



TORONTO BLUE JAYS™

POST GAME NOTES for Monday, September 03, 2018 TAMPA BAY RAYS (74-63) at TORONTO BLUE JAYS (62-75)

	R	H	E	LOB
TAMPA BAY	7	11	0	5
TORONTO	1	4	0	4

WP: Chirinos (3-5) **LP:** Stroman (4-9) **SAVE:** NA

BLUE JAYS NOTES:

- ✦ Fall to 2-8 against the Rays this season...Are now 5-2 in their last 7 home games...Fall back to .500 at home this season (34-34)...Have now had 5-or-less hits in each of their last 6 games versus the Rays...Are now batting .175 (53-for-303) versus Tampa Bay this season, their lowest vs. any team...Used their 35th different pitcher this season (Leiter Jr.) for a new franchise high (34 in 2012).
- ✦ **MARCUS STROMAN** was activated off the 10-day DL prior to tonight's game to make his first start since 8/17 at NYY...Threw 1.2 innings (6H, 4ER, K)...Was tied for the 2nd shortest start of his career (8/15/14 at CWS - 0.2; 9/2/17 at BAL - 1.2).
- ✦ **TEOSCAR HERNANDEZ** hit an RBI single in the 2nd inning to open the scoring for the Blue Jays...Went 1-for-3 on the night...Has 4 RBI in 3 games this month, after driving in 20 runs last September.
- ✦ **JOSE FERNANDEZ** made his 2nd career appearance and struck his first MLB batter (Nick Ciuffo)...Finished with 2K over 2.1 innings (2H, 1ER, 0BB).
- ✦ **BILLY MCKINNEY** extended his on-base streak to 13 games to begin his Blue Jay career, tied for 5th longest in team history...Finished the day 1-for-4 and is now hitting .360 (18-for-50), 5-2B, 3-HR, 10-RBI with a 1.081 OPS this season.
- ✦ **MARK LEITER Jr.** made his Blue Jays debut as he came on to pitch the 9th inning...Struck out the first batter he faced (Smith) as he retired all 3 hitters.

Game at a Glance

First Pitch 7:08 pm
Last Pitch 9:47 pm
Game Time: **2:39**

Weather 26°C/79°F
Wind W, 6km/4mph

Attendance: **18,034**
Rogers Centre Average: 29,980
Rogers Centre Total: 2,008,692
Home Record 34-34
Homestand 0-1
vs. TB (Season) 2-8
vs. TB (Series) 0-1
vs. RHS/LHS 48-43/14-32
1-run 18-12
Extra Innings 9-6
Come From Behind Wins 36
Dome Open 18-15
Dome Closed 16-18
Dome Open/Closed 0-1

RAYS NOTES:

- ✦ Have now won 3 straight games, 12 of their last 14 games, their best 14 game stretch since July 9-27, 2013...Are now a season high 11 games over .500 their highest since finishing the 2013 season 92-71...Are now 8-2 against the Blue Jays this year, their 3rd highest win percentage versus any team.
- ✦ **RYNE STANEK** struck out one batter over 1.0 inning of work...Was his 23rd start, all since May 26th...Now holds a 2.67 ERA as a starter (10 ER/33.2 IP).
- ✦ **JI-MAN CHOI** hit his 6th home run of the year...Has hit 3 of his 13 career home runs against the Jays, his most versus any team...Has now reached base safely in 16 straight starts...Over his last 18 games, is batting .328 (21-for-64) with 7-2B, 1-3B, 3-HR and 6-RBI.
- ✦ **TOMMY PHAM** hit an RBI single in the 1st inning to open the scoring...Was also walked and hit by a pitch as part of a 1-for-2 evening...Has now hit safely in 9 consecutive games while hitting .421 (16-for-38) with 2-2B, 1-3B, 2-HR, 8-RBI and a 1.160 OPS over that stretch.
- ✦ **KEVIN KEIRMIER** tripled in the 2nd inning for his 7th 3B of the year, his most since 2015 (12)...Now has 3-3B in his last 7 games...Finished the night 3-for-4 as he added a double and a single to match a season high in hits for the 3rd time (also: 7/11 vs. DET; 8/20 vs. KC)...Was his first multi-XBH game of the season.
- ✦ **MALLEX SMITH** was reinstated from the 10-day DL prior to tonight's game...Had an RBI single in the 2nd inning as part of a 1-for-5 night...Now has hits in 5 straight games...Over his last 9G is hitting .415 (17-for-41) with 4-2B, 1-HR and 5-RBI, including 7 multi-hit efforts.
- ✦ **JOEY WENDLE** singled twice and doubled for a 3-for-4 night...Matched a season high for his 6th 3 hit game of the year...Is his 7th multi-hit performance in his last 8 games, is hitting .457 (16-for-35), 4-2B, and 4-RBI over that stretch.
- ✦ **YONNY CHIRINOS** earned his 3rd win...Was his 6th consecutive relief appearance of 5.0+ innings, tied for the 2nd longest such streak in MLB history and the longest since 1919 (1st: Charlie Smith - 6/1-8/20/1912)...Threw 25 pitches in his first inning of work (2nd inning) and threw 47 over the following 6.0 IP (3rd-8th inning).

