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BASEBALL INFORMATION

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**MIAMI MARLINS (6-3-1)**  
(LHP Dillon Peters; 0-0, 3.86)  
at  
**HOUSTON ASTROS (7-3-1)**  
(LHP Dallas Keuchel; 0-0, ---)



**FITTEAM BALLPARK OF THE PALM BEACHES, WEST PALM BEACH, FL**  
Monday, March 5, 2018 – 1:05 p.m.  
Broadcasts: WINZ 940 AM (English)

**TODAY'S GAME:** The Marlins will make the short trip south to West Palm Beach to take on the Astros today. It is the second of six meetings this Spring between the Clubs; Miami was an 11-0 winner on February 26 in Jupiter.

**TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER:** Left-hander **Dillon Peters** will make his third appearance (second start) of the Spring today. His other start came in Miami's Grapefruit League opener on February 23 vs. St. Louis (2.0 ip, 3 h, 3 so). Two pitchers who had solid outings on February 28 vs. Washington are slated to follow Peters. First will be right-hander **Odrisamer Despaigne**, who started that game and struck out four over 3.0 perfect innings. Righty **Elieser Hernandez** is scheduled third out of the 'pen; he followed Despaigne last week and allowed just one hit over 3.0 scoreless innings, with two strikeouts.

**BAD TIMING:** The Marlins put up eight hits but were 1x7 with runners in scoring position in a 5-2 loss to the Braves in Kissimmee. **Bryan Holaday** hit a solo home run in the seventh to get Miami on the board and cut its deficit in half at 2-1. But three runs in the bottom of the frame for Atlanta put it out of reach. Consecutive two-out singles by **Peter Mooney**, **Corey Bird**, and **Isan Diaz** drove in another run in the eighth. **Dan Straily** started and tossed 3.0 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and striking out one. **Adam Conley** also threw 3.0 innings, allowing two runs on six hits and a walk.

**CURRENT ROSTER:** Miami has 66 players currently in Major League camp, including the full 40-man roster and 26 non-roster invitees. There are 36 pitchers in camp: 24 from the 40-man roster, and 12 NRIs. There are 28 right-handed pitchers (16 40-man and 12 NRIs) and eight left-handed pitchers, all on the 40-man. The Club is also carrying seven catchers (three NRIs), 14 infielders (seven NRIs), and nine outfielders (four NRIs).

**STOCKING THE FISH FARM:** The Marlins entered Spring Training with 28 players in Major League camp who were not in the organization at the end of last season, including 10 players on the 40-man roster. Each day, a new face in the franchise will be spotlighted. Today's player is second baseman **Starlin Castro**, who was 1x2 and reached on an error in yesterday's 5-2 loss against the Braves in Kissimmee. Castro was acquired by Miami from the Yankees in the Giancarlo Stanton trade in December. He is a four-time All-Star, including a selection to the American League squad last season (did not play due to injury). Despite appearing in just 112 games due to two hamstring injuries in 2017, Castro posted 16 home runs, the second-most in a season in his career. The most came in 2016, when he hit 21 in his first year with the Yankees. Over the last two seasons, he has combined to hit .283 with 37 home runs and 133 RBI.

**ROSTER ODDS AND ENDS:** The oldest player in Major League camp for Miami is reliever **Brad Ziegler** (38, born 10/10/1979)... the youngest is right-handed starter **Nick Neider** (21, born 11/20/1996)...there are six players in camp listed at or over 6-feet, 5-inches in height last season, led by **Tayron Guerrero** at 6-foot-7 and followed by **James Needy** (6-6), **Garrett Cooper** (6-6), **Jacob Turner** (6-6), **Lewis Brinson** (6-5), and **Ben Meyer** (6-5)... the shortest player in camp is **Peter Mooney** (5-6)... there are four Florida natives in camp (Brinson, **Brian Ellington**, **Justin Nicolino**, and Mooney)... there are 24 players who hail from outside the United States, the most coming from the Dominican Republic (9)... Twelve players currently in camp were drafted by the Marlins, 27 were free agent signings, 22 were acquired via trade, two via waivers, and three in the Rule 5 Draft.

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS:** The Marlins are celebrating their 25th Anniversary throughout the 2018 Championship Season. The main feature of the slate of events will be the 25th Anniversary Weekend Celebration from June 8-10, when Miami plays San Diego at Marlins Park. The team will wear commemorative throwback teal pinstripe uniforms for all three games. The weekend will also feature an exclusive 25th Anniversary bobblehead gift for Season Ticket Members. Marlins Park will also turn back the clock on pricing that weekend, with \$4 Vista Level tickets for all three games – the same price as an adult general admission ticket for Opening Day in 1993. Additional details, including alumni appearances and a fan generated art project to be commissioned at Marlins Park, will be announced at a later date. The team will also recognize moments from the inaugural 1993 season during each 2018 home game.

