



RAYS SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES

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

TAMPA BAY RAYS (5-10-0) vs. ATLANTA BRAVES (10-2-2)

Sunday, March 8, 2026 • 1:05 p.m. ET • Charlotte Sports Park (Port Charlotte, Fla.)

TV: None • Radio: WDAE 95.7FM/620AM



RHP LOGAN WORKMAN

0-0, 5.40



RHP BRYCE ELDER

0-0, 1.80

SPRING ROSTER

Pitchers (30/9NRI/11L)..... Service Time

47 Baker, Bryan	3.049
43 Bigge, Hunter	1.049
62 Booser, Cam *	1.105
36 Boyle, Joe	1.005
60 Cleavinger, Garrett #	4.060
54 Cook, Alex	0.000
59 Englert, Mason	1.168
94 Gómez, Yoendrys #	0.135
99 Guerrero, Luis *	0.155
22 Jax, Griffin #	4.091
82 Johnson, Ty *	0.000
49 Kelly, Kevin	2.156
83 Martin, Trevor *	0.000
28 Martinez, Nick	7.002
32 Matz, Steven	10.099
18 McClanahan, Shane	4.158
44 Pepiot, Ryan	3.005
57 Rasmussen, Drew	5.111
68 Rock, Joe	0.033
39 Rodríguez, Manuel +	2.139
65 Scholtens, Jesse	2.091
61 Seymour, Ian	0.085
87 Solesky, Chase *	0.000
71 Sulser, Cole	4.096
63 Uceta, Edwin	2.150
50 Wantz, Andrew *	2.069
38 Whitley, Kodi *	1.157
24 Wilson, Steven	3.166
41 Woodford, Jake *	4.008
84 Workman, Logan *	0.000

Catchers (7/4NRI)..... Service Time

9 Feduccia, Hunter	0.095
40 Fortes, Nick	3.149
48 Keegan, Dom	0.000
77 Levins, Tatem *	0.000
76 Piper, Kenny *	0.000
74 Sabol, Blake *	1.048
89 Vellojin, Daniel #	0.000

Infielders (14/7NRI)..... Service Time

8 Aranda, Jonathan #	2.030
75 Barrios, Gregory *	0.000
13 Caminero, Junior #	1.058
78 Davidson, Logan *	0.042
73 Delgado, Raynel *	0.000
2 Díaz, Yandy	7.122
79 Isaac, Xavier *	0.000
81 Kinney, Cooper *	0.000
11 Lux, Gavin	5.114
72 Morgan, Tre' *	0.000
80 Taylor, Brayden *	0.000
6 Walls, Taylor	4.092
7 Williams, Carson	0.039
15 Williamson, Ben	0.110

Outfielders (10/1NRI)..... Service Time

21 DeLuca, Jonny	2.085
17 Fraley, Jake	5.097
55 Malloy, Justyn-Henry	1.040
29 Melton, Jacob	0.111
25 Mesa Jr., Victor	0.034
31 Mullins, Cedric	6.078
34 Olivares, Edward *	3.158
1 Palacios, Richie	2.156
14 Simpson, Chandler	0.140
26 Vilade, Ryan	0.076

* - Non-Roster Invite
+ - 60-Day Injured List
- World Baseball Classic

SPRING HAS SPRUNG - The Rays continue their spring training slate today at Charlotte Sports Park against the Braves...yesterday, the Rays dropped a rain-shortened contest to the Red Sox, 2-0, at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers...the Rays are scheduled for 31 spring games in 32 days (14 home, 17 road), with off days on March 12 and 18...the Rays are on a stretch of 20 games in 19 days before their first off day.

* **RHP Mason Englert** allowed just one unearned run on three hits with one strikeout over 2.1 innings of relief yesterday...**3B Narciso Polanco** (1-for-2, 2B) picked up his first hit of the spring with a double in the 3rd inning.

* The annual Spring Breakout game will take place on March 19 against the Mets Prospects at Clover Park (Port St. Lucie, Fla.).

* The Rays will conclude Grapefruit League play on March 24 and play at St. Louis' Busch Stadium for Opening Day on March 26 to kick off a three-city, nine-game road trip (St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minnesota) to begin the 2026 season...it marks the eighth time in franchise history the Rays have opened the season on the road (1999-2000, 2006-09, 2021).

