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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018 VS. BALTIMORE ORIOLES

RH Mike Wright, Jr. vs. LH Blake Snell

First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. | Location: Charlotte Sports Park, Charlotte County, Fla. | TV: None | Radio: MLB.com

Game No: 13 (6-6-0) | vs. AL: 5-5-0 | vs. NL: 1-1-0 | Home: 2-4-0 | Road: 4-2-0

Day 22 of Spring Training | 22 Days Until Opening Day—Thursday, March 29 vs. Boston Red Sox at Tropicana Field (4:00 p.m.)

UPCOMING PROBABLES

Today vs. BAL

Baltimore	Tampa Bay
RH Mike Wright, Jr.	LH Blake Snell
LH Donnie Hart	RH Yonny Chirinos
RH Perci Garner	LH Anthony Banda
RH Jose Mesa, Jr.	LH José Alvarado
RH Jimmy Yacabonis	RH Chaz Roe
	LH Dan Jennings
	RH Dustin McGowan
	LH Dan Runzler
	LH Kyle Bird
	RH Edwin Fierro

Tomorrow at BOS

Tampa Bay	Boston
RH Chris Archer	LH Brian Johnson
LH Ryan Yarbrough	RH Fernando Rodriguez Jr.
RH Matt Andriese	RH Chandler Shepherd
RH José Mujica	
RH Colton Murray	
RH Cody Hall	
RH R.J. Alaniz	

Friday vs. MIN

Minnesota	Tampa Bay
RH José Berrios	RH Andrew Kittredge
RH Tyler Duffey	LH Vidal Nuño
	RH Diego Castillo
	RH Ryne Stanek
	LH Jonny Venters
	RH Daniel Hudson
	RH Sergio Romo

Saturday at PHI

Tampa Bay	Philadelphia
RH Nate Eovaldi	TBA
LH José Alvarado	
RH Yonny Chirinos	
LH Dan Jennings	
RH Alex Colomé	
RH Chih-Wei Hu	

RAYS SPRING TRAINING HISTORY

	W	L	T	Att.
2018	6	6	0	23,262
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
Totals	271	291	37	1,465,167

ON THE WEB—The 2018 Rays Media Guide is now available online at rayspressbox.com and mlbpressbox.com...a limited number of hard copies are expected to arrive in Port Charlotte soon.

CHARITY SOFTBALL—On March 9, the Rays Wives will host the Twins Wives in a charity softball game...the game will begin on the main field approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the spring game between the Twins and Rays...the game will be played for the Broward Education Foundation's Official Stoneman Douglas Victims' Fund...the Rays and the Charlotte Stone Crabs have each committed \$5,000 to the Broward Education Foundation...the 50/50 Raffle at Charlotte Sports Park that day will also benefit the Broward Education Foundation.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN—The Rays have created a 20th Anniversary logo that will appear as a patch on all Rays jerseys and caps...the home plate-shaped patch features the number 20, a sunburst and a variation of the original fish—all in the Rays modern colors...on March 31 vs. BOS, June 9 vs. SEA, June 23 vs. NYY and Sep 8 vs. BAL, the Rays will wear a white alternate throwback Devil Rays jersey...the Rays will pay tribute to the first game in franchise history on Opening Weekend and the 2008 AL Championship club on Aug 4 vs. CWS.

SEASON BARGAINS—The Rays have announced they will offer ticket promotions for Monday through Friday home games for the 2018 season...discounts include Salute to Service Monday (for military, teachers and first responders), \$2 Kids Tuesdays, Senior Special Wednesdays, \$19.88 Ticket Combo Thursdays and \$7.11 tickets on Fridays...single-game tickets for the 2018 season are on sale at raysbaseball.com.

SPRING THINGS—This is the Rays 21st spring training and 10th in Charlotte County...over the past 10 years, the Rays have captured three Grapefruit League titles (2008, 2010, 2014) while winning at least 15 games seven times—something they were unable to do in all 10 springs as the Devil Rays (1998–2007).

+ A recent study for USA Today ranked Charlotte Sports Park as the No. 1 spring training destination for food-and-drink as well as for family friendliness...the study noted rave reviews of the pork nachos and Oreo churros, and the ballpark's "Kid Clubhouse" playground and affordable prices...overall, it ranked as the No. 4 spring training destination in Florida.

VIDEO ON A SILVER PLATTER—A video feed of today's game will be available, featuring highlights and interviews...contact Chris Tilley at raysspringtraining@gmail.com with questions...the Rays will provide a daily postgame video feed of all non-televised spring games, which will include about two minutes of highlights plus two short interviews...for day games, video should be uploaded by 5:15 p.m.

ON THE AIRWAVES—Today's game vs. BAL will be broadcast exclusively on MLB.com, with Neil Solon-dz and Doug Waechter on the call...RH Nate Eovaldi and 3B coach Matt Quatraro are guests on this weekend's edition of the Countdown to Opening Day radio show, which airs on WDAE 620 AM and the Rays Radio Network at 12:30 p.m. prior to the games on Sat at PHI and Sun vs. MIN.

