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FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020

Day 85 Since Major League Baseball's Suspension of Spring Training

TAMPA BAY RAYS REGULAR SEASON HISTORY

YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS	YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS	YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS	YEAR	RECORD	POS.	PCT.	GB/GA	PLAYOFFS
2019	96-66	2nd	.593	7.0	Lost in ALDS	2013	92-71	2nd	.564	5.5	Lost in ALDS	2007	66-96	5th	.407	30.0	--	2001	62-100	5th	.383	34.0	--
2018	90-72	3rd	.556	18.0	--	2012	90-72	3rd	.556	5.0	--	2006	61-101	5th	.377	36.0	--	2000	69-92	5th	.429	18.0	--
2017	80-82	3rd	.494	13.0	--	2011	91-71	2nd	.562	6.0	Lost in ALDS	2005	67-94	5th	.416	28.0	--	1999	69-93	5th	.426	29.0	--
2016	68-94	5th	.420	25.0	--	2010	96-66	1st	.593	1.0	Lost in ALDS	2004	70-91	4th	.435	30.5	--	1998	63-99	5th	.414	51.0	--
2015	80-82	4th	.494	13.0	--	2009	84-78	3rd	.519	19.0	--	2003	63-99	5th	.389	38.0	--						
2014	77-85	4th	.475	19.0	--	2008	97-65	1st	.599	2.0	Lost in WS	2002	55-106	5th	.342	48.0	--						

ON THE CLOCK—Next week's five-round draft will be split into two days, with the first round and Competitive Balance Round A starting at 7 p.m. on June 10 (MLB Network, ESPN) and the second through fifth rounds beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 (MLBN, ESPN2)...the Rays hold the 24th selection of the first round and will make the final pick of Day 1, at No. 37 overall (from St. Louis)...the Rays have four picks on Day 2 of the draft: Nos. 57, 96, 125 and 155...the five rounds of the 2020 Draft will total 160 selections...this will be the first time the MLB Draft is held over the course of two days since 2008...it was a three-day event from 2009-19.

- + This year's event will mark the first time that multiple networks will provide live primetime coverage of the MLB June Draft.
- + Senior Vice President, Baseball Operations & General Manager **Erik Neander** will be one of the 30 baseball operations officials featured remotely during the TV broadcast of the draft.

RAYS & ROWDIES STATEMENT—Following the murder of **George Floyd** at the hands of a police officer, we have engaged in conversations with community leaders and our Diversity and Inclusion Committee...the Rays and Rowdies issued a statement on Tuesday, which can be viewed on the team's Twitter account or rayspressbox.com...the team is committing \$100,000 per year to supporting causes in the fight against systemic racism...over the coming days and weeks, we will identify and share these organizations with you, and do our best to amplify their vital messages.

FOR THE PAPAS—Beginning on Monday, June 8, Rays fans can find the perfect gift for dad while saving 25 percent off retail pricing when they purchase a specially curated Father's Day gift set from the Rays Republic Team Store...packages start as low as \$100 and also include a free Rays Father's Day Yard Sign...details of the packages available are listed below...contact the store at raysretail@rankandrally.com or 727-342-5731 for more details...free shipping is offered for orders inside of Florida.

- + **Father's Day Hat & Shirt Combo**—Rays Nike Golf Polo with Burst, Rays Nike Adjustable Hat with Burst, Rays #1 Dad Lapel Pin
- + **Father's Day Jersey Package**—Rays Nike Replica Jersey, Rays Dad Hat by '47 Brand, Rays #1 Dad Pint Glass, Rays Steering Wheel Cover
- + **Father's Day Tailgate Package**—Rays BBQ Grill Tongs, Rays 3 Piece BBQ Set, Rays Wooden Bottle Opener Sign, (2) Rays Yeti 20 oz. Tumblers
- + **Father's Day Golf Package**—Rays Golf Bag, Rays Golf Glove, Rays Golf Towel, Rays Golf Ball and Tee Set, Rays Cooling Gator Face Mask, Rays Nike Golf Polo

WEEK IN REVIEW—Today was the sixth workout at Tropicana Field since the stadium re-opened to players and coaches on May 25...**RH Yonny Chirinos**, **LH Brendan McKay**, **RH Charlie Morton** and **LH Ryan Yarbrough** all threw bullpens today...Tropicana Field has safety protocols in place for these workouts, including for entry/exit, hand-washing and social distancing.

