



# 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 (74-78) vs. BOSTON RED SOX (76-76)

RHP Zack Littell (7-9, 3.73) vs. RHP Brayan Bello (14-7, 4.60)

Thur., Sept. 19, 2024 • First Pitch: 6:50 p.m. ET • Location: Tropicana Field • Game No./Home Game No.: 153/78

TV: Bally Sports Sun • Radio: WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 AM (Sp.)

### RAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	38-39
Road Record	36-39
Day Record	29-29
Night Record	45-49
Current Streak	1-1
Last 5 Games	2-3
Last 10 Games	4-6
vs. RH Starter	55-61
vs. LH Starter	19-17
On Grass	30-34
On Turf	44-44
vs. AL	48-58
vs. NL	26-20
vs. AL East	20-25
vs. NL East	9-7
vs. AL Central	14-15
vs. NL Central	8-7
vs. AL West	14-18
vs. NL West	9-6
Leading After 7	55-2
Trailing After 7	11-62
Tied After 7	8-14
Leading After 8	64-1
Trailing After 8	5-69
Tied After 8	5-8
Rays Score First	46-28
Opponent Scores First	28-50
Scoring 3 Runs or Fewer	20-63
Scoring 4+ Runs	54-15
Rays Out-Hit Opponent	50-11
Out-Hit by Opponent	16-56
Hit 0 HR	19-38
Hit 1+ HR	55-40
Hit 2+ HR	22-8
One-Run Games	26-20
Extra Innings	8-5
Comeback Wins	37
Blown Lead Losses	35
Shutouts	9-8
Last At-Bat	17-14
Walk-Offs	7-6
Committing No Errors	39-50
Committing 1+ Errors	35-28
March/April	14-17
May	14-13
June	14-12
July	13-11
August	12-15
September	7-10

### CURRENT HOMESTAND

W-L	1-1
RS   RA	9   5
AVG/OBP/SLG	.290/.338/.522
Runs/Game	4.5
HR	4
RISP	.211 (4-for-19)
Team ERA	2.50
Starters W-L	1-0
Starters ERA	2.08
Relievers W-L	0-1
Relievers ERA	3.60
Saves/Opps	0/0

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**RAY REPORT**—The Rays continue their final homestand of the season against the Red Sox (1-1, 1 to play) and Blue Jays (3 to play) tonight at Tropicana Field...have not won or lost more than three consecutive games since being swept by Baltimore from June 7-10, going 43-43 since that series...are 20-26 since the July 30 trade deadline and 26-30 since the All-Star break...including off days, this marks their 92nd consecutive day occupying fourth place in the AL East...are 6.0 games behind the Twins for the AL's third and final Wild Card spot...have spent the entire season no more than five games below or three games above .500...need to win at least seven of their final 10 games to finish .500 or better.

- ★ Rays pitching struck out 14 Red Sox last night, marking their eighth 14+ SO game of the season...it marked the second time this season Tampa Bay struck out 14 Red Sox batters, joining May 14 at Fenway Park (L, 5-2, 12 inn.).
- ★ Tampa Bay has been held to one run or fewer 31 times this season, going 3-28 in those contests...the 31 games are tied for fifth most by a Tampa Bay club in franchise history (1998: 40G, 2014: 35G, 2001: 32G).
- ★ The Rays 3.27 ERA since the All-Star break ranks third in MLB behind the Tigers (3.06) and Astros (3.16).
- ★ With a win tonight, Tampa Bay would avoid falling a season-high-tying five games below .500 for the first time since entering play on June 19 at 34-39.

**ZACK ATTACK**—Zack Littell owns a 13.0 scoreless inning streak dating to his Sept. 2 outing against the Twins...over his last two starts, Littell has fired 11.0 scoreless frames, scattering five hits and one walk with nine strikeouts...he has allowed four hits or fewer in five of his last seven starts (6.45 H/9.OIP) after having five such performances across his first 20 starts (10.85 H/9.OIP).

**PEP IN HIS STEP**—Last night, Ryan Pepiot threw the fourth immaculate inning in franchise history, striking out Connor Wong, Willyer Abreu and Triston Casas in the 5th inning...he is the second pitcher in the majors to accomplish the feat this season, joining Michael Kopech, who did so as a member of the White Sox on July 10 vs. the Twins...Pepiot is the first starter in franchise history to throw an immaculate inning, as the others did so in relief (José Alvarado: Aug. 4, 2017 vs. MIL - 9th inn., Brad Boxberger: May 8, 2014 vs. BAL - 6th inn., Rafael Soriano: Aug. 23, 2010 at LAA - 9th inn.)...Pepiot was the first MLB starter to do so since LAA Reid Detmers on July 31, 2022 vs. TEX...according to Baseball Almanac, it marked the 114th immaculate inning in MLB history (47th in AL). Pepiot recorded a career-high 12 strikeouts in the outing...he did so on 76 pitches (56 strikes), becoming the third hurler since pitch counts were first tracked in 1988 to collect 12+ strikeouts while throwing 76 pitches or fewer, joining MIA Jesús Luzardo (12SO, 76 pitches on April 12, 2022 at LAA) and BOS Chris Sale (12SO, 68 pitches on Aug. 12, 2018 at BAL).

