



# NOTES FROM A DISTANCE

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## FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

### Day 71 Since Major League Baseball's Suspension of Spring Training

#### TAMPA BAY RAYS REGULAR SEASON HISTORY

YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS	YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS	YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS	YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS
2019	96-66	2nd	.593	7.0	Lost in ALDS	2013	92-71	2nd	.564	5.5	Lost in ALDS	2007	66-96	5th	.407	30.0	--	2001	62-100	5th	.383	34.0	--
2018	90-72	3rd	.556	18.0	--	2012	90-72	3rd	.556	5.0	--	2006	61-101	5th	.377	36.0	--	2000	69-92	5th	.429	18.0	--
2017	80-82	3rd	.494	13.0	--	2011	91-71	2nd	.562	6.0	Lost in ALDS	2005	67-94	5th	.416	28.0	--	1999	69-93	5th	.426	29.0	--
2016	68-94	5th	.420	25.0	--	2010	96-66	1st	.593	1.0	Lost in ALDS	2004	70-91	4th	.435	30.5	--	1998	63-99	5th	.414	51.0	--
2015	80-82	4th	.494	13.0	--	2009	84-78	3rd	.519	19.0	--	2003	63-99	5th	.389	38.0	--						
2014	77-85	4th	.475	19.0	--	2008	97-65	1st	.599	2.0	Lost in WS	2002	55-106	5th	.342	48.0	--						

**THAT LOOKS PROMISING**—The Rays will re-open Tropicana Field to players and coaches on Monday for voluntary, limited workouts...those who participate will arrive on a staggered schedule, 2-4 at a time, throughout the day...they will be able to play catch, run and do light weight work, all on the field...the clubhouse, weight room, training room and batting cage will be closed...in addition, many safety protocols will be in place, including for entry/exit, hand-washing and social distancing...these workouts are expected to begin on a Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule.

- + Media will not be permitted at Tropicana Field on Monday, or for the foreseeable future at these workouts...on Monday, the Rays will provide a B-roll video feed of the workouts for local TV stations—email [rayspringtraining@gmail.com](mailto:rayspringtraining@gmail.com) if you're not already subscribed to this service...photos of Monday's workout by team photographer **Will Vragovic** will also be available to media upon request.
- + Monday will be the first time the Rays host a workout since March 17, when a dozen players gathered in Port Charlotte...the next day, the Rays adhered to CDC guidelines and closed the spring facility...the team's last spring training game was March 12 vs. PHI.
- + If and when baseball returns this season, it would mark the latest Opening Day in modern major league history (since 1901).

**MEDICAL MATTERS**—RH **Brent Honeywell Jr.** underwent a decompression procedure on his right ulnar nerve on Wednesday in Los Angeles, performed by **Dr. Neal ElAttrache**...Dr. ElAttrache and **Dr. Steven Shin** removed scar tissue from the area of the nerve...Brent is scheduled to begin strength and mobility exercises on Monday in Port Charlotte.

**CURBSIDE SWAG**—The Rays Republic Team Store is now open for phone and email merchandise orders...orders can be placed by calling (727) 342-5731 or emailing [raysretail@rankandrally.com](mailto:raysretail@rankandrally.com)...orders will be fulfilled using socially distant curbside pickup at Tropicana Field or shipped directly to the buyer...the Rays Republic Team Store also offers customization on the jerseys purchased at the ballpark for an additional charge.

**MEMORIAL DAY**—The Rays are 7-12 all-time on Memorial Day but have won three straight on the holiday: 10-8 in 2017 at Texas, 1-0 (in 13 innings) in 2018 at Oakland and 8-3 last season vs. Toronto...RH **Yonny Chirinos** recorded his sixth win with five no-hit innings while DH **Austin Meadows** hit a 2-run homer in the 8th inning, as part of a 3-for-5, 3-RBI day.

- + Last season, the Rays entered Memorial Day at 31-19, reaching the 50-game mark with the 2nd-best record in club history behind 2010 (34-16)...they were in 2nd in the AL East behind New York (34-18).

