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TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 at PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES RH Chris Archer vs. RH Drew Hutchison

First Pitch: 1:05 p.m. | Location: Spectrum Field, Clearwater, Fla. | TV: MLB Network | Radio: None

Game No: 18 (7-9-1) | vs. AL: 5-8-1 | vs. NL: 2-1-0 | Home: 2-7-0 | Road: 5-2-1

Day 28 of Spring Training | 16 Days Until Opening Day—Thursday, March 29 vs. Boston Red Sox at Tropicana Field (4:00 p.m.)

ROSTER MOVES—Prior to Sunday's game, the Rays released LH Dan Runzler, reassigned 1B/OF Joe McCarthy, C Brett Sullivan and RH Ryan Weber to minor league camp and optioned INF Willy Adames, INF Christian Arroyo, 1B/OF Jake Bauers, RH Diego Castillo, RH José Mujica, RH Jaime Schultz, OF Justin Williams and RH Hunter Wood to Durham... the Rays have 47 players remaining in camp: 26 pitchers, 5 catchers, 10 infielders and 6 outfielders.

ON THE BACKFIELDS—During yesterday's off day, LH Blake Snell and RH Sergio Romo pitched in an intrasquad game...Snell: 4.1 IP, 2 H, 1 R/ER, 1 BB, 8 SO, 1 WP, 59 pitches/44 strikes...Romo: 1.2 IP, 1 H, 1 R/ER.

SPRING THINGS—This is the Rays 21st spring training and 10th in Charlotte County...over the past 10 years, the Rays have won three Grapefruit League titles (2008, 2010, 2014) while winning at least 15 games seven times—something they were unable to do in 10 springs from 1998–2007.

- + A recent study for USA Today ranked Charlotte Sports Park as the No. 1 spring training destination for food-and-drink as well as for family friendliness...the study noted rave reviews of the pork nachos and Oreo churros, and the ballpark's "Kid Clubhouse" playground and affordable prices...overall, it ranked as the No. 4 spring training destination in Florida.

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

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

STAFF SHUFFLING—The coaching staff under Manager Kevin Cash features only two coaches returning to the same position as last season: hitting coach Chad Mottola and bullpen coach Stan Boroski...new to the staff are third base coach Matt Quatraro, pitching coach Kyle Snyder and first base coach Ozzie Timmons...in addition, Charlie Montoyo moves from third base coach to bench coach and Rocco Baldelli moves from first base coach to the newly created role of major league field coordinator.

- + Including Cash, five former Rays have gone on to manage in the majors...Mickey Callaway (Mets), Gabe Kapler (Phillies) and Dave Martinez (Nationals) are current skippers...previously, Ozzie Guillén managed the White Sox from 2004-11 and Marlins in 2012.
- + Five members of this reconfigured coaching staff once played in the Rays organization: Cash, Baldelli, Mottola (minors), Quatraro (minors) and Timmons.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT—In January, Baseball America listed the Rays at No. 5 in its annual Organizational Talent rankings of minor league

TODAY'S STARTER at PHI—RH Chris Archer (0-0, 5.68 ERA)

- + 2017 Majors: 10-12, 4.07 ERA (201-IP, 91-ER) in 34 starts
- + Tied for the major league lead in starts last season...is the second Ray to make at least 30 starts in four straight seasons (James Shields, 6, 2007-12)...ranked 4th in the majors in strikeouts (249)
- + Made the AL All-Star Team, his second career selection
- + Has made three consecutive Opening Day starts for the Rays

Day-by-Day	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	Result
2/26 vs. TOR	--	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	W, 7-4
3/3 at DET	--	1.1	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	W, 7-4
3/8 at BOS	--	3.0	5	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	T, 6-6

prospects, their highest position since 2013 (No. 4)...this rating came before the February acquisitions of SS Jermaine Palacios, LH Anthony Banda and 2B Nick Solak...the publication's Top 100 Prospects included six Rays, a figure topped only by the Braves (8)...in addition to Baseball America's rating, the Rays are ranked by MLB.com as the No. 4 farm system in baseball (No. 1 based just on position players), and by ESPN.com at No. 7.