RAYS ON THE TUBE—All 162 regular season games will be televised this season...FOX Sports Sun has announced a 159-game broadcast schedule, and the other 3 games will be nationally televised on Fox Sports 1: June 14 vs. NYY, June 23 vs. NYY and Sep 1 vs. CLE...Dewayne Staats (play-by-play), Brian Anderson (color), Orestes Destrade (analyst), Doug Waechter (analyst) and Rich Hollenberg (host) return to the FOX Sports Sun telecast and Michelle Margaux is the new in-game reporter.

STAFF SHUFFLING—The coaching staff under Manager Kevin Cash features only two coaches returning to the same position as last season: hitting coach Chad Mottola and bullpen coach Stan Boroski...new to the coaching staff are third base coach Matt Quatraro, pitching coach Kyle Snyder and first base coach Ozzie Timmons...in addition, Charlie Montoyo moves from third base coach to bench coach and Rocco Baldelli moves from first base coach to the newly created role of major league field coordinator.

+ Including Cash, five former Rays have gone on to manage major league teams...four of them are current skippers: also Mickey Callaway (Mets), Gabe Kapler (Phillies) and Dave Martinez (Nationals)...previously, Ozzie Guillén managed the White Sox from 2004-11 and Marlins in 2012.

+ Five members of this reconfigured coaching staff once played in the Rays organization: Cash, Baldelli, Mottola (minors), Quatraro (minors) and Timmons.

PRONUNCIATIONS—Willy Adames (ah-DAH-mes), R.J. Alaniz (ah-lah-NIECE), Matt Andriese (ann-DREESE), Christian Arroyo (ah-ROY-yoh), Anthony Banda (BAHN-da), Jake Bauers (BOW-ers), Xorge Carrillo (HOR-hay cah-REE-yo), Yonny Chirinos (chih-REE-nos), Nick Ciuffo (SHOO-fo), Alex Colomé (COLE-uh-may), C.J. Cron (krohn), Nate Eovaldi (ee-VAUL-dee), Jake Faria (fuh-REE-uh), Ian Gibaut (jih-BOH), Adeiny Hechavarria (etch-ah-vah-REE-yah), Chih-Wei Hu (CHEE-way HOO), Kevin Kiermaier (KEER-my-er), Adam Kolarek (koh-LAIR-ick), Brandon Lowe (rhymes with "now"), Nathan Lukes (LOO-kis), Johnny Monell (mo-NELL), José Mujica (moo-HEE-kah), Vidal Nuño (vee-DAHL NOON-yoh), Wil-son Ramos (RAH-mos), Dan Runzler (RUHNZ-ler), Evan Scribner (SKRIB-ner), Nick Solak (SO-lack), Ryne Stanek (STAN-ik), Jesús Sucre (heh-SOOS SUE-cray), Ryan Yarbrough (YAHR-bro)

2018 SPRING INNINGS PLAYED ("A" GAMES)

Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Adames					28				7
Álvarez	1								
Arroyo				19	11				
Bauers		29						6	9
Boldt						4	6	7	
Bruján			5						
Carrillo	17						4		
Chester									
Ciuffo	6								4
Coats						7		28	6
Cron		19							16
Cronenworth					22				
Duffy				19					
Field							22	2	
Haley									
Hechavarria					17				
Hernández									
James									
Johnson						9	16		
Kay									
Kelly		8							
Kiermaier							16		19
Law	1								
Lowe			4						7
Lukes						2		7	
Maris		8	2		2				
McCarthy						17	5	4	6
Miller		3							
Milone						3	9		
Monell	7	12							8
Moore	20								4
Olmedo-Barrera						5			4
Padlo				11					
Palacios					7				
Ramos	25								
Robertson			17		5	5		4	
Rondón				2					
Russell		6	5	4					
Sánchez						9		7	
Schimpf			5	15				7	
Smith						24	10	5	
Snyder		21		6		5			
Solak			21			4			
Span							12	10	5
Stone									
Sucre	18								6
Sullivan	9								5
Velazquez			7		14		8		
Wendle			32						
Williams								29	
Wong			8	30					

TODAY'S STARTER vs. BAL—LH Blake Snell (0-0, 2.25 ERA)

- + 2017 Majors: 5-7, 4.04 ERA (129.1-IP, 58-ER) in 24 starts
- + Had three stints in the majors last season...began the year as the No. 4 start and was optioned after 8 starts...did not miss a start between his second and third stints as Alex Cobb was placed on the DL
- + In his third stint, went 5-1 with a 2.84 ERA (57-IP, 18-ER) in 10 starts...recorded a career-high 13 SO in the Rays season-finale

Day-by-Day	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	Result
2/25 at MIN	--	2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	L, 4-5
3/2 vs. PHI	--	2.0	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	L, 2-9

TOMORROW'S STARTER at BOS—RH Chris Archer (0-0, 5.40 ERA)

