



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 (22-22) at BOSTON RED SOX (22-21)

RHP Zack Littell (2-2, 3.02) vs. RHP Cooper Criswell (2-1, 2.10)

Thurs., May 16, 2024 • First Pitch: 7:10 p.m. ET • Location: Fenway Park • Game No./Away Game No.: 45/19

TV: MLBN (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	14-12
Road Record	8-10
Day Record	8-9
Night Record	14-13
Current Streak	W1
Last 5 Games	3-2
Last 10 Games	6-4
vs. RH Starter	15-17
vs. LH Starter	7-5
On Grass	8-10
On Turf	14-12
vs. AL	14-18
vs. NL	8-4
vs. AL East	6-7
vs. NL East	3-0
vs. AL Central	3-6
vs. NL Central	1-2
vs. AL West	5-5
vs. NL West	4-2
Leading After 7	17-2
Trailing After 7	3-18
Tied After 7	2-2
Leading After 8	19-1
Trailing After 8	2-19
Tied After 8	1-2
Rays Score First	13-8
Opponent Scores First	9-14
Scoring 3 Runs or Fewer	6-15
Scoring 4+ Runs	16-7
Rays Out-Hit Opponent	15-6
Out-Hit by Opponent	4-16
Hit 0 HR	9-9
Hit 1+ HR	13-13
Hit 2+ HR	4-5
One-Run Games	7-4
Extra Innings	3-2
Comeback Wins	11
Blown Lead Losses	10
Shutouts	2-1
Last At-Bat	4-4
Walk-Offs	2-3
Committing No Errors	13-14
Committing 1+ Errors	9-8
March/April	14-17
May	8-5
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September/October	0-0

CURRENT ROAD TRIP

W-L	2-1
RS RA	13 11
AVG/OBP/SLG	.223/.273/.339
Runs/Game	4.3
HR	2
RISP	.188 (6-for-32)
Team ERA	2.79
Starters W-L	2-0
Starters ERA	4.80
Relievers W-L	0-1
Relievers ERA	0.64
Saves/Opps	2/3

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RAY REPORT—The Rays continue a seven-game, seven-day road trip against the Red Sox (2-1, 1 to play) and Blue Jays (3 to play) tonight at Fenway Park...Tampa Bay is in the midst of a 13-game stretch featuring matchups exclusively vs. AL East opponents, which began with a three-game series vs. the Yankees from May 10-12 (1-2)...the Rays return home for a three-game set with the Red Sox from May 20-22 to complete the 13-game stretch... Tampa Bay has been at or within one game of the .500 mark for 11 consecutive days.

- Following a 2-8 stretch from April 21-May 1, Tampa Bay has gone 8-4 over its last 12 games since May 3.
- After falling behind 1-0 last night, the Rays improved to 9-14 when the opposition scores first, tied with Baltimore (9-11) for the second-most such victories in the AL behind New York-AL (13-9)...Tampa Bay also earned its fourth victory when being out-hit by an opponent (8-7), its first such win since April 18 vs. Los Angeles-AL (6-5)...they had lost each of their last nine games in which they were out-hit.
- The Rays have gone 3-for-22 (.136) with RISP over the last two games after going 3-for-10 (.300) in Monday's series opener.
- Tampa Bay earned a victory without an extra-base hit for the second time this season (also April 29 at MIL), tied with six clubs for the most such wins in MLB, including a tie with Seattle for the AL lead.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

- Earn their third straight series victory at Fenway Park since June 3, 2023, improving to 8-1 during that stretch...it would mark the first time the Rays have won three straight series at Fenway since a four-series streak from April 27, 2019-Aug. 13, 2020.
- Earn their first road series victory since April 8-10 at Los Angeles-AL.
- Move above the .500 mark for the first time since May 7 (19-18).
- Take sole possession of third place in the AL East for the first time since entering play on April 19 (11-9).