- + The Rays participated in Fanatics' All In Challenge, benefiting Feeding America, Meals On Wheels, World Central Kitchen and No Kid Hungry...the winning bid for the Rays package was \$13,000.
- + Lot 4 of Tropicana Field (1st Ave S and 17th St) continues to be used as a drive-thru mobile pantry for Feeding Tampa Bay's Pinellas clients, every Saturday from 9 a.m.–noon...for more details or updates to the schedule, visit feedingtampabay.org/mobile-pantries.

COMFORTS OF HOME—FOX Sports Sun continues to re-air every Rays victory from last season in succession...tonight at 7 p.m. and midnight, they will air the 12-4 win from July 13 at BAL (G2), when the Rays hit a club-record-tying 6 HR including two each from rookies **Mike Brosseau** and **Nate Lowe**...tomorrow at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight, they will air the 4-1 victory from July 14 at BAL, when **Ryne Stanek** and **Ryan Yarbrough** combined to retire their first 24 BF...on Sunday at 12 p.m., 4 p.m. and midnight, they will show the 5-4 win from July 15 at NYY, highlighted by **Travis d'Arnaud's** 3 HR including a go-ahead, 3-run shot in the 9th inn.

- + WDAE 95.3 FM and 620 AM is re-airing Rays wins from last season every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. and every Saturday and Sunday at noon...tonight, tomorrow and Sunday are the games from May 18 at NYY, May 22 vs. LAD and May 23 at CLE.
- + Since the 2020 season is on hold, the Baseball Reference team is using *Out of the Park Baseball* to simulate the season...through June 4, the Rays are 33-31, 2nd in the AL East behind the Yankees.

CATCH SOME RAYS—This week's edition of the *This Week in Rays Baseball* podcast, hosted by Rays Radio's **Neil Solondz**, features infielder/outfielder **Brandon Lowe**, beat writer **Marc Topkin** of the *Tampa Bay Times* and the organization's reigning Relief Pitcher of the Year, **Tyler Zombro**... a second episode this week, released on the 6-year anniversary of **Don Zimmer's** passing, features wife Soot and son Tom, who recently retired after 50 years in baseball...in this week's alumni podcast, to be released tomorrow, Neil catches up with **Scott Kazmir**, who ranks 3rd in franchise history with 55 wins and 4th with 144 starts and 874 SO.

THIS WEEK IN RAYS HISTORY

JUNE 5, 2006	JUNE 6, 1998	JUNE 7, 2002	JUNE 8, 2012	JUNE 9, 1998	JUNE 10, 2017	JUNE 11, 2004
James Shields recorded his first career win as the Rays beat the Angels, 4-0, at Tropicana Field... Manager Joe Maddon got ejected for the first time in his Rays career, in the 5th inning in his first game against his former club.	Hall of Famer Wade Boggs was ejected from a game for the first and only time in his 17-year major league career...he was ejected in the 9th inning by home plate umpire Eric Cooper for arguing a called third strike in the Rays 7-5 loss to Montreal at Tropicana Field.	Rays pitcher Nick Bierbrodt was an innocent shooting victim outside a Charleston, South Carolina fast food restaurant... he was shot in the right arm and chest by an unknown assailant... after a nine-day stay, he was released from the hospital.	José Lobatón made the club's fifth catcher's interference of the season, tying the major league record, but the Rays won, 5-1, in Miami.	The Rays won at Shea Stadium, 5-4, spoiling Hideo Nomo's debut for the Mets...the Rays took the lead in the 11th inning on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Quinton McCracken.	The Rays hosted the A's in MLB's first scheduled doubleheader since July 16, 2011...it was the second doubleheader in Tropicana Field history, after Sep 30, 2004...the Rays won the first game, 6-5, on Evan Longoria's walk-off single, but lost the nightcap, 7-2.	Rey Sánchez hit a walk-off, inside-the-park homer in the 10th inning for a 8-7 win over Colorado...it was the 12th walk-off homer in club history, first of the inside-the-park variety... it was his first homer since April 30, 2002, snapping a stretch of 745 AB without one.

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