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TAMPA BAY RAYS (41-41) vs. HOUSTON ASTROS (55-30) LH Blake Snell (10-4, 2.31) vs. RH Charlie Morton (10-1, 2.54)

Sunday, July 1, 2018 • **First Pitch:** 1:10 p.m. • **Location:** Tropicana Field • **TV:** FOX Sports Sun • **Radio:** WDAE 620 AM, WLCC 760 AM (Sp.)
Game No.: 83 (41-41) • **Home Game No.:** 40 (22-17) • **All-Time Game No.:** 3,321 (1541-1779) • **All-Time Home Game No.:** 1,661 (844-816)
March: 1-2 • **April:** 12-12 • **May:** 15-13 • **June:** 13-14 • **July:** 0-0 • **AL East:** 18-19 • **AL Central:** 9-3 • **AL West:** 12-12 • **Interleague:** 2-7

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Starting Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Mon., 7/2 at MIA	7:10 p.m.	RH Nathan Eovaldi (2-3, 4.08) vs. LH Wei-Yin Chen (2-5, 6.14)	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Sp.)
Tues., 7/3 at MIA	7:10 p.m.	TBD vs. TBA	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Sp.)
Wed., 7/4 at MIA	1:10 p.m.	TBD vs. TBA	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM

RAY MATTER—The Rays are 7-1 in their last 8 games, coinciding with the start of a 9-game homestand against the Yankees (3-0), Nationals (2-0) and Astros (2-1)...this stretch has brought them from 6 games under .500 (34-40) to 41-41, and today they have a chance to go over .500 for just the fifth time this season (1-0, 27-26, 28-26, 28-27)...the Rays are 9-3 in their last 12 games, all against the Yankees, Nationals and Astros—they were 11-29 (.275) against teams currently .500 or better before this stretch.

- + Today's game is the last of a stretch of 29 out of 32 games from May 28-July 1 against teams currently .500 or better...starting tomorrow, all 16 games from July 2-22 are against teams currently under .500, as well as 29 out of 35 games from July 2-Aug 12.
- + Through April 17, the Rays were 4-13 overall and 2-7 at home...since then, they are 37-28 (.569) overall and 20-10 (.667) at home.
- + The Rays are in 3rd place in the AL East and have been alone or tied for 3rd in the division for 41 of the last 44 days since May 18.

DOMESWEET DOME—Since June 11, the Rays are 10-1 at home and have outscored opponents, 46-17, over this stretch...the Rays have allowed 2 runs or fewer in nine of their last 11 games here...they have also allowed 1 run or fewer in seven of the 11 games, including four shutouts.

- + The Rays haven't lost by more than 1 run at home since May 25.
- + Today's starter **Blake Snell** has allowed 1 ER or fewer in 10 consecutive home starts, tied for the 4th-longest such streak since 1913—when earned runs were officially kept in both leagues—according to the Elias Sports Bureau (see chart on the next page).
- + A win today would give the Rays the 2nd-best three-series homestand in franchise history, while a loss would tie for the 4th-best.

BEST THREE-SERIES HOMESTANDS, CLUB HISTORY

RECORD	DATES & OPPONENTS
9-1 (.900)	7/5/13 thru 7/14/13 vs. CWS (3-0), MIN (4-0), HOU (2-1)
8-2 (.800)	5/23/08 thru 6/1/08 vs. BAL (3-0), TEX (2-1), CWS (3-1) 7/22/05 thru 7/31/05 vs. BAL (3-0), BOS (1-2), KC (4-0)
7-2 (.778)	9/2/11 thru 9/11/11 vs. BAL (2-1), TEX (2-1), BOS (3-0) 4/18/08 thru 4/27/08 vs. CWS (1-2), TOR (3-0), BOS (3-0)
8-3 (.727)	7/26/10 thru 8/5/10 vs. DET (4-0), NYY (2-1), MIN (2-2) 9/27/01 thru 10/7/01 vs. TOR (3-1), BOS (2-1), NYY (3-1)

PITCHING PROPERLY—In the 8 games on this homestand, the Rays have pitched to a 1.32 ERA (75-IP, 11-ER)...they have allowed 5 runs in their last 49 IP, starting with the 9th inning on June 24 vs. NYY...over their last 5 games, they have pitched to a 0.80 ERA (45-IP, 5-R/4-ER) and all 5 runs over that span have scored via the home run (solo, 2-run, 2-run)...the Rays have allowed 2 runs or fewer in five consecutive games, matching May 12-16, 2008 vs. NYY, at STL for the longest streak in franchise history...for the record, only two teams have allowed 2 runs or fewer in six consecutive games this season: the Astros have done it twice, an 8-game streak from April 16-23 and a 7-game streak from May 7-14, and the Indians went six straight games allowing 2 runs or fewer from April 6-11.

- + The Rays have 6 shutouts this season, all since May 28—tied with the Giants for most in the majors since then...half of them have come on this homestand (June 23 vs. NYY, Mon-Tues at WAS).
- + Since the debut of the "opener" on May 19, Rays pitchers lead the majors with a 2.75 ERA (350.1-IP, 107-ER), ahead of the Yankees (3.13)...their ERA before this date was 4.43 (382.1-IP, 188-ER).

RAYS vs. ASTROS—The Rays are 31-21 (.596) all-time against the Astros (14-8 at home, 17-13 on the road), including 25-15 (.625) since the Astros joined the AL in 2013...today's game is the rubber match in the season series and wraps up a stretch of 7 games against each other in the span of 14 days...the Rays won the season series, 4-3, last year, and haven't lost a season series to the Astros since 2008 (1-2)...since then, they have gone 6-0-1 in the last seven season series (did not meet in 2009 or 2012).

