



PREGAME NOTES

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010 at OAKLAND A'S

RH Wade Davis (3-1, 2.79) vs. RH Ben Sheets (1-3, 7.12)

Game #30 (22-7)...Road Game #15 (13-1)...All-Time Game #1,971 (848-1,122)...All-Time Road Game #986 (366-619)

UPCOMING PROBABLES

Sun @OAK 4:07	SUN	RH James Shields (4-0, 3.15)	vs.	LH Dallas Braden (3-2, 4.14)
Mon @LAA 10:05	SUN	RH Matt Garza (5-1, 2.09)	vs.	RH Joel Piniero (2-4, 5.30)
Tue @LAA 10:05	SUN	RH Jeff Niemann (2-0, 2.23)	vs.	LH Scott Kazmir (2-2, 7.11)
Wed @LAA 7:05	SUN	LH David Price (4-1, 1.91)	vs.	RH Jered Weaver (4-1, 2.66)

---All games broadcast on 620 AM WDAE and in Spanish on 680 AM WGES

22-7 ---Rays are off to the best start in club history with the majors' best record...it's the best 29-game start by a major league club since the 2005 White Sox (22-7/23-7)... the Rays are the 19th AL team all-time and the 10th in the last 50 years to start the season 22-7 or better... Rays have 6 more victories after 29 games than their next closest season (2008) and are 9 games ahead of last year at this time...Rays did not win their 22nd game in 2009 until May 22 (44th game), and #23 until May 23 (45th)...the Rays have held sole possession of 1st in the AL East for the past 16 days since Apr 22.

RAY MATTER---Rays have won 5 straight including 4-0 on this 9-games-in-9-days west coast road swing (3-0 at Seattle and 1-0 at Oakland)...in the 5-game win streak, Rays have pitched to a 0.80 ERA (IP-45.0 H-24 R-6, ER-4, BB-13, SO-42, HR-1) and have held the opposition to a .154 (24-156) average... Last night was the 25th time in 29 games that Rays starters have allowed 3 runs or less and the 20th time (and 9th straight game) they have allowed 2 runs or less... The Rays are 19-4 starting April 12...in those 23 games, the Rays have pitched to a 2.15 ERA (213-IP, 51-ER)

RAYS ROAD RECORD BEST SINCE 1984 TIGERS ---Rays are just the 5th major league team since 1900 to start 13-1 or better on the road...last team to do it was the 1984 Tigers who set a major league record by winning their first 17 road games... Rays are pitching to a 1.88 ERA (IP-129, ER-27) on the road and have held opposing hitters to a .192 (88-459) batting average, including .091 (7-77) with runners in scoring position, all top the majors.

Best Road Records After 14/15 Games, Since 1900

1984 Detroit Tigers	13-0	14-0
1912 Chicago White Sox	13-1-1	14-1-1
1976 Philadelphia Phillies	13-1	14-1
1923 New Giants	13-1	14-1
2010 Rays	13-1	

POINTS FOR AND AGAINST---The Rays have scored exactly twice as many runs have they have allowed and lead the majors in most runs scored (172) and fewest runs allowed (86) ...Their run differential of+ 86 is the greatest by a major league team after 29 games since the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers (Don Zimmer's Dodgers) at +87 and is the 5th greatest advantage after 29 games since 1900.

Greatest Run Differential After 29 Games Since 1900

1902 Pittsburgh Pirates	+ 113	(+112 after 30 games)	2010 Tampa Bay Rays	+86	
1905 New York Giants	+98	(+99)	1984 Detroit Tigers	+85	(+91)
1939 New York Yankees	+94	(+95)	1912 New York Giants	+83	(+86)
1955 Brooklyn Dodgers	+87	(+80)	2003 New York Yankees	+82	(+80)

POINTS AGAINST---The Rays have allowed only 86 runs...it is the fewest runs allowed by an AL team through the first 29 games of the season since the 1981 Oakland A's who allowed only 63 runs under Billy Martin ...like the Rays, that starting staff also had four starters with an ERA under 3.00 after 29 games: Brian Kingman (5th, 1.56), Matt Keough (1.72, 6th), Steve McCatty (1.93, 8th) and Mike Norris (2.12, 11th)... it is the fewest runs by an NL club after 29 games since the Atlanta Braves allowed 82 in 1997 with the starting staff of John Smoltz, Tom Glavine, Denny Neagle and Tom Glavine.

VS. OAKLAND---The Rays have won the first 3 games of the season series including a pair at Tropicana Field, April 27-28... Rays are 44-72 (.379) all-time vs. the A's, their 3rd worst pct. against an AL opponent...however, the Rays are 19-13 (.593) the past 3 years and 22-19 (.537) under Joe Maddon...Rays have had only 3 winning seasons against the A's, but two of those have come in the last 3 years (2007 and 2008)... the Rays are 16-39 (.291) here but are 8-5 here starting 2007 and 10-9 under Joe...the Rays lost 30 of their first 36 games here from 1998 thru 2005.

RAYS ERA AL'S BEST SINCE 1991---Rays lead the AL with a 2.74 ERA (2nd in the majors), lowest on this date by an AL team since the 1991 Red Sox (also 2.74)... Rays starters have lost only 3 decisions in the first 29 games and are 18-3 with a 2.41 ERA (IP-190.2, H-148, ER-51, BB-65, SO-161)...Rays starters lead the majors in ERA and wins and are tied with the St. Louis Cardinals for the major league high with an average of 6.2 innings per start:

- Rays starters haven't lost since April 23 (Garza lost to Toronto, 6-5) and are 9-0 with 3 no decisions since
- In the last 21 games (since April 14 at BAL), the Rays bullpen is 3-2 with a 1.74 ERA (51.2-IP, 10-ER).
- Last night was the 14th time a Rays starter has gone 7.0+ innings and allowed 2 or fewer runs...only the Cardinals with 15 such games have as many.

STREAK AT 23 INNINGS---The Rays have gone 23 innings without allowing an earned run and have allowed only 4 ER during their current 5-game win streak.

IN THE CLUTCH---Rays lead the majors with a .321 (87-271) average with runners in scoring position. ... among the AL leaders Carl Crawford (.450) is 4th, Jason Bartlett (.440) is 6th, Reid Brignac (.412) is 8th and John Jaso (.385) is 11th ...the Rays are just 15th overall in hitting in the majors.

PENA NEEDS ONE FREE PASS TO PASS CRIME DOG---Rays 1B Carlos Pena worked a pair of walks Thurs. night at Seattle giving him 305 since he joined the Rays in 2007 tying Fred McGriff for the most in franchise history... McGriff coaxed 305 in his Rays career (1998-2001, 2004)...only 3 other major leaguers have 300 or more walks since the start of 2007: Adam Dunn (362), Albert Pujols (335) and Jack Cust (309).



TODAY'S STARTER – RH WADE DAVIS 3-1, 2.79)

	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
2010 Season	3-1	2.79	5	5	0	0	29.0	21	9	9	16	22	3	.208
2009 Season (Rays)	2-2	3.72	6	6	1	1	36.1	33	19	15	13	36	2	.235
2009 Season (AAA Durham)	10-8	3.40	28	28	0	0	158.2	139	71	60	60	140	14	.231
Career Minor League	51-39	3.28	138	138	2	1	767.1	680	335	280	283	745	52	.238
Career Major League Totals	5-3	3.31	11	11	1	1	65.1	54	28	24	29	58	5	.228

TODAY'S START & 2010 NOTES

- Twenty-four-year-old rookie righthander makes his 6th start of the season, 12th major league start, 2nd against Oakland... and first against Kansas City...broke camp as the No. 5 starter.
- Rays are 4-1 in his 5 starts, despite the fact that he has faced all opening day starters (NYY CC Sabathia, BOS Josh Beckett, CWS Mark Buehrle, OAK Ben Sheets, KC Zack Greinke)...this will be his 6th consecutive start against an Opening Day hurler.
- Lost to Sabathia in his first start, but the Rays have won his last 4 outings.
- He's earned the win in his last 3 starts including his **last start** out last Sunday when he bested reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Zack Greinke, 1-0, at Tropicana Field...his line: IP-7.0, H-3, BB-3, SO-5, 102 pitches)...Rays won it on Evan Longoria's 4th inning home run.
- Among AL rookies, he leads in ERA (2.79), opponents batting average (.208), is tied for the lead in wins (tied with CLE Mitch Talbot) and is 2nd in strikeouts (22).
- Is 12th overall in the AL in ERA.
- Opponents are 4-for-23 off him with runners in scoring position.
- Tossed 6 shutout innings on April 21 at CWS, earning the victory in a 12-0 win...2 H, 3 BB, 6 SO...retired 12 straight batters between the 2nd through 5th innings...both hits came from Juan Pierre – a bunt single to lead off the game and a single to left in the 6th.
- On April 16 at BOS, earned no decision in a game suspended by rain in the 9th inning (Rays won, 3-1, the next day in 12 innings)...totaled 5 IP, 2 H, 1 R/ER, 4 BB, 4 SO, 104 pit...lone run scored on Jason Varitek's solo homer.
- Season debut was April 10 vs. the Yankees at home...lost 10-0 to CC Sabathia, who carried a no-hitter thru 7.2...his line: 6 IP, 7 H, 4 R/ER, 4 BB, 3 SO...held the Yankees scoreless through the first 3 innings, before Robinson Cano hit a 2-run homer in the 4th.
- Entered the season ranked by *Baseball America* as the No. 34 prospect in all of baseball, and the No. 3 prospect in the Rays organization behind OF Desmond Jennings and RHP Jeremy Hellickson.
- Lake Wales, Fla., native is the second cousin of former Cubs catcher and 2-time All-Star Jody Davis (1981-88 Cubs; 1988-90 Braves).

