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TAMPA BAY RAYS (28-33) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS (39-23) RH Wilmer Font (0-2, 9.78) vs. LH Marco Gonzales (6-3, 3.38)

Friday, June 8, 2018 • **First Pitch:** 7:10 p.m. • **Location:** Tropicana Field • **TV:** FOX Sports Sun • **Radio:** WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Sp.)
Game No.: 62 (28-33) • **Home Game No.:** 26 (11-14) • **All-Time Game No.:** 3,300 (1528-1771) • **All-Time Home Game No.:** 1,647 (833-813)

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Starting Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Sat., 6/9 vs. SEA	4:10 p.m.	LH Blake Snell (7-3, 2.36) vs. RH Félix Hernández (6-4, 5.33)	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WLCC 760 AM (Sp.)
Sun., 6/10 vs. SEA	1:10 p.m.	RH Nathan Eovaldi (1-1, 3.27) vs. LH James Paxton (5-1, 2.95)	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WLCC 760 AM (Sp.)

RAY MATTER—The Rays have lost seven consecutive games, one shy of their season high (March 30–April 8) and two shy of the longest losing streak in the majors this season (see chart)...they haven't held a lead in six of the 7 games during this losing streak...this has dropped the Rays from 28-26—a season-high 2 games over .500—to 28-33, the first time they have been 5 games below .500 since May 14 (18-23)...they are one of three teams this season with multiple losing streaks of 7 games or more, along with the Orioles and White Sox.

- + The Rays scored 4 runs in last night's loss (including 3 runs in the 9th) to snap streaks of 2 runs or fewer in four consecutive games and 3 runs or fewer in six straight...they are batting .209 (50-for-239) during the losing streak including .156 (7-for-45) with RISP.
- + The Rays have gone 13-14 thus far over this stretch of 40 games in 41 days from May 11–June 20...they have gone 0-6 over this stretch of 25 out of 28 games from June 1–July 1 against teams currently positioned to make the postseason...they are 10-24 (.294) this season against teams currently .500 or better and 18-9 otherwise.
- + The Rays have played only 25 games at home, fewest in the majors (Rockies, 27)...they are 11-14 overall at home, but have gone 9-7 (.563) in their last 16 games at Tropicana Field since April 18.

JOHNNY WHOLESTAFF—Tonight's game will be started by **Wilmer Font**, his first career start in the majors—though he has made 105 starts over his minor league career...he will become the 13th different starting pitcher used by the Rays this season, extending their major league lead...the Dodgers rank 2nd with 11 starters, and the Athletics, Padres and Tigers are tied for 3rd with 10 each...this is only the fifth time in franchise history the Rays will use 13 different starting pitchers for an entire season, following 2004 (14), 2003 (14), 2000 (13) and 1999 (13)...the Rays used only eight starters all of last season—in fact, the 13 starters this season is only one shy of the previous three seasons combined (14 from 2015-17).

- + The Rays have already used 25 different pitchers, most in the majors ahead of the Dodgers (24)...this is already tied for 3rd-most for an entire season in club history, behind 2017 (30) and 2015 (27).

TRUST THE PROCESS—Rays starters have gone 1 IP or fewer in consecutive games for the first time in franchise history, and 1 IP or fewer in five of their last 18 games, compared to five times in their previous 980 games from May 15, 2012–May 18, 2018...the 5 starts of 1 IP or fewer this season are most in the majors, ahead of the Orioles (3)—no other team has done this more than once...from the other side, opposing starting pitchers have gone 8 IP or more in five of the last 10 games against the Rays, while they didn't go 8 IP or more in any of the first 51 games of the season.

- + Rays relievers lead the majors with 269 IP, 21 IP more than any other team (Reds, 248 IP) while Rays starters have covered 276.1 IP, fewest in the majors by 38.1 IP (Mets, 313.2 IP).

REDEFINING RELIEF—So far this season, Rays relievers have totaled:

- + **20 apps of at least 50 pitches**, most in the majors, ahead of BAL/DET/MIA (8 each), and their most for any season since 2005 (23)
- + **11 apps of at least 70 pitches**, most in the majors, ahead of the Marlins (5), and their most for any season in club history (2004, 7)
- + **38 apps of at least 2 IP**, 3rd-most in the majors (SD 42, NYM 39)
- + **21 apps of at least 3 IP**, most in the majors (SD/KC, 11)
- + **16 apps of at least 4 IP**, most in the majors (Marlins, 4)

RAYS vs. MARINERS—The Rays are 0-4 against the Mariners this season (0-1 at home, 0-3 on the road) and 74-97 (.433) all-time against them (36-44 at home, 38-52 on the road)...they have lost the season series for the fifth consecutive year, going 9-21 (.300) since the start of 2014...they were swept by the Mariners last weekend, extending their losing streak at Safeco Field to nine straight—their first 9-game losing streak at any opposing ballpark since Sep 11, 2007–Sep 8, 2008, when they were 0-9 at Fenway Park...overall, the Rays are 1-10 in their last 11 games against them...they are 3-10 in their last 13 home games and 6-13 in their last 19 after an 8-game winning streak here from Aug 19, 2011–July 20, 2012.