- + The Rays (8, 6, 5, 5) and Astros (12, 6, 5, 5) are the only teams with four separate winning streaks of 5 games or more this season.
- + Since 2013, the Rays have shut out the Astros nine times in 40 games...no team has shut them out more often over that span—next is the Rangers, who have done it seven times in 109 games.

GOLD DIGGERS—Since becoming the Rays in 2008, the Rays have gone 41-37 (.526) in games against the defending World Champions (i.e., the

year after winning the World Series)...the 7 games against the Astros this season mark the eighth time that the club has faced the defending World Champions since 2008, and the Rays have won the season series in five of the seven previous matchups...they went 2-2 against the Cubs in 2017, 2-5 against the Royals in 2016, 10-9 against the Red Sox in 2014, 2-1 against the Giants in 2013, 10-8 against the Yankees in 2010, 2-1 against the Phillies in 2009 and 10-8 against the Red Sox in 2008.

NO MER-CY—The Rays are 9-3 in their last 12 games, and during this stretch they are 5-0 in games against former Cy Young Award winners...they have won starting pitching matchups of **Wilmer Font vs. CC Sabathia**, **Blake Snell vs. Justin Verlander**, **Ryne Stanek vs. Sabathia**, **Nathan Eovaldi vs. Max Scherzer** and **Stanek vs. Verlander**...they Rays have also won pitching matchups over this stretch against two other former All-Stars: **Font vs. Sonny Gray** and **Font vs. Gerrit Cole**...the Rays are 8-9 this season in games against former Cy Young Award winners, but they are 6-0 since June 9 vs. SEA compared to 2-9 before that.

CLOSE SHAVES—42.7 pct. of Rays games have been decided by 1 run, compared to 27.8 pct. of games in the majors...the Rays are 15-20 (.429) in 1-run games, including 5-1 in their last six 1-run games...the 35 1-run games are 2nd in the majors to the Mariners (36) and the 20 1-run losses are most in the majors, ahead of the White Sox (17)...75.3 pct. of Rays games have either been wins or 1-run losses...48.8 pct. of their losses have come by a 1-run margin, 2nd-highest rate in the majors (Astros, 50.0 pct.).

- + The Rays are on pace for 40 1-run losses, which hasn't been done since the 1992 Dodgers (40) or by an AL club since the 1968 White Sox (44)...the club record for 1-run losses in a season is 30 (2015).
- + The Rays have played six 1-0 games this season, most in the majors and already tied for their 2nd-most in a single season (2014, 10).
- + Since 2016, the Rays are 49-71 (.408) in 1-run games.

UP NEXT: MARLINS—The Rays are 55-52 (.514) all-time in the "Citrus Series" (29-23 at home, 26-29 on the road), including 34-18 (.654) in the "Rays" era...last season, they went 3-1 against the Marlins, winning both games at Marlins Park and splitting at Tropicana Field...the Rays are 2-7 in interleague play (2-5 at home, 0-2 on the road), but are coming off a 2-game home sweep of the Nationals from June 25-26...the Rays are 112-87 (.563) in interleague play since 2008—5th-best in the majors—and 186-191 all-time...in the last 10 seasons (2008-17), they have only one losing interleague record (7-11 in 2010)...the NL is 73-64 (.533) in interleague play this season, but the AL has won each of the last 14 season series.

STAY THIRSTY, MY FRIENDS—The Rays haven't thrown a complete game since **Matt Andriese** on May 14, 2016 vs. OAK, the longest drought in AL history and 3rd-longest in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, behind the Marlins (480) from June 4, 2014-June 2, 2017 and Brewers (407) from April 6, 2011-July 8, 2013...since then:

- + the Rays have played 372 games
- + the longest outing for a Rays starting pitcher is 8 IP (eight times)
- + a Rays starter has pitched into the 9th inning only once: **Alex Cobb** on July 21, 2017 vs. TEX (double, homer and was replaced)
- + the Rays have had 9 CG thrown against them
- + the Indians have recorded a majors-most 15 CG, while six pitchers have thrown at least 5 CG, led by CLE **Corey Kluber** (8)

SALUTE TO THE TROOPS—Today the Rays and FOX Sports Sun will honor military men, women and their families as part of a "Salute to the Troops" day with special pregame ceremonies, concourse activities and on-air highlights and video...MacDill Air Force Base Commander Colonel **Stephen Snelson** will throw the ceremonial first pitch and Medal of Honor recipient and St. Petersburg resident Army Command Sergeant Major **Gary Littrell** will be a honored guest...the Air National Guard (ANG) Band of the South will perform the national anthem and "God Bless America" and the U.S. flag will be presented by military families.

MEDICAL MATTERS—RH **Chris Archer** (left abdominal strain) is scheduled to make his first rehab start on Tuesday for Class-A Charlotte vs. Fort Myers (Twins), throwing 4 IP or 65 pitches...RH **Jake Faria** (left oblique strain) is scheduled to throw a bullpen session today (40-45 pitches).

TODAY'S STARTER: LH BLAKE SNELL (10-4, 2.31 ERA)

CAREER MLB BREAKDOWN

YEAR	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
2017	5	7	4.04	24	24	129.1	113	65	58	59	119	15
2018	10	4	2.31	17	17	101.1	65	28	26	40	113	11
Career	21	19	3.35	60	60	319.2	271	137	119	150	330	31

LAST START—On Mon vs. WAS, did not allow a hit until **Anthony Rendon's** double in the 7th...walked his first 2 BF in the 1st inning, but after that retired 18 consecutive batters faced—tied for the 3rd-longest streak of consecutive batters retired in a game in franchise history, behind **Matt Garza** (22) on July 26, 2010 vs. DET and **Chris Archer** (19) on July 29, 2015 vs. DET...went 7 IP, matching the longest scoreless start of his career (4th time)...reached double-digit strikeouts for the fourth time in his career and third time this season...was the sixth start in club history of 7 IP (or more), 1 hit (or fewer) and double-digit strikeouts, and the first since **Drew Smyly** on April 19, 2017 at BOS...his line: W, 7 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 4 BB, 10 SO, 103 pit, 63 str.

MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME STARTS YIELDING 1 ER OR FEWER (ELIAS)

PITCHER	DATES	STARTS
Max Lanier, STL	6/10/1943 - 5/7/1944	12
Jerry Reuss, PIT	4/30/1975 - 8/24/1975	11
Walter Johnson, WSH	5/16/1914 - 8/25/1914	11
Blake Snell, TB	9/12/2017 - Current	10
Clayton Kershaw, LAD	5/1/2016 - 4/14/2017	10
Dean Chance, LAA	6/2/1964 - 8/5/1964	10
Pol Perritt, NYG	9/3/1917 - 7/3/1918	10

* since earned runs were officially kept in both leagues (1913)

HE LIKES IT HERE—Leads the majors with a 0.81 ERA (44.1-IP, 5-R/4-ER) at home...the closest pitcher in the majors is CHC **Jon Lester** (1.25) and the closest in the AL is CLE **Corey Kluber** (1.60)...has allowed 1 ER or fewer in 10 consecutive home starts, tied for the 4th-longest such streak since 1913—when earned runs were officially kept in both leagues—according to the Elias Sports Bureau (see chart above)...has only allowed 5 R/4 ER in his last 62.1 IP here dating back to the end of last season.

- + For the record, in club history the lowest ERA at home over an entire season is held by **David Price** (1.81) in 2012...no AL pitcher has ever finished a season with a ERA at home equal to or lower than Snell's current 0.81 ERA, and it hasn't been done in the majors since NYG **Fred Anderson** (0.78) in 1917.

WHEN HE'S ON—Has yielded 2 runs or fewer in 14 starts, most in the AL and 2nd in the majors to WAS **Max Scherzer** (15)...has allowed 2 runs or fewer in seven of his last 8 starts, with a 1.46 ERA (49.1-IP, 8-ER) over that span...his 14 starts of 2 runs or fewer are already more than any Ray last year.

- + Has allowed 1 run or fewer in 10 starts this season, tied for most in the majors with Verlander, ATL **Mike Foltynewicz** and NYM **Jacob deGrom**.
- + Four times this season he has allowed 2 runs or fewer and not gotten the win, and three times he has allowed 1 run or fewer without the win.

LEADERBOARDS—Ranks among AL leaders in starts (17, tied for 4th), wins (10, tied for 3rd), ERA (2.31, 3rd), opp avg. (.182, 3rd), WHIP (1.04, 8th), wild pitches (10, tied for 2nd) and pct. of swings that miss (31.7, 2nd)...is the seventh Ray (eighth time) to reach double-digit wins before the All-Star break, first since **Matt Moore** (13) in 2013...is averaging a career-high 95.5 mph on his fastball, 6th in the AL and tied for 1st among major league lefties...13.5 pct. of his total pitches are swings and misses, 3rd in the AL.

vs. HOUSTON—Is 1-1 with a 5.21 ERA (19-IP, 11-ER) in 4 starts against the Astros...his only start against them at home was April 22, 2017 (ND, 5-IP, 3-R/ER)...faced them on the last road trip and his only run allowed was a 3rd-inning RBI single to **Alex Bregman**...got the win despite a career-high 7 BB, most by a Ray since **Jeremy Hellickson** (7) on June 8, 2012 at MIA and tied for the most ever by a Rays pitcher in a winning decision...became the first pitcher to record at least 7 BB and 7 IP in a game since ARI **Edwin Jackson** in his no-hitter at Tropicana Field on June 25, 2010.

2018 GAME LOG

GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT
3/30 vs. BOS	--	0.00	5.2	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	84/49	L, 0-1	Price	tied, 0-0
4/4 at NYY	L-1	5.00	3.1	4	5	5	3	5	2	0	0	90/54	L, 2-7	Severino	down, 4-1
4/10 at CWS	W-1	3.60	6.0	1	1	1	5	10	0	0	1	114/62	W, 6-5	Fulmer	up, 5-1
4/16 vs. TEX	W-2	2.95	6.1	5	1	1	0	9	1	0	0	103/68	W, 8-4	Pérez	up, 8-1
4/21 vs. MIN	W-3	2.54	7.0	5	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	100/68	W, 10-1	Gibson	up, 7-1
4/27 at BOS	W-4	2.52	7.1	5	2	2	1	9	0	0	0	104/68	W, 4-3	Pomeranz	up, 4-2
5/2 at DET	--	2.55	6.2	5	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	86/57	L, 2-3 (12)	Fulmer	tied, 2-2
5/8 vs. ATL	L-2	2.40	6.1	4	1	1	2	5	1	0	0	105/65	L, 0-1	Newcomb	down, 1-0
5/13 at BAL	L-3	3.12	3.1	6	5	5	2	3	3	0	1	73/43	L, 1-17	Bundy	down, 4-0
5/18 at LAA	W-5	3.07	6.2	4	2	2	3	8	0	0	2	114/70	W, 8-3	Tropeano	up, 7-2
5/23 vs. BOS	W-6	2.78	6.0	3	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	101/63	W, 6-3	Porcello	up, 6-0
5/28 at OAK	W-7	2.56	5.2	2	1	0	2	7	0	0	1	97/62	W, 4-3	Gossett	up, 3-1
6/3 at SEA	--	2.36	6.0	2	0	0	0	12	0	0	1	100/66	L, 1-2	Hernández	up, 1-0
6/9 vs. SEA	W-8	2.30	6.0	7	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	95/60	W, 7-3	Hernández	up, 6-2
6/14 at NYY	L-4	2.58	5.0	5	4	4	4	8	2	0	1	105/57	L, 3-4	Germán	down, 4-2
6/19 at HOU	W-9	2.48	7.0	3	1	1	7	6	0	0	1	102/57	W, 2-1	Verlander	up, 2-1
6/25 vs. WAS	W-10	2.31	7.0	1	0	0	4	10	0	0	0	103/63	W, 11-0	Gonzalez	up, 11-0