**DREAM BRACKET**—Major League Baseball, in conjunction with *Out of the Park Baseball*, is simulating Dream Bracket 2: Dream Seasons...the bracket is a 64-team best-of-seven simulation featuring two all-time teams from each of the 30 current franchises (post-World War II), as well as three Negro Leagues teams and the 1994 Montreal Expos...this afternoon at 4 p.m. at [mlb.com/dreambracket](http://mlb.com/dreambracket), the 2019 Rays face the 1998 Yankees in the first round...yesterday the 2008 Rays won Game 4 over the 2004 Red Sox to avoid being swept, but lost the series in 5 games.

**COMFORTS OF HOME**—FOX Sports Sun continues to air Rays Classics on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 2019 Rewinds on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays...today at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight, FOX Sports Sun will re-air the 4-0 win from the 2013 AL Wild Card Game at Progressive Field...on Monday at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight, FOX Sports Sun will re-air Game 3 of the 2013 ALDS vs. BOS, which ended on **José Lobaton's** walk-off homer...on Wednesday at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight, they will re-air the 6-4 win from July 22, 2018 vs. MIA, when the Rays won on the only walk-off grand slam in franchise history (from **Daniel Robertson**).

- + On Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at noon and midnight, FSS will air the wins from June 27 at MIN (18 innings) and June 29-30 vs. TEX.
- + WDAE 95.3 FM and 620 AM is re-airing Rays wins from last season every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. and every Saturday and Sunday at noon...tonight, tomorrow and Sunday are the games from April 27 at BOS, April 28 at BOS and April 29 at KC.

**CATCH SOME RAYS**—This week's edition of the *This Week in Rays Baseball* podcast, hosted by Rays Radio's **Neil Solondz**, features outfielder **Hunter Renfroe**, FOX Sports Sun broadcaster **Doug Waechter** and infield prospect **Connor Hollis**, who has been working on his master's in addition to working out in preparation for the season...in this week's alumni podcast, Neil catches up with **Grant Balfour**, who ranks 3rd in franchise history with 274 apps over two stints with the club (2007-10, 2014-15).

**ODDS & ENDS**—Since the 2020 season is on hold, the Baseball Reference team is using *Out of the Park Baseball* to simulate the season...through May 21, the Rays are 29-23, including a 13-3 mark in their last 16 games.

- + The Rays Baseball Foundation and Rowdies Soccer Fund is accepting applications for the COVID-19 Relief Grant program through May 31...for more information, visit [raysbaseball.com/teamingup](http://raysbaseball.com/teamingup).
- + Earlier this week, **Ryan Yarbrough** was a special guest at Tampa Bay's Positive Coaching Alliance Triple-Impact Competitor Scholarship award presentation, which honored 25 local student-athletes.

#### THIS WEEK IN RAYS HISTORY

MAY 22, 2018	MAY 23, 1999	MAY 24, 2006	MAY 25, 2005	MAY 26, 1999	MAY 27, 2001	MAY 28, 2017
Willy Adames made his major league debut and homered off Chris Sale, becoming the fifth Ray to homer in his major league debut and the first player, Rays or visitor, to homer at Tropicana Field in his major league debut...the Rays lost to the Red Sox, 4-2.	In his fourth career start, Ryan Rupe made one of the best starts in club history but received no decision and the Rays lost, 4-0, in 10 innings at home to the Angels...he allowed only 1 hit in 9 IP, a bloop single to Darin Erstad leading off the 7th inning.	Carl Crawford went 5-for-5 with 5 runs and 4 SB in the 10-8 win over Toronto...he set a single-game club record for runs and tied the club record for hits...he and Rickey Henderson in 1988 remain the only two players since 1928 with 5 hits and 4 SB in a game.	The Rays set a club record for 1st-inning runs, scoring 10 times in the frame en route to a 14-6 win at home over Oakland...they also set a club record with 6 XBH in a single frame...Carl Crawford tripled and homered in the inning.	Rays lefty Tony Saunders broke the humerus bone in his left arm while throwing a pitch in the 3rd inning of an 8-6 loss to the Rangers at Tropicana Field...he attempted a comeback the following season, but on Aug 24, 2000 broke the arm again while pitching a rehab game.	Gerald Williams singled home Dave Martinez in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Rays a 4-3 walk-off win over the Angels...Esteban Yan earned the victory despite being charged with a blown save in the top of the 9th.	The 6:26 marathon, 8-6, 15-inning win at Minnesota remains the 2nd-longest game by time in Rays history, behind the 6:54 classic on Sep 20, 2013 vs. BAL...Evan Longoria and Logan Morrison hit back-to-back homers in the 15th inning.

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