



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. 33 / JULY 12, 2026 / 5:45 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

25-7

VS

TRI-CITY CHILI PEPPERS

16-15

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 161-108 Record)
THIS SEASON VS. TRI-CITY: 2-1
STREAK: W5

HEAD COACH: JAMES BIERLEIN
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 1-2
STREAK: W1



@MHCMARLINS

COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA SHEPHERD STADIUM				
RHP JAMES BROCK		STARTERS	TBD	
TODAY	AT TRI-CITY	5:45 PM	HTN + MIXLR	
MONDAY	VS. ZEBULON	6:30 PM	HTN	
WEDNESDAY	VS. GREENVILLE	6:30 PM	HTN	



@TCCHILIPPEPERS

LEAGUE RECORD

25-7

OVERALL RECORD

27-7

HOME: 16-2

ROAD: 11-5

EAST STANDINGS

1.	MOREHEAD CITY	25-7
2.	WILMINGTON	22-9
3.	TRI-CITY	16-15
4.	HOLLY SPRINGS	16-16
5.	GREENVILLE	15-18
6.	PENINSULA	13-18
7.	ZEBULON	8-24

WEST STANDINGS

1.	ASHEBORO	20-10
2.	HP-THOMASVILLE	18-13
3.	BOONE	18-15
4.	FOREST CITY	17-15
5.	MACON	17-16
6.	LEXINGTON COUNTY	14-16
7.	FLORENCE	10-22
8.	MARTINSVILLE	8-23



MATCHING
UP



32	GP	32
.306	BA	.266
.433	OBP	.378
.480	SLG	.412
.913	OPS	.790
312	H	270
59	2B	33
10	3B	1
33	HR	38
230	RBI	156
194	BB	156
273	K	271
80/98	SB/ATT	64/79
3.61	ERA	5.04

*stats vs. CPL teams

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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.

'WE'RE EXCITED TO CONTINUE CALLING MOREHEAD CITY HOME'

The Marlins and the town of Morehead City signed an agreement yesterday to keep the team at home in Big Rock for the next two seasons! Summer baseball is here to stay in Carteret County. The Marlins are thrilled to be back for many more seasons of great college baseball here in Carteret County and look forward to continuing to invest in the surrounding community through unforgettable memories at Big Rock Stadium.

CLOSING IN ON THE PLAYOFFS

With a 25-7 record, the Marlins are just a few wins away from locking in a playoff spot in mid-July. As it stands, Morehead City needs any combination of 8 wins or losses by the Salamanders in fourth place to secure their spot in the race for the Pettitt Cup. Tonight could be a major factor if the Marlins can come up victorious again.

MAKING HISTORY...AGAIN

The Marlins list of single-season Coastal Plain League records continues to grow. Their 10 All-Star selections and 11 total mercy wins are both record-breaking numbers. With the 15-3 mercy win over Holly Springs last night, Morehead City broke another record with three consecutive run-rule wins, an active streak that they carry into tonight's game with Tri-City, who they previously beat 13-2 in seven innings on June 11th.

HOME RUNS GALORE

The Marlins defeated the Salamanders last night 15-3 in run-rule fashion once again with five home runs. Jakob Haynes earned the CPL Hitter of the Night honors with three home runs, eight RBIs, and one walk to lead the team. Ethan Dillon also hit a grand slam and Braxton Thomas hit his first home run of the season too. Aidan Newton shoved seven strikeouts in his five innings of work, with Sage Ferguson finishing out the night with two innings and five Ks.



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
4	Ronnie Rowley	IF/OF	6-1	210	S/R	JR	MidAmerica Nazarene University	Bemen, OH
5	Peyton Watts	IF	6-0	180	L/R	JR	Georgia Gwinnett College	Oxford, AL
6	Joey Calabretti	RHP/OF	6-2	200	R/R	JR	La Salle University	Perkasie, PA
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	Zach Greenberg	C	5-10	185	R/R	R-JR	Winthrop University	Horsham, PA
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
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	Murray State University	Oakville, MO
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
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	Connor Brady	RHP	6-3	205	R/R	R-JR	Texas A&M-Textarkana	Van Buren, AR
30	Brandon Carter	RHP	6-0	225	R/R	R-SR	Louisiana Christian University	Downsville, LA
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
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 #38 JO-vin
PC toad-en-how-zen
#1 pa-ra-chee
#13 sip-row
#18 deh-L00-zee-OH
#21 nick-o-lay



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
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	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	W	5-4	MHC-BRANDON CARTER	PEN-OLVIS GENAO		17-4	3:00	657
4	JUNE 25 / 5:30pm (POST)	@ WILMINGTON	W	9-6	MHC-JAMES BROCK	WLM-OTHO SAVAGE	SAGE FERGUSON	18-4	2:31	1,015
22	JUNE 25 / 7:05pm	@ WILMINGTON	L	7-3	WLM-LOGAN VOELZ	MHC-REID BERTRAM		18-5	2:27	1,015
23	JUNE 26 / 6:30pm	TRI-CITY	W	9-5	MHC-MATT HUBBARD	TRI-CAL TRAVERS		19-5	3:12	890
24	JUNE 27 / 6:30pm	@ FOREST CITY	W	14-10	MHC-DREW WEDGEWORTH	FOR-DJ MCDOWELL	MATTHEW HEARD	20-5	3:30	348
25	JUNE 28 / 6:30pm	@ ASHEBORO	W	10-7	MHC-RYAN JACKSON	ASH-BEN SHEPHERD		21-5	3:45	250
26	JULY 1 / 6:30pm	FOREST CITY	L	6-1	FOR-CORBEN CHILDERS	MHC-BRYCE NICOLAY		21-6	3:00	690
27	JULY 2 / 7:05pm	@ WILMINGTON	L	10-3	WLM-RYAN FUREY	MHC-DREW WEDGEWORTH		21-7	3:00	1,812
28	JULY 3 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON	W	15-3	MHC-MATT HUBBARD	ZEB-GARRETT SAWYER		22-7	2:40	900
29	JULY 5 / 5:05pm	@ HOLLY SPRINGS	W	10-6	MHC-RYAN JACKSON	HSP-ANDREW EDRINGTON		23-7	3:44	508
ASG	JULY 6-7	CPL ALL-STAR GAME	L	12-8	WEST-RYLAND BOZENHARD	EAST-RYAN FUREY			3:09	891
EXH	JULY 8 / 6:30pm	VA BEACH	W	6-1	MHC-CONNOR BRADY	VLR-WALT CLEVINGER		24-7	2:25	437
30	JULY 9 / 6:30pm	WILMINGTON	W	12-2	MHC-MATT HUBBARD	WLM-RYAN FUREY		25-7	3:15	699
31	JULY 10 / 6:30pm	ZEBULON	W	11-0	MHC-KORY WILLIAMS	ZEB-BRADY STRAWMYER		26-7	2:00	745
32	JULY 11 / 6:30pm	@ HOLLY SPRINGS	W	15-3	MHC-AIDAN NEWTON	HSP-RALPH GARIANO		27-7	2:36	483
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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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