- + Since the start of the 2015 offseason, the Rays and Mariners have

MAJORS' LONGEST LOSING STREAKS, 2018 SEASON		
Royals	April 10-20	9
Twins	April 20-27	8
Reds	April 8-15	8
Rays	March 30-April 8	8
Rays	May 31-Current	7
Five other losing streaks		7

made nine trades, including a four-player deal on May 25...former Mariners on Rays 40-man roster include **Andrew Kittredge**, **Andrew Moore** (2017), **Vidal Nuño** (2015-16), **Chaz Roe**, **Mallex Smith**, **Jesús Sucre** (2013-16) and **Ryan Yarbrough**.

RAKE SEASON—Last night, **Jake Bauers** made his major league debut at 22 years, 244 days old, the youngest positional player to appear in a game for the Rays since **Wil Myers** in 2013...he went 0-for-4 with 1 SO but the exit velocity on his balls in play were 95.3 mph, 107.1 mph and 107.4 mph.

- + Bauers became the third player to appear for the Rays this season before his 23rd birthday, joining **Christian Arroyo** and **Willy Adames**...no other team in the majors has used three positional players age 22 or younger this season...this is the first time the Rays have done that since 2007, when **Elijah Dukes**, **Joel Guzmán**, **Melvin Upton Jr.** and **Delmon Young** all played for the club.

DO IT LIKE PRUITT—Last night, **Austin Pruitt** went 7 IP, matching teammate **Ryan Yarbrough** on May 25 vs. BAL and CHC **Eddie Butler** on March 30 at MIA for the longest relief app in the majors this season, and matching the longest in franchise history (4th time)...he has gone at least 5 IP in four consecutive relief apps, the first pitcher to do that (without a start in between) since PIT **Bill Swift** from May 19-30, 1939 (4 straight).

- + Pruitt yielded 3 runs in the 2nd inning (his first inning of work), then allowed 2 runs over his next 6 IP...he retired 11 straight after the homer by **Mitch Haniger** and 12 of his last 13 BF.

ODDS & ENDS—Last night the Rays dropped to 21-14 (.600) when out-hitting their opponent, already more losses than they had last season when doing so...they were 62-12 (.838) when out-hitting opponents in 2017.

- + The Rays have played 24 games decided by 1-run margins, 2nd-most in the majors to the Mariners (28)...they are 9-15 (.375) in 1-run games, and the 15 losses in 1-run games are most in the majors.
- + The Rays have been swept in consecutive series and six times this season, tied for 3rd-most in the majors (Orioles 9, White Sox 8).
- + The Rays have a major-league-most 9 losses when yielding 2 runs or fewer...they are 9-9 (.500) in these games, compared to 40-6 (.870) last season...the club record is 12 losses in 2012.
- + Since 2015, the Rays have hit only two walk-off home runs, fewest in the majors...during that same span, they have yielded 14 walk-off home runs, tied with the Indians for most in the majors.

POWER OUTAGE—The Rays have hit 2 HR over their last 5 games, and their 58 HR this season are tied for 4th-fewest in the majors...only 35.0 pct. of their runs this season have scored via the home run, 4th-lowest rate in the majors, compared to a club-record 48.0 pct. last season.

- + The Rays are 14-1 (.933) when hitting at least 2 HR, best winning pct. in the majors when doing so...however, their 15 games with multiple homers are tied for 4th-fewest in the majors this season.
- + The Rays are 22-1 (.957) when scoring at least 5 runs this year.
- + The Rays haven't lost a game when scoring 8 runs or more since Sep 26, 2015 at TOR, going 52-0 when doing so since then.

20TH ANNIVERSARY FUN TOMORROW—The Rays will wear their throwback Devil Rays jerseys tomorrow as part of the season-long 20th Anniversary celebration...fans attending the game will receive a **Fred McGriff & Tino Martinez** Bobblehead, presented by Suncoast Credit Union, while supplies last...Fred and Tino are scheduled to attend the game and deliver ceremonial first pitches...Tino will be available for photos with Season Ticket Holders in the Republic Bank Draft Room from 3–3:30 p.m.

- + Tomorrow the Rays will welcome Tampa's Jefferson HS baseball team, which last week defeated Merritt Island to win the Class 6A FHSAA Baseball State Championship at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers...Fred (Class of 1981) and Tino (Class of 1985) are both alumni of Jefferson, and this was Jefferson's first trip to the state tournament since 1985, a team that boasted Tino as well as **Luis Gonzalez**.
- + In the 20th Anniversary Exhibit in Center Field Street tomorrow, Rays alumni **Roberto Hernández** and **Andy Sonnanstine** will sign autographs for free from 2:30–3:30 p.m. ...through July 1, the **McKenney Family** collection of autographed baseballs, featuring an autographed ball of every player in Rays history collected by the Season Ticket Holders, will be on display at the exhibit.