PORT TO PORT - Today, the Rays will face the Braves for the third of six meetings this spring...the Rays dropped each of the first two contests, falling 5-1 in their spring opener at Charlotte Sports Park on February 21, and 5-3 on March 1 at CoolToday Park in North Port...the clubs will play three more times (March 11, 16 and 24), with all games taking place in North Port...Tampa Bay holds an all-time Grapefruit League record of 23-25-5 against Atlanta.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN - The Rays currently have 61 players in major league camp, including 21 non-roster invites and one on the 60-day IL...of those 61 players, 15 (24.6%) are homegrown, meaning they were drafted, signed as an international free agent or as a non-drafted free agent developed by the Rays player development system, while 21 players (34.4%) are new to the organization since the conclusion of the 2025 season...the Rays have 30 pitchers (9NRI/11L), seven catchers (4 NRI), 14 infielders (7 NRI) and 10 outfielders (1 NRI) in major league camp.

* Twelve players have been added to the Rays 40-man roster since the conclusion of last season: **OF Jake Fraley**, **RHP Yoendrys Gómez**, **INF Gavin Lux**, **OF Justyn-Henry Malloy**, **RHP Nick Martinez**, **LHP Steven Matz**, **OF Jacob Melton**, **OF Victor Mesa Jr.**, **OF Cedric Mullins**, **OF Ryan Vilade**, **INF Ben Williamson**, **RHP Steven Wilson**.

FOR CLUB & COUNTRY - Between March 5-17, the sixth edition of the World Baseball Classic will take place, with eight Rays participating in the tournament: **INF Jonathan Aranda** (MEX), **INF Junior Caminero** (DR), **LHP Garrett Cleavinger** (USA), **RHP Gary Gill Hill** (GB), **RHP Yoendrys Gómez** (VEN), **RHP Griffin Jax** (USA), **C Daniel Vellojin** (COL) and **RHP Owen Wild** (GB).

* Yesterday, Jax pitched a scoreless inning of relief with two strikeouts for Team USA in their 9-1 victory over Great Britain.

FOR CLUB & COUNTRY II - Senior Director of Communications & Player/Alumni Relations, **Elvis Martinez**, is serving as press officer for the Dominican Republic; Assistant Hitting Coach **Will Bradley** is in the same role for Australia; Major League ATC/Physical Therapist **Wilson Diez** is the head trainer for the Dominican Republic; Class-A Bowling Green Athletic Trainer **Ruben Santiago** is an athletic trainer for Nicaragua; Latin America Medical Coord. **Julio Ibarra** is also an athletic trainer with Venezuela; and Director, Baseball Development **Simon Rosenbaum** is serving as general manager of Israel.

ALL RAS, NO BRAKES - The Rays announced **RHP Drew Rasmussen** as their Opening Day starter Feb. 19...he went 10-5 last year with a 2.76 ERA (150.0IP, 46ER) and 127 strikeouts in 31 starts, marking career bests in starts, wins, ERA, innings, strikeouts and WHIP (1.02)...the right-hander earned his first career All-Star selection in 2025 and finished ninth in AL Cy Young voting.

* Rasmussen is set to become the 18th Opening Day starter in Rays history and seventh in the last eight seasons (2019-26) on the heels of **Chris Archer's** four consecutive starts (2015-18)...at age 30, he is also set to join **Charlie Morton** (36, 2020), **James Shields** (30, 2012) and **Tanyon Sturtz** (31, 2002) as the only Rays pitchers 30 years or older to start on Opening Day.

30-FOR-30 - **INF Carson Williams** (MLB No. 63) has remained the organization's top prospect per MLB.com, with **OF Theo Gillen** (No. 76) and **RHP Brody Hopkins** (No. 85) rounding out the top three...14 of the top 30 were not with the organization a year ago with five coming in the 2025 First-Year Player Draft (No. 5 **INF Daniel Pierce**, No. 21 **OF Brendan Summerhill**, No. 28 **INF Cooper Flemming**, No. 29 **OF Dean Moss** and No. 30 **OF Taitn Gray**), two in the 2026 international signing class (No. 22 **INF Victor Valdez** and No. 23 **INF Fabricio Blanco**) and seven via trades (No. 4 **OF Jacob Melton**, No. 6 **RHP Anderson Brito**, No. 8 **RHP Michael Forret**, No. 10 **OF Slater de Brun**, No. 13 **C Caden Bodine**, No. 15 **INF Jadherr Areinamo** and No. 26 **OF Austin Overn**).

HOMECOMING - The Rays make their return to Tropicana Field for their home opener on April 6 against the Chicago Cubs...it will mark the first game in the venue in 561 days (Sept. 22, 2024 vs. TOR) after the stadium was unable to host games in 2025 due to damage incurred on Oct. 9, 2024 during Hurricane Milton...for more information on Tropicana Field's restoration, visit www.mlb.com/rays/ballpark/under-the-roof.

* The series with the Cubs will mark the fourth time in club history that Chicago has visited Tropicana Field (June 17-19, 2008; Sept. 19-20, 2017; June 11-13, 2024), with the Rays holding a 6-2 head-to-head record over the three previous series...it will also mark the second time in club history the Rays have played their home opener against an NL foe (2025 vs. COL).

