



BOSTON RED SOX



SPRING TRAINING NOTES

Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers

Friday, March 28, 2008 • Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, CA

EXHIBITION SEASON RESUMES: The Red Sox return to exhibition play tonight with the 1st of 3 games against the Los Angeles Dodgers...The teams play tonight and Sunday at Dodger Stadium and Saturday at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

THREE COUNTRY TRIP: Los Angeles is the 2nd stop on this 18-day, 4-city, 3-country trip of almost 16,000 air miles for the Red Sox...The team flew from Fort Myers to Tokyo on March 19-20 and recorded wins over NPB teams Hanshin (6-5) and Yomiuri (9-2) before splitting a pair of games with Oakland to open the MLB regular season...Boston left Tokyo after Wednesday's game with the A's, arriving in Los Angeles at 6:30 p.m. PDT on Wednesday after a 9.5 hour flight.

► As the full regular season gets underway, this trip continues with games in Oakland on April 1-2 and in Toronto on April 4-5-6 before the Red Sox return home after the Blue Jays game on Sunday, April 6...Boston opens its home schedule on Tuesday, April 8 with the Detroit Tigers.

JAPAN SPLIT: The Red Sox opened the MLB regular season with a 2-game split in the Ricoh Japan Opening Series 2008 at the Tokyo Dome...It marked the 1st time that the Red Sox have ever played a regular season game outside the United States or Canada...Boston improved to 52-55-1 all-time on opening day with a 6-5, 10-inning victory on March 25, the earliest date ever for a MLB regular season game...Oakland was a 5-1 winner on March 26...This marks the 3rd consecutive season that the Red Sox have had a 1-1 after the 1st 2 games of the year.

VERSUS THE DODGERS: The Red Sox and Dodgers play a total of 5 times this spring...Boston lost twice to Los Angeles in Grapefruit League play, 9-6 on March 6 in Fort Myers and 4-0 on March 9 in Vero Beach...Sox have lost 5 straight games to the Dodgers in spring training play since a victory on March 21, 2005 at Vero Beach.

► The Red Sox are 2-4 lifetime versus the Dodgers in regular season play, losing all 3 games at Dodger Stadium, June 21-23, 2002, and going 2-1 at Fenway Park, June 11-13, 2004.

GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE RECAP: The Red Sox concluded its 2008 Grapefruit League season with a 7-11-2 record, losing its last 3 games after defeating Cincinnati on March 15...The Red Sox had gone 4-0-2 in the previous 6 contests, the Sox' longest spring unbeaten since they were 5-0-2 over 7 contests, March 18-25, 2007...Boston was 4-6-1 at home and 3-5-1 on the road in Grapefruit League play this season...In the 20 games, the Red Sox batted .268 with 21 homers and 95 runs scored and compiled a 4.90 team ERA.

MANNY RAMIREZ was 3-for-9 with a pair of doubles, a home run, and 5 RBI in the 2 games versus the A's in Japan...He drove in 4 runs with a pair of 2-run doubles to earn "Hero of the Game" honors on Tuesday, and connected for the 491st homer of his major league career on Wednesday...Ramirez was the 1st Red Sox player with at least 4 RBI in a season opener since Jack Clark drove in 4 runs on April 8, 1991 at Toronto...Ramirez is tied with Goose Goslin for 27th on all-time list with 1609 RBI.

► The Tokyo Dome was the 30th ballpark in which Ramirez has hit a regular season home run, his 24th as a Red Sox...That is a club record as he had been tied with John Valentin and Jason Varitek with 23 each.

MORE BATTING: In addition to Ramirez, Mike Lowell and Julio Lugo were the other Red Sox to hit safely in both games versus the A's...**Exhibition Numbers** (Including 2 NPB Games in Japan): Alex Cora hit .451 (14-31) over last 12 games...J.D. Drew batted .400 (8-20) with 3 HR and 11 RBI in last 8 games...Julio Lugo was 6-for-17 (.353) in final 6 games...Brandon Moss was 6-for-12 with 2 doubles, 2 homers, and 5 RBI in last 5 games...Also hit 1st ML homer vs. Oakland on Tuesday...Jason Varitek went 5-for-10 with 2 homers and 6 RBI in last 5 games...Kevin Youkilis has hit safely in his last 7 exhibition games at .473 (9-19) with 8 RBI.