ON-BASE PAREDES—Isaac Paredes has reached base safely in a career-high-tying 14 straight games, matching his streak from June 9-Sept. 21, 2021...he is slashing .373/.459/.549 (19-for-51) with 3 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI and 8 BB while producing a 9.8 pct. strikeout rate (.6SO/.61PA) during the current run...it is tied with **Amed Rosario** (April 5-22) for the longest on-base streak by a Tampa Bay batter this season.

- Paredes' 14-game run is tied with LAA **Anthony Rendon** for the third-longest active streak in the AL behind TEX **Leody Taveras** (18G) and TOR **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.** (15G).
- The last Ray with an on-base streak of 15+ games was **Brandon Lowe** (17G, Aug. 15-Sept. 7, 2023).
- He has 11 multi-hit games since April 17, tied with PHI **Alec Bohm**, LAD **Shohei Ohtani** and SEA **Julio Rodríguez** for the most in the majors during that period.

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT—Yandy Díaz has hit safely in 10 of his last 12 games May 3, including six multi-hit efforts, going 18-for-51 (.353) with 4 2B, 2 HR and 10 RBI...in his previous 22 games from April 7-May 1, he hit .182 (16-for-88) with 3 2B, 0 HR and 2 RBI.

PEN PALS—LHP **Garrett Cleavinger** has not allowed an earned run over his last 15 appearances (12.2IP) since April 6, holding opponents to a .119 (5-for-42) AVG...the 15-game run without allowing an earned run is the second-longest active streak in the AL behind NYY **Clay Holmes** (18G)...min. 50 BF, his 36.6 pct. strikeout rate (.26SO/.71BF) ranks third among AL relievers behind OAK **Mason Miller** (56.7%) and HOU **Josh Hader** (38.0%).

- RHP **Jason Adam** owns a 0.56 ERA (16.OIP, 1ER) in his last 15 appearances...his 35.1 whiff rate on the year ranks in the 95th percentile of MLB pitchers, yet he owns a career-low 22.5 pct. strikeout rate (.16SO/.71BF).
- RHP **Kevin Kelly** has posted a 1.29 ERA (14.OIP, 2ER) with 13 SO against zero walks in 11 appearances since April 17...min. 70 BF, his 1.4 pct. walk rate (1BB/70BF) ranks second among all MLB relievers behind SF **Tyler Rogers** (0.0%, 0BB/79BF). In 12 games since May 3, Tampa Bay's bullpen has posted a 1.84 ERA (49.OIP, 10ER), including a 0.64 ERA (14.OIP, 1ER) during the current three-game set in Boston...in 11 games vs. Boston since June 3, 2023, Tampa Bay's bullpen has turned in a 1.59 ERA (45.1IP, 8ER) and .183 opp. average (30-for-164).
- Rays relievers posted an MLB-worst 13.2 pct. walk rate through April 20 (22G)...in 22 games since, they have posted an 8.7 pct. walk rate, ranking 15th in the majors.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL—Tampa Bay is batting .247 when facing a pitcher for the first time in a game, the third-highest mark in the AL behind Houston (.257) and New York-AL (.253), ranking seventh in the majors overall.

- When facing a pitcher for a second and third time, the Rays are batting a combined .233, the second-lowest mark in the AL, outpacing only Detroit (.232), and sixth lowest in MLB...this includes a .211 average the third time through, the second-worst mark in the majors, ahead of only Cincinnati (.205).
- Of the Rays 37 HR, 23 have come when facing a pitcher for the first time (62.2%).

WALK IT OUT—Tampa Bay has drawn an AL-best 73 walks in 18 games (4.1BB/G) since April 26, the third-most free passes during that stretch behind Philadelphia (82BB) and Los Angeles-NL (74BB).

- The Rays have drawn at least one walk in a season-high 13 straight games, surpassing their their season-opening 12-game run from March 28-April 9.