2010 SPLITS	
vs. LH:	.246 (14-57), 3-HR
vs. RH:	..159 (7-44), 0-HR
Home:	2-1, 4.00 ERA (18-IP, 8-ER)
Road:	1-0, 0.82 ERA (11-IP, 1-ER)
2010 SEASON HIGHS	
Long Outing:	7.0, 5/2 vs. KC
Strikeouts:	6, 4/21 @ CWS
Walks:	4, 2x-last 4/16 @ BOS
HR All'd:	1, 3x-last 4/27 vs. OAK
Hits All'd:	7, 2x-last 4/27 vs. OAK
Runs All'd:	4, 2x-last 4/27 vs. OAK
CAREER HIGHS	
Lone CG/SHO:	9/17/09 @ BAL (4 hits)
Strikeouts:	10, 9/17/09 @ BAL
Walks:	4, 3x-last 4/16/10 @ BOS
HR All'd:	1, 5x-last 4/27/10 vs. OAK
Hits All'd:	7, 4x-last 4/27/10 vs. OAK
Runs All'd:	8, 9/12/09 @ BOS

2010 STARTS

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#P/K	RESULT	OPP. STARTER	WHEN LEFT
4/10	NYY	L-1	6.00	6.0	7	4	4	4	3	1	105/62	L, 0-10	Sabathia	down 4-0
4/16	@BOS	---	4.09	5.0	2	1	1	4	4	1	104/58	W, 3-1	Beckett	tied 1-1
4/21	@CWS	W-1	2.65	6.0	2	0	0	3	6	0	86/55	W, 12-0	Buehrle	up 12-0
4/27	OAK	W-2	3.68	5.0	7	4	4	2	4	1	95/58	W, 8-6	Sheets	up 7-4
APRIL		2-1	3.68	22.0	16	9	9	13	17	3				
5/2	KC	W-1	2.79	7.0	3	0	0	3	5	0	102/67	W, 1-0	Greinke	up 1-0

2009 & CAREER NOTES

- Made 6 starts for the Rays in 2009 over the season's final month, his first big league action...prior to that made 28 starts for Triple-A Durham.
- Went 2-2 with a 3.72 ERA (36.1-IP, 15-ER) for the Rays, with both victories coming over Baltimore...was 1 of 3 rookies in the Rays rotation in September, joining Jeff Niemann and David Price.
- Made his ML debut Sep 6 vs. DET, one day before his 24th birthday...earned ND in a 5-3 loss (7-IP, 3-H, 1-R/ER, 1-BB, 9-SO, 105 pit)...left after 7 IP with a 3-1 lead and was 2 outs away from victory when Brandon Inge hit a grand slam off Russ Springer.
 - ↳ Set a club record for a ML debut with 9 strikeouts and tied a club mark with 7 IP...allowed one run, an Aubrey Huff home run in the 2nd.
 - ↳ 9 SO tied for the 5th most by a pitcher making his debut in the last 30 years...most since Dice-K struck out 10 on April 5, 2007 at KC.
 - ↳ Fanned his first 4 batters faced, just the 2nd player in the last 47 years to do so in his ML debut...in fact, the other happened just a few weeks prior: TEX Neftali Feliz, Aug 3 at OAK...prior to Feliz, the last to do this was LAD Pete Richert on April 12, 1962 vs. CIN (K'd his first 6 BF)...Davis recorded his first 6 outs via the strikeout...retired 13 of his first 14 BF, the exception being Huff's homer.
- On Sep 17 at BAL (his 3rd start) threw a complete-game, 4-hit shutout to earn his first major league win...was the first pitcher to throw a CG SHO in his 3rd ML game (or quicker) since BOS Clay Buchholz's no-hitter on Sep 1, 2007 vs. BAL (2nd career game).
 - ↳ Earned his first ML win, becoming the first to do so on a CG SHO (9.0+ IP) since LAA Ervin Santana, May 23, 2005 vs. CWS...is 2nd Ray to do it – also Travis Harper (Sep 24, 2000 at TOR)...was the first pitcher in 17 years to throw a CG SHO with 10+ SO in his first ML win (last CAL Tim Lincecum, July 25, 1992 vs. DET).
 - ↳ Became the 3rd Ray to throw a SHO with 10+ SO, joining Steve Trachsel (May 6, 2000 at BOS) and Scott Kazmir (July 3, 2006 vs. BOS).
 - ↳ Threw 124 pitches, most by a Ray under Joe Maddon and most by a Ray since Casey Fossum on Aug 15, 2005 vs. NYY (125).
- In 34 combined starts (MLB and AAA) went 12-10 with a 3.46 ERA (195-IP, 75-ER)...set career highs in GS, IP and SO (176).
- Is a four-time All-Star in the minors (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005)...started the 2008 Southern League All-Star Game.
- Owns 2 of the 6 complete-game no-hitters in the history of the organization...both were 7-inning games...the first came with Southwest Michigan on Aug 31, 2006 vs. Beloit (Twins) but lost the game 1-0...second was May 4, 2007 at Jupiter (Marlins) while with Vero Beach.
- Named the 2007 Rays Minor League Pitcher of the Year after going a combined 10-3 with a 2.50 ERA (158.1-IP, 128-H, 44-ER, 51-BB, 169-SO) in 27 starts at Vero Beach (A) and Montgomery...ranked 7th among all minor leaguers in strikeouts.
- Was selected by the Rays in the 3rd round of the 2004 June Draft, 75th overall, part of a Rays draft class that included Jeff Niemann, Reid Brignac, Jake McGee, Fernando Perez and Andy Sonnanstine...had committed to the University of Florida, but signed shortly thereafter.

VS. OAKLAND

- Faced Oakland at home on April 27 and won 8-6...5 IP, 7 H, 4 R/ER, 2 BB, 4 SO, 1 HR...95 pit, 58 strikes...was spotted a 4-0 lead in the 2nd inning, but gave back all 4 runs during a 41-pitch 3rd inning, including Cliff Pennington's 3-run homer...Rays scored 3 more in the bottom of the 3rd on Pat Burrell's homer, making it 7-4.

A'S vs. DAVIS (CAREER AVG-H-HR-RBI)—Barton (.000-3-0-0)...Chavez (.000-2-0-0)...Gross (1.000-1-1-0)...Kouzmanoff (.333-3-1-0)...Patterson (.000-1-0-0)...Pennington (.667-3-2-1)...Powell (.000-2-0-0)... Rosales (1.000-2-2-0)...Sweeney (.333-3-1-0).

RAYS vs. BEN SHEETS (CAREER AVG-H-HR-RBI)—Bartlett (.667-3-2-0)...Birgnac (.200-2-1-1)... Burrell (.421-19-8-3)... Crawford (.000-3-0-0)... Jaso (.500-2-1-0)...Longoria (.500-2-1-0)... Pena (1.000-1-1-0)... Upron (1.000-2-2-0)...Zobrist (.000-3-0-0).



#70 JOE MADDON, MANAGER

- Is in his 5th season as manager of the Rays...has managed more games than any other skipper in Rays history and owns the best record at 330-347 (.487)...Rays were 518-775 (.401) prior to Maddon's arrival.
- Skipped the American League to a 4-3 win over the NL in the 80th All-Star Game at St. Louis last July 14.
- Was named AL Manager of the Year in 2008, guiding the Rays from the majors' worst record to the World Series...missed by one vote in becoming the first manager, AL or NL, to win the award unanimously.
- Prior to joining Rays spent all 31 years of his professional baseball career in the Angels system, including the last 12 on the major league staff.
- Until this season, his No. 70 had been the highest uniform number for a major league manager in major league history...was eclipsed by KC Trey Hillman (#88).
- Has an overall managerial record of 363-373 (.493)...had interim stints with the Angels in 1996, '98 and '99.
- Is in the first year of a three-year contract through 2012.

