TAMPA BAY RAYS GAME NOTES

AL CHAMPIONS: 2020, 2008 | **AL EAST CHAMPIONS:** 2021, 2020, 2010, 2008 | **AL WILD CARD:** 2023, 2022, 2019, 2013

TORONTO BLUE JAYS (6-9-1) vs. TAMPA BAY RAYS (4-9-2)

RHP Mitch White (0-0, 4.50) vs. RHP Zach Eflin (0-1, 21.60)

Mon., March 11, 2024 • **First Pitch:** 1:05 p.m. ET • **Location:** Charlotte Sports Park • **Spring Game No./Home Game No.:** 16/9

TV: Bally Sports Sun • **Radio:** MLB.com

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER

PITCHERS (20+14+2)	Service Time
47 Adam, Jason	**3.132**
14 Alexander, Tyler (L)	**4.058**
64 Armstrong, Shawn	**5.113**
11 Baz, Shane	**2.014**
45 Bradley, Taj	**0.114**
34 Civale, Aaron	**4.058**
60 Cleavinger, Garrett (L)	**2.060**
58 Curet, Yoniel	**0.000**
48 Devenski, Chris	**7.020**
24 Eflin, Zach	**7.018**
29 Fairbanks, Pete	**4.057**
49 Kelly, Kevin	**1.000**
52 Littell, Zack	**4.043**
74 Lopez, Jacob (L)	**0.011**
88 Maton, Phil	**6.047**
18 McClanahan, Shane (L)+	**2.158**
44 Pepiot, Ryan	**1.005**
38 Poche, Colin (L)	**4.114**
57 Rasmussen, Drew+	**3.111**
39 Rodríguez, Manuel	**1.031**
59 Springs, Jeffrey (L)	**5.055**
41 White, Colby	**0.000**
85 Brigden, Trevor	0.000
86 Garcia, Carlos	0.000
87 Gomez, Michael	0.000
79 Houston, Zac	0.000
97 Jimenez, Antonio (L)	0.000
65 McKay, Brendan (L)	1.056
89 Mejia, Enmanuel	0.000
61 Ramírez, Erasmo	8.132
78 Record, Joe	0.000
77 Smith, Burch	4.092
90 Sterner, Justin	0.000
63 Uceta, Edwin	1.048
36 Uwasawa, Naoyuki	0.000
67 Waguespack, Jacob	1.105

CATCHERS (1+5)	Service Time
50 Pinto, René	**0.150**
30 Brantly, Rob	2.059
68 Driscoll, Logan	0.000
40 Jackson, Alex	1.167
0 Mejía, Francisco	5.042
93 Meyer, Nick	0.000

INFIELDERS (12+5)	Service Time
62 Aranda, Jonathan	**0.113**
37 Basabe, Osleivis	**0.050**
7 Caballero, José	**0.170**
13 Caminero, Junior	**0.010**
2 Díaz, Yandy	**5.122**
5 Franco, Wander	**2.104**
8 Lowe, Brandon	**5.058**
25 Mead, Curtis	**0.040**
17 Paredes, Isaac	**2.160**
10 Rosario, Amed	**6.062**
54 Shenton, Austin	**0.000**
6 Walls, Taylor	**2.092**
19 Chang, Yu	3.142
94 Hinojosa, C.J.	0.000
83 Murray, Tanner	0.000
70 Simon, Ronny	0.000
80 Williams, Carson	0.000

OUTFIELDERS (7+5)	Service Time
56 Arozarena, Randy	**3.129**
21 DeLuca, Jonny	**0.085**
28 Jones, Greg	**0.000**
15 Lowe, Josh	**1.093**
1 Palacios, Richie	**0.156**
43 Ramírez, Harold	**4.124**
22 Siri, Jose	**2.015**
71 Cardenas, Ruben	0.000
76 Hulsizer, Niko	0.000
72 Mangum, Jake	0.000
73 Misner, Kameron	0.000
75 Peters, Tristan	0.000

+ 60-day IL

TOTAL: 71 players (29 NRI, 2 IL)

BACK TO THE STATES—The Rays lost 7-6 to the Red Sox on Sunday…the Rays went 0-2 in their weekend series in the Dominican Republic…five different Rays recorded multiple hits in the defeat…**RF Richie Palacios** (2-for-4, HR, 2RBI) launched his second home run of spring…**2B Curtis Mead** (2-for-5, HR) homered for the first time this spring.