TONIGHT'S STARTER: RH WILMER FONT (0-2, 9.78 ERA)

CAREER MLB BREAKDOWN												
YEAR	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
2017	0	0	17.18	3	0	3.2	7	7	7	4	3	2
2018	0	2	9.78	14	0	23.0	34	25	25	8	18	11
Career	0	2	10.20	22	0	30.0	42	34	34	18	22	13

ARIAL VIEW—Is making his Tropicana Field debut...he is also making his first major league start, after 22 relief appearances spread over four seasons...he has made 105 minor league starts, and last season excelled as a starter with Triple-A Oklahoma City (Dodgers), earning Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Year honors as he went 10-8 with a 3.48 ERA (134.1-IP, 51-ER) in 25 starts...he ranked among PCL leaders in strikeouts (178, 1st), wins (10, tied for 2nd), WHIP (1.11, 1st), opp avg. (.222, 1st) and SO/9 IP ratio (11.93, 1st)...he was also named a midseason PCL All-Star, started the Triple-A All-Star Game and took home PCL Pitcher of the Week honors twice.

WEARING ALL CAPS—Acquired by the Rays from the A's on May 25 for minor league righthander **Peter Bayer**...he made the Dodgers Opening Day roster, but has designated for assignment by the Dodgers (April 23) and A's (May 23).

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM—Despite only 14 apps, he has allowed 11 HR, most in the majors among relievers—4 more than anyone else...BAL **Pedro Araujo**, COL **Chris Rusin**, COL **Bryan Shaw** and KC **Burch Smith** have each yielded 7 HR...since joining the Rays, he has crafted a 1.50 ERA (6-IP, 1-ER) in 4 apps, holding opponents to .143/.280/.286 (3-for-21) with 1 HR, a solo shot by SEA **Ryon Healy**...prior to this, he made 10 total apps between the Dodgers (6) and Athletics (4) and pitched to a 12.71 ERA (17-IP, 24-ER) while opponents hit .388/.424/.800 (31-for-80) with 10 HR...22 of his 25 runs allowed have scored via the home run (7 solo, one 2-run, two 3-run).

PACIFICO—Never faced the Mariners prior to last weekend in Seattle, when he made 2 apps as a reliever at Safeco Field (2-IP, 1-ER).

HEADING FOR A RECORD?—Will become the 13th different starting pitcher used by the Rays this season, extending their major league lead...the Dodgers rank 2nd with 11 starters, and the A's, Padres and Tigers are tied for 3rd with 10 each...this is only the fifth time in franchise history the Rays will use 13 different starting pitchers for an entire season, following 2004 (14), 2003 (14), 2000 (13) and 1999 (13)...the Rays used only eight starters all of last season—in fact, the 13 starters this season is only one shy of the previous three seasons combined (14 from 2015-17).

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2018 GAME LOG																
GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT	
4/1 vs. SF *	--	0.00	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21/13	W, 9-0	--	--	
4/2 at ARI *	L-1	3.38	4.1	5	2	2	1	4	0	0	0	74/51	L, 7-8 (15)	--	--	
4/7 at SF *	L-2	8.44	0.0	3	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	21/16	L, 5-7 (14)	--	--	
4/11 vs. OAK *	--	13.50	2.0	6	6	6	0	1	2	0	0	56/35	L, 6-16	--	--	
4/14 vs. ARI *	--	12.54	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	29/23	L, 1-9	--	--	
4/18 at SD *	--	11.32	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12/10	W, 13-4	--	--	
4/28 at HOU *	--	11.68	2.0	3	3	3	0	3	3	0	0	45/27	L, 0-11	--	--	
5/7 vs. HOU *	--	12.60	2.2	7	5	5	2	4	1	0	0	72/44	L, 2-16	--	--	
5/13 at NYY *	--	12.38	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	22/12	L, 2-6	--	--	
5/20 at TOR *	--	12.71	1.0	1	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	23/13	W, 9-2	--	--	
5/30 at OAK *	--	11.37	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	35/27	W, 6-0	--	--	
6/1 at SEA *	--	10.98	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	14/7	L, 3-4 (13)	--	--	
6/2 at SEA *	--	10.71	1.1	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	40/23	L, 1-2	--	--	
6/5 at WAS *	--	9.78	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	33/20	L, 2-4	--	--	

* indicates relief appearance

TOMORROW'S STARTER: LH BLAKE SNELL (7-3, 2.36 ERA)

LAST START—On Sun at SEA, pitched in front of family and friends and against his childhood idol, **Félix Hernández**...it was the first start of his career at Safeco Field, and he did not allow a run in 6 IP...he finished with 12 SO, the third time in his career he reached double digits, and one shy of a career high (13, Oct 1, 2017 vs. BAL)...he struck out his first seven batters faced, tying an AL record (also CWS **Joe Cowley** on May 28, 1986 at TEX and CWS **Carlos Rodón** on Sep 30, 2016 vs. MIN) and one shy of tying a modern major league record...he broke the Rays record for consecutive strikeouts to start a game (**Scott Kazmir**, 5 on Aug 25, 2007 vs. OAK) and tied the Rays record for consecutive strikeouts at any point in a game (also **Chris Archer** on Sep 11, 2015 vs. BOS and **Andy Sonnanstine** on June 10, 2007 at FLA)...his line: ND, 6 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 12 SO, 100 pit, 66 str.

+ Extended his streak to 19.2 IP without allowing an earned run...he became the first Ray to make three straight starts without allowing an earned run since **Jake Odorizzi** from July 22-Aug 3, 2016.

