



# RAYS SPRING TRAINING GAME NOTES

AL CHAMPIONS: 2020, 2008 | AL EAST CHAMPIONS: 2021, 2020, 2010, 2008 | AL WILD CARD: 2023, 2022, 2019, 2013, 2011

## TAMPA BAY RAYS (8-13-1) @ ATLANTA BRAVES (15-5-2)

Monday, March 16, 2026 • 1:05 p.m. ET • CoolToday Park (North Port, Fla.)

TV: None • Radio: None



**RHP NICK MARTINEZ**  
0-2, 6.00



**LHP CHRIS SALE**  
0-0, 4.70

### SPRING ROSTER

#### Pitchers (21/3NRI/1IL)..... Service Time

47 Baker, Bryan	3.049
43 Bigge, Hunter	1.049
62 Booser, Cam *	1.105
36 Boyle, Joe	1.005
60 Cleavinger, Garrett #	4.060
59 Englert, Mason	1.168
94 Gómez, Yoendrys	0.135
99 Guerrero, Luis *	0.155
22 Jax, Griffin #	4.091
49 Kelly, Kevin	2.156
83 Martin, Trevor *	0.000
28 Martinez, Nick	7.002
32 Matz, Steven	10.099
18 McClanahan, Shane	4.158
44 Pepiot, Ryan	3.005
57 Rasmussen, Drew	5.111
39 Rodríguez, Manuel +	2.139
61 Seymour, Ian	0.085
71 Sulser, Cole	4.096
63 Uceta, Edwin	2.150
24 Wilson, Steven	3.166

#### Catchers (4/2NRI)..... Service Time

9 Feduccia, Hunter	0.095
40 Fortes, Nick	3.149
74 Sabol, Blake *	1.048
89 Vellojin, Daniel *	0.000

#### Infielders (9/2NRI)..... Service Time

8 Aranda, Jonathan	2.030
13 Caminero, Junior	1.058
78 Davidson, Logan *	0.042
73 Delgado, Raynel *	0.000
2 Díaz, Yandy	7.122
11 Lux, Gavin	5.114
6 Walls, Taylor	4.092
7 Williams, Carson	0.039
15 Williamson, Ben	0.110

#### Outfielders (9/1NRI)..... Service Time

21 DeLuca, Jonny	2.085
17 Fraley, Jake	5.097
55 Malloy, Justyn-Henry	1.040
29 Melton, Jacob	0.111
31 Mullins, Cedric	6.078
3 Olivares, Edward *	3.158
1 Palacios, Richie	2.156
14 Simpson, Chandler	0.140
26 Vilade, Ryan	0.076

\* - Non-Roster Invite  
+ - 60-Day Injured List  
# - World Baseball Classic

**TEN MORE DAYS** - The Rays continue their spring training slate today in North Port against the Braves...Tampa Bay won, 6-1, yesterday in Port Charlotte against the Pirates...**LHP Shane McClanahan** spun 3.2 innings with seven strikeouts and two walks, the third time in franchise spring training history a pitcher had seven strikeouts or more and no hits allowed (also: **Jalen Beeks**, March 24, 2019 at ATL - 7SO and **Drew Smyly**, March 30, 2016 vs. BOS - 7SO)...**CF Cedric Mullins** (3-for-4, HR, 4RBI, R) became the eighth player in franchise history (10x) to record 3 H and 4 RBI in a spring training game.

\* The Rays are scheduled for 31 spring games in 32 days (14 home, 17 road), with an off day on March 18...the Rays completed a stretch of 20 games in 19 days between Feb. 21-March 11.

\* The annual Spring Breakout game will take place on March 19 against the Mets Prospects at Clover Park (Port St. Lucie, Fla.).

\* The Rays will conclude Grapefruit League play on March 24 and play at St. Louis' Busch Stadium for Opening Day on March 26 to kick off a three-city, nine-game road trip (St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minnesota) to begin the 2026 season...it marks the eighth time in franchise history the Rays have opened the season on the road (1999-2000, 2006-09, 2021).

**HAVEN'T WE BEEN HERE BEFORE** - Today, the Rays will face the Grapefruit League-leading Braves for the fifth time in 2026...the Rays are 1-3 in the previous meetings this spring and hold an all-time Grapefruit League record of 24-26-5 against Atlanta...Tampa Bay will make the journey to Truist Park on Sept. 8-10 when the two clubs meet in the regular season.

**RECENT TRANSACTIONS** - Yesterday, the Rays reassigned the following players to minor league camp: **INF Gregory Barrios**, **INF Xavier Isaac**, **INF Cooper Kinney**, **C Tatem Levins**, **INF Tre Morgan**, **C Kenny Piper**, **RHP Chase Solesky**, **INF Brayden Taylor** and **RHP Jake Woodford**.

