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TAMPA BAY RAYS (47-44) vs. DETROIT TIGERS (40-54) RH Hunter Wood (0-0, 2.00) vs. RH Jordan Zimmermann (4-0, 3.51)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 • **First Pitch:** 12:10 p.m. • **Location:** Tropicana Field • **TV:** FOX Sports Sun • **Radio:** WDAE 620 AM
Game No.: 92 (47-44) • **Home Game No.:** 43 (25-17) • **All-Time Game No.:** 3,330 (1547-1782) • **All-Time Home Game No.:** 1,664 (847-816)
March: 1-2 • **April:** 12-12 • **May:** 15-13 • **June:** 13-14 • **July:** 6-3 • **AL East:** 18-19 • **AL Central:** 11-3 • **AL West:** 13-12 • **Interleague:** 5-10

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Upcoming Games	Time (ET)	Probable Starting Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.)	TV & Radio
Thurs., 7/12 at MIN	8:10 p.m.	LH Blake Snell (12-4, 2.09) vs. RH Kyle Gibson (3-6, 3.59)	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Sp.)
Fri., 7/13 at MIN	8:10 p.m.	RH Nathan Eovaldi (3-3, 3.35) vs. RH Jake Odorizzi (4-6, 4.28)	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Sp.)
Sat., 7/14 at MIN	2:10 p.m.	RH Chris Archer (3-4, 4.41) vs. RH José Berrios (9-7, 3.41)	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WLCC 760 AM (Sp.)
Sun., 7/15 at MIN	2:10 p.m.	TBD vs. RH Aaron Slegers (1-1, 5.68)	FOX Sports Sun, WDAE 620 AM, WLCC 760 AM (Sp.)

MEDICAL MATTERS—RH Jake Faria (left oblique strain) played catch yesterday, and tomorrow will make a rehab start for Triple-A Durham vs. Charlotte, throwing 3 IP or 50 pitches...INF Christian Arroyo (left oblique strain) reports back to Tropicana Field today for re-evaluation...he played 9 innings at DH yesterday for Class-A Charlotte, going 0-for-4.

ROSTER MOVE—The Rays have placed LH José Alvarado on the Family Medical Emergency list and recalled RH Andrew Kittredge from Triple-A Durham...last night Alvarado recorded his first win in his 76th career app, and went 2 IP to match the longest outing of his career (3rd time)...Kittredge will begin his third stint with the Rays this season.

RAY MATTER—The Rays are 13-4 since June 22, their best 17-game stretch since June 3-20, 2015 (13-4), to improve from 6 games under .500 to a season-high 3 games over...today the Rays are attempting to go 4 games over for the first time since the end of play on Aug 3, 2017 (57-53).

- + The Rays have won four consecutive games and are one win shy of their fifth 5-game winning streak of the season...they are already one of three teams with at least four separate winning streaks of 5 games (or more), joining the Astros (5) and Indians (4).
- + Since April 18, the Rays have gone 43-31 (.581) to improve from 4-13, which tied for the worst 17-game start in franchise history...their plus-50 run differential over this stretch is 5th in the AL.
- + The Rays are 16-14 in series play, including 5-1 in their last six.
- + Today is the second of three 12:10 p.m. starts this season.
- + The Rays are in 3rd place in the AL East, 4.5 games ahead of the 4th-place Blue Jays...they have been tied or alone in third place in the division for all but three days since May 18.
- + The Rays are 5-3 thus far in a stretch of 16 consecutive games from July 2-22 against teams currently under .500...this season, the Rays are 26-12 (.684) against teams currently below .500 and 21-32 (.396) against teams currently .500 or better.

DOMESTIC SWEET DOME—Since June 11, the Rays are 13-1 at home, matching the best 14-game home stretch in franchise history (last April 6-May 4, 2012)...they have outscored opponents, 64-30, over this stretch...the Rays have allowed 2 runs or fewer in 11 of their last 14 games here.

- + The Rays have won in walk-off fashion in three of their last 12 games here (11-1)...the Rays have 5 walk-off wins this season, already their most since a club-record 13 walk-off wins in 2013.
- + The Rays haven't lost by more than 1 run at home since May 25.

SEEKING SWEEP—The Rays are attempting to sweep the Tigers for the fifth time in franchise history...the previous four have all come at home, most recently April 18-20, 2017...they are also attempting to finish a fourth sweep in their last five home series, dating back to June 11...the Rays are attempting to finish their seventh sweep of the season, regardless of series length...their six sweeps already are their most since 2015 (6), and a seventh would be their most since 2013 (12)...five other times the Rays have had a chance to sweep and failed to do so.

RAYS vs. TIGERS—Today the Rays have a chance to win the season series over the Tigers for a second consecutive year, after dropping five of the previous six season series from 2011-16...the Rays have won five consecutive home games over the Tigers, the 2nd-longest streak in club history behind May 20, 2001-May 10, 2003 (6)...they lead the season series, 3-2 (2-0 at home, 1-2 on the road), after going 5-2 against them last year.

- + The Rays are 11-3 (.786) against the AL Central this season, compared to 36-41 (.467) against all other opponents.

BATS COMING ALIVE—The Rays have totaled 24 runs in their last 3 games, and have scored at least 5 runs in three consecutive games for the first time since May 15-19 (5)...they have hit 5 HR over this 3-game stretch, and are batting .459 (17-for-37) with RISP...in the previous 10 games, June 26-July 7, they hit 3 HR and hit .163 (13-for-80) with RISP.

