



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. 15 / JUNE 17, 2026 / 6:30 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

11-2

VS

HOLLY SPRINGS SALAMANDERS

7-8

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 146-103 Record)
THIS SEASON VS. HOLLY SPRINGS: 0-0
STREAK: W6

HEAD COACH: BRIAN ROUNTREE (Y5)
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 0-0
STREAK: L1



MOREHEAD CITY, NC BIG ROCK STADIUM			
RHP JAMES BROCK		STARTERS	TBD
TODAY	VS. HOLLY SPRINGS	6:30 PM	HTN
THURSDAY	AT GREENVILLE	6:30 PM	HTN + MIXLR
FRIDAY	VS. PENINSULA	6:30 PM	HTN



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@HSSALAMANDERS

LEAGUE RECORD

11-2

OVERALL RECORD

12-2

HOME: 8-0

ROAD: 4-2

EAST STANDINGS

1.	MOREHEAD CITY	11-2
2.	GREENVILLE	10-5
3.	WILMINGTON	10-6
4.	TRI-CITY	8-6
5.	HOLLY SPRINGS	7-8
6.	PENINSULA	4-9
7.	ZEBULON	2-12

WEST STANDINGS

1.	ASHEBORO	10-4
2.	HP-THOMASVILLE	10-5
3.	BOONE	9-5
4.	FOREST CITY	8-7
5.	LEXINGTON COUNTY	6-7
6.	MACON	6-9
7.	MARTINSVILLE	4-13
8.	FLORENCE	3-10

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 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

James Brock will make his third start of the year tonight against the Salamanders. Brock last took the mound on June 8th against the Devil Dogz, going for five innings with two hits and one run allowed, two walks, and an impressive 10 strikeouts. His first outing against the Sharks was cut short due to weather, which will be made up on June 25th. Brock currently holds a 1.80 ERA for the Fish this summer.

UNDEFEATED AT HOME

The Fish stay perfect at home following Monday's 7-2 win over Zebulon, their 4th of the season. Morehead City used six different arms on the mound, including three pitching debuts from Joey Calabretti, Drew Wedgeworth, and Tyler DeLuzio. In combination, the bullpen gave up just six hits, two runs, and struckout eight. Three Marlins had multiple hits, and newcomer Diego Diaz got his first as a Marlin, bringing around two runs in the process.

POWERED BY HOWARD

Jon Howard has been a huge presence at the plate for the Fish, hitting .400 on the season with a team-leading three homers. Howard's four doubles, 10 walks, and seven RBIs are also near the top of the team leaderboards. His .833 slugging percentage and 1.411 OPS both lead the entire Coastal Plain League, with a .578 on-base percentage, good for second best.

SCOUTING HOLLY SPRINGS

Morehead City's first meeting with Holly Springs is set for tonight at Big Rock. The Salamanders sit at 5th in the East Division standings, five games back from the Marlins in 1st. The Salamanders' skipper Brian Rountree is in his 5th year with the team, a former South Carolina pitcher who played for two years in the Detroit Tigers system. Rountree has since spent 19 seasons with Louisiana Tech, currently as a pitching coach and recruiting coordinator.

	MATCHING UP	
13	GP	15
.294	BA	.232
.429	OBP	.374
.454	SLG	.325
.883	OPS	.699
118	H	116
28	2B	20
6	3B	1
8	HR	8
92	RBI	84
74	BB	92
114	K	159
22/28	SB/ATT	58/69
3.17	ERA	5.01

*stats vs. CPL teams

MHC MEDIA TEAM

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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
22	Sebastian Mexico	OF	6-2	190	L/R	R-SR	Louisiana Tech University	Baldwine, MA
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
36	Alex Cheeseman	IF	6-0	190	R/R	JR	University of Alabama-Birmingham	Commerce, MI
38	Jovan Gill	1B/RHP	6-3	230	L/R	6TH-SR	Grand Valley State University	Kansas City, MO
39	Drew Wedgworth	LHP	6-2	195	L/L	R-FR	Missouri State University	Springfield, 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	I-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	W	7-2	MHC-DREW WEDGEWORTH	ZEB-HUNTER MITCHELL		12-2	2:32	465
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								
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36	JULY 16 / 6:30pm	@ GREENVILLE								
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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