LOCAL PRODUCT—Is 1-1 with a 0.55 ERA (16.1-IP, 1-ER) in 3 starts against the Mariners, and 1-1 with a 0.87 ERA (10.1-IP, 5-R/1-ER) in 2 starts at home...was born in Seattle and raised in the area, graduating from Shorewood High School...he has volunteered to help coach the basketball team at his alma mater during each of the last two winters...Blake uses his experiences in baseball to help players with issues related to self-confidence...his father, **Dave Snell**, is in his fourth year as head baseball coach at Shoreline (Wash.) Community College...Dave pitched six minor league seasons with the Royals and Mariners systems from 1983-88.

+ Blake has a chocolate lab named **Junior**...he grew up watching almost every Mariners game with his father, and attended games at the Kingdome and Safeco Field...he is a big fan of the Washington Huskies and Seattle Seahawks...he attended a handful of games over the offseason and never misses the rest on television.

#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

#21 CHRISTIAN ARROYO • INF				2018: .294/.400/.412 • 0 HR • 4 RBI • 0 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: DNP	WAS Series: 0-2	Trip: 3-17, 2B, RBI, BB		vs. LH: .313 (5-16)	
Last HR: 5/5/17 at CIN	Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-3	RISP: .429 (3-7)		vs. RH: .278 (5-18)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Has appeared in 13 games and made 10 starts (5-3B, 4-2B, 1-DH) since his recall from Triple-A Durham on May 16, his first stint this season. + Six of his 10 starts have come against left-handed starters, but all 4 RBI have come vs. RHP...has as many walks (4) as strikeouts (4) vs. RHP. + According to Baseball Reference, his 10 hits include four to pull side, two up the middle and four to the opposite field. + Batting .217/.333/.304 (5-for-23) with the bases empty, .455/.538/.636 (5-for-11) with runners on base and .429/.500/.571 (3-for-7) with RISP. + Born in Tampa and went to Hernando HS, reaching the state semifinals in 2011...was acquired from the Giants in the Evan Longoria trade. 					
#9 JAKE BAUERS • 1B/OF				2018: .000/.000/.000 • 0 HR • 0 RBI • 0 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 0-4	WAS Series: --	Trip: --		vs. LH: --	
Last HR: --	Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-4	RISP: .000 (0-2)		vs. RH: .000 (0-4)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. SEA, made his major league debut at 22 years, 244 days old, becoming the youngest positional player to appear in a game for the Rays since Wil Myers in 2013...the exit velocity on his three balls in play were 95.3 mph, 107.1 mph and 107.4 mph, respectively. + Hit .279/.357/.426 (55-for-197) with 14 2B, 5 HR, 24 RBI and 10 SB in 52 games (51 starts; 45-1B, 4-LF, 2-RF) with Triple-A Durham. + Helped lead the Bulls to the Governors' Cup and Triple-A Championship last season...ranked among IL leaders in runs (79, 1st), walks (78, 2nd) and on-base pct. (.368, 5th)...entered this season ranked by <i>Baseball America</i> as the No. 45 overall prospect in the minors. 					
#44 C.J. CRON • 1B				2018: .256/.322/.462 • 13 HR • 33 RBI • 1 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 0-3, BB, GDP	WAS Series: 1-8, HR, RBI, R	Trip: 8-36, 2B, 2-HR, 3-RBI, 2-BB, 4-R		vs. LH: .309 (21-68), 4-HR	
Last HR: 6/6/18 at WAS	Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-4	RISP: .182 (10-55)		vs. RH: .235 (40-170), 9-HR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is 1-for-his-last-18...on Wed at WAS, hit a solo homer in the 5th inning off Tanner Roark to snap an 0-for-13 skid, his team-leading 13th HR. + Batting .176/.282/.297 (13-for-74) with 3 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI and 7 runs over his last 19 games (all starts) dating back to May 18 at LAA. + Has 17 multi-hit games, 2nd on the team to Matt Duffy (18)...his 17 multi-hit games already match his total from last season in 100 games. + His 13 HR are six more than any other Ray this season and only three shy of matching a career high (16 in 2015, 2016, 2017)...last season, he didn't reach 13 HR until Sep 2 at TEX in the Angels 136th game...is on pace for 35 HR, which has only been reached by three players in club history. + Has appeared in 60 games and made 59 starts (33-DH, 26-1B)...his 33 starts at designated hitter are his most since 2015 with the Angels (46). 					
#5 MATT DUFFY • INF				2018: .311/.352/.404 • 2 HR • 16 RBI • 2 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 2-4, 3B	WAS Series: 2-7, 2B, R	Trip: 9-32, 2B, RBI, BB, 2-R		vs. LH: .173 (9-52)	
Last HR: 5/12/18 at BAL (G1)	Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.364, 4-11)	RISP: .317 (13-41)		vs. RH: .366 (48-131), 2-HR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. SEA, recorded his team-leading 18th multi-hit game...in the 6th inning, hit his first triple since May 6, 2016 vs. COL (with SF). + Min. 100 AB, his .366 avg. (48-for-131) vs. RHP leads the majors, pct. points ahead of CIN Joey Votto (.366), but is batting .173 (9-for-52) vs. LHP. + Since returning from the 10-day DL (right hamstring strain) on April 27, is batting .333/.376/.431 (41-for-123) with 7 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR and 9 RBI. + On Fri at SEA, delivered a game-tying hit in the 9th inning or later for the second time in his career (also April 16, 2015 vs. ARI, 10th inning). + Both of his homers and 12 of his 16 RBI have come on the road, but is hitting for a higher avg. at home (.338) than on the road (.296). + Has appeared in 46 games, all starts (45-3B, 1-DH)...has made 6 errors in 123 chances for a .951 fielding pct., 4th-lowest in the AL at third base. 					
#10 JOHNNY FIELD • OF				2018: .256/.287/.470 • 6 HR • 14 RBI • 3 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 2-4, 2B, 3-RBI	WAS Series: 1-7, 2B	Trip: 7-34, 2-2B, 2-HR, 3-RBI, 3-R		vs. LH: .326 (14-43), 3-HR	
Last HR: 6/1/18 at SEA	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.500, 2-4)	RISP: .156 (5-32)		vs. RH: .216 (16-74), 3-HR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. SEA, his 3 RBI tied a career high (also April 28 at BOS), coming on a bases-clearing double in the 9th inning...it was the first bases-clearing double by a Ray since Matt Duffy on Sep 3, 2016 vs. TOR and the first by a No. 9 hitter since Luke Maile on Aug 16, 2016 vs. SD. + Since May 23, is batting .184/.200/.367 (9-for-49) with 3 2B, 2 HR and 6 RBI in 14 games (13 starts) to lower his season avg. from .309 to .256. + Five of his last 8 hits and seven of his last 12 hits have gone for extra bases...since the beginning of May, his 11 XBH are tied for the team lead. + Batting .156 (5-for-32) with RISP, but is 3-for-his-last-25 after a 2-for-7 start...batting .326 (14-for-43) vs. LHP, compared to .216 (16-for-74) vs. RHP. + Has appeared in 37 games and made 31 starts (12-RF, 11-LF, 8-CF) since his selection from Triple-A Durham on April 13. 					