- + Last night was the second consecutive game and third time in the last 7 games the Rays put together at least a 5-run inning, while they did that only four times in the first 84 games of the season.
- + The Rays are 31-1 (.969) when scoring at least 5 runs this season and have won their last 57 games when scoring at least 8 runs.

PITCHING PROPERLY—The Rays have a 2.16 ERA (162.2-IP, 39-ER) over their last 17 games, bringing the team's season ERA from 3.89 to 3.54...they have allowed 3 runs or fewer in 13 of their last 17 games.

- + The Rays are outscoring opponents, 20-0, in the 1st inning over their last 26 games...for the season, their 2.57 ERA (91-IP, 26-ER) in the 1st inning is the best in the AL and 2nd-best in the majors.
- + The Rays have 8 shutouts this season, tied for 2nd-most in the AL and one shy of the AL-leading Red Sox (9)...all 8 shutouts have come over the last 40 games since May 28, while they didn't have a shut-out through the first 51 games...the 8 shutouts since May 28 are the most in majors, ahead of the Giants (6) and Red Sox (6).

PITCHING PLANS—Today's game will be started by Hunter Wood, the first start of his career...it will be the 18th time the Rays use an "opener," all since May 19, and Wood will be the fourth pitcher used in this role, joining Ryne Stanek (11), Sergio Romo (5) and Jonny Venters (1)...while the Rays are 7-10 in games started by openers, the team has a 3.34 ERA (151-IP, 56-ER) in these games—and pitchers following the opener have a 3.13 ERA (129.1-IP, 45-ER)...since the debut of the "opener" on May 19, Rays pitchers lead the majors with a 2.77 ERA (438-IP, 135-ER).

BEFORE & AFTER THE "OPENER" DEBUT ON MAY 19

	Since May 19		Thru May 18	
	MLB Rk.	AL Rk.	MLB Rk.	AL Rk.
ERA	2.77	1st	4.43	22nd
WHIP	1.10	1st	1.26	9th
Opp Avg.	.207	1st	.241	11th
Opp OBP	.281	1st	.310	9th
Starter ERA	2.82	1st	4.32	17th
Bullpen ERA	2.74	5th	4.57	26th

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

- + 29 apps of at least 50 pitches, most in the majors, ahead of the Marlins (14), and their most for a season since 2003 (29)
- + 13 apps of at least 70 pitches, most in the majors, ahead of the Marlins (7), and their most for any season in club history (2004, 7)
- + 71 apps of at least 2 IP, most in the majors (Padres, 59)
- + 32 apps of at least 3 IP, most in the majors (Royals, 15)
- + 21 apps of at least 4 IP, most in the majors (Marlins, 8)
- + Rays relievers lead the majors with 416 IP, most in the majors by 44.2 IP (Marlins, 371.1 IP) and most in the AL by 72.1 IP (Angels, 343.2 IP)...Rays starters have covered 404.1 IP, fewest in the majors.

NUMBERS GAME—Today Hunter Wood will become the 14th different starting pitcher used by the Rays this season, most in the majors ahead of the Angels (12), Athletics (12) and Mets (12)...this will also tie the club record for an entire season, following 2004 and 2003...the Rays used eight starters all of last season—in fact, the 14 starters this season matches the team's total from the previous three seasons combined (2015-17).

- + The Rays have used 27 different pitchers, tied with the Marlins for 2nd-most in the majors behind the Angels (29)...this is already tied for 2nd-most for a season in club history behind 2017 (30).
- + This will be the 31st time the Rays start a rookie pitcher, most in the AL and 2nd-most in the majors behind the Marlins (42).

CLOSE SHAVES—41.8 pct. of Rays games have been decided by 1 run, compared to 27.6 pct. of games in the majors...the Rays are 17-21 (.447) in 1-run games, including 7-2 in their last nine 1-run games...the 38 1-run games are most in the majors, ahead of the Mariners (37), and the 21 1-run losses are most in the majors, ahead of the White Sox (19)...74.7 pct. of Rays games have either been wins or 1-run losses...47.7 pct. of their losses have come by one run, 2nd-highest rate in the majors (Astros, 50.0 pct.).

- + 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).
- + The Rays are on pace for 37 1-run losses, which hasn't been done by an AL club since the 1968 White Sox (44)...the club record for 1-run losses in a single season is 30 (2015).

TODAY'S STARTER: RH HUNTER WOOD (0-0, 2.00 ERA)

CAREER MLB BREAKDOWN

YEAR	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
2017	0	0	0.00	1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	2.00	4	0	9.0	5	2	2	3	5	1
Career	0	0	1.93	5	0	9.1	5	2	2	3	5	1

LAST OUTING—On Mon vs. DET, inherited 2-on, 1-out in the 4th inning and stranded both runners on a flyout to center and lineout to third...went 2.2 IP, the 2nd-longest outing of his career behind July 3 at MIA (3 IP)...pitched around a 2-out walk in an 18-pitch 5th inning, and retired all 3 BF in an 8-pitch 6th inning.

THIRD STINT—Has a 1.35 ERA (6.2-IP, 1-R/ER) and .048 opp avg. (1-for-21) in 3 apps since his recall, and his only hit and run allowed over that span was a solo homer by **JT Riddle** on July 4 at MIA, the first homer allowed in his career...was also in the majors from April 17-24, pitching once, and a 1-day stint on May 14 (did not pitch)...three of his 4 apps in the majors this season have been at least 2 IP.

