



# TAMPA BAY RAYS GAME NOTES

AL CHAMPIONS: 2020, 2008 | AL EAST CHAMPIONS: 2021, 2020, 2010, 2008 | AL WILD CARD: 2023, 2022, 2019, 2013, 2011

## TAMPA BAY RAYS (11-10) at NEW YORK YANKEES (14-6)

RHP Zach Eflin (1-2, 4.63) vs. LHP Nestor Cortes (1-1, 4.50)

Sat., April 20, 2024 • First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. ET • Location: Yankee Stadium • Game No./Away Game No.: 22/8

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### RAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	7-7
Road Record	4-3
Day Record	5-5
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Current Streak	L1
Last 5 Games	2-3
Last 10 Games	6-4
vs. RH Starter	7-6
vs. LH Starter	4-4
On Grass	4-3
On Turf	7-7
vs. AL	7-8
vs. NL	4-2
vs. AL East	2-3
vs. NL East	0-0
vs. AL Central	0-0
vs. NL Central	0-0
vs. AL West	5-5
vs. NL West	4-2
Leading After 7	8-1
Trailing After 7	2-9
Tied After 7	0-0
Leading After 8	10-1
Trailing After 8	1-9
Tied After 8	0-0
Rays Score First	7-4
Opponent Score First	4-6
Scoring 3 Runs or Fewer	3-8
Scoring 4+ Runs	8-2
Rays Out-Hit Opponent	5-3
Out-Hit by Opponent	3-7
Hit 0 HR	4-4
Hit 1+ HR	7-6
Hit 2+ HR	1-2
One-Run Games	4-1
Extra Innings	1-0
Comeback Wins	5
Blown Lead Losses	5
Shutouts	0-0
Last At-Bat	1-2
Walk-Offs	1-1
Committing No Errors	6-7
Committing 1+ Errors	5-3
March/April	11-10
May	0-0
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September/October	0-0

### CURRENT ROAD TRIP

W-L	0-1
RS   RA	3   5
AVG/OBP/SLG	.378/.410/.486
Runs/Game	3.0
HR	1
RISP	.100 (1-for-10)
Team ERA	0.00
Starters W-L	0-0
Starters ERA	0.00
Relievers W-L	0-1
Relievers ERA	0.00
Saves/Opps	0/1

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**RAY REPORT**—The Rays continue a brief three-game road trip at Yankee Stadium this afternoon following last night's 5-3 setback...they went 4-3 on their seven-game homestand against the Giants (2-1) and Angels (2-2)...the Rays have alternated wins and losses over their last seven contests (3-4) following a 5-1 stretch from April 6-12...they are 4-4 so far in a stretch of 13 consecutive games without an off day that concludes on April 24 vs. DET.

- Last night, the Rays suffered a 5-3 loss despite churning out a season-high 14 hits, their most since Oct. 1, 2023 at TOR (16)...all nine Rays starters recorded a hit for the first time since Sept. 24, 2023 vs. TOR...the Rays hit .378 (14-for-37) in the loss, but went 5-for-23 (.217) with runners on vs. 9-for-14 (.643) with the bases empty.
- The defeat marked the first time in club history the Rays lost despite out-hitting an opponent by nine or more (Elias)...it also dropped them to 7-2 in games decided by two runs or fewer this season.
- The Rays dropped to 1-6 in series openers, including 0-3 on the road, after posting the majors' fourth-best record in such contests in 2023 (34-18).
- Thursday's 2-1 win over the Angels was the 750th of **Kevin Cash's** career...he is five victories shy of surpassing his predecessor, **Joe Maddon** (754), as the Rays all-time managerial wins leader.
- The Rays need a win today to avoid just their second road series loss in their last 13 tries dating back to July 28-30 at HOU...they are 10-1-1 in road series over that span, with the lone defeat coming from Sept. 1-3, 2023 at CLE (2-1).

**RECENT TRANSACTIONS**—Prior to today's contest, the Rays selected RHP **Erasmó Ramírez** from Triple-A Durham, optioned LHP **Jacob Lopez** to Durham and transferred INF **Taylor Walls** (recovery from right hip surgery) to the 60-day IL...Ramírez, 33, has made 139 of his 314 career appearances with the Rays...he was with the Rays from July 30-Sept. 30 last season, going 1-0 with a 6.48 ERA (33.1IP, 24ER) over 15 games (2GS).