HOME RUNS	#	Outs	Type	Field	Count	Off	Inning	Score Before
Choi	6	1	1R	CF	3-1	Guerreri	7 th	1-6

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS: (All Times Eastern)

Tuesday, September 4 vs. Tampa Bay Rays, 7:07 pm...LHP Ryan Borucki (3-3, 4.52) vs. RHP Ryne Stanek (2-3, 2.72)
Wednesday, September 5 vs. Tampa Bay Rays, 7:07 pm...RHP Aaron Sanchez (3-5, 5.22) vs. RHP Tyler Glasnow (0-2, 3.23)

Tampa Bay Rays 7, Toronto Blue Jays 1
September 3, 2018

Rays starting lineup:

Mallex Smith (RF), Matt Duffy (3B), Ji-Man Choi (DH), Tommy Pham (LF), Joey Wendle (SS), Brandon Lowe (2B), Kevin Kiermaier (CF), Jake Bauers (1B), Nick Ciuffo (C), Ryne Stanek (P),

Blue Jays starting lineup:

Billy McKinney (RF), Lourdes Gurriel Jr. (2B), Justin Smoak (1B), Kevin Pillar (CF), Aledmys Diaz (SS), Russell Martin (3B), Teoscar Hernandez (LF), Danny Jansen (DH), Luke Maile (C), Marcus Stroman (P),

Umpires -- James Hoyer (HP), Quinn Wolcott (1B), Ramon De Jesus (2B), Brian O'Nora (3B), (LF), (RF).

Gametime Weather: 79 degrees, Cloudy.

Wind: 4 MPH, L To R.

First pitch by M. Stroman at 07:08 PM local time.

Rays 1st (Rays 1, Blue Jays 0) -- M. Smith grounds out, A. Diaz to J. Smoak. M. Duffy singles through the hole at second base. J. Choi grounds out, M. Stroman to J. Smoak, M. Duffy to 2nd. T. Pham singles up the middle, M. Duffy scores. Rays challenged (tag play), call on the field was overturned: J. Wendle singles to right field, T. Pham to 2nd. B. Lowe grounds out to J. Smoak.

(1 Runs, 3 Hits, 0 Errors, 2 LOB)

Blue Jays 1st (Rays 1, Blue Jays 0) -- B. McKinney strikes out swinging. L. Gurriel Jr. grounds out, J. Wendle to J. Bauers. J. Smoak pops out to M. Duffy in foul territory.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Rays 2nd (Rays 4, Blue Jays 0) -- K. Kiermaier triples to right field. J. Bauers strikes out swinging, L. Maile to J. Smoak. N. Ciuffo reaches on a fielder's choice, fielded by J. Smoak. M. Smith singles to pitcher, K. Kiermaier scores; N. Ciuffo to 2nd. M. Duffy doubles to left-center field, N. Ciuffo scores; M. Smith scores. J. Choi lines out to B. McKinney. T. Pham hit by pitch. Pitcher Change: J. Fernandez replaces M. Stroman. With J. Wendle batting, T. Pham caught stealing 2nd base, L. Maile to J. Smoak to A. Diaz.

(3 Runs, 3 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 2nd (Rays 4, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: Y. Chirinos replaces R. Stanek. K. Pillar strikes out swinging. A. Diaz walks. R. Martin walks, A. Diaz to 2nd. T. Hernandez singles up the middle, A. Diaz scores; R. Martin to 3rd. D. Jansen pops out to B. Lowe. L. Maile strikes out swinging.

