



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. 21 / JUNE 24, 2026 / 6:30 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

15-4

VS

PENINSULA PILOTS

7-11

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 150-105 Record)
THIS SEASON VS. PENINSULA: 2-1
STREAK: L2

HEAD COACH: HANK MORGAN
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 1-2
STREAK: W3

MOREHEAD CITY, NC | BIG ROCK STADIUM

| RHP BRYCE NICOLAY | | STARTERS | TBD | |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| TODAY | VS. PENINSULA | 6:30 PM | HTN | |
| THURSDAY | DH AT WILMINGTON | 5:30 PM | HTN + MIXLR | |
| FRIDAY | VS. TRI-CITY | 6:30 PM | HTN | |



@MHCMARLINS

@PENINSULAPILOTS

LEAGUE RECORD

15-4

OVERALL RECORD

16-4

HOME: 10-1

ROAD: 6-3

EAST STANDINGS

| | | |
|----|---------------|------|
| 1. | MOREHEAD CITY | 15-4 |
| 2. | WILMINGTON | 14-6 |
| 3. | GREENVILLE | 12-8 |
| 4. | TRI-CITY | 9-9 |
| 5. | HOLLY SPRINGS | 9-12 |
| 6. | PENINSULA | 7-11 |
| 7. | ZEBULON | 5-15 |

WEST STANDINGS

| | | |
|----|------------------|------|
| 1. | ASHEBORO | 12-6 |
| 2. | HP-THOMASVILLE | 11-7 |
| 3. | BOONE | 11-8 |
| 4. | FOREST CITY | 12-9 |
| 5. | LEXINGTON COUNTY | 8-9 |
| 6. | MACON | 8-11 |
| 7. | FLORENCE | 6-13 |
| 8. | MARTINSVILLE | 5-16 |

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

Bryce Nicolay will make his third start of the season tonight against the Pilots. Nicolay's last outing on June 15th against the Devil Dogz saw him go for two innings, with two hits, no runs, and one strikeout. The redshirt sophomore was extremely effective in his debut against the Valor, with four innings, three hits, no runs, and five strikeouts as well.

SHARKS SNAP WIN STREAK

Morehead City's 10-game winning streak was spoiled by the Sharks last night, taking it 11-3 in Big Rock. Morehead City grabbed an early lead in the 1st, but the Sharks quickly rebounded to take a 4-1 lead. Both sides went back-and-forth in the 5th, but Wilmington continued to slowly add insurance runs, with three each in the 6th and 9th.

DILLON'S HOT STREAK

Ethan Dillon has been crushing it at the plate, now hitting .318 on the season. He has multiple hits in all of the last three games, including a perfect 4-4 day against Peninsula on Monday. On top of his pure hitting, Dillon's four runs and two RBIs over that stretch has helped keep the Marlins moving on the scoreboard.

MONDAY IN PENINSULA

The Marlins lost their second straight game in Peninsula on Monday, falling 10-2. Morehead City was unable to string together hits, leaving six runners stranded. Sloppy play in the field further hurt the Marlins, with three errors. Only four of the Pilots' 10 runs were earned, with one credited to Spencer Cipro and three to Drew Wedgeworth. Ethan Dillon continued his hot streak at the plate going 4-4, making up half of their eight hits for the evening.

| | MATCHING UP | |
|-------|-------------|-------|
| 19 | GP | 18 |
| .307 | BA | .242 |
| .434 | OBP | .358 |
| .467 | SLG | .376 |
| .901 | OPS | .733 |
| 182 | H | 146 |
| 39 | 2B | 31 |
| 10 | 3B | 4 |
| 12 | HR | 14 |
| 131 | RBI | 89 |
| 109 | BB | 81 |
| 164 | K | 170 |
| 37/50 | SB/ATT | 53/64 |
| 3.04 | ERA | 5.82 |

*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 | Braxton Thomas | 1B | 6-2 | 225 | L/L | JR | Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo | Patterson, CA |
| 5 | Peyton Watts | IF | 6-0 | 180 | L/R | JR | Georgia Gwinnett College | Oxford, AL |
| 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 CODDINGTON | | 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 SPRINGS | 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 | W | 15-1 | MHC-REID BERTRAM | PEN-JACE KIRBY | | 15-2 | 2:38 | 840 |
| 18 | JUNE 20 / 6:30pm | @ GREENVILLE | W | 16-0 | MHC-AIDAN NEWTON | GVL-NOLAN FEIDT | | 16-2 | 2:39 | 518 |
| 19 | JUNE 21 / 6:30pm | WILMINGTON | L | 11-3 | ILM-DEREK LANGFELDER | MHC-MATT HUBBARD | | 16-3 | 3:24 | 567 |
| 20 | JUNE 22 / 7:00pm | @ PENINSULA | L | 10-2 | PEN-BRIAN EREU | MHC-DREW WEDGEWORTH | | 16-4 | 2:37 | 1,050 |
| 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 GAME | | | | | | | | |
| EXH | JULY 8 / 6:30pm | VA BEACH | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | JULY 9 / 6:30pm | WILMINGTON | | | | | | | | |
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| 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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