PITCHING PATTERN: Bryan Corey has pitched 8.2 scoreless innings in his last 6 exhibition outings...Allowed a run in 1.0 innings vs. Oakland on Wednesday...Jonathan Papelbon worked 6.0 shutout innings in last 5 exhibition games...Hideki Okajima defeat Oakland on Tuesday to become the 2nd pitcher in major league history to win a regular season game in his native country (excluding Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United States).

ROSTER RECAP: The Red Sox are down to 26 players and must make one roster move before resuming the regular season on Tuesday in Oakland...The club had 27 players, 25 active, for the 2 games in Tokyo against Oakland with pitchers Mike Timlin and Tim Wakefield being inactive...Sox reduced the roster to 26 with the option of OF Brandon Moss to Pawtucket after Wednesday's game.

FOR THIS SERIES, Boston will have 14 additional players to go with the 26 on its regular roster: pitchers Bartolo Colon, Lincoln Holdzkom, Hunter Jones, T.J. Large, and Jose Vaquedano; catcher Dusty Brown; infielders Lars Anderson, Argenis Diaz, Jed Lowrie, and Joe Thurston; and outfielders Reid Engel, Bobby Kielty, Brandon Moss, and Jason Place.

MEDICAL NEWS: OF J.D. Drew did not play in the Oakland series due to lower back tightness...RHP Josh Beckett is on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 19, with a lower back strain...He pitched 4.0 shutout innings, allowing one hit with 6 strikeouts and throwing 47 pitches in a minor league game for Double-A Portland vs. Minnesota's New Britain club...Beckett is scheduled to pitch in a minor league game on Tuesday and will then join the Red Sox in Toronto, where his status will be re-evaluated...Curt Schilling is on 60-day DL with right shoulder weakness.

ROSTER MOVES: The Red Sox today assigned RHPs Kyle Jackson and Edgar Martinez, both who had been on option, outright to Triple-A Pawtucket...With the moves, Boston has 37 players on its major league roster...Club also released LHP Adam Blackley, C Steve Torrealba, and INF Scott White from minor league camp.

JOSE CAPELLAN RETURNED TO RED SOX: Rule 5 Draft Selection LHP Jose Capellan has been returned to the Red Sox organization by the Cincinnati Reds...Capellan was originally selected by San Francisco in last December's Rule 5 Draft and was claimed on waivers by Cincinnati on March 12...Capellan had to be on the Reds' opening day major league roster or be offered back to Boston...He has been assigned to the extended spring camp.

JOHN W. HENRY, Red Sox Principal Owner and Chairman of New England Sports Ventures, is one of 5 finalists for the 2007 Sports Executive of the Year in the Inaugural Sports Business Awards being presented by Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal and SportsBusiness Daily...The other finalists are Don Garber (MLS Commissioner), David Hill (FOX Sports Chairman), Tim Leiweke (President & CEO, AEG), and David Stern (NBA Commissioner)...The Red Sox are also one of the 5 finalists for Sports Team of the Year (Buffalo Sabres, Hendrick Motorsports, Phoenix Suns, Toronto FC)...The awards ceremony will be held May 29 in New York.

SHORTS: Largest crowd ever for Red Sox game is 83,533, May 30, 1938 at Yankee Stadium...Sox are 3-6-1 vs. N.L. this spring.

PART OF HISTORY

The Red Sox will be part of history on Saturday when they face the Dodgers at the Los Angeles Coliseum...Over 115,000 fans are expected to attend the game, the largest crowd ever for a professional baseball game...The Major League record is 93,103 on May 7, 1959 for an exhibition game honoring Roy Campanella, also at the L.A. Coliseum.

► This will be Boston's 1st game ever at the L.A. Coliseum...The team will dress at Dodger Stadium and will leave for the Coliseum at 2:30 p.m....Club will take batting practice at the Coliseum, where the left field foul pole will be 201 feet from home plate with a 62-foot high net.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

