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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

Day 57 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	--						

READING WITH THE RAYS—Earlier this week, the Rays and Suncoast Credit Union launched the 13th season of Reading with the Rays, an incentive-based reading program that encourages Pre-K to 12th grade students to read for 24 hours to avoid summer learning loss...typically a summer-based program, this year's program launched early for kids at home participating in distance learning due to the COVID-19 crisis.

- + Rather than visiting participating libraries, parents and kids will download a digital game card at raysbaseball.com/reading to begin reading around the bases...once complete, participants will submit their game card via email to reading@raysbaseball.com to receive special Rays prizes, including two tickets to a future home game.
- + Since 2007, over 300,000 children across nine area counties have spent more than 2.5 million hours of their summers reading.

GAMING FOR GOOD—Blake Snell won the inaugural MLB The Show Players League with a 3-game sweep in the championship series against CWS Lucas Giolito...Snell won 5-1 in Game 1, 3-2 in Game 2 and 6-0 in Game 3...in the best-of-three quarterfinals and semifinals, he defeated LAD Gavin Lux (2-0) and NYM Jeff McNeil (2-1), respectively...the Rays congratulated Snell on Twitter by raising a virtual banner in his honor.

- + Snell's win resulted in a \$30,000 donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast by MLB, the MLBPA and Sony Interactive Entertainment...with this donation the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast is planning to expand their feeding program, which provides hot meals at dinner throughout their six Pinellas county locations...each contestant had \$5,000 donated to his local affiliate initially, and the winning player got an extra \$25,000 donated.

TICKET OPTIONS—With games originally scheduled to be played in March, April, and May impacted by COVID-19, fans with purchased tickets and/or parking passes for those games can receive an account credit to be used toward any 2020 or 2021 Rays home game or a refund...affected ticket holders will be contacted with more information...for additional information including a list of FAQs, please visit raysbaseball.com/update.

COMFORTS OF HOME—FOX Sports Sun continues to air Rays Classics on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 2019 Rewinds on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays...tonight at 7 p.m. and midnight, FOX Sports Sun will re-air the 13-4 win from Game 4 of the 2008 ALCS at BOS, when the Rays took a 3-1 series lead over the Red Sox...the 13 runs scored in that game remain a Rays postseason record...on Monday and Wednesday at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight, FOX Sports Sun will re-air Game 7 of the 2008

ALCS vs. BOS and Game 2 of the 2008 World Series vs. PHI, respectively.

- + On Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at noon and midnight, FSS will air the wins from June 9 at BOS, June 10 vs. OAK and June 14 vs. LAA.
- + WDAE 95.3 FM and 620 AM continues its rewind to the 2008 post-season, re-airing Games 1, 2 and 4 of the ALDS against the White Sox tonight at 7 p.m., tomorrow at noon and Sunday at noon.

CATCH SOME RAYS—This week's edition of the *This Week in Rays Baseball* podcast, hosted by Rays Radio's Neil Solondz, features shortstop Willy Adames, pitching prospect Simon Rosenblum-Larson and FOX Sports Sun broadcaster Rich Hollenberg...Feeding Tampa Bay executive director Thomas Mantz also appeared on the podcast to recap the virtual food drive, which saw the Rays and Rowdies reach their \$400,000 fundraising goal.

- + In this week's alumni podcast, Neil catches up with Carlos Peña, who ranks 2nd in Rays history with 163 HR and still holds single-season club records with 46 HR, 121 RBI and a .411 OBP in 2007.

DOCK TALK—Last night Kevin Kiermaier joined Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy and Buccaneers tight end Cameron Brate for "Dock Talk with Killer" on Instagram Live...Lightning center Alex Killorn goes from dock to dock on his jet ski, interviewing other athletes...Killorn uses this series to raise money for the Hillsborough Education Foundation.

FOR THE MOMS—The Rays are 10-12 all-time on Mother's Day including losses in 2018 and 2019...last season they played the Yankees on Mother's Day for the first time and lost, 7-1, in a game delayed 43 minutes in the 9th inning (power)...in 2015, Manager Kevin Cash was ejected from a 2-1 loss against the Rangers at home with his mother, Patsy, in the stands...the Rays were on the wrong end of Dallas Braden's perfect game on Mother's Day 2010 in Oakland (see the "This Week in Rays History" note below).

- + A Mother's Day card to print and color is available at mlb.com/rays/fans/activities, along with other free activities for kids.

LEAGUE-WIDE INITIATIVES—Yesterday, MLB and the MLBPA announced the first recipients of the joint "Healthy Relationships Community Grant" program...the equal distribution of \$500,000 went to 10 nonprofit organizations throughout the United States as the first of seven donation phases through 2021 (totaling \$3 million)...the focus areas for the organizations include support for survivors of domestic violence, mental health resiliency, and developing positive relationship skills with youth...for more information, see the press release at mlbpressbox.com.

THIS WEEK IN RAYS HISTORY

MAY 8, 2014	MAY 9, 2010	MAY 10, 2013	MAY 11, 2002	MAY 12, 1998	MAY 13, 2005	MAY 14, 2016
Brad Boxberger replaced David Price with the bases loaded and no outs in the 6th inning—and proceeded to strike out the next three batters on 9 pitches...despite his efforts, the Rays lost at home to Baltimore, 3-1.	On Mother's Day, a late-arriving and underprepared Dallas Braden tossed the second perfect game against the Rays in less than a year, a 4-0 final in Oakland...it came only 96 games after CWS Mark Buehrle was perfect at U.S. Cellular Field on July 23, 2009.	Alex Cobb became the first pitcher in major league history with 13 SO (or more) in an outing fewer than 5 IP...he struck out four batters in the 3rd inning, but the Padres managed to score a run...the Rays beat the Padres at home, 6-3.	Randy Winn hit a walk-off, 3-run homer in the 9th off Orioles closer Jorge Julio to give the Devil Rays a 6-4 win and snap a 15-game losing streak...it remains the longest losing streak in Rays history, and the longest losing streak in baseball history to end with a walk-off homer.	Kevin Stocker's walk-off, 2-run homer off 40-save closer Mike Jackson in the 14th inning gave the Devil Rays a 6-5 win over the Indians.	Alex Gonzalez hit a two-out homer in the top of the 9th inning to give the Rays a 3-2 win over the Royals.	Matt Andriese recorded his first career shutout in a 6-0 win against Oakland...it remains the last complete game by a Rays pitcher, and the drought of 614 games since then is the longest in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

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