**DOOMED BY DEFENSE**—All five Yankees runs in yesterday's defeat were unearned tallies pushed across in the 7th frame following errors by **Yandy Díaz** and **Curtis Mead**...it marked the Rays first time allowing 5+ unearned runs in a game since May 20, 2022 at BAL (5)...it also marked the most unearned runs the Rays have permitted in a game in which they did not allow an ER, surpassing the previous mark of four (May 19, 2009 vs. OAK), and signaled just the ninth time the Rays have lost a game without allowing an ER (last: May 29, 2023 at CHC).

- Over their last four games, the Rays have committed four errors...they had totaled four miscues in their previous 12 contests from April 2-15.
- The Rays have yielded 11 unearned runs, tied for fourth most in the AL behind the Red Sox (26), Tigers (16) and White Sox (15)...their 47 unearned tallies last season were tied for third fewest in MLB behind the Rangers (33) and Twins (35).

**IN THE BOX**—The Rays are averaging 3.0 runs per game in their last three contests despite batting a collective .306 (30-for-98) in that timeframe...on the season, they own the AL's fifth-highest average (.249) while ranking 10th in slugging pct. (.369)...they also sit third in the AL in singles (128), but are tied for 10th in extra-base hits (47)...the Rays have been held to 2 XBH or fewer in five straight games, their longest streak since Sept. 10-13 (G2), 2022 (5G)...their last drought of 6+ games came from May 26-31, 2022 (6G).

- Over their last five games, the Rays are 6-for-43 (.140) with RISP...this comes on the heels of posting a .312 (24-for-77) RISP average from April 2-13 (10G).
- Rays hitters have been at their best in late-game situations, batting an AL-leading .323 (53-for-164) from the 8th inning on, third in the majors behind the Braves (.352) and Mets (.325)...their .226 (122-for-540) average in innings 1-7 ranks 24th.

**ON THE MOUND**—Rays pitching has posted a 2.08 ERA (39.0IP, 9ER) over the last four games after producing a 7.33 ERA (27.0IP, 22ER) in their previous three contests (April 13-15)...however, they have been charged with eight unearned runs in that stretch, their most over any four-game span since April 23-27, 2022 (8)...they have allowed only 1 ER over their last two games (17.0IP)...on the season, their 4.49 ERA ranks 24th in the majors and signals their highest mark through 21 games since 2018 (4.71).

- The Rays rotation ranks fourth in the AL/sixth in the majors with a 3.46 ERA (106.2IP, 41ER)...the rotation owns a 2.30 ERA (31.1IP, 8ER) over the last six games and has permitted 1 ER in its last 11.1 IP.
- Despite holding opponents to 1 ER in their last 17.0 IP, the bullpen's 5.81 ERA (83.2IP, 54ER) is second highest in the majors behind the Giants (6.03)...they have allowed at least one run in 19 of the Rays 21 contests.
- The Rays have yielded 13 SB over their last four games, the most in any four-game span in club history...the current team record over a five-game span is 14 SB (April 5-9, 2011)...opponents are 25-for-28 (89.3%) on SB attempts against the Rays—only the Mets (26-for-26) have allowed more steals...opposing baserunners have been successful on 12 straight and 21 of their last 22 SBA against the Rays.

**HOMER (UN)HAPPY**—The Rays have been tagged for 30 HR, tied with the Blue Jays for the most in the majors...it marks the third-most homers allowed through 21 games in club history, trailing only the 2003 and 2000 Devil Rays (31HR)...the 2000 club holds the record through 22 contests (32HR)...the Rays have allowed at least 1 HR in 16 of 21 games, going 6-10 in those affairs compared to 5-0 when holding the opposition homerless...on the season, 48 of the 106 (45.3%) runs allowed by Rays pitching have come off the 30 HR.

- Meanwhile, the Rays offense has tallied 3 HR in their last five games since launching a season-high 4 HR on April 14 vs. SF.
- They have 10 HR in their last 15 games since April 3, tied with four other clubs for the fourth fewest in the majors, ahead of only the White Sox (4HR), Tigers and Cardinals (9HR each)...from Opening Day through April 2, their 8 HR tied the Astros and Royals for the AL lead.

**HOT HITTERS**—**Amed Rosario** has gone 19-for-48 (.396) with 2 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR and 9 RBI during his 11-game hitting streak, the longest active run in the AL and one game shy of his career-best 12-game streak (June 5-18, 2022)...he has multiple hits in five of his last seven games...his average has increased from .167 on April 3 to .333 today, sixth highest in the AL...his .396 average since the streak started on April 4 paces the AL.

- Yandy Díaz** has hit safely in six of his last seven games, going 8-for-29 (.276) with 2 2B...in his previous five games, he went 1-for-21 (.048)...he owns a 23-game on-base streak against the Yankees dating back to Aug. 15, 2022.
- Richie Palacios**, who homered in his first career game at Yankee Stadium yesterday, is batting .400 (10-for-25) with 2 2B, 1 HR and 2 RBI in his last eight games.