DATE	OPP.	BOS TIME	RED SOX STARTER	OPPOSING STARTER	TV/RADIO
Fri., March 28	at LAD*	10:40	RHP Bartolo Colon	RHP Chad Billingsley	WRKO
Sat., March 29	at LAD+	10:10	RHP Tim Wakefield	RHP Esteban Loaiza	NESN/WRKO
Sun., March 30	at LAD*	4:10	RHP Clay Buchholz	RHP Hiroki Kuroda	WRKO
Tues., April 1	at OAK	10:07	RHP Daisuke Matsuzaka (0-0, 3.60)	RHP Joe Blanton (0-0, 4.76)	NESN/WRKO/SBN
Wed., April 2	at OAK	3:37	LHP Jon Lester (0-1, 9.00)	RHP Rich Harden (1-0, 1.50)	NESN/WEEI/SBN

*Dodger Stadium +Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

2008 SPRING TRAINING RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	RECORD	WINNER	LOSER	ATTENDANCE
Thursday, February 28	Boston College (SS)	City of Palms Park	W24-0 (7)	---	BECKETT	Cadoret	7,230
Friday, February 29	Northeastern (SS)	City of Palms Park	W15-0 (7)	---	MASTERSON	Thomson	6,346
Saturday, March 1	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	W8-3	1-0	OKAJIMA (1-0)	Slowey (0-1)	7,889
Sunday, March 2	Minnesota Twins	City of Palms Park	L2-8	2-1	PAULEY (1-0)	Mulvey (0-1)	7,950
Monday, March 3	Florida Marlins	Jupiter	L2-3	2-2	Hernandez (1-0)	BUCHHOLZ (0-1)	7,827
Tuesday, March 4	Pittsburgh Pirates	City of Palms Park	W5-3	3-2	PAPELBON (1-0)	Bullington (1-1)	7,872
Wednesday, March 5	Cincinnati Reds	City of Palms Park	L6-7	3-3	Volquez (1-0)	LOPEZ (0-1)	7,872
Thursday, March 6	Los Angeles Dodgers	City of Palms Park	L6-9	3-4	Riley (1-0)	JONES (0-1)	8,006
Friday, March 7	Minnesota Twins (SS)	City of Palms Park	L2-7	3-5	Liriano (1-0)	BUCHHOLZ (0-2)	7,827
Saturday, March 8	Baltimore Orioles (SS)	Fort Lauderdale	L2-12	3-6	Guthrie (1-0)	TAVAREZ (0-1)	8,391
Sunday, March 9	Florida Marlins	City of Palms Park	L2-5	3-7	Sinkbeil (1-0)	HANSEN (0-1)	7,855
Monday, March 10	Los Angeles Dodgers	Vero Beach	L0-4	3-8	Loaiza (1-1)	MATSUZAKA (0-1)	9,293
Tuesday, March 11	New York Mets	Port St. Lucie	T1-1 (10)	3-8-1	---	---	7,353
Wednesday, March 12	New York Mets	City of Palms Park	W4-3	4-8-1	WAKEFIELD (1-0)	Figueroa (1-1)	7,948
Thursday, March 13	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	W12-7	5-8-1	BUCHHOLZ (1-2)	Liriano (1-1)	8,205
Friday, March 14	Tampa Bay Rays	City of Palms Park	T3-3 (10)	5-8-2	---	---	8,048
Saturday, March 15	Baltimore Orioles	City of Palms Park	W7-4 (7)	6-8-2	MATSUZAKA (1-1)	Leicester (0-2)	7,937
Sunday, March 16	Cincinnati Reds	City of Palms Park	W16-6	7-8-2	LESTER (1-0)	Bailey (0-2)	7,762
Monday, March 17	Pittsburgh Pirates	Bradenton	L3-6	7-9-2	Kuwata (1-0)	BRESLOW (0-1)	5,775
Tuesday, March 18	New York Yankees	Tampa	L4-8	7-10-2	Pettitte (1-0)	COLON (0-1)	11,036
Wednesday, March 19	Toronto Blue Jays	City of Palms Park	L3-4	7-11-2	Wells (1-0)	OKAJIMA (1-1)	7,868
Thursday, March 20	Hanshin Tigers (NPB)	Tokyo Dome	W6-5	8-11-2	BUCHHOLZ (2-2)	Ando (0-1)	37,431
Friday, March 21	Yomiuri Giants (NPB)	Tokyo Dome	W9-2	9-11-2	WAKEFIELD (2-0)	Burnside (0-1)	44,558
Saturday, March 22	Oakland A's (Reg. Season)	Tokyo Dome	W6-5 (10)	1-0	OKAJIMA (1-0)	Street (0-1)	44,628
Sunday, March 23	Oakland A's (Reg. Season)	Tokyo Dome	L1-5	1-1	Harden (0-1)	LESTER (0-1)	44,735