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN** - The Rays currently have 43 players in major league camp, including eight non-roster invites and one on the 60-day IL...of those 43 players, seven (16.3%) are homegrown, meaning they were drafted, signed as an international free agent or as a non-drafted free agent developed by the Rays player development system, while 18 players (41.9%) are new to the organization since the conclusion of the 2025 season...the Rays have 21 pitchers (3NRI/1IL), four catchers (2 NRI), nine infielders (2 NRI) and nine outfielders (1 NRI) in major league camp.

\* Twelve players have been added to the Rays 40-man roster since the conclusion of last season: **OF Jake Fraley**, **RHP Yoendrys Gómez**, **INF Gavin Lux**, **OF Justyn-Henry Malloy**, **RHP Nick Martinez**, **LHP Steven Matz**, **OF Jacob Melton**, **OF Victor Mesa Jr.**, **OF Cedric Mullins**, **OF Ryan Vilade**, **INF Ben Williamson**, **RHP Steven Wilson**.

**FOR CLUB & COUNTRY** - Between March 5-17, the sixth edition of the World Baseball Classic will take place, with eight Rays participating in the tournament: **INF Jonathan Aranda** (MEX), **INF Junior Caminero** (DR), **LHP Garrett Cleavinger** (USA), **RHP Gary Gill Hill** (GB), **RHP Yoendrys Gómez** (VEN), **RHP Griffin Jax** (USA), **C Daniel Vellojin** (COL) and **RHP Owen Wild** (GB).

\* Last night, Caminero provided the Dominican Republic's only run with a solo home run in the 2nd inning, his third of the tournament...he became the second-youngest player (22y, 253d) to hit three home runs or more in a WBC (**Carlos Correa**, 22y, 179d - 2017)...Jax pitched a 1-2-3 6th inning in the game on seven pitches...the right-hander has retired all seven batters faced in the tournament and recorded eight outs due to a double play involving an inherited runner on March 9 vs. Mexico.

**FOR CLUB & COUNTRY II** - Senior Director of Communications & Player/Alumni Relations, **Elvis Martinez**, served as press officer for the Dominican Republic; Major League ATC/Physical Therapist **Wilson Diez** was the head trainer for the Dominican Republic; Latin America Medical Coord. **Julio Ibarra** is also an athletic trainer with Venezuela; Assistant Hitting Coach **Will Bradley** was in the same role for Australia; Class-A Bowling Green Athletic Trainer **Ruben Santiago** was an athletic trainer for Nicaragua; and Director, Baseball Development **Simon Rosenbaum** served as general manager of Israel.

**ALL RAS, NO BRAKES** - The Rays announced **RHP Drew Rasmussen** as their Opening Day starter Feb. 19...he went 10-5 last year with a 2.76 ERA (150.0IP, 46ER) and 127 strikeouts in 31 starts, marking career bests in starts, wins, ERA, innings, strikeouts and WHIP (1.02)...the right-hander earned his first career All-Star selection in 2025 and finished ninth in AL Cy Young voting.

\* Rasmussen is set to become the 18th Opening Day starter in Rays history and seventh in the last eight seasons (2019-26) on the heels of **Chris Archer's** four consecutive starts (2015-18)...at age 30, he is also set to join **Charlie Morton** (36, 2020), **James Shields** (30, 2012) and **Tanyon Sturtze** (31, 2002) as the only Rays pitchers 30 years or older to start on Opening Day.

**HOMECOMING** - The Rays make their return to Tropicana Field for their home opener on April 6 against the Chicago Cubs...it will mark the first game in the venue in 561 days (Sept. 22, 2024 vs. TOR) after the stadium was unable to host games in 2025 due to damage incurred on Oct. 9, 2024 during Hurricane Milton...for more information on Tropicana Field's restoration, visit [www.mlb.com/rays/ballpark/under-the-roof](http://www.mlb.com/rays/ballpark/under-the-roof).

\* The series with the Cubs will mark the fourth time in club history that Chicago has visited Tropicana Field (June 17-19, 2008; Sept. 19-20, 2017; June 11-13, 2024), with the Rays holding a 6-2 head-to-head record over the three previous series...it will also mark the second time in club history the Rays have played their home opener against an NL foe (2025 vs. COL).

**CASH CONSIDERATIONS** - Entering his 12th season, Rays manager **Kevin Cash** is the longest-tenured skipper in the majors with his current club...in 2024, he surpassed his predecessor, **Joe Maddon** (2006-14), as the longest-tenured manager in Rays history...he has won 896 games as the manager of the Rays, the winningest manager in club history and fourth winningest active manager in the majors (**CIN Terry Francona**, 2,033; **DET A.J. Hinch**, 964; **LAD Dave Roberts**, 944).

