



TAMPA BAY RAYS GAME NOTES

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

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES (4-5-3) vs. TAMPA BAY RAYS (3-7-2)

RHP Aaron Nola (1-0, 7.20) vs. LHP Jacob Lopez (0-0, 20.25)

Thur., March 7, 2024 • First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. ET • Location: Charlotte Sports Park • Spring Game No./Home Game No.: 13/7

TV: Bally Sports Sun and MLB.com • Radio: None

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER

PITCHERS (20+17+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
84 Montgomery, Mason (L)	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
91 Wiles, Nathan	0.000
92 Workman, Logan	0.000

CATCHERS (1+7)	Service Time
50 Pinto, René	0.150
30 Brantly, Rob	2.059
68 Driscoll, Logan	0.000
40 Jackson, Alex	1.167
82 Keegan, Dominic	0.000
0 Mejia, Francisco	5.042
93 Meyer, Nick	0.000
81 Piper, Kenny	0.000

INFIELDERS (12+6)	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
95 Edwards, Evan	0.000
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: 77 players (35 NRI, 2 IL)

RAYS WIN—The Rays defeated the Yankees, 4-3, on Wednesday afternoon at George M. Steinbrenner Field...it marked the Rays first victory since Feb. 27 vs. NY Yankees...**1B Yandy Diaz** (2-for-3, HR, RBI) hit a lead-off homer to start the contest...**RF Amed Rosario** (3-for-3, 2B, HR, 2R) tallied a spring-high three hits...**2B Richie Palacios** (1-for-3, HR, 2RBI) hit a two-run shot in the 4th frame.

★ **RHP Taj Bradley** (W, 3.0IP, 2H, SO) tossed 3.0 shutout innings, allowing a pair of hits while striking out one batter...**RHP Justin Sterner** (S, 1.0, SO) earned the save.

FIRST OF MANY—Last season, Tampa Bay was swept by Philadelphia in a three-game set at Tropicana Field from July 4-6...today's matchup marks the first of three Grapefruit League meetings between the two clubs...the Rays will travel to Spectrum Field (Clearwater, Fla.) on March 21 & 25.

PROSPECT WATCH—On Monday, MLB.com released its Top 30 Rays Prospect list...**3B/SS Junior Caminero** leads the group, followed by **SS Carson Williams**, **2B/3B Curtis Mead**, **1B Xavier Isaac** and **3B/SS 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.

★ For the first time ever, the Rays will travel to the Dominican Republic to take on the Red Sox from March 9-10 at Estadio Quisqueya in Santo Domingo...it will mark the fourth exhibition series staged by MLB in the country, joining 1999 (NYM vs. MTL), 2000 (HOU vs. BOS) and 2020 (DET vs. MIN).

★ 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 77 players in major league camp, including 35 non-roster invites...of those 77 players, 23 (29.8%) are homegrown, meaning they were drafted or signed as an amateur free agent and developed by the Rays player development system, while 20 (25.9%) are new to the organization since the conclusion of the 2023 season...the Rays have 39 pitchers (17 NRI), eight catchers (7 NRI), 18 infielders (6 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).

ON THE AIRWAVES—All weekend games this spring will air on WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, with **Andy Freed** and **Neil Solondz** on the call...Freed begins his 20th season with the Rays while Solondz embarks on his 13th, including his second as part of the primary broadcast duo...all weekday home games will be available on MLB.com, with **Chris Adams-Wall**, entering his first full season with the Rays, providing play-by-play.

★ Bally Sports Sun will televise 10 of the Rays 13 games at Charlotte Sports Park...**Dewayne Staats**, the Rays play-by-play voice since their inaugural 1998 season, enters his 27th season with the Rays and 49th broadcasting major league games...**Brian Anderson** begins his 15th season as full-time color analyst and 17th on the broadcast team...in-game reporter and host **Tricia Whitaker** enters her sixth season on the telecast.

★ Spanish Rays Radio announcers **Enrique Oliu** and **Ricardo Taveras** will broadcast the Rays Dominican Series vs. the Red Sox from March 9-10 on WQBN 106.7 FM/1300 AM...Taveras, a Dominican Republic native, will be returning to the country where his broadcasting career began.