- **RHP Aaron Civale** (3.1IP, 3H, ER, BB, SO) tossed 3.1 innings of one-run ball in his second start of spring.
- **1B Jonathan Aranda** (1-for-4, 2B, RBI, BB) collected his fourth double of spring…he is batting .375 (9-for-24) with four doubles in nine Grapefruit League games.

RAYS AND JAYS—The Rays went 7-6 against the Blue Jays in 2023, including 2-2-0 in series play…the Rays have an active winning streak of six consecutive season series (60-39 overall) against the Blue Jays dating back to 2018.

- Today's matchup marks the second and final meeting between the two clubs this spring…the Rays lost, 3-2, in Dunedin on Feb. 8.
- The Rays host the Blue Jays at Tropicana Field for a four-game series to begin the regular season from March 28–March .

RECENT TRANSACTIONS—On Thursday afternoon, the Rays announced the following players were reassigned to minor league camp: **INF Evan Edwards**, **C Dominic Keegan**, **LHP Mason Montgomery**, **C Kenny Piper**, **RHP Nathan Wiles** and **RHP Logan Workman**.

PROSPECT WATCH—On March 4, MLB.com released its Top 30 Rays Prospect list…**INF Junior Caminero** leads the group, followed by **INF Carson Williams**, **INF Curtis Mead**, **INF Xavier Isaac** and **INF Brayden Taylor**…the largest jump in the system was made by **C Dominic Keegan**, who vaulted from No. 25 in 2023 to No. 6 in 2024.

- On the 20-80 scouting scale, Caminero and Mead received a 60 for their hit tool, while Caminero received a 70 for Power…**OF Chandler Simpson,** rated Tampa Bay's No. 12 prospect, received an 80 for Speed following his 94 SB performance in 2023…added to the 40-man roster this offseason, **RHP Yoniel Curet** earned a 70 grade for his Fastball.

SPRING BREAKOUT—On March 16, Rays top prospects will battle their Twins counterparts in Fort Myers as part of MLB's inaugural Spring Breakout event…rosters will primarily be constructed through MLB.com's Top 30 Prospects list…the seven-inning contest will take place following the conclusion of the regularly scheduled Grapefruit League game between the two clubs.

- The Rays Spring Breakout roster features two Top 100 MLB.com prospects, including Williams (No. 20) and 1**B Xavier Isaac** (No. 58)…**INF Brayden Taylor** and **INF Adrian Santana**, the No. 19 and No. 31 overall picks respectively in the 2023 First-Year Player Draft, are also slated to play for the Rays.

SPRING FEVER—The Rays are scheduled for 30 spring games in 32 days, including split-squad games on March 23 and off days on March 8 and 20…of the Rays 15 home games, 13 will be played at Charlotte Sports Park…they were the home team on March 9 vs. Boston in the Dominican Republic and will host the Tigers at Tropicana Field in their spring finale on March 26.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN—The Rays have 71 players in major league camp, including 29 non-roster invites…of those 71 players, 18 (25.4%) are homegrown, meaning they were drafted or signed as an amateur free agent and developed by the Rays player development system, while 20 (28.2%) are new to the organization since the conclusion of the 2023 season…the Rays have 36 pitchers (14 NRI), six catchers (5 NRI), 17 infielders (5 NRI) and 12 outfielders (5 NRI) in major league camp.

- Nine players have been added to the Rays 40-man roster since the conclusion of last season: **LHP Tyler Alexander**, **INF José Caballero**, **RHP Yoniel Curet**, **OF Jonny DeLuca**, **RHP Phil Maton**, **OF Richie Palacios**, **RHP Ryan Pepiot**, **RHP Manuel Rodríguez**, **INF Amed Rosario** and **INF Austin Shenton**.

AT THE HELM—Entering his 10th season, Rays manager **Kevin Cash** is the longest-tenured skipper in the majors with his current club…Cash is set to surpass his predecessor, **Joe Maddon** (2006-14), as the longest-tenured manager in Rays history on Opening Day (March 28 vs. TOR)…he sits 16 victories shy of overtaking Maddon (754) as the Rays all-time leader in managerial wins…despite being the seventh-youngest active manager in the majors, he ranks among his peers in career winning pct. (4th, .545) and wins (8th, 739).

- He has been named a BBWAA AL Manager of the Year finalist five times in the last six seasons (since 2018), winning the award twice (2020-21) and receiving votes in all six campaigns.
- In 2023, Cash became the youngest manager in MLB history to reach the postseason in five consecutive seasons (45), ahead of LAD **Dave Roberts**, who was 48 years old when he clinched his fifth straight postseason berth in 2020 (Elias).
- On Feb. 8, the Rays announced that Cash and President, Baseball Operations **Erik Neander** have been signed to long-term contract extensions.