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**—The Rays and Yankees continue a 13-game season series today in the Bronx...the Rays went 8-5 against the Pinstripes in 2023, taking four of seven games in New York...they have won three of the last four season series vs. the Yankees since 2020, posting the best record against New York by any AL team over that span (35-27/565)...they went 38-57 (.400) from 2015-19.

### KEVIN CASH WIN TRACKER

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wins needed to surpass **Joe Maddon** (754) as the Rays all-time managerial leader

### SERIES RECORDS

Overall	3-1-2
Home	1-1-2
Road	2-0-0
Series Openers	1-6
Home	1-3
Road	0-3
Rubber Games	3-1
Home	1-1
Road	2-0
Sweeps/Were Swept	0-0

### RAYS vs. YANKEES

2024 Record	0-1
Home	0-0
Road	0-1
Under Cash (since '15)	72-84
Home	41-35
Road	32-49
All-Time Record	194-257
Home	109-115
Road	85-142

### CONNECTIONS

- Manager **Kevin Cash** received a World Series ring from the Yankees in 2009 after appearing in 10 games in May while **Jorge Posada** was on the injured list.
- Hitting coach **Chad Mottola** was selected fifth overall by the Reds in the 1992 First-Year Player Draft, one spot before the Yankees drafted **Derek Jeter**.
- OF **Richie Palacios**, a Brooklyn native, is playing his first series in the Bronx...he has plans to attend the Knicks playoff game with his father tonight.
- C René Pinto's** father, **René Sr.**, was also a catcher who played seven seasons in the Yankees farm system (1994-2000).
- C Ben Rortved** appeared in 32 games for the Yankees last season and spent Spring Training with them before being traded to the Rays on March 27.
- Triple-A Durham manager **Morgan Ensberg** concluded his MLB career with the Yankees in 2008.
- Rays senior advisor, player development & baseball operations **Mitch Lukevics** oversaw the Yankees farm system from 1989-95.
- Rays director, baseball operations **Cole Figueroa** suited up for a pair of games with the Yankees in 2015 during his three-year MLB career.
- Yankees RHP **Luke Weaver** is a Florida State University alum and hails from Tallahassee.

### IT'S A ROSEY APRIL

**Amed Rosario's** 11-game hitting streak is the third-longest active run in the majors.

PLAYER	GAMES
ATL Marcell Ozuna	17G
MIL Willson Contreras	12G
TB Amed Rosario	11G
SF Jung Hoo Lee	10G
BAL Cedric Mullins	10G

### HOME(S) AWAY FROM HOME

Since the beginning of last season, **Harold Ramírez's** .353 (76-for-215) average on the road leads the majors (min. 200AB), ahead of HOU **Jose Altuve** (.351).

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Sun., April 21 at NYY	1:35 p.m.	RHP Aaron Civale (2-1, 2.74) vs. RHP Luis Gil (0-1, 3.86)	MLBN, BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 (Sp.)









RAYS PITCHING BY THE NUMBERS									
	W-L	G	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO	HR
Totals	11-10-6	21	4.49	190.1	185	95	76	187	30
Starters	6-6-0	21	3.46	106.2	100	41	25	113	15
Relievers	5-4-6	21	5.81	83.2	85	54	51	74	15
Home	7-7-2	14	4.50	130.0	120	65	53	122	20
Road	4-3-4	7	4.48	60.1	65	30	23	65	10
Pre All-Star	11-10-6	21	4.49	190.1	185	95	76	187	30
Post All-Star	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
March/April	11-10-6	21	4.49	190.1	185	95	76	187	30
May	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
June	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
July	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
August	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
September	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
October	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

PITCH CLOCK VIOLATIONS			
	Pitcher	Batter	TOTALS
Rays	1	0	1
Opponent	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	0	1

CATCHERS			
	FLD%	CS/SB	CERA
Pinto	.990	0/16	0.0%
Rortvedt	.981	2/9	18.2%
TEAM TOTALS	.985	2/25	7.4%

