games/190 starts with the Lions...led the Pacific League in strikeouts 4 times, finished 1st in victories on 3 occasions, and was a 2-time ERA champion...recorded at least 14 wins 6 times and fanned 200 or more batters in 4 different seasons.

37-HIDEKI OKAJIMA, LHP

0-0, 2.70 ERA, 5 appearances

2006 IN REVIEW: In only season with Hokkaido, tied for 7th in the Pacific League in saves (4) and ranked 10th in appearances (55)...was 2nd on the Fighters staff in saves and 3rd in games...posted a career low 2.14 earned run average...fanned 63 batters in 54.2 innings, an average of 10.37 every 9 innings...held opposition to a .230 (46-200) batting average and had 22 holds.

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CAREER NOTES: Has been one of the top set-up relievers in Nippon Professional Baseball for the last several years...spent all or parts of 11 seasons with the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants from 1995-2005 before trade to Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters in March 2006...recorded 681 strikeouts in 642 career innings with 5 seasons of at least 50 appearances...became an unrestricted free agent at the end of the 2006 season.

17-MANNY DELCARMEN, RHP

1-0, 7.94 ERA, 5 appearances

2006 IN REVIEW: Spent nearly all of his 6th professional season with his hometown Red Sox, going 2-0 with a 5.06 ERA in 50 relief appearances...had 14 holds, tied for 2nd-most on the club with Keith Foulke behind only Mike Timlin (21)...was not a member of Boston's Opening Day roster but was quickly recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket on April 23...returned to Triple-A on May 7 but was back in the big leagues to stay 3 weeks later upon his May 28 recall.

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CAREER NOTES: Having never before pitched above Single-A, the Boston native opened his 5th pro season in 2005 at Double-A Portland and advanced to Triple-A Pawtucket before making his major league debut with 10 appearances for the Red Sox...went 3-6 with a 4.68 ERA in 19 appearances (18 starts) with Single-A Sarasota in 2004, in his return from 2003 "Tommy John" surgery...was Boston's 2nd-round pick in the 2000 First-Year Player Draft.