★ The Rays provide a daily video feed of all non-televised Spring Training games, which features approximately two minutes of highlights plus two short interviews...to receive updates, contact Chris Tilley at raysspringtraining@gmail.com or 727-434-0497.

TODAY'S PITCHERS

RAYS

LHP Jacob Lopez
RHP Shawn Armstrong
RHP Trevor Brigden
RHP Michael Gomez
RHP Zac Houston
LHP Brendan Mckay
LHP Mason Montgomery
RHP Edwin Uceta
RHP Logan Workman

PHILLIES

RHP Aaron Nola
RHP Ryan Burr
RHP Yuniur Marte
RHP Tyler Phillips

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record 1-4-1
Road Record 2-3-1
@ Charlotte Sports Park 1-4-1

Current Streak W1
Last 5 Games 1-3-1
Last 10 Games 3-6-1

vs. AL 3-3-2
vs. NL 0-4-0

Longest Win Streak 2 (2/26-27)
Longest Losing Streak 4 (2/28-3/2)

Home Attendance 22,933
Home Avg. 3,822
Home High 5,538 (2/24 vs. ATL)

Road Attendance 39,070
Road Avg. 6,511

Total Attendance 62,003

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

21

Thur., March 28 vs. Toronto | 4:10 p.m. ET

RAYS TOP PROSPECTS

- INF Junior Caminero
 - INF Carson Williams
 - INF Curtis Mead
 - RHP Shane Baz
 - INF Xavier Isaac
 - INF Brayden Taylor
 - INF Osleivis Basabe
 - INF Adrian Santana
 - OF Jonny DeLuca
 - C Dominic Keegan
- Per Baseball America

NOTABLE UPCOMING 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

Sat., March 9 vs. BOS 1:05 p.m.

Sun., March 10 vs. BOS 1:05 p.m.

Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)

TB—RHP Yoniel Curet, RHP Trevor Brigden, RHP Carlos Garcia, LHP Antonio Jimenez, RHP Manuel Rodríguez, RHP Enmanuel Mejia, RHP Erasmo Ramírez, RHP Edwin Uceta, RHP Jacob Waguespack ; **BOS**—TBA

TB—TBA; **BOS**—TBA

TV & Radio

WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM

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TODAY'S STARTER: LHP JACOB LOPEZ (0-0, 20.25)

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO
2023	Tampa Bay	1-0	4.38	4/1	12.1	14	6	0	2-0	8
Career Totals		1-0	4.38	4/1	12.1	14	6	0	2-0	8

2024 SPRING TRAINING

- The left-hander made his debut on March 1 at PIT, allowing three runs on one hit, three walks and one home run across 1.1 innings.
- 2023 IN REVIEW
- Went 1-0 with a 4.38 ERA (12.1IP, 6ER) in four appearances (1GS) for the Rays... made his MLB debut on Aug. 14 at San Francisco and tossed 3.0 innings of one-run ball while recording a save.
- Is one of 108 pitchers in MLB history to record a save in their MLB debut and the third in Rays franchise history, joining Braden Bristo (Apr. 13, 2023 vs. BOS) and Dale Thayer (May 22, 2009 at FLA).
- Went 4-5 with a 2.68 ERA (107.1IP, 32ER) in 26 appearances (24 starts) between Double-A Montgomery and Triple-A Durham.
- Acquired from the San Francisco Giants in exchange for OF Joe McCarthy July 31, 2019.

GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/S	FINAL
3/1 at PIT	--	20.25	1.1	1	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	39/18	L, 12-8
SPRING TOTALS	--	20.25	1.1	1	3	3	3	0	1	0	0		

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

#64 SHAWN ARMSTRONG (0-0, 0.00)	RHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: Retired all three batters faced in his debut on March 4 vs. the Pirates.</div>	
<div></div> <div>2023: Went 1-0 with a career-best 1.38 ERA (52.0IP, 8ER) over 39 appearances (6GS)...opened the season on the 15-day IL and was transferred to the 60-day IL on April 17 with neck tightness before being activated on June 3.</div>	
<div></div> <div>Signed as a free agent, May 10, 2022.</div>	
#85 TREVOR BRIGDEN (0-0, 0.00)	RHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: The right-hander has posted 3.1 scoreless innings, tallying six strikeouts this spring.</div>	
<div></div> <div>2023: Went 4-4 with a 3.46 ERA (78.0IP, 30ER) and two saves in 44 appearances (2GS) for Triple-A Durham.</div>	
<div></div> <div>Selected by the Rays in the 17th round of the 2019 First-Year Player Draft out of Okanahan College, July 5, 2019.</div>	
#87 MICHAEL GOMEZ (1-0, 9.00)	RHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: Has made four appearances, tossing 3.1 innings with four strikeouts...earned the win on Feb. 27 vs. NYY.</div>	
<div></div> <div>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.</div>	
<div></div> <div>Selected by the Rays in the minor league portion of the 2023 Rule 5 Draft.</div>	

#79 ZAC HOUSTON (0-0, 16.88)	RHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: Has made three apperances, allowing five runs on three hits and three walks with three strikeouts across 2.2 innings.</div>	
<div></div> <div>2023: Split the season between Double-A Somerset and Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, going 3-2 with a 4.43 ERA (42.2IP, 21ER) across 37 appearances (2GS) between the two levels.</div>	
#65 BRENDAN MCKAY (0-0, 0.00)	LHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: Posted 1.0 scoreless inning in his first start on March 2 vs. BOS.</div>	
<div></div> <div>2023: In 2023, did not pitch while recovering from Tommy John Surgery.</div>	
<div></div> <div>In 2022, made seven appearances (5GS) across three levels of the Rays system, posting a 2.93 ERA (15.1IP, 5ER) before undergoing Tommy John surgery in September.</div>	
<div></div> <div>Selected by the Rays in the first round (No. 4 overall) of the 2017 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Louisville.</div>	
#84 MASON MONTGOMERY (0-0, 9.00)	LHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: Has made two appearances, allowing three runs on four hits and one walk with four strikeouts over 3.0 innings.</div>	
<div></div> <div>2023: Made 29 starts between Double-A Montgomery and Triple-A Durham, going 7-4 with a 3.98 ERA (124.1IP, 55ER)...ranked among Rays minor leaguers in starts (1st), strikeouts (T1st, 144), innings (2nd) and opponent avg. (3rd, .225).</div>	
<div></div> <div>Selected in the sixth round of the 2021 First-Year Player Draft.</div>	

#63 EDWIN UCETA (0-0, 0.00)	RHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: Has retired 12 of the 13 batters he has faced across four outings while fanning five...recorded a scoreless 5th inning on Feb. 29 vs. ATL.</div>	
<div></div> <div>2023: Made one MLB appearance with the Mets, throwing 3.0 scoreless innings with 3 SO on April 22 at San Francisco...spent time in the Mets, Cubs, Pirates, Tigers and Diamondbacks organizations.</div>	
<div></div> <div>Signed a minor league contract with a non-roster invitation to Spring Training, Dec. 12, 2023.</div>	
#92 LOGAN WORKMAN (0-0, 16.88)	RHP
<div></div> <div>Spring Training: In two appearances, has tossed 2.2 innings, allowing five runs on four hits and one walk with four strikeouts....on March 2 vs. BOS, posted two hitless frames.</div>	
<div></div> <div>2023: Went 4-4 with a 4.12 ERA (63.1IP, 29ER) over 15 starts with Double-A Montgomery...was on the 60-day IL from April 13-June 29....pitched for the Peoria Javelinas in the Arizona Fall League following the season, earning a selection to play in the Fall Stars Game.</div>	

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.

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)/Ramírez (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	1:05 p.m.				
Sat.	March 9	Boston	Dominican Republic	W/S	5:05 p.m.				
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	ATT.
2024	3-7-2	22,933
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
338-373-50		1,763,908