



TORONTO BLUE JAYS™

POST GAME NOTES for Sunday, September 23, 2018 TAMPA BAY RAYS (87-68) at TORONTO BLUE JAYS (71-85)

	R	H	E	LOB
TAMPA BAY	5	5	1	5
TORONTO	2	8	1	7

WP: Snell (21-5) LP: Borucki (4-5) SAVE: Romo (23)

BLUE JAYS NOTES:

- Finished with a series split and are now 5-11 vs. Tampa Bay...Have gone 29-44 in divisional games (42-41 against all others)...Are back to .500 at home (39-39)...Fall to 15-36 in games vs. LH starters (56-49 vs. RHPs)...Lost a game when out-hitting their opponent for the 9th time.
- RYAN BORUCKI** allowed 2 runs on 3 hits over 7.0 innings...Has allowed 3-or-less hits in 4 straight starts to tie a Blue Jays record (Guzman in 1991, Clemens in 1998, Estrada in 2015)...Lowered his home ERA to 2.64 (13 ER/44.1 IP) and his September ERA to 1.98 (6 ER/27.1 IP).
- DANNY JANSEN** singled twice, drew a walk and scored a run...Reached base 3 times in a game for the 2nd time (also 8/25 vs. PHI)...Has hits and has scored in each of his last 4 starts.
- RICHARD URENA** had a pair of singles...Marked his 2nd multi-hit game of the season (also 5/17 vs. OAK)...Has hits in 16 of his 21 starts...Is now batting .266 (21-for-79) with 4-2B, 1-HR and 6-RBI while up with the Jays this season.
- KEVIN PILLAR** also singled twice for his team-leading 35th multi-hit game.
- ALEDMYS DIAZ** singled in a run in the 8th inning...Has gone 10-for-26 (.385) with 3-2B, 1-HR and 6-RBI over his 9 contests.

Game at a Glance	
First Pitch	1:07 pm
Last Pitch	3:48 pm
Game Time:	2:41
Weather	17°C/63°F
Wind	E, 11km/7mph
Attendance:	23,944
Rogers Centre Average:.....	29,225
Rogers Centre Total:.....	2,250,320
Home Record	39-39
Homestand	2-1
vs. TB (Season).....	5-10
vs. TB (Series)	2-1
vs. RHS/LHS	56-49/15-35
1-run	22-16
Extra Innings.....	10-6
Come From Behind Wins	41
Dome Open	20-19
Dome Closed.....	19-18
Dome Open/Closed.....	0-1

RAYS NOTES:

- Earned a split of the four-game series and are now 11-5 against the Jays this year...Improved to 38-31 in divisional contests...Finished their road schedule at 39-42.
- BLAKE SNELL** earned his MLB-leading 21st win...Tossed 6.2 scoreless innings, allowing 3 hits and 2 walks while recording 11 strikeouts...Improved to 9-0 in 10 starts since Aug. 4, posting a 1.11 ERA (7 ER/56.2 IP) over that stretch...Lowered his AL-best ERA to 1.90 (37 ER/175.2 IP)...Came into today with 200 strikeouts, 9th most among AL pitchers.
- C.J. CRON** hit his 28th home run to extend his career high (16 HR in each of his last 3 seasons), a solo shot in the 8th inning...Also had an RBI double in the 6th...Has reached base safely in 8 straight games while batting .429 (9-for-21) with 1-2B, 1-3B, 2-HR and 8-RBI.
- BRANDON LOWE** notched his 6th homer with a two-run shot in the 8th...All 6 HR have come in his last 21 games...His last 3 HR have come off lefties (Fernandez today).
- JOEY WENDLE** drove in the 1st run of the day with an RBI double in the 4th inning...Has 7 doubles in his last 7 games...Is batting .335 (91-for-272) in road games this year.
- TOMMY PHAM** singled, walked twice and scored a pair of runs...Is now batting .347 (42-for-121) with 5-2B, 5-3B, 6-HR and 19-RBI in 32 games as a Ray...Extended his career-best on-base streak to 25 games - the longest active streak in the AL...Has gone 40-for-99 (.404) over that span.