2024 RECORDS BY UNIFORM	
White	1-4
Navy	5-3
Columbia Blue	3-3
Devil Rays Throwbacks	2-0

STARTING PITCHER INFORMATION (STARTS ONLY)												
PITCHER	STARTS	RAYS RUNS	RUNS/START	RS/9	CLUB RECORD	QUALITY STARTS	PITCHES/START	HR/9.0 IP	GDP	GB%	SB/SBA	
Alexander	2	11	5.50	1.86	1-1	0	86.0	1.86	0	36.7%	1/1	
Armstrong	2	11	5.50	12.00	1-1	0	28.0	0.00	1	57.1%	1/1	
Civale	4	22	5.50	4.30	3-1	3	88.0	1.96	2	32.2%	2/3	
Eflin	4	11	2.75	2.70	1-3	2	79.0	1.54	0	44.0%	1/2	
Littell	4	20	5.00	4.29	2-2	1	91.8	0.43	2	35.5%	1/1	
Pepiot	4	10	2.50	2.38	2-2	2	91.3	1.19	1	32.1%	3/4	
Waguespack	1	2	2.00	4.50	1-0	0	17.8	0.00	1	27.3%	1/1	

RECENT TRANSACTIONS		
<b>MARCH</b>		
21	Acquired LHP Joe Rock from the Rockies for INF/OF Greg Jones.	27
22	Reassigned the following players to minor league camp: C Rob Brantly, OF Jake Mangum, C Francisco Mejía, RHP Joe Record, RHP Burch Smith, RHP Naoyuki Uwasawa.	28
25	Placed RHP Shane Baz (left oblique strain) and RHP Taj Bradley (right pectoral strain) on the 15-day IL.	28
26	Acquired INF/OF Niko Goodrum from the Twins for cash considerations, selected him to the 40-man roster and optioned him to Triple-A Durham; traded RHP Burch Smith to the Marlins for cash considerations.	APRIL
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W-L BY POSITION (STARTS)										W-L BY BATTING ORDER (STARTS)								
	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH
Arozarena						9-9	0-1				3-2	6-8						
Caballero					9-9								1-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	1-1	
Díaz		9-10							2-0	11-10								
Goodrum					1-0										1-0			
Mead			5-6	1-1									1-0	3-4	2-2	0-1		
Palacios						1-1		6-4			4-2		3-2	0-1				
Paredes				10-9								10-7	1-1					
Pinto	5-6																	5-6
Ramirez						1-0		1-0	8-9		4-4	1-0	1-2	2-2	2-1			
Rortvedt	6-4																2-2	4-2
Rosario			3-0		1-1			4-6				1-0		4-4	2-2	1-0		
Shenton		2-1													2-0	1-0	0-1	
Siri							11-9									3-5	7-3	1-1

RAYS ON THE INJURED LIST (10)								
POS.	PLAYER	IL	INJURY	DATE ON	RETRO	FIRST DATE OFF	GMS MISSED	RECORD
INF	Jonathan Aranda	10-day	Right fourth finger fracture	March 27	March 25	April 4	21	11-10
RHP	Shane Baz	15-day	Left oblique strain	March 25	--	April 9	21	11-10
RHP	Taj Bradley	15-day	Right pectoral strain	March 25	--	April 9	21	11-10
OF	Jonny DeLuca	10-day	Left fifth metacarpal fracture	March 27	March 25	April 4	21	11-10
INF	Brandon Lowe	10-day	Right oblique strain	April 12	April 9	April 19	10	6-4
OF	Josh Lowe	10-day	Right oblique strain	March 28	March 25	April 4	21	11-10
LHP	Shane McClanahan	60-day	Recovery from Tommy John surgery	February 14	--	May 27	21	11-10
RHP	Drew Rasmussen	60-day	Recovery from right elbow surgery	February 21	--	May 27	21	11-10
LHP	Jeffrey Springs	60-day	Recovery from Tommy John surgery	March 15	--	May 27	21	11-10
INF	Taylor Walls	60-day	Recovery from right hip surgery	March 27	March 25	May 24	21	11-10

Previous injured list stints (Dates, games missed, team record):

PLAYERS USED (29)
<b>PITCHERS (15):</b> Jason Adam*, Tyler Alexander*, Shawn Armstrong*, Aaron Civale*, Garrett Cleavinger*, Chris Devenski*, Zach Eflin*, Pete Fairbanks*, Kevin Kelly, Zack Littell*, Jacob Lopez, Phil Maton*, Ryan Pepiot* Colin Poche*, Jacob Waguespack*
<b>CATCHERS (2):</b> René Pinto*, Ben Rortvedt*
<b>INFIELDERS (7):</b> José Caballero*, Yandy Díaz*, Niko Goodrum, Brandon Lowe*, Curtis Mead*, Austin Shenton*+, Isaac Paredes*
<b>OUTFIELDERS (5):</b> Randy Arozarena*, Richie Palacios*, Harold Ramírez*, Amed Rosario*, Jose Siri*

\* - Opening Day roster  
+ - MLB debut

