



PREGAME NOTES

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TAMPA BAY RAYS (0-0-0) at BOSTON RED SOX (0-0-0)

RH Trevor Richards (0-0, 0.00) vs. LH Brian Johnson (0-0, 0.00)

Saturday, February 22, 2020 • **First Pitch:** 1:05 p.m. • **Location:** JetBlue Park • **TV:** None • **Radio:** WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM
Spring Game No.: 1 • **vs. AL Opponents:** 0-0-0 • **vs. NL Opponents:** 0-0-0 • **Home Games:** 0-0-0 • **Road Games:** 0-0-0
Day 10 of Spring Training • 33 Days Until Opening Day—Thursday, March 26 vs. Pittsburgh Pirates at Tropicana Field (4:10 p.m.)

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Sat., 2/22 at BOS	1:05 p.m.	TB —RH Trevor Richards, LH Jalen Beeks, RH Pete Fairbanks, RH John Curtiss, RH Joe Ryan, RH Tyler Zombro, RH Sam McWilliams, RH Ryan Thompson; BOS —LH Brian Johnson, RH Bryan Mata, LH Mike Kickham, RH Colten Brewer, LH Josh Osich, RH Mike Shawaryn, RH Domingo Tapia	WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM
Sun., 2/23 vs. NYY	1:05 p.m.	TB —LH Ryan Yarbrough, RH Andrew Kittredge, LH Colin Poche; NYY —RH Jonathan Loaisiga, RH David Hale, RH Nick Nelson, RH Clark Schmidt	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE—The Rays clubhouse will be open from 7:45-8:30 a.m. tomorrow and re-open as needed during the game.

PLAY BALL!—Today is the club's first of 32 official Grapefruit League games (16 at Charlotte Sports Park, 16 on the road)...in addition, the spring finale is an exhibition game at Tropicana Field against the "Future Rays," a team comprised of prospects from their minor league affiliates...starting today through the end of the regular season (Feb 22–Sep 27), the Rays are scheduled to play 195 games over the next 219 days...the home opener is tomorrow against the Yankees, the first of six weekend home games.

- + Fans can purchase spring training season tickets, mini packs, group tickets or single-game spring training tickets at raysbaseball.com/spring or by calling 888-FAN-RAYS...single-game tickets for spring training are also available at the Charlotte Sports Park Box Office.

TWO DISTINCT ERAS—Since becoming the Rays in 2008, the Rays have seven 90-win seasons, a number matched by only three other teams in baseball: the Dodgers (8), Red Sox (7) and Yankees (7)...since the start of 2008, their five trips to the Division Series have been matched by only five other clubs and their 1,041-904 (.535) record is 5th-best in baseball.

- + The Rays enter the 2020 season on the heels of a 96-66 (.593) record—their second straight season with 90-plus wins—and a trip to the AL Division Series...they welcome back all three of their 2019 All-Stars—RH **Charlie Morton**, OF **Austin Meadows** and 2B **Brandon Lowe**—as well as three-time Gold Glove Award winner **Kevin Kiermaier** and 2018 AL Cy Young Award winner **Blake Snell**.
- + A retooled offense includes 3B/OF **Yoshi Tsutsugo**, signed as a free agent from the Central League in Japan, and trade acquisitions 1B/DH **José Martínez** and OF **Randy Arozarena** (from St. Louis), and OF **Hunter Renfroe** and OF **Manuel Margot** (from San Diego).

MINOR MATTERS—*Baseball America's* annual Organizational Talent Rankings of minor league prospects were released earlier this month and the Rays ranked No. 1, holding their ranking from midseason last year...this is the fifth straight season they have improved their preseason standing...this is the fourth time in organizational history the Rays have been ranked first in the preseason rankings, following 2010, 2008 and 2007.

- + From BA's Organizational Talent Rankings announcement: "The Rays have produced a steady stream of productive big leaguers thanks to solid drafting, player development and excellent pro scouting for trades...as impressive as their farm system has been, they haven't had a prospect like **Wander Franco** in quite a while."
- + In January, *Baseball America* ranked a league-high eight Rays prospects among its Top 100 in baseball...five of them are in major league camp: LH/1B **Brendan McKay**, INF **Vidal Bruján**, RH **Brent Honeywell Jr.**, LH **Shane McClanahan** and RH **Joe Ryan**.

SINGLE-GAME TICKETS—Are currently on sale in the MLB Ballpark app and at raysbaseball.com...on Monday at 10 a.m., single-game tickets will go on sale through all outlets, including the Rays Republic Team Store at Tropicana Field or through 888-FAN-RAYS...tickets may be purchased at the Rays Republic Team Store during the store's regular hours...the Bay-Care Box Office at Tropicana Field will open 3 hours prior to all games.

- + Tickets for all 2020 home games are exclusively available in the Ballpark app on a mobile device...paper tickets, including print-at-home and PDF versions, are not available or accepted.

