



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. 14 / JUNE 15, 2026 / 6:30 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

10-2

VS

ZEBULON DEVIL DOGZ

2-11

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 145-103 Record)
THIS SEASON VS. ZEBULON: 3-0
STREAK: W5

HEAD COACH: JESSE LITSCH (Y1)
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 0-3
STREAK: W1



MOREHEAD CITY, NC BIG ROCK STADIUM			
RHP	BRYCE NICOLAY	STARTERS	TBD
TODAY	VS. ZEBULON	6:30 PM	HTN
WEDNESDAY	VS. HOLLY SPRINGS	6:30 PM	HTN
THURSDAY	AT GREENVILLE	6:30 PM	HTN + MIXLR



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@DEVILDOGZBALL

LEAGUE RECORD

10-2

OVERALL RECORD

11-2

HOME: 7-0

ROAD: 4-2

EAST STANDINGS

1.	MOREHEAD CITY	10-2
2.	GREENVILLE	9-5
3.	WILMINGTON	9-6
4.	TRI-CITY	7-6
5.	HOLLY SPRINGS	7-8
6.	PENINSULA	4-8
7.	ZEBULON	2-11

WEST STANDINGS

1.	ASHEBORO	9-4
2.	HP-THOMASVILLE	9-5
3.	BOONE	8-5
4.	FOREST CITY	8-6
5.	LEXINGTON COUNTY	6-6
6.	MACON	6-8
7.	FLORENCE	3-9
8.	MARTINSVILLE	4-12

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 Pettitt 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 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

Bryce Nicolay makes his second start of the season tonight. Nicolay, from the University of Missouri - St. Louis, first appeared for the Fish in an exhibition, recording a final line of four innings, three hits, and five strikeouts against the Virginia Beach Valor. Nicolay threw 64.1 innings this spring for the Tritons, finishing the year with a 7.55 ERA and a record of 5-6 in his 13 appearances (12 starts).

FISH CLINCH NAILBITER OVER BACON

The Marlins finished off a hard-fought game with Macon last night, taking it 10-9. Morehead City plated five in the 1st to take a 5-1 lead against the Bacon starter Devin Miller. Miller recorded just two outs in the frame, giving up a homer to Jakob Haynes before Macon was forced to turn to the bullpen. Aidan Newton went for 4.1 innings, giving up nine hits, four runs, and striking out five, a great start against the Bacon who has been hot at the plate lately with some new additions to the roster. Morehead City continued to pile on the runs, but Macon consistently chipped away, almost pushing the game into the bottom of the 9th with two runs in the top half before Matthew Heard finished the job.

SEASONED WITH SAGE

Colorado Mesa righty Sage Ferguson has thrived in his return to Morehead City. With three fantastic outings and seven strikeouts, Ferguson has closed out three games in impressive fashion. The New York native has been able to dial the fastball to the outside edge in the mid 90s to stack Ks for the Fish.

LAST MEETING WITH THE DOGZ

The Fish last played Zebulon on Saturday, winning 17-7 on the road in possibly the longest run-rule game ever. After an hour of delays due to a light malfunction and lightning before the 4th inning with a 16-3 lead, Morehead City finished the job at Nomaco Park for their fourth straight win. Nuno Parache earned the win in relief, going for two innings with two hits, two runs, two walks, and three strikeouts.

	MATCHING UP	
12	GP	13
.295	BA	.210
.436	OBP	.342
.462	SLG	.253
.898	OPS	.596
108	H	82
25	2B	9
6	3B	1
8	HR	2
86	RBI	47
71	BB	67
107	K	139
22/28	SB/ATT	39/49
3.28	ERA	8.15

