



# 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. 6 / JUNE 4, 2026 / 7:00 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

4-0

AT

FLORENCE FLAMINGOS

0-3

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 139-101 Record)  
THIS SEASON VS. FLORENCE: 1-0  
STREAK: W4

HEAD COACH: ELI BRUM (Y1 / 0-3 Record)  
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 0-1  
STREAK: L3

### FLORENCE, SC | CAROLINA BANK FIELD

| RHP DREW BOWLES |                | STARTERS | TBD     |             |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|---------|-------------|
| TODAY           | AT FLORENCE    |          | 7:00 PM | HTN + MIXLR |
| FRIDAY          | VS. WILMINGTON |          | 6:30 PM | HTN         |
| SATURDAY        | VS. VA BEACH   |          | 6:30 PM | HTN         |



@MHC MARLINS

@FLOFLAMINGOS

OVERALL RECORD

4-0

CPL RECORD

4-0

HOME: 1-0

ROAD: 3-0

### EAST STANDINGS

|     |               |     |
|-----|---------------|-----|
| T1. | MOREHEAD CITY | 4-0 |
| 2.  | GREENVILLE    | 3-1 |
| 3.  | WILMINGTON    | 3-2 |
| T4. | HOLLY SPRINGS | 2-3 |
| T4. | TRI-CITY      | 2-3 |
| 6.  | ZEBULON       | 1-3 |
| 7.  | PENINSULA     | 1-4 |

### WEST STANDINGS

|     |                  |     |
|-----|------------------|-----|
| 1.  | ASHEBORO         | 4-0 |
| 2.  | LEXINGTON COUNTY | 3-1 |
| T3. | HP-THOMASVILLE   | 3-2 |
| T3. | FOREST CITY      | 3-2 |
| 5.  | BOONE            | 2-3 |
| T6. | MACON            | 2-4 |
| T6. | MARTINSVILLE     | 2-4 |
| 8.  | FLORENCE         | 0-3 |

### 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

Righty Drew Bowles will get the ball in the Marlins' second matchup with Florence. Bowles, out of Transylvania University, had a 2.21 ERA across 85.1 innings, earning a 9-2 record on the road to three complete games. Bowles had an incredible 15 strikeout game against Hanover this year, and will look to stay hot against a Florence team among the bottom four in team batting average at just .191 for the year.

#### THE MERCIFUL MARLINS

In just four games, the Marlins have won by run rule three times to start the year. Morehead City's production has been nothing short of incredible, earning a +37 run differential. Across the four completed games, Morehead City has amassed 47 total runs, trimming six innings off the schedule. The lone full game was a 7-0 shutout in Peninsula, and the Marlins also had a good jump over the Sharks before weather postponed the remainder of the game.

#### LAST MEETING WITH FLORENCE

Morehead City hosted Florence for its home opener last week, starting the season in Big Rock on a high note. The Marlins won 13-3 to improve to 2-0 on the season. Lefty Kris Alcorn had a tough opening frame allowing three runs, eventually being replaced by RHP Kanye Braxton in the third, who dominated for two innings before losing control, allowing the Marlins to plate a staggering eight runs in the fifth.

#### ROCKY START FOR THE FLAMINGOS

Florence has struggled to start the year, still searching for their first win of the 2026 season. The Flamingos bats and arms have both struggled and are among the bottom of the league in both categories, the fourth-worst by team batting average (.191) and the worst by team ERA (9.75). This can be partly attributed to Florence's difficult schedule to start the year, playing Forest City, Lexington County, and Morehead City in their three losses.



### MATCHING UP



|       |        |      |
|-------|--------|------|
| 4     | GP     | 3    |
| .296  | BA     | .191 |
| .488  | OBP    | .298 |
| .452  | SLG    | .258 |
| .940  | OPS    | .557 |
| 34    | H      | 17   |
| 9     | 2B     | 3    |
| 0     | 3B     | 0    |
| 3     | HR     | 1    |
| 39    | RBI    | 8    |
| 36    | BB     | 9    |
| 35    | K      | 32   |
| 10/14 | SB/ATT | 2/2  |
| 3.00  | ERA    | 9.75 |

### 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     |
| 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     |
| 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    | 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      |           |       |                   |                      |      |        |      |       |
| 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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