



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

EXHIBITION 1 / JUNE 6, 2026 / 6:30 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

5-1

VS

VIRGINIA BEACH VALOR

2-3

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 140-102 Record)
THIS SEASON VS. VA BEACH: 0-0
STREAK: W1

THIS SEASON VS. CPL: 0-3
STREAK: W1

MOREHEAD CITY, NC | BIG ROCK STADIUM

RHP BRYCE NICOLAY		STARTERS		TBD	
TODAY	VS. VA BEACH	6:30 PM	HTN		
SUNDAY	AT TRI-CITY	5:30 PM	HTN + MIXLR		
MONDAY	VS. ZEBULON	6:30 PM	HTN		



@MHCMARLINS

@VBVALOR

OVERALL RECORD

5-1

CPL RECORD

5-1

HOME: 2-0

ROAD: 3-1

EAST STANDINGS

1.	MOREHEAD CITY	5-1
2.	GREENVILLE	4-2
3.	WILMINGTON	4-3
T4.	HOLLY SPRINGS	3-4
T4.	TRI-CITY	3-4
6.	PENINSULA	2-5
7.	ZEBULON	1-5

WEST STANDINGS

1.	ASHEBORO	6-0
T2.	LEXINGTON COUNTY	3-2
T2.	FOREST CITY	4-3
T4.	BOONE	3-3
T4.	HP-THOMASVILLE	3-3
6.	MACON	3-4
7.	MARTINSVILLE	3-5
8.	FLORENCE	1-4

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 is expected to start on the mound for the Marlins in their first game against the Valor. The righty from the University of Missouri-St. Louis threw for 64.1 innings this spring, registering a 7.55 ERA in 13 appearances, 12 of which were starts. The 6'2" redshirt-sophomore from Oakville, Missouri will look to keep Morehead City's hot start firing on all cylinders.

MARLINS BOUNCE BACK WITH CALABRETTI

Last night Morehead City came back to beat the Sharks with a three-run eighth inning to take the game 3-1. The Marlins struggled to piece hits together early, but closed out the game with clutch performances from the heart of the order highlighted by Joey Calabretti's triple to plate two runs. Dominant pitching from the likes of Kory Williams, Matt Hubbard, and Matthew Heard helped to seal the deal, allowing just six hits on the evening.

SCOUTING VIRGINIA BEACH

The Virginia Beach Valor are an independent summer ball team based out of Virginia Beach playing other teams from the CPL and other similar leagues. This season the Valor are 0-3 against CPL opponents, all coming against the Zebulon Devil Dogz. Virginia Beach kept games one and two close however, falling by just one and three runs respectively.

MOREHEAD CITY'S PROMINENT PITCHING

Marlins arms have been spectacular to start the year with a league-best 2.30 ERA. In 47 innings, the Marlins have allowed just 12 runs, with only one per game in the last two. Morehead City also has a league-best WHIP at 0.98, the only team below 1.00. Eight Marlins pitchers have a 0.00 ERA, giving up just 3.26 walks per nine innings of play.



MATCHING UP



6	GP	3
.267	BA	.153
.433	OBP	.296
.409	SLG	.169
.842	OPS	.465
47	H	9
12	2B	1
2	3B	0
3	HR	0
42	RBI	2
40	BB	8
61	K	19
13/17	SB/ATT	4/5
2.30	ERA	7.31

*stats vs. CPL opponents

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
34	John Gray	RHP	6-5	210	R/R	R-JR	Wofford College	Wilmington, DE
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	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								
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								



2018 & 2019 PETITT CUP CHAMPIONS

