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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018 vs. MINNESOTA TWINS RH José Berríos vs. RH Andrew Kittredge

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

Game No: 15 (6-7-1) | **vs. AL:** 5-6-1 | **vs. NL:** 1-1-0 | **Home:** 2-5-0 | **Road:** 4-2-1

Day 24 of Spring Training | 20 Days Until Opening Day—Thursday, March 29 vs. Boston Red Sox at Tropicana Field (4:00 p.m.)

UPCOMING PROBABLES

Today vs. MIN

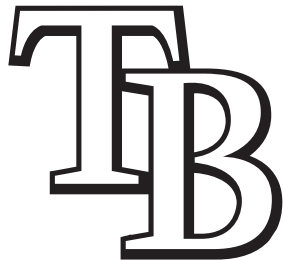
Minnesota	Tampa Bay
RH José Berríos	RH Andrew Kittredge
RH Tyler Duffey	LH Vidal Nuño
	RH Diego Castillo
	RH Ryne Stanek
	LH Jonny Venters
	RH Daniel Hudson
	RH Sergio Romo
	RH Jaime Schultz
	RH Ryan Weber
	LH Kyle Bird

Tomorrow 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	7	1	26,297
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	292	38	1,468,202



KNUTSON CLASSIC—Today is the third of 6 games with the Twins this spring...the spring series is tied after 2 games in Fort Myers...the spring series determines the winner of the “Knutson Classic” (named for Rays press box attendant and Minnesota native **Dukes Knutson**) and takes home the coveted “Dukes Cup”...last season, the Twins won the Cup, going 3-2-1 against the Rays...previous Knutson Classic winners: **2016:** Twins (2-1), **2015:** Rays (5-0), **2014:** Rays (4-0), **2013:** Rays (3-2).

ARRIVING TODAY—The 2018 Rays Media Guide is expected to arrive this afternoon...see press box attendant **Dukes Knutson** or the Rays Communications staff to request a copy...the Media Guide is also available online at rayspressbox.com and mlbpressbox.com.

CHARITY SOFTBALL—Following today’s game, the Rays Wives will play the Twins Wives in a charity softball game...the game will begin on the main field approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of the major league game...this continues an annual tradition previously held in the regular season, when the Rays Wives would play the Marlins Wives...today’s charity softball 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 today will also benefit the Broward Education Foundation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—To the Tampa Bay Rays, who were awarded a franchise on this date in 1995...at a meeting in West Palm Beach, Fla., baseball owners officially welcomed the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Arizona Diamondbacks as the 13th and 14th expansion teams in major league history by a vote of 28-0.

+ Rays right-handed pitcher **Daniel Hudson** is celebrating his 31st birthday today.

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.

TEST DRIVE FOR TICKETS—The Rays and Don Gargath’s Charlotte County Ford are teaming up to offer two free tickets to a Rays spring training home game to anyone test-driving a vehicle at Charlotte County Ford...the vouchers for two free tickets can be redeemed online or at the Charlotte Sports Park box office, and fans may choose from 200 level or berm seating, subject to availability.

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 against the Twins will be broadcast exclusively on MLB.com, with **Neil Solondz** and **Doug Waechter** on the call...both games this weekend will air on WDAE 620 AM and the Rays Radio Network, with **Dave Wills** and **Andy Freed** in the booth...Dave and Andy are entering their 14th season together, the 3rd-longest tenured full-season radio broadcast duo in the majors behind Detroit and San Francisco...third base coach **Matt Quatraro** and RH **Nate Eovaldi** are guests on this weekend’s edition of the Countdown to Opening Day radio show, airing 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.

+ FOX Sports Sun’s first spring telecast is Sunday against the Twins...Staats will be in the booth and Margaux will be in the dugout for in-game interviews.

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), Wilson 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					35				7
Álvarez	1								
Arroyo				25	16				
Bauers		34						6	9
Boldt						7	6	7	
Bruján			5						
Carrillo	17								
Chester							4		
Ciuffo	6								4
Coats						7		33	6
Cron		25							16
Cronenworth					24				
Duffy				25					
Field							26	2	2
Gómez								5	
Hechavarría					17				6
Johnson						9	22		
Kelly		8							
Kiermaier							16		19
Law	1								
Lowe			4						7
Lukes						2		7	
Maris		12	2		2				
McCarthy						17	5	8	6
Miller		3							
Milone						3	9		1
Monell	7	15							8
Moore	20					5			4
Olmedo-Barrera									4
Padlo				11					
Palacios					7				
Ramos	31								
Rengifo	0		1						
Robertson			24		5	5		4	
Rondón				2					
Russell		6	5	4					
Sánchez						9		7	
Schimpf			5	15				7	
Smith						30	10	5	7
Snyder	3	21		6		8			
Solak			21			4	8		
Span						18	10		5
Sucre	24								6
Sullivan	12								7
Velazquez			7	3	18		8		
Wendle			37						
Williams								33	
Wong			10	33					

TODAY'S STARTER vs. MIN—RH Andrew Kittredge (1-0, 5.06 ERA)

- + Was with the Rays for four stints last season, his first career major league action...went 0-1 with a 1.76 ERA (15.1-IP, 3-ER) in 15 apps
- + Named to the International League midseason All-Star Team...went 6-1 with a 1.45 ERA (68.1-IP, 11-ER) in 41 apps (2 starts) with Durham
- + Made his major league debut on July 18 at OAK (0.2-IP, 0-R/ER)
- + Pitched to a 0.87 ERA (10.1-IP, 1-ER) in 10 apps during his final stint

Day-by-Day	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	Result
2/23 at BAL	--	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	W, 6-3
2/26 vs. TOR	W-1	1.1	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	W, 7-4
3/2 vs. PHI	--	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L, 2-9
3/6 vs. BOS	--	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L, 1-9

TOMORROW'S STARTER at PHI—RH Nate Eovaldi (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

- + Spent the entire 2017 season rehabbing from a second Tommy John surgery...made 2 rehab apps (1 start) in the minor league playoffs
- + Is attempting to become the 32nd player to pitch in the majors after two Tommy John surgeries, and only the 12th pitcher to start a major league game after doing so...could become the third to pitch for the Rays after two Tommy John surgeries (Al Reyes, Lance Carter)

Day-by-Day	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	Result
2/27 vs. BAL	--	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	L, 1-2
3/4 at NYY	W-1	2.0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	W, 9-1

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.
- + **March 7** Released RH **Evan Scribner** and RH **Dustin McGowan**.

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	L, 2-7	6-7-0	Mesa Jr. (2-1)	Banda (0-1)	3,035
Thu	March 8	@Boston	Fort Myers		T, 6-6	6-7-1	--	--	9,911
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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