

## PITTSBURGH PIRATES (14-10-1) AT TAMPA BAY RAYS (10-10-4) MARCH 19, 2025 - CHARLOTTE SPORTS PARK - PORT CHARLOTTE, FL - 1:05 P.M. ET

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS AND BROADCAST SCHEDULE				TODAY'S EXPECTED PITCHERS	
DATE/OPP.	PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS	TIME (ET)	RADIO/TV		
3/20	-OFF DAY-			<b>PIRATES:</b> Andrew Heaney (L), Colin Holderman (R), Joey Wentz (L), Tim Mayza (L)	
3/21 at Bos	RHP Mitch Keller vs. TBD	6:05 P.M.	100.1 FM & AM 1020/*SNP+	<b>RAYS:</b> Zack Littell (R), Pete Fairbanks (R), Mason Montgomery (L), Manuel Rodríguez (R), Jonathan Hernández (R)	
3/22 vs. Bal	RHP Paul Skenes vs. TBD	1:05 P.M.	SportsNet Pittsburgh		
3/23 at Tor	LHP Bailey Falter vs. TBD	1:07 P.M.	100.1 FM & AM 1020/*SNP		

**TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER:** Left-hander Andrew Heaney will make his fourth start of the spring here today in Port Charlotte...Heaney, who was signed to a one-year contract on 2/22, last pitched on 3/14 vs. Detroit, striking out four batters in 4.0 innings (5h, 4r/2er, 2hr) while throwing 56 pitches (37 strikes)...He's one of just four Major League left-handed pitchers with 150+ strikeouts in each of the last two seasons.

**ALSO EXPECTED:** Colin Holderman pitched the fifth inning Friday (2k) and has made five straight scoreless apps (5ip, 7k)...Joey Wentz struck out four batters Sunday at New York-AL (2.0ip, 2h, 1bb)...Tim Mayza pitched Sunday (1.1ip, 1bb, 1k) and has made three straight scoreless apps.

**ROSTER MOVES:** On Tuesday, Pittsburgh reduced its Major League camp from 50 to 42...C Jason Delay was optioned to Triple-A Indianapolis... Additionally, OF/INF Matt Gorski, C Abraham Gutierrez, INF Darick Hall, OF Bryce Johnson, RHP Yohan Ramírez, INF/OF Nick Solak and INF Alike Williams were reassigned to minor league camp...Of the 42 players remaining in Major League camp, 33 are on the 40-man roster, seven are non-roster invitees and two are on the 60-day injured list...There are 23 pitchers (two on 60-day IL) and 19 position players left in camp.

**TUESDAY IN BRADENTON:** Pittsburgh won for the fourth time in its last five contests with a 3-2, walkoff win over Philadelphia at LECOM Park... Javier Rivas capped off a three-run ninth inning with a walkoff solo home run, the Pirates' first spring walkoff since Chris Owings scored on a wild pitch in a 4-3 win vs. Philadelphia on 3/21/23...It also marked the Pirates' first spring walkoff home run since Hunter Owen (solo) on 3/25/22 vs. Minnesota...Thomas Harrington made his third outing of the spring, allowing just one hit over 3.2 innings (1r/1er, 1bb, 3k, 1hr) while throwing 62 pitches (38 strikes)...Joey Bart had two hits and is now batting .480 (12-for-25) with six runs, four extra-base hits and seven RBI over his last nine games since 3/3...Four of Pittsburgh's final five spring games will be on the road, with the lone home game on Saturday vs. Baltimore.

**OPEN IT UP:** On Saturday, manager Derek Shelton announced Paul Skenes as Pittsburgh's Opening Day starter for its 3/27 opener at Miami... Last year's BBWAA National League Rookie of the Year went 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA (133.0ip/29er) and 170 strikeouts in his first big-league season...At 22 years and 302 days, he will become the youngest Opening Day starter for any MLB team since Miami's José Fernández in 2014.

**BUCS AND RAYS:** This is the second and final meeting between Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay this spring, as well as the Pirates' lone trip to Port Charlotte...In the first meeting on 2/28, Mitch Keller threw 3.0 innings and Bryan Reynolds had two hits in Pittsburgh's 3-2 win at LECOM Park.

