



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 (4-10-2) at BALTIMORE ORIOLES (14-3-1)

RHP Taj Bradley (1-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Tyler Wells (1-0, 0.00)

Tues., March 12, 2024 • First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. ET • Location: Ed Smith Stadium (Sarastoa, Fla.) • Spring Game No./Road Game No.: 17/8
TV: None • Radio: None

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER	
PITCHERS (19+12+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
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
65 McKay, Brendan (L).....	1.056
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+4)	
Service Time	
50 Pinto, René	0.150
30 Brantly, Rob	2.059
40 Jackson, Alex	1.167
0 Mejia, 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: 58 players (20 NRI, 2 IL)	

JAYS BEAT RAYS—The Rays were defeated by the Blue Jays on Monday afternoon, 9-2, marking their third consecutive loss...**1B Yandy Díaz** (2-for-3, R) recorded his second straight multi-hit game...**LF Harold Ramírez** (1-for-3, 2B, 2RBI) hit a two-run double in the third frame.

★ **RHP Zach Eflin** (L, 4.0IP, 8H, 8R, 4ER BB, 2SO) took his second loss of the spring after surrendering eight runs (four earned) on eight hits and one walk over 4.0 innings.

BIRDS AND THE BAY—Tampa Bay went 5-8 against Baltimore in 2023, suffering their first season series loss since 2016 and halting a streak of six consecutive season series victories...have gone 73-45 vs. the Orioles since that streak began in 2017, their most wins over any opponent during that timeframe.

★ Today's matchup marks the second of four Grapefruit League meetings between the two clubs...the Rays defeated the Orioles, 8-3, on Feb. 26 at Ed Smith Stadium...the Rays will host the Orioles at Charlotte Sports Park on March 15 & 23.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS—On Monday afternoon, the Rays announced the following players were reassigned 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**...Tampa Bay also announced the following players were optioned to minor league camp: **INF Junior Caminero**, **RHP Yoniel Curet**, **INF/OF Greg Jones** and **INF Austin Shenton**.

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 **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 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 58 players in major league camp, including 20 non-roster invites...the Rays have 33 pitchers (12 NRI), five catchers (4 NRI), 13 infielders (3 NRI) and 7 outfielders (1 NRI).

★ 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 raysspringtraining@gmail.com or 727-434-0497.

TODAY'S PITCHERS

RAYS

RHP Taj Bradley
RHP Zac Houston
RHP Kevin Kelly
RHP Burch Smith
RHP Erasmo Ramírez
RHP Manuel Rodríguez
RHP Colby White

ORIOLES

RHP Tyler Wells
RHP Yennier Cano
RHP Bryan Baker
RHP Jacob Webb
LHP Cionel Pérez

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record

Road Record

@ Charlotte Sports Park

Current Streak

Last 5 Games

Last 10 Games

vs. AL

vs. NL

Longest Win Streak ...

Longest Losing Streak ...

Home Attendance

Home Avg.

Home High

Road Attendance

Road Avg.

Total Attendance

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

17

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
Wed., March 13 vs. MIN	1:05 p.m.	TB—LHP Brendan McKay, LHP Jacob Lopez, LHP Garrett Cleavinger, RHP Phil Maton, RHP Jason Adam, RHP Shawn Armstrong, RHP Edwin Uceta; MIN—RHP Daniel Duarte, LHP Kody Funderburk, RHP Jeff Brigham	Bally Sports Sun, MLB.com
Thur., March 14 at ATL	1:05 p.m.	TB—TBA; ATL—TBA	None

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP TAJ BRADLEY (1-0, 0.00)										
YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO
2023	Tampa Bay	5-8	5.59	23/21	104.2	106	69	65	39-0	129
Career Totals		5-8	5.59	23/21	104.2	106	69	65	39-0	129

2024 SPRING TRAINING

- Earned the win on March 6 vs. NYY...tossed 3.0 shutout innings, allowing a pair of hits with one strikeout.