(1 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 2 LOB)

Rays 3rd (Rays 5, Blue Jays 1) -- J. Wendle doubles to right-center field. B. Lowe pops out to A. Diaz. K. Kiermaier singles to right-center field, J. Wendle scores. J. Bauers grounds out, L. Gurriel Jr. to J. Smoak, K. Kiermaier to 2nd. N. Ciuffo strikes out swinging.

(1 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 3rd (Rays 5, Blue Jays 1) -- B. McKinney strikes out swinging. L. Gurriel Jr. grounds out, M. Duffy to J. Bauers. J. Smoak struck out looking.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Rays 4th (Rays 5, Blue Jays 1) -- M. Smith strikes out swinging. M. Duffy lines out to R. Martin. J. Choi flies out to T. Hernandez.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 4th (Rays 5, Blue Jays 1) -- K. Pillar lines out to J. Wendle. A. Diaz flies out to M. Smith. R. Martin strikes out swinging.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Rays 5th (Rays 6, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: D. Barnes replaces J. Fernandez. T. Pham walks. J. Wendle singles to right field, T. Pham to 2nd. Pitcher Change: T. Mayza replaces D. Barnes. B. Lowe grounds into double play, A. Diaz to L. Gurriel Jr. to J. Smoak, T. Pham to 3rd; J. Wendle out at 2nd. With K. Kiermaier batting, wild pitch by T. Mayza, T. Pham scores. K. Kiermaier grounds out, R. Martin to J. Smoak.

(1 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 5th (Rays 6, Blue Jays 1) -- T. Hernandez grounds out, M. Duffy to J. Bauers. D. Jansen walks. L. Maile grounds into double play, J. Wendle to B. Lowe to J. Bauers, D. Jansen out at 2nd.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Rays 6th (Rays 6, Blue Jays 1) -- J. Bauers grounds out, A. Diaz to J. Smoak. N. Ciuffo grounds out, A. Diaz to J. Smoak. M. Smith strikes out swinging.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 6th (Rays 6, Blue Jays 1) -- B. McKinney singles to right-center field. L. Gurriel Jr. grounds into double play, J. Wendle to B. Lowe to J. Bauers, B. McKinney out at 2nd. J. Smoak grounds out, B. Lowe to J. Bauers.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Rays 7th (Rays 7, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: T. Guerrieri replaces T. Mayza. M. Duffy strikes out swinging, L. Maile to J. Smoak. J. Choi hits a home run to right-center field on a 3-1 pitch. T. Pham grounds out, A. Diaz to J. Smoak. J. Wendle grounds out, R. Martin to J. Smoak.

(1 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 7th (Rays 7, Blue Jays 1) -- K. Pillar singles to left field. A. Diaz singles through the hole at second base, K. Pillar to 2nd. R. Martin grounds into double play, J. Wendle to B. Lowe to J. Bauers, K. Pillar to 3rd; A. Diaz out at 2nd. T. Hernandez lines out to J. Wendle.

(0 Runs, 2 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Rays 8th (Rays 7, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: T. Clippard replaces T. Guerrieri. B. Lowe strikes out swinging. K. Kiermaier doubles through the hole at second base. J. Bauers strikes out swinging. N. Ciuffo strikes out swinging.

(0 Runs, 1 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Blue Jays 8th (Rays 7, Blue Jays 1) -- D. Jansen grounds out, J. Wendle to J. Bauers. L. Maile grounds out, M. Duffy to J. Bauers. B. McKinney grounds out, J. Bauers to Y. Chirinos.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Rays 9th (Rays 7, Blue Jays 1) -- Pitcher Change: M. Leiter Jr. replaces T. Clippard. M. Smith struck out looking. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter A. Velazquez replaces M. Duffy. A. Velazquez flies out to B. McKinney in foul territory. J. Choi pops out to L. Maile in foul territory.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 0 LOB)

Blue Jays 9th (Rays 7, Blue Jays 1) -- A. Velazquez remains in the game as the shortstop. Defensive switch from shortstop to 3rd for J. Wendle. Pitcher Change: J. Schultz replaces Y. Chirinos. L. Gurriel Jr. flies out to M. Smith. J. Smoak grounds out, J. Schultz to A. Velazquez to J. Bauers. K. Pillar walks. A. Diaz grounds out, A. Velazquez to J. Bauers.

(0 Runs, 0 Hits, 0 Errors, 1 LOB)

Final: Rays 7, Blue Jays 1

WP: Yonny Chirinos (3-5).

