



# BOSTON RED SOX



## SPRING TRAINING NOTES

**Boston Red Sox (5-5-1) at Detroit Tigers (6-3)**

**Saturday, March 10, 2007 • Joker Marchant Stadium, Lakeland, FL**

**LAND OF THE LAKES:** The Red Sox play their 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive road game this afternoon with a visit to Lakeland to face the Detroit Tigers...Boston has won 4 of 5 and 5 of its last 7 "A" games after starting the spring at 0-3-1...Team is 3-2 on the road this spring, winning 3 of the last 4 away contests...Following today's game, the Sox return to City of Palms Park for home games on Sunday afternoon versus Baltimore and Monday night against the New York Yankees.

**FRIDAY'S RECAP:** The Sox were 11-10 winners over the Philadelphia Phillies at Bright House Networks Field in Clearwater on Friday...Boston scored 4 times in the 1<sup>st</sup> and added a 6-spot in the 5<sup>th</sup> to take a 10-3 lead before hanging on for the win... David Ortiz had an RBI double and solo homer with Doug Mirabelli adding a pair of hits and 2 RBI...Starter Kason Gabbard earned the victory despite allowing 2 hits and 3 runs in 2 innings...Manny Delcarmen worked 2 scoreless innings in relief...Mike James, up from the minor league camp for the day, recorded the final 2 outs to earn Boston's 1<sup>st</sup> save of the spring.

**VERSUS THE TIGERS:** Today marks the only meeting of the spring between the Red Sox and the defending American League champion Tigers...Clubs have not met in spring training since March 20, 2003 at Fort Myers and last played here in Lakeland on March 3, 2003...the Red Sox and Tigers split 6 regular season meetings in 2006...Detroit won 2 of 3 at Fenway Park, and Boston went 2-1 at Comerica Park...In the all-time series, the Sox hold a 996-937 advantage.

► The Red Sox and Tigers will meet 7 times during the 2007 regular season, May 14-17 in Boston and July 6-8 at Detroit.

**BATTING BITS:** Boston's 11 runs in win at Philadelphia on Friday were 2<sup>nd</sup> most of the spring to 14 on March 6 at Florida... J.D. Drew is 3-6 with a double, triple, and RBI in last 2 games...Julio Lugo has hit safely in 4 of his last 5 games at 5-14...David Ortiz entered Friday's game with 3 singles in 17 at bats this spring before producing a double, homer run, and walk in 3 plate appearances at Clearwater...Manny Ramirez has reached base in 6 of 8 plate appearances in his last 3 games with 2 hits, 3 walks, and a hit by pitch with a sac fly in his other trip...Leads the A.L. with 7 total walks...Ed Rogers is 4-7 with a homer and 7 RBI in his last 4 games...Is tied for 5th in A.L. with 7 RBI...Kevin Youkilis is 5-8 with a pair of doubles in his last 3 games.

**FROM THE ROTATION:** The 5 projected starters in Boston's rotation, Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Jonsthan Papelbon, Curt Schilling, and Tim Wakefield have combined to post a 1.07 ERA (3 ER/25.1 IP) in "A" games this spring...That includes 3 starts for Schilling, 2 for Wakefield, 1 each for Beckett and Matsuzaka, and 2 relief appearances for Papelbon, who has been pitching on the same day as Wakefield to date.

**MORE PITCHING:** Sox' longest outing to date is 4.0 innings for Curt Schilling on March 8 at Minnesota...bullpen had not permitted a run in its last 13.2 innings of work before J.C. Romero issued a run in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning on Friday...Bryan Corey has worked 5.0 scoreless innings in his 4 "A" appearances and Javier Lopez has pitched 4.2 frames without allowing a run in 4 "A" games.

**ANOTHER AWARD WINNER:** The Red Sox face the 2006 BBWAA A.L. Rookie of the Year, Detroit's Justin Verlander, this afternoon to complete the trifecta of playing against all 3 of the A.L.'s top individual award winners this spring...2006 A.L. MVP Justin Morneau of Minnesota is 0-1 in one game versus Boston this spring...His teammate 2006 A.L. Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana is 1-1 in 2 spring starts against the Red Sox, allowing one run in 5 innings of work.

**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 53 consecutive official Grapefruit League (non-college or exhibition) contests at City of Palms Park since March 16, 2003.

**EVERYONE GETTING IN ON THE ACTION:** 62 different players have seen action in at least one of Boston's first 10 Grapefruit League games (36 position players and 26 pitchers). ...RHP Craig Hansen joined the list on Friday when he made his spring debut at Philadelphia, allowing 3 hits and 2 runs in one inning of relief...Hansen had been bothered for most of the early spring with tightness in his back.

### ROSTER NOTES

The Red Sox have 52 players remaining in major league camp, including 14 non-roster invitees...the breakdown: 27 pitchers (5 non-roster invitees), 6 catchers (3 non-roster invitees), 11 infielders (4 non-roster invitees) and 8 outfielders (2 non-roster invitees).

