



TAMPA BAY RAYS GAME NOTES

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

TAMPA BAY RAYS (4-11-2) vs. MINNESOTA TWINS (6-10-2)

LHP Brendan McKay (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Daniel Duarte (1-0, 0.00)

Wed., March 13, 2024 • First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. ET • Location: Charlotte Sports Park • Spring Game No./Home Game No.: 18/10

TV: Bally Sports Sun • Radio: MLB.com

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER	
PITCHERS (18+12+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
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
85 Bridgen, Trevor.....	0.000
86 García, Carlos.....	0.000
87 Gomez, Michael	0.000
79 Houston, Zac.....	0.000
65 McKay, Brendan (L).....	1.056
61 Ramírez, Erasmo.....	8.132
78 Record, Joe.....	0.000
77 Smith, Burch.....	4.092
90 Sterner, Justin	0.000
63 Umeta, Edwin.....	1.048
36 Uwasawa, Naoyuki	0.000
67 Waguespack, Jacob	1.105
CATCHERS (1+4)	Service Time
50 Pinto, René.....	0.150
30 Brantly, Rob	2.059
40 Jackson, Alex	1.167
0 Mejía, Francisco.....	5.042
93 Meyer, Nick	0.000
INFIELDERS (10+3)	Service Time
62 Aranda, Jonathan	0.113
37 Basabe, Osleivis	0.050
7 Caballero, José	0.170
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
6 Walls, Taylor.....	2.092
19 Chang, Yu	3.142
94 Hinojosa, C.J.	0.000
70 Simon, Ronny.....	0.000
OUTFIELDERS (6+1)	Service Time
56 Arozarena, Randy	3.129
21 DeLuca, Jonny	0.085
15 Lowe, Josh	1.093
1 Palacios, Richie.....	0.156
43 Ramírez, Harold.....	4.124
22 Siri, Jose	2.015
72 Mangum, Jake	0.000
+ 60-day IL	
TOTAL: 57 players (20 NRI, 2 IL)	

BIRDS BEAT RAYS—The Rays lost 12-8 to the Orioles on Tuesday afternoon...**RHP Taj Bradley** was scratched from his start with pectoral tightness...**C Rob Brantly** (2-for-2, 2HR, 4RBI) hit a pair of two-run homers, becoming the first Ray this spring with a multi-homer game...**LF Randy Arozarena** (1-for-2, HR) hit his first home run of the spring.

★ **RHP Erasmo Ramirez** (3.OIP, 8H, 8ER, 2BB, HR) started in place of Bradley.

TWIN TAMING—The Rays and Twins meet for the second of four Grapefruit League matchups this afternoon at Charlotte Sports Park...the Rays and Twins tied 4-4 in their first matchup in Fort Myers on March 3...the Rays return to Fort Myers on March 16 which includes a Spring Breakout event game...the Rays host the Twins in Port Charlotte again on March 22...the Rays went 5-1 against the Twins last season, including a three-game sweep from June 6-8 at Tropicana Field.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS—Yesterday afternoon, Tampa Bay optioned **RHP Colby White** to Triple-A Durham...on Monday afternoon, the Rays announced the following players were reassigned to minor league camp: **OF Ruben Cardenas**, **C Logan Driscoll**, **OF Niko Hulsizer**, **LHP Antonio Jimenez**, **RHP Emmanuel Mejia**, **OF Kameron Misner**, **INF Tanner Murray**, **OF Tristan Peters** and **INF Carson Williams**...Tampa Bay also announced the following players were optioned to minor league camp: **INF Junior Caminero**, **RHP Yoniel Curet**, **INF/OF Greg Jones** and **INF Austin Shenton**.

PROSPECT WATCH—On March 4, 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 BREAKOUT—On March 16, Rays top prospects will battle their Twins counterparts in Fort Myers as part of MLB's inaugural 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.

★ The Rays Spring Breakout roster features two Top 100 MLB.com prospects, including Williams (No. 20) and **1B Xavier Isaac** (No. 58)...**INF Brayden Taylor** and **INF Adrian Santana**, the No. 19 and No. 31 overall picks respectively in the 2023 First-Year Player Draft, are also slated to play for the Rays.

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 were the home team on March 9 vs. Boston in the Dominican Republic and will host the Tigers at Tropicana Field in their spring finale on March 26.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN—The Rays have 57 players in major league camp, including 20 non-roster invites...the Rays have 32 pitchers (12 NRI), five catchers (4 NRI), 13 infielders (3 NRI) and 7 outfielders (1 NRI).

★ 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.

★ The Rays provide a daily video feed of all non-televvised 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

RHP Jason Adam
RHP Shawn Armstrong
LHP Garrett Cleavinger
RHP Zac Houston
LHP Jacob Lopez
RHP Phil Maton
LHP Brendan McKay
RHP Joe Record

TWINS

RHP Jeff Brigham
RHP Daniel Duarte
LHP Kody Funderburk

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record.....2-6-1
Road Record.....2-5-1
@ Charlotte Sports Park.....2-5-1

Current Streak.....L4
Last 5 Games.....1-4-0
Last 10 Games.....2-7-1

vs. AL.....3-7-2
vs. NL.....1-4-0

Longest Win Streak...2, 2x (last 3/6-7)
Longest Losing Streak 4, 2x (current)

Home Attendance.....43,515
Home Avg.....5,439
Home High.....11,853 (3/9 vs. BOS)

Road Attendance.....58,012
Road Avg.....7,252

Total Attendance.....101,528

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

15

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 DATES

Sat., March 16
Rays at Twins, 4:05 p.m. ET
MLB Spring Breakout Prospect Showcase
@ Hammond Stadium (Fort Myers, FL)

Tues., March 26
Rays vs. Tigers, 12:35 p.m. ET
@ Tropicana Field (St. Petersburg, 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

Thur., March 14 at ATL

Fri., March 15 vs. BAL

Time (ET)

1:05 p.m.