- + Went 2-2 with a 3.00 ERA (42-IP, 14-ER) and 63 SO in 24 apps (2 starts) with Triple-A Durham...went at least 2 IP in 14 of his 24 outings, and his season high was 3 IP (twice, last June 7) and 49 pitches (May 6).
- + After his last option, pitched to a 1.75 ERA (25.2-IP, 5-ER) in 14 apps (1 start).
- + Has spent parts of the last two seasons with the Bulls, and is 5-3 with a 3.78 ERA (95.1-IP, 40-ER) and 110 SO in his career at the Triple-A level.

MIX & MATCH—Will be making the first start of his career, though he has made 73 starts in the minors...will become the 14th different starting pitcher used by the Rays this season, most in the majors ahead of the Angels (12), Athletics (12) and Mets (12)...this will also tie the club record for an entire season, following 2004 and 2003...the Rays used eight starters all of last season—in fact, the 14 starters this season matches the team's total from the previous three seasons combined (2015-17).

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LAST SEASON—Spent the entire season in the minors aside from a one-day stint on May 30 at TEX...made his major league debut that night, retiring **Nomar Mazara**—his only batter faced—for the final out of the 8th inning...he received the news of his call up with roughly an hour to catch the flight...the family missed baggage check-in at the Montgomery airport by two minutes and had to drive to Birmingham for an alternate flight...he arrived at Globe Life Park in Arlington in the 2nd inning.

- + He and **José Alvarado** both bypassed Triple-A for their major league debuts, the first Rays to do that since Scott Kazmir in 2004.
- + Optioned back to Montgomery after his debut...made 12 starts with the Biscuits and was promoted to Triple-A Durham on June 16...combined for a career-high 115 SO...made 6 starts with the Bulls before making his final 13 apps of the season out of the bullpen.

2018 GAME LOG

GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT
4/17 vs. TEX	--	3.86	2.1	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	38/25	L, 2-7	--	--
7/3 at MIA	--	1.69	3.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	37/19	W, 9-6 (16)	--	--
7/4 at MIA	--	2.84	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	22/13	L, 0-3	--	--
7/9 vs. DET	--	2.00	2.2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	30/19	W, 10-9 (10)	--	--

* indicates relief appearance

2018 SPLITS

SPLIT	W	L	ERA	G	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Home	0	0	1.80	2	5.0	4	1	1	2	3
Road	0	0	2.25	2	4.0	1	1	1	1	2
March	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
April	0	0	3.86	1	2.1	4	1	1	1	1
May	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
June	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
July	0	0	1.35	3	6.2	1	1	1	2	4
August	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
September	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

SPLITS vs. TIGERS

SPLIT	W	L	ERA	G	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2018	0	0	0.00	1	2.2	0	0	0	1	2
2017	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Career	0	0	0.00	1	2.2	0	0	0	1	2
at Home	0	0	0.00	1	2.2	0	0	0	1	2

2018 SPLITS vs. BATTERS

SPLIT	AB	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	TB	PA
vs. LHB	15	3	.200	0	0	1	2	4	6	17
vs. RHB	17	2	.118	0	0	0	1	1	2	18

SEASON & CAREER HIGHS

2018	CAREER
3.0, 7/3 at MIA	IP 3.0, 7/3/18 at MIA
4, 4/17 vs. TEX	H 4, 4/17/18 vs. TEX
1, 2x-last 7/4 at MIA	R 1, 2x-last 7/4/18 at MIA
1, 2x-last 7/4 at MIA	ER 1, 2x-last 7/4/18 at MIA
1, 3x-last 7/9 vs. DET	BB 1, 3x-last 7/9/18 vs. DET
2, 2x-last 7/9 vs. DET	SO 2, 2x-last 7/9/18 vs. DET
1, 7/4 at MIA	HR 1, 7/4/18 at MIA
--	CG --
--	SHO --
--	Win Streak --
--	Loss Streak --

TOMORROW'S STARTER: LH BLAKE SNELL (12-4, 2.09 ERA)

LAST START—On Sat at NYM, did not allow a run in 7.1 IP, his fifth scoreless start of the season and the longest scoreless start of his career...went 7.1 IP, matching a career high (3rd time)...allowed the leadoff runner to reach six of eight times, including three times on doubles, but held the Mets hitless in 12 AB with runner(s) on base...threw 112 pitches, two shy of tying his season high, but only once faced more than four batters in an inning...his line: W, 7.1 IP, 6 H, 0 R, 3 BB, 9 SO, 112 pit, 70 str.

SNUB-ZILLA—Was left off the All-Star roster despite leading the AL in ERA as of Sunday's selection show, and joined **David Price** in 2012 as the only pitchers in club history to hold the AL lead in ERA in July or later, according to Stats LLC...his ERA currently is 2nd in the AL and 3rd in the majors to NYM **Jacob deGrom** (1.79) and HOU **Justin Verlander** (2.05).

- + Is 8-1 with a 1.27 ERA (64-IP, 9-ER) over his last 10 starts dating back to May 18, and leads the majors in ERA over this stretch, ahead of deGrom (1.77)...his .166 opp avg. since then leads the AL and ranks 2nd in the majors behind ATL **Mike Foltynewicz** (.157).

- + Is 4-0 with a 0.63 ERA (28.2-IP, 2-ER) over his last 4 starts and joins deGrom (May 18-June 2) as the only pitchers in the majors this season to go at least 7 IP and allow 1 run or fewer in four consecutive starts...the only other Rays to ever do that are Price from July 24-Aug 9, 2013 and **James Shields**, who did it twice in 2011.
- + His 12 wins are tied with CLE **Corey Kluber** and PHI **Aaron Nola** for 2nd in the majors to Severino (14) and are tied for 2nd in club history before the All-Star break behind **Matt Moore** (13) in 2013.
- + Has made 16 starts of 2 runs or fewer and 12 starts of 1 run or fewer, both the most in the majors.

vs. MINNESOTA—Is 1-0 with a 4.41 ERA (16.1-IP, 8-ER) in 3 starts against the Twins, all at Tropicana Field...last faced them on April 21 and his only run allowed in 7 IP was on a sacrifice fly by **Miguel Sanó** in the 1st inning...has yielded 1 run in two of his 3 starts against the Twins, but was charged with 6 R/ER in 4 IP in the other on Sep 6, 2017.

