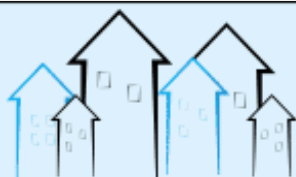


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The Dogs of days gone by

Where are Portland's former Eastern League All-Stars now?

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In 2003, the first season that the Portland Sea Dogs were affiliated with the Boston Red Sox, the Eastern League re-introduced its All-Star Game. (The previous 12 years featured a combined Double-A game, along with the Southern and Texas leagues.) Here's a list of Sea Dogs named Eastern League All-Stars since 2003, and how their careers developed:

2003

**Jorge De La Rosa**, 34, was traded to Arizona in

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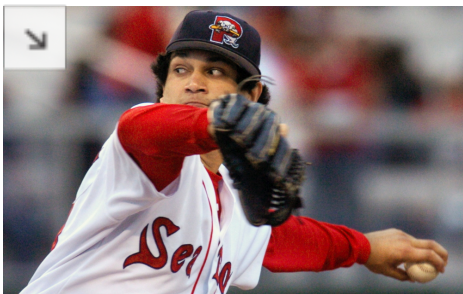
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Kelly Shoppach had two stints with the Red Sox, and also caught for the Rays, Mets and Indians over the course of nine seasons. 2003 staff file photo



Brandon Moss has played first base for the Red Sox, Pirates, Athletics and Indians, and made the Eastern League All-Star team in 2005. 2006 staff file photo



Abe Alvarez was a Double A Pitcher of the Year in 2004, but an 11.32 ERA in three seasons in Boston meant a short MLB career. 2004 staff file photo

November 2003 in the package deal for Curt Schilling. His 12-year major league career began in 2004 with Milwaukee; he's pitched the last eight seasons for Colorado.

Jeremy Owens, 38, reached Triple-A in 2004. He moved to the Rays system, in Triple-A, before settling in independent ball as a player-coach. He is now the hitting coach for the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs.

Kelly Shoppach, 35, reached the majors briefly with Boston in 2005, and was then traded to Cleveland in 2006 in the Coco Crisp deal. He played for six organizations, including Boston again in 2012. He last played in 2013 for the Indians.

Josh Stevens, 36, moved up to Pawtucket in 2004. From there he went to independent ball, finishing with the Lancaster Barnstormers in 2007. He is now a truck driver in California.

Kevin Youkilis, 36, reached the majors the next year and was on Boston's 2004 World Series roster (as well as 2007). He was traded to the White Sox in 2012, and had an injury-plagued 2013 with the Yankees. He played 21 games in Japan in 2014 before retiring, and is now a consultant for the

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Junichi Tazawa was a Boston latecomer, arriving in 2009, getting a World Series ring four years later and still toiling in the bullpen. 2009 staff file photo



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Cubs.

2004

Abe Alvarez, 32, started one game in Boston in 2004 – and earned a World Series ring. He made only three relief appearances over the following two seasons and was released in May 2008. He finished the season in independent ball and pitched in Italy in 2009. He is now a high school head coach in California.

Jeff Bailey, 36, first played for the Marlins-

affiliated Sea Dogs in 2001. He later signed with Red Sox, and played 56 games in the majors from 2007-09. He played his last year in 2011 in Triple-A for the Twins.

Kenny Perez, 33, also played in the 2005 EL All-Star Game. He was traded in July 2005 to Arizona. He also played in the White Sox and Rockies systems in an 11-year career, never reaching the majors.

Brett Roneberg, 36, was with the Marlins-affiliated Sea Dogs in 2001. He played with three other organizations in the minors, including Boston's. He played for silver-medalist Australia in the Athens Olympics. He last played with the Altoona Curve in 2006 (All-Star Game MVP) and 2007, and is now a manager for a construction/demolition company in Australia.

2005

Chris Durbin, 33, played four years of pro ball, the last two with the Sea Dogs. He abruptly retired in the spring of 2007 to be with his family. They reside in

Grand Prairie, Texas, where he is a policeman.

