TAMPA BAY RAYS GAME NOTES

MLB WORLD TOUR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SERIES 2024

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

TAMPA BAY RAYS (4-8-2) at BOSTON RED SOX (9-6-1)

RHP Aaron Civale (0-1, 16.88) vs. RHP Garrett Whitlock (2-0, 4.50)

Sun., March 10, 2024 • **First Pitch:** 1:05 p.m. ET • **Location:** Estadio Quisqueya (Santo Domingo, DR) • **Spring Game No./Away Game No.:** 15/7
TV: MLB Network • **Radio:** WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM; WQBN 106.7 FM/1300 AM (Spanish)

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER

PITCHERS (20+14+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
58 Curet, Yoniel	0.000
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
97 Jimenez, Antonio (L)	0.000
65 McKay, Brendan (L)	1.056
89 Mejia, Enmanuel	0.000
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+5)	Service Time
50 Pinto, René	0.150
30 Brantly, Rob	2.059
68 Driscoll, Logan	0.000
40 Jackson, Alex	1.167
0 Mejía, Francisco	5.042
93 Meyer, Nick	0.000

INFIELDERS (12+5)	Service Time
62 Aranda, Jonathan	0.113
37 Basabe, Osleivis	0.050
7 Caballero, José	0.170
13 Caminero, Junior	0.010
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
54 Shenton, Austin	0.000
6 Walls, Taylor	2.092
19 Chang, Yu	3.142
94 Hinojosa, C.J.	0.000
83 Murray, Tanner	0.000
70 Simon, Ronny	0.000
80 Williams, Carson	0.000

OUTFIELDERS (7+5)	Service Time
56 Arozarena, Randy	3.129
21 DeLuca, Jonny	0.085
28 Jones, Greg	0.000
15 Lowe, Josh	1.093
1 Palacios, Richie	0.156
43 Ramírez, Harold	4.124
22 Siri, Jose	2.015
71 Cardenas, Ruben	0.000
76 Hulsizer, Niko	0.000
72 Mangum, Jake	0.000
73 Misner, Kameron	0.000
75 Peters, Tristan	0.000

+60-day IL

TOTAL: 71 players (29 NRI, 2 IL)

SILENT IN SANTO DOMINGO—The Rays were shut out by the Red Sox last night, 4-0, in the opening contest of the Dominican Republic Series...21-year-old **RHP Yoniel Curet**, a native of San Pedro de Macorís, DR, made the start and took the loss after allowing two runs on two hits and two walks with three strikeouts in 1.0 inning.

- Three Dominican Republic natives worked out of the Rays bullpen, including **RHP Edwin Uceta** (2.0IP, 3H, 1ER, 6SO), **LHP Antonio Jimenez** (2.0IP, 3H, 4SO) and **RHP Enmanuel Mejia** (1.0IP).
- **1B Jonathan Aranda** (2-for-4) was responsible for two of the Rays four hits on the night...he is batting .400 (8-for-20) with 3 2B in eight games this spring.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS—On Thursday afternoon, the Rays announced the following players were reassigned to minor league camp: **INF Evan Edwards**, **C Dominic Keegan**, **LHP Mason Montgomery**, **C Kenny Piper**, **RHP Nathan Wiles** and **RHP Logan Workman**.

WORLD TOUR—This marks the fourth time MLB has staged Spring Training games in the Dominican Republic, joining 2020 (DET vs. MIN), 2000 (HOU vs. BOS) and 1999 (NYM vs. MTL)...prior to this weekend, the Rays had never played in the country—their last international contests came during a season-opening series against the Yankees in Tokyo, Japan from March 30-31, 2004...they also played an exhibition game against the Cuban national team in Havana, Cuba on March 22, 2016.