DOWN TO THE WIRE—The Rays have played 23 games decided by two runs or fewer, fourth most in the AL behind New York (25G) and Detroit/Kansas City (both 24G)... Tampa Bay's .652 winning pct. (15-8) in such contests is third best in the majors behind Philadelphia (.750/12-4) and Baltimore (.714/15-6).

POWER OUTAGE—Tampa Bay's 37 HR are tied with Detroit for third fewest in the AL, ahead of only Chicago-AL (32HR) and Toronto (35HR)...it marks the Rays fewest home runs through 44 games since 2014 (34HR)...the 2023 Rays hit a franchise-best 86 HR through 44 games.

ON THE DEFENSE—The Rays have not committed an error in five straight contests, one game shy of matching their season-long six-game streak from April 2-8...despite this, their -16 Defensive Runs Saved are fourth fewest in MLB (Sports Info Solutions), ahead of only Chicago-AL (-28), New York-NL (-24) and Miami (-21)...their only net positive position is catcher (+1).

SHIPPING UP TO BOSTON—Tampa Bay and Boston complete a four-game set tonight at Fenway Park...the two clubs will meet seven times in 10 days, with the Red Sox traveling to St. Petersburg from May 20-22 for a three-game series...the Rays are 13-3 vs. the Red Sox since the beginning of the 2023 season, outscoring Boston, 86-57 (+29), during that stretch.

SERIES RECORDS

Overall	5-6-2
Home	3-3-2
Road	2-3-0
Series Openers	5-9
Home	3-5
Road	2-4
Rubber Games	3-4
Home	1-2
Road	2-2
Sweeps/Were Swept	1-1

RAYS vs. RED SOX

2024 Record	2-1
Home	0-0
Road	2-1
Under Cash (since '15)	88-71
Home	46-35
Road	42-36
All-Time Record	214-242
Home	119-111
Road	95-131

CONNECTIONS

- Red Sox RHP **Cooper Criswell** made 11 appearances (1GS) for the Rays across two seasons from 2022-23, going 1-1 with a 5.45 ERA (36.1IP, 22ER)...he earned his first career win on May 26, 2023 vs. Los Angeles-NL (4.OIP, 4H, 1ER, 2BB, 3SO).
- Tampa Bay RHP **Zack Littell** was claimed off waivers by the Rays from the Red Sox on May 12, 2023...he became the first pitcher to be claimed off waivers mid-season and go on to make 10+ starts for a team that made the postseason since **Doug Fister** with the 2017 Red Sox (Elias)... Littell made his Rays debut at New York-NL exactly one year to the day, striking out the side in order.
- On April 13, 2023, the Rays improved to 13-0 with a 9-3 win vs. Boston, tying the 1982 Braves and 1987 Brewers for the longest season-opening winning streak in the modern era (since 1900) and marking the longest winning streak at any point in a season in franchise history.
- Rays Third Base Coach **Brady Williams** was selected by the Red Sox in the 45th round of the 1999 First-Year Player Draft out of Pasco-Hernando Community College in New Port Richey, FL.
- Blake Butera**, Tampa Bay's Senior Director of Player Development, graduated from Boston College in 2015, playing in over 200 games for the Eagles.
- Rays LHP **Jeffrey Springs** was acquired from the Red Sox on Feb. 17, 2021...Springs, currently rehabbing from Tommy John surgery, grew up a Red Sox fan and enjoyed watching **Pedro Martinez** and **Jason Varitek**.
- Rays RHP **Aaron Civale** spent two seasons at Northeastern University (2014-15)...during his sophomore year, he started against the Red Sox in a spring exhibition game in Fort Myers, tossing a pair of scoreless innings while striking out **David Ortiz**, **Hanley Ramirez** and **Mike Napoli**...Civale resides in Boston during the offseason.

