

1995 Portland Sea Dogs

**Location:** Portland, ME

Team Record: 86-56 .606

**Result:** 1st in Eastern League - Northern Division

**Affiliate:** Florida Marlins

Manager(s): Carlos Tosca

**Stadium:** Hadlock Field

Attendance: 429,763



## Baysox stifled again by Sea Dogs, 4-1

*By Jim Henneman and Jim Henneman, Sun Staff Writer | April 16, 1995*

BOWIE -- Right-hander Antonio Alfonseca allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings last night as the Portland Sea Dogs beat the Bowie Baysox, 4-1, before 4,845 at Prince George's County Stadium. Alfonseca (1-0) faced only two batters over the minimum as the Sea Dogs (5-1) won their third straight. The Baysox (3-7) lost their second in a row, and sixth in eight home games. Ralph Milliard scored three times and Tim Clark hit his first home run of the season as Portland continued its early mastery over the Baysox.

## Tewksbury To Pitch For Fsl Rangers

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WEST PALM BEACH -- Texas Rangers pitcher Bob Tewksbury will pitch tonight for the Charlotte Rangers against the West Palm Beach Expos in a Florida State League game.

Tewksbury is on a rehabilitation assignment for Charlotte, a Rangers' Class A affiliate. Monday's games -- Triple-A Charlotte: Alex Ochoa hit his ninth home run of the season to lead the Norfolk Tides over the Knights 3-1. Kurt Miller (8-10) took the loss for the Knights. -- Double-A Portland: Bill McMillon and Ralph Milliard each hit home runs and drove in two RBI to lead the Sea Dogs to a 8-2 victory over Binghamton.

## 1995: A dominant regular season

*Portland Press Herald*

The Sea Dogs won their division by seven games, but were unable to advance in the playoffs. It didn't take long before the Sea Dogs became a winning franchise. Second-year Manager Carlos Tosca guided Portland to the best record in the Eastern League (86-56) and its first trip to the playoffs as the team won 26 more games than the previous season. Gone was star catcher Charles Johnson, who had earned a big league job, but his position was filled by Mike Redmond, who finished the year batting .255 with 3 home runs and 39 RBI. Other key contributors included shortstop Edgar Renteria, who batted .289 with 7 home runs, 68 RBI, 30 steals and solid defense. Outfielder Billy

McMillon led the offense (.313, 14 home runs, and 93 RBI) and topped the league in hits with 162. Ralph Milliard (.267, 40 RBI), Pookie Wilson (.273, 44 RBI), and Lou Lucca (.276, 9 home runs, 64 RBI) all contributed both offensively and defensively.

Besides a solid offense, the Sea Dogs pitching staff was well constructed. Jay Powell had a microscopic ERA of 1.87 to go along with his 5-4 record and 24 saves. Bryan Ward posted an impressive 7-3 record with a 4.63 ERA, Will Cunnane was 9-2 with a 3.67 ERA, and Matt Whisenant led the team with 10 wins.

Antonio Alfonseca was also solid on the mound with a 9-3 record and a 3.64 ERA. Then on the final day of the season, Alfonseca blasted an unlikely home run that was still on the rise when it struck the light tower. What was so rare? Because he was a pitcher with six fingers on each hand who was hitless in 15 at-bats (including 8 strikeouts) who hit that homer. By winning the Northern Division, the Sea Dogs earned the right to face New Haven in the first round of the playoffs. Although the Sea Dogs were dominant during the regular season, the playoffs were a different story. Portland lost the best-of-five series in four games. And the fans continued to come out in record numbers, as an average crowd of 6,139 packed Hadlock Field.

## Sea Dogs to Celebrate 1995 Season on Friday, September 3rd

*Seadogs.com*

Portland, Maine- The Portland Sea Dogs will pay tribute to their 1995 season by hosting "1995 Night" at the ballpark on Friday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM against the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Blue Jays). Highlighting the evening will be the return of the Sea Dogs' classic teal uniforms.

As part of the festivities Friday, the Sea Dogs will play music hits from the 1995 season throughout the evening including hits such as "Gangsta's Paradise" by Coolio, "Another Night" by Real McCoy, and "Run-Around" by Blues Traveler. The Sea Dogs Cinemagic Movie trivia will feature a movie from 1995. The Sea Dogs video board will show highlights and memories of the 1995 season.

The 1995 season, year two of the franchise, saw the Sea Dogs reach post-season play for the first time. Led by second year manager Carlos Tosca the team posted a 86-56 record and captured the Eastern League Northern Division title. Portland would be eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by the New Haven Ravens. The team was led by offensive stars Billy McMillon, Ralph Milliard, Mike Redmond & Edgar Renteria. Antonio Alfonseca, Will Cunnane, Reynol Mendoza, Jay Powell, and Matt Whisenant all stood out on the mound. The community continued to fill Hadlock Field as 429,763 fans attended Sea Dogs games in 1995 including 48 sell outs.

From 1994 through 2002 the Portland Sea Dogs were affiliated with the Florida Marlins and team colors were teal and black. On September 18th, 2002 the Sea Dogs ended a nine year affiliation with the Florida Marlins and began an affiliation with the Boston Red Sox. As part of

the change the Sea Dogs changed the team colors to red and blue. Last season when the Sea Dogs hosted "1994 Night" in September, it marked the first time the Sea Dogs had taken the field in teal uniforms since September 1, 2002.



*Website Portland Sea Dogs*

### **100 gang:**

Second baseman Nate Spears became the third player in Portland franchise history to score 100 runs in a season when he touched home plate in the third inning during Sunday's 9-2 win over New Hampshire. Spears joined Ralph Milliard (104, 1995) and Mark Kotsay (103, 1997) to reach the 100-run milestone. In the sixth inning, Spears blasted his 19th home run of the season, a two-run shot. Salem catcher Ryan Lavarney added a milestone of his in the same game, picking up his 100th and 101st RBIs of the season between Salem and Portland.