**A NEW DAY:** The Miami Marlins organization enters 2018 under new ownership, led by Chairman & Principal Owner **Bruce Sherman** and Chief Executive Officer & Owner **Derek Jeter**. The ownership group, the fourth in Club history, took control of the organization on October 2 after receiving unanimous approval from Major League Owners to acquire the team. The group's first major Baseball Operations hire was **Gary Denbo**, who was named Vice President of Scouting & Player Development. Denbo has worked to greatly expand the Marlins' scouting and analytics departments, making several new hires. Denbo has also moved much of Miami's Baseball Operations to Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium, spearheading a major technological upgrade to the Marlins' office here in Jupiter. On the business side, **Chip Bowers** was named President of Business Operations on February 12. Bowers comes to Miami from the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors, where in his five years as Chief Marketing Officer the organization was named Sports Team of the Year by *SportsBusiness Journal* twice (2014 and 2016).

**EXPANDING PIPELINE:** Miami's *MLB.com* top 30 prospect list has been drastically reshaped in the last seven months, as the list now includes 13 players acquired in that time. Twelve of the 30 are in camp with the Marlins this spring, led by the top three: **Lewis Brinson\*** (acquired in Christian Yelich trade with Milwaukee), **Monte Harrison\*** (Milwaukee), and **Sandy Alcantara\*** (acquired in Marcell Ozuna trade with St. Louis). Other offseason acquisitions to make it into the top 30 are **Jorge Guzman** (acquired in Giancarlo Stanton trade with Yankees), **Magneuris Sierra\*** (#7; from St. Louis), **Isan Diaz\*** (#9; from Milwaukee), **Nick Neider\*** (#10; from Seattle), **Merandy Gonzalez\*** (#13; from Mets), **Brayan Hernández** (#15; from Seattle), **Christopher Torres** (#17; from Seattle), **Zac Gallen\*** (#18; from St. Louis), **Brandon Miller** (#28; from Seattle), and **Pablo López\*** (#30; from Seattle). (\*MLB camp)

**YOUR RADIO HOME FOR MARLINS' BASEBALL:** Once again in 2018 the Marlins home on the radio dial will be WINZ 940 AM, which will broadcast all 162 games in the regular season and 15 Spring Training contests. In addition, all 162 regular season and 15 Spring Training games can be heard on 940's partner station, 94.9 HD2 in 2018. Hall of Fame broadcaster Dave Van Horn and Glenn Geffner will return to the broadcast booth for their 11th season together. For all Spanish listeners, Yiky Quintana will call all 162 regular season games on WAQI 710 AM with José Luis Nápoles joining him for home contests. In addition to select games on the Marlins Radio Network, fans will also have the opportunity to listen to 16 games exclusively on *MLB.com*.

**FOX SPORTS FLORIDA BROADCAST INFORMATION:** All 162 Marlins' games will be shown on TV in 2018, including 158 on FOX Sports Florida, all of which will be available in HD. The campaign kicks off at Marlins Park against the Cubs on March 29th at 12:40 p.m., when the Marlins will throw the very first pitch of Major League Baseball's 2018 Championship Season. It will mark the debut of new FOX Sports Florida play-by-play announcer Paul Severino, who moves into the Marlins' booth after seven seasons as a play-by-play announcer and studio host for MLB Network. He will call all the action alongside former Marlins' outfielder Todd Hollandsworth; they will be joined throughout the season by Craig Minervini and Jessica Blaylock. All home games produced on FOX Sports Florida will be broadcast with SAP.

**TODAY'S PITCHING LINEUP**

LHP Dillon Peters  
RHP Odrisamer Despaigne  
RHP Elieser Hernandez  
RHP Trevor Richards  
RHP Tayron Guerrero  
RHP Javy Guerra  
LHP Chris O'Grady  
RHP Ben Meyer

**TOMORROW'S MEDIA SCHEDULE**

MANAGER AVAILABILITY 9:30  
CLUBHOUSE OPEN AFTER WORKOUT-12:00  
CARDINALS VS. MARLINS 1:05  
CLUBHOUSE REOPENS AS STARTERS EXIT GAME

**UPCOMING STARTERS**

DATE	TIME (ET)	OPPONENT	MARLINS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER	BROADCASTS
Tuesday, March 6	1:05 p.m.	vs. St. Louis	RHP Brett Graves (1-0, 1.80)	-	WINZ
Wednesday, March 7	1:05 p.m.	at Houston	LHP Justin Nicolino (0-0, 0.00)	RHP Gerrit Cole (1-0, 1.80)	MLB.com audio