\* Upon earning his 900th win, he will become the ninth manager in major league history to reach that mark while managing a single club in his managerial career (also: **LAD Walter Alston**, **LAA Mike Scioscia**, **LAD Tommy Lasorda**, **BAL Earl Weaver**, **MIN Tom Kelly**, **DET Hughie Jennings**, **PIT Danny Murtaugh** and **STL Red Schoendienst**).

\* Cash, who joined the Rays on Dec. 5, 2014, is the fifth-longest-tenured manager/head coach in the big four North American professional sports leagues (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL) by hiring date...trails only **Erik Spoelstra** (NBA's Miami Heat, April 2008), **Andy Reid** (NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, Jan. 2013), **Jon Cooper** (NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning, March 2013) and **Steve Kerr** (NBA's Golden State Warriors, May 2014).

**ON THE AIRWAVES** - All weekend games this spring will air on WDAE 95.7/620AM, with **Andy Freed** and **Neil Solondz** on the call...Freed begins his 22nd season with the Rays, while Solondz embarks on his 15th and his fourth as part of the primary broadcast duo...all weekday home games will be available on MLB.com with **Chris Adams-Wall**, entering his fourth season with the Rays, providing play-by-play.

\* The Rays will broadcast five spring training games and all regular season action on Rays.TV...**Dewayne Staats** returns for his 29th season as the Rays play-by-play voice with **Brian Anderson** returning for his 17th season as the full-time color analyst and 19th on the broadcast team...in-game reporter and host **Ryan Bass** enters his fifth season on the telecast.

**STAY INFORMED** - TBRaysPressBox.com serves as a central location for all Rays media info, including press releases, game notes, rosters and other gameday documents. Media members are also encouraged to follow the Rays Baseball Communications department on X/Twitter (@RaysPR) to be notified of roster moves, notes and more.

### PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

March 17 vs. New York Yankees - Charlotte Sports Park (Port Charlotte, Fla.)

TV: Rays.TV - Radio: MLB.com

TB - RHP Ryan Pepiot, RHP Joe Boyle, RHP Hunter Bigge, RHP Trevor Martin

NYN - RHP Will Warren, RHP Ben Hess, RHP Jake Bird, RHP Kervin Castro, RHP Yovanny Cruz

### TODAY'S PITCHERS

#### RAYS

RHP Nick Martinez  
RHP Mason Englert  
RHP Bryan Baker  
RHP Yoendrys Gómez  
RHP Kevin Kelly

#### BRAVES

LHP Chris Sale  
RHP Raisel Iglesias  
LHP Aaron Bummer  
LHP Dylan Dodd  
RHP Ian Hamilton

### BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	6-4-0
Road Record	2-9-1
Current Streak	W2
Last 5 Games	2-3-0
Last 10 Games	3-6-1
vs. AL	5-8-1
vs. NL	3-5-0
Longest Winning Streak	2 (2x, 3/14-pres.)
Longest Losing Streak	3 (2x, 3/10-13)
Home Attendance	43,013
Home Avg.	4,301
Home High	6,222
Road Attendance	78,200
Road Avg.	6,517
Total Attendance	121,213

### SPRING SCHEDULE

GAME	TV/RADIO	TIME
2/21 Atlanta	T/W	L 5-1
2/22 @ Pittsburgh	W	L 7-4
2/23 Boston	M	W 2-1
2/24 Minnesota	M	W 12-1
2/25 @ Baltimore	L	L 4-3
2/26 @ Boston	L	L 7-5
2/27 Toronto	M	W 6-5
2/28 Detroit	W	L 12-3
3/1 @ Atlanta	W	L 5-3
3/2 @ Pittsburgh	L	L 4-1
3/3 Philadelphia	M	W 3-1
3/3 @ Minnesota	W	L 5-3
3/4 Netherlands	T/M	L 11-8
3/5 Baltimore	M	L 4-3
3/6 @ New York-AL	W	L 3-0
3/7 @ Boston	W	L 2-0
3/8 Atlanta	W	W 9-8
3/9 @ Detroit	T	L 4-4
3/10 Minnesota	M	L 6-5
3/11 @ Atlanta	L	L 5-3
3/13 @ Boston	L	L 7-6
3/14 @ Minnesota	W	W 9-6
3/15 Pittsburgh	W	W 6-1
3/16 @ Atlanta	T	1:05p
3/17 New York-AL	T/M	1:05p
3/19 @ Philadelphia	T	1:05p
3/20 Boston	T/M	1:05p
3/21 Minnesota	T/W	1:05p
3/22 @ Toronto	W	1:07p
3/23 @ Philadelphia	L	12:05p
3/24 @ Atlanta	L	12:05p

TV: Rays.TV (T)

RADIO: WDAE 95.7FM/620AM (W)

RADIO: MLB.com (M)

### RAYS SPRING HISTORY

YEAR	W-L-T	ATTENDANCE
2026	8-13-1	43,013
2025	12-13-5	61,811
2024	11-16-3	64,118
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	6-11-2	66,781
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