



TAMPA BAY RAYS GAME NOTES

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

TAMPA BAY RAYS (5-11-2) at ATLANTA BRAVES (9-8-2)

RHP Zack Littell (0-0, 0.00) vs. LHP Chris Sale (0-1, 3.24)

Thur., March 14, 2024 • **First Pitch:** 1:05 p.m. ET • **Location:** CoolToday Park (North Port, FL) • **Spring Game No./Road Game No.:** 19/9
TV: None • **Radio:** None

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER		
PITCHERS (18+8+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	
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	
87 Gomez, Michael	0.000	
65 McKay, Brendan (L).....	1.056	
61 Ramírez, Erasmo.....	8.132	
78 Record, Joe.....	0.000	
77 Smith, Burch.....	4.092	
63 Uceta, Edwin.....	1.048	
36 Uwasawa, Naoyuki	0.000	
67 Waguespack, Jacob.....	1.105	
CATCHERS (1+4)		
Service Time		
50 Pinto, René.....	0.150	
30 Brantly, Rob	2.059	
40 Jackson, Alex	1.167	
0 Mejía, Francisco.....	5.042	
93 Meyer, Nick	0.000	
INFIELDERS (10+3)		
Service Time		
62 Aranda, Jonathan	0.113	
37 Basabe, Osleivis	0.050	
7 Caballero, José	0.170	
2 Diaz, 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	
6 Walls, Taylor	2.092	
19 Chang, Yu	3.142	
94 Hinojosa, C.J.	0.000	
70 Simon, Ronny.....	0.000	
OUTFIELDERS (6+1)		
Service Time		
56 Arozarena, Randy	3.129	
21 DeLuca, Jonny	0.085	
15 Lowe, Josh	1.093	
1 Palacios, Richie.....	0.156	
43 Ramírez, Harold.....	4.124	
22 Siri, Jose	2.015	
72 Mangum, Jake	0.000	
+ 60-day IL		
TOTAL: 53 players (16 NRI, 2 IL)		

PLAYERS – The Rays have 53 players in major league camp, including 16 non-roster invites...the Rays have 28 pitchers (8 NRI), five catchers (4 NRI), 13 infielders (3 NRI) and 7 outfielders (1 NRI).

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.

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 53 players in major league camp, including 16 non-roster invites...the Rays have 28 pitchers (8 NRI), five catchers (4 NRI), 13 infielders (3 NRI) and 7 outfielders (1 NRI).

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).

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.

PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games **Time (ET)** **Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)**

Fri., March 15 at BAL 1:05 p.m. TB–RHP Naoyuki Uwasawa, RHP Phil Maton, RHP Joe Record, RHP Burch Smith, RHP Jacob Waguespack; BAL–RHP Dean Kremer

Sat., March 16 at MIN 1:05 p.m. TB–TBA; MIN–TBA

TODAY'S PITCHERS

PLAYERS

RAYS

RHP Zack Littell
LHP Jeff Belge
RHP Pete Fairbanks
RHP Michael Gomez
RHP Kevin Kelly
LHP Colin Poche
RHP Manuel Rodríguez
RHP Alfredo Zarraga

BRAVES

LHP Chris Sale
LHP Aaron Bummer
RHP Raisel Iglesias
RHP Joe Jimenez
RHP Pierce Johnson

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record.....3-6-1
Road Record.....2-5-1
@ Charlotte Sports Park.....3-5-1

Current Streak.....W1
Last 5 Games.....1-4-0
Last 10 Games.....3-6-1

vs. AL.....4-7-2
vs. NL.....1-4-0

Longest Win Streak...2, 2x (last 3/6-7)
Longest Losing Streak.....4, 2x (3/9-3/12)

Home Attendance.....46,425
Home Avg.....4,642
Home High.....11,853 (3/9 vs. BOS)

Road Attendance.....58,012
Road Avg.....7,252

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

14

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

PLAYERS

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

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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)

TV & Radio
Bally Sports Sun, MLB.com
WDAW 95.3/620 AM

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP ZACK LITTELL (0-0, 0.00)

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO
2023	Tampa Bay	3-6	3.93	26/14	87.0	91	38	13	9-0	72
Career Totals		16-11	4.09	173/18	259.2	259	118	40	72-3	225

2024 SPRING TRAINING

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Over two starts, has thrown 5.0 scoreless innings, allowing five hits and one walk with four strikeouts.