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV/RADIO
Friday, March 28	Los Angeles Dodgers	Dodger Stadium	7:40 p.m.*	WRKO
Saturday, March 29	Los Angeles Dodgers	Memorial Coliseum	7:10 p.m.*	TV/WRKO
Sunday, March 30	Los Angeles Dodgers	Dodger Stadium	1:10 p.m.*	WRKO

(SS)—Split Squad NPB—Nippon Professional Baseball TV—Game Telecast by NESN Radio Games on WRKO (680 AM) or WEEI (850 AM) *PDT

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

February 24 Agreed to terms with manager Terry Francona on 3-year contract extension through 2011 with 2-year club option for 2012 and 2013.
 February 25 Agreed to terms with RHP Bartolo Colon on a 2008 contract with Triple-A Pawtucket with an invitation to major league spring training camp.
 March 6 Agreed to terms on one-year contracts with pitchers David Aardsma, Craig Breslow, Clay Buchholz, Bryan Corey, Manny Delcarmen, Devern Hansack, Kyle Jackson, Jon Lester, Edgar Martinez, Jonathan Papelbon and David Pauley; catchers Dusty Brown and George Kottaras; infielders Chris Carter, Argenis Diaz, and Dustin Pedroia; and outfielders Jacoby Ellsbury and Brandon Moss.
 March 8 Pitchers Edgar Martinez and David Pauley were optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket. Pitcher Kyle Jackson and infielder Argenis Diaz were optioned to Double-A Portland. Six non-roster invitees: pitchers Michael Bowden, Hunter Jones, and Justin Masterson and infielders Jeff Bailey, Tony Granadillo, and Gil Velazquez were re-assigned to the minor league camp.
 March 12 RHP Dan Kolb re-assigned to minor league camp.
 March 13 Placed C Doug Mirabelli on unconditional release waivers. Re-signed RHP Lincoln Holdzkom as a free agent and placed him on the major league roster. Optioned RHP Devern Hansack and OF Jonathan Van Every to Triple-A Pawtucket of the International League. Assigned RHP Lee Gronkiewicz and LHPs Jon Switzer and Michael Tejera to minor league camp. Placed RHP Curt Schilling on the 60-day disabled list.
 March 17 Optioned RHPs Craig Hansen and Lincoln Holdzkom, C George Kottaras and 1B/OF Chris Carter to Triple-A Pawtucket of the International League.
 March 19 RHP Bartolo Colon and INFs Keith Ginter and Joe Thurston re-assigned to minor league camp.
 March 22 LHP Craig Breslow claimed off waivers by the Cleveland Indians.
 March 25 RHP Josh Beckett placed on 15-day disabled list. C Kevin Cash purchased from Triple-A Pawtucket of the International League. C Dusty Brown optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket. RHPs Mike Timlin and Tim Wakefield declared inactive for 2-game series against Oakland in Tokyo, Japan.
 March 26 OF Brandon Moss optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket
 March 28 RHP Jose Capellan returned to Boston from Cincinnati Reds per Rule 5 Draft rules. RHP Kyle Jackson and RHP Edgar Martinez assigned outright to Triple-A Pawtucket.

TONIGHT'S STARTING PITCHER

40-BARTOLO COLON, RHP

0-1, 16.88, 2 "A" appearances

2008 SPRING TRAINING: Was signed by Boston to a Pawtucket contract with a major league spring training invitation on February 25...Has made a pair of "A" appearances, the last as starter and loser in an 8-4 decision to the New York Yankees in Tampa on March 17...His last outing was on March 22 in a start for Single-A Lancaster versus Fort Myers of Minnesota organization at City of Palms Park...Worked 3.0 scoreless innings, issuing 4 hits and striking out 3...Threw 34 pitches, 23 for strikeouts.

