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THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 AT BOSTON RED SOX RH Chris Archer vs. LH Brian Johnson

First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. | Location: JetBlue Park, Fort Myers, Fla. | TV: None | Radio: None

Game No: 14 (6-7-0) | vs. AL: 5-6-0 | vs. NL: 1-1-0 | Home: 2-5-0 | Road: 4-2-0

Day 23 of Spring Training | 21 Days Until Opening Day—Thursday, March 29 vs. Boston Red Sox at Tropicana Field (4:00 p.m.)

UPCOMING PROBABLES

Today 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 Colton Murray	
RH Cody Hall	
RH Ian Gibaut	
RH R.J. Alaniz	
LH Kyle Bird	
RH Edwin Fierro	

Tomorrow vs. MIN

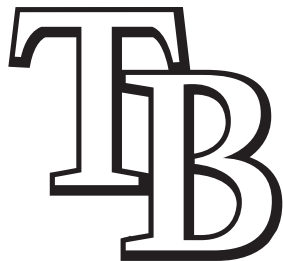
Minnesota	Tampa Bay
RH José Berrios	RH Andrew Kittredge
RH Tyler Duffey	LH Vidal Nuño
	RH Diego Castillo
	RH Ryne Stanek
	LH Jonny Venters
	RH Daniel Hudson
	RH Sergio Romo

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	7	0	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	37	1,468,202



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 tomorrow morning.

MEDICAL MATTERS—RH José De León has been diagnosed with a torn right ulnar collateral ligament (UCL), and he will see Dr. James Andrews for a second opinion...De León is the second Rays pitching prospect with a torn UCL this spring...RH Brent Honeywell underwent Tommy John surgery on Feb 27, performed by Dr. Andrews in Pensacola.

CHARITY SOFTBALL—The Rays Wives will host the Twins Wives in a charity softball game tomorrow...the game will begin on the main field approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of tomorrow's spring game...the 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 tomorrow will also benefit the Broward Education Foundation.

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.

ROSTER MAKEOVER—Of the 32 players on last season's Opening Day roster or disabled list, only 14 still remain in the organization: pitchers Matt Andriese, Chris Archer, Alex Colomé, Nate Eovaldi, Kevin Gadea (outrighted), Austin Pruitt and Blake Snell, catchers Wilson Ramos and Jesús Sucre, infielders Matt Duffy, Brad Miller and Daniel Robertson, and outfielders Kevin Kiermaier and Mallex Smith.

+ Only four players remain from the 2015 Opening Day roster or disabled list, which was Kevin Cash's first game as Rays manager: Andriese, Archer, Colomé and Kiermaier...Archer and Kiermaier are the only players remaining from the 2013 postseason roster (last playoff appearance)...Kiermaier was on the roster for that season's AL Wild Card Game, but not the ALDS.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT—In January, *Baseball America* listed the Rays at No. 5 in its annual Organizational Talent rankings of minor league prospects, their highest position since 2013 (No. 4)...the publication's Top 100 Prospects included six Rays, a figure topped only by the Atlanta Braves (8).

+ In addition to *Baseball America's* rating, the Rays are ranked by MLB.com as the No. 4 farm system in baseball, and by ESPN.com at No. 7.

560 AND COUNTING—The Rays will enter the 2018 season with a streak of 560 games started by a pitcher under the age of 30, the longest current streak in the majors...35-year-old LH Erik Bedard on July 3, 2014 at DET was the last 30-plus pitcher to start a game for the Rays...entering the season, since June 26, 2006, the Rays have started a pitcher under the age of 30 in 96 pct. (1,795 of 1,869) of their games...the Rays have used only 30 different starting pitchers over the last 10 seasons, fewest in the majors.

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 Quattraro, 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.

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	11				
Bauers		29						6	9
Boldt						4	6	7	
Bruján			5						
Carrillo	17								
Chester							4		
Ciuffo	6								4
Coats						7		28	6
Cron		25							16
Cronenworth					24				
Duffy				19					
Field							22	2	2
Gómez								5	
Hechavarria					17				
Johnson						9	22		
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	15							8
Moore	20					5			4
Olmedo-Barrera									4
Padlo				11					
Palacios					7				
Ramos	25								
Robertson			24		5	5		4	
Rondón				2					
Russell		6	5	4					
Sánchez						9		7	
Schimpf			5	15				7	
Smith						24	10	5	7
Snyder		21		6		8			
Solak						4	3		
Span						18	10		5
Sucre	24								6
Sullivan	12								5
Velazquez			7	3	14		8		
Wendle			32						
Williams								33	
Wong			10	30					

TODAY'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
2/25 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 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

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		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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