2023 IN REVIEW

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Made 28 appearances (14GS) between the Red Sox and Rays...claimed by the Rays off waivers from Boston on May 12 and transitioned to a full-time starting role on July 19...became the first pitcher to be claimed off waivers mid-season and go on to make 10+ starts for a team that made the postseason since BOS Doug Fister in 2017.

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Set career highs in starts (14), innings pitched (90.0) and strikeouts (74)...lowered his walk rate from 6.8 pct. in 2022 to a career-low 3.2 pct., the sixth-lowest mark in the majors (min. 150BF).

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Over 14 starts, went 3-5 with a 3.41 ERA (71.1IP, 27ER) and 1.05 WHIP...in his 14 relief appearances, posted an 0-1 mark with a 6.75 ERA (18.2IP, 14ER) and 1.66 WHIP.

GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	FINAL
2/27 vs. NYY	--	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	W, 4-2
3/3 at MIN	--	0.00	3.0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	T, 4-4
SPRING TOTALS		0-0	0.00	5.0	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS	
#29 PETE FAIRBANKS (0-0, 0.00)	RHP
🌟 Spring Training: Posted 1.0 hitless inning with two strikeouts in his spring debut on March 11 vs. TOR.	
🌟 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.	

#87 MICHAEL GOMEZ (1-0, 6.75)										RHP	
🌟	Spring Training: Has tossed 4.0 innings across five appearances, allowing three runs on five hits and five walks with five strikeouts.										
🌟	2023: Made 47 relief appearances for Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre going 2-6 with a 5.45 ERA (67.2IP, 41ER)...the 47 appearances were third most among Yankees farmhands.										
🌟	Selected by the Rays in the minor league portion of the 2023 Rule 5 Draft.										

#49 KEVIN KELLY (0-0, 9.00)										RHP									
🌟 Spring Training: Has made three appearances, allowing four runs (three earned) on seven hits with no walks and three strikeouts.																			
🌟 2023: Posted a 5-2 mark to go with a 3.09 ERA (67.0IP, 23ER) over 57 relief appearances in his first major league season...min. 65.0 IP, his 0.27 HR/9.0 IP was second lowest in the majors behind DET Jason Foley (0.26).																			
🌟 Acquired from the Rockies in exchange for cash considerations on Dec. 7, 2022...was selected by Colorado in the 2022 Rule 5 Draft from Cleveland.																			

#38 COLIN POCHE (0-0, 0.00)										LHP									
🌟 Spring Training: Threw one scoreless inning in his debut on March 11 vs. TOR.																			
🌟 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.																			

#39 MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ (0-0, 0.00)										RHP									
Spring Training: In six outings, has allowed three runs (one earned) on seven hits...has fanned 11 batters without issuing a walk.																			
2023: Made 15 relief appearances for Triple-A Durham after being acquired from the Cubs on Aug. 1...went 2-0 with a 3.06 ERA (17.2IP, 6ER) and one save for the Bulls...was on the 7-day injured list from Aug. 23-30.																			
Acquired from the Cubs along with RHP Adrian Sampson and future considerations in exchange for RHP Josh Roberson and international signing /bonus pool space, Aug. 1, 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 Mejia 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 .
11	Reassigned the following players to minor league camp: OF Ruben Cardenas , C Logan Driscoll , OF Niko Hulsizer , LHP Antonio Jimenez , RHP Enmanuel Mejia , OF Kameron Misner , INF Tanner Murray , OF Tristan Peters and INF Carson Williams ...optioned the following players to minor league camp: INF Junior Caminero , RHP Yoniel Curet , INF/OF Greg Jones and INF Austin Shenton .
12	Optioned RHP Colby White to Triple-A Durham.
13	Reassigned the following players to minor league camp: RHP Trevor Brigden , RHP Carlos Garcia , RHP Zac Houston and RHP Justin Sterner .

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)/Ramírez (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	L, 9-2	4-10-2	White (1-0)/Eflin (0-2)		4,520
Tues.	March 12	@Baltimore	Sarasota		L, 12-8	4-11-2	Wells (2-0)/Ramírez (0-2)		7,524
Wed.	March 13	Minnesota	Charlotte County	B/M	W, 4-3	5-11-2	Lopez (2-0)/Brigham (0-1)		2,910
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	5-11-2	46,425
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
340-377-50		1,791,418