COACHING STAFF—The Rays have announced their 2024 major league coaching staff under manager **Kevin Cash**…**Michael Johns** joins the club as first base coach following 16 seasons in the Rays minor league system, including nine as a manager…**Bobby Kinne** (pitching strategist) has been added to the uniformed coaching staff after spending six years in the Rays organization, most recently as coordinator, major league operations over the last two seasons (2022-23)…returning coaches include **Tomas Francisco** (field coord.), **Rick Knapp** (asst. pitching/rehab), **Rodney Linares** (bench), **Jorge Moncada** (bullpen), **Chad Mottola** (hitting), **Brady North** (asst. hitting), **Kyle Snyder** (pitching) and **Brady Williams** (third base).

ON THE AIRWAVES—All weekend games this spring will air on WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, with **Andy Freed** and **Neil Solondz** on the call…Freed begins his 20th season with the Rays while Solondz embarks on his 13th, including his second as part of the primary broadcast duo…all weekday home games will be available on MLB.com, with **Chris Adams-Wall**, entering his first full season with the Rays, providing play-by-play.

- Bally Sports Sun will televise 10 of the Rays 13 games at Charlotte Sports Park…**Dewayne Staats**, the Rays play-by-play voice since their inaugural 1998 season, enters his 27th season with the Rays and 49th broadcasting major league games…**Brian Anderson** begins his 15th season as full-time color analyst and 17th on the broadcast team…in-game reporter and host **Tricia Whitaker** enters her sixth season on the telecast.
- The Rays provide a daily video feed of all non-televised Spring Training games, which features approximately two minutes of highlights plus two short interviews…to receive updates, contact Chris Tilley at rayspringtraining@gmail.com or 727-434-0497.

TODAY'S PITCHERS

RAYS

RHP Shawn Armstrong
RHP Chris Devenski
RHP Pete Fairbanks
LHP Colin Poche
RHP Joe Record

BLUE JAYS

RHP Mitch White
RHP Hayden Juenger
LHP Tim Mayza
RHP Nate Pearson
RHP Zach Pop

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	2-5-1
Road Record	2-4-1
@ Charlotte Sports Park	2-4-1
Current Streak	L2
Last 5 Games	2-3-0
Last 10 Games	2-7-1
vs. AL	3-5-2
vs. NL	1-4-0
Longest Win Streak	2, 2x (last 3/6-7)
Longest Losing Streak	4 (2/28-3/2)
Home Attendance	38,996
Home Avg.	4,875
Home High	11,853 (3/9 vs. BOS)
Road Attendance	50,488
Road Avg.	7,213
Total Attendance	89,484

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

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Thur., March 28 vs. Toronto | 4:10 p.m. ET

RAYS TOP PROSPECTS

1. INF Junior Caminero
2. INF Carson Williams
3. INF Curtis Mead
4. RHP Shane Baz
5. INF Xavier Isaac
6. INF Brayden Taylor
7. INF Osleivis Basabe
8. INF Adrian Santana
9. OF Jonny DeLuca
10. C Dominic Keegan

Per Baseball America

NOTABLE DATES

Sat., March 16
Rays at Twins, 4:05 p.m. ET
MLB Spring Breakout Prospect Showcase
@ Hammond Stadium (Fort Myers, FL)

Tues., March 26
Rays vs. Tigers, 12:35 p.m. ET
@ Tropicana Field (St. Petersburg, FL)

Thur., March 28
Rays vs. Blue Jays, 4:10 p.m. ET
Opening Day
@ Tropicana Field (St. Petersburg, FL)

PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Tues., March 12 at BAL	1:05 p.m.	**TB**–RHP Taj Bradley, RHP Michael Gomez, RHP Zac Houston, RHP Kevin Kelly, RHP Burch Smith, RHP Manuel Rodríguez, RHP Colby White ;**BAL**–RHP Tyler Wells	None
Wed., March 13 vs. MIN	1:05 p.m.	**TB**–TBA ; **MIN**–TBA	Bally Sports Sun, MLB.com

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP ZACH EFLIN (0-1, 21.60)

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO
2023	Tampa Bay	16-8	3.50	31/31	177.2	158	69	19	24-1	186
Career Totals		**52-53**	**4.28**	**158/146**	**837.0**	**852**	**398**	**122**	**184-14**	**738**

2024 SPRING TRAINING

- Took the loss in his debut on Feb. 29 vs. ATL, allowing four runs on four hits and one walk with three strikeouts across 1.2 innings.