TOMORROW'S STARTER: RH NATHAN EOVALDI (2-3, 4.08 ERA)

LAST START—On Tues vs. WAS, retired his first 9 BF until a hit batter and walk leading off the 4th, and had his no-hit bid broken up after 5.2 IP on **Bryce Harper's** double...was one out shy of matching the longest no-hit bid of his career...snapped a 3-game losing streak spanning 4 starts, his first win since May 30 at OAK...was the third time in his career he went at least 6 IP and yielded 1 hit or fewer in a scoreless start, following May 30 at OAK and Aug 10, 2013 at ATL (with MIA)...recorded 9 SO, the third time in his career he reached that mark and one shy of tying his career

high...his line: W, 6 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 9 SO, 100 pit, 64 str.

vs. MIAMI—His only start against the Marlins came on June 16, 2015 at MIA (with NYY), and he allowed 9 hits and 8 R/ER in 0.2 IP...spent parts of three seasons with the Marlins, going 13-27 with a 4.10 ERA (369-IP, 168-ER) in 63 starts for them...is 6-15 with a 4.48 ERA (193-IP, 96-ER) in 33 starts at Marlins Park...is a career .078 (11-for-141) hitter with 1 RBI.

#16 KEVIN CASH, MANAGER

- + Is in his fourth season as Rays manager...at age 40, is the majors' youngest active skipper—5 months younger than SD **Andy Green**.
- + His last ejection was July 18, 2017 at OAK, his seventh ejection as Rays manager...his 7 ejections are tied for 4th in franchise history.
- + Is the sixth Tampa-born manager in major league history, and second to manage the Rays...that list includes Hall of Famers **Al Lopez** and **Tony La Russa**, **Lou Piniella**, **Dave Miley** and **John Hart**.

- + Played 12 professional seasons as a catcher, incl. parts of eight seasons in the majors (2002-10) and two years (2005-06) in the Rays org.
- + Played in the 1989 Little League World Series (Tampa Northside LL), 1999 College World Series (Florida State) and earned World Series rings in 2007 (Red Sox) and 2009 (Yankees).