#16 WILLY AYBAR INF (.300, 2, 7) Current Hitting Streak: 3G (4-10)	FRI: 1-4, RBI vs. LH: .269 (7-26), HR	ROAD TRIP: 4-10, 2B, 4-RBI vs. RH: .357(5-14), HR	RISP: .375 (6-16), HR
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- Is 11-for-28 (.393) in his last 8 games after starting the season 1-for-12.
- 27-year-old switch-hitter has started 10 games (9-DH, 1-1B).
- Homered April 23 vs. TOR off Brett Cecil, the same day he returned to the team after missing the final 2 days of the road trip due to the birth of his son, Willy Jr.
- Hit his first HR on April 9 vs. NYY off Javier Vazquez, a 2-run shot.
- **Spring training:** Did not appear in a big league game until March 29 due to a left wrist sprain suffered in the Dominican Winter League.
- In 2009 appeared in 105 games and made 73 starts (26-1B, 20-DH, 16-2B, 11-3B)...helped fill in for injuries to Peña, Burrell, Iwamura and Longoria at various points in the season...set career highs in HR (12) and RBI (41)...hit 6 HR from each side of the plate.

#8 JASON BARTLETT (.254, 0, 17) Current Hitting Streak: ---	FRI: 0-3, 2-BB vs. LH: .261 (12-46)	ROAD TRIP: 3-12, 2-2B, RBI, 3-BB vs. RH: .250 (17-68)	RISP: .440 (11-25)
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- Is 4-for-25 (.160) in his last 6 games dropping average from .281 to .254
- Is 6th in the AL with a .440 avg. (11-for-25) with RISP...over the last 2 seasons (2009-10) is hitting .396 (55-for-139) with RISP, tops in the majors...in 2009 led the AL hitting a club-record .386 with RISP
- 30-year-old has started 26 of 29 games, all from the leadoff spot.
- Had 10 RBI over a stretch of 5 games from April 24-29.
- His .325 career avg. vs. LHP (207-636) is 9th among active players (min. 500 AB)...hit .338 in 2009 (7th/AL) and .379 (1st/AL) in 2008.
- His last 20 home runs have been solo shots, tied for 2nd-longest such streak in ML history behind DET Curtis Granderson (23, 2007-08)...is tied with MTL Andre Dawson (1980-81) and MIL Paul Molitor (1983-85).
- The Rays are 50 games over .500 (171-121) since he's been the regular shortstop starting in 2008.
- In 2009 set a club record with a .320 avg. (T-6th/AL)...career .299 avg. as a Ray is a club record (min. 1,000 PA).
- Led all AL shortstops with an .879 OPS...posted a .398 OBP from the leadoff spot, 2nd best in the majors behind Jeter (.409)...his 14 HR were a career high...selected by the players to his first All-Star Game...finished 2nd in fan voting at SS behind Jeter.
- Became 1 of 5 shortstops all time to hit at least .320 with 10 HR and 30 SB, joining Honus Wagner, Jeter (3x), E. Renteria and H. Ramirez.

#15 REID BRIGNAC INF (.286, 2, 14) Current Hitting Streak: 1 G (1-1)	FRI: 1-1, RBI vs. LH: .167 (1-6)	ROAD TRIP: 3-8, 2B, 3-RBI vs. RH: .300 (15-50), 2-HR	RISP: .412 (7-17)
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- Has 12 RBI in his last 12 games and leads all AL rookies with 14.
- Delivered his 3rd pinch hit of the season last night giving him the most pinch hits in the AL...also leads AL pinch swingers with 4 RBI.
- Is 8th in the AL overall with a .412 average with runners in scoring position.
- His last 7 hits have driven in a run and he is 6-for-his-last 9 with runners in scoring position.
- 24-year-old rookie has appeared in 20 games, 12 starts (9-2B, 3-SS)...Rays are 11-1 when he starts...made his first Opening Day roster.
- On April 27 vs. OAK homered off Ben Sheets, a fellow alumnus of St. Amant (La.) HS...was his first career homer at Tropicana Field.
- On April 24 vs. TOR drew a bases-loaded, go-ahead walk, while pinch-hitting for Gabe Kapler in the 8th inning...gave Rays a 4-3 lead.
- Was the recipient of the Al Lopez Award as the top Rays rookie in spring training...hit .350 (21-for-60) with 4 2B and a team-high 18 RBI.
- In 2009 played in 31 games, 23 starts (22-SS, 1-2B) over 3 stints...rated by BA the No. 5 prospect and top defensive infielder in the Rays org.

#5 PAT BURRELL OF (.229, 2, 13) Current Hitting Streak: 1G (1-4)	FRI: DNP vs. LH: .053 (1-19)	ROAD TRIP: 1-7, BB-2 vs. RH: .255 (15-51), 2-HR	RISP: .235 (4-17)
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- Singled in the 2nd inning Wed. night at Seattle off Cliff Lee – his first of the season against a lefthander...had been 0-for-15 vs. LHP.
- 33-year-old has started 20 games, all at DH.
- Is 1-for-11 in his last 3 games, but has 13 RBI in his last 13 games (since April 16), including 5 multi-RBI games.
- Both of his HR this season have come with the game tied: hit a go-ahead, 3-run homer in the 3rd inning April 27 vs. OAK off Ben Sheets, breaking a 4-4 tie... also April 17 off Manny Delcarmen, a 2-run HR in the 12th over the Green Monster giving Rays a 3-1 win.
- Since joining the Rays has hit .180 (25-for-139) against LHP with 0 HR and a .224 SLG—more than 300 pct. points lower than his career .540 SLG off LHP entering 2009...before joining the Rays was a .276 hitter vs. LHP with 71 HR.
- In his career has seen 4.19 pitches per PA (6th most among active players; min. 3,000 PA).
- Spent his first 9 big league seasons with Philadelphia, where he ranks 3rd on the club's all-time HR list (251)...in his final 4 seasons (2005-08) with the Phillies, hit .262 with an average of 31 HR, 99 RBI and 103 BB.

#13 CARL CRAWFORD OF (.327, 3, 15) Current Hitting Streak: ----	FRI: 0-5 vs. LH: .222 (10-45), 2-HR	ROAD TRIP: 6-18, 2-2B, 2-BB, HR, 2-RBI vs. RH: .400 (26-65) HR	RISP: .450 (9-20)
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- Hitless last night, but batting .364 (24-66) in his last 16 games.
- Homered Thurs. night off SEA's Ian Snell...his first home run ever at SAFECO...has not homered here (111 ABs) or Angels Stadium (100 ABs)...for that matter has never homered in the state of California.
- His .400 average vs. right-handers is 2ND in the AL.
- His .450 average with runners in scoring position is 4th in the AL.
- Was caught stealing in his last attempt last Sat. vs. KC...has been caught in his last 3 attempts and 4 times overall this season...in 2009, his 4th CS came on June 20 in his 41st attempt...last time he was caught in 3 straight was April 5-10, 2007.
- Tied for DET's Magglio Ordonez for the AL lead with 4 outfield assists.
- Opening Day (April 6 vs. BAL) hit a 2-run, walk-off double in the 9th inning off Mike Gonzalez...it was his 6th career walk-off hit, 1st off a LHP...his 1st career walk-off hit (March 31 vs. BOS, homer off Chad Fox) was also on Opening Day – Rays only two OD walk-off victories.
- Ranks 4th among actives with 369 career SB (behind Juan Pierre-471, Omar Vizquel-389, Johnny Damon-375)...ranks 3rd among actives in career triples, only 2 3B behind co-leaders Jimmy Rollins and Johnny Damon (96).
- His .991 career fielding pct. is first among active LF (min. 1,000 G).
- In 2009 hit .305...set career highs with 60 SB (club record and 2nd in AL), 51 BB, .364 OBP...was 10th AL player ever with 60 SB and 60 RBI.
- Named MVP of the 2009 All-Star Game in St. Louis after robbing COL Brad Hawpe of a go-ahead HR in the 7th inning...is a 3-time All-Star.
- Reached his 1,000th career game last June 27 with 341 SB and 87 3B...in ML history, only Ty Cobb has matched those numbers thru 1,000 G.
- Is the longest-tenured Ray in club history...is the club's all-time leader in hits, at-bats, runs, stolen bases, triples, games and RBI.

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#28 JOHN JASO C (.313, 1, 10) Current Hitting Streak: ---	FRI: DNP vs. LH: .222 (2-9), HR	ROAD TRIP: 0-4, BB vs. RH: .348 (8-23)	RISP: .385 (5-13)
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- 26-year-old rookie catcher has started 10 games and the Rays are 9-1 in those games.
- Has 10 walks – 2nd among AL rookies- and only 2 strikeouts.
- Is tied for 2nd among AL rookies with 10 RBI.
- Is 11th in the AL overall with a .385 average with runners in scoring position.
- Hit his first career homer April 24 vs. TOR, a 2-run shot off LH Ricky Romero to give the Rays a 2-1 lead...had a career-high 3 RBI.
- Was recalled April 13 from AAA Durham with Kelly Shoppach heading to the DL...had caught 3 games for Durham, hitting .364 (4-for-11).
- Career .291 hitter in parts of 8 minor league seasons...5-time minor league All-Star...BA rated his strike-zone discipline as the best in the org.