#16 KEVIN CASH, MANAGER

- + Selected by Astros Manager **A.J. Hinch** to join the AL coaching staff for the All-Star Game for a second consecutive season.
- + 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: .226/.275/.357 • 3 HR • 9 RBI • 1 SB
Tues vs. DET: 1-3, RBI, R Last HR: 7/6/18 at NYM	DET Series: 1-6, RBI, R Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.333, 1-3)	Trip: 3-11, HR, RBI, R RISP: .227 (5-22) vs. LH: .241 (7-29), 1-HR vs. RH: .218 (12-55), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Was acquired from the Tigers on July 31, 2014 as part of the three-team trade for David Price...was with Class-A West Michigan at the time. + Batting .182/.217/.318 (4-for-22) with 1 HR, 2 RBI and 2 runs over his last 8 games (7 starts)...yesterday vs. DET, hit an RBI single off Matthew Boyd. + His 3 HR have come off three former All-Stars: BOS Chris Sale, NYY Sonny Gray and NYM Jacob deGrom...his last 2 HR have come with 2 strikes. + Has appeared in 25 games and made 24 starts (16-SS, 8-2B)...has made 4 errors in 108 chances at the middle infield positions for a .963 fielding pct. + Recalled on June 11 for his second stint (also May 22-24)...entered the season ranked by <i>Baseball America</i> as the No. 19 prospect in the minors. 		
#9 JAKE BAUERS • 1B/OF	Pronunciation: BOW-ers	2018: .241/.369/.454 • 3 HR • 11 RBI • 2 SB
Tues vs. DET: 1-4, 2B Last HR: 7/8/18 at NYM	DET Series: 2-8, 2B, RBI, BB, 2-R Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.364, 4-11)	Trip: 4-23, 2-2B, HR, 3-RBI, 2-BB, 5-R RISP: .250 (6-24) vs. LH: .281 (9-32), 1-HR vs. RH: .224 (17-76), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .159/.302/.295 (7-for-44) with 3 2B and 1 HR over his last 13 games (11 starts) to lower his avg. from .297 to .241 and OBP from .416 to .369. + Fifteen of his 26 hits (57.7 pct.) have gone for extra bases (10-2B, 2-3B, 3-HR)...his 15 XBH are tied for most ever by a Ray through 31 career games. + On Sun at NYM, reached four times to tie his season high (3rd time)...was also his third multi-XBH game of the season (last June 24 vs. NYY). + On July 3 at MIA, became the youngest player (22 years, 270 days) with a go-ahead hit in the 16th inning or later since PIT Barry Bonds in 1986. + Has appeared in 31 games and made 29 starts (24-1B, 3-DH, 1-LF, 1-RF)...the Rays are 18-11 in his 29 starts, including 14-4 in his 18 starts at home. + Entered this season ranked by <i>Baseball America</i> as the No. 45 overall prospect in the minors...recalled on June 7 and debuted that night. 		
#26 JI-MAN CHOI • 1B/OF	Pronunciation: GEE-man CHOY	2018: .233/.281/.500 • 2 HR • 5 RBI • 0 SB
Tues vs. DET: DNP Last HR: 6/9/18 at PHI	DET Series: DNP Current Hitting Streak: 2G (1.000, 2-2)	Trip: -- RISP: .500 (1-2) vs. LH: .250 (1-4) vs. RH: .231 (6-26), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Recalled from Triple-A Durham yesterday and will be making his Rays debut...acquired from the Brewers on June 10 for Brad Miller and cash. + Hit .270/.360/.405 (20-for-74) with 4 2B, 2 HR, 14 RBI and 11 BB in 22 games with the Bulls, including a multi-HR game on June 21 at Louisville. + Has spent parts of three seasons in the majors with the Angels (2016), Yankees (2017) and Brewers (2018)...last appeared in the majors on June 9 at PHI (with MIL), when he hit a pinch-hit grand slam for the ninth homer of his career, and his first as a pinch-hitter (and first grand slam). 		
#44 C.J. CRON • 1B	Pronunciation: krohn	2018: .247/.321/.459 • 17 HR • 43 RBI • 1 SB
Tues vs. DET: 0-4 Last HR: 7/8/18 at NYM	DET Series: 3-8, 2-2B, RBI, R Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-4	Trip: 7-14, 3-2B, HR, 4-RBI, 2-BB, R RISP: .192 (15-78) vs. LH: .281 (27-96), 5-HR vs. RH: .232 (51-220), 12-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .326/.383/.535 (14-for-43) with 6 2B and 1 HR in his last 13 games (11 starts) after going 1-for-29 with 1 HR in his prev. 9 games (all starts). + On Mon vs. DET, his 3 hits tied a season (also July 2 at MIA)...recorded his second multi-XBH game of the season (also April 21 vs. MIN). + Six of his last 8 hits have gone for extra bases, including a 3-run homer in the 1st inning on Sun at NYM, giving him a career-high 17 HR. + Is one of two Rays players with double-digit homers, along with Wilson Ramos (14)...his previous high before the All-Star break was 11 in 2016. + Has appeared in 84 games and made 81 starts (48-DH, 33-1B)...has been hit by pitch 14 times, tied with MIA Derek Dietrich for most in the majors. 		
#5 MATT DUFFY • INF		2018: .307/.362/.409 • 4 HR • 25 RBI • 6 SB
Tues vs. DET: 1-3, BB Last HR: 6/16/18 at NYY	DET Series: 3-8, 2-BB, R Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.375, 3-8)	Trip: 3-23, 2B, 4-BB, 4-R RISP: .286 (18-63) vs. LH: .256 (22-86), 1-HR vs. RH: .329 (69-210), 3-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Ranks 8th in the AL with a .307 avg. ...batting .194/.342/.226 (6-for-31) in his last 8 games on the heels of a career-long 10-game hitting streak. + Min. 100 AB, his .329 avg. (69-for-210) vs. RHP ranks 4th in the AL...since June 16, is batting .476/.542/.667 (10-for-21) with 3 RBI vs. LHP. + According to FanGraphs, 26.2 pct. of his balls in play are line drives, 4th-highest in the AL...the major league avg. for line drives is 21.2 pct. + On Mon vs. DET, singled in the 1st and 6th innings and drew a 9-pitch walk in the 10th, putting runners on the corners for a walk-off single. + Hit .302 in April, .314 in May and .340 in June...was the only player in the majors to hit for a .300 avg. of better in all three of those months. + Has appeared in 75 games and made 74 starts (69-3B, 5-DH)...since May 14, has recorded a .984 fielding pct. in 41 games at third base. 		
#27 CARLOS GÓMEZ • OF		2018: .206/.283/.336 • 7 HR • 21 RBI • 6 SB
