



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 (32-36) vs. CHICAGO CUBS (33-35)

RHP Taj Bradley (1-4, 5.17) vs. LHP Justin Steele (0-3, 3.65)

Thurs., June 13, 2024 • First Pitch: 6:50 p.m. ET • Location: Tropicana Field • Game No./Home Game No.: 69/42

TV: MLB Network (out-of-market only), Bally Sports Sun • Radio: WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 AM (Sp.)

RAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	18-23
Road Record	14-13
Day Record	12-14
Night Record	20-22
Current Streak	1-1
Last 5 Games	1-4
Last 10 Games	4-6
vs. RH Starter	21-30
vs. LH Starter	11-6
On Grass	10-12
On Turf	22-24
vs. AL	21-31
vs. NL	11-5
vs. AL East	10-17
vs. NL East	5-0
vs. AL Central	4-8
vs. NL Central	2-3
vs. AL West	7-6
vs. NL West	4-2
Leading After 7	22-2
Trailing After 7	7-30
Tied After 7	3-4
Leading After 8	25-1
Trailing After 8	4-32
Tied After 8	3-3
Rays Score First	17-13
Opponent Scores First	15-23
Scoring 3 Runs or Fewer	6-26
Scoring 4+ Runs	26-10
Rays Out-Hit Opponent	19-6
Out-Hit by Opponent	9-26
Hit 0 HR	12-17
Hit 1+ HR	20-19
Hit 2+ HR	5-6
One-Run Games	12-5
Extra Innings	4-3
Comeback Wins	18
Blown Lead Losses	17
Shutouts	2-3
Last At-Bat	8-5
Walk-Offs	5-3
Committing No Errors	16-26
Committing 1+ Errors	16-10
March/April	14-17
May	14-13
June	4-6
July	0-0
August	0-0
September/October	0-0

CURRENT HOMESTAND

W-L	1-5
RS RA	15 31
AVG/OBP/SLG	.189/.245/.301
Runs/Game	2.5
HR	5
RISP	.200 (7-for-35)
Team ERA	5.17
Starters W-L	0-4
Starters ERA	4.05
Relievers W-L	1-1
Relievers ERA	6.97
Saves/Opps	0/1

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RAY REPORT—The Rays complete a seven-game homestand against the Orioles (0-4) and Cubs (1-1, 1 to play) tonight at Tropicana Field...are 7-8 in their last 15 games on the heels of a season-high six-game losing streak from May 19-25...are 7-14 in their last 21 contests after posting an 11-4 mark in their previous 15 from May 3-18...the Rays are 1-5 so far during a stretch of 19 games in 20 days from June 7-26.

Last night, Tampa Bay allowed a season-high six stolen bases...it marked the fourth time in franchise history the Rays allowed 6+ SB, including the first since a franchise-high-tying 7 SB on June 22, 2023 vs. KC...they became the fourth team (5th instance) to allow 6+ SB in a game this season, joining the Mets (7SB, May 5 at TB & 6SB May 2 vs. CHC), White Sox (6SB, April 14 vs. CIN) and Athletics (6SB, March 30 vs. CLE).

The Rays have homered in three straight games for the first time since May 16-19 (4G). The Rays 11-5 (.688) mark in Interleague play is second best in the majors behind the Phillies (10-3/769).

Tonight marks the Rays ninth rubber game, including their first since May 30 vs. Oakland (W, 6-5)...they are 4-4 in rubber matches, dropping three of their last four following a 3-1 start.

With a win tonight, Tampa Bay would avoid falling to a season-high five games below .500 for the first time since entering play on June 23, 2018 (35-40).

THE CHAMP IS HERE—Yandy Diaz has reached base safely in a season-high 15 straight games, batting .271/.353/.339 (16-for-59) with 2 2B, 1 3B, 8 BB and 8 SO during the run...it marks the sixth-longest active streak in the AL and the eighth longest in the majors...the his last 15-game on-base streak came during a career-high-tying 22 game stretch from April 27–May 28, 2023...he is the second Ray to produce a 15+ game on-base streak this season, joining Isaac Paredes (18G, April 28–May 19).

SOUTHPAW STATUS—Since the start of 2023, the Rays are 35-17 (.673) in games against LH starters, the second-best record in MLB behind the Orioles (50-22/.694).