DATE/OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	RECORD	PITCHERS OF RECORD (W/L/S)	ATTENDANCE	HOME ATT./AVG.
2/22 at Orioles	W	10-5	1-0-0	<b>Tanner Rainey (1-0)</b> / Corbin Martin	7,628	
2/23 vs. Twins	W	5-1	2-0-0	<b>Tim Mayza (1-0)</b> / Travis Adams	5,433	5,433/5,433
2/24 at Phillies				<b>-CANCELED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER-</b>		
2/25 vs. Braves	L	1-2	2-1-0	Enoli Paredes / <b>Colin Holderman (0-1)</b> / Davis Daniel	3,543	8,976/4,488
2/26 vs. Orioles (SS)	W	7-3	3-1-0	<b>Ryan Borucki (1-0)</b> / Matt Bowman	3,544	12,520/4,173
2/26 at Braves (SS)	L	4-9	3-2-0	Daysbel Hernández / <b>Randy Labaut (0-1)</b>	4,553	
2/27 at Twins	W	12-1	4-2-0	<b>Caleb Ferguson (1-0)</b> / Pablo López	4,933	
2/28 vs. Rays	W	3-2	5-2-0	<b>Mitch Keller (1-0)</b> / Ryan Pepiot / <b>Cristofer Melendez (1)</b>	5,151	17,671/4,418
3/1 at Orioles	W	5-2	6-2-0	<b>Tanner Rainey (2-0)</b> / Brandon Young / <b>Eddy Yean (1)</b>	7,593	
3/2 vs. Tigers	L	4-10	6-3-0	Jackson Jobe / <b>Tim Mayza (1-1)</b>	6,883	24,554/4,911
3/3 at Yankees	L	3-12	6-4-0	Carlos Carrasco / <b>Bubba Chandler (0-1)</b>	8,896	
3/4 vs. Red Sox	L	4-12	6-5-0	Quinn Priester / <b>Andrew Heaney (0-1)</b>	5,655	30,209/5,035
3/5 vs. Blue Jays	W	7-6	7-5-0	<b>Ryan Borucki (2-0)</b> / Jake Bloss / <b>Ryder Ryan (1)</b>	4,566	34,775/4,968
3/6 at Orioles	W	9-5	8-5-0	<b>Kyle Nicolas (1-0)</b> / Luis González	6,390	
3/7 vs. Phillies	W	3-2	9-5-0	<b>Dennis Santana (1-0)</b> / Tyler Phillips / <b>Eddy Yean (2)</b>	6,769	41,544/5,193
3/8 at Braves	L	5-6	9-6-0	Dany Jiménez / <b>Jaden Woods (0-1)</b>	7,035	
3/9 at Tigers	L	3-5	9-7-0	Tarik Skubal / <b>Andrew Heaney (0-2)</b> / Tyler Owens	7,376	
3/10 vs. Orioles	L	3-6	9-8-0	Matt Bowman / <b>Mitch Keller (1-1)</b> / Gerald Ogando	5,026	46,570/5,174
3/11 vs. Yankees	W	9-1	10-8-0	<b>Paul Skenes (1-0)</b> / Cam Schlichtler	5,749	52,319/5,232
3/12				<b>-OFF DAY-</b>		
3/13 at Twins	L	3-15	10-9-0	Bailey Ober / <b>Jared Jones (0-1)</b>	6,372	
3/14 at Phillies Prospects	L	3-5	--	Casey Steward / <b>Wilber Dotel</b> / Aaron Combs	6,347	(-SPRING BREAKOUT-)
3/14 vs. Tigers	T	8-8	10-9-1	--	6,749	59,068/5,370
3/15 vs. Orioles	W	15-5	11-9-1	<b>Valentin Linarez (1-0)</b> / Gregory Soto	6,789	65,857/5,488
3/16 at Yankees	W	4-3	12-9-1	<b>Isaac Mattson (1-0)</b> / Rob Zastryzny / <b>J.C. Flowers III (1)</b>	9,603	
3/17 vs. Twins (SS)	W	4-2	13-9-1	<b>Paul Skenes (2-0)</b> / Joe Ryan / <b>Tanner Rainey (1)</b>	5,389	71,246/5,480
3/17 at Tigers (SS)	L	6-9	13-10-1	Tommy Kahnle / <b>Justin Lawrence (0-2)</b> / Brant Hurter	7,464	
3/18 vs. Phillies	W	3-2	14-10-1	<b>Wilkin Ramos (1-0)</b> / Josh Hejka	7,310	78,556/5,611
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