IF THE SOX FIT

Tampa Bay has a .618 winning pct. vs. Boston since 2018, the best mark in the AL.	
TEAM	W-L (WIN%)
Tampa Bay Rays	63-39 (.618)
Houston Astros	20-13 (.606)
New York Yankees	58-41 (.586)
Chicago White Sox	18-15 (.545)
Cleveland Guardians	19-20 (.487)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Fri., May 17 at TOR	7:07 p.m.	TBA vs. RHP Chris Bassitt (3-5, 5.06)	Apple TV+, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN BSS, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, WQBN BSS
Sat., May 18 at TOR	3:07 p.m.	RHP Zach Eflin (3-4, 3.91) vs. RHP Kevin Gausman (2-3, 3.95)	
Sun., May 19 at TOR	1:37 p.m.	RHP Aaron Civale (2-3, 5.83) vs. RHP Alek Manoah (0-1, 4.91)	

Table with 10 columns: W-L-S, G, ERA, IP, H, ER, BB, SO, HR. Rows include Totals, Starters, Relievers, Home, Road, Pre All-Star, Post All-Star, March/April, May, June, July, August, September.

PITCH CLOCK VIOLATIONS table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Batter, TOTALS. Rows: Rays, Opponent, TOTALS.

CATCHERS table with 5 columns: FLD%, CS/SBA, CS%, CERA, PB. Rows: Jackson, Pinto, Rortvedt, TEAM TOTALS.

2024 RECORDS BY UNIFORM table with 2 columns: Uniform Name, Record. Rows: White, Navy, Columbia Blue, Devil Rays Throwback, City Connect.

STARTING PITCHER INFORMATION (STARTS ONLY) table with 12 columns: PITCHER, STARTS, RUN SUPPORT, RS/9.0 IP, TOTAL RUNS, TOTAL RUNS/START, CLUB RECORD, QUALITY STARTS, PITCHES/START, HR/9.0 IP, GDP, SB/SBA. Rows: Alexander, Armstrong, Bradley, Civalo, Eflin, Littell, Pepiot, Waguespack.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS table with columns for MARCH, APRIL, MAY and detailed transaction descriptions.

W-L BY POSITION (STARTS) and W-L BY BATTING ORDER (STARTS) tables with columns for various positions and batting orders.

RAYS ON THE INJURED LIST (10) table with columns: POS., PLAYER, IL, INJURY, DATE ON, RETRO, FIRST DATE OFF, GMS MISSED, RECORD. Rows: Shane Baz, Chris Devenski, Brandon Lowe, etc.

Previous injured list stints (Injury, dates, games missed, team record): INF Jonathan Aranda (right fourth finger fracture, 3/25-5/14, 42, 21-21), RHP Taj Bradley (right pectoral strain, 3/25-5/8, 38, 19-19), OF Jonny DeLuca (left 5th metacarpal fracture, 3/25-5/3, 32, 14-18), RHP Pete Fairbanks (nerve-related issue, 4/22-5/11, 19, 8-11), OF Josh Lowe (right oblique strain, 3/28-5/6, 34, 16-18)

PLAYERS USED (36) table with columns: PITCHERS (19), CATCHERS (3), INFELDERS (7), OUTFIELDERS (7).

PITCHERS (19): Jason Adam*, Tyler Alexander*, Shawn Armstrong*, Taj Bradley, Aaron Civalo*, Garrett Cleavinger*, Chris Devenski*, Zach Eflin*, Pete Fairbanks*, Kevin Kelly, Zack Littell*, Jacob Lopez, Phil Maton*, Ryan Pepiot*, Colin Poche*, Erasmo Ramirez, Manuel Rodriguez, Edwin Uceta, Jacob Waguespack*

CATCHERS (3): Alex Jackson, René Pinto*, Ben Rortvedt*

INFELDERS (7): José Caballero*, Yandy Díaz*, Niko Goodrum, Brandon Lowe*, Curtis Mead*, Austin Shenton*+, Isaac Paredes*

OUTFIELDERS (7): Randy Arozarena*, Jonny DeLuca, Josh Lowe, Richie Palacios*, Harold Ramirez*, Amed Rosario*, Jose Siri*

* - Opening Day roster
+ - MLB debut

