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FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

Day 99 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	--						

SIGNING UPDATE—This week the Rays signed two of their six selections from the 2020 June Draft: SS **Alika Williams** (Competitive Balance Round A) from Arizona State and RH **Jeff Hakanson** (Round 5) from UCF...Williams hit .300/.383/.400 (139-for-463) with 5 HR and 81 RBI in 129 career games for the Sun Devils and was ranked by *Baseball America* as the Best Defensive Infielder among college players in this year's draft...Hakanson, who was born in Tampa and attended Jesuit HS, struck out 20 of 28 BF (71.4 pct.) spanning 7 apps and 8.1 IP in his pandemic-shortened junior season...he pitched out of the bullpen for three seasons at Central Florida, going 4-0 with a 3.44 ERA (49.2-IP, 19-ER) and 98 SO in 43 career apps.

+ The Rays currently have four unsigned selections from the 2020 June Draft: RH **Nick Bitsko** (24th overall), LH **Ian Seymour** (Round 2), RH **Hunter Barnhart** (Round 3) and SS **Tanner Murray** (Round 4)...the signing deadline for this year's draft was moved to Aug 1.

FOR THE PAPAS—The Rays are 12-10 all-time on Father's Day incl. three straight wins: 6-5 over the Angels last season, 3-1 at Yankee Stadium in 2018 and 9-1 at Comerica Park in 2017...last season, **Brandon Lowe** homered on a 3-0 pitch in the 1st inning, **Tommy Pham** hit a go-ahead homer in the 5th and LH **Colin Poche** retired all 6 BF for his first career win.

+ Rays fans can save 25 percent off retail pricing when they purchase a specially curated Father's Day gift set, starting as low as \$100, from the Rays Republic Team Store...contact the store at raysretail@rankandrally.com or 727-342-5731 for more details.

PARCHED FOR BASEBALL—Since the end of the 2019 World Series including today, there have been 233 days (and counting) without a regular season or postseason major league game...according to Stats LLC, this is the 2nd-longest drought in major league history behind 1994-95 (256 days)...the 1994 strike-shortened season ended on Aug 11, while the 1995 season started on April 25...the 3rd-longest drought was 219 days in 1918-19, after the 1918 World Series was moved up due to World War I.

DOMESWEET DOME—Following safety protocols and social distancing, the Rays have held four weeks of workouts at Tropicana Field since the stadium re-opened to players and coaches on May 25...these workouts were initially limited to playing catch, running and light weight work, but have since included throwing off bullpen mounds (for pitchers) and taking batting practice (for hitters)...all of the workouts at Tropicana Field are voluntary and only open to players currently on the 40-man roster.

+ Lot 1 of Tropicana Field (5th Ave S and 16th St) continues to be used as a drive-thru mobile pantry for Feeding Tampa Bay's Pinellas cli-

ents, every Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon...for more details or updates to the schedule, visit feedingtampabay.org/mobile-pantries.

COMFORTS OF HOME—FOX Sports Sun continues to re-air every Rays victory from last season in succession...tonight at 7 p.m. and midnight, they will air the 5-4 win from Aug 10 at SEA, highlighted by **Mike Zunino's** 3-run, 5th-inning homer against his former team...tomorrow at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight, they will air the 1-0 victory from Aug 11 at SEA, which saw **Ryan Yarbrough** come within an out of the club's first complete game since 2016...on Sunday at noon, 4 p.m. and midnight, they will show the 10-4 win from Aug 12 at SD, which included a 2-run homer from **Avisaíl García** and home run robbery from **Kevin Kiermaier** as the Rays won a franchise-record-tying eighth consecutive road game.

+ This week, *The Athletic* ranked the Rays TV broadcast 9th among all 30 clubs, with one survey respondent calling **Dewayne Staats** and **Brian Anderson** "the most underrated tandem in baseball."

+ 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 June 6 at DET, June 7 at BOS and June 8 at BOS (G1).

CATCH SOME RAYS—This week's edition of the *This Week in Rays Baseball* podcast, hosted by Rays Radio's **Neil Solondz**, features first baseman/designated hitter **José Martínez** and FOX Sports Sun broadcaster **Brian Anderson**...in tomorrow's alumni podcast, Neil catches up with **Jim Morris**, who made his major league debut as a 35-year-old on Sep 18, 1999 at TEX...he struck out his first batter faced, **Royce Clayton**, on four pitches...Morris, whose life story was later made into Disney's movie "The Rookie," became the majors' oldest rookie since **MIN Minnie Mendoza** in 1970.

ON THE LINE—When baseball resumes, the Rays will carry with them a club-record 8-game winning streak in extra-inning games, ahead of July 30, 2007-May 13, 2008 (7)...this streak began last Aug 6 vs. TOR and included four extra-inning wins over a 6-game span from Sep 18-24...the Rays played a majors-most and club-record-tying 19 extra-inning games last season and went 11-8 in them, including 11-4 following an 0-4 start.

ON THE WEB—A friendly reminder that the 2020 Rays Media Guide is available at mlbpressbox.com (login required), rayspressbox.com (using username **rays\media** and password **R@ys2020#**) and mlb.com/rays/team/media-guide (no login necessary)...hard copies have been printed and will be available for distribution when normal operations resume.

THIS WEEK IN RAYS HISTORY

JUNE 19, 2012	JUNE 20, 2012	JUNE 21, 2005	JUNE 22, 2013	JUNE 23, 2003	JUNE 24, 2013	JUNE 25, 2010
Joel Peralta was ejected from the game at Washington before throwing a single pitch after umpires found a banned substance on his glove...he would later serve an 8-game suspension...the Rays defeated the Nationals, 5-4.	Chris Archer made his major league debut in a 3-2 loss opposite WAS Stephen Strasburg and became the first pitcher not drafted by the Rays to start for them since Matt Garza on Sep 30, 2010...snapped a streak of 232 straight games, the longest in major league history.	The Rays and Yankees combined for the highest-scoring game in Old Yankee Stadium history...the Rays lost, 20-11, despite holding a 10-2 lead through the 4th inning...they allowed 13 runs in the 8th inning when the Yankees hit 4 HR off Travis Harper.	Wil Myers hit his first career homer, a go-ahead grand slam in the 6th inning off CC Sabathia, becoming the youngest player with a grand slam in Yankee Stadium since SEA Ken Griffey Jr. on July 31, 1991.	Damian Rolls hit 2 HR off Roger Clemens, becoming the 11th player to ever do so in the same game...he also hit a double, making him the third player with 3 XBH off The Rocket in a game...Clemens entered the game with exactly 300 wins, but suffered a 4-2 loss in this game.	The Rays hit back-to-back-to-back homers for the second time in club history, first time at home, in a 4-1 win over the Blue Jays...James Loney, Wil Myers and Sam Fuld did it off Esmil Rogers in the 2nd inning.	Former Ray Edwin Jackson pitched the third no-hitter against the Rays in less than a calendar year, following OAK Dallas Braden's perfect game on May 9, 2010 and CWS Mark Buehrle's perfect game on July 23, 2009...the Rays lost to the Diamondbacks, 1-0.

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