*stats vs. CPL teams

MHC MEDIA TEAM

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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	Cruz Harlan	IF	5-9	165	S/R	SO	Coastal Carolina University	Centralia, IL
15	Diego Diaz	IF	5-10	180	L/R	JR	University of Texas - San Antonio	Pharr, TX
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
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
31	Joey Calabretti	RHP/OF	6-2	200	R/R	JR	St. Bonaventure University	Perkasie, PA
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
34	John Gray	RHP	6-5	210	R/R	R-JR	Wofford College	Wilmington, DE
35	Sebastian Mexico	OF	6-2	190	L/R	R-SR	Louisiana Tech University	Baldwine, MA
36	Alex Cheeseman	IF	6-0	190	R/R	JR	University of Alabama-Birmingham	Commerce, MI
37	Drew Wedgeworth	LHP	6-2	195	L/L	R-FR	Missouri State University	Springfield, MO
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	toad-en-how-zen	#21	nick-o-lay
#1	pa-ra-chee	#38	JO-vin
#5	l-OW, rhymes with cow		
#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	900
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	POSTPONED							
5	JUNE 3 / 7:00pm	@ MACON	W	12-2	MHC-CARSON GIPSON	MAC-ROBERT MITCHELL		4-0	2:47	1,635
6	JUNE 4 / 7:00pm	@ FLORENCE	L	1-0	FLO-JACKSON GRINE	MHC-DREW BOWLES		4-1	2:37	1,288
7	JUNE 5 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON	W	3-1	MHC-MATTHEW HEARD	WLM-LUKE HAYES		5-1	2:24	867
EXH	JUNE 6 / 6:30pm	VA BEACH	W	15-0	MHC-BRYCE NICOLAY	VLR-TY WOODS		6-1	2:13	468
8	JUNE 7 / 5:45pm	@ TRI-CITY	L	6-2	TRI-LIAM STEWART	MHC-AIDAN NEWTON		6-2	2:41	720
9	JUNE 8 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON	W	6-2	MHC-SPENCER CIPRO	ZEB-BRADY STRAWMYER		7-2	2:51	457
10	JUNE 11 / 6:30pm	TRI-CITY	W	13-2	MHC-CARSON GIPSON	TRI-COLE TORBETT		8-2	2:17	635
11	JUNE 12 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON	W	2-0	MHC-REID BERTRAM	WLM-OTHO SAVAGE	SAGE FERGUSON	9-2	2:34	900
12	JUNE 13 / 6:30pm	@ ZEBULON	W	17-7	MHC-NUNO PARACHE	ZEB-STUART THARLE		10-2	4:13	805
13	JUNE 14 / 6:30pm	MACON	W	10-9	MHC-MATT HUBBARD	MAC-DEVIN MILLER	MATTHEW HEARD	11-2	2:41	689
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 / 7:05pm	@ WILMINGTON								
23	JUNE 26 / 6:30pm	TRI-CITY								
24	JUNE 27 / 6:30pm	@ FOREST CITY								
25	JUNE 28 / 6:30pm	@ ASHEBORO								
26	JULY 1 / 6:30pm	FOREST CITY								
27	JULY 2 / 7:05pm	@ WILMINGTON								
28	JULY 3 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON								
29	JULY 5 / 5:05pm	@ 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 / 6:30pm	@ HOLLY SPRINGS								
33	JULY 12 / 5:45pm	@ TRI-CITY								
34	JULY 13 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON								
35	JULY 15 / 6:30pm	GREENVILLE								
36	JULY 16 / 6:30pm	@ GREENVILLE								
37	JULY 17 / 6:30pm	PENINSULA								
38	JULY 18 / 6:30pm	@ GREENVILLE								
39	JULY 20 / 7:00pm	@ PENINSULA								
EXH	JULY 22 / 6:30pm	VA BEACH								
40	JULY 23 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON								
41	JULY 24 / 6:30pm	GREENVILLE								
42	JULY 25 / 6:30pm	@ HOLLY SPRINGS								
43	JULY 26 / 5:45pm	@ TRI-CITY								
44	JULY 27 / 6:30pm	HOLLY SPRINGS								
45	JULY 29 / 6:30pm	TRI-CITY								
46	JULY 30 / 7:05pm	@ WILMINGTON								
47	JULY 31 / 6:30pm	@ ZEBULON								
48	AUG 1 / 6:30pm	GREENVILLE								
POST	AUG 2	EAST WILDCARD								
POST	AUG 4	EAST DIV G1								
POST	AUG 5	EAST DIV G2								
POST	AUG 6	EAST DIV G3								
POST	AUG 8	PETITT CUP G1								
POST	AUG 9	PETITT CUP G2								
POST	AUG 10	PETITT CUP G3								



2018 & 2019 PETITT CUP CHAMPIONS

