



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 (6-11-2) vs. BALTIMORE ORIOLES (16-4-1)

RHP Naoyuki Uwasawa (0-1, 20.65) vs. RHP Dean Kremer (2-1, 5.63)

Fri., March 15, 2024 • **First Pitch:** 1:05 p.m. ET • **Location:** Charlotte Sports Park • **Spring Game No./Home Game No.:** 20/11
TV: Bally Sports Sun • **Radio:** WDAE 95.3/620 AM

SPRING TRAINING ROSTER	
PITCHERS (17+7+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
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
20 Odorizzi, Jake	10.042
61 Ramírez, Erasmo.....	8.132
78 Record, Joe.....	0.000
77 Smith, Burch.....	4.092
63 Uceta, 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: 51 players (15 NRI, 2 IL)	

BACK-TO-BACK—The Rays defeated the Braves 3-1 on Thursday for their second consecutive victory...**RHP Zack Littell** (W, 5.0IP, H, 6SO) earned his first Grapefruit League win with 5.0 shutout innings, allowing only a single to **1B Marcell Ozuna** in the 2nd inning...Littell struck out six batters, including the first three he faced.

★ **RHP Manuel Rodríguez** (S, 1.0IP, H, SO) earned his first save of the spring with a scoreless 9th inning.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS—Earlier today, the Rays selected **RHP Jacob Waguespack** to the 40-man roster and transferred **LHP Jeffrey Springs** (recovery from Tommy John surgery) to the 60-day IL...the Rays also signed the Rays signed **RHP Jake Odorizzi** to a minor league contract with an invitation to major league camp and reassigned the following players to minor league camp: **LHP Brendan McKay**, **LHP Jacob Lopez** and **RHP Michael Gomez**.

★ The following players were reassigned to minor league camp: **LHP Brendan McKay**, **LHP Jacob Lopez** and **RHP Michael Gomez**.

BIRDS AND THE BAY—Tampa Bay went 5-8 against Baltimore in 2023, suffering their first season series loss since 2016 and halting a streak of six consecutive season series victories...they have gone 73-45 vs. the Orioles since that streak began in 2017, their most wins over any opponent during that timeframe.

★ Today's matchup marks the third of four Grapefruit League meetings between the two clubs...the Rays lost, 12-8, on March 12 and won, 8-3, on Feb. 26 at Ed Smith Stadium...the Rays will host the Orioles at Charlotte Sports Park on March 23 for the final meeting.

ALL ABOUT ARANDA—In 11 games this spring, **INF Jonathan Aranda** is hitting .414 (12-for-29) with 4 2B, 1 HR and 6 RBI, while drawing three walks against only two strikeouts...he ranks among Grapefruit League leaders in hits (T3rd) and doubles (T5th).

RED-HOT RICHIE—**INF/OF Richie Palacios** has hit safely in five straight games and in six of his last seven overall since March 3, batting .333 (7-for-21) with 1 2B, 2 HR and 6 RBI during that stretch.

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 three Top 100 MLB.com prospects, including **INF Carson Williams** (No. 20) and **1B Xavier Isaac** (No. 58)...No. 4 overall prospect **INF Junior Caminero** was added to the roster on March 14.

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 51 players in major league camp, including 15 non-roster invites...the Rays have 26 pitchers (7 NRI), five catchers (4 NRI), 13 infielders (3 NRI) and 7 outfielders (1 NRI).

★ Ten 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**, **INF Austin Shenton** and **RHP Jacob Waguespack**.

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-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
RHP Naoyuki Uwasawa
RHP Jason Adam
LHP Jeff Belge
RHP Jake Christianson
LHP Adam Leverett
RHP Phil Maton
RHP Jacob Waguespack
ORIOLES
RHP Dean Kremer
RHP Albert Suárez

SPRING BY THE NUMBERS	
Home Record	3-6-1
Road Record	3-5-1
@ Charlotte Sports Park	3-5-1
Current Streak	W2
Last 5 Games	2-3-0
Last 10 Games	4-6-0
vs. AL	4-7-2
vs. NL	2-4-0
Longest Win Streak	2, 3x (current)
Longest Losing Streak	4, 2x (3/9-12)
Home Attendance	46,425
Home Avg.	4,642
Home High	11,853 (3/9 vs. BOS)
Road Attendance	65,057
Road Avg.	7,229
Total Attendance	111,483