#19 GABE KAPLER OF (.237, 1, 6) Current Hitting Streak: 3G (3-8)	FRI: 1-3, R vs. LH: .281 (9-32), HR	ROAD TRIP: 3-8, 2-RBI vs. RH: .000 (0-6)	RISP: .333 (4-12)
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- 34-year-old has started 12 games (11-RF, 1-LF)...all against left-handed starters including the first 4 games of this road trip
- Had a pair of RBI singles in the Seattle series including one off Cliff Lee on Wednesday.
- In 2 seasons as a Ray (2009-10) he has batted .277 (49-177) with 8 HRs, 31 RBI, 25 XBH vs. lefthanders and has batted .136 (9-66) with no homers, 2 RB, one extra base hit vs. righties.
- Over 2008-09, had a .304 (69-227) avg., .577 SLG (9th/MLB; min. 250 PA) and a .956 OPS (13th/MLB) vs. lefties.
- In interleague play, led all major leaguers with a .500 (11-for-22) avg., .586 OBP and 1.227 SLG...had 3 HR and 12 RBI.
- Came out of retirement in 2008 with the Brewers and hit .301 in 96 games...spent 2007 as the manager for Class-A Greenville (Red Sox).

#3 EVAN LONGORIA 3B (.345, 7, 23) Current Hitting Streak: ----	THU: 0-1, 3-BB vs. LH: .333 (14-42), 2-HR	ROAD TRIP: 5-15, 2B, HR, 4-RBI, 4-BB vs. RH: .353 (24-68), 5-HR	RISP: .306 (11-36)
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- Walked 3 times last night (tying his career high) but had his 12-game hitting streak come to an end...the streak matched his career high.
- Over his last 13 games is batting .420 (21-50) with 7 walks.
- Has 4 home runs (9 RBI) in the last 9 games...his solo homer Sun. off KC Zack Greinke was the lone run in a 1-0 win.
- Tied for the major league lead in runs scored (28) with PHI Chase Utley.
- His .345 average is 6th in the AL.
- Also 5th in the AL with 23 RBI.
- 24-year-old has started at 3B in all 29 games and hit cleanup in 26.
- Has 67 HRs and 221 RBI in his first 308 games...Albert Pujols had 70 home runs and 249 RBI after his first 308 games.
- On Opening Day vs. BAL hit the 3rd-longest HR in Tropicana Field history, a 473-ft. solo shot off Kevin Millwood...it landed in the first row of the tbt* Party Deck in LF, the 2nd homer ever to land in the LF party deck on the fly...first was Vinny Castilla on April 3, 2001 vs. BOS.
- In 2009 hit 33 HR, 44 2B, 113 RBI...only 3 others in ML history have reached those numbers in one season before the age of 24: Albert Pujols (twice), Alex Rodriguez and Hal Trosky...his 60 HR over his first 2 seasons rank 8th in ML history, behind 4 Hall of Famers and Pujols, Ryan Braun and Mark Teixeira...became 1 of 7 in ML history to reach the 30-HR/40-2B/100-RBI/100-R milestones in one season before age 24.
- **2009 Awards:** Won both the Gold Glove and Silver Slugger for 3B in the AL...only 3 players in ML history have won both in the same season at a younger age: TEX Ivan Rodriguez (22 in 1994), SEA Ken Griffey Jr. (21 in 1991) and SD Benito Santiago (23 in 1988).
- **All-Star Game:** Was elected by the fans as the starting AL 3B...finished with the 3rd-most AL votes behind Derek Jeter and Joe Mauer...was unable to play due to an infection on the ring finger of his right hand...is a two-time All-Star.

#30 DIONER NAVARRO C (.158, 0, 2) Current Hitting Streak: 3G (3-11)	FRI: 0-2, 2-BB vs. LH: .150 (3-20)	ROAD TRIP: 2-9, 4-R, 4-BB vs. RH: .171 (6-35)	RISP: .083 (1-12)
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- 26-year-old switch-hitter has appeared in 17 games (15 starts) at catcher...2-for-9 (22.2%) in throwing out attempted base stealers.
- Since his 0-for-21 skid, he has reached base 7 times in 15 plate appearances (3-11, BB-4) and scored 4 runs.
- Had 2 hits in the Rays' 4-3 Opening Day win over Baltimore, but is 7-for-54 (.130).
- Served a 2-game suspension (Apr 27-28) for making contact with home plate umpire Dan Bellino on April 23 vs. TOR...was ejected for the first time of his career.
- Last Oct 28, underwent surgery (Dr. Koco Eaton) to stabilize the ulnar nerve in his left elbow, but reported to camp healthy.
- In 2009 hit .218, 77 points lower than his All-Star 2008 season...hit .182 as a lefty, down from .308 in '08...hit .279 (39-140) from the right side...made 105 starts, all behind the plate...threw out 19 of 80 (23.7%) base stealers, down from 35.7% in 2008.

#23 CARLOS PEÑA 1B (.196, 5, 22) Current Hitting Streak: ---	FRI: 0-4 vs. LH: .171 (7-41), 2-HR	ROAD TRIP: 1-17, BB-2, 2B vs. RH: .213 (13-61), 3-HR	RISP: .300 (9-30)
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- Walked twice Thurs. night at Seattle giving him 305 as a Ray, tying Fred McGriff for the Rays all-time lead.
- Has one hit in his last 30 at-bats.
- Is tied for 6th in the AL in RBI (22), but has gone 7 games without an RBI and 8 without a home run.
- 31-year-old is in his 10th major league season, 4th with the Rays...his 121 HR as a Ray are 7 shy of Aubrey Huff's franchise record.
- Hit 3-run homers in consecutive at-bats April 13-14 at BAL...April 13, homered in the 10th (Matt Albers) to win it, 8-6.
- **Most HR since 2007:** Ryan Howard (145), Prince Fielder (133), Adam Dunn (124), Albert Pujols (123), **Peña (121)**, Alex Rodriguez (121).
- In 2009 led AL with 39 HR (tied Mark Teixeira), the first Ray to do so...on Sep 7 at NYY was hit by a CC Sabathia pitch, breaking two fingers on his left hand...first player in the live ball era (since 1920) to lead his league in HR despite missing at least 25 games to end the season.
- Led the majors with a 12.08 AB/HR...was added to the All-Star Team by Joe Maddon as a replacement for Dustin Pedroia but DNP.
- His .227 average last year is the 2nd lowest ever by a league HR champion (NYM Dave Kingman hit .204 with 37 HR in 1982).

#1 SEAN RODRIGUEZ UTIL (.208, 1, 8) Current Hitting Streak: 1G (1-3)	FRI: 1-3, RBI-2, 2B vs. LH: .313 (5-16)	ROAD TRIP: 1-7, 2B, SF, 3-RBI vs. RH: .156 (5-32), HR	RISP: .333 (4-12)
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- Was 2-for-his-last-17 before delivering a 2-run doubleoff Gio Gonzalez last night giving Rays a 3-0 lead in the 7th inning.
- 25-year-old has appeared in 15 games, including 12 starts (11-2B, 1-LF)...has also appeared in CF...made his first Opening Day roster.
- Had two hits last Sunday off 2009 Cy Young Award winner Zack Greinke.
- On April 21 at CWS, he collected a career-high 3 hits and 4 RBI, including his first HR as a Ray (3-run off Tony Pena).
- Set Rays spring training records in batting avg. (.460), runs (20) and hits (29)...also led club with 6 HR, 6 2B, .400 OBP and .873 SLG...played in 24 games at every posn. except P, C, 1B...led majors in runs scored and led the Grapefruit League in batting avg., hits and total bases (55).
- Appeared in 71 major league games over two seasons (2008-09) with the Angels...saw time at 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF and RF.
- Five-time minor league All-Star...in 2009 combined to hit .294 (113-for-385) with 30 HR (T-7th in minors), 98 RBI, 87 R, 9 SB, 55 BB .397 OBP and .608 SLG (3rd in minors) in 108 games between Durham and Triple-A Salt Lake (Angels).
- Acquired from LAA last Sep 1 in the Scott Kazmir trade...drafted by LAA in 2003 (3rd round) out of Miami's G. Holmes Braddock High.

#2 B.J. UPTON OF (.231, 4, 17) Current Hitting Streak: ---	FRI: 0-4 vs. LH: .222 (8-36), HR	ROAD TRIP: 2-13, 2-RBI vs. RH: .235 (16-68), 3-HR	RISP: .296 (8-27)
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- Is 2-for-24 in his last 7 games with one of those hits an RBI single off Cliff Lee at Seattle on Wed.
- Has only 2 RBI in his last 10 games.
- Had 4 home runs in the first 13 games of the season, but hasn't hit one in 16 games since.
- Has 4 home runs and 14 RBI in 14 road games and no homers and 3 RBI in 15 home games.
- Is tied for 2nd on the team with 6 SB...ranked T-4th in the majors last season with 42 steals, his 2nd career 40-SB season...he and Crawford became the first teammates to steal 40-plus in the same season since the 1993 Angels (L. Polonia, C. Curtis) and Expos (M. Grissom, D. DeShields).
- Became first Ray to hit for the cycle on Oct 2 vs. NYY, going 5-for-6 with 6 RBI in a game started by CC Sabathia...reached it in the 5th inning.
- Had 33 OF assists from 2007-09, 9 more than any other major league center fielder.