RAYS HITTER NOTES

#1 WILLY ADAMES • INF				Pronunciation: ah-DAH-mes		2018: .234/.296/.359 • 2 HR • 7 RBI • 1 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: DNP	HOU Series: 2-5, 2B, BB	Stand: 7-20, 2B, HR, 4-RBI, 3-BB, 2-R	vs. LH: .217 (5-23), 1-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-2	RISP: .250 (4-16)	vs. RH: .244 (10-41), 1-HR	
Last HR: 6/23/18 vs. NYY							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .350/.435/.550 (7-for-20) with 1 2B, 1 HR and 4 RBI over his last 6 games (all starts)...has reached base safely in all 6 games over this span. + On June 23 vs. NYY, tied his career high with 2 RBI on a 2nd-inning RBI single and a 7th inning solo homer, coming on an 0-2 pitch. + On May 22 vs. BOS, became the fifth Ray to homer in his major league debut and the first since Brandon Guyer on May 6, 2011 at BAL. + Has appeared in 18 games, all starts (13-SS, 5-2B), over two stints with the Rays (May 22-24, June 11-current)...entered the season ranked by <i>Baseball America</i> as the No. 19 prospect in the minors and the No. 2 prospect in the Rays organization behind right-handed pitcher Brent Honeywell. 							
#9 JAKE BAUERS • 1B				Pronunciation: BOW-ers		2018: .267/.409/.493 • 2 HR • 7 RBI • 1 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 1-3, BB, R	HOU Series: 1-8, 4-BB, R	Stand: 8-27, 2-2B, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, 8-BB, 5-R	vs. LH: .360 (9-25), 1-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.333, 1-3)	RISP: .250 (4-16)	vs. RH: .220 (11-50), 1-HR	
Last HR: 6/24/18 vs. NYY							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .320/.452/.600 (8-for-25) over his last 7 games and .286/.464/.548 (12-for-42) with 4 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 4 RBI and 14 BB over his last 13 games. + On Mon vs. WAS, was the first 22-year-old with 4 hits (or more) in a game for the Rays since Evan Longoria on June 27, 2008 at PIT (Stats LLC). + On June 24 vs. NYY, hit the second homer of his career, a 12th-inning, walk-off homer on the first pitch off the inning from Chasen Shreve. + Has appeared in 22 games, all starts (19-1B, 3-DH)—has started every game since his recall...his 11 XBH are 3rd-most by a Ray through 22 career games, trailing Kevin Kiermaier (12) in 2014 and Delmon Young (12) in 2006...his 18 BB are the most ever by a Ray through 22 games. + Entered this season ranked by <i>Baseball America</i> as the No. 45 overall prospect in the minors...helped lead the Bulls to the Governors' Cup and Triple-A Championship last season, when he ranked among IL leaders in runs (79, 1st), walks (78, 2nd) and on-base pct. (.368, 5th). 							
#44 C.J. CRON • 1B				Pronunciation: krohn		2018: .233/.310/.435 • 16 HR • 38 RBI • 1 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 0-4	HOU Series: 1-7	Stand: 4-22, 2B, RBI, BB, 2-R	vs. LH: .264 (23-87), 5-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-4	RISP: .157 (11-70)	vs. RH: .220 (45-205), 11-HR	
Last HR: 6/19/18 at HOU							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .104/.228/.188 (5-for-48) with 1 2B, 1 HR and 2 RBI over his last 14 games (all starts) since June 11...his last multi-hit game was June 1. + Since May 18, has lowered his season avg. from .293 to .233, batting .156/.273/.305 (20-for-128) in 35 games (all starts) over that stretch. + Has struck out in 28 of his last 45 AB (62.2 pct.)...has struck out at least once in 14 of his last 15 games, incl. multiple strikeouts in 10 games. + His 16 HR are tied for his career high (2015, 2016, 2017)...is one of two Rays players with double-digit homers, along with Wilson Ramos (11). + Has been hit by pitch 14 times, most in the majors...has been hit nine times in his last 27 games since May 27, including two multi-HBP games. + Has appeared in 76 games and made 75 starts (46-DH, 29-1B)...his 46 starts at designated hitter are tied for his career high (2015, with LAA). 							
#5 MATT DUFFY • INF				Pronunciation: duh-fee		2018: .322/.367/.433 • 4 HR • 23 RBI • 6 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 3-4, 2-R	HOU Series: 5-12, 2-R	Stand: 11-31, 2B, RBI, 3-BB, 4-R	vs. LH: .253 (19-75), 1-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 9G (.371, 13-35)	RISP: .304 (17-56)	vs. RH: .349 (65-186), 3-HR	
Last HR: 6/16/18 at NYY							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Ranks 6th in the AL with a .322 avg. ...has hit safely in nine straight games, and is batting .354 (29-for-82) in his last 21 games since June 7. + Min. 100 AB, his .349 avg. (65-for-186) vs. RHP ranks 2nd in the majors behind HOU José Altuve (.358)...is also 7-for-his-last-10 against lefties. + Has a team-high 26 multi-hit games this season, ahead of Wilson Ramos (18), and a team-high 9 games with 3+ hits, ahead of Ramos/Smith (5). + According to FanGraphs, 26.6 pct. of his balls in play are line drives, 5th-highest in the AL...the major league avg. for line drives is 21.2 pct. + All 4 HR and 16 of his 23 RBI have come on the road, but he is hitting for a higher batting avg. at home (.339) than on the road (.307). + Has appeared in 66 games, all starts (61-3B, 5-DH)...since May 14, has a .991 fielding pct. in 33 games at third base, compared to .928 before that. 							
#10 JOHNNY FIELD • OF				Pronunciation: field		2018: .222/.261/.392 • 6 HR • 14 RBI • 4 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: DNP	HOU Series: 0-0	Stand: 1-6, BB	vs. LH: .268 (15-56), 3-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-1	RISP: .135 (5-37)	vs. RH: .196 (19-97), 3-HR	
Last HR: 6/1/18 at SEA							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is 1-for-his-last-21; on June 23 vs. NYY, snapped an 0-for-19 skid after entering in right field as a defensive replacement in the 7th inning. + Since May 23 vs. BOS, is batting .153/.191/.271 (13-for-85) with 4 2B, 2 HR and 6 RBI in 31 games (23 starts) to lower his season avg. from .309. + Since Kevin Kiermaier returned from the 60-day DL on June 19, has appeared in 9 games with only 2 starts (4 games as def. rep., 3 games as PR). + Has appeared in 54 games and made 41 starts (17-LF, 15-RF, 9-CF) since his selection from Triple-A Durham on April 13. 							