**CASH CAB**—Last night, José Caballero stole his fifth base as a pinch runner, setting the single-season franchise record...the previous mark of four steals was shared by Miguel Cairo (2000), Rich Thompson (2012) and Randy Winn (1998)...Caballero's 5 SB as a pinch runner are tied for second most in MLB behind KC Dairon Blanco (19SB).

- ★ Caballero also stole third base for the 13th time, surpassing the single-season club record of 12 SB previously held by BJ Upton (2010) and Julio Lugo (2005).
- ★ His 43 SB pace the AL and rank fourth in MLB behind CIN Elly De La Cruz (64SB), LAD Shohei Ohtani (49 SB) and MIL Brice Turang (45SB)...he is the first Ray to swipe 43+ bags in a season since Carl Crawford (47SB) in 2010.

**IF THE SOX FIT**—Tampa Bay is 57-32 (.640) against Boston since 2019, marking the highest winning pct. by any club against the Red Sox during that stretch (min. 10G), ahead of Houston (20-12/.625) and New York-AL (56-37/.602)...with Boston currently leading the season series, 5-4, Tampa Bay needs to win at least three of the final four matchups to secure a sixth consecutive winning season against Boston, with the last losing season coming in 2018 (8-11).

**KELL-YEAH**—Kevin Kelly's 20.1 scoreless inning streak is the second-longest active run in the majors (NYM Jose Quintana - 22.2IP) and ties his career-long streak from May 14-July 15 (G2), 2023...he has not allowed an earned run in a career-high 22 straight outings (24.2IP) since July 23, limiting opponents to a .145/.193/.181 (12-for-83) line with a 0.65 WHIP during that time...it is the longest active streak in the majors, ahead of AZ A.J. Puk (20) and ties the fourth-longest run in club history...the last longer streak by a Rays reliever was Pete Fairbanks' club-record 30-appearance run (July 25, 2022-April 28, 2023).

**TROP TALK**—At 38-39, Tampa Bay must go 3-1 or better over the next four games to secure an eighth straight winning season at home...its last losing season came in 2016 (36-45).

- ★ Ten of the Rays last 16 home games have been one-run games, including five of their last seven.
- ★ Rays starters have posted a 2.98 ERA (193.OIP, 64ER) in 38 home games since June 11, signaling the second-lowest mark by any starting rotation at their home venue during that stretch behind Seattle (2.89)...overall, Rays pitching ranks 12th in MLB with a 3.75 home ERA, while their 3.98 road ERA ranks 10th.

**SHIPPING DOWN SOUTH**—Tampa Bay and Boston continue a 13-game season set tonight at Tropicana Field...tonight's meeting marks the third of six in a span of 13 days from Sept. 17-29...in their first matchup of the season from May 13-16, Tampa Bay took three of four at Fenway Park before suffering a three-game sweep in St. Pete the following week...the two clubs close out the 2024 season with a three-game series in Boston from Sept. 27-29.

**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS**—Last night, Class-A Bowling Green defeated Hudson Valley (NY), 4-1, in Game 3 of the South Atlantic League Championship...RHP Jackson Baumeister earned the win (5.2IP, 3H, 1ER, 2BB, 7SO), while the Hot Rods received offensive contributions from LF Noah Myers (2-for-3, RBI, BB, R), 1B Raudelis Martinez (1-for-4, 2B, 2RBI, SB) and DH Aidan Smith (1-for-4, 2B, RBI, R, SB)...it marked Bowling Green's third SAL title in the last four years and fourth in the last six seasons.

**MORE ON MONTGOMERY**—Currently holding a 1-0 lead, Double-A Montgomery takes on Biloxi (MIL) tonight in Game 2 of the Southern League Division Series...RHP Yoniel Curet is scheduled to start for the Biscuits...with a victory this evening, Montgomery would advance to the best-of-three Southern League Championship, facing the winner of Birmingham (CWS) and Tennessee (CHC).

**BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE**—Earlier today, Minor League Baseball announced the 2024 High Class-A league awards and All-Star teams...1B Xavier Isaac was named the Top MLB Prospect in the South Atlantic League...along with Isaac, four other Hot Rods were named to the SAL All-Star team: RHP Jackson Baumeister, 2B Cooper Kinney, OF Colton Ledbetter and SS Brayden Taylor.