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#18 BEN ZOBRIST UTIL (.266, 0, 13) Current Hitting Streak: 4G (5-14)	FRI: 1-1 vs. LH: .250 (11-44)	ROAD TRIP: 5-14, 2B, 3-RBI vs. RH: .277 (18-65)	RISP: .242 (8-33)
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- Is 8-for-22 (.364) while hitting safely in 5 of 6 games in May.
- 28-year-old switch-hitter has started 27 games (1-CF, 17-RF, 9-2B)...started at 7 different defensive positions last year.
- Has gone 122 ABs since his last HR- last Oct 1 vs. BAL off Chris Waters.
- 2 of his 5 hits on this road trip are bunt singles giving him a team-high three...only TEX Elvis Andrus (4) has more in the AL.
- Has batted in the #3 hole for all but one start.
- On April 23 signed a contract extension for 3 years guaranteed (thru 2013) with club options for 2014 and 2015...if both options are exercised, the deal would be worth almost \$30 million...he will donate up to \$450,000 to the Rays Baseball Foundation as part of the deal.
- Breakout 2009 season (27 HR, 91 RBI) resulted in an 8th-place finish in the AL MVP vote, highest in club history... .948 OPS ranked 3rd in AL
- Named an AL All-Star by Joe Maddon, the first player ever selected after starting at 6 different posns...led Rays in BB, OBP and SLG.
- Tied with MIN Jason Kubel for the AL lead with 3 pinch-hit home runs last season, matching Bubba Trammell (2000) for the club mark.

BULLPEN NOTES

#50 GRANT BALFOUR RH (0-0-0, 2.02 ERA, 11-G) Last App: 5/5 @SEA (1.0-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 1-ER, 1-BB, 1-SO)	Saves-Opps: 0-1 Long Relief App: 2.0, 3x-last 4/20 @ CWS	vs. LH: .250 (5-20), 0-HR vs. RH: .167 (5-30), 1-HR	IR-RS: 5-3 1st Batter: .300 (3-10)
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- Has 191 strikeouts in 160.2 innings in his Rays career.
- Opponents have batted only .195 (97-497) since the start of 2008.
- Has fanned almost 30% of the hitters (164 of 564) he has faced since the start of 2008
- Has not allowed an ER in 6 road apps this season (IP-6.1)
- In 2009, his first full season in the majors, appeared in 73 games—2nd most in Rays history (Shawn Camp had 75 in 2006) and T-7th in the AL.
- Opponents hit only .195 (87-for-447) in 2008-09 combined, tied with teammate J.P. Howell for 5th lowest in the majors.
- Ranks 2nd all time among Australian-born pitchers with 214 games pitched, behind Graeme Lloyd (568)...ATL Pete Moylan (201) is 3rd.

#53 JOAQUIN BENOIT RH (0-0-0, 0.00 ERA, 2-G) Last App: 5/6 @ SEA (1.0-IP, 2-SO)	Saves-Opps: 0-0 Long Relief App: 1.0, 2 x, last 5/5 @. SEA	vs. LH: .250 (1-4) vs. RH: .000 (0-3)	IR-RS: 0-0 1st Batter: .000 (0-2)
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- Pronounced *wah-KEEN ben-WAH*...32-year-old was selected from AAA Durham April 29...is a 9-year major league veteran who missed the entire 2009 season with a torn right rotator cuff...underwent surgery on Jan 27, 2009 by Dr. Timothy Kremchek in Cincinnati.
- Has made 2 scoreless appearances since fanning 3 of the 8 batters he's faced.
- Made his Rays debut the day of his callup (Apr 29). vs. KC...struck out Alex Gordon, the first batter faced...was his first career app away from the Rangers...appeared in his first ML game since Sep 7, 2008 vs. BOS.
- Was 0-1 with 2 saves and a 2.79 ERA (9.2-IP, 8-H, 3-R/ER, 3-BB, 17-SO) in 8 relief apps for Durham.
- **Spring training:** Pitched in 8 games (1 start) for the Rays...totaled 0-0, 9.1 IP, 11 H, 6 R/ER, 3 BB, 11 SO, 2 HR.
- Signed with the Rays on Feb 17 as a minor league free agent...left the Rangers as the longest-tenured member of the organization (14 seasons)...went 30-26 with a 4.79 ERA in 273 games (55 starts) over parts of 8 seasons with Texas.

#36 RANDY CHOATE LH (0-2-0, 7.88 ERA, 14-G) Last App: 5/7 @SEA (IP-0.1)	Saves-Opps: 0-1 Long Relief App: 1.1, 2x-last 4/27 vs. OAK	vs. LH: .143 (4-28), 1-HR vs. RH: .750 (6-8), 1-HR	IR-RS: 13-3 1st Batter: .214 (3-14)
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- 34-year-old made his 5th Opening Day roster, first with the Rays...has appeared in parts of 10 seasons with the Rays, D-backs and Yankees.
- Has pitched in a staff-high 14 games...
- Had a stretch of 3 apps (April 10-13) in which he totaled 0.2 IP, 8 H, 7 R/ER, 2 HR (allowed 8 hits to 11 batters faced).
- In 9 appearances since: IP-5.2, H-1, R-1, ER-0, BB-1 (int), SO-6...has allowed 4 base runners- one hit, one IBB and two runners have reached on errors (one his own which led to his 2nd loss of the season vs. KC on Apr. 30).
- April 12 at BAL, allowed a pinch-hit HR to Luke Scott to send game into extras...allowed just one HR to a left-handed hitter all of last year.
- In 2009 made 61 apps and was 5-for-5 in save opps...had his contract selected from Durham on May 25...led majors with 29 one-batter relief apps...allowed 9 of 57 (15.8%) inherited runners to score, 2nd best in AL...held lefties to a .141 avg. (11-78), 5th in the majors (min. 75 AB).

#31 LANCE CORMIER RH (2-1-0, 4.22 ERA, 10-G) Last App: 5/1 vs. KC (L, 1.0-IP, 2-H, 2-R/ER, 3-BB, 1-IBB)	Saves-Opps: 0-0 Long Relief App: 3.0, 4/17 @ BOS	vs. LH: .250 (7-28), 0-HR vs. RH: .286 (4-14), 0-HR	IR-RS: 6-1 1st Batter: .100 (1-10)
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- Has pitched only once in the last 9 games.
- Last appearance was a loss to KC last Saturday when he allowed a bases-loaded double to Alberto Callaspo, scoring two runs.
- Leads Rays relievers with 2 wins...worked a season-high 3 innings April 17 at BOS as the suspended game resumed, and earned the 3-1 win, his 2nd of the season and the trip...also recorded the win April 12 at BAL with a scoreless 9th.
- Led Rays relievers with 77.1 IP in 2009 (10th/AL)...was used as the long man out of the Rays pen, with 15 of 53 outings lasting 2 IP or more.

#21 ANDY SONNANSTINE RH (0-0-0, 2.70 ERA, 9-G) Last App: 5/6 @SEA (1.0-IP, 1-SO)	Saves-Opps: 0-0 Long Relief App: 3.1, 4/8 vs. BAL	vs. LH: .217 (5-23), 1-HR vs. RH: .179 (5-28), 3-HR	IR-RS: 1-1 1st Batter: .111 (1-9)
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- 27-year-old is in his 4th season with the Rays, first in the 'pen...entered the year with only 4 career relief apps in the majors, all coming last fall.
- Has pitched once in the last 8 games.
- Has held opponents to a .196 (10-51) average after they hit .311 off him last year in 22 games, 18 starts.
- 4 of those 10 hits are home runs, tied with KC's Luis Mendoz for most among AL relievers.
- Has pitched in 9 games, 4 of those 2+ innings.
- Competed with Wade Davis in spring training for the final rotation spot...made 6 apps (2 starts), compiling a 3.21 ERA (14-IP, 5-ER).
- Began 2009 as the No. 4 starter but was optioned to Durham on June 27 after going 6-7 with a 6.61 ERA in 15 starts...was replaced by Scott Kazmir in the rotation, who was coming off a DL stint...rejoined Rays on Sep 1 after Kazmir was traded to the Angels.