- + 2017 Majors: 10-12, 4.07 ERA (201-IP, 91-ER) in 34 starts
- + Tied for the major league lead in starts last season...is the second Ray to make at least 30 starts in four straight seasons (James Shields, 6, 2007-12)...ranked 4th in the majors in strikeouts (249)
- + Made the AL All-Star Team, his second career selection
- + Has made three consecutive Opening Day starts for the Rays

Day-by-Day	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	Result
2/26 vs. TOR	--	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	W, 7-4
3/3 at DET	--	1.1	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	W, 7-4

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

- + Feb 17 Acquired 1B **C.J. Cron** from the Los Angeles Angels in exchange for a player to be named; designated OF/DH **Corey Dickerson** for assignment.
- + Feb 17 Acquired minor league SS **Jermaine Palacios** from the Minnesota Twins in exchange for RH **Jake Odorizzi**.
- + Feb 20 Acquired LH **Anthony Banda** and two players to be named from the Arizona Diamondbacks and minor league 2B **Nick Solak** from the New York Yankees in a three-team trade in exchange for OF **Steven Souza Jr.**
- + Feb 22 Acquired RH **Daniel Hudson**, minor league INF **Tristan Gray** and cash considerations from the Pittsburgh Pirates in exchange for OF/DH **Corey Dickerson**.
- + March 3 Signed OF **Carlos Gómez** to a one-year contract; designated INF **Ryan Schimpf** for assignment.
- + March 5 Traded INF **Ryan Schimpf** to the Atlanta Braves in exchange for cash considerations.
- + March 6 Reassigned INF **Grant Kay** to minor league camp.

2018 TAMPA BAY RAYS SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	R/TV	TIME/SCORE	W-L	WINNER	LOSER	ATT
Fri	Feb 23	Pittsburgh	Charlotte County	M	W, 6-3	1-0-0	Pruitt (1-0)	McRae (0-1)	5,141
		@Baltimore	Sarasota		W, 6-3	2-0-0	Chirinos (1-0)	Wright (0-1)	5,203
Sat	Feb 24	@Boston	Fort Myers	W	L, 3-4	2-1-0	Elias (1-0)	Faria (0-1)	9,466
Sun	Feb 25	@Minnesota	Lee County	W/F	L, 4-5	2-2-0	Jaye (1-0)	Schultz (0-1)	5,461
Mon	Feb 26	Toronto	Charlotte County	M	W, 7-4	3-2-0	Kittredge (1-0)	Dermody (0-1)	3,627
Tue	Feb 27	Baltimore	Charlotte County	M	L, 1-2	3-3-0	Araujo (1-0)	Pruitt (1-1)	2,762
Wed	Feb 28	@Minnesota	Lee County		W, 3-1	4-3-0	Yarbrough (1-0)	Slegers (0-1)	3,689
Thu	March 1	Baltimore	Charlotte County	M	L, 2-5	4-4-0	Mesa (1-1)	Schultz (0-2)	2,819
Fri	March 2	Philadelphia	Charlotte County	M	L, 2-9	4-5-0	Nola (1-1)	Colomé (0-1)	3,560
Sat	March 3	@Detroit	Lakeland	W	W, 7-4	5-5-0	De León (1-0)	Soto (0-1)	6,482
Sun	March 4	@New York-AL	Tampa	W/F	W, 9-1	6-5-0	Eovaldi (1-0)	Chapman (0-1)	10,303
Tue	March 6	Boston	Charlotte County	M	L, 1-9	6-6-0	Velázquez (1-0)	Hu (0-1)	5,353
Wed	March 7	Baltimore	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.				
Thu	March 8	@Boston	Fort Myers		1:05 p.m.				
Fri	March 9	Minnesota	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.				
Sat	March 10	@Philadelphia	Clearwater	W	1:05 p.m.				
Sun	March 11	Minnesota	Charlotte County	W/F	1:05 p.m.				
Tue	March 13	@Philadelphia	Clearwater		1:05 p.m.				
Wed	March 14	@Pittsburgh	Bradenton		1:05 p.m.				
Thu	March 15	Minnesota	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.				
Fri	March 16	@Minnesota	Lee County		1:05 p.m.				
Sat	March 17	@Boston	Fort Myers	W	1:05 p.m.				
Sun	March 18	Detroit	Charlotte County	W	1:05 p.m.				
Mon	March 19	@New York-AL	Tampa	W	6:35 p.m.				
Tue	March 20	@Baltimore	Sarasota	W	6:05 p.m.				
Wed	March 21	Boston	Charlotte County	M/F	1:05 p.m.				
Thu	March 22	@Toronto	Dunedin		1:07 p.m.				
Fri	March 23	Toronto	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.				
		@Baltimore	Sarasota		1:05 p.m.				
Sat	March 24	@Pittsburgh	Bradenton	W	1:05 p.m.				
Sun	March 25	New York-AL	Charlotte County	W/F	1:05 p.m.				
Mon	March 26	@Detroit	Lakeland	F	1:05 p.m.				
Tue	March 27	Detroit	Tropicana Field		12:35 p.m.				

Home Games shaded gray

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TELEVISION: FOX Sports Sun (F)