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY
13
Thur., March 28 vs. Toronto 4:10 p.m. ET

RAYS TOP PROSPECTS
1. INF Junior Caminero
2. INF Carson Williams
3. INF Curtis Mead
4. RHP Shane Baz
5. INF Xavier Isaac
6. INF Brayden Taylor
7. INF Osleivis Basabe
8. INF Adrian Santana
9. OF Jonny DeLuca
10. 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	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Sat., March 16 at MIN	1:05 p.m.	TB—RHP Ryan Pepiot, RHP Chris Devenski, RHP Jason Adam, LHP Garrett Cleavinger, RHP Shawn Armstrong, RHP Kevin Kelly, RHP Manuel Rodríguez; MIN—RHP Pablo López, RHP Cole Sands, LHP Steven Okert, RHP Josh Staumont	WDAE 95.3/620 AM
Sun., March 17 at PIT	1:05 p.m.	TB—TBA; PIT—LHP Josh Fleming	WDAE 95.3/620 AM

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP NAOYUKI UWASAWA (0-1, 20.65)										
YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB-I	SO
2023	Nippon	9-9	2.96	24/0	170.0	152	56	14	41-0	124
Career Totals		70-62	3.19	173/50	1,118.1	972	397	94	349-5	913

2024 SPRING TRAINING

- Has appeared in three games (1GS), giving up 13 runs on 11 hits and seven walks with six strikeouts across 5.2 innings.

2023 IN REVIEW

- Went 9-9 with a 2.96 ERA (170.0IP, 56ER) in 24 apperances for the Nippon Ham Fighters, completing his ninth season in Nippon Professional Baseball...the 170 innngs set a career high and lead the Pacific League.
- Signed as a free agent on Jan. 11, 2024.

SPRING GAME LOG

GAME	DEC.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/S	FINAL
2/29 vs. ATL	ND	31.50	2.0	8	7	7	0	1	2	1	0	17/16	L, 15-11
3/5 at BOS	ND	18.00	2.0	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	22/10	L, 7-4
3/10 @ BOS	0-1	20.65	1.2	1	5	5	4	4	1	0	0	51/26	L, 7-6
SPRING TOTALS	0-1	20.65	5.2	11	13	13	7	6	3	1	0	90/52	--

ADDITIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHERS

#47 JASON ADAM (0-0, 0.00)

RHP

- Spring Training:** In two appearances, has allowed no runs, hits or walks across 2.0 innings (1HBP).
- 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.

#88 PHIL MATON (0-0, 0.00)

RHP

- Spring Training:** Has thrown 2.0 scoreless innings across two appearances with four strikeouts.
- 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.

#67 JACOB WAGUESPACK (0-0, 5.40)

RHP

- Spring Training:** Has made two appearances giving up four runs (3ER) on seven hits and one walk with six strikeouts across 5.0 innings.
- 2023:** Went 4-7 with a 5.77 ERA (43.2IP, 28ER) in 31 appearances for the Orix Buffaloes in the Nippon Professional Baseball Organization...made five appearances with their minor league club, surrendering two runs over 13.0 innings.
- Signed a minor league contract with a non-roster invitation to Spring Training, Jan. 15, 2024.

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 Mejia** 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.
- 13 Reassigned the following players to minor league camp: **RHP Trevor Brigden**, **RHP Carlos Garcia**, **RHP Zac Houston** and **RHP Justin Sterner**.
- 15 Signed **RHP Jake Odorizzi** to a minor league contract with an invitation to major league camp; selected **RHP Jacob Waguespack** to the 40-man roster; placed **LHP Jeffrey Springs** on the 60-day IL (recovery from Tommy John surgery); reassigned the following players to minor league camp: **LHP Brendan McKay**, **LHP Jacob Lopez** and **RHP Michael Gomez**.

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	W, 4-3	5-11-2	Lopez (2-0)/Brigham (0-1)	2,910
Thur.	March 14	@Atlanta	North Port		W, 3-1	6-11-2	Littell (1-0)/Sale (0-2)	7,045
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	HOME ATT.
2024	6-11-2	46,425
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
341-377-50		1,791,418