#29 RAFAEL SORIANO RH (1-0-7, 2.08 ERA, 13-G) Last App: 5/7 @ OAK (SV, 1.0-IP, 2-SO)	Saves-Opps: 8-8 Long Relief App: 1.0, 13x-last 5/7 @ OAK	vs. LH: .267 (4-15), 0-HR vs. RH: .200 (6-30), 1-HR	IR-RS: 3-2 1st Batter: .333 (4-12), BB
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- 30-year-old closer was acquired on Dec 11 from Atlanta for Jesse Chavez...this is his 9th season in the majors, 2nd as a full-time closer.
- Is 8-for-8 in save chances... in the AL only Jonathan Papelbon (also 8-8) has more saves without a blown opportunity.
- Opponents are hitting .171 (6-35) over his last 11 app's.
- 8 of his last 9 appearances have been scoreless...all 13 appearances have been 1.0 inning.
- April 17 at BOS, earned the save in both the resumed game and the regularly scheduled contest...is the first Ray to collect 2 saves in one day.
- Made Rays debut Opening Day (April 6) vs. BAL, entering in the 9th with the Rays trailing 3-2...picked up the victory after Rays walk-off win.
- In 2009 set a career high with 27 saves in 31 opps...102 SO (in only 75.2 IP) ranked 2nd among ML relievers (LAD Jonathan Broxton, 114)...his 12.13 SO/9-IP ranked 3rd in the majors...led all major league relievers with a .138 (20-for-145) opp avg. vs. right handed hitters.
- Has held RH hitters to a lifetime .171 avg., lowest among active pitchers (min. 500 BF)...his career .201 opp avg. overall is 8th among actives.

#35 DAN WHEELER RH (1-0-0, 2.08 ERA, 11-G) Last App: 5/2 vs. KC (0.1-IP, 1-SO)	Saves-Opps: 0-0 Long Relief App: 1.2, 4/8 vs. BAL	vs. LH: .167 (1-6), 0-HR vs. RH: .125 (3-24), 1-HR	IR-RS: 4-0 1st Batter: .273 (3-11)
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- 32-year-old veteran is in his 11th season in the majors, 6th with the Rays.
- Opponents are hitting .133 (4-30), 5th lowest among relievers in the AL.
- Starting with 2008 he has held opponents to a .189 average (90-476).
- Appeared in 3 of 4 games vs. KC including Sun., when he struck out Billy Butler, his only batter faced...pitched a perfect 10th Sat. with 2 SO.
- Earned the win on April 24 vs. TOR...relieved Cormier in the 8th with 2 out and men on 1st and 3rd...struck out Alex Gonzalez to end the inning.
- His 365 apps since 2005 are 5th most in the majors...in 2009 finished one 1 shy of his 5th consecutive season of 70+ apps.
- In 2009 his 1.40 BB/9 IP led AL relievers...his 5.0 SO/BB ratio (45 to 9) was 5th best among ML relievers... his 7.80 base runners per 9 IP was 2nd among AL relievers behind NYY Phil Hughes.
- Spent parts of 3 seasons (1999-2001) with the Rays...also pitched for the Mets and the Astros...Rays drafted him in 1996 (34th round).

RAYS PITCHING BY THE NUMBERS

	W-L-S	G	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO	HR
Totals	22-7-8	29	2.74	266.0	211	81	89	218	28
Starters	18-3-0	29	2.41	190.2	148	51	66	161	19
Relievers	4-4-8	28	3.58	75.1	63	30	23	57	9
Home	9-6-3	15	3.55	137.0	123	54	49	120	14
Road	13-1-4	14	1.88	129.0	88	27	40	98	14
April	17-6-5	23	3.13	210.0	180	73	72	170	27
May	5-1-3	6	1.61	56.0	31	10	21	47	2

SUPPORT FOR STARTERS

PITCHER	STARTS	RUNS	RUNS/START	CLUB RECORD	QUALITY STARTS
DAVIS	5	22	4.40	4-1	2
GARZA	6	35	5.83	5-1	5
NIEMANN	6	24	4.00	4-2	5
PRICE	6	30	5.00	4-2	5
SHIELDS	6	32	5.33	5-1	4

*Runs scored while starter is in game

RAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Current Streak: W5	When commit error: 11-2	Hit homer: 17-3
Current Record: 22-7	Ahead after 6-7-8: 18-1/18-0/18-0	Homer with men on: 10-0
Home/Road: 9-6/13-1	Behind after 6-7-8: 3-5/3-5/1-5	Hit multiple homers: 6-1
Day/Night: 5-2/17-5	Tied after 6-7-8: 1-1/1-2/2-2	Score first: 13-3
Grass/Turf: 13-1/9-6	1-run games: 4-3	Score 5 or more: 16-1
vs. East: 12-4	2-run games: 3-1	Score less than 5: 5-6
vs. Central: 4-3	Extra innings: 2-1	Outhit opponents: 18-0
vs. West: 6-0	Win in last at-bat: 1-0	Outhit by opponents: 3-6
vs. National League: 0-0	Come-from-behind wins: 9	Collect 10 or more hits: 15-0
vs. RH/LH starters: 13-3/9-4	Opp. come-from-behind wins: 4	Opp. 10 or more hits: 4-3
Series W-L-T (home): 3-1-1	Series W-L-T (road): 4-0-0	Wearing white/gray/navy/lt. blue: 7-5/11-1/1-0/3-1

LAST HR

'10 MOST HITS GAME

'10 MOST RBI GAME

Aybar	4/23/10 vs. TOR (B Cecil)	3, 4/28 vs. OAK	2, 2x-last 5/6 @ SEA
Bartlett	9/9/09 @ NYY (J Chamberlain)	4, 4/19 @ BOS	3, 4/29 vs. KC
Brignac	4/27/10 vs. OAK (B Sheets)	2, 3x-last 4/29 vs. KC	3, 4/29 vs. KC
Burrell	4/27/10 vs. OAK (B Sheets)	3, 4/19 @ BOS	3, 2x-last 4/27 @ vs. OAK
Crawford	5/6/10 @ SEA (I Snell)	4, 2x-last 4/29 vs. KC	2, 4x-last 5/6 @ SEA
Jaso	4/24/10 vs. TOR (R Romero)	3, 4/27 vs. OAK	3, 4/24 vs. TOR
Kapler	4/23/10 vs. TOR (B Cecil)	1, 7x-last 5/7 @ OAK	2, 4/23 vs. TOR
Longoria	5/4/10 @ SEA (J Vargas)	3, 2x-last 5/4 @ SEA	3, 4/7 vs. BAL
Navarro	10/3/09 vs. NYY (A Pettitte)	2, 4/6 vs. BAL	1, 2x-last 4/9 vs. NYY
Peña	4/28/10 vs. OAK (B Kilby)	3, 4/13 @ BAL	4, 2x, last 4/22 @ CWS
Rodriguez	4/21/10 @ CWS (T Peña)	3, 4/21 @ BAL	4, 4/21 @ CWS
Upton	4/19/10 @ BOS (J Lackey)	2, 6x-last 4/28 vs. OAK	4, 4/14 @ BAL
Zobrist	10/1/09 vs. BAL (C Waters)	3, 4/22 @ CWS	2, 2x-last 4/24 vs. TOR

HOME RUNS (27)

Solo (14):	Longoria-7, Brignac-2, Crawford-2, Peña-1, Upton-1, Aybar-1
2-Run (7):	Peña-2, Aybar-1, Burrell-1, Jaso-1, Kapler-1, Upton-1, Crawford-1
3-Run (6):	Peña-2, Upton-2, Burrell-1, Rodriguez-1
Grand Slams (0):	None
Back-to-Back (1):	Longoria/Peña-1 (4/28 vs. OAK, B Kilby)
2-HR games (1):	Upton-1 (4/14 @ BAL)
Pinch-Hit (0):	None
Walk-off (0):	None
Lead-off (0):	None

2010 TAMPA BAY RAYS SEASON HIGHS

TEAM	INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Long Win Streak.....	7, 4/12-4/19
Long Loss Streak.....	2, 2x-last 4/30-5/1
Most runs game, TB.....	12, 4/21 @ CWS
Most runs game, Opp.....	10, 4/10 vs. NYY
Most runs inn, TB.....	7, (8 th inn) 4/24 vs. TOR
Most runs, inning, Opp.....	4, 5x-last (3 rd inn) 4/27 vs. OAK
Most hits game, TB.....	15, 4/29 vs. KC
Most hits game, Opp.....	12, 4/27 vs. OAK
Most hits, inning, TB.....	7, (8 th inn) 4/13 @ BAL
Most hits, inning, Opp.....	4, 2x-last (3 rd inn) 4/27 vs. OAK
Most doubles, gm, TB.....	6, 5/6 @ SEA
Most doubles, gm, Opp.....	6, 4/23 vs. TOR
Most HR, game, TB.....	3, 4/14 @ BAL
Most HR, game, Opp.....	3, 3x-last 4/17 @ BOS
Most x-base hits, game, TB.....	7, 2x-last 5/6 @ SEA
Most x-base hits, game, Opp.....	7, 2x-last 4/23 vs. TOR
Most stolen bases, game, TB.....	4, 4/17 @ BOS
Most stolen bases, game, Opp.....	2, 4/10 vs. NYY
Most walks, game, TB.....	10, 4/22 @ CWS
Most walks, game, Opp.....	8, 4/10 vs. NYY
Most strikeouts game, TB.....	10, 2x-last 4/23 vs. TOR
Most strikeouts, game, Opp.....	12, 4/29 vs. KC
Most LOB, game, TB.....	12, 2x-last 5/4 @ SEA
Most LOB, Opp.....	11, 4/23 vs. TOR
Most errors, game, TB.....	3, 4/28 vs. OAK
Most errors game, Opp.....	4, 5/4 @ SEA
Longest game, time.....	3:36 5/1 vs. KC
Longest game, time (9 innings).....	3:22, 4/8 vs. BAL