Tues vs. DET: 0-2, BB, R, SB Last HR: 6/1/18 at SEA	DET Series: 3-7, 2B, 3-RBI, BB, R Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-3	Trip: 2-13, 2B, RBI RISP: .254 (16-63) vs. LH: .200 (16-80), 2-HR vs. RH: .209 (38-182), 5-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .292/.370/.375 (7-for-24) in 8 games (6 starts) since the beginning of July and .286/.375/.357 (12-for-42) in 14 games (11 starts) since June 22. + On Mon vs. DET, his 3 hits tied his season high (2nd time, May 6 vs. TOR), and his 3 RBI were his most since June 22, 2017 vs. TOR (5, with TEX). + His .206 avg. would be the 3rd-lowest in franchise history among qualifiers...the only lower avg. was Carlos Peña in 2012 (.197) and 2010 (.196). + According to FanGraphs, has been credited with 6 Defensive Runs Saved in right field...his 4 outfield assists are tied for most on the team. + Has appeared in 74 games and made 69 starts (62-RF, 4-DH, 3-CF)...since the start of 2013, no other player in the majors can match his combination of 96 HR and 128 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: .250/.281/.330 • 3 HR • 22 RBI • 0 SB
Tues vs. DET: 1-4 Last HR: 6/24/18 vs. NYY	DET Series: 2-8, 2B, 2-RBI, BB, R Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.250, 2-8)	Trip: 3-18, 2B, 2-RBI, BB, 2-R RISP: .256 (11-43) vs. LH: .339 (20-59) vs. RH: .209 (27-129), 3-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .196/.230/.304 (11-for-56) with 3 2B, 1 HR, 6 RBI and 3 BB in 15 games (14 starts) since being reinstated from the 10-day DL on June 17. + Min. 200 innings, his .994 fielding pct. at shortstop this season leads the majors, pct. points ahead of MIA JT Riddle...has only made 1 error in his last 102 games and 354 chances at shortstop since July 31, 2017 at HOU...has a .989 fielding pct. since being acquired by the Rays on June 26, 2017. + Two of his 3 HR and 13 of his 22 RBI have come at home, but is hitting for a higher avg. on the road (.266) than at Tropicana Field (.228). + Has appeared in 51 games and made 50 starts, all at shortstop...has 10 HR in 486 PA with the Rays compared to 13 HR in 2,265 PA with Miami. 		
#39 KEVIN KIERMAIER • CF	Pronunciation: KEER-my-er	2018: .157/.254/.252 • 1 HR • 6 RBI • 6 SB
Tues vs. DET: 1-3, RBI, BB, R Last HR: 6/25/18 vs. WAS	DET Series: 2-8, 3B, RBI, 2-BB, 2-R Current Hitting Streak: 4G (.235, 4-17)	Trip: 3-25, 2B, BB, R RISP: .111 (3-27) vs. LH: .154 (6-39), 1-HR vs. RH: .158 (12-76)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .153/.256/.264 (11-for-72) with 1 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 5 RBI and 5 SB in 18 games (17 starts) since being reinstated from the 60-day DL on June 19. + All 17 starts since his return from the disabled list have come out of the leadoff spot...before the injury, hit 2nd in 10 starts and 3rd twice. + On Mon vs. DET, tripled in the 10th inning off lefty Blaine Hardy and scored the game-winning run on Daniel Robertson's walk-off single. + His last multi-hit game was before his stint on the disabled list, on April 14 vs. PHI...his last multi-hit game on the road was Sep 26, 2017 at NYY. + Has appeared in 30 games and made 29 starts, all in center field, including 11 starts against lefties...since 2015, leads the majors with 88 Defensive Runs Saved, ahead of ATL/LAA Andrelton Simmons (86)...has achieved this despite missing significant time in each of the last three seasons. 		
#40 WILSON RAMOS • C	Pronunciation: RAH-mos	2018: .291/.340/.479 • 14 HR • 51 RBI • 0 SB
Tues vs. DET: 1-4, HR, 3-RBI, R Last HR: 7/9/18 vs. DET	DET Series: 3-9, 2-HR, 4-RBI, 3-R Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.357, 5-14)	Trip: 5-18, 2B, HR, 4-RBI, 3-BB, 2-R RISP: .360 (27-75) vs. LH: .326 (28-86), 6-HR vs. RH: .276 (54-196), 8-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Won the AL catcher fan vote to start the All-Star Game and will become the fifth Ray to start an All-Star Game, following 3B Evan Longoria (2010), LF Carl Crawford (2010), LH David Price (2010) and DH Corey Dickerson (2017)...it is the second selection and first election of his career (2016). + Has homered in consecutive games for the second time this season, following April 26-28 (3)...has 3 HR and 8 RBI in his last 5 games (all starts), and 3 HR and 12 RBI in his last 8 games (7 starts)...batting .316/.381/.579 (24-for-76) with 6 HR and 19 RBI in his last 21 games (19 starts) since June 14. + His 14 HR are tied with Gary Sánchez for the most among major league catchers and are tied with John Flaherty in 1999 for the franchise record among catchers in a single season...also leads major league catchers with 51 RBI and ranks 2nd with 82 hits, behind MIA J.T. Realmuto (84). + Yesterday vs. DET was his first homer with 2 runners (or more) on base since Sep 22, 2017 at BAL...nine of his 14 HR have come with runner(s) on. + Batting .407 (22-for-54) with 6 HR and 14 RBI when putting the first pitch in play, and is 9-for-his-last-14 when doing so...his last 6 HR have come on the first pitch of the at-bat...his 6 HR on the first pitch are tied for 6th in the majors and tied for 2nd in the AL behind BOS J.D. Martinez (7). + His 14 HR and 51 RBI are both career highs for before the All-Star break...previous highs were 13 HR and 48 RBI with the Nationals in 2016. + Has appeared in 75 games and made 71 starts (66-C, 5-DH)...since June 7, has thrown out 60.0 pct. of attempted base stealers (4-SB, 6-CS). 		
#28 DANIEL ROBERTSON • INF/OF		2018: .264/.391/.407 • 7 HR • 25 RBI • 1 SB
Tues vs. DET: 0-3, R, HBP Last HR: 6/7/18 vs. SEA	DET Series: 3-9, RBI, 2-R Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-3	Trip: 6-22, 2-2B, 4-RBI, 4-BB, 4-R RISP: .214 (12-56) vs. LH: .254 (18-71), 3-HR vs. RH: .269 (43-160), 4-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Min. 200 PA, his .391 OBP is 7th in the AL...despite a stint on the disabled list, has 40 BB including 14 BB to 13 SO against left-handed pitching. + Batting .286/.412/.357 (16-for-56) with 4 2B, 6 RBI and 7 BB in 15 games (all starts) since being reinstated from the 10-day DL on June 22 vs. NYY. + Has been hit by pitch four times in his last 5 games, five times in his last 7 games and nine times this season, tied for 7th-most in the AL. + On Mon vs. DET, recorded the first walk-off hit of his career on a 10th-inning single off Blaine Hardy...was his second 3-hit game since July 3. + On July 3 at MIA, reached six times to tie the club record, joining Ben Zobrist on July 20, 2012 vs. SEA and José Cruz Jr. on June 24, 2004 at TOR. + Has appeared in 70 games and made 66 starts (27-2B, 24-SS, 9-3B, 4-LF, 2-DH)...has handled 169 consecutive chances at second without an error. 		