2023 IN REVIEW

- Made a team-leading and career-high 31 starts in his first season with the Rays, setting career bests in wins (16), IP (177.2) and strikeouts (186) while posting the lowest ERA (3.50) and WHIP (1.02) of his career.
- Ranked among AL leaders in WHIP (2nd), opp. OBP (2nd, .259), SO/BB ratio (2nd, 7.75), opp. OPS (4th, .642), opp. SLG (5th, .379), home runs per 9.0 IP (6th, 0.96), ERA (8th), strikeouts (T10th) and bWAR (T10th, 3.5).
- The Rays went 23-8 (.742) in his starts, tied with **David Price's** 2014 season (23-8) for the best team winning pct. in a *qualified* pitcher's starts in club history...his 177.2 IP were the most by a Ray since **Charlie Morton** (194.2) in 2019...he joined **Corey Kluber** (31GS) in 2022 as the only Rays pitchers to make 30+ starts in a season since 2020.

SPRING GAME LOG

GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/S	FINAL
2/29 vs. ATL	0-1	21.60	1.2	4	4	4	1	3	1	0	0	--	L, 12-9
SPRING TOTALS	**0-1**	**21.60**	**1.2**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**		

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

#64 SHAWN ARMSTRONG (0-0, 9.00) — RHP

- **Spring Training:** In two outings, has allowed two runs on three hits with no walks and two strikeouts over 2.0 innings.
- **2023:** Went 1-0 with a career-best 1.38 ERA (52.0IP, 8ER) over 39 appearances (6GS)...opened the season on the 15-day IL and was transferred to the 60-day IL on April 17 with neck tightness before being activated on June 3.
- Signed as a free agent, May 10, 2022.

#48 CHRIS DEVENSKI (0-0, 0.00) — RHP

- **Spring Training:** Tossed 2.0 scoreless innings in his spring debut on Feb. 28 at Toronto.
- **2023:** Made 38 appearances between the Angels and Rays...opened the season with Triple-A Salt Lake before being selected to the Angels roster on April 29...signed by the Rays on Aug. 29 and spent five days on the bereavement list before being activated on Sept. 2.
- Signed a one-year contract with a club option, Dec. 5, 2023.

#29 PETE FAIRBANKS (0-0, --) — RHP

- **Spring Training:** Fairbanks is set to make his spring debut this afternoon.
- **2023:** Set career highs in appearances (49), innings pitched (45.1), strikeouts (68) and saves (25) in his fifth season with the Rays.
- Acquired from the Texas Rangers in exchange for INF Nick Solak on July 3, 2019.

#38 COLIN POCHE (0-0, --) — LHP

- **Spring Training:** Poche is set to make his spring debut today.
- **2023:** Set career highs in appearances (66), wins (12), ERA (2.23), innings (60.2) and HR/9.0 IP (0.59)...his 66 appearances led the Rays.
- Acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks along with RHP Sam McWilliams (as players to be named - May 1, 2018), LHP Anthony Banda and INF Nick Solak in a three-team trade with the New York Yankees in exchange for OF Steven Souza Jr., Feb. 20, 2018.

#78 JOE RECORD (0-0, 0.00) — RHP

- **Spring Training:** Has allowed one unearned run across three appearances spanning 3.0 innings.
- **2023:** Went 3-2 with a 3.71 ERA (53.1IP, 22ER) and 11 saves in 50 relief apperances for Triple-A Sugar Land...the 11 saves led all Houston minor leaguers while the 50 apperances ranked second.
- Signed as a free agent on Dec. 21, 2023.

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

FEBRUARY

13 Signed **RHP Phil Maton** to a major league contract; placed **LHP Shane McClanahan** (recovery from Tommy John surgery) on the 60-day IL.
20 Signed **INF Yu Chang** to a minor league contract with a non-roster invitation to Spring Training.
21 Signed **INF/OF Amed Rosario** to a major league contract; placed **RHP Drew Rasmussen** (recovery from right elbow surgery) on the 60-day IL.

MARCH

1 Signed **C Francisco Mejía** to a minor league contract with a non-roster invitation to Spring Training.
7 Reassigned the following players to minor league camp: **INF Evan Edwards**, **C Dominic Keegan**, **LHP Mason Montgomery**, **C Kenny Piper, RHP Nathan Wiles** and **RHP Logan Workman**.