CASH CONSIDERATIONS - Entering his 12th season, Rays manager **Kevin Cash** is the longest-tenured skipper in the majors with his current club...in 2024, he surpassed his predecessor, **Joe Maddon** (2006-14), as the longest-tenured manager in Rays history...he has won 896 games as the manager of the Rays, the winningest manager in club history and fourth winningest active manager in the majors (CIN **Terry Francona**, 2,033; DET **A.J. Hinch**, 964; LAD **Dave Roberts**, 944).

* Upon earning his 900th win, he will become the ninth manager in major league history to reach that mark while managing a single club in his managerial career (also: LAD **Walter Alston**, LAA **Mike Scioscia**, LAD **Tommy Lasorda**, BAL **Earl Weaver**, MIN **Tom Kelly**, DET **Hughie Jennings**, PIT **Danny Murtaugh** and STL **Red Schoendienst**).

* Cash, who joined the Rays on Dec. 5, 2014, is the fifth-longest-tenured manager/head coach in the big four North American professional sports leagues (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL) by hiring date...trails only **Erik Spoelstra** (NBA's Miami Heat, April 2008), **Andy Reid** (NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, Jan. 2013), **Jon Cooper** (NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning, March 2013) and **Steve Kerr** (NBA's Golden State Warriors, May 2014).

ON THE AIRWAVES - All weekend games this spring will air on WDAE 95.7/620AM, with **Andy Freed** and **Neil Solondz** on the call...Freed begins his 22nd season with the Rays, while Solondz embarks on his 15th and his fourth as part of the primary broadcast duo...all weekday home games will be available on MLB.com with **Chris Adams-Wall**, entering his fourth season with the Rays, providing play-by-play.

* The Rays will broadcast five spring training games and all regular season action on Rays.TV...**Dewayne Staats** returns for his 29th season as the Rays play-by-play voice with Brian Anderson returning for his 17th season as the full-time color analyst and 19th on the broadcast team...in-game reporter and host **Ryan Bass** enters his fifth season on the telecast.

TODAY'S PITCHERS

RAYS

RHP Logan Workman
RHP Chase Solesky
RHP Kevin Kelly
RHP Hunter Bigge
RHP Luis Guerrero
RHP Trevor Martin

BRAVES

RHP Bryce Elder
LHP Joey Wentz
RHP Joel Payamps

BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	4-3-0
Road Record	1-7-0
Current Streak	L3
Last 5 Games	2-3-0
Last 10 Games	3-7-0
vs. AL	4-6-0
vs. NL	1-4-0
Longest Winning Streak	2 (3/3-3/3)
Longest Losing Streak	3 (3/5-pres.)
Home Attendance	29,948
Home Avg.	4,278
Home High	6,222
Road Attendance	51,195
Road Avg.	6,399
Total Attendance	81,143

SPRING SCHEDULE

GAME	TV/RADIO	TIME
2/21 Atlanta	T/W	L 5-1
2/22 @ Pittsburgh	W	L 7-4
2/23 Boston	M	W 2-1
2/24 Minnesota	M	W 12-1
2/25 @ Baltimore		L 4-3
2/26 @ Boston		L 7-5
2/27 Toronto	M	W 6-5
2/28 Detroit	W	L 12-3
3/1 @ Atlanta	W	L 5-3
3/2 @ Pittsburgh		L 4-1
3/3 Philadelphia	M	W 3-1
3/3 @ Minnesota		W 5-3
3/4 Netherlands	T/M	L 11-8
3/5 Baltimore	M	L 4-3
3/6 @ New York-AL		W L 3-0
3/7 @ Boston	W	L 2-0
3/8 Atlanta	W	1:05p
3/9 @ Detroit		1:05p
3/10 Minnesota	M	1:05p
3/11 @ Atlanta		1:05p
3/13 @ Boston		1:05p
3/14 @ Minnesota	W	1:05p
3/15 Pittsburgh	W	1:05p
3/16 @ Atlanta		1:05p
3/17 New York-AL	T/M	1:05p
3/19 @ Philadelphia		1:05p
3/20 Boston	T/M	1:05p
3/21 Minnesota	T/W	1:05p
3/22 @ Toronto	W	1:07p
3/23 @ Philadelphia		12:05p
3/24 @ Atlanta		12:05p

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PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

March 9 at Detroit Tigers - Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium (Lakeland, Fla.) TV: None - Radio: None
TB - LHP Shane McClanahan, RHP Jake Woodford, RHP Bryan Baker, RHP Kodi Whitley, RHP Andrew Wantz
DET - LHP Framer Valdez