#27 CARLOS GÓMEZ • OF				2018: .193/.266/.354 • 7 HR • 14 RBI • 4 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 1-3, R, HBP	WAS Series: 2-7, RBI, R	Trip: 4-27, 3B, HR, 2-RBI, 2-BB, 3-R		vs. LH: .179 (10-56), 2-HR	
Last HR: 6/1/18 at SEA	Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.300, 3-10)	RISP: .225 (9-40)		vs. RH: .200 (25-125), 5-HR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .167/.318/.389 (6-for-36) with 1 3B, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 4 BB, 4 SO and 4 HBP in 11 games (all starts) since he was reinstated from the 10-day DL. + His .193 avg. is 2nd-lowest among AL qualifiers, but his 7 Defensive Runs Saved in right field are tied for 2nd-most in the majors at his position. + His 7 HR are tied with Wilson Ramos and Daniel Robertson for 2nd on the team...six of his 7 HR this season have come with the bases empty. + Batting .313 (10-for-32) with 1 2B, 3 HR and 5 RBI when putting the first pitch in play...in all other counts, is batting .168 (25-for-149). + Has appeared in 48 games and made 47 starts (42-RF, 3-CF, 2-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. 					
#40 WILSON RAMOS • C				2018: .289/.335/.449 • 7 HR • 29 RBI • 0 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 1-4, 2B, R	WAS Series: 0-7, BB	Trip: 5-28, 2-2B, HR, 4-RBI, 3-BB, 3-R		vs. LH: .304 (17-56), 2-HR	
Last HR: 5/29/18 at OAK	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.250, 1-4)	RISP: .367 (18-49)		vs. RH: .282 (37-131), 5-HR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is 2-for-his-last-21...over his previous 13 games (all starts) from May 16-31, he hit .388/.434/.612 (19-for-49) with 2 2B, 3 HR and 10 RBI. + Leads AL catchers with 54 hits, ahead of Jonathan Lucroy (44) and James McCann (44)...ranks 4th among AL catchers with 29 RBI. + Has hit cleanup as the starting catcher in 23 games...prior to this season, the Rays had started a catcher at cleanup only 16 times in club history. + His 12 GDP are 3rd-most in the majors...since his Rays debut last June 24, his 23 GDP are most in the majors, ahead of LAA Albert Pujols (22). + Has appeared in 49 games and made 48 starts (43-C, 5-DH)...is 1-for-21 throwing out base stealers (caught Dee Gordon on Thurs vs. SEA). 					
#8 ROB REFSNYDER • INF/OF				2018: .200/.358/.338 • 2 HR • 5 RBI • 0 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: DNP	WAS Series: 0-0	Trip: 2-12, HR, 3-RBI, R		vs. LH: .171 (7-41), 2-HR	
Last HR: 5/30/18 at OAK	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.333, 1-3)	RISP: .150 (3-20)		vs. RH: .250 (6-24)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .292/.433/.500 (7-for-24) with 2 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI and 6 BB over his last 9 games (8 starts) on the heels of a 1-for-16 skid. + Has walked in 19.5 pct. of his plate appearances this season, highest in the majors (min. 50 PA)...has 11 BB vs. LHP, tied for 4th in the AL. + On May 30 at OAK, hit the fourth homer of his career and second this season (April 27 at BOS)...it was his first with 2 runners (or more) on base. + Has appeared in 32 games and made 25 starts (15-LF, 7-DH, 3-RF), including 19 starts vs. LHP...only made 4 starts in the outfield last season. 					
#28 DANIEL ROBERTSON • INF				2018: .263/.392/.437 • 7 HR • 18 RBI • 1 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 1-5, HR, RBI, R, E6	WAS Series: 0-4	Trip: 8-32, HR, RBI, 2-BB, 3-R		vs. LH: .260 (13-50), 3-HR	
Last HR: 6/7/18 vs. SEA	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.200, 1-5)	RISP: .195 (8-41)		vs. RH: .265 (31-117), 4-HR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + His .392 OBP ranks 6th in the AL behind Trout (.444), Betts (.437), Judge (.401), Simmons (.399) and Ramírez (.396)...ranks 7th in the AL with 32 BB—compared to 29 BB all of last season—and his 12 BB vs. LHP rank 3rd in the AL to NYY Aaron Judge (17) and LAA Andrelton Simmons (13). + Yesterday vs. SEA, hit a solo homer off Mike Leake in the 3rd inning...was his fourth homer in his last 18 games (all starts) since May 18. + Has 13 multi-hit games, compared to 9 multi-hit games all of last season...his 7 HR pass last year's total (5), and his 18 RBI are one shy of 2017. + Since April 29, is batting .220/.328/.349 (24-for-109) with 2 2B, 4 HR and 10 RBI in 31 games (28 starts), compared to .355/.500/.597 before that. + Has appeared in 52 games with 48 starts (21-SS, 17-2B, 8-3B, 2-DH), and his last 12 starts have come at shortstop...has made 5 errors, all at shortstop, and has a .932 fielding pct. there this season...at second base, has handled his last 120 chances without an error and has a career .995 fielding pct. 					
#0 MALLEX SMITH • OF				2018: .265/.335/.346 • 0 HR • 12 RBI • 11 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: 2-4, R	WAS Series: 0-6, BB	Trip: 3-32, 2B, RBI, BB		vs. LH: .263 (10-38)	
Last HR: 7/21/17 vs. TEX	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.500, 2-4)	RISP: .286 (12-42)		vs. RH: .265 (39-147)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is 2-for-his-last-19 and 3-for-his-last-30...yesterday vs. SEA, his 5th-inning single snapped an 0-for-16 skid; added a 9th-inning single as well. + Since May 6, is batting .198/.264/.271 (19-for-96) with 5 2B, 1 3B and 7 RBI in 29 games (24 starts) to lower his season avg. from .337 to .265. + On Tues at WAS, was ejected by third base umpire Tom Woodring in the 8th inning, his first career ejection (argued check swing call). + Ranks among AL leaders in infield hits (14, 3rd), bunt hits (3, tied for 6th), triples (3, tied for 6th), stolen bases (11, tied for 8th) and caught stealing (6, 1st)...has the longest active homerless drought in the majors (excluding pitchers), having gone 297 AB since his last homer last July 21. + Against LHP, is 1-for-his-last-17 and 4-for-his-last-32 since a 6-for-6 start to the season...entered this season batting .165 (15-for-91) vs. LHP. + Has appeared in 56 games and made 48 starts (38-CF, 6-LF, 4-RF)...his 5 errors are tied for the most among major league outfielders. 					

