



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. 17 / JUNE 19, 2026 / 6:30 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

13-2

VS

PENINSULA PILOTS

4-10

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 148-103 Record)
THIS SEASON VS. PENINSULA: 1-0
STREAK: W8

HEAD COACH: HANK MORGAN (Y3)
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 0-1
STREAK: L3

| MOREHEAD CITY, NC BIG ROCK STADIUM | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|
| RHP KORY WILLIAMS | | STARTERS | TBD |
| TODAY | VS. PENINSULA | 6:30 PM | HTN |
| SATURDAY | AT GREENVILLE | 6:30 PM | HTN + MIXLR |
| SUNDAY | VS. WILMINGTON | 6:30 PM | HTN |



@MHC MARLINS

@PENINSULAPILOTS

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| LEAGUE RECORD | 13-2 |
| OVERALL RECORD | 14-2 |
| HOME: 9-0 | ROAD: 5-2 |

EAST STANDINGS

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|-----|---------------|------|
| 1. | MOREHEAD CITY | 13-2 |
| T2. | GREENVILLE | 11-6 |
| T2. | WILMINGTON | 11-6 |
| 4. | TRI-CITY | 9-6 |
| 5. | HOLLY SPRINGS | 7-10 |
| 6. | PENINSULA | 4-10 |
| 7. | ZEBULON | 3-13 |

WEST STANDINGS

| | | |
|-----|------------------|------|
| 1. | ASHEBORO | 10-4 |
| 2. | HP-THOMASVILLE | 10-6 |
| 3. | FOREST CITY | 10-7 |
| 4. | BOONE | 9-7 |
| T5. | MACON | 7-9 |
| T5. | LEXINGTON COUNTY | 6-8 |
| 7. | FLORENCE | 4-11 |
| 8. | MARTINSVILLE | 4-13 |

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

Now set for his fourth start, Kory Williams has been one of the most consistent arms for Morehead City this season. Williams has allowed just 10 hits across 14 innings, with seven earned runs being scored under his watch. Williams has also racked up the strikeouts with 16 this season, highlighted by his seven strikeout performance against the Sharks on June 5th.

MARLINS COMEBACK IN GREENVILLE

Morehead City pulled off the win against the Yard Gnomes last night, taking it 9-8. Putting up four in the 8th and one in the 9th, the Marlins eliminated a four-run deficit to win on the road. Good bullpen outings from Jackson, Gipson, Hubbard, Hopkins, and Carter held the Yard Gnomes to four runs after the first, giving the Fish time to warm up the bats and keep the win streak going.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Matthew Heard's extreme reliability in late-game situations has been spectacular for Morehead City. With six innings pitched, four hits, and two earned runs, Heard has struckout 11 batters. Heard was crucial on Wednesday night against the Salamanders, striking out two in the 9th to close the game while earning a save in the process. Having an arm like Heard's to finish the job in tight games is certain to benefit the team throughout the 2026 campaign.

LAST MEETING WITH PENINSULA

The Marlins last played the Pilots on May 30th, winning 7-0 on the road. Aidan Newton made his first start of the year, going for six innings with three hits and six strikeouts. Morehead City knocked their first two homers of the year, credited to Joe Whitaker and Jon Howard. Peninsula's starter Parker Codrington only went for one inning, giving up two runs in the process.

| | MATCHING UP | |
|-------|-------------|-------|
| 15 | GP | 14 |
| .293 | BA | .217 |
| .431 | OBP | .351 |
| .440 | SLG | .326 |
| .871 | OPS | .677 |
| 135 | H | 100 |
| 29 | 2B | 23 |
| 6 | 3B | 3 |
| 9 | HR | 7 |
| 102 | RBI | 58 |
| 90 | BB | 69 |
| 134 | K | 136 |
| 24/34 | SB/ATT | 44/52 |
| 3.37 | ERA | 5.55 |

*stats vs. CPL teams

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 |
| 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 Wedgeworth | 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 #21 nick-o-lay
 PC toad-en-how-zen #38 JO-vin
 #1 pa-ra-chee
 #5 l-OW, rhymes with cow
 #13 sip-row
 #18 deh-LOO-zee-OH



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 | W | 3-2 | MHC-JAMES BROCK | HSP-RALPH GARIANO | MATTHEW HEARD | 13-2 | 2:48 | 725 |
| 16 | JUNE 18 / 6:30pm | @ GREENVILLE | W | 9-8 | MHC-BRANDON CARTER | GVL-CHRISTIAN DAVIS | | 14-2 | 3:41 | 509 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | |



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