



# 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. 35 / JULY 15, 2026 / 6:30 PM

MOREHEAD CITY MARLINS

25-7

VS

GREENVILLE YARD GNOMES

15-19

HEAD COACH: SAM CAREL (Y6 / 161-108 Record)  
THIS SEASON VS. GREENVILLE: 2-0  
STREAK: W5

HEAD COACH: JACK SCHAFER  
THIS SEASON VS. MOREHEAD CITY: 0-2  
STREAK: L4



@MHCMARLINS

| MOREHEAD CITY, NC   BIG ROCK STADIUM |                |          |             |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|--|
| RHP JAMES BROCK                      |                | STARTERS | TBD         |  |
| TODAY                                | VS. GREENVILLE | 6:30 PM  | HTN         |  |
| THURSDAY                             | AT GREENVILLE  | 6:30 PM  | HTN + MIXLR |  |
| FRIDAY                               | VS. PENINSULA  | 6:30 PM  | HTN         |  |



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LEAGUE RECORD

25-7

OVERALL RECORD

27-7

HOME: 16-2

ROAD: 11-5

### EAST STANDINGS

|    |               |       |
|----|---------------|-------|
| 1. | MOREHEAD CITY | 25-7  |
| 2. | WILMINGTON    | 23-9  |
| 3. | TRI-CITY      | 16-16 |
| 4. | HOLLY SPRINGS | 16-17 |
| 5. | PENINSULA     | 15-18 |
| 6. | GREENVILLE    | 15-19 |
| 7. | ZEBULON       | 8-24  |

### WEST STANDINGS

|    |                  |       |
|----|------------------|-------|
| 1. | ASHEBORO         | 20-11 |
| 2. | HP-THOMASVILLE   | 18-13 |
| 3. | BOONE            | 19-16 |
| 4. | FOREST CITY      | 17-15 |
| 4. | MACON            | 18-16 |
| 6. | LEXINGTON COUNTY | 15-16 |
| 7. | FLORENCE         | 10-23 |
| 8. | MARTINSVILLE     | 9-24  |



MATCHING  
UP



|       |        |         |
|-------|--------|---------|
| 32    | GP     | 34      |
| .306  | BA     | .250    |
| .433  | OBP    | .396    |
| .480  | SLG    | .388    |
| .913  | OPS    | .784    |
| 312   | H      | 267     |
| 59    | 2B     | 48      |
| 10    | 3B     | 0       |
| 33    | HR     | 33      |
| 230   | RBI    | 188     |
| 194   | BB     | 197     |
| 273   | K      | 289     |
| 80/98 | SB/ATT | 149/175 |
| 3.62  | ERA    | 7.97    |

\*stats vs. CPL teams

### 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.

#### '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 7 wins or losses by the Salamanders in fourth place to secure their spot in the race for the Petitt 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.

### 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       |
| 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      |
| 14 | Gavin Zoeller   | LHP    | 5'11 | 175 | L/L | JR     | Lincoln Memorial University       | Suwanee, GA         |
| 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        |
| 22 | Joey Hiller     | RHP    | 5'11 | 190 | R/R | FR     | Quinnipiac University             | Center Moriches, 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          |
| 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-Texarkana               | 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      |
| 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: LUMBERTON, 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   |
| 33   | JULY 12 / 5:45pm        | @ TRI-CITY        | POSTPONED TO 7/26<br>POSTPONED TO FUTURE DATE |       |                       |                      |               |        |      |       |
| 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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