#27 CARLOS GÓMEZ • OF				Pronunciation: goh-meh		2018: .197/.274/.332 • 7 HR • 17 RBI • 4 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 1-4	HOU Series: 1-7	Stand: 5-18, 2B, 2-RBI, 2-BB, 2-R	vs. LH: .194 (14-72), 2-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.250, 1-4)	RISP: .222 (12-54)	vs. RH: .199 (33-166), 5-HR	
Last HR: 6/1/18 at SEA							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is 1-for-his-last-13 on the heels of an 8-game stretch from June 14-24 where he hit .370/.452/.481 (10-for-27) with 3 2B and 3 RBI. + His .197 avg. is 7th-lowest among AL qualifiers, but has 5 Defensive Runs Saved in 509.1 innings in right field, according to FanGraphs. + Batting .316 (12-for-38) with 3 2B, 3 HR and 6 RBI when putting the first pitch in play...in all other counts, is batting .175 (35-for-200). + Has appeared in 66 games and made 63 starts (57-RF, 3-CF, 3-DH)...since the start of 2013, no other player in the majors can match his combination of 96 HR and 126 SB...is one of seven active players with at least 100 HR and 200 SB in his career, according to Baseball Reference. 							
#11 ADEINY HECHAVARRIA • SS				Pronunciation: etch-ah-vah-REE-yah		2018: .259/.287/.340 • 3 HR • 18 RBI • 0 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 0-4, E6	HOU Series: 0-7, RBI, R	Stand: 1-18, HR, 2-RBI, BB, 3-R	vs. LH: .373 (19-51)	Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-17	RISP: .281 (9-32)	vs. RH: .207 (23-111), 3-HR	
Last HR: 6/24/18 vs. NYY							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Hitless in his last 17 AB on the heels of a 9-game hitting streak, his longest since Aug 5-20, 2015 (career-high 13-game hitting streak, with MIA). + Yesterday vs. HOU, committed his first error since July 30, 2017 at NYY, going 94 games and 319 chances in between—both the longest streaks in club history for a shortstop...since being acquired by the Rays on June 26, 2017, his .989 fielding pct. ranks 2nd among shortstops (min. 500 inn.). + Batting .200/.219/.333 (6-for-30) with 1 2B, 1 HR, 2 RBI and 1 BB in 8 games (all starts) since being reinstated from the 10-day DL on June 17. + Has appeared in 44 games, all starts at shortstop...has 10 HR in 457 PA with the Rays (2017-18) compared to 13 HR in 2,265 PA with the Marlins. 							
#39 KEVIN KIERMAIER • CF				Pronunciation: KEER-my-er		2018: .160/.269/.259 • 1 HR • 5 RBI • 4 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 1-3, 2-BB, 2-R, HBP	HOU Series: 2-10, 3-BB, 2-R	Stand: 6-29, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, 7-BB, 6-R	vs. LH: .115 (3-26), 1-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.333, 1-3)	RISP: .105 (2-19)	vs. RH: .182 (10-55)	
Last HR: 6/25/18 vs. WAS							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .158/.289/.289 (6-for-38) with 1 3B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 BB and 3 SB in 10 games (all starts) since being reinstated from the 60-day DL on June 19. + On Mon vs. WAS, tied his career high with 4 RBI on the second grand slam of his career, off Gio Gonzalez in the 2nd inning...it was his first homer since Sep 24, 2017 at BAL...it was the second grand slam hit by the Rays this season, following Daniel Robertson on May 19 at LAA. + Has started 22 games, all in center field, including 7 starts against left-handed starters...leads the majors with 87 Defensive Runs Saved since 2015, ahead of ATL/LAA Andrelton Simmons (84)...won the AL Rawlings Gold Glove for center field in 2016 and the AL Platinum Glove in 2015. 							
#40 WILSON RAMOS • C				Pronunciation: RAH-mos		2018: .291/.338/.461 • 11 HR • 43 RBI • 0 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 2-3, 2B, 4-RBI, BB	HOU Series: 3-11, 2B, 4-RBI, BB	Stand: 9-28, 2B, 2-HR, 7-RBI, BB, 2-R	vs. LH: .320 (24-75), 4-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.429, 3-7)	RISP: .358 (24-67)	vs. RH: .279 (50-179), 7-HR	
Last HR: 6/25/18 vs. WAS							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. HOU, his 4 RBI were a season high, matched his most as a Ray (also Sep 22, 2017 at BAL) and were one shy of tying his career high...hit a 2-run double in the 1st inning and a 2-run single in the 2nd inning, both with the bases loaded and off Astros starter Justin Verlander. + Batting .333/.396/.542 (16-for-48) with 3 HR and 11 RBI over his last 14 games (13 starts) dating back to June 14, the start of the last road trip. + His 74 hits are tied with SF Buster Posey for the most among major league catchers, and are 17 hits more than the closest AL catcher (Lucroy). + His 11 HR are a club record for a catcher before the All-Star break, and is only three shy of the club record for catchers in an entire season. + Has hit cleanup as the starting catcher in 33 games...prior to this season, the Rays had started a catcher at cleanup only 16 times in club history. + His 17 GDP are tied for 1st in the majors...since his Rays debut on June 24, 2017, his 28 GDP are most in the majors (KC Salvador Perez, 27). + Has appeared in 68 games and made 65 starts (60-C, 5-DH)...since June 7, has thrown out 57.1 pct. of attempted base stealers (3 SB, 4 CS). 							
#28 DANIEL ROBERTSON • INF				Pronunciation: roh-bert-son		2018: .264/.384/.421 • 7 HR • 20 RBI • 1 SB	
Sat vs. HOU: 1-4	HOU Series: 3-8, R	Stand: 7-22, 2-2B, RBI, 2-BB, 4-R	vs. LH: .262 (16-61), 3-HR	Current Hitting Streak: 6G (.318, 7-22)	RISP: .191 (9-47)	vs. RH: .265 (36-136), 4-HR	
Last HR: 6/7/18 vs. SEA							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Min. 200 PA, his .384 OBP is 8th in the AL...despite a stint on the disabled list, has 35 BB including 13 BB vs. LHP, tied for 5th-most in the AL. + Batting .318/.375/.409 (7-for-22) with 2 2B, 1 RBI and 2 BB in 6 games (all starts) since being reinstated from the 10-day DL on June 22 vs. NYY. + Has 14 multi-hit games, compared to 9 multi-hit games all of last season...his 7 HR and 20 RBI both already pass his totals from last season. + Since April 30, is batting .222/.325/.341 (30-for-135) with 4 2B, 4 HR and 12 RBI in 40 games (37 starts), compared to .355/.500/.597 before that. + Has appeared in 61 games and made 57 starts (24-SS, 21-2B, 9-3B, 2-DH, 1-LF)...dating back to the end of last season, has handled his last 136 chances at second base without committing an error...in his career, has made 1 error in 212 chances at second base for a .995 fielding pct. 							