RAYS HITTER NOTES (cont'd).

#45 JESÚS SUCRE • C	Pronunciation: heh-SOOS SUE-cray	2018: .215/.246/.231 • 0 HR • 4 RBI • 1 SB	
Thurs vs. SEA: DNP Last HR: 9/24/17 at BAL	WAS Series: DNP Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.333, 1-3)	Trip: 3-15 RISP: .211 (4-19)	vs. LH: .125 (3-24) vs. RH: .268 (11-41)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .125/.167/.125 (5-for-40) with 1 RBI over his last 13 games (11 starts) since April 29...for the season, 13 of his 14 hits have been singles. + Has appeared in 21 games and made 18 starts at catcher...has thrown out 25.0 pct. of base stealers this season and 27.9 pct. in his career. + Batting .304/.360/.304 (7-for-23) in 7 games (6 starts) at Tropicana Field, compared to .167/.182/.190 (7-for-42) in 14 games (12 starts) on the road. + On May 28 at OAK, went 2-for-5, threw out a potential base stealer in the 4th and threw out the lead runner at third on a bunt att. in the 9th. 			

#18 JOEY WENDLE • INF			2018: .281/.328/.386 • 2 HR • 14 RBI • 5 SB
Thurs vs. SEA: 1-4, GDP Last HR: 5/29/18 at OAK	WAS Series: 2-8 Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.250, 3-12)	Trip: 8-31, 2B, HR, RBI, BB, 3-R RISP: .163 (7-43)	vs. LH: .304 (7-23) vs. RH: .277 (41-148), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .289/.326/.361 (24-for-83) with 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR and 5 RBI over his last 22 games (19 starts) dating back to May 11 at BAL. + According to FanGraphs, has 5 Defensive Runs Saved in 363.1 innings at second base, 3rd in the majors and 2nd in the AL at his position. + Ranks among AL rookie leaders in hits (48, 2nd), multi-hit games (12, 2nd), triples (3, tied for 1st) walks (12, tied for 4th) and steals (5, tied for 1st). + Batting .315/.353/.426 (34-for-108) with 2 HR and 9 RBI in 30 games (25 starts) on the road and .222/.286/.317 (14-for-63) with 5 RBI at home. + Has appeared in 50 games and made 40 starts (38-2B, 1-3B, 1-SS), all against right-handed starters. 			

