



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 (10-17-1) @ PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES (10-16-1)

Monday, March 23, 2026 • 12:05 p.m. ET • BayCare Ballpark (Clearwater, Fla.)

TV: None • Radio: None



LHP STEVEN MATZ
0-0, 0.00



LHP JESÚS LUZARDO
3-0, 2.31

SPRING ROSTER

Pitchers (19/2NRI/1IL)..... Service Time

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| 47 Baker, Bryan | 3.049 |
| 43 Bigge, Hunter | 1.049 |
| 62 Booser, Cam * | 1.105 |
| 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 |
| 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 (6/1NRI)..... Service Time

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 21 DeLuca, Jonny | 2.085 |
| 17 Fraley, Jake | 5.097 |
| 31 Mullins, Cedric | 6.078 |
| 34 Olivares, Edward * | 3.158 |
| 14 Simpson, Chandler | 0.140 |
| 26 Vilade, Ryan | 0.076 |

* - Non-Roster Invite

+ - 60-Day Injured List

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RAYS SPRING HISTORY

| YEAR | W-L-T | ATTENDANCE |
|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| 2026 | 10-17-1 | 58,537 |
| 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 |
| 362-406-59 | | 1,985,727 |

THREE DAYS AWAY - The Rays continue their spring training slate today on the road against the Phillies at BayCare Ballpark...Tampa Bay fell, 14-1, yesterday against the Blue Jays in their last divisional action of the spring...the Rays totaled four hits on the day, with their lone run coming from a **SS Carson Williams** (1-for-3, HR, RBI, R) solo home run in the 7th inning off **RHP Louis Varland**...the ball left the yard with a 107.3mph exit velocity and landed over the left field pavillion...marks Williams' first ever spring-ball home run.

✦ The Rays enter the homestretch of their Grapefruit League schedule, with their final two of 31 spring games (14 home, 17 road) taking place over the next two days...the Rays completed a stretch of 20 games in 19 days between Feb. 21-March 11.

✦ The Rays will conclude Grapefruit League play tomorrow and play at St. Louis' Busch Stadium for Opening Day on Thursday, 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).

RAYS OF LIBERTY - Today, the Rays will face the Phillies for the third and final time this spring...Tampa Bay won their first meeting between the clubs in Charlotte County, 3-1, on March 3, and lost, 8-2, in the most recent meeting at BayCare Ballpark on March 19...the Rays hold a 43-30-3 record all-time in the Grapefruit League against the Phillies...Tampa Bay will face the Phillies in the final series of the regular season at Citizens Bank Park on Sept. 25-27.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN - The Rays currently have 38 players in major league camp, including seven non-roster invites and one on the 60-day IL...of those 38 players, six (15.7%) 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 16 players (42.1%) are new to the organization since the conclusion of the 2025 season...the Rays have 19 pitchers (2NRI/1IL), four catchers (2 NRI), nine infielders (2 NRI) and six 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 took place, with eight Rays having participated: **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).

✦ 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** was 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.

✦ 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).

30-FOR-30 - **INF Carson Williams** (MLB No. 63) has remained the organization's top prospect per MLB.com, with **OF Theo Gillen** (No. 76) and **RHP Brody Hopkins** (No. 85) rounding out the top three...14 of the top 30 were not with the organization a year ago with five coming in the 2025 First-Year Player Draft (No. 5 **INF Daniel Pierce**, No. 21 **OF Brendan Summerhill**, No. 28 **INF Cooper Flemming**, No. 29 **OF Dean Moss** and No. 30 **OF Taitn Gray**), two in the 2026 international signing class (No. 22 **INF Victor Valdez** and No. 23 **INF Fabricio Blanco**) and seven via trades (No. 4 **OF Jacob Melton**, No. 6 **RHP Anderson Brito**, No. 8 **RHP Michael Forret**, No. 10 **OF Slater de Brun**, No. 13 **C Caden Bodine**, No. 15 **INF Jadhre Areinamo** and No. 26 **OF Austin Overn**).

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 aired 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 broadcasted five spring training games and will broadcast 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.

PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

March 24 at Atlanta Braves - CoolToday Park (North Port, Fla.)

TV: None - Radio: None

TB - RHP Ryan Pepiot, LHP Garrett Cleavinger, LHP Cam Booser

ATL - RHP Grant Holmes, LHP Dylan Lee, RHP Tyler Kinley, RHP Robert Suarez, RHP Raisel Iglesias

TODAY'S PITCHERS

RAYS

LHP Steven Matz
RHP Bryan Baker
RHP Mason Englert
RHP Yoendrys Gómez

PHILLIES

LHP Jesús Luzardo

BY THE NUMBERS

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Home Record | 8-5-0 |
| Road Record | 2-12-1 |
| Current Streak | L1 |
| Last 5 Games | 2-3-0 |
| Last 10 Games | 4-6-0 |
| vs. AL | 7-10-1 |
| vs. NL | 3-7-0 |
| Longest Winning Streak | .2 (3x, 3/20-21) |
| Longest Losing Streak |3 (3x, 3/16-19) |
| Home Attendance | 58,537 |
| Home Avg. | 4,503 |
| Home High | 6,285 |
| Road Attendance | 100,410 |
| Road Avg. | 6,694 |
| Total Attendance | 158,947 |

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, 4-3 |
| 2/26 @ Boston | | 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, 4-1 |
| 3/3 Philadelphia | M | W, 3-1 |
| 3/3 @ Minnesota | | W, 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, 4-4 |
| 3/10 Minnesota | M | L, 6-5 |
| 3/11 @ Atlanta | | L, 5-3 |
| 3/13 @ Boston | | L, 7-6 |
| 3/14 @ Minnesota | W | W, 9-6 |
| 3/15 Pittsburgh | W | W, 6-1 |
| 3/16 @ Atlanta | | L, 11-2 |
| 3/17 New York-AL | T/M | L, 3-2 |
| 3/19 @ Philadelphia | | L, 8-2 |
| 3/20 Boston | T/M | W, 2-0 |
| 3/21 Minnesota | T/W | W, 3-2 |
| 3/22 @ Toronto | W | L, 14-1 |
| 3/23 @ Philadelphia | | 12:05p |
| 3/24 @ Atlanta | | 12:05p |

TV: Rays.TV (T)

RADIO: WDAE 95.7FM/620AM (W)

WEB: MLB.com (M)