- The Rays have 10 players currently in major league camp who hail from the Dominican Republic: **INF Junior Caminero**, **RHP Yoniel Curet**, **RHP Carlos Garcia**, **LHP Antonio Jimenez**, **RHP Enmanuel Mejía**, **C Francisco Mejia**, **INF/OF Amed Rosario**, **INF Ronny Simon**, **OF Jose Siri** and **RHP Edwin Uceta**...both Caminero and Rosario are from Santo Domingo.
- Bench Coach **Rodney Linares** is the son of **Julio Linares**, a San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic native who has been a member of the Astros organization as a coach, manager or scout since 1973...Rodney managed the Dominican Republic at the 2023 World Baseball Classic.

SOX STUFF—Tampa Bay serves as the visitor this afternoon in game two of the Dominican Republic Series at Estadio Quisqueya, marking the finale of four meetings between the clubs this spring...the Red Sox have defeated the Rays in all three matchups...since 2019, the Rays are 53-27 against the Red Sox during the regular season, including 11-2 last season.

PROSPECT WATCH—On Monday, 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 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 will host the Tigers at Tropicana Field in their spring finale on March 26.

- On March 16, Rays top prospects will battle their Twins counterparts in Fort Myers as part of MLB's 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.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN—The Rays have 71 players in major league camp, including 29 non-roster invites...of those 71 players, 18 (25.4%) are homegrown, meaning they were drafted or signed as an amateur free agent and developed by the Rays player development system, while 20 (28.2%) are new to the organization since the conclusion of the 2023 season...the Rays have 36 pitchers (14 NRI), six catchers (5 NRI), 17 infielders (5 NRI) and 12 outfielders (5 NRI) in major league camp.

- 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).

TODAY'S PITCHERS

RAYS

RHP Aaron Civale
RHP Trevor Brigden
RHP Carlos Garcia
RHP Michael Gomez
RHP Erasmo Ramírez
RHP Manuel Rodríguez
RHP Justin Sterner
RHP Naoyuki Uwasawa

RED SOX

RHP Garrett Whitlock
LHP Chris Murphy
RHP Justin Slaten
RHP Greg Weissert
LHP Joely Rodriguez

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	2-5-1
Road Record	2-3-1
@ Charlotte Sports Park	2-4-1
Current Streak	L1
Last 5 Games	2-3-0
Last 10 Games	2-7-1
vs. AL	3-4-2
vs. NL	1-4-0
Longest Win Streak	2, 2x (last 3/6-7)
Longest Losing Streak	4 (2/28-3/2)
Home Attendance	38,996
Home Avg.	4,875
Home High	11,853 (3/9 vs. BOS)
Road Attendance	39,070
Road Avg.	6,512
Total Attendance	78,066

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

18

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

March 9-10:
Rays vs. Red Sox
Dominican Republic Series
@ Estadio Quisqueya (Santo Domingo, DR)

Sat., March 16
Rays at Twins, 4:05 p.m. ET
MLB Spring Breakout Prospect Showcase
@ Hammond Stadium (Fort Myers, 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
Mon., March 11 vs. TOR	1:05 p.m.	**TB**–RHP Zach Eflin, RHP Shawn Armstrong, RHP Chris Devenski, RHP Pete Fairbanks, LHP Colin Poche; **TOR**–TBA	Bally Sports Sun, MLB.com
Tue., March 12 at BAL	1:05 p.m.	**TB**–TBA; **BAL**–RHP Tyler Wells	None

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP AARON CIVALE (0-1, 16.88)

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO
2023	CLE/TB	7-5	3.46	23/23	122.1	109	47	12	33-0	116
Career Totals		**29-23**	**3.92**	**86/86**	**475.1**	**436**	**207**	**64**	**118-1**	**428**

2024 SPRING TRAINING

- Took the loss in his debut on March 4 vs. PIT, allowing five runs on four hits, one walk and three home runs with one strikeout across 2.2 innings.