RAYS BULLPEN NOTES

#46 JOSÉ ALVARADO • LH	Pronunciation: al-vuh-RAH-doh	2018: 0-2-1 • 2.73 ERA • 26 G	
Last App: 6/6 at WAS (1.0-IP, 2-H, 1-R, 0-ER, 0-BB, 0-SO, 22-pit)	Long Relief App: 1.2, 3x-last 6/1 at SEA Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-none, Loss-6/3/18 at SEA, Save-4/30/18 at DET	Saves-Opps: 1-3 IR-RS: 19-5	vs. LH: .184 (7-38) vs. RH: .218 (12-55)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Wed at WAS, yielded back-to-back 1-out singles and was charged an unearned run on a passed ball with 2 outs in the 8th inning. + Has allowed run(s) in four of his last 7 apps, pitching to a 3.72 ERA (9.2-IP, 4-ER) over this stretch, after a run of eight consecutive scoreless apps. + Is 0-1 with a 1.93 ERA (18.2-IP, 4-ER) in 18 apps on the road...in comparison, is 0-1 with a 4.70 ERA (7.2-IP, 4-ER) in 8 apps at Tropicana Field. + His avg. fastball velocity this season is 97.8 mph, according to StatCast, and his max velocity is 100.3 mph in his outing on April 28 at BOS. 			

#35 MATT ANDRIESE • RH	Pronunciation: ann-DREESE	2018: 1-3-0 • 3.31 ERA • 17 G • 2 GS	
Last App: 6/1 at SEA (L, 1.0-IP, 2-H, 1-R, 0-BB, 1-SO, 1-HR, 20-pit)	Long Relief App: 3.0, 2x-last 5/28 at OAK Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/17/18 at KC, Loss-6/1/18 at SEA, Save-8/28/17 at KC	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 5-2	vs. LH: .200 (11-55), 2-HR vs. RH: .241 (19-79), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Fri at SEA, yielded a walk-off homer to Mitch Haniger in the 13th, the fourth time in his career he was on the mound for a walk-off loss. + Over his last 12 apps (2 starts) since April 21, is 1-3 with a 1.69 ERA (26.2-IP, 5-ER) and 26 SO...this stretch has lowered his ERA from 8.31 to 3.31. + In addition to starts of 3.1 IP and 3 IP, has gone at least 2 IP in 10 of 15 relief apps...six of his 10 relief apps of 2 IP or more have been scoreless. + In his career, has gone 3-7 with a 3.60 ERA (85-IP, 34-ER) in his 43 relief apps and 14-14 with a 4.47 ERA (229.2-IP, 114-ER) in his 46 starts. 			

#63 DIEGO CASTILLO • RH			2018: 0-0-0 • 0.00 ERA • 1 G
Last App: 6/6 at WAS (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 2-SO, 21-pit)	Long Relief App: 1.0, 6/6 at WAS Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-none, Loss-none, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 0-0	vs. LH: .000 (0-1) vs. RH: .000 (0-2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Wed at WAS, made his major league debut and pitched a perfect 7th inning, including strikeouts of Brian Goodwin and Trea Turner. + Recalled from Triple-A Durham on Tuesday...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. + Split last season between Double-A Montgomery and Durham, earning a June 3 promotion...combined to go 4-5 with a 2.76 ERA (71.2-IP, 22-ER) and 15 saves in 51 apps (1 start) between the two levels...named Minor League Reliever of the Year by the Rays Baseball Operations department. + Signed out of the Dominican Republic on March 5, 2014...according to <i>Baseball America</i>, he has touched 101 mph with his four-seam fastball. 			

#38 VIDAL NUÑO • LH	Pronunciation: vee-DAHL NOON-yoh	2018: 1-0-0 • 3.00 ERA • 4 G	
Last App: 5/31 at OAK (1.0-IP, 1-H, 2-R, 1-BB, 0-SO, 1-HR, 17-pit)	Long Relief App: 3.0, 5/27 vs. BAL Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/27/18 vs. BAL, Loss-5/12/17 at KC, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 3-3	vs. LH: .143 (1-7), 1-HR vs. RH: .214 (3-14)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On May 31 at OAK, yielded a 2-run homer to Matt Joyce in the 8th inning, his first allowed to a lefty since April 28, 2017 at NYY (Ellsbury). + Has yielded 6 BB in his 4 apps spanning 6 IP with the Rays...in comparison, yielded only 3 BB in 40.1 IP with Triple-A Durham prior to his May 23 selection to the active roster, replacing Jake Faria (disabled list)...went 3-1 with a 3.57 ERA (40.1-IP, 16-ER) in 8 apps (7 starts) for the Bulls. + Has gone 6-21 (.222) with a 4.24 ERA in 140 apps (42 starts) in the majors...his winning pct. is the lowest among active pitchers (min. 20 decisions). 			