HOME RUNS	#	Outs	Type	Field	Count	Off	Inning	Score Before
Cron	28	2	1R	LF	3-2	Bigiani	8 th	0-2
Lowe	6	2	2R	RF	0-1	Fernandez	8 th	0-3

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS: (All Times Eastern)

Monday, September 24 vs. Houston Astros, 7:07 pm...LHP Dallas Keuchel (11-11, 3.71) vs. RHP Marco Estrada (7-13, 5.57)
 Tuesday, September 25 vs. Houston Astros, 7:07 pm...RHP Josh James (1.0, 2.81) vs. RHP Sam Gaviglio (3-8, 5.18)
 Wednesday, September 26 vs. Houston Astros, 4:07 pm...LHP Framber Valdez (3-1, 2.20) vs. TBA

Tampa Bay Rays 5, Toronto Blue Jays 2
September 23, 2018

Rays starting lineup:

Mallex Smith (RF), Tommy Pham (LF), Matt Duffy (3B), C.J. Cron (DH), Joey Wendle (SS), Brandon Lowe (2B), Kevin Kiermaier (CF), Jake Bauers (1B), Jesus Sucre (C), Blake Snell (P),

Blue Jays starting lineup:

Jonathan Davis (LF), Lourdes Gurriel Jr. (SS), Aledmys Diaz (3B), Randal Grichuk (RF), Kevin Pillar (CF), Rowdy Tellez (1B), Teoscar Hernandez (DH), Danny Jansen (C), Richard Urena (2B), Ryan Borucki (P),

Umpires -- Sean Barber (HP), Andy Fletcher (1B), Jeff Nelson (2B), Laz Diaz (3B), (LF), (RF).

Gametime Weather: 63 degrees, Sunny.

Wind: 7 MPH, R To L.

First pitch by R. Borucki at 01:07 PM local time.

Rays 1st (Rays 0, Blue Jays 0) -- M. Smith strikes out on foul tip. T. Pham walks. M. Duffy grounds into a force out, L. Gurriel Jr. to R. Urena, T. Pham out at 2nd. C. Cron strikes out on foul tip.

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

Blue Jays 1st (Rays 0, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Davis grounds out, J. Wendle to J. Bauers. L. Gurriel Jr. strikes out swinging. A. Diaz grounds out, M. Duffy to J. Bauers.

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

Rays 2nd (Rays 0, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Wendle flies out to K. Pillar. B. Lowe strikes out swinging. K. Kiermaier strikes out swinging.

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

Blue Jays 2nd (Rays 0, Blue Jays 0) -- R. Grichuk strikes out swinging, J. Sucre to J. Bauers. K. Pillar strikes out swinging. R. Tellez grounds out, J. Wendle to J. Bauers.

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

Rays 3rd (Rays 0, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Bauers strikes out swinging. J. Sucre strikes out swinging. M. Smith grounds out, L. Gurriel Jr. to R. Tellez.

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

Blue Jays 3rd (Rays 0, Blue Jays 0) -- T. Hernandez strikes out swinging. D. Jansen singles down the left-field line, D. Jansen out at 2nd, T. Pham to B. Lowe. R. Urena singles up the middle. J. Davis lines out to K. Kiermaier.

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

Rays 4th (Rays 1, Blue Jays 0) -- T. Pham singles to left field. With M. Duffy batting, T. Pham steals 2nd base. M. Duffy flies out to R. Grichuk. C. Cron flies out to R. Grichuk, T. Pham to 3rd. J. Wendle doubles through the hole at second base, T. Pham scores. B. Lowe grounds out, R. Urena to R. Tellez.

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

Blue Jays 4th (Rays 1, Blue Jays 0) -- L. Gurriel Jr. strikes out swinging. A. Diaz grounds out, J. Wendle to J. Bauers. R. Grichuk flies out to K. Kiermaier.

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

Rays 5th (Rays 1, Blue Jays 0) -- K. Kiermaier reaches on fielding error by R. Tellez. J. Bauers grounds into double play, A. Diaz to L. Gurriel Jr. to R. Tellez, K. Kiermaier out at 2nd. J. Sucre lines out to K. Pillar.