RAYS HITTER NOTES (cont'd).

#0 MALLEX SMITH • OF	2018: .266/.331/.349 • 0 HR • 16 RBI • 15 SB		
Sat vs. HOU: DNP Last HR: 7/21/17 vs. TEX	HOU Series: 0-6, BB Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-11	Stand: 2-16, 2B, BB, R RISP: .280 (14-50)	vs. LH: .271 (13-48) vs. RH: .264 (51-193)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .108/.195/.135 (4-for-37) with 1 2B and 4 BB over his last 13 games (12 starts)...hasn't recorded a multi-hit game since June 13 vs. TOR (2). + Batting .343/.415/.448 (36-for-105) in 34 games (31 starts) at Tropicana Field...min. 100 AB, his .343 avg. at home ranks 7th-best in the AL. + His 15 SB are tied for 6th in the AL and are tied for the most by a Ray before the All-Star break since 2012...his 7 CS are the most in the AL. + Has the longest active homerless drought in the majors (excluding pitchers), having gone 353 AB since his last homer last July 21 vs. TEX. + Has appeared in 75 games and made 65 starts (48-CF, 10-LF, 7-RF)...his 5 errors are tied for the most among major league outfielders. 			

#45 JESÚS SUCRE • C	2018: .224/.268/.250 • 0 HR • 7 RBI • 1 SB		
Sat vs. HOU: DNP Last HR: 9/24/17 at BAL	Pronunciation: heh-SOOS SUE-cray HOU Series: DNP Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.750, 3-4)	Stand: 3-4, 2B, 2-RBI, BB, R RISP: .227 (5-22)	vs. LH: .143 (4-28) vs. RH: .271 (13-48)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Hasn't started a game since June 24 vs. NYY, when his 2 RBI were his most since Sep 24, 2017 at BAL (2), coming on a 2-run double off Domingo Germán in the 3rd inn., his second extra-base hit of the season...reached base three times, tying his career high (9th time, last April 22 vs. MIN). + Batting .323/.400/.355 (10-for-31) in 12 games (9 starts) at Tropicana Field, compared to .156/.170/.178 (7-for-45) in 17 games (13 starts) on the road. + Has appeared in 29 games and made 22 starts at catcher...has thrown out 23.5 pct. of base stealers this season and 27.6 pct. in his career. 			

#18 JOEY WENDLE • INF	2018: .260/.302/.344 • 2 HR • 21 RBI • 6 SB		
Sat vs. HOU: 1-3, RBI, SF, GDP Last HR: 5/29/18 at OAK	HOU Series: 3-10, RBI, R Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.300, 3-10)	Stand: 3-21, RBI, R RISP: .167 (10-60)	vs. LH: .267 (8-30) vs. RH: .259 (51-197), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Has hit safely in three consecutive games, snapping an 0-for-17 skid on Fri vs. HOU...batting .192/.215/.205 (14-for-73) over his last 23 games (18 starts) since June 2, which has lowered his season avg. from .292 to .260...only has 1 XBH in his last 25 games (20 starts) since May 31 at OAK. + Batting .206/.257/.268 (20-for-97) in 32 games (23 starts) at home, compared to .300/.338/.400 (39-for-130) in 36 games (31 starts) on the road. + Is 3rd among AL rookies with 59 hits, behind NYY Miguel Andújar (75) and NYY Gleyber Torres (60)...his 3 3B are tied for 1st among AL rookies. + Has appeared in 68 games and made 54 starts (45-2B, 4-LF, 3-3B, 1-SS), all against right-handed starters. 			

RAYS BULLPEN NOTES

#46 JOSÉ ALVARADO • LH	2018: 0-3-2 • 2.38 ERA • 36 G		
Last App: 6/30 vs. HOU (1.1-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 1-BB, 2-SO, 21-pit)	Pronunciation: al-vuh-RAH-doh Long Relief App: 1.2, 4x-last 6/12 vs. TOR Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-none, Loss-6/10/18 vs. SEA, Save-6/29/18 vs. HOU	Saves-Opps: 2-4 IR-RS: 28-6	vs. LH: .234 (11-47), 1-HR vs. RH: .195 (15-77)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. HOU, walked his first batter to load the bases in the 6th inning...got a force out to end the inning, then pitched a perfect 7th inn. + Eight of his last 9 apps spanning 7 IP have been scoreless...this comes on the heels of allowing 8 R/6 ER in 10.2 IP from May 15-June 10. + On Fri vs. HOU, recorded the second save of his career, inheriting 1-on, 2-out from Sergio Romo and getting a Marwin Gonzalez fielder's choice on his only pitch...was the fifth time in club history a pitcher recorded the save on 1 pitch, first since Fernando Rodney on April 7, 2012 vs. NYY. + On Tues vs. WAS, became the first pitcher to also appear at first base in a 9-inning game since MIL Chuck Crim on June 6, 1989 at TOR. + Has only allowed 2 HR in 64 IP in his career, to TOR Russell Martin (solo) last season and Kyle Seager (2-run) on June 10 vs. SEA. + His avg. fastball velocity this season is 97.5 mph, according to StatCast, and his max velocity is 100.3 mph in his outing on April 28 at BOS. 			

#35 MATT ANDRIESE • RH	2018: 1-3-0 • 4.02 ERA • 21 G • 3 GS		
Last App: 6/24 vs. NYY (GS, 3.0-IP, 3-H, 3-R, 2-BB, 1-SO, 1-HR, 58-pit)	Pronunciation: ann-DREESE Long Relief App: 3.2, 6/13 vs. TOR Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/16/18 at KC, Loss-6/1/18 at SEA, Save-8/28/17 at KC	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 9-3	vs. LH: .186 (13-70), 1-HR vs. RH: .279 (31-111), 4-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On June 24 vs. NYY, made his third start of the season and all 3 runs allowed came in the 2nd inning on a 3-run homer by Miguel Andújar. + Has allowed run(s) in four of his 5 apps since the start of June, pitching to a 6.39 ERA (12.2-IP, 9-ER) over this span to increase his ERA from 3.15. + Against teams currently .500 or better, is 0-2 with a 5.76 ERA (29.2-IP, 19-ER) in 13 apps (2 starts), compared to a 1.04 ERA (17.1-IP, 2-ER) otherwise. + In his career, has gone 3-7 with a 3.75 ERA (93.2-IP, 39-ER) in his 46 relief apps and 14-14 with a 4.53 ERA (232.2-IP, 117-ER) in his 47 starts. + Has gone at least 2 IP in 13 of his 18 relief apps this season...twice this year has been on the mound for a walk-off loss (last June 1 at SEA). 			