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#0 MALLEX SMITH • OF		2018: .276/.342/.378 • 1 HR • 19 RBI • 15 SB	
Tues vs. DET: DNP Last HR: 7/1/18 vs. HOU	DET Series: DNP Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.500, 1-2)	Trip: 4-9, 2B, 3B, 2-RBI, 2-BB RISP: .291 (16-55)	vs. LH: .271 (13-48) vs. RH: .277 (57-206), 1-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .462/.533/.923 (6-for-13) in 7 games (4 starts) since the calendar flipped to July, compared to .237/.284/.303 (18-for-76) in June. + Batting .349/.418/.477 (38-for-109) in 35 games (32 starts) at Tropicana Field and .221/.283/.303 (32-for-145) in 47 games (37 starts) on the road. + His 15 SB are 9th in the AL and are tied for the most by a Ray before the All-Star break since 2012...his 7 CS are tied for 2nd-most in the majors. + On July 1 vs. HOU, hit his sixth career homer and first since July 21, 2017 vs. TEX, snapping the majors' longest homerless drought at 356 AB. + Has appeared in 82 games and made 69 starts (50-CF, 10-LF, 9-RF)...his 5 errors are tied for the 3rd-most among major league outfielders. 			

#45 JESÚS SUCRE • C		2018: .224/.280/.247 • 0 HR • 7 RBI • 1 SB	
Tues vs. DET: DNP Last HR: 9/24/17 at BAL	Pronunciation: heh-SOOS SUE-cray DET Series: DNP Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-5	Trip: 1-6, 2-BB, 0.1-IP RISP: .217 (5-23)	vs. LH: .143 (4-28) vs. RH: .263 (15-57)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .385/.500/.462 (5-for-13) in his last 7 games (4 starts) to increase his season avg. from .194 to .224 and season OBP from .234 to .280. + Has gone 100 AB since his last home run on Sep 24, 2017 at BAL...only 2 of his 19 hits this season have gone for extra bases (both doubles). + Batting .324/.395/.353 (11-for-34) in 13 games (10 starts) at Tropicana Field compared to .157/.200/.176 (8-for-51) in 21 games (15 starts) on the road. + Has appeared in 34 games and made 25 starts at catcher...has thrown out 26.3 pct. of base stealers this season and 28.1 pct. in his career. 			