LP: Marcus Stroman (4-9).

Time: 2:39.

Attendance: 18034.

Official Scorer: Herb Morell.

Tampa Bay Rays (74-63) 7, Toronto Blue Jays (62-75) 1
September 3, 2018

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Tampa Bay	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	11	0
Toronto	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0

	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Tampa Bay												
Smith, M, RF	.306	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0
Duffy, M, 3B	.299	4	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	3
a-Velazquez, A, PH-SS	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Choi, DH	.279	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pham, LF	.300	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Wendle, SS-3B	.302	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Lowe, B, 2B	.246	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4
Kiermaier, CF	.206	4	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bauers, 1B	.197	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	1
Ciuffo, C	.000	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Stanek, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chirinos, Y, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Schultz, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	.257	37	7	11	3	1	1	6	1	9	27	16

a-Flied out for Duffy, M in the 9th.

BATTING

2B: Duffy, M (20, Stroman); Wendle (22, Fernandez, J); Kiermaier (10, Clippard).

3B: Kiermaier (7, Stroman).

HR: Choi (4, 7th inning off Guerrieri, 0 on, 1 out).

RBI: Pham (9); Smith, M (32); Duffy, M 2 (39); Kiermaier (22); Choi (13).

GIDP: Lowe, B.

Team RISP: 4-for-13.

Team LOB: 5.

BASERUNNING

CS: Pham (7, 2nd base by Fernandez, J/Maile).

FIELDING

DP: 3 (Wendle-Lowe, B-Bauers 3).

	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Toronto												
McKinney, RF	.360	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Gurriel Jr., 2B	.285	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Smoak, 1B	.248	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1
Pillar, CF	.251	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Diaz, A, SS	.251	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	5
Martin, R, 3B	.194	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
Hernandez, T, LF	.242	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Jansen, DH	.293	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Maile, C	.241	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3
Stroman, P	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fernandez, J, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnes, D, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mayza, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guerrieri, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clippard, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leiter Jr., P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.243	28	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	6	27	14

BATTING

RBI: Hernandez, T (50).

GIDP: Maile; Gurriel Jr.; Martin, R.

Team RISP: 1-for-5.

Team LOB: 4.

FIELDING

DP: (Diaz, A-Gurriel Jr.-Smoak).

	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
Tampa Bay									
Stanek	2.72	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Chirinos, Y (W, 3-5)	3.76	7.0	4	1	1	3	5	0	25
Schultz	4.35	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Totals	3.66	9.0	4	1	1	4	6	0	32

	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
Toronto									
Stroman (L, 4-9)	5.54	1.2	6	4	4	0	1	0	13
Fernandez, J	2.70	2.1	2	1	1	0	2	0	8
Barnes, D	5.66	0.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2

Mayza	4.23	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Guerrieri	3.00	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1	4
Clippard	3.82	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
Leiter Jr.	0.00	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Totals	4.89	9.0	11	7	7	1	9	1	39

Barnes, D pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.

Team ER: off Tampa Bay 1, off Toronto 7.

BB: off Chirinos, Y 3 (Diaz, A, Martin, R, Jansen); Schultz (Pillar); off Barnes, D (Pham).

SO: by Stanek (McKinney); Chirinos, Y 5 (Pillar, Maile, McKinney, Smoak, Martin, R); by Stroman (Bauers); Fernandez, J 2 (Ciuffo, Smith, M); Mayza (Smith, M); Guerrieri (Duffy, M); Clippard 3 (Lowe, B, Bauers, Ciuffo); Leiter Jr. (Smith, M).

WP: Mayza.

HB: Pham (by Stroman).

Pitches-strikes: Stanek 16-11; Chirinos, Y 72-42; Schultz 10-5; Stroman 49-31; Fernandez, J 29-24; Barnes, D 8-4; Mayza 23-14; Guerrieri 13-9; Clippard 18-14; Leiter Jr. 16-10.

Inherited runners-scored: Fernandez, J 2-0; Mayza 2-1.

Umpires: HP: James Hoye. 1B: Quinn Wolcott. 2B: Ramon De Jesus. 3B: Brian O'Nora.

Official Scorer: Herb Morell.

Weather: 79 degrees, cloudy.

Wind: 4 mph, L to R.

First pitch: 7:08 PM.

T: 2:39.

Att: 18,034.

Venue: Rogers Centre.

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