LINEUP at PHILADELPHIA		
No.	Player	Pos.
2	Denard Span (L)	LF
39	Kevin Kiermaier (L)	CF
5	Matt Duffy	3B
44	C.J. Cron	1B
17	Jason Coats	DH
45	Jesús Sucre	C
28	Daniel Robertson	SS
73	Kean Wong (L)	2B
29	Brandon Snyder	RF
22	Chris Archer	RHP

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

TEST DRIVE FOR TICKETS—The Rays and Don Gargath's Charlotte County Ford are teaming up to offer two free tickets to a Rays spring training home game to anyone test-driving a vehicle at Charlotte County Ford...the vouchers for two free tickets can be redeemed online or at the Charlotte Sports Park box office, and fans may choose from 200 level or berm seating, subject to availability.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN—The Rays have created a 20th Anniversary logo that will appear as a patch on all Rays jerseys and caps...the home plate-shaped patch features the number 20, a sunburst and a variation of the original fish—all in the Rays modern colors...on March 31 vs. BOS, June 9 vs. SEA, June 23 vs. NYY and Sep 8 vs. BAL, the Rays will wear a white alternate throwback Devil Rays jersey...the Rays will pay tribute to the first game in franchise history on Opening Weekend and the 2008 AL Championship club on Aug 4 vs. CWS.

SEASON BARGAINS—The Rays have announced they will offer ticket promotions for Monday through Friday home games for the 2018 season...discounts include Salute to Service Monday (for military, teachers and first responders), \$2 Kids Tuesdays, Senior Special Wednesdays, \$19.88 Ticket Combo Thursdays and \$7.11 tickets on Fridays...single-game tickets for the 2018 season are on sale at raysbaseball.com.

HOT OFF THE PRESS—The 2018 Rays Media Guide has arrived in Port Charlotte...see press box attendant Dukes Knutson or the Rays Communications staff to request a copy...the Media Guide is also available online at rayspressbox.com and mlbpressbox.com.

TOMORROW'S STARTER at PHI—RH Yonny Chirinos (1-0, 5.87 ERA)

- + 2017 Minors (MTG, DUR): 13-5, 2.73 ERA (168.1-IP, 51-ER), 141 SO
- + In 2017, named Minor League Pitcher of the Year by the Rays Baseball Operations department...led Rays minor leaguers in innings, tied for 2nd in wins, ranked 3rd in strikeouts and 4th in ERA
- + Earned a May 2 promotion from Double-A Montgomery to Triple-A Durham...combined for 27 apps (26 starts)

Day-by-Day	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	Result
2/23 at BAL	W-1	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	W, 6-3
2/28 at MIN	--	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	W, 3-1
3/4 at NYY	--	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W, 9-1
3/7 vs. BAL	--	1.0	3	3	3	1	2	0	1	1	L, 2-7
3/10 at PHI	--	2.0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	L, 5-6

UPCOMING SCHEDULE AND PROBABLE PITCHERS

Date & Opp.	Time (ET)	Rays Pitchers	Opposing Pitchers
March 13 at PHI	1:05 p.m.	RH Chris Archer, RH Austin Pruitt, RH Chaz Roe, RH Daniel Hudson, LH José Alvarado, LH Jonny Venters	RH Drew Hutchison, RH Tom Eshelman
March 14 at PIT	1:05 p.m.	RH Yonny Chirinos, LH Vidal Nuño, RH Alex Colomé, RH Ryne Stanek, RH Cody Hall, RH Colton Murray, LH Adam Kolarek, LH Kyle Bird	RH Ivan Nova, LH Felipe Rivero, RH George Kontos, RH Michael Feliz, RH Nick Kingham
March 15 vs. MIN	1:05 p.m.	TBA	RH Kyle Gibson, RH Ryan Pressly, RH Tyler Kinley