#18 JOEY WENDLE • INF/OF		2018: .278/.326/.371 • 3 HR • 23 RBI • 7 SB	
Tues vs. DET: DNP Last HR: 7/8/18 at NYM	DET Series: 1-2, 2B, RBI Current Hitting Streak: 10G (.419, 13-31)	Trip: 7-15, HR, RBI, 4-BB, 3-R RISP: .175 (11-63)	vs. LH: .258 (8-31) vs. RH: .281 (61-217), 3-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Has a career-long 10-game hitting streak, batting .419/.486/.548 (13-for-31) with 1 2B, 1 HR and 3 RBI, on the heels of an 0-for-17 skid. + On Sun at NYM, reached four times to tie a career high (4th time)...hit his third homer, all coming on the road, first since May 29 at OAK. + Batting .223/.270/.291 (23-for-103) with 10 RBI at Tropicana Field compared to .317/.367/.428 (46-for-145) with 3 HR and 13 RBI on the road. + His 69 hits rank 2nd among AL rookies to NYY Miguel Andújar (84) and are the most by a Rays rookie in the first half since Longoria (84) in 2008. + Has appeared in 76 games and made 59 starts (45-2B, 8-LF, 4-3B, 1-SS), all against right-handed starters. 			

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#35 MATT ANDRIESE • RH		Pronunciation: ann-DREESE		2018: 2-3-0 • 3.63 ERA • 24 G • 4 GS	
Last App: 7/9 vs. DET (W, 1.0-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO, 17-pit)	Long Relief App: 3.2, 6/13 vs. TOR Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-7/9/18 vs. DET, Loss-6/11/18 at SEA, Save-8/28/17 at KC	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 9-3	vs. LH: .179 (14-78), 1-HR vs. RH: .273 (33-121), 4-HR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Mon vs. DET, got his first win since May 16 at KC and first at home since May 25, 2017 vs. LAA, pitching around a leadoff single in the 10th. + His last 3 apps (1 start) spanning 5 IP since the start of July have been scoreless after a 6.39 ERA (12.2-IP, 9-ER) in 5 apps (1 start) in June. + Against teams currently under .500, is 2-1 with a 0.81 ERA (22.1-IP, 2-ER) in 11 apps (2 starts), compared to a 5.76 ERA (29.2-IP, 19-ER) otherwise. + Has gone at least 2 IP in 14 of his 20 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 • 1.89 ERA • 15 G			
Last App: 7/9 vs. DET (BS, 0.2-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 1-BB, 0-SO, 17-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 4x-last 7/6 at NYM Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-6/13/18 vs. TOR, Loss-none, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-1 IR-RS: 10-3	vs. LH: .167 (4-24) vs. RH: .167 (7-42), 1-HR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Mon vs. DET, charged a blown save in the 7th inning after a walk, hit batter and game-tying, 2-run double by José Iglesias, all with 2 outs. + Has entered with the Rays tied or ahead in all 15 apps this season...has gone 1.1 IP or longer in seven of his 15 apps, and 1.2 IP or longer six times. + Has limited opponents to a .167 avg. (11-for-66) this season...opponents are batting .050 (1-for-20) against him when they are behind in the count. + 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. 					

#36 ANDREW KITTREDGE • RH		Pronunciation: KIT-rj		2018: 1-2-0 • 8.68 ERA • 14 G • 3 GS	
Last App: 7/8 at NYM (2.0-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 2-BB, 1-SO, 31-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.1, 4/5 at BOS Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-4/25/18 at BAL, Loss-4/5/18 at BAL, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 3-3	vs. LH: .160 (4-25) vs. RH: .426 (23-54), 3-HR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Recalled from Triple-A Durham today to start his third stint with the Rays this season, following Opening Day-May 13 and July 4-8. + On Sun at NYM, pitched the last 2 innings of a 9-0 win...pitched around a leadoff walk in the 8th inning and stranded 2 RISP in the 9th inning. + Was 2-0 with a 2.86 ERA (28.1-IP, 9-ER) and .227 opp avg. (25-for-110) in 13 apps (1 start) for the Bulls...held lefties to a .113 avg. (7-for-62) with 1 2B. + In his 11 relief apps, is 1-1 with a 11.91 ERA (11.1-IP, 15-ER, 7-BB, 9-SO, 2-HR) and opponents are batting .385/.458/.558 (20-for-52) against him. 					

#56 ADAM KOLAREK • LH		Pronunciation: koh-LAIR-ick		2018: 0-0-0 • 4.50 ERA • 3 G	
Last App: 7/10 vs. DET (2.2-IP, 4-H, 2-R, 0-BB, 0-SO, 40-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.2, 7/10 vs. DET Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-7/18/17 at OAK, Loss-none, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 2-1	vs. LH: .500 (1-2) vs. RH: .286 (2-14)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. DET, his 2.2 IP and 40 pitches were both career highs...previous highs were 1.1 IP on June 29, 2017 at PIT and 19 pitches, 2x-last July 28, 2017 at NYY...pitched around a 2-out single in the 7th, 2-out HBP in the 8th, and yielded 2 runs on three straight hits to start the 9th. + On Mon vs. DET, threw 1 pitch and allowed a sacrifice fly...selected from Triple-A Durham on July 6 and made his season debut that night. + Went 4-1 with a 1.70 ERA (42.1-IP, 8-R/ER), 3 saves and 50 SO in 29 apps (1 start) for the Bulls...held lefties to a .113 avg. (7-for-62) with 1 2B. + Made his major league debut with the Rays last season, making 12 apps over two stints in the majors...was outrighted off the 40-man on Nov 6. 					

