



MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

2026 GAME NOTES

PUCK O'NEAL FIELD AT BIG ROCK STADIUM | 2714 MAYBERRY LOOP ROAD | MOREHEAD CITY, NC, 28557 | 252-269-9767

GAME NO. 4 / JUNE 1, 2026 / 7:00 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

3-0

AT

WILMINGTON SHARKS

2-2

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 137-101 Record)
THIS SEASON VS. WILMINGTON: 0-0
STREAK: W3

HEAD COACH: RUSS BURROUGHS (Y6)
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 0-0
STREAK: W1

WILMINGTON, NC | BUCK HARDEE FIELD

RHP JAMES BROCK		STARTERS	TBD	
TODAY	AT WILMINGTON	7:00 PM	HTN + MIXLR	
WEDNESDAY	AT MACON	7:00 PM	HTN + MIXLR	
THURSDAY	AT FLORENCE	7:00 PM	HTN + MIXLR	



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OVERALL RECORD	3-0
CPL RECORD	3-0
HOME: 1-0	ROAD: 2-0

EAST STANDINGS

1.	MOREHEAD CITY	3-0
2.	GREENVILLE	2-0
T3.	HOLLY SPRINGS	2-2
T3.	WILMINGTON	2-2
T5.	ZEBULON	1-2
T5.	TRI-CITY	1-2
7.	PENINSULA	0-3

WEST STANDINGS

T1.	ASHEBORO	2-0
T1.	HP-THOMASVILLE	3-1
T3.	LEXINGTON COUNTY	2-1
T3.	FOREST CITY	2-1
5.	BOONE	1-2
T6.	MACON	1-3
T6.	MARTINSVILLE	1-3
T6.	FLORENCE	0-2

KEY STORYLINES

REELIN' IN THE YEARS

The Marlins return for their 16th season in the Coastal Plain League. This year also marks the sixth under Head Coach Sam Carel, the winningest in Marlins history, who is in his second stint with the team. Carel led Morehead City to two Petitt Cup Playoff appearances in his first two seasons back.

REFLECTING ON 2025

Last Season, the Marlins finished 4th place in the East Division with a final record of 21-24. Morehead City was led by four All-CPL team players Tanner Malley (Western Michigan), Nate Anderson (Kennesaw State), Reid Bertram (Gardner-Webb), and Danny Thompson (UNC Greensboro).

MOREHEAD CITY PREVIEW

With a litany of returning players, the Marlins are poised for a successful 2026 campaign. Look out for some powerful bats and dominant pitching this season thanks to your favorite Morehead City stars. With Head Coach Sam Carel back at the helm alongside Jaylen Mack and Gabe Todtenhausen, a rising star among pitching coaches, the team looks to be as strong as ever in Big Rock.

STARTING PITCHER PREVIEW

Righthanded pitcher James Brock is expected to start on the mound for Morehead City in their first trip to the Shark Tank this season. Brock was an all-conference honorable mention at the University of British Columbia this spring, finishing the season with a 4.89 ERA over 70 innings. The senior from Burnaby, British Columbia, started in 14 games, earning a 9-4 record in the process.

FIRST WEEK RECAP

Morehead City has been stellar to start the season, earning back-to-back mercy wins in the first two games of the season and a shutout in game three. The Marlins' great eye at the plate, aggressive baserunning, and timely hitting has propelled the team to 35 runs scored in just 22 innings at the plate. On the pitching side, a slew of quality outings from starters and relievers have placed Morehead City as the team to beat.

WILMINGTON HC RUSS BURROUGHS

Sharks Head Coach Russ Burroughs enters his sixth year with the team, claiming a Petitt Cup Championship in 2024 and an East Division Championship in 2023. Under his guide, Wilmington has been a consistently successful team, earning a spot in the playoffs for three straight seasons. Burroughs also coaches with the Nashville Baseball Academy in the offseason.

EARLY SEASON FOR WILMINGTON

The Sharks have gotten off to a 2-2 record to start the season, going 1-2 against Holly Springs and defeating Tri-City on Friday. Wilmington has hit well overall, recording nine or more hits in all of their four games for a league-best .286 team batting average. The Sharks bullpen has a 5.00 ERA to start the year, good for 7th in the league. Wilmington's starter gave up three or more runs in both losses through four innings.