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Most runs game, TB.....	3, last Bartlett 4/19 @ BOS
Most runs game, Opp.....	2, 6x-last Gutierrez, 5/6 @ SEA
Most hits game, TB.....	4, 2x-last Crawford, 4/29 vs. KC
Most hits game, Opp.....	4, 2x-last Pennington/Rosales, 4/27 vs. OAK
Most 2B game, TB.....	2, 5x-last Crawford, 4/29 vs. KC
Most 2B game, Opp.....	3, Bautista, 4/23 vs. TOR
Most HR game, TB.....	2, Upton, 4/14 @ BAL
Most HR game, Opp.....	2, Wigginton, 4/13 @ BAL
Most RBI game, TB.....	4, 4x-last Peña, 4/22 @ CWS
Most RBI game, Opp.....	4, Pennington, 4/27 vs. OAK
Most x-base hits, game, TB.....	3, Crawford 4/29 vs. KC
Most x-base hits, game, Opp.....	3, 2x-last Pennington, 4/27 vs. OAK
Most steals, game, TB.....	1, 24x-last Kapler, 5/6 @ SEA
Most steals, game, Opp.....	1, 11x-last Podsednik/Bloomquist, 5/1 vs. KC
Hitting Streak.....	12, Longoria, 4/23-Current

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Most SO, TB Starter.....	12, Shields 4/28 vs. OAK
Most SO, Opp. Starter.....	8, 4x-last Morrow, 4/24 vs. TOR
Most SO, TB Reliever.....	2, 10x-last Wheeler, 5/1 vs. KC
Most IP, TB Reliever.....	3.1, Sonnastine, 4/8 vs. BAL
Most walks, game, TB.....	4, 5x-last Niemann 4/30 vs. KC
Most walks, game, Opp.....	7, Peavy, 4/22 @ CWS
Most SO, Team, TB.....	12, 4/28 vs. OAK
Most walks, Team, TB.....	8, 2x-last 4/25 vs. TOR
Low-Hit Game.....	3, 5/2 vs. KC
Consecutive scoreless innings.....	16.0, Garza 4/12-4/18
Shortest game, time.....	2:13, 5/2 vs. KC
Shortest home game, time.....	2:13, 5/2 vs. KC

W-L RECORD	BY POSITION (STARTS)									BY BATTING ORDER (STARTS)								
	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Aybar		0-1							8-1					1-0	1-1	6-1		
Bartlett					19-7					19-7								
Brignac			8-1		3-0					1-0							5-1	5-0
Burrell								14-6						1-0	13-6			
Crawford					20-7					20-7								
Jaso	9-1															1-0	6-1	2-0
Kapler						1-0		8-4						1-0	2-0	2-1	4-3	
Longoria				22-7							3-0	19-7						
Navarro	12-4																7-3	5-1
Peña		22-6										3-0	19-6					
Rodriguez			9-2			1-0				2-0	1-0						1-0	6-2
Shoppach	1-2																1-1	0-1
Upton							21-7							2-1	19-6			
Zobrist			5-4					1-0	14-3		1-0	19-7						

RUNS BY INNING											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	X	Total
Opp	10	5	7	11	5	16	9	11	9	3	86
TB	11	17	27	20	25	20	9	30	8	5	172

RAYS vs. ATHLETICS

BATTING	2010					CAREER				
	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI
Aybar	.500	8	4	0	1	.268	56	15	3	8
Bartlett	.364	11	4	0	3	.276	116	32	1	11
Brignac	.286	7	2	1	3	.286	7	2	1	3
Burrell	.250	4	1	1	3	.218	55	12	3	12
Crawford	.154	13	2	0	0	.279	258	72	2	25
Jaso	.500	6	3	0	3	.500	6	3	0	3
Kapler	.400	5	2	0	0	.283	187	53	2	23
Longoria	.300	10	3	1	2	.253	75	19	4	8
Navarro	.000	2	0	0	0	.211	90	19	1	11
Peña	.273	11	3	1	3	.233	210	49	17	35
Rodriguez	.250	4	1	0	2	.105	19	2	0	2
Upton	.333	12	4	0	0	.264	174	46	6	16
Zobrist	.222	9	2	0	0	.273	77	21	2	11

PITCHING	2010						CAREER					
	WLS	ERA	G	IP	H	ER	WLS	ERA	G	IP	H	ER
Balfour	0-0-0	0.00	1	1.0	1	0	0-0-0	3.00	10	9.0	10	3
Benoit	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1-0	3.91	30	48.1	33	21
Choate	0-0-0	0.00	2	1.2	0	0	1-0-0	1.42	11	12.2	4	2
Cormier	0-0-0	13.50	1	0.2	3	1	0-1-0	1.86	7	9.2	7	2
Davis	1-0-0	7.20	1	5.0	7	4	1-0-0	7.20	1	5.0	7	4
Garza	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-3-0	3.70	4	24.1	26	10
Niemann	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-0-0	1.59	2	17.0	15	3
Price	1-0-0	0.00	1	7.2	3	0	1-0-0	0.00	1	7.2	3	0
Shields	1-0-0	1.29	1	7.0	6	1	4-1-0	3.59	9	62.2	55	25
Sonnanstine	0-0-0	4.50	1	2.0	4	1	2-3-0	6.60	6	30.0	39	22
Soriano	0-0-2	0.00	2	2.0	0	0	0-2-2	3.47	15	23.1	17	9
Wheeler	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-4-0	6.14	15	22.0	25	15

RAYS HITTERS AT THE COLISEUM (Avg.-AB-H-HR-RBI)—Aybar (.200-25-5-0-3)...Bartlett (.244-45-11-0-0)...Brignac (1.000-1-1-0-1)...Burrell (.156-32-5-1-3)...Crawford (.234-111-26-0-2)...Jaso (----)...Kapler (.306-85-26-1-9)...Longoria (.261-23-6-1-3)...Navarro (.233-43-10-0-7)...Peña (.234-154-36-12-28)...Rodriguez (.154-13-2-0-2)...Upton (.225-71-16-2-6)...Zobrist (.235-34-8-0-2)

2010 TRANSACTIONS

- March 8** Signed INF **Hank Blalock** to a minor league contract.
- March 11** Optioned LHP **Jake McGee** to the minor leagues; reassigned C **Nevin Ashley** and SS **Tim Beckham** to minor league camp.
- March 13** Reassigned LHP **Jason Cromer**, LHP **R.J. Swindle** and C **Craig Albernaz** to minor league camp.
- March 16** Optioned RHP **Jeremy Hellickson**, OF **Desmond Jennings** and LHP **Alex Torres** to the minor leagues.
- March 17** Optioned C **John Jaso**, C **Jose Lobaton** and OF **Fernando Perez** to the minor leagues; reassigned 1B **Chris Richard** to AAA Durham.
- March 24** Optioned OF **Justin Ruggiano** to AAA Durham; reassigned RHP **Winston Abreu**, RHP **Joe Bateman**, RHP **Jeff Bennett**, INF **Angel Chavez**, RHP **Richard De Los Santos**, INF **J.J. Furmaniak**, LHP **Carlos Hernandez**, LHP **Heath Phillips** and 1B **Ryan Shealy** to minor league camp; INF/OF **Dan Johnson** removed from 40-man roster.
- March 30** Outrighted INF/OF **Dan Johnson** to AAA Durham; optioned RHP **Dale Thayer** to Durham; reassigned RHP **Heath Rollins** to minor league camp.
- March 31** Reassigned C **Alvin Colina** and INF **Joe Dillon** to minor league camp.
- April 1** Placed OF **Matt Joyce** (right elbow strain) on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 26; INF/OF **Elliot Johnson** removed from 40-man roster.
- April 4** Placed LHP **J.P. Howell** (left shoulder strain) on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 26; reassigned RHP **Joaquin Benoit** and INF **Hank Blalock** to minor league camp; outrighted INF/OF **Elliot Johnson** to AAA Durham.