2023 IN REVIEW

- Split the season between the Guardians and Rays after being acquired by Tampa Bay in a July 31 trade in exchange for **INF Kyle Manzardo**...between both clubs, set career highs in starts (23), strikeouts (116), opp. slugging pct. (.363) and bWAR (2.7).
- After making two starts with Cleveland on April 1 and 7, was on the 15-day IL with a left oblique strain from April 10–June 2...recorded a 2.24 ERA (64.1IP, 16ER) in his final 11 starts with the Guardians...led the AL with a 1.45 ERA (27.1IP, 6ER) across six starts in July.
- Went 2-3 with a 5.06 ERA (45.1IP, 27ER) over 10 starts with the Rays.

GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	FINAL
3/4 vs. PIT	L	16.88	2.2	4	5	5	1	1	3	0	0	L, 7-3
SPRING TOTALS	**0-1**	**16.88**	**2.2**	**4**	**5**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**	

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

#85 TREVOR BRIGDEN (0-0, 0.00) RHP

- **Spring Training:** Has posted 4.1 scoreless, hitless innings, tallying eight strikeouts across four appearances.
- **2023:** Went 4-4 with a 3.46 ERA (78.0IP, 30ER) and two saves in 44 appearances (2GS) for Triple-A Durham.
- Selected by the Rays in the 17th round of the 2019 First-Year Player Draft out of Okanahan College.

#86 CARLOS GARCIA (0-0, 1.80) RHP

- **Spring Training:** In four outings, has thrown 5.0 frames, allowing one run on three hits with one walk while striking out two.
- **2023:** Split the season between Triple-A Durham and Double-A Montgomery, posting a 3.70 ERA (75.1IP, 31ER) in 38 appearances (2GS)...the 38 appearances tied for ninth most among Rays farmhands.
- Signed by the Rays as a minor league free agent on April 1, 2018.

#87 MICHAEL GOMEZ (1-0, 8.10) RHP

- **Spring Training:** Has made four appearances, allowing three runs on four hits with four strikeouts over 3.1 IP...earned the win on Feb. 27 vs. NYY.
- **2023:** Made 47 relief appearances for Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, going 2-6 with a 5.45 ERA (67.2IP, 41ER)...the 47 appearances were third most among Yankees farmhands.
- Selected by the Rays in the minor league portion of the 2023 Rule 5 Draft.

#61 ERASMO RAMÍREZ (0-0, 4.91) RHP

- **Spring Training:** Has made two apperances (1GS)...started on Feb. 25 vs. Detroit and tossed 2.0 innings of one-run ball...allowed two runs (1 earned) on two hits on March 1 at PIT.
- **2023:** Went 3-3 with a 6.41 ERA (60.1IP, 43ER) 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 (33.1IP, 24ER) 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 on Dec. 4, 2023.

#39 MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ (0-0, 0.00) RHP

- **Spring Training:** In four outings, has permitted two unearned runs over 4.0 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.

#90 JUSTIN STERNER (0-0, 0.00) RHP

- **Spring Training:** Has retired all 12 batters faced across four outings, fanning seven batters...earned the save on March 6 at NYY.
- **2023:** Went 6-1 with a 5.27 ERA (54.2IP, 32ER) in 34 relief appearances between Double-A Montgomery and Triple-A Durham...pitched for Gigantes del Cibao in the Dominican Winter League following the season.
- Acquired from the Marlins along with cash considerations in exchange for RHP David Hess, July 3, 2021.

#36 NAOYUKI UWASAWA (0-0, 18.00) RHP

- **Spring Training:** In two appearances (1GS), has worked 4.0 innings, allowing eight runs on 10 hits, three walks, two home runs and one hit batter while striking out two hitters.
- **2023:** Went 9-9 with a 2.96 ERA (170.0IP, 56ER) in 24 apperances for the Nippon Ham Fighters, completing his ninth season in Nippon Professional Baseball... the 170.0 innngs set a career high and lead the Pacific League.
- Signed as a free agent on Jan. 11, 2024.

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**.

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)/Ramirez (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	1:05 p.m.			
Mon.	March 11	Toronto	Charlotte County	B/M	1:05 p.m.			
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	**4-8-2**	**38,996**
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
	339-374-50	**1,783,988**