#52 CHAZ ROE • RH			2018: 0-1-0 • 3.63 ERA • 29 G
Last App: 6/7 vs. SEA (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 2-SO, 11-pit)	Long Relief App: 1.1, 2x-last 6/1 at SEA Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-9/12/16 vs. MIA, Loss-3/30/18 vs. BOS, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 16-4	vs. LH: .143 (2-14), 1-HR vs. RH: .227 (15-66), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. SEA, pitched a perfect 9th inning, retiring the Mariners 8-9-1 batters...has retired his last 12 BF since May 29 at OAK. + His last 7 apps spanning 6 IP have been scoreless, as have nine of his last 10 apps...has made a team-high 29 apps, ahead of Alvarado/Romo (26). + Has entered with the Rays tied or ahead in 23 of his 29 apps this season...has entered in the 7th inning or later in 21 of his 29 apps. + According to FanGraphs, has thrown his slider for 53.3 pct. of total pitches this season...has thrown it 44.6 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: 1-1-1 • 5.87 ERA • 26 G • 5 GS
Last App: 6/6 at WAS (0.1-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO, 4-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 4/29 at BOS Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/12/18 at BAL (G2), Loss-5/25/18 vs. BAL, Save-5/29/18 at OAK	Saves-Opps: 1-4 IR-RS: 15-9	vs. LH: .323 (10-31), 1-HR vs. RH: .246 (15-61), 3-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Wed at WAS, replaced Ryan Yarbrough for the final out of the 6th inning...allowed an inherited runner to score on a stolen base/E2. + Is 0-1-1 with a 12.46 ERA (4.1-IP, 6-ER) over his last 6 apps (3 starts) since May 25...this comes on the heels of six consecutive scoreless apps. + Has pitched to a 2.60 ERA (17.1-IP, 5-ER) in 17 apps (3 starts) on the road, compared to a 15.88 ERA (5.2-IP, 10-ER, 3-HR) in 9 apps (2 starts) at home. + On May 29 at OAK, yielded 2 runs in the 9th inning but recorded his first save since Oct 1, 2016 vs. LAD (with SF), going 604 days in between. + Has gone 1.0, 1.1, 0.2, 0.1 and 1.1 IP in his 5 starts, with 3, 6, 5, 4 and 5 BF in those starts, respectively...has allowed 4 ER in 4.2 IP as a starter. 			

#55 RYNE STANEK • RH	Pronunciation: STAN-ik	2018: 1-1-0 • 3.38 ERA • 12 G • 3 GS	
Last App: 6/7 vs. SEA (GS, 1.0-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 2-BB, 2-SO, 30-pit)	Long Relief App: 1.2, 2x-last 5/28 at OAK Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/28/18 at OAK, Loss-5/31/18 at OAK, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 4-3	vs. LH: .059 (1-17) vs. RH: .200 (6-30), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. SEA, made the third start of his career, all since May 26, and escaped a bases-loaded, 1-out jam for a scoreless 1st inning...threw 30 pitches, his most since his season debut on May 8 vs. ATL (40 pitches in 1.2 IP)...was his fifth app (second start) at home, all scoreless. + Seven of his last 8 apps (3 starts) have been scoreless...has yielded 2 runs in 9.2 IP over this span, bringing his season ERA from 7.36 to 3.38. + His avg. fastball velocity this season is 98.3 mph, according to StatCast, and his max velocity is 100.5 mph in his start on May 26 vs. BAL. + Had a 1.86 ERA (9.2-IP, 2-ER) and 17 SO in 10 apps for Triple-A Durham...recalled on May 19 for his second stint this season (also May 5-12). 			

#49 JONNY VENTERS • LH			2018: 1-1-1 • 5.06 ERA • 15 G • 1 GS
Last App: 6/6 at WAS (GS/L, 0.1-IP, 3-H, 5-R, 2-BB, 1-SO, 23-pit)	Long Relief App: 1.2, 5/18 at LAA Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/15/18 at KC, Loss-6/6/18 at WAS, Save-5/28/18 at OAK	Saves-Opps: 1-1 IR-RS: 5-0	vs. LH: .059 (1-17), 1-HR vs. RH: .273 (6-22)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Wed at WAS, made the first start of his career after 244 relief apps...allowed 5 of 6 BF to reach base and all 5 came around to score. + Is 1-0-1 with a 0.87 ERA (10.1-IP, 1-ER) in 14 apps as a reliever compared to 0-1 with a 135.00 ERA (0.1-IP, 5-ER) in his only start of the season. + Became the first pitcher in major league history to start a game after three Tommy John surgeries...became the 13th pitcher to start a game after two Tommy John surgeries, and the second to do so for the Rays, following Nathan Eovaldi, who has made 2 starts so far this season. + His avg. fastball velocity is 92.3 mph, according to FanGraphs, compared to 94.5 mph in his three previous seasons in the majors (2010-12). + Underwent Tommy John surgery in 2005, 2013 and 2014—and in 2016, he underwent an additional "half-Tommy John"...upon further review, FanGraphs notes he is the second pitcher to ever return to the majors after three Tommy John surgeries, following Jason Isringhausen. 			

