



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 (7-11-2) at MINNESOTA TWINS (6-13-3)

RHP Ryan Pepiot (0-1, 11.57) vs. RHP Pablo López (0-2, 7.00)

Sat., March 16, 2024 • **First Pitch:** 1:05 p.m. ET • **Location:** Hammond Stadium (Fort Myers, Fla.) • **Spring Game No./Road Game No.:** 21/10
TV: None • **Radio:** WDAE 95.3/620 AM

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER		
PITCHERS (17+6+3)	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	
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	
67 Waguespack, Jacob	1.105	
20 Odorizzi, Jake	10.042	
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	
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 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	
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: 51 players (14 NRI, 3 IL)		

THREE IS A STREAK—The Rays defeated the Orioles, 7-2, on Friday for their third consecutive victory...RHP Naoyuki Uwasawa tossed 4.0 innings of one-run ball, scattering four hits and one walk while fanning three.

★ RHP Jacob Waguespack earned his first victory of the spring after working 3.2 innings, surrendering one run on no hits and two walks with two strikeouts.

SPRING BREAKOUT—Following the conclusion of today's Grapefruit League game, Rays top prospects will battle their Twins counterparts in a seven-inning showcase as part of MLB's inaugural Spring Breakout event.

★ The Rays roster is headlined by INF Junior Caminero, rated the No. 4 overall prospect in baseball by MLB.com...the roster also features Top 100 prospects INF Carson Williams (No. 20) and 1B 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 slated to play for the Rays...second-round selection OF Colton Ledbetter and third-rounder 1B Tre' Morgan will also participate.

★ C Dominic Keegan, who jumped from the Rays No. 24 prospect in 2023 to No. 6 in this year, will be behind the plate.

★ OF Chandler Simpson, the Rays No. 12 prospect, patrols the outfield after swiping 94 bases during the 2023 season, tied for the most among all minor leaguers.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS—Yesterday, the Rays selected RHP Jacob Waguespack to the 40-man roster and transferred LHP Jeffrey Springs (recovery from Tommy John surgery) to the 60-day IL...the Rays also signed the Rays signed RHP Jake Odorizzi to a minor league contract with an invitation to major league camp and reassigned the following players to minor league camp: LHP Brendan McKay, LHP Jacob Lopez and RHP Michael Gomez.

ROUND THREE—The Rays and Twins meet for the third of four Grapefruit League matchups this afternoon...the Rays and Twins tied, 4-4, in their first matchup in Fort Myers on March 3 and defeated the Twins, 4-3, on March 13...the Rays host the Twins in Port Charlotte again on March 22...the Rays went 5-1 against the Twins last season, including a three-game sweep from June 6-8 at Tropicana Field.

RED-HOT RICHIE—INF/OF Richie Palacios has hit safely in five straight games and in six of his last seven overall since March 3, batting .333 (7-for-21) with 1 2B, 2 HR and 6 RBI during that stretch.

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 51 players in major league camp, including 13 non-roster invites...the Rays have 26 pitchers (6 NRI), five catchers (4 NRI), 13 infielders (3 NRI) and 7 outfielders (1 NRI).

★ Eleven 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, INF Austin Shenton and RHP Jacob Waguespack.

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.e

★ The Rays provide a daily video feed of all non-televvised Spring Training games, which features approximately two minutes of highlights plus two short interviews...to receive updates, contact Chris Tilley at raysspringtraining@gmail.com or 727-434-0497.

TODAY'S PITCHERS	
RAYS	
RHP Ryan Pepiot	
RHP Shawn Armstrong	
RHP Jake Christianson	
LHP Garrett Cleavinger	
RHP Kevin Kelly	
RHP Adam Leverett	
RHP Joe Record	
RHP Manuel Rodríguez	
TWINS	
RHP Pablo López	
RHP Cole Sands	
LHP Steven Okert	
RHP Josh Staumont	

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS	
Home Record	4-6-1
Road Record	3-5-1
@ Charlotte Sports Park	4-5-1
Current Streak.....	W3
Last 5 Games	3-2-0
Last 10 Games	5-5-0
vs. AL	5-7-2
vs. NL	2-4-0
Longest Win Streak.....	3 (current)
Longest Losing Streak...	4, 2x (3/9-12)
Home Attendance	51,061
Home Avg.	4,641
Home High	11,853 (3/9 vs. BOS)
Road Attendance	65,057
Road Avg.....	7,229
Total Attendance	116,119