2018 SPRING INNINGS PLAYED ("A" GAMES)

Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Adames			8		38				7	McCarthy						17	5	8	6
Álvarez	1									Miller		3							
Arroyo				30	16					Milone					3		12		1
Bauers		39						6	9	Monell	10	22							8
Boldt						7		6	10	Moore	20								4
Brosseau				4						Olmedo-Barrera					5				6
Bruján			5							Padlo				13					
Carrillo	21									Palacios					7				
Chester							4			Peña	4								
Ciuffo	6								4	Ramos	37								9
Coats						7		42	6	Rengifo	0	1							
Cron		37							16	Robertson			29	5	5	5		4	
Cronenworth			1		30					Rondón				2					
Duffy				36						Russell		6	5	4					
Field							29	4	2	Sánchez						9		7	
Fraley						3				Schimpf			5	15				7	
Fox					4					Smith					30		10	5	7
Gómez								18		Snyder	3	21		6		14			
Hechavarria					28				6	Solak			25			4	8		
Johnson						9	32			Span					29		10		5
Kelly		8								Sucre	29								15
Kiermaier							27		19	Sullivan	17								7
Law	1									Velazquez			7	3	21		8		
Lowe, B			4						7	Wendle			43						7
Lowe, N		3								Williams					4			33	
Lukes						5		7		Wong			13	33					
Maris		12	2		2														

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

Feb 17	Acquired 1B C.J. Cron from the Los Angeles Angels in exchange for a player to be named; designated OF/DH Corey Dickerson for assignment.	March 6	Reassigned INF Grant Kay to minor league camp.
Feb 17	Acquired minor league SS Jermaine Palacios from the Minnesota Twins in exchange for RH Jake Odorizzi .	March 7	Released RH Evan Scribner and RH Dustin McGowan .
Feb 20	Acquired LH Anthony Banda and two players to be named from the Arizona Diamondbacks and minor league 2B Nick Solak from the New York Yankees in a three-team trade in exchange for OF Steven Souza Jr.	March 9	Reassigned RH R.J. Alaniz , C Nick Ciuffo , RH Edwin Fierro and RH Forrest Snow to minor league camp; optioned RH Brent Honeywell to Triple-A Durham.
Feb 22	Acquired RH Daniel Hudson , minor league INF Tristan Gray and cash considerations from the Pittsburgh Pirates in exchange for OF/DH Corey Dickerson .	March 10	Reassigned INF Jake Cronenworth and INF Nick Solak to minor league camp.
March 3	Signed OF Carlos Gómez to a one-year contract; designated INF Ryan Schimpf for assignment.	March 11	Released LH Dan Runzler ; reassigned 1B/OF Joe McCarthy , C Brett Sullivan and RH Ryan Weber to minor league camp; optioned INF Willy Adames , INF Christian Arroyo , 1B/OF Jake Bauers , RH Diego Castillo , RH José Mujica , RH Jaime Schultz , OF Justin Williams and RH Hunter Wood to Durham.
March 5	Traded INF Ryan Schimpf to the Atlanta Braves in exchange for cash considerations.		

RAYS SPRING TRAINING HISTORY

Year	W-L-T	Att.	Year	W-L-T	Att.	Year	W-L-T	Att.	Year	W-L-T	Att.
2018	7-9-1	34,357	2012	10-16-6	87,916	2006	13-16-1	70,756	2000	14-17-0	67,089
2017	12-16-5	81,752	2011	15-14-2	95,859	2005	13-16-0	61,261	1999	14-14-1	59,230
2016	12-13-2	68,566	2010	20-8-2	97,971	2004	11-8-0	43,916	1998	12-18-0	66,781
2015	15-13-2	80,406	2009	15-16-1	103,255	2003	8-19-3	51,324	Totals	272-294-38	1,476,262
2014	16-7-4	78,264	2008	18-8-2	54,960	2002	10-16-1	49,043			
2013	15-17-2	90,935	2007	10-19-2	79,044	2001	12-15-1	57,081			