Boston made its 1<sup>st</sup> roster moves of the spring on Friday:

--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.

**SOME PITCHING UPDATES:** RHP Mike Timlin will not throw for approximately a week as he continues to feel discomfort from a strain 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 Wednesday but felt continued discomfort.

RHP Jonathan Papelbon will make his next appearance in a simulated game on Monday afternoon...RHP Curt Schilling's next outing will be a simulated game on Tuesday evening at City of Palms Park.

**MINOR LEAGUE CAMP:** The 1<sup>st</sup> full workout at the Red Sox minor league camp in Fort Myers is Sunday...Position players will undergo physicals today...Pitchers and catchers began workouts on March 4...Boston begins its minor league games versus the Baltimore, Cincinnati, Minnesota, and Pittsburgh organizations on March 16 with 5 games versus the Twins.

**SOX PASS 2.5 MILLION MARK IN TICKETS SOLD:** As of Thursday, the Red Sox had sold 2,504,388 tickets to 2007 home games at Fenway Park...that's an increase of 108,811 over the same date in 2006 and a record total for this date.

**NEXT FOR DAISUKE:** Daisuke Matsuzaka makes his next start on Sunday against Baltimore at City of Palms Park...The game will be televised live in Japan on the Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS) at 2:00 a.m. local time...Japan will be 13 hours ahead of Eastern Time with the time change tonight.

**OKAJIMA COVERAGE:** Hideki Okajima's appearance in Lakeland today will be well covered from a television standpoint...The 6 major networks in Japan provide pool coverage that includes cameras shooting his outing from positions at low 1<sup>st</sup>, high home, and center field.

**SPRING SHORTS:** Sox are 2-2 in one-run games this spring with each of their last 3 decisions coming in that fashion...club leads the majors with 4 extra inning contests this spring...Mike Timlin turns 41 today...WRKO Radio is carry today's game with Joe Castiglione and Dave O'Brien calling the action.

### TRAVEL SQUAD TO LAKELAND

**Pitchers:** 19 Josh Beckett, 37 Hideki Okajima, 53 Brendan Donnelly, 63 Travis Hughes, 79 Abe Alvarez, 83 Kyle Jackson, Barry Hertzler.

**Catchers:** 33 Jason Varitek, 72 George Kottaras, 78 Kevin Cash.

**Infielders:** 11 Joe McEwing, 12 Eric Hinske, 13 Alex Cora, 64 Dustin Pedroia, 71 Jeff Bailey, 76 Bobby Scales, 77 Ed Rogers, Iggy Suarez.

**Outfielders:** 3 Alex Ochoa, 7 J.D. Drew, 10 Coco Crisp, 22 Wily Mo Pena, 60 David Murphy, 75 Brandon Moss, Bubba Bell.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	TIME	OPP.	RED SOX PITCHERS
Sat., March 10*	1:05	DET	Josh Beckett, Hideki Okajima
Sun., March 11+	1:05	BAL	Daisuke Matsuzaka, Joel Pineiro
Mon., March 12+*	7:05	NYN	Tim Wakefield, J.C. Romero, Manny Delcarmen
Tue., March 13	1:05	TOR	Kyle Snyder

+NESN \*WRKO Radio

OPPOSING PITCHERS
Justin Verlander, Jason Grilli, Jair Jurrjens
Steve Trachsel, Jim Johnson, Scott Williamson
Darrell Rasner, Ross Ohlendorf, Kyle Farnsworth
TBA



2007 SPRING TRAINING RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Table with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, SITE, RESULT, RECORD, WINNER, LOSER, ATTENDANCE. Rows include games from Feb 28 to March 9.

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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)

TODAY'S RED SOX PITCHERS AT DETROIT

19-JOSH BECKETT, RHP

0-0, 0.00, 1 "A" START

2006 IN REVIEW: In his first Red Sox season, set career highs with 16 wins, 33 starts and 204.2 innings pitched, reaching 30 starts and eclipsing 200.0 innings for the first time in 5 major league campaigns...

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CAREER NOTES: Including career highs of 16 wins, 33 starts and 204.2 innings pitched in 2006 - his first American League and Red Sox campaign - has matched or increased totals in each of those categories every season since breaking into the big leagues with the Marlins at the age of 21 in 2001...

37-HIDEKI OKAJIMA, LHP

0-0, 2.70 ERA, 3 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...

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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...

53-BRENDAN DONNELLY, RHP

0-1, 12.27 ERA, 4 appearances

2006 IN REVIEW: In his 5th and final season with the Angels, went 6-0 with a 3.94 ERA in 62 appearances with righthanders hitting just .204...he has won his last 9 decisions dating back to August 12, 2005, a club record for a reliever.

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CAREER NOTES: Has compiled a 23-8 record and a 2.87 ERA with 295 strikeouts in 295 innings over 276 relief appearances with the Angels in the last 5 seasons...his .742 winning percentage in that span ranks as the best among all major league relievers with at least 20 decisions...he has 20 victories in the last 3 years, tied for the 3rd most relief wins in the majors from 2004-06.