



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 (8-14-1) VS. NEW YORK YANKEES (13-9-0)

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 • 1:05 p.m. ET • Charlotte Sports Park (Port Charlotte, Fla.)

TV: Rays.TV • Radio: MLB.com



RHP RYAN PEPIOT
0-0, 0.00



RHP WILL WARREN
1-1, 1.65

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 Uceda, 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

NINE DAYS OUT - The Rays continue their spring training slate today against the Yankees in Charlotte County...yesterday, Tampa Bay fell, 11-2, to the Braves in North Port...**3B Raynel Delgado** led the way going 3-for-4 with 2B and a RBI...**2B Ben Williamson** extended his hitting streak to six games (March 6-pres.), and is hitting .529 (9-for-17) with 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 4 R, 2 BB and a 1.520 OPS...his OPS is best in the Grapefruit League over that span (min. 10AB).

- * The Rays are scheduled for 31 spring games in 32 days (14 home, 17 road), with an off day tomorrow...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).

NO! THIS IS ST. PATRICK - Today, the Rays will face the Yankees for the second and final time in spring training play...the Rays fell 3-0 on March 6 at Steinbrenner Field and hold an all-time Grapefruit League record of 30-30-6 against New York-AL...Tampa Bay will face the Yankees at Tropicana Field on April 10-12 and July 6-9 and head to New York on May 22-24 and Sept. 22-24.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS - Sunday, 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 is taking 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).

- * Senior Director of Communications & Player/Alumni Relations, **Elvis Martinez**, served as press officer for the Dominican Republic; Major League ATC/Physical Therapist **Wilson Diaz** 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.

- * 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 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 19 at Philadelphia Phillies - BayCare Ballpark (Clearwater, Fla.)

TV: None - Radio: None

TB - RHP Drew Rasmussen, RHP Yoendrys Gómez, RHP Hunter Bigge, RHP Kevin Kelly, RHP Luis Guerrero

PHI - TBD

TODAY'S PITCHERS

RAYS

RHP Ryan Pepiot
RHP Joe Boyle
RHP Hunter Bigge
RHP Trevor Martin

YANKEES

RHP Will Warren
RHP Ben Hess
RHP Jake Bird
RHP Kevin Castro
RHP Yovanny Cruz

BY THE NUMBERS

Home Record	6-4-0
Road Record	2-10-1
Current Streak	L1
Last 5 Games	2-3-0
Last 10 Games	3-6-1
vs. AL	5-8-1
vs. NL	3-6-0
Longest Winning Streak	2 (2x, 3/14-15)
Longest Losing Streak	3 (2x, 3/10-13)
Home Attendance	43,013
Home Avg.	4,301
Home High	6,222
Road Attendance	84,525
Road Avg.	6,502
Total Attendance	127,538

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	1:05p
3/19 @ Philadelphia		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		12:05p
3/24 @ Atlanta		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	8-14-1	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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