2018 TAMPA BAY RAYS SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	R/TV	TIME/SCORE	W-L	WINNER	LOSER	ATT.
Fri.	Feb 23	Pittsburgh	Charlotte County	M	W, 6-3	1-0-0	Pruitt (1-0)	McRae (0-1)	5,141
		@Baltimore	Sarasota		W, 6-3	2-0-0	Chirinos (1-0)	Wright (0-1)	5,203
Sat.	Feb 24	@Boston	Fort Myers	W	L, 3-4	2-1-0	Elias (1-0)	Faria (0-1)	9,466
Sun.	Feb 25	@Minnesota	Lee County	W/F	L, 4-5	2-2-0	Jaye (1-0)	Schultz (0-1)	5,461
Mon.	Feb 26	Toronto	Charlotte County	M	W, 7-4	3-2-0	Kittredge (1-0)	Dermody (0-1)	3,627
Tues.	Feb 27	Baltimore	Charlotte County	M	L, 1-2	3-3-0	Araujo (1-0)	Pruitt (1-1)	2,762
Wed.	Feb 28	@Minnesota	Lee County		W, 3-1	4-3-0	Yarbrough (1-0)	Slegers (0-1)	3,689
Thurs.	March 1	Baltimore	Charlotte County	M	L, 2-5	4-4-0	Mesa (1-1)	Schultz (0-2)	2,819
Fri.	March 2	Philadelphia	Charlotte County	M	L, 2-9	4-5-0	Nola (1-1)	Colomé (0-1)	3,560
Sat.	March 3	@Detroit	Lakeland	W	W, 7-4	5-5-0	De León (1-0)	Soto (0-1)	6,482
Sun.	March 4	@New York-AL	Tampa	W/F	W, 9-1	6-5-0	Eovaldi (1-0)	Chapman (0-1)	10,303
Tues.	March 6	Boston	Charlotte County	M	L, 1-9	6-6-0	Velázquez (1-0)	Hu (0-1)	5,353
Wed.	March 7	Baltimore	Charlotte County	M	L, 2-7	6-7-0	Mesa Jr. (2-1)	Banda (0-1)	3,035
Thurs.	March 8	@Boston	Fort Myers		T, 6-6	6-7-1	--	--	9,911
Fri.	March 9	Minnesota	Charlotte County	M	L, 3-4	6-8-1	Berrios (1-0)	Kittredge (1-1)	3,643
Sat.	March 10	@Philadelphia	Clearwater	W	W, 5-3	7-8-1	Jennings (1-0)	Neris (0-1)	8,302
Sun.	March 11	Minnesota	Charlotte County	W/F	L, 5-6	7-9-1	Slegers (1-0)	Faria (0-2)	4,417
Tues.	March 13	@Philadelphia	Clearwater		1:05 p.m.				
Wed.	March 14	@Pittsburgh	Bradenton		1:05 p.m.				
Thurs.	March 15	Minnesota	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.				
Fri.	March 16	@Minnesota	Lee County		1:05 p.m.				
Sat.	March 17	@Boston	Fort Myers	W	1:05 p.m.				
Sun.	March 18	Detroit	Charlotte County	W	1:05 p.m.				
Mon.	March 19	@New York-AL	Tampa	W	6:35 p.m.				
Tues.	March 20	@Baltimore	Sarasota	W	6:05 p.m.				
Wed.	March 21	Boston	Charlotte County	M/F	1:05 p.m.				
Thurs.	March 22	@Toronto	Dunedin		1:07 p.m.				
Fri.	March 23	Toronto	Charlotte County	M	1:05 p.m.				
		@Baltimore	Sarasota		1:05 p.m.				
Sat.	March 24	@Pittsburgh	Bradenton	W	1:05 p.m.				
Sun.	March 25	New York-AL	Charlotte County	W/F	1:05 p.m.				
Mon.	March 26	@Detroit	Lakeland	F	1:05 p.m.				
Tues.	March 27	Detroit	Tropicana Field		12:35 p.m.				

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