- ★ Yesterday, RHP Gary Gill Hill and RHP Gerlin Rosario were named to the Carolina League All-Star team representing Charleston.

**HERE TO STAY IN ST. PETE**—Tonight, the Rays will recognize City of St. Pete Employee Appreciation Night on the field with a pre-game presentation including Mayor Ken Welch, city staff representatives and Rays president Matt Silverman; 3,600 city employees provide St. Pete's residents and visitors with key programs and services.

### SERIES RECORDS

Overall	22-19-7
Home	11-9-4
Road	11-10-3
Series Openers	19-30
Home	11-14
Road	8-16
Rubber Games	15-7
Home	7-3
Road	8-4
Sweeps/Were Swept	3-6

### RAYS vs. RED SOX

2024 Record	4-5
Home	1-4
Road	3-1
Under Cash (since '15)	90-75
Home	47-39
Road	43-36
All-Time Record	216-246
Home	120-115
Road	96-131

### CONNECTIONS

- ★ Tampa Bay Manager Kevin Cash and Pitching Coach Kyle Snyder were teammates on the Red Sox during the 2007-08 seasons, and Cash caught him for six games in 2007.
- ★ Rays Third Base Coach Brady Williams was selected by the Red Sox in the 45th round of the 1999 First-Year Player Draft out of Pasco-Hernando Community College in New Port Richey, FL.
- ★ Blake Butera, Tampa Bay's Senior Director of Player Development, graduated from Boston College in 2015, playing in over 200 games for the Eagles.
- ★ Tampa Bay RHP Zack Littell was claimed off waivers from Boston on May 12, 2023.
- ★ Boston RHP Kutter Crawford was born in Okeechobee, FL, roughly 140 miles from St. Petersburg... after graduating from Okeechobee High School, he spent two seasons at Indian River State College (2015-16) before transferring to Florida Gulf Coast University in 2017.
- ★ Rays LHP Jeffrey Springs was acquired from the Red Sox on Feb. 17, 2021 along with RHP Chris Mazza in exchange for C Ronaldo Hernández and INF Nick Sogard.
- ★ Tampa native Wade Boggs, who was inducted into Tampa Bay's inaugural Hall of Fame class in 2023, hit .338 with 422 2B, 47 3B and 85 HR in 11 seasons with Boston (1982-92).
- ★ Boston INF Romy Gonzalez was born in Miami, FL and attended American Senior High School in Hialeah, FL before playing collegiately at the University of Miami (2016-18).
- ★ Tampa Bay selected Boston RHP Jim Mecir in the second round of the 1997 Expansion Draft.
- ★ Since the Rays Touch Tank opened in 2006 in right-center field, seven home runs have been hit into the water, including two by Tampa Bay batters...the first was hit by José Lobatón, who launched walk-off solo homer in the 9th inning of Game 3 of the 2013 ALDS vs. Boston off Koji Uehara...the other Tampa Bay batter to do so was Brad Miller on July 31, 2016 vs. NYY off Michael Pineda.

### HIGHEST SLUGGING PCT. VS. BOSTON, MLB HISTORY (MIN. 200 PA)

PLAYER	SLG
Babe Ruth	.683
Frank Robinson	.652
Brandon Lowe	.646
Lou Gehrig	.644
Teoscar Hernandez	.615

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Fri., Sept. 20 vs. TOR	6:50 p.m.	TBA vs. TBA	BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 (Sp.)
Sat., Sept. 21 vs. TOR	4:10 p.m.	RHP Taj Bradley (6-11, 4.39) vs. RHP José Berríos (16-9, 3.44)	BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 (Sp.)
Sun., Sept. 22 vs. TOR	1:40 p.m.	RHP Shane Baz (3-3, 3.21) vs. RHP Yariel Rodríguez (1-6, 4.29)	BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 (Sp.)
Mon. Sept. 23	--	OFF DAY	--









RAYS PITCHING BY THE NUMBERS

Table with 10 columns: W-L-S, G, ERA, IP, H, ER, BB, SO, HR. Rows include Totals, Starters, Relievers, Home, Road, Pre All-Star, Post All-Star, March/April, May, June, July, August, September.

PITCH CLOCK VIOLATIONS

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Batter, TOTALS. Rows include Rays, Opponent, TOTALS.

CATCHERS

Table with 5 columns: FLD%, CS/SBA, CS%, CERA, PB. Rows include Brantly, Driscoll, Jackson, Pinto, Rortvedt, TEAM TOTALS.

2024 RECORDS BY UNIFORM

Table with 2 columns: Uniform Name, Record. Rows include White, Navy, Columbia Blue, Devil Rays Throwback, City Connect.