2023 IN REVIEW

- Went 5-8 with a 5.56 ERA over 22 games (21GS) in his first MLB season...had four stints with the Rays: April 11-13, April 18-25, May 18-July 31, and Sept. 3 through the end of the season.
- Collected 128 SO in his 21 starts, most in Rays history through a rookie pitcher's first 21 career starts...also marked the fourth most through any pitcher's first 21 starts after joining the Rays, behind **Charlie Morton** (152), **Drew Smyly** (137) and **Tyler Glasnow** (129).
- Posted a 28.4 pct. strikeout rate, the highest mark by a rookie in Rays history (min. 300BF)...ranked seventh among AL pitchers with 20+ starts
- He was the youngest pitcher in the majors to make 20+ starts...became the third pitcher (4th instance) in Rays history to make 20+ starts in an age 22 or younger season, joining Scott Kazmir (32GS, 2005; 24GS, 2006) and Joe Kennedy (20GS, 2001).
- Selected by the Rays in the fifth round (150th overall) of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft.

SPRING GAME LOG

GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/S	FINAL
3/6 at NYY	W	0.00	3.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	43/29	W, 4-3
SPRING TOTALS	1-0	0.00	3.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

#79 ZAC HOUSTON (0-0, 12.27)

RHP

- Spring Training:** Has made four apperances, allowing five runs on three hits and three walks with four strikeouts across 3.2 innings.
- 2023:** Split the season between Double-A Somerset and Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, going 3-2 with a 4.43 ERA (42.2IP, 21ER) across 37 appearances (2GS) between the two levels.

#49 KEVIN KELLY (0-0, 0.00)

RHP

- Spring Training:** Struck out 2 of his 3 BF in his spring debut on Feb. 26 at BAL...yielded an unearned run in 1.0 IP on March 3 at MIN.
- 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.

#77 BURCH SMITH (0-0, 4.50)

RHP

- Spring Training:** In two outings, has pitched 2.0 innings, surrendering one run on five hits while striking out two.
- 2023:** Made one start for the Hanwha Eagles in the KBO League...suffered a shoulder injury in his lone appearance and was released on April 19...posted a 2.51 ERA (14.1IP, 4ER) in 12 relief appearances for Gigantes del Cibao in the Dominican Winter League.
- Signed a minor league contract with a non-roster invitation to Spring Training, Jan. 2, 2024.

#61 ERASMO RAMÍREZ (0-1, 4.91)

RHP

- Spring Training:** Started on Feb. 25 vs. Detroit, tossing two innings of one-run ball...threw 1.2 innings of relief, allowing one earned run on two hits with two strikeouts on March 1 at PIT.
- 2023:** Went 3-3 with a 6.41 ERA (60.1 IP, 43 ER) in 38 appearances (2GS) between the Rays and Nationals...designated for assignment by Washington on June 7 and signed a minor league contract with Tampa Bay on June 13...went 1-0 with a 6.48 ERA (33.1 IP, 24 ER) in 15 appearances (2GS) after joining the Rays...had his contract selected on July 30 and remained with the Rays until being designated for assignment on Sept. 30.
- Signed a minor league contract with the Rays with a non-roster invitation to Spring Training, Dec. 4, 2023.

#39 MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ (0-0, 0.00)

RHP

- Spring Training:** In five outings, has permitted two unearned runs over 5.0 innings...both runs came on a homer by DET **Carson Kelly** on Feb. 25.
- 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.

#41 COLBY WHITE (0-1, 13.50)

RHP

- Spring Training:** In his second appearance, took the loss on March 2 vs. Boston after allowing one run on two hits with no walks and one strikeout...the lone run was a solo blast.
- 2023:** Opened the season on the 7-day IL while rehabbing from Tommy John surgery...began a rehab assignment with the FCL Rays on June 6, his first action since Oct. 3, 2021...posted a 1.74 ERA (10.1IP, 2ER) in 11 appearances (5GS) with the FCL Rays.
- Selected by the Rays in the sixth round of the 2019 First-Year Player Draft.

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**.

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		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	4-10-2	43,516
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
339-376-50		1,788,508