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

Blue Jays 5th (Rays 1, Blue Jays 0) -- K. Pillar reaches on throwing error by J. Wendle. R. Tellez flies out to T. Pham. With T. Hernandez batting, K. Pillar caught stealing 2nd base, J. Sucre to B. Lowe. T. Hernandez walks. D. Jansen walks, T. Hernandez to 2nd. With R. Urena batting, T. Hernandez steals 3rd base. R. Urena strikes out swinging.

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

Rays 6th (Rays 2, Blue Jays 0) -- M. Smith strikes out swinging. T. Pham walks. M. Duffy out on a sacrifice bunt, R. Borucki to R. Tellez, T. Pham to 2nd. C. Cron hits a ground rule double to right field, T. Pham scores. R. Borucki intentionally walks J. Wendle. B. Lowe flies out to R. Grichuk.

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

Blue Jays 6th (Rays 2, Blue Jays 0) -- J. Davis strikes out swinging. L. Gurriel Jr. struck out looking. A. Diaz struck out looking.

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

Rays 7th (Rays 2, Blue Jays 0) -- K. Kiermaier grounds out, R. Borucki to R. Tellez. J. Bauers grounds out, R. Tellez to R. Borucki. J. Sucre walks. M. Smith lines out to L. Gurriel Jr.

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

Blue Jays 7th (Rays 2, Blue Jays 0) -- R. Grichuk struck out looking. K. Pillar singles to shallow left field. R. Tellez struck out looking. Pitcher Change: C. Roe replaces B. Snell. T. Hernandez grounds out, J. Wendle to J. Bauers.

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

Rays 8th (Rays 5, Blue Jays 0) -- Pitcher Change: J. Biagini replaces R. Borucki. T. Pham pops out to R. Tellez in foul territory. M. Duffy grounds out, A. Diaz to R. Tellez. C. Cron hits a home run to left field on a 3-2 pitch. Pitcher Change: J. Fernandez replaces J. Biagini. J. Wendle walks. B. Lowe hits a home run to right field on a 0-1 pitch, J. Wendle scores. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter A. Meadows replaces K. Kiermaier on a 1-0 count. A. Meadows flies out to K. Pillar.

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

Blue Jays 8th (Rays 5, Blue Jays 2) -- A. Meadows remains in the game as the right fielder. Pitcher Change: A. Kittredge replaces C. Roe. Defensive switch from right field to center field for M. Smith. D. Jansen singles to second base. R. Urena singles to right field, D. Jansen to 3rd; R. Urena to 2nd on the throw. J. Davis grounds out, M. Duffy to J. Bauers. L. Gurriel Jr. grounds out, J. Wendle to J. Bauers, D. Jansen scores; R. Urena to 3rd. A. Diaz singles to left field, R. Urena scores. Pitcher Change: R. Stanek replaces A. Kittredge. R. Grichuk pops out to M. Duffy.

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

Rays 9th (Rays 5, Blue Jays 2) -- Pitcher Change: D. Paulino replaces J. Fernandez. J. Bauers grounds out, D. Paulino to R. Tellez. J. Sucre grounds out, L. Gurriel Jr. to R. Tellez. M. Smith flies out to J. Davis.

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

Blue Jays 9th (Rays 5, Blue Jays 2) -- Pitcher Change: S. Romo replaces R. Stanek. K. Pillar singles to center field. R. Tellez flies out to T. Pham. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter J. Smoak replaces T. Hernandez. J. Smoak lines out to A. Meadows. Offensive Substitution: Pinch hitter K. Morales replaces D. Jansen. K. Morales singles to center field, K. Pillar to 2nd. Offensive Substitution: Pinch runner A. Alford replaces K. Morales. R. Urena grounds out to J. Bauers.

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

Final: Rays 5, Blue Jays 2

WP: Blake Snell (21-5).

LP: Ryan Borucki (4-5).

SV: Sergio Romo (23).

Time: 2:41.

Attendance: 23944.

Official Scorer: Herb Morell.