2024 RAYS SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TV/R	TIME/SCORE	RECORD	WINNER/LOSER	ATT.
Sat.	Feb. 24	Atlanta	Charlotte County	W	L, 6-5	0-1-0	Strider (1-0)/Wiles (0-1)	5,538
Sun.	Feb. 25	Detroit	Charlotte County	B/W	T, 9-9	0-1-1	None	5,130
Mon.	Feb. 26	@Baltimore	Sarasota		W, 8-3	1-1-1	Belge (1-0)/Pérez (0-1)	4,622
Tues.	Feb. 27	New York-AL	Charlotte County	B/M	W, 4-2	2-1-1	Gomez (1-0)/Ramirez (0-1)	3,853
Wed.	Feb. 28	@Toronto	Dunedin		L, 3-2	2-2-1	Bash (1-0)/Wiles (0-2)	6,294
Thur.	Feb. 29	Atlanta	Charlotte County	M	L, 12-9	2-3-1	Dodd (1-0)/Eflin (0-1)	2,077
Fri.	March 1	@Pittsburgh	Bradenton		L,12-8	2-4-1	Keller (1-0)/Ramírez (0-1)	4,715
Sat.	March 2	Boston	Charlotte County	W	L, 3-2	2-5-1	Guerrero (1-0)/White (0-1)	4,017
Sun.	March 3	@Minnesota	Fort Myers	W	T, 4-4	2-5-2	None	6,816
Mon.	March 4	Pittsburgh	Charlotte County	B/M	L, 7-3	2-6-2	Ortiz (1-0)/Civale (0-1)	2,318
Tues.	March 5	@Boston	Fort Myers		L, 7-4	2-7-2	Whitlock (2-0)/Pepiot (0-1)	7,408
Wed.	March 6	@New York-AL	Tampa		W, 4-3	3-7-2	Bradley (1-0)/RodÓN (1-1)	9,215
Thur.	March 7	Philadelphia	Charlotte County	B/M	W, 3-2	4-7-2	Lopez (1-0)/Nola (1-1)	4,210
Sat.	March 9	Boston	Dominican Republic	W/S	L, 4-0	4-8-2	Crawford (1-0)/Curet (0-1)	11, 853
Sun.	March 10	@Boston	Dominican Republic	W/S	L, 7-6	4-9-2	Murphy (1-0)/Uwasawa (0-1)	11,418
Mon.	March 11	Toronto	Charlotte County	B/M	1:05 p.m.			
Tues.	March 12	@Baltimore	Sarasota		1:05 p.m.			
Wed.	March 13	Minnesota	Charlotte County	B/M	1:05 p.m.			
Thur.	March 14	@Atlanta	North Port		1:05 p.m.			
Fri.	March 15	Baltimore	Charlotte County	B/M	1:05 p.m.			
Sat.	March 16	@Minnesota	Fort Myers	W	1:05 p.m.			
Sun.	March 17	@Pittsburgh	Bradenton	W	1:05 p.m.			
Mon.	March 18	Atlanta	Charlotte County	B/M	1:05 p.m.			
Tues.	March 19	@Boston	Fort Myers		1:05 p.m.			
Thur.	March 21	@Philadelphia	Clearwater		1:05 p.m.			
Fri.	March 22	Minnesota	Charlotte County	B/M	1:05 p.m.			
Sat.	March 23	Baltimore	Charlotte County	B/W	1:05 p.m.			
		@Atlanta	North Port		1:05 p.m.			
Sun.	March 24	@Detroit	Lakeland	W	1:05 p.m.			
Mon.	March 25	@Philadelphia	Clearwater		1:05 p.m.			
Tues.	March 26	Detroit	Tropicana Field	M	12:35 p.m.			

TV: Bally Sports Sun (B) **RADIO:** WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM (W), MLB.com (M), WQBN 106.7 FM/1300 AM - Spanish (S)

RAYS SPRING TRAINING HISTORY

YEAR	W-L-T	HOME ATT.
2024	**4-9-2**	**38,996**
2023	15-14-1	68,361
2022	6-11-2	28,306
2021	13-15-0	14,651
2020	9-8-4	44,511
2019	13-17-2	74,023
2018	14-16-2	69,731
2017	12-16-5	81,752
2016	12-13-2	68,566
2015	15-13-2	80,406
2014	16-7-4	78,264
2013	15-17-2	90,935
2012	10-16-6	87,916
2011	15-14-2	95,859
2010	20-8-2	97,971
2009	15-16-1	103,255
2008	18-8-2	54,960
2007	10-19-2	79,044
2006	13-16-1	70,756
2005	13-16-0	61,261
2004	11-8-0	43,916
2003	8-19-3	51,324
2002	10-16-1	49,043
2001	12-15-1	57,081
2000	14-17-0	67,089
1999	14-14-1	59,230
1998	12-18-0	66,781
	339-375-50	**1,783,988**