Jon Lester, 31, helped pitch the Red Sox to World Series titles in 2007 and 2013. Traded at the deadline in 2014 to the A's, he signed last winter as free agent with the Cubs.

Brandon Moss, 31, reached the majors in 2007, earning a World Series ring, and was traded to the Pirates in 2008 in the Jason Bay deal. He has played for the Pirates, Phillies, A's and now the Indians.

Jonathan Papelbon, 34, was promoted to Pawtucket before the 2005 All-Star Game and reached the majors later that year. He closed out the deciding game of the 2007 World Series for Boston. He left for free agency and the Phillies in 2012.

Hanley Ramirez, 31, was traded after the 2005 season to the Marlins in the Josh Beckett/Mike Lowell deal. He played for the Marlins and Dodgers before re-signing with the Red Sox as a free agent last winter.

2006

Tyler Minges, 35, ended a nine-year minor league career in 2006 with Portland and Pawtucket. He is now a real estate agent in Ohio.

Chris Smith, 34, reached Boston in 2008 for 12 games in relief, then appeared in 38 games with the Brewers in 2009-10. He has bounced around and is currently in Triple-A with the Padres.

Chad Spann, 31, reached Pawtucket in 2007 but was released in July 2008. He ended an eight-year minor league career in 2009 in Triple-A with the Astros.

Jeremy West, 33, played four years in the Red Sox system, the last two in

Portland. He finished his minor league career in 2007 with the Double-A team of the White Sox.

2007

Clay Buchholz, 30, reached the majors at the end of 2007, when he pitched a no-hitter and earned the first of two World Series rings (the other in 2013). He is still under contract with Boston.

Jeff Corsaletti, 32, had a six-year minor league career and also was an EL All-Star in 2008. He reached Triple-A and was traded to the Pirates in 2009 in a minor deal. He last played in the Marlins system in 2010, and now owns a yacht service company in Florida.

Jed Lowrie, 31, reached Boston in 2008 and started in the playoffs. He was sent to Houston in the Mark Melancon trade after the 2011 season. After a stint with the A's he now is back with Houston.

Charlie Zink, 35, had his cup of coffee (one start) with the Red Sox in 2008. He finished his pro career in independent ball in 2011, and is a Mercedes Benz sales manager in Sacramento.

2008

Bubba Bell, 32, played six years in the Red Sox system, including all of 2010 in Pawtucket. He also played in the Mets and Indians organizations, finishing in independent ball in 2012.

Michael Bowden, 28, made his major league debut in 2008. He pitched for Boston (39 games) until April 2012, when he was traded to the Cubs for Marlon

Byrd. He pitched two years with the Cubs and is now in Triple-A with the Orioles.

Zach Daeges, 31 had three solid pro seasons but could not stay healthy after 2008. He played only 11 more games, the last two in 2011, and eventually moved on to graduate school at the University of Oregon.

Beau Vaughan, 34, was promoted to Pawtucket after the All-Star game and traded after the season to Texas. He pitched in the A's system in 2010 and has been in independent ball since.

2009

Lars Anderson, 27, played 30 games for Boston from 2010-12, then was traded to Cleveland for pitcher Steven Wright. He has been in the minors since, and is with his fifth organization, in Double-A with the Dodgers.

Jorge Jimenez, 30, played eight years in the minors (reaching Triple-A), the first five with the Red Sox, then the Reds and independent ball. His final season was 2013.

T.J. Large, 32, was in the Red Sox system for five years, reaching Triple-A. He pitched his final season in independent ball in 2011, and became a scout, first for the Red Sox, now with the Pirates.

Junichi Tazawa, 29, reached Boston later in 2009. He won a World Series ring in 2013 and remains in the Red Sox bullpen.

2010

Ray Chang, 31, is in his 11th year of pro ball, in Double-A with the Reds. The Red Sox are one of five organizations he's played for.