2020 TICKET PACKS—The Rays have announced three new ticket packs for 2020...all three will be available for purchase starting Monday at 10 a.m. in the MLB Ballpark app and at raysbaseball.com/ticketpacks.

- + Ballpark Pass—offers a standing room ticket to any game at Tropicana Field for \$36 per month (raysbaseball.com/ballparkpass)
- + Rays Win Pack—For \$99 per pack, select any four regular season home games...if buyers select and attend four games the Rays win, they will receive a voucher to choose another home game for free...they can continue to choose games for free until they attend a game that the Rays lose or the end of the regular season.
- + Flex Packs—Includes five lower level tickets for \$99 per pack.

GLOBAL GAME—The 67 Rays players attending major league spring training were born in 10 different countries and territories: United States,

Bahamas, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Germany, Japan, Puerto Rico, South Korea and Venezuela...the spring roster includes 23 birth states, led by California (12) and Texas (6)...strength and conditioning coordinator **Trung Cao** was born in Vietnam...including minor league players, the organization has players from 17 different countries and territories.

LINEUP at BOSTON		
No.	Player	Pos.
13	Manuel Margot	LF
8	Brandon Lowe (L)	2B
40	José Martínez	1B
31	Brian O'Grady (L)	CF
11	Hunter Renfroe	RF
35	Nate Lowe (L)	3B
44	Kevan Smith	C
5	Chris Herrmann (L)	DH
28	Daniel Robertson	SS
34	Trevor Richards	RHP

RAYS vs. RED SOX—Today is the first of five meetings between the two clubs in spring training (Feb 24, March 11 at home; March 13, March 19 in Fort Myers)...the Rays went 2-2 against the Red Sox last spring and 12-7 in the regular season (4-6 at home, 8-1 on the road), including 7-1 in the last 8 games and 12-4 in the last 16 games...they won the season series for the first time since 2011 (12-6) and tied the club record for wins over them...they also became the first visiting team with 8 wins at Fenway Park since the 1966 Orioles went 8-1 there en route to winning the World Series.

- + The first 6 games between the two clubs this season are in Boston (April 6-8, May 19-21), then 10 of the last 13 are at Tropicana Field...they will meet seven times in September, incl. Sep 17-20 at home.
- + This offseason the Red Sox hired **Chaim Bloom**, who spent 15 years in the Rays Baseball Operations dept., as Chief Baseball Officer.

TODAY'S STARTER at BOS—RH Trevor Richards (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

- + **2019 Majors:** 6-12, 4.06 ERA (135.1-IP, 61-ER) in 30 apps (23 starts)
- + **2019 Minors:** 0-0, 1.69 ERA (5.1-IP, 1-ER) in 3 apps (all starts)
- + Spent most of last season in the majors, split between the Marlins and Rays organizations...acquired by the Rays, along with RH **Nick Anderson**, for OF **Jesús Sánchez** and RH **Ryne Stanek** just minutes before the July 31 trade deadline...optioned to Triple-A Durham after the trade and made 3 starts there before his Aug 18 recall.
- + Went 6-12 with a 4.06 ERA (135.1-IP, 61-ER) in 30 apps (23 starts) between the Marlins and Rays...at the time of the trade, led the NL with 12 losses, and finished the season tied for 5th in the NL.
- + Went 3-0 with a 1.93 ERA (23.1-IP, 5-ER) in 7 apps (3 starts) with the Rays...only allowed 5 BB in 23.1 IP with the Rays (1.93 BB/9 IP ratio), compared to 51 BB in 112 IP (4.10 BB/9 IP ratio) with the Marlins.
- + Averaged 3.52 R/9 IP of support, 5th-lowest in the majors (min. 100 IP)...received 2 runs (or fewer) of support in 19 of his 23 starts.
- + According to FanGraphs, threw his changeup for 38.4 pct. of total pitches...69 of his 127 SO (54.3 pct.) came on the changeup.

ON THE AIRWAVES—Both games this weekend will air on WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM, with **Dave Wills** and **Andy Freed** on the call and **Neil Solondz** providing in-game reports...Dave and Andy are entering their 16th season together; only the Giants and Tigers have longer-tenured full-season radio broadcast duos...pitching coach **Kyle Snyder** and RH **Charlie Morton** are guests on this week's edition of the Countdown to Opening Day radio show, airing today and tomorrow at 12:30 p.m.

RAYS ON THE TUBE—FOX Sports Sun will be televising 11 games this spring, tied for most in club history, including nine at Charlotte Sports Park...the 11-game slate features 7 games against AL East opponents and the March 24 exhibition against Rays prospects at Tropicana Field...in addition to televising the games, each broadcast will be made available for live streaming on FOX Sports GO...the broadcast schedule will feature a mix of play-by-play by **Dewayne Staats**, analysis by **Brian Anderson**, reporting by **Tricia Whitaker** and special guest appearances in the booth.