	MATCHING UP	
3	GP	4
.279	BA	.286
.479	OBP	.407
.477	SLG	.329
.956	OPS	.736
24	H	40
8	2B	4
0	3B	1
3	HR	0
28	RBI	17
26	BB	25
29	K	20
9/13	SB/ATT	16/17
3.13	ERA	5.00

MHC MEDIA TEAM

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Broadcast & Streaming Intern: Max Schwanz
NOTES COMPILED BY KYLE BEENE



2026 MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	B/T	YR	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Nuno Parache	RHP	6-0	195	R/R	R-SR	Nicholls State University	Zebulon, NC
2	Grant Russo	OF/IF	5-9	190	S/R	R-SO	Bloomsburg University	Sugarloaf, PA
3	Owen Schneider	LHP	6-0	180	L/L	R-JR	Missouri Southern State University	Fenton, MO
5	Logan Lowe	IF	5-8	170	R/R	SO	UNC Asheville	Durham, NC
6	Ronnie Rowley	IF/OF	6-1	210	S/R	JR	MidAmerica Nazarene University	Bemen, OH
7	Matthew Heard	RHP	6-2	195	R/R	SR	University of North Georgia	Monroe, GA
8	Ethan Dillon	OF	6-2	190	R/R	SO	Transylvania University	Louisville, KY
9	James Brock	RHP	5-11	195	R/R	SR	University of British Columbia	Burnaby, BC
10	Reid Bertram	LHP	6-2	195	L/L	R-SR	Gardner-Webb University	Concord, NC
11	Drew Bowles	RHP	6-2	200	R/R	JR	Transylvania University	Lexington, KY
12	Carson Gipson	RHP	6-2	200	R/R	SR	Univeristy of Mount Olive	Pikeville, NC
13	Spencer Cipro	RHP	6-5	225	R/R	R-SR	Belmont Abbey College	Brookfield, MA
14	Joe Whitaker	OF/IF	5-10	195	R/R	SR	Belmont Abbey College	Tampa, FL
15	Ryland Howell	RHP	6-1	200	R/R	SO	UNC Asheville	Newport, NC
16	Jakob Haynes	C	6-3	220	R/R	JR	Seton Hill University	Claridge, PA
17	Jake Howard	OF/IF	6-3	235	R/R	SO	Chowan University	Kinston, NC
18	Tyler DeLuzio	LHP	5-11	195	L/L	R-JR	University of Mount Olive	Newport, NC
19	Jon Howard	IF	6-3	220	R/R	R-JR	Longwood University	Kinston, NC
20	Kole Hopkins	RHP	6-4	200	R/R	SO	University of Mount Olive	Tarpon Springs, FL
21	Bryce Nicolay	RHP	6-3	190	R/R	R-SO	University of Missouri - St Louis	Oakville, MO
22	Jordan Hughes	LHP/1B	6-4	225	L/L	SO	Alfred State College	Whitesboro, NY
23	Bray Touchstone	C/1B	5-10	220	R/R	SO	Samford University	Cantonment, FL
24	Ryan Jackson	RHP	6-1	185	R/R	R-SO	Benedictine College	Denver, CO
25	Walker Sweet	RHP	6-2	220	R/R	JR	Missouri Southern State University	Webb City, MO
26	Kory Williams	RHP	6-4	220	R/R	SR	Goldey-Beacom College	Pennsauken, NJ
27	Sage Ferguson	RHP	6-4	235	R/R	R-SR	Colorado Mesa University	Hawthorne, NY
28	Zach Greenberg	C	5-10	185	R/R	R-JR	Winthrop University	Horsham, PA
30	Brandon Carter	RHP	6-0	225	R/R	R-SR	Louisiana Christian University	Downsville, LA
32	Aidan Newton	RHP	6-3	205	R/R	R-SR	University of Mount Olive	Calgary, AB
33	Matt Hubbard	RHP	6-4	220	R/R	SO	University of Toledo	Perrysburg, OH
38	Jovan Gill	1B/RHP	6-3	230	L/R	6TH-SR	Grand Valley State University	Kansas City, MO