Tampa Bay Rays (87-68) 5, Toronto Blue Jays (71-85) 2
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	5	5	1
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	1

	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Tampa Bay												
Smith, M, RF-CF	.299	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Pham, LF	.347	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1
Duffy, M, 3B	.295	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Cron, DH	.257	4	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
Wendle, SS	.301	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	5
Lowe, B, 2B	.233	4	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0
Kiermaier, CF	.220	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
a-Meadows, PH-RF	.333	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bauers, 1B	.198	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0
Sucre, C	.215	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	2
Snell, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roe, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kittredge, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staneck, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romo, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.260	31	5	5	2	0	2	5	5	7	27	10

a-Flined out for Kiermaier in the 8th.

BATTING

2B: Wendle (31, Borucki); Cron (27, Borucki).

HR: Cron (28, 8th inning off Biagini, 0 on, 2 out); Lowe, B (6, 8th inning off Fernandez, J, 1 on, 2 out).

RBI: Wendle (57); Cron 2 (70); Lowe, B 2 (21).

SAC: Duffy, M (off Borucki).

GIDP: Bauers.

Team RISP: 2-for-6.

Team LOB: 5.

BASERUNNING

SB: Pham (13, 2nd base off Borucki/Jansen).

FIELDING

E: Wendle (7).

Outfield assists: Pham (Jansen at 2nd base).

	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Toronto												
Davis, LF	.167	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Gurriel Jr., SS	.282	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	4
Diaz, A, 3B	.262	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Grichuk, RF	.241	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
Pillar, CF	.249	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Tellez, 1B	.373	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1
Hernandez, T, DH	.239	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
a-Smoak, PH-DH	.244	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jansen, C	.267	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0
b-Morales, PH	.252	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-Alford, PR	.125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urena, R, 2B	.266	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Borucki, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Biagini, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fernandez, J, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paulino, D, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	.244	34	2	8	0	0	0	2	2	11	27	11

a-Lined out for Hernandez, T in the 9th. b-Singled for Jansen in the 9th.

1-Ran for Morales in the 9th.

BATTING

RBI: Gurriel Jr. (35); Diaz, A (54).

Team RISP: 1-for-5.

Team LOB: 7.

BASERUNNING

SB: Hernandez, T (4, 3rd base off Snell/Sucre).

CS: Pillar (3, 2nd base by Snell/Sucre).

FIELDING

E: Tellez (2).

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

Tampa Bay	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
Snell (W, 21-5)	1.90	6.2	3	0	0	2	11	0	24
Roe	3.51	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kittredge	6.69	0.2	3	2	2	0	0	0	5
Stanek	2.70	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Romo (S, 23)	3.66	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	3.63	9.0	8	2	2	2	11	0	36
Toronto	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
Borucki (L, 4-5)	3.76	7.0	3	2	2	4	7	0	28
Biagini	5.77	0.2	1	1	1	0	0	1	3
Fernandez, J	6.00	0.1	1	2	2	1	0	1	3
Paulino, D	1.93	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals	4.85	9.0	5	5	5	5	7	2	37

Team ER: off Tampa Bay 2, off Toronto 5.

BB: off Snell 2 (Hernandez, T, Jansen); off Borucki 4 (Pham, Pham, Wendle, Sucre); Fernandez, J (Wendle).

IBB: off Borucki 1 (Wendle).

SO: by Snell 11 (Gurriel Jr., Grichuk, Pillar, Hernandez, T, Gurriel Jr., Urena, R, Davis, Gurriel Jr., Diaz, A, Grichuk, Tellez); by Borucki 7 (Smith, M, Cron, Lowe, B, Kiermaier, Bauers, Sucre, Smith, M).

Pitches-strikes: Snell 100-60; Roe 6-3; Kittredge 10-6; Stanek 2-1; Romo 15-13; Borucki 101-60; Biagini 11-6; Fernandez, J 11-5; Paulino, D 19-12.

Inherited runners-scored: Roe 1-0; Stanek 1-0.

Umpires: HP: Sean Barber. 1B: Andy Fletcher. 2B: Jeff Nelson. 3B: Laz Diaz.

Official Scorer: Herb Morell.

Weather: 63 degrees, sunny.

Wind: 7 mph, R to L.

First pitch: 1:07 PM.

T: 2:41.

Att: 23,944.

Venue: Rogers Centre.

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