1:05 p.m.

Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)

TB—RHP Zack Littell, LHP Tyler Alexander, RHP Pete Fairbanks, RHP Michael Gomez, RHP Kevin Kelly, LHP Colin Poche, RHP Manuel Rodríguez; ATL—LHP Chris Sale
TB—RHP Naoyuki Uwasawa; BAL—TBA

TV & Radio

None

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TODAY'S STARTER: LHP BRENDAN MCKAY (0-0, 0.00)										
YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO
2019	Tampa Bay	2-4	5.14	13/11	49.0	53	28	8	16-0	56
Career Totals		2-4	5.14	13/11	49.0	53	28	8	16-0	56

2024 SPRING TRAINING

☼ McKay has thrown 2.0 scoreless innings in two appearances.

2023 IN REVIEW

- ☼ In 2023, did not pitch while recovering from Tommy John Surgery.
- ☼ In 2022, made seven apperances with 5 starts across three levels of the Rays system, posting a 2.93 ERA (15.1IP, 5ER) before undergoing Tommy John surgery in September.
- ☼ Selected by the Rays in the first round (No. 4 overall) of the 2017 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Louisville.

GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	FINAL
3/2 vs. BOS	ND	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	L, 3-2
3/7 vs. PHI	ND	0.00	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	W, 3-2
SPRING TOTALS	0-0	0.00	2.0	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	--

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

#47 JASON ADAM (0-0, 0.00)

RHP

- ☼ **Spring Training:** Threw 1.0 scoreless innings in his debut at Boston on March 5.
- ☼ **2023:** Went 4-2 with a 2.98 ERA (54.1IP, 18ER) over 56 relief appearances in his second season with the Rays, setting career highs in saves (12) and wins (4)...was on the 15-day IL with left oblique strains from Sept. 3-21 and Sept. 22-end of season.
- ☼ Signed by the Rays as a free agent, March 17, 2022.

#64 SHAWN ARMSTRONG (0-0, 6.00)

RHP

- ☼ **Spring Training:** Has worked 3.0 innings, allowing two runs on three hits with no walks and three strikeouts in three appearances.
- ☼ **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.
- ☼ Signed as a free agent, May 10, 2022.

#60 GARRETT CLEAVINGER (0-0, 4.50)

LHP

- ☼ **Spring Training:** Has made two appearances, both against the Red Sox (March 2 and 5).
- ☼ **2023:** Limited to 15 appearances after suffering a torn right ACL following a collision with NYY Aaron Hicks during a 10th-inning rundown on May 7. Underwent surgery to repair the torn ligament on May 17.
- ☼ Acquired by the Rays from the Dodgers in exchange for OF German Tapia, Aug. 1, 2022.

#79 ZAC HOUSTON (0-0, 12.27)

RHP

- ☼ **Spring Training:** Has made four apperances, allowing five runs on three hits and three walks with four strikeouts across 3.2 innings.
- ☼ **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.
- ☼ Signed as a free agent on Dec. 14, 2023.

#74 JACOB LOPEZ (1-0, 8.10)

LHP

- ☼ **Spring Training:** Has made two starts, allowing three runs on one hit and five walks with two strikeouts across 3.1 innings.
- ☼ **2023:** Went 1-0 with a 4.38 ERA (12.1IP, 6ER) in four appearances (1GS) for the Rays...made his MLB debut against the team that drafted him, Aug. 14 at San Francisco...tossed three innings of one-run ball to earn his first career save in his first career appearance.
- ☼ Acquired from the San Francisco Giants in exchange for OF Joe McCarthy.

#88 PHIL MATON (0-0, 0.00)

RHP

- ☼ **Spring Training:** Retired all three batters he faced with two strikeouts in his debut at Boston on March 5.
- ☼ **2023:** Went 4-3 with a 3.00 ERA with 74 strikeouts over 66 innings with HOU.
- ☼ Signed with the Rays as a free agent on Feb. 14, 2024.

#78 JOE RECORD (0-0, 0.00)

RHP

- ☼ **Spring Training:** Has allowed one unearned run in three appearances (3.0IP, H, R, 2SO).
- ☼ **2023:** Went 3-2 with a 3.71 ERA (53.1IP, 22ER) and 11 saves in 50 relief appearances for Triple-A Sugar Land...the 11 saves led all Houston minor leaguers while the 50 apperances ranked second.
- ☼ Signed as a free agent on Dec. 21, 2023.

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.
- 11 Reassigned the following players to minor league camp: OF Ruben Cardenas, C Logan Driscoll, OF Niko Hulsizer, LHP Antonio Jimenez, RHP Enmanuel Mejia, OF Kameron Misner, INF Tanner Murray, OF Tristan Peters and INF Carson Williams....optioned the following players to minor league camp: INF Junior Caminero, RHP Yoniel Curet, INF/OF Greg Jones and INF Austin Shenton.
- 12 Optioned RHP Colby White to Triple-A Durham.

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	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	L, 7-6	4-9-2	Murphy (1-0)/Uwasawa (0-1)		11,418
Mon.	March 11	Toronto	Charlotte County	B/M	L, 9-2	4-10-2	White (1-0)/Eflin (0-2)		4,520
Tues.	March 12	@Baltimore	Sarasota		L, 12-8	4-11-2	Wells (2-0)/Ramírez (0-2)		7,524
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.				
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RAY'S SPRING TRAINING HISTORY

YEAR	W-L-T	HOME ATT.
2024	4-11-2	43,516
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
339-377-50		1,788,508