COACHES

HEAD COACH SAM CAREL

YEAR AS HC: 6
 YEAR IN MHC: 7
 ALMA MATER: MISSOURI STATE
 HOMETOWN: ST. LOUIS, MO
 RESIDES: ST. LOUIS, MO

PITCHING COACH GABE TODTENHAUSEN

YEAR AS PC: 5
 YEAR IN MHC: 1
 ALMA MATER: METROPOLITAN CC, MO
 HOMETOWN: KANSAS CITY, MO
 RESIDES: KANSAS CITY, MO

HITTING COACH JAYLEN MACK

YEAR AS HTC: 2
 YEAR IN MHC: 2
 ALMA MATER: COKER UNIVERSITY
 HOMETOWN: MOREHEAD CITY, NC
 RESIDES: MOREHEAD CITY, NC

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

HC	carol	#18	deh-LOO-zee-OH
PC	tod-ten-how-zen	#21	nick-o-lay
#1	pa-ra-chee	#38	jo-vin
#5	l-OW		
#11	bowl-z		
#13	sip-row		



2026 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

GAME	DATE / TIME	OPP.	W/L	SCORE	WIN	LOSS	SAVE	RECORD	TIME	ATT.
1	MAY 28 / 6:30pm	@ ZEBULON	W	15-5	MHC-CARSON GIPSON	ZEB-JACOB FOSTER		1-0	2:52	526
2	MAY 29 / 6:30pm	FLORENCE	W	13-3	MHC-KORY WILLIAMS	FLO-KANYE BRAXTON		2-0	2:31	1,307
3	MAY 30 / 7:00pm	@ PENINSULA	W	7-0	MHC-AIDAN NEWTON	PEN-PARKER CODINGTON		3-0	2:49	2,934
4	JUNE 1 / 7:00pm	@ WILMINGTON								
5	JUNE 3 / 7:00pm	@ MACON								
6	JUNE 4 / 7:00pm	@ FLORENCE								
7	JUNE 5 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON								
EXH	JUNE 6 / 6:30pm	VA BEACH								
8	JUNE 7 / 5:30pm	@ TRI-CITY								
9	JUNE 8 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON								
10	JUNE 11 / 6:30pm	TRI-CITY								
11	JUNE 12 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON								
12	JUNE 13 / 6:30pm	@ ZEBULON								
13	JUNE 14 / 6:30pm	MACON								
14	JUNE 15 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON								
15	JUNE 17 / 6:30pm	HOLLY SPINGS								
16	JUNE 18 / 6:30pm	@ GREENVILLE								
17	JUNE 19 / 6:30pm	PENINSULA								
18	JUNE 20 / 6:30pm	@ GREENVILLE								
19	JUNE 21 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON								
20	JUNE 22 / 7:00pm	@ PENINSULA								
21	JUNE 24 / 6:30pm	PENINSULA								
22	JUNE 25 / pm	@ WILMINGTON								
23	JUNE 26 / 6:30pm	TRI-CITY								
24	JUNE 27 / pm	@ FOREST CITY								
25	JUNE 28 / pm	@ ASHEBORO								
26	JULY 1 / 6:30pm	FOREST CITY								
27	JULY 2 / pm	@ WILMINGTON								
28	JULY 3 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON								
29	JULY 5 / pm	@ HOLLY SPRINGS								
ASG	JULY 6-7 /	CPL ALL-STAR								
EXH	JULY 8 / 6:30pm	VA BEACH								
30	JULY 9 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON								
31	JULY 10 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON								
32	JULY 11 / pm	@ HOLLY SPRINGS								
33	JULY 12 / pm	@ TRI-CITY								
34	JULY 13 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON								
35	JULY 15 / 6:30pm	GREENVILLE								
36	JULY 16 / pm	@ GREENVILLE								
37	JULY 17 / 6:30pm	PENINSULA								
38	JULY 18 / pm	@ GREENVILLE								
39	JULY 20 / pm	@ PENINSULA								
EXH	JULY 22 / 6:30pm	VA BEACH								
40	JULY 23 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON								
41	JULY 24 / pm	@ GREENVILLE								
42	JULY 25 / pm	@ HOLLY SPRINGS								
43	JULY 26 / pm	@ TRI-CITY								
44	JULY 27 / 6:30pm	HOLLY SPRINGS								
45	JULY 29 / 6:30pm	TRI-CITY								
46	JULY 30 / pm	@ WILMINGTON								
47	JULY 31 /	@ ZEBULON								
48	AUG 1 / 6:30pm	GREENVILLE								
POST	AUG 6	EAST WILDCARD								
POST	AUG 7	EAST DIV G1								
POST	AUG 9	EAST DIV G2								
POST	AUG 10	EAST DIV G3								
POST	AUG 11	PETITT CUP G1								
POST	AUG 11	PETITT CUP G2								
POST	AUG 11	PETITT CUP G3								



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