VIDEO ON A SILVER PLATTER—The Rays will provide a daily postgame video feed of all non-televised spring training games...this will include about two minutes of highlights plus two short interviews...for day games, video should be uploaded by 5:15 p.m. ...to receive email updates, contact **Chris Tilley** (raysspringtraining@gmail.com or 727-434-0497).

- + This feed returns Tuesday with coverage of the game in Sarasota...today's game is on NESN and the next two on FOX Sports Sun.

2020 SPRING INNINGS PLAYED ("A" GAMES)																													
PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Adames										Kiermaier										Renfroe									
Arozarena										LaMarre										Robertson									
Brosseau										Lowe										Smith									
Bruján										Lowe										Sullivan									
Choi										Margot										Tsutsugo									
Cozens										Martínez										Walls									
Díaz										Mastrobuoni										Wendle									
Fox										Meadows										Zunino									
Gray										O'Grady																			
Hernández										Padlo																			
Herrmann										Perez																			
Kelly										Pinto																			

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

FEBRUARY

14Signed RH **Brooks Pounders** and RH **Deck McGuire** to minor league contracts with invitations to major league spring training.

RAYS SPRING TRAINING HISTORY											
YEAR	W-L-T	ATT.	YEAR	W-L-T	ATT.	YEAR	W-L-T	ATT.	YEAR	W-L-T	ATT.
2019	13-17-2	74,023	2013	15-17-2	90,935	2007	10-19-2	79,044	2001	12-15-1	57,081
2018	14-16-2	69,731	2012	10-16-6	87,916	2006	13-16-1	70,756	2000	14-17-0	67,089
2017	12-16-5	81,752	2011	15-14-2	95,859	2005	13-16-0	61,261	1999	14-14-1	59,230
2016	12-13-2	68,566	2010	20-8-2	97,971	2004	11-8-0	43,916	1998	12-18-0	66,781
2015	15-13-2	80,406	2009	15-16-1	103,255	2003	8-19-3	51,324	292-318-41		1,589,163
2014	16-7-4	78,264	2008	18-8-2	54,960	2002	10-16-1	49,043			

2020 TAMPA BAY RAYS SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE										
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	R/TV	TIME/SCORE	W-L-T	WINNER	LOSER	ATT.	
Sat	Feb 22	@Boston	Fort Myers	W	1:05 p.m.					
Sun	Feb 23	New York-AL	Charlotte County	W/F	1:05 p.m.					
Mon	Feb 24	Boston	Charlotte County	M/F	1:05 p.m.					
Tues	Feb 25	@Baltimore	Sarasota		1:05 p.m.					
Wed	Feb 26	Minnesota	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.					
Thurs	Feb 27	Detroit	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.					
		@New York-AL	Tampa		1:05 p.m.					
Fri	Feb 28	@Washington	Palm Beach		1:05 p.m.					
Sat	Feb 29	Atlanta	Charlotte County	W	6:05 p.m.					
Sun	March 1	Minnesota	Charlotte County	W/F	1:05 p.m.					
Mon	March 2	@Baltimore	Sarasota		1:05 p.m.					
Tues	March 3	@Atlanta	North Port		1:05 p.m.					
Wed	March 4	Toronto	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.					
Thurs	March 5	Pittsburgh	Charlotte County	M/F	1:05 p.m.					
Fri	March 6	@Minnesota	Lee County		1:05 p.m.					
Sat	March 7	Baltimore	Charlotte County	W/F	1:05 p.m.					
		@Atlanta	North Port		1:05 p.m.					
Sun	March 8	Pittsburgh	Charlotte County	W	1:05 p.m.					
Mon	March 9	@Toronto	Dunedin		1:07 p.m.					
Wed	March 11	Boston	Charlotte County	W/F	6:35 p.m.					
Thurs	March 12	Philadelphia	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.					
Fri	March 13	@Boston	Fort Myers		1:05 p.m.					
Sat	March 14	@Toronto	Dunedin	W	1:07 p.m.					
Sun	March 15	Baltimore	Charlotte County	W	1:05 p.m.					
Mon	March 16	Atlanta	Charlotte County	M/F	1:05 p.m.					
Wed	March 18	@Philadelphia	Clearwater		1:05 p.m.					
Thurs	March 19	Toronto	Charlotte County	M/F	1:05 p.m.					
		@Boston	Fort Myers		1:05 p.m.					
Fri	March 20	Washington	Charlotte County	M/F	1:05 p.m.					
Sat	March 21	@Philadelphia	Clearwater	W	1:05 p.m.					
Sun	March 22	@Pittsburgh	Bradenton	W	1:05 p.m.					
Mon	March 23	@Philadelphia	Clearwater		1:05 p.m.					
Tues	March 24	Prospects	Tropicana Field	M/F	12:35 p.m.					

Home Games shaded gray **RADIO:** WDAE 95.3 FM/620 AM (W), MLB.com (M) **TELEVISION:** FOX Sports Sun (F)