#63 DIEGO CASTILLO • RH	2018: 1-0-0 • 1.88 ERA • 10 G		
Last App: 6/29 vs. HOU (2.0-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 0-BB, 2-SO, 1-HR, 26-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 3x-last 6/29 vs. HOU Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-6/13/18 vs. TOR, Loss-none, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 4-2	vs. LH: .150 (3-20) vs. RH: .167 (5-30), 1-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Fri vs. HOU, replaced the injured Wilmer Font in the 6th, inheriting a 3-1 count and allowing a 2-run homer to Alex Bregman on the third pitch of his app (foul, foul, homer)...after that, retired his next 6 BF and his 2 IP matched the longest app of his career (3rd time, last Tues vs. WAS). + Has entered with the Rays tied or ahead in all 10 apps this season...has gone 1.1 IP or longer in six of his 10 apps, and 1.2 IP or longer five times. + Recorded multiple strikeouts in the first 5 apps of his career, all as a reliever...was the first AL reliever to do that since TEX Neftalí Feliz in 2009. + Recalled from Triple-A Durham on June 5...went 0-1 with a 1.03 ERA (26.1-IP, 3-ER), 4 saves, 32 SO and .167 opp avg. in 19 apps for the Bulls. 			

#50 AUSTIN PRUITT • RH	2018: 2-3-1 • 4.00 ERA • 16 G		
Last App: 6/28 vs. HOU (1.0-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 1-BB, 1-SO, 24-pit)	Long Relief App: 7.0, 6/7 vs. SEA Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-6/12/18 vs. TOR, Loss-6/7/18 vs. SEA, Save-5/27/18 vs. BAL	Saves-Opps: 1-2 IR-RS: 5-0	vs. LH: .260 (19-73), 4-HR vs. RH: .237 (31-131), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Fri vs. HOU, pitched a scoreless 9th inning with a 1-0 deficit...allowed a 1-out single to Tyler White and 2-out walk to Jake Marisnick. + His 54 IP are 2nd in the majors among relievers, behind teammate Ryan Yarbrough (58.1)...has made 6 relief apps this season of at least 4 IP, 2nd-most in the majors behind Yarbrough (9)...has made 5 relief apps this season of at least 5 IP, one shy of Yarbrough for most in the majors. + Over his last 10 apps, has gone 1-1-1 with a 3.00 ERA (36-IP, 12-ER) and .239 opp avg. (32-for-134)...this has lowered his ERA from 6.00 to 4.00. + Is a University of Houston graduate who was raised in The Woodlands...has a 0.77 ERA (11.2-IP, 1-ER) in 4 apps (1 start) in his career vs. HOU. 			

#52 CHAZ ROE • RH	2018: 1-1-1 • 2.73 ERA • 39 G		
Last App: 6/30 vs. HOU (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO, 8-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 6/17 at NYY Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-6/17/18 at NYY, Loss-3/30/18 vs. BOS, Save-6/9/18 vs. SEA	Saves-Opps: 1-1 IR-RS: 20-4	vs. LH: .182 (4-22), 1-HR vs. RH: .194 (18-93), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. HOU, pitched a perfect 8th inning on 8 pitches...has retired his last 11 BF, dating back to his last batter faced on June 22 vs. NYY. + Since May 19, his 0.54 ERA (16.2-IP, 1-ER) is 6th-lowest in the AL (min. 10 IP), according to Stats LLC...this stretch has lowered his season ERA from 4.96 to 2.73...opponents are batting .113/.190/.113 (6-for-53) over these 17 apps, 16 scoreless—the only exception coming on June 22 vs. NYY. + According to FanGraphs, has thrown his slider for 50.0 pct. of total pitches this season...has thrown it 44.4 pct. of the time in his career. + The Rays are his 10th major league organization since being selected in the 2005 June Draft...also played independent ball in 2012. 			

#54 SERGIO ROMO • RH	2018: 1-2-7 • 4.46 ERA • 38 G • 5 GS		
Last App: 6/30 vs. HOU (S, 1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 0-SO, 11-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 2x-last 6/24 vs. NYY Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/12/18 at BAL (G2), Loss-6/18/18 at HOU, Save-6/30/18 vs. HOU	Saves-Opps: 7-11 IR-RS: 19-9	vs. LH: .244 (10-41), 1-HR vs. RH: .247 (22-89), 3-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. HOU, got three groundball outs in a perfect 9th for the save...on Fri vs. HOU, retired his first 2 BF, then allowed a Evan Gattis single. + Thirteen of his last 14 apps have been scoreless, the only exception his blown save, June 18 at HOU...this has lowered his ERA from 6.33 to 4.46. + Has 91 saves in his career, while the rest of the Rays active roster has combined for 9 saves...all 7 saves this season have come since May 29. + His combination of starts (5) and saves (7) has been unmatched by an AL pitcher since SEA Brandon Morrow (5 starts, 10 saves) in 2008. + Has pitched to a 6.00 ERA (15-IP, 10-ER, 3-HR) in 18 apps (2 starts) at home, compared to a 3.26 ERA (19.1-IP, 7-ER) in 20 apps (3 starts) on the road. 			

#61 HUNTER WOOD • RH	2018: 0-0-0 • 3.86 ERA • 1 G		
Last App: 4/17 vs. TEX (2.1-IP, 4-H, 1-R, 1-BB, 1-SO, 38-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.1, 4/17 vs. TEX Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-none, Loss-none, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 0-0	vs. LH: .333 (2-6) vs. RH: .400 (2-5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Recalled from Triple-A Durham yesterday for his third stint with the Rays this season (made 1 app from April 17-24, did not pitch on May 14). + Was 2-2 with a 3.00 ERA (42-IP, 14-ER) in 24 apps (2 starts) with the Bulls, incl. a 1.75 ERA (25.2-IP, 5-ER) in 14 apps (1 start) since his last option. + On April 17 vs. TEX, made the second app of his career, both coming against the Rangers (also May 30, 2017 at TEX)...went 2.1 IP and his only run scored on an RBI single by Nomar Mazara in the 8th inning...his balk was the first by a Rays reliever since Jesús Sucre on July 31, 2017 at HOU. + Last season he spent the entire year in the minors aside from a one-day stint on May 30 at TEX...he and José Alvarado both bypassed Triple-A for their major league debuts, the first Rays to do that since Scott Kazmir in 2004. 			

