BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES

Tampa Bay Rays (4-1-1) at Boston Red Sox (1-5)
Thursday, March 2, 2017 • JetBlue Park at Fenway South • Lee County, FL

SOX & RAYS, TAKE 2: The Red Sox host the Rays today for the 2nd of 5 Grapefruit League meetings between these neighbors. Last year Boston lost its last 5 Spring training games against the Rays, including a 7-3 result at Port Charlotte on Sunday.

• The Sox and Rays will play each other 19 times during the regular season, beginning with a 4-game set at Fenway Park from 4/14-17. The Sox will not travel to Tropicana Field until a 4-game series from 7/6-9.

SPRING DEBUTS: Eduardo Rodriguez is making his 1st appearance of the spring today...In 14 starts after the All-Star break in 2016, he posted a 3.28 ERA (28 ER/77.2 IP) with a .210 opponent AVG. He lost a no-hitter with 2 outs in the 8th inning on 9/16/16 at OAK, also carried a no-hitter into the 5th inning on 8/16 at BAL and again on 9/20 at BAL.

• Today also marks the spring debut of Craig Kimbrel, who converted each of his final 19 save opportunities of the regular season and set each of the Red Sox’ top 4 (SO) in the ALDS vs. CLE...Kimbrel owns the lowest ERA (1.86) as a relief pitcher in ML history (min. 300.0 IP).

GOOD, BETTER, BETTOS: Mookie Betts has hit safely in each of his last 11 Grapefruit League games dating back to 3/6/16, scoring at least once in each of those contests...In that span, he is 17-for-34 (.500) with 20 runs scored.

US AGAINST THE WORLD: Hanley Ramirez (Dominican Republic) and Xander Bogaerts (Netherlands) will represent the Netherlands Saturday on the 1st World Baseball Classic.

• Bogaerts departed Monday to participate in Pool A with Korea, Chinese Taipei, and Israel at the Gocheok Sky Dome in Seoul, South Korea...The Netherlands’ 1st game is vs. Korea.

• Ramirez is scheduled to depart Friday to compete in Pool C along with the United States, Canada, and Colombia at Marlins Park in Miami...The D.R.’s 1st game is vs. Canada.

• In addition, Fernando Abad (Dominican Republic) and Eduardo Rodriguez (Netherlands) were selected to play in the Designated Pitchers Pool...They will not be active rosterers in the 1st round, but could be added in subsequent rounds.

WE HAVE BENINTRODUCED?: Red Sox OF Andrew Benintendi has been ranked No. 1 overall in baseball America’s Top 100 Prospects list...Since the list debuted in 1990, the only other Red Sox player to begin a season ranked No. 1 overall is Daisuke Matsuzaka (2007). Benintendi’s rookie status remains intact for the 2017 season.

• Also representing the Red Sox on Baseball America’s Top 100 Prospects list are 38 Red Sox (No. 18) and 1 LHP Jason Groome (No. 43).

BULLS & STRIKES: BOS pitchers are averaging 11.8 SO/9.0 IP (68 SO/52.0 IP) this Spring Training camp, 14 were selected in the 1st round of a June Draft:

CLASSMATES: Of the 58 Red Sox players in major league camps, 14 were selected in the 1st round of a June Draft: 10 in the 1st round, 4 in the 2nd round.

HOW THEY WERE OBTAINED (RED SOX 40-MAN ROSTER)
Amateur Draft Picks (14)

Free Agents (6)


Free Agents (8)


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## 2017 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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## TODAY’S RED SOX PITCHERS vs. TB

**2016 IN REVIEW:**

- Made 20 starts in his 2nd ML season, missing the Red Sox’ first 51 games on the disabled list with a right patella subluxation...Posted a 3.24 ERA (28 ER/77.2 IP) with a .210 opponent AVG in 14 starts after being recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket on 7/15...Among AL pitchers after the All-Star break (min. 75.0 IP), ranked 3rd in opponent AVG, 8th in SO/9.0 IP (9.15), 11th in ERA, and 12th in WHIP...Carried a no-hitter into at least the 5th inning on 3 occasions.

**2017 SPRING:**

- First appearance of the spring

**2016 IN REVIEW:**

- Named 5th his All-Star Elias in his 1st season with the Red Sox...Led AL relievers with a .152 opponent AVG (28-for-184); only LAD’s Kenley Jansen had a lower mark (.150) in the majors...Named Red Sox Fireman of the Year by the Boston chapter of the BBWAA...Averaged 14.09 SO/9.0 IP, the 4th-highest mark among ML relievers...Recorded 31 saves in 33 chances...Ranked in the majors in save percentage (93.9) and 8th in the AL in saves.

## DEFENSIVE INNINGS - GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE GAMES

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