In 23 games against left-handed pitching since April 17, Yandy Diaz is batting .364 (16-for-44) with 3 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB and 4 SO...he opened the season 4-for-24 (.167) with 1 2B, 3 RBI, 2 BB and 3 SO against southpaws.

Of Isaac Paredes' team-leading 10 HR, only one has come off a left-hander (May 30 vs. OAK - Hogan Harris).

Brandon Lowe went 5-for-8 with 1 2B, 1 HR and 6 RBI vs. left-handed pitching over a three-game stretch from June 2-5, but is 0-for-4 since.

HOMER (UN)HAPPY—The Rays have allowed an MLB-high 91 HR, ahead of the White Sox (89HR) and Blue Jays (88HR)...the 91 HR are tied with the 2006 club for the second-most long balls allowed through 68 games in franchise history, ahead of only the 2000 Devil Rays (100HR)...the 2000 teams also holds the record through 69 games with 100 HR...last season, Tampa Bay's 177 HR allowed were tied for second fewest in the AL and tied for fourth fewest in MLB.

Tampa Bay relievers have allowed 37 HR, second most among MLB bullpens, ahead of Toronto (42HR)...Rays starters have allowed 54 HR, fifth most in the majors.

Tampa Bay has hit the fewest home runs (53) in the AL, tied with Washington for second fewest in MLB, ahead of only Miami (51HR)...the Rays 53 HR are their fewest through 68 games since 2014 (49HR).

CARDIACKIDS—The Rays 18 comeback wins are sixth most in MLB behind the Yankees (20) and the Brewers/Nationals/Orioles/Phillies (all 19)...Tampa Bay has come from behind in seven of its last eight wins.

Tampa Bay's five walk-off victories are tied for the MLB lead with Baltimore, Miami, New York-NL, San Francisco and Seattle.

The Rays rank among MLB leaders in wins when trailing after sixth (T1st, 8), seventh (1st, 7) and eighth (T1st, 4) frames.

Each of Tampa Bay's six wins from May 18–June 4 came in come-from-behind fashion, their longest streak since May 8-18, 2013 (8G), per Elias.

TWO-OUT TROUBLES—Tampa Bay pitching has posted a .257 opp. average with two outs, the third-highest mark in the majors, ahead of only Colorado (.278) and Chicago-AL (.264)...Rays starters have allowed opponents to hit .269 with two outs, third highest among MLB rotations, ahead of Colorado (.280) and Los Angeles-AL (.271)...Tampa Bay relievers have posted a .241 opp. average with two outs, the sixth-highest clip in the majors.

Of the 19 hits the Rays have allowed this series, 14 have come with two outs...the Cubs are batting .438 (14-for-32) with two outs and .122 (5-for-41) with one or zero outs.

IN PENCIL, NOT PEN—The Rays bullpen has posted a 4.41 ERA (265.1IP, 130ER), the fifth-highest mark in the AL and seventh highest in the majors...the 4.41 ERA would signal the highest clip by a Tampa Bay bullpen since a franchise-worst 6.16 ERA in 2007.

The Rays relief corps has posted a sub-4.00 ERA in each of the last seven seasons, with the 2016 Rays being the last club to post a higher mark (4.09).

BASEPATH BATTLES—Tampa Bay pitching has allowed 63 SB, the fourth-highest figure in the majors, ahead of New York-NL (71SB), San Francisco (70SB) and Chicago-AL (69SB)...the Rays have caught nine base stealers, the third fewest in the majors, ahead of the Cardinals and Cubs (both 8CS).

Rays relievers have conceded an MLB-most 45 SB, with the next closest clubs being the Mets (38SB) and the Cubs (37SB)...in comparison, Tampa Bay starters have allowed 18 SB, third fewest among all MLB rotations, behind only Kansas City (13SB) and Arizona (16SB)...Jason Adam's 12 SB against lead all MLB relievers, while Garrett Cleavinger (7SB) and Chris Devenski (6SB) are fourth and tied for fifth, respectively, among AL relievers.

The Rays have swiped 65 bags of their own, tied with Kansas City for the AL lead and tied for fifth most in the majors behind Washington (100SB), Cincinnati (98SB), Milwaukee (95SB) and Philadelphia (73SB).

