

Atlanta Braves Finish 20th Season of Spring Training at Disney

With a 2-2 tie against the New York Mets on Wednesday, March 29, the Atlanta Braves wrapped up their 20th season of spring training at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort.

The Braves finished spring training with an 8-22 record. Their 2017 spring season was highlighted by marquee matchups against 2016 playoff teams, including the Blue Jays, American League East champion Boston Red Sox, Baltimore Orioles and the New York Mets.

This season, more than 120,000 fans filled the seats of Champion Stadium for Braves spring training games at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, up from 103,000 fans in 2016.

When the sports complex opened on March 28th, 1997, the first event was a Braves spring training game against the Cincinnati Reds. The Braves would go on to beat the Red, 9-7, in front of a sell-out crowd at Champion Stadium of 10,000.

Disney character appearances and special moments such as kids running the bases after every game are some of the in-game entertainment opportunities that make Braves spring training at Disney a unique experience, which will continue through 2018.

The Braves are now focused on the regular season, which they will play in their new stadium, Sun Trust Park. Atlanta and first-year head coach Brian Snitker are looking to improve on their 5th-place finish in the NL East in 2016, where they posted a 68-93 record.