2007 IN REVIEW: Went 6-8 with a 6.34 ERA (70 ER/99.1 IP) in 19 games (18 starts)...Was 5-0 with a 3.69 ERA (16 ER/39.0 IP) through his first 6 starts from April 21-May 17, the first time in his career he has opened a season with 5 straight wins...Posted a 2-0 mark with a 1.93 ERA (3 ER/14.0 IP) in 2 April starts, including a season-high 11-strikeout performance on April 26 vs. Tampa Bay...Limited opponents to 3 earned runs or less in 9 of his 18 starts...Went 6.0 innings or more in 11 of his 18 starts and tossed 7.0 or more frames 5 times, going 3-2 with a 2.75 ERA (11 ER/33.0 IP) in those contests... Placed on the 15-day disabled list on July 24 with irritation in his right elbow and was activated on September 9...Was 1-0 with a 4.50 ERA (4 ER/8.0 IP) in 2 rehab starts for the Angels' Triple-A Salt Lake affiliate...Also spent from March 31 (retroactive to March 23) to April 21 on the DL with a strained right Lattisimus Dorsi muscle...Combined to go 2-0 with a 1.08 ERA (2 ER/16.2 IP) in 3 rehab starts with Single-A Rancho Cucamonga (2 starts) and Salt Lake (one start).

VERSUS LOS ANGELES: Has a 1-4 record and 6.61 ERA in 5 career regular season start against the Dodgers...Is 1-1, 6.39 in 2 starts in regular season play at Dodger Stadium.

CAREER NOTES: Made his 300th career start on June 24, 2007 vs. Pittsburgh and ranks 25th among active pitchers with 306 starts overall...Threw the 1,900th frame of his career on May 6, 2007 vs. Chicago (AL) and ended the year with 1,975.1 career innings, 25th among active pitchers...He is 4 wins shy of 150 in his career with 146, 15th among active pitchers and 11th in the majors since 1997...Recorded the 1,500th strikeout of his career on June 8 at St. Louis and finished the season with a total of 1,542 K's, 20th among active hurlers and 12th-best overall since 1997...He won 135 games in 8 seasons from 1998-2005, 2nd in the majors behind Randy Johnson (139) in that time...He was the only pitcher in the majors to win at least 14 games in each of those 8 seasons and is one of 11 pitchers since 1946 to record 14 or more wins and 30 or more starts in 8 or more consecutive seasons...Greg Maddux (9, 1996-2004) is the only other active player to accomplish that feat...In 2005 he became the 2nd Angel ever to win the A.L. Cy Young Award after going 21-8 with a 3.48 ERA (86 ER/222.2 IP) in 33 starts.

SPRING "A" APPEARANCES								
DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
3/13	TB	---	2.0	2	1	1	1	1
3/17	at NYY	L	0.2	3	4	4	3	2

BULLPEN NOTES (REGULAR SEASON GAMES)

PITCHER	LAST TIME OUT (Dec.)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	FIRST BATTERS		SEASON RELIEF HIGHS		
								RETIRED/FACED	RI/S	SAVES/OPP	INNINGS	STRIKEOUTS
53-David Aardsma	3/26 at OAK	1.2	1	0	0	0	3	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.2-3/26 at OAK	3-3/26 at OAK
30-Bryan Corey	3/26 at OAK	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	2/2	0/0	0/0	1.0-twice	0
17-Manny Delcarmen	3/26 at OAK	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.0-3/26 at OAK	0
48-Javier Lopez	3/25 at OAK	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	2/1	1/0	0/0	0.2-3/25 at OAK	1-3/25 at OAK
37-Hideki Okajima	3/25 at OAK (W, 1-0)	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	1/1	0/0	0/0	1.0-3/25 at OAK	1-3/25 at OAK
58-Jonathan Papelbon	3/25 at OAK (SV, 1)	1.0	3	1	1	1	1	0/1	0/0	1/1	1.0-3/25 at OAK	1-3/25 at OAK
39-Kyle Snyder	3/25 at OAK (BS 1)	1.1	2	2	2	0	1	0/1	0/0	0/1	1.1-3/25 at OAK	1-3/25 at OAK
2008 BULLPEN TOTALS		9.0	9	4	4	3	6	7/8(87.5%)	1/0	1/2		

DISABLED LIST

PLAYER	INJURY	PLACED ON DL (RETRO TO)	REINSTATED	GAMES MISSED
Curt Schilling, RHP	Right shoulder weakness	March 13	---	2 (1-1)
Josh Beckett, RHP	Lower back stiffness and muscle spasms	March 25 (March 19)	---	2 (1-1)
2008 Totals	2 Players, 2 D.L. stints			4 Games Missed