Stephen Fife, 28, was an EL All-Star again in 2011. He was traded to the Dodgers in July 2011 in a three-team deal to acquire Eric Bedard, and pitched 18 games (16 starts) for Los Angeles from 2012-14. He underwent Tommy John surgery last August.

Jason Rice, 29, pitched three years in the Red Sox system, reaching Triple-A in 2011. He was traded that year to the A's for Conor Jackson, and then waived. He pitched in 2012 in Triple-A with the Braves. He had Tommy John surgery and was released in 2013.

Nate Spears, 30, reached Boston for seven games in 2011-12. He moved on to the Indians and Phillies minor league systems and is now in independent ball with the Somerset Patriots.

2011

Chih-Hsien Chiang, 27, was traded to the Mariners in July 2011 in the Eric Bedard deal. He has bounced around the minors since, last playing in 2014 in the Orioles organization.

Alex Hassan, 27, was called up for three games with Boston in 2014. He has been waived six times since, by four teams (Boston, Oakland, Baltimore and Texas), and is now in Triple-A with Toronto.

Will Middlebrooks, 26, reached the majors in 2012 and was on the 2013 World Series roster. He was traded after 2014 to the Padres for catcher Ryan Hanigan and plays third base for San Diego.

Alex Wilson, 28, reached Boston in 2013 and pitched in relief in 44 games over two seasons. He was traded last winter to Detroit in the Yoenis Cespedes-Rick

Porcello deal and is now in the Tigers bullpen.

2012

Bryce Brentz, 26, was called up to Boston for nine games last year. He has been plagued by injuries the past two years and is on the disabled list at Triple-A after surgery on his hand.

Chris Hernandez, 26, was promoted to Triple-A a week after the All-Star game and mostly stayed with Pawtucket through 2014. He was released during spring training this year.

Aaron Kurcz, 24, underwent Tommy John surgery later in 2012. He returned to Portland in 2014 and then was traded to the Braves for Anthony Varvaro. He was recently traded to the A's and assigned to Triple-A.

Reynaldo Rodriguez, 29, began in the Yankees system, later signed with the Red Sox and is now in his 10th minor league season, with the Twins' Triple-A affiliate.

2013

Michael Almanzar, 24, was traded last summer to Baltimore in the Jemile Weeks deal and is now in Triple-A with the Orioles.

Drake Britton, 26, reached Boston in 2013 and relieved in 25 games over two seasons. He was waived after the 2014 season and signed by the Cubs, who assigned him to Triple-A.

Will Latimer, 29, pitched his last season in the Red Sox system in 2013. He made a handful of appearances in Pawtucket.

Anthony Ranaudo, 25, reached Boston last season and started seven games. He was traded to Texas for pitcher Robbie Ross and has pitched three games (two starts) for the Rangers.

Matt Spring, 30, is in his 12th minor league season, his fifth with the Red Sox, now catching for Triple-A Pawtucket.

Christian Vazquez, 24, reached Boston last year and caught 55 games. He was slated to be Boston's starting catcher this season, until he underwent Tommy John surgery in the spring.

2014

Sean Coyle, 23, was promoted to Triple-A and added to the 40-man roster before the 2015 season.

Derrik Gibson, 25, reached Pawtucket late last season. He signed as a minor league free agent with Baltimore this year and is in Triple-A.

Brian Johnson, 24, was promoted to Pawtucket for one postseason start last year. He had an extended stay in the major league camp during spring training and remains with the PawSox.

Henry Owens, 22, was promoted to Triple-A last August and is still with Pawtucket.

Noe Ramirez, 25, started the 2015 season in Triple-A and made his major league debut with the Red Sox this month. He has since returned to the Pawtucket bullpen.

Robby Scott, 25, began his second year in Portland in 2015, where he is again an

All-Star. He has made four relief appearances for Pawtucket in three brief call-ups.

Blake Swihart, 23, was promoted to Triple-A last August and made his major-league debut with Boston on May 2. He is currently on the disabled list.

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