#54 SERGIO ROMO • RH		2018: 1-2-10 • 4.05 ERA • 43 G • 5 GS			
Last App: 7/10 vs. DET (S, 0.1-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO, 3-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 3x-last 7/3 at MIA Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/12/18 at BAL (G2), Loss-6/18/18 at HOU, Save-7/10/18 vs. DET	Saves-Opps: 10-15 IR-RS: 22-10	vs. LH: .234 (11-47), 1-HR vs. RH: .250 (26-104), 4-HR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. DET, inherited 1-on, 2-out in the 9th inning and got a 3-pitch strikeout of Ronny Rodriguez for his 10th save of the season. + Has pitched to a 1.45 ERA (18.2-IP, 3-ER) in 19 apps (1 start) since the beginning of June...this stretch has lowered his ERA from 6.33 to 4.05. + Has 94 saves in his career, while the rest of the Rays active roster has combined for 8 saves...all 10 saves this season have come since May 29. + His combination of starts (5) and saves (10) has been unmatched by an AL pitcher since SEA Brandon Morrow (5 starts, 10 saves) in 2008. + Has pitched to a 2.82 ERA (22.1-IP, 7-ER) in 22 apps (3 starts) on the road, compared to a 5.60 ERA (17.2-IP, 11-ER) in 21 apps (2 starts) at home. 					

#57 JAIME SCHULTZ • RH		2018: 0-0-0 • 9.00 ERA • 3 G			
Last App: 7/10 vs. DET (2.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 1-BB, 3-SO, 33-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 7/10 vs. DET Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-none, Loss-none, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 0-0	vs. LH: .167 (1-6) vs. RH: .000 (0-3)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. DET, faced the minimum over 2 IP...pitched a perfect 5th inning, and his leadoff walk in the 6th was erased with a caught stealing. + Recalled from Triple-A Durham on Sunday to begin his second stint with the Rays this season, following May 27-29...went 2-1 with a 6.91 ERA (28.2-IP, 22-ER) and 47 SO in 27 apps (1 start) with the Bulls, but pitched to a 3.38 ERA (13.1-IP, 5-ER) in 11 apps there after his last option. + Made his major league debut on May 29 at OAK and struck out all 3 BF in the 7th inning, but was optioned back to Durham after the game. + Has spent parts of the last three seasons with Durham, pitching to a 4.16 ERA (171-IP, 79-ER) and 12.16 SO/9 IP ratio at the Triple-A level. 					

#55 RYNE STANEK • RH		Pronunciation: STAN-ik		2018: 1-2-0 • 1.99 ERA • 26 G • 11 GS	
Last App: 7/10 vs. DET (GS, 2.0-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 2-SO, 23-pit)	Long Relief App: 2.0, 7/3 at MIA Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-5/28/18 at OAK, Loss-7/2/18 at MIA, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 6-3	vs. LH: .114 (4-35) vs. RH: .160 (12-75), 2-HR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Yesterday vs. DET, made his 11th start and went a career-high-tying 2 IP (6th time)...his only baserunner was a 2-out single in the 1st inning. + Since the start of June, is 0-1 with a 0.82 ERA (22-IP, 2-ER) and .133 opp avg. (10-for-75) in 17 apps (9 starts) to lower his season ERA from 4.66. + His avg. fastball velocity this season is 98.1 mph, according to StatCast, and his max velocity is 100.5 mph in his start on May 26 vs. BAL. + Ten of his 11 starts have been scoreless, including his last nine in a row...according to Stats LLC, his 10 scoreless starts are a major league record before the All-Star break, passing STL Adam Wainwright (9) in 2014 and LAD Sandy Koufax (9) in 1963...his nine consecutive scoreless starts are a major league record—though he has totaled 13.2 IP over this span—passing LAD Zack Greinke (6), LAD Orel Hershiser (6) and LAD Don Drysdale (6). 					

#48 RYAN YARBROUGH • LH		Pronunciation: YAHR-bro		2018: 7-4-0 • 3.75 ERA • 21 G • 5 GS	
Last App: 7/6 at NYM (2.0-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 0-ER, 2-BB, 3-SO, 35-pit)	Long Relief App: 7.0, 5/25 vs. BAL Last Win, Loss & Save: Win-6/24/18 vs. NYY, Loss-6/28/18 vs. HOU, Save-none	Saves-Opps: 0-0 IR-RS: 15-6	vs. LH: .225 (18-80), 4-HR vs. RH: .248 (61-246), 7-HR		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + On Fri at NYM, allowed an unearned run on an Asdrúbal Cabrera RBI single in the 3rd inning and pitched around a 1-out walk in the 4th inn. + His 7 wins are tied with CIN Tyler Mahle and OAK Lou Trivino for the most among major league rookies, and are the most by a Rays rookie before the All-Star break since Jeremy Hellickson (8) in 2011...his 5 wins in relief are tied for 2nd in the majors among rookie relievers to Trivino (6). + Has gone 5-1 with a 3.13 ERA (60.1-IP, 21-ER) and .232 opp avg. (54-for-233) in 16 relief apps and 2-2 with a 5.32 ERA and .269 opp avg. in 5 starts. + Leads the majors with 60.1 IP as a reliever...his 11 relief apps of at least 3 IP, 9 relief apps of at least 4 IP and 6 relief apps of at least 5 IP are all the most in the majors...his 6 relief apps of at least 5 IP are the most for any pitcher over an entire season since BOS Bob Stanley (11) in 1982. 					

