

# Pregame Notes

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## SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 at PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES RH Nate Eovaldi vs. RH Vince Velasquez

First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. | Location: Spectrum Field, Clearwater, Fla. | TV: None | Radio: WDAE 620 AM

Game No: 16 (6-8-1) | vs. AL: 5-7-1 | vs. NL: 1-1-0 | Home: 2-6-0 | Road: 4-2-1

Day 25 of Spring Training | 19 Days Until Opening Day—Thursday, March 29 vs. Boston Red Sox at Tropicana Field (4:00 p.m.)

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

Today at PHI

Tampa Bay	Philadelphia
RH Nate Eovaldi	RH Vince Velasquez
LH José Alvarado	RH Mark Leiter Jr.
RH Yonny Chirinos	RH Hector Neris
LH Dan Jennings	RH Pat Neshek
RH Alex Colomé	
RH Chih-Wei Hu	

Tomorrow vs. MIN

Minnesota	Tampa Bay
RH Anibal Sánchez	RH Jake Faria
RH Aaron Slegers	LH Ryan Yarbrough
RH Ryan Pressly	LH Anthony Banda
RH Alan Busenitz	RH Alex Colomé
RH John Curtiss	RH Hunter Wood
	LH Adam Kolarek
	RH Cody Hall

**ROSTER MOVES**—Prior to yesterday's game, the Rays reassigned RH R.J. Alaniz, C Nick Ciuffo, RH Edwin Fierro and RH Forrest Snow to minor league camp and optioned RH Brent Honeywell to Triple-A Durham...the Rays have 61 players remaining in camp: 32 pitchers, 6 catchers, 15 infielders and 8 outfielders.

**\$19,500 RAISED**—Following the conclusion of yesterday's game against the Twins, wives and girlfriends from the two clubs met for a charity softball game, continuing an annual tradition previously held in the regular season, when the Rays wives would play the Marlins wives...between contributions from the Rays, Twins, Charlotte Stone Crabs, a 50/50 Raffle and the Stoneman Douglas hat auction, \$19,500 was raised for the Broward Education Foundation's Official Stoneman Douglas Victims' Fund...the Twins wives won, 9-4.

**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 Oreos churros, and the ballpark's "Kid Clubhouse" playground and affordable prices...overall, it ranked as the No. 4 spring training destination in Florida.

**ON THE AIRWAVES**—Today's game will be broadcast on WDAE 620 AM and the Rays Radio Network, with Dave Wills and Andy Freed on the call...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 at 12:30 p.m. today and tomorrow.

**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)...this rating came before the February acquisitions of SS Jermaine Palacios, LH Anthony Banda and 2B Nick Solak...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 (No. 1 based just on position players), 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.

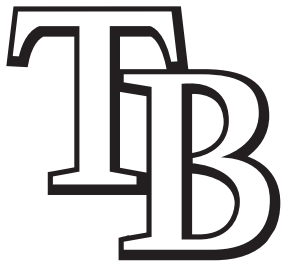
**STAFF SHUFFLING**—The coaching staff under Manager Kevin Cash features only two coaches returning to the same position as last season: hitting coach Chad Mottola and bullpen coach Stan Boroski...new to the coaching staff are third base coach Matt Quatraro, pitching coach Kyle Snyder and first base 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), Wilson Ramos (RAH-mos), Dan Runzler (RUHNZ-ler), Nick Solak (SO-lack), Ryne Stanek (STAN-ik), Jesús Sucre (heh-SOOS SUE-cray), Ryan Yarbrough (YAHHR-bro)

### RAY'S SPRING TRAINING HISTORY

	W	L	T	Att.
2018	6	8	1	29,940
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	293	38	1,471,845



2018 SPRING INNINGS PLAYED ("A" GAMES)

Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Adames			8		35				7
Álvarez	1								
Arroyo				25	16				
Bauers		34						6	9
Boldt						7	6	7	
Bruján			5						
Carrillo	21								
Chester							4		
Ciuffo	6								4
Coats						7		33	6
Cron		31							16
Cronenworth			1		24				
Duffy				29			26	4	2
Field						4			
Fox									
Gómez								12	
Hechavarria					22				6
Johnson						9	26		
Kelly		8							
Kiermaier							21		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	18							8
Moore	20								4
Olmedo-Barrera						5			4
Padlo				11					
Palacios					7				
Ramos	31								9
Rengifo	0		1						
Robertson			24	5	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						23	10		5
Sucre	29								6
Sullivan	12								7
Velazquez			7	3	18			8	
Wendle			37						
Williams						4		33	
Wong			10	33					

TODAY'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

TOMORROW'S STARTER vs. MIN—RH Jake Faria (0-1, 13.50 ERA)

- + 2017 Majors: 5-4, 3.43 ERA (86.2-IP, 33-ER) in 16 apps (14 starts)
- + Named the club's Outstanding Rookie by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the BBWAA last season...min. 75 IP, led AL rookies with a 3.43 ERA, .225 opp avg., .387 opp SLG, 8.72 SO/9 IP and 1.18 WHIP
- + Was the first pitcher to begin his career with 7 consecutive quality starts since NYY Masahiro Tanaka (16) in 2014

Day-by-Day	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	Result
2/24 at BOS	L-1	0.2	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	L, 3-4
3/1 vs. BAL	--	2.0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	L, 2-5
3/6 vs. TB*	--	3.0	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	--

\* indicates simulated game

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**.
- + **March 9** Reassigned RH **R.J. Alaniz**, C **Nick Ciuffo**, RH **Edwin Fierro** and RH **Forrest Snow** to minor league camp; optioned RH **Brent Honeywell** to Triple-A Durham.

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	L, 3-4	6-8-1	Berríos (1-0)	Kittredge (1-1)	3,643
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.				

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