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY	
12	
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 UPCOMING DATES	
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)	
Fri., March 29	
Rays vs. Blue Jays, 6:50 p.m. ET	
Devil Rays Day	
@ Tropicana Field (St. Petersburg, FL)	

PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE			
Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Sun., March 17 at PIT	1:05 p.m.	TB—RHP Edwin Uceta, LHP Tyler Alexander, RHP Pete Fairbanks, LHP Colin Poche, RHP Kevin Kelly; PIT—LHP Josh Fleming	WDAE 95.3/620 AM
Mon., March 18 vs. ATL	1:05 p.m.	TB—TBA; ATL—TBA	Bally Sports Sun & MLB.com

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP RYAN PEPIOT (0-1, 11.57)													
YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO			
2023	LAD	2-1	2.14	8/3	42.0	27	10	7	5-0	38			
Career Totals		5-1	2.76	17/10	78.1	53	24	13	32-0	80			
2024 SPRING TRAINING													
✦ Has made two apperances, allowing six runs on 11 hits and one walk with six strikeouts...took the loss on March 5 at BOS.													
2023 IN REVIEW													
✦ Went 2-1 with a 2.14 ERA (42.0IP, 10ER) in eight appearances (3GS) with the Dodgers.													
✦ Was placed on the 15-day IL on March 30 (retro March 27) with a left oblique strain...was transferred to the 60-day IL on April 21.													
✦ From his Aug. 19 season debut through the end of the year, his 0.76 WHIP was the lowest mark among National League pitchers while his 2.14 ERA ranked third (min. 40.0 IP).													
✦ Acquired from the Dodgers, along with OF Jonny DeLuca in exchange for RHP Tyler Glasnow and OF Manuel Margot and cash considerations. Dec. 16, 2023.													
SPRING GAME LOG													
GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/S	FINAL
2/28 at TOR	--	0.00	2.0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	35/20	I, 2-3
3/5 at BOS	L	11.57	2.2	8	6	6	0	3	1	1	1	28/21	L, 4-7
SPRING TOTALS		0-1	11.57	4.2	11	6	6	1	6	1	1	1	

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS	
#64 SHAWN ARMSTRONG (0-0, 4.50)	RHP
✦ Spring Training: Has worked 4.0 innings, allowing two runs on three hits with no walks and five strikeouts in four appearances.	
✦ 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.	

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 .
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 .
15	Signed RHP Jake Odorizzi to a minor league contract with an invitation to major league camp; selected RHP Jacob Waguespack to the 40-man roster; placed LHP Jeffrey Springs on the 60-day IL (recovery from Tommy John surgery); reassigned the following players to minor league camp: LHP Brendan McKay , LHP Jacob Lopez and RHP Michael Gomez .

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		W, 3-1	6-11-2	Littell (1-0)/Sale (0-2)		7,045
Fri.	March 15	Baltimore	Charlotte County	B/M	W, 7-2	7-11-2	Waguespack (1-0)/Suárez (1-1)		4,636
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)									

#60 GARRET CLEAVINGER (0-0, 3.00)		LHP
Spring Training:	Has made three appearances, allowing one run on two hits and one walk with one strikeout.	
2023:	Limited to 15 appearances after suffering a torn right ACL following a collision with NYY Aaron Hicks during a 10th-inning rundown on May 7. Underwent surgery to repair the torn ligament on May 17.	
	Acquired by the Rays from the Dodgers in exchange for OF German Tapia, Aug. 1, 2022.	
#49 KEVIN KELLY (0-0, 9.00)		RHP
Spring Training:	Has made four appearances, allowing five runs (four earned) on eight hits with one walk and five 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.	
#78 JOE RECORD (0-0, 0.00)		RHP
Spring Training:	Has allowed an unearned run across 3.0 frames in three appearances.	
2023:	Went 3-2 with a 3.71 ERA (53.1IP, 22ER) and 11 saves in 50 relief appearances for Triple-A Sugar Land...the 11 saves led all Houston minor leaguers while the 50 appearances ranked second.	
	Signed as a free agent on Dec. 21, 2023.	
#39 MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ (0-0, 1.29)		RHP
Spring Training:	In seven outings, has allowed three runs (one earned) on eight hits...has fanned 12 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.	

RAYS SPRING TRAINING HISTORY		
YEAR	W-L-T	HOME ATT.
2024	7-11-2	51,061
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
342-377-50		1,796,054