STARTING PITCHER INFORMATION (STARTS ONLY)

Table with 13 columns: PITCHER, STARTS, RUN SUPPORT, RS/9.0 IP, TOTAL RUNS, TOTAL RUNS/START, CLUB RECORD, QUALITY STARTS, PITCHES/START, HR/9.0 IP, GDP, OPP. SB/SBA. Rows include Alexander, Armstrong, Baz, Bigge, Bradley, Civale, Eflin, Littell, Lopez, Pepiot, Springs, Sulser, Rasmussen, Waguespack.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table with 3 columns: DATE, TRANSACTION, DATE, TRANSACTION. Rows for JULY and AUGUST detailing player acquisitions, optioning, and reinstatements.

SEPTEMBER

Table with 3 columns: DATE, TRANSACTION, DATE, TRANSACTION. Rows for SEPTEMBER detailing player selections and reinstatements.

W-L BY POSITION (STARTS)

W-L BY BATTING ORDER (STARTS)

Table with 17 columns for positions and batting orders (C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, RF, DH, 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH). Rows list players and their respective W-L records.

RAYS ON THE INJURED LIST (5)

Table with 9 columns: POS., PLAYER, IL, INJURY, DATE ON, RETRO, FIRST DATE OFF, GAMES MISSED, RECORD. Rows include Pete Fairbanks, Shane McClanahan, Richie Palacios, Jeffrey Springs, Jacob Waguespack.

Previous injured list stints (Injury, dates, games missed, team record): INF Jonathan Aranda (right fourth finger fracture, 3/25-5/14, 42, 21-21); RHP Shane Baz (left oblique strain, 3/25-5/23, 51, 25-26); RHP Taj Bradley (right pectoral strain, 3/25-5/8, 38, 19-19); OF Jonny DeLuca (right fifth metacarpal fracture, 3/25-5/3, 32, 14-18); RHP Chris Devenski (right knee tendinitis, 4/26-5/25, 24, 12-12); RHP Zach Eflin (lower back inflammation, 5/20-6/5, 13, 5-8); RHP Pete Fairbanks (nerve-related issue, 4/22-5/11, 19, 8-11); RHP Zack Littell (right shoulder fatigue, 8/15-8/30, 16, 8-8); LHP Richard Lovelady (left forearm flexor strain, 6/22-8/8, 50, 26-24); INF Brandon Lowe (right oblique strain, 4/9-5/20, 37, 20-17); OF Josh Lowe (right oblique strain, 3/28-5/6, 34, 16-18); right oblique strain, 5/25-6/3, 10, 4-6); RHP Ryan Pepiot (lower left leg contusion, 5/6-22, 13, 6-7; right knee infection, 7/19-8/16, 22, 10-12); LHP Colin Poche (mid-back tightness, 4/26-6/8, 38, 19-19; left shoulder inflammation, 8/31-9/16, 16, 7-9); RHP Drew Rasmussen (recovery from right elbow surgery, 2/21-8/7, 112, 57-55); LHP Jeffrey Springs (recovery from Tommy John surgery, 3/15-7/28, 105, 53-52); INF Taylor Walls (recovery from right hip surgery, 3/27-6/7, 62, 31-31)

PLAYERS USED (54)

PITCHERS (29): Jason Adam\*, Tyler Alexander\*, Shawn Armstrong\*, Shane Baz, Taj Bradley, Hunter Bigge, Aaron Civale\*, Garrett Cleavinger\*, Chris Devenski\*, Zach Eflin\*, Pete Fairbanks\*, Kevin Kelly, Joel Kuhnel, Zack Littell\*, Jacob Lopez, Richard Lovelady, Phil Maton\*, Mason Montgomery+, Ryan Pepiot\*, Colin Poche\*, Erasmo Ramirez, Drew Rasmussen, Manuel Rodriguez, Jeffrey Springs, Justin Sterner+, Cole Sulser, Edwin Uceta, Jacob Waguespack\*, Tyler Zuber

CATCHERS (5): Rob Brantly, Logan Driscoll+, Alex Jackson, René Pinto\*, Ben Rortvedt\*

INFIELDBERS (11): Jonathan Aranda, José Caballero\*, Junior Caminero, Yandy Díaz\*, Niko Goodrum, Brandon Lowe\*, Curtis Mead\*, Christopher Morel, Austin Shenton+\*, Isaac Paredes\*, Taylor Walls

OUTFIELDERS (9): Randy Arozarena\*, Dylan Carlson, Jonny DeLuca, Josh Lowe, Kameron Misner+, Richie Palacios\*, Harold Ramirez\*, Amed Rosario\*, Jose Siri\*

\* - Opening Day roster; + - MLB debut