DOWN TO THE WIRE—The Rays are 22-10 (.688) in games decided by two runs or fewer, the best winning pct. in such games in MLB, ahead of Seattle (22-12/.647) and Philadelphia (18-10/.643)...Tampa Bay's 12-5 (.706) winning pct. in one-run games ranks second behind Seattle (16-6/.727).

NORTH SIDERS IN ST. PETE—Tampa Bay and Chicago complete a three-game set tonight at Tropicana Field...the Cubs took two of three from the Rays last season at Wrigley Field from May 29-31...each game was decided by one run...RHP Marcus Stroman tossed a complete game, one-hit shutout in the series opener...the Cubs took the first two games and the Rays needed a two-run rally in the 8th inning of the series finale to avoid the sweep.

Tonight's contest marks only the 22nd game between the two franchises, with Tampa Bay holding a 12-9 edge in the all-time series...the Cubs have played just two series at Tropicana Field: a two-game set from Sept. 19-20, 2017 and a three-game series from June 17-19, 2008.

SERIES RECORDS

Overall	9-10-2
Home	4-6-2
Road	5-4-0
Series Openers	8-14
Home	4-9
Road	4-5
Rubber Games	4-4
Home	2-2
Road	2-2
Sweeps/Were Swept	2-3

RAYS vs. CUBS

2024 Record	1-1
Home	1-1
Road	0-0
Under Cash (since '15)	6-6
Home	2-2
Road	4-4
All-Time Record	12-9
Home	5-2
Road	7-7

CONNECTIONS

- Chicago RHP Jameson Taillon is a Central Florida native, hailing from Winter Haven...reliever RHP Mark Leiter Jr. was born in Fort Lauderdale.
- Rays RHP Jason Adam made 25 appearances for the Cubs across two seasons (2020-21), going 3-1 with a 4.44 ERA (24.1IP, 12ER).
- After showcasing a 90+mph fastball in a U-15 World Baseball Cup matchup between Mexico and the United States in 2014, Tampa Bay 3B Isaac Paredes drew the interest of scouts and was ultimately signed by the Cubs for \$850,000 in July of 2015.
- Cubs LHP Drew Smyly started 49 games for the Rays between 2014-16, pitching to a 3.95 ERA, before being traded to the Mariners for a package that featured LHP Ryan Yarbrough.
- Triple-A Durham LHP Tyler Alexander was born in Chicago...Bulls RHP Manuel Rodriguez went 5-3 with a 4.88 ERA (31.1IP, 17ER) and five saves over 34 appearances with the Cubs from 2021-22.
- The Devil Rays selected three Cubs in the 1997 Expansion Draft: 2B Miguel Cairo (1st round), LHP Ramon Tatis (2nd round) and 1B Brooks Kieschnick (3rd round).
- Cubs 1B Coach Mike Napoli hails from Hollywood, FL and resides in Fort Lauderdale.
- Double-A Montgomery Manager Kevin Boles was a 1998 Cubs draftee out of the University of South Florida.
- The first game between two major league teams in St. Petersburg took place on March 27, 1914 as the Grapefruit League was established...the St. Louis Browns hosted the Chicago Cubs, who were training in Tampa and made the trip by steamboat across Tampa Bay...the Cubs won, 3-2, as James Leslie (Hippo) Vaughn was the winning pitcher for the Cubs.

INTERLEAGUE INTEL

Tampa Bay is 65-37 (.637) in Interleague play since the beginning of the 2021 season, the second-best mark in the majors during that time.

TEAM	RECORD/WIN %
Los Angeles Dodgers	64-33 (.660)
Tampa Bay Rays	65-37 (.637)
Toronto Blue Jays	67-39 (.632)
Milwaukee Brewers	70-48 (.593)
San Diego Padres	57-44 (.564)
Philadelphia Phillies	55-44 (.556)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Fri., June 14 at ATL	7:20 p.m.	RHP Zack Littell (2-4, 3.63) vs. LHP Chris Sale (8-2, 3.01)	BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 (Sp.)
Sat., June 15 at ATL	4:10 p.m.	RHP Ryan Pepiot (4-3, 4.17) vs. RHP Charlie Morton (3-3, 4.12)	BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 (Sp.)
Sun., June 16 at ATL	1:35 p.m.	RHP Zach Eflin (3-4, 4.06) vs. RHP Hurston Waldrep (0-1, 17.18)	BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN 106.7/1300 (Sp.)
Mon., June 17	--	OFF DAY	--