OPENING DAY ROSTER	
Pitchers (12):	RH Grant Balfour, LH Randy Choate, RH Lance Cormier, RH Wade Davis, RH Mike Ekstrom, RH Matt Garza, RH Jeff Niemann, LH David Price, RH James Shields, RH Andy Sonnanstine, RH Rafael Soriano, RH Dan Wheeler
Catchers (2):	Dioner Navarro, Kelly Shoppach
Infielders (7):	Willy Aybar, Jason Bartlett, Reid Brignac, Evan Longoria, Carlos Pena, Sean Rodriguez, Ben Zobrist
Outfielders (4):	Pat Burrell, Carl Crawford, Gabe Kapler, B.J. Upton
DL (2):	J.P. Howell (15-day), Matt Joyce (15-day)

- April 13** Placed C **Kelly Shoppach** (right knee sprain) on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 11; recalled C **John Jaso** from AAA Durham.
- April 27** C **Dioner Navarro** suspended for two games; recalled C **Jose Lobaton** from AAA Durham; optioned RHP **Mike Ekstrom** to Durham.
- April 29** Reinstated C **Dioner Navarro** from his suspension; optioned C **Jose Lobaton** to AAA Durham; selected RHP **Joaquin Benoit** from Durham.

RAYS ON THE DISABLED LIST

Pos.	Player	DL	Injury	Date on	Retro	First Date Off	Gms Missed	Record
LHP	J.P. Howell	15-day	Left shoulder strain	April 4	March 26	April 10	29	22-7
OF	Matt Joyce	15-day	Right elbow strain	April 1	March 26	April 10	29	22-7
C	Kelly Shoppach	15-day	Right knee sprain	April 13	April 11	April 26	22	18-4

Others (Games Missed): N/A

FAIR BALLS OFF THE TROPICANA FIELD CATWALKS

1. April 11...TB **Evan Longoria** single off a speaker on the "B" ring catwalk above home plate...off A.J. Burnett

GAME-TYING AND GO-AHEAD RBI—Peña-6, Burrell-6, Crawford-5, Longoria-5, Zobrist-4, Bartlett-3, Jaso-3, Brignac-2, Upton-2, Aybar-1, Navarro-1

CATCHER'S EFFICIENCY—Jaso .000 (0-5, 1-E, 1-PB), Navarro .286 (2-7, 1-E, 0-PB), Shoppach .250 (1-4, 0-E, 1-PB)

OUTFIELD ASSISTS—Crawford-4, Zobrist-2

INFIELD HITS—Crawford-5, Peña-5, Longoria-4, Zobrist-2, Aybar-1, Brignac-1, Rodriguez-1

BUNT SINGLES—Zobrist-3, Aybar-1, Peña-1

EJECTIONS—Navarro-1 (4/23 vs. TOR)

WEB GEMS (As chosen by Rays PR staff)—Longoria-10, Crawford-5 Upton-2, Brignac-1, Kapler-1, Peña-1, Zobrist-1

RAYS 2010 DAY-BY-DAY

No.	Date	H/R	W/L	Score/Opp	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Rec.	Pos. GA/GB	Att.	Home Cum.	Road Cum.
1	4/6	H/N	W	4-3/BAL	Soriano (1-0)	Gonzalez (0-1)	1-0	1/+0.5	36,973	36,973	
2	4/7	H/N	W	4-3/BAL	Garza (1-0)	Guthrie (0-1)	2-0	1/+0.5	15,220	52,193	
3	4/8	H/N	L	4-5/BAL	Matusz (1-0)	Ekstrom (0-1)	2-1	T-1/+1.0	16,191	68,384	
4	4/9	H/N	W	9-3/NYY	Price (1-0)	Vazquez (0-1)	3-1	T-1/+1.0	33,221	101,605	
5	4/10	H/D	L	0-10/NYY	Sabathia (1-0)	Davis (0-1)	3-2	T-2/-1.0	29,892	131,497	
6	4/11	H/D	L	3-7/NYY	Burnett (1-0)	Choate (0-1)	3-3	T-3/-2.0	31,253	162,750	
7	4/12	R/N	W	4-3/BAL	Garza (2-0)	Guthrie (0-2)	4-3	3/-1.0	9,129		9,129
8	4/13	R/N	W	8-6/BAL (10)	Cormier (1-0)	Albers (0-1)	5-3	3/-1.0	13,731		22,860
9	4/14	R/D	W	9-1/BAL	Price (2-0)	Bergesen (0-1)	6-3	T-1/+0.5	10,248		33,108
	4/15				OFF (1)		6-3	T-2/-0.5			
	4/16	R/N		/BOS	Game Suspended bottom 9 th tied 1-1		6-3	2/-0.5	37,084		70,192
10	4/17	R/N	W	3-1/BOS (12)	Cormier (2-0)	Delcarmen (0-1)	7-3	2/-0.5	37,085		107,277
11	4/17	R/N	W	6-5/BOS	Shields (1-0)	Buchholz (1-1)	8-3	T-1/+1.5	37,022		144,299
12	4/18	R/D	W	7-1/BOS	Garza (3-0)	Lester (0-2)	9-3	T-1/+2.5	37,143		181,422
13	4/19	R/D	W	8-2/BOS	Niemann (1-0)	Lackey (1-1)	10-3	1/+0.5	37,609		219,031
14	4/20	R/N	L	1-4/CWS	Danks (2-0)	Price (2-1)	10-4	2/-0.5	19,260		238,291
15	4/21	R/N	W	12-0/CWS	Davis (1-1)	Buehrle (2-2)	11-4	2/-0.5	17,023		255,314
16	4/22	R/N	W	10-2/CWS	Shields (2-0)	Peavy (0-1)	12-4	1/+0.5	18,207		273,521
17	4/23	H/N	L	5-6/TOR	Cecil (1-0)	Garza (3-1)	12-5	1/+0.5	22,056	184,806	
18	4/24	H/N	W	9-3/TOR	Wheeler (1-0)	Downs (0-2)	13-5	1/+0.5	23,870	208,676	
19	4/25	H/D	W	6-0/TOR	Price (3-1)	Morrow (1-2)	14-5	1/+1.5	23,250	231,926	
	4/26				OFF (2)		14-5	1/+1.5			
20	4/27	H/N	W	8-6/OAK	Davis (2-1)	Sheets (1-2)	15-5	1/+2.5	10,825	242,751	
21	4/28	H/N	W	10-3/OAK	Shields (3-1)	Braden (3-1)	16-5	1/+2.5	10,691	253,442	
22	4/29	H/N	W	11-1/KC	Garza (4-1)	Hochevar (2-1)	17-5	1/+2.5	12,766	266,208	
23	4/30	H/N	L	2-3/KC	Rupe (1-1)	Choate (0-2)	17-6	1/+1.5	25,195	291,403	
APRIL 17-6 (8-5 Home, 9-1 Road)											
24	5/1	H/N	L	2-4/KC	Tejeda (2-2)	Cormier (2-1)	17-7	1/+1.5	34,813	326,216	
25	5/2	H/D	W	1-0/KC	Davis (3-1)	Greinke (0-3)	18-7	1/+1.5	19,757	345,973	
	5/3				OFF (3)		18-7	1/+1.0			
26	5/4	R/N	W	5-2/SEA	Shields (4-0)	Vargas (2-2)	19-7	1/+1.0	15,589		289,110
27	5/5	R/N	W	8-3/SEA	Garza (5-1)	Lee (0-1)	20-7	1/+1.0	14,627		303,737
28	5/6	R/N	W	8-0/SEA	Niemann (2-0)	Rowland-Smith (0-2)	21-7	1/+1.5	17,617		321,354
29	5/7	R/N	W	4-1/OAK	Price (4-1)	Gonzalez (3-2)	22-7	1/+1.5	19,193		340,547
MAY 5-1 (1-1 Home, 4-0 Road)											

TUESDAY'S PROBABLE – RH JAMES SHIELDS (4-0, 3-15)

	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
2010 Season (Rays)	4-0	3.15	6	6	0	0	40.0	42	15	14	10	43	7	.259
2009 Season (Rays)	11-12	4.14	33	33	0	0	219.2	239	113	101	52	167	29	.275
Career MLB	47-36	3.98	124	124	5	2	814.1	832	389	359	176	658	106	.263

TOMORROW'S START & CAREER NOTES

- Rays Opening Day starter will make his 7th start of the season, 125th career start.
- At age 28 is the oldest member of the Rays starting rotation...is in his fifth ML season.
- Has won his last 4 starts...has never won more than four straight starts...his career-high win streak is 6 games over 12 starts in 2007.
- His 4-game win streak matches the longest in the AL this season...has pitched to a 2.82 ERA (IP-28.2, ERR-9) during the win streak.
- Also has a 4-game win streak against the Oakland A's.
- In his last 2 starts has recorded 22 strikeouts and one walk.
- **Last start:** last Tuesday in the first game of this road trip: won at Seattle, 5-2 (IP-8.0+, H-8, R-2, ER-2, BB-0, SO-10, 110 pitches) over Jason Vargas...his 5th career 10+ strikeout game...8 innings is his season high...entered the 9th inning seeking his first CG since June 10, 2008, but permitted a pair to leadoff singles and left in favor of Rafael Soriano who closed out the win.

SHIELDS vs. OAKLAND

- Will be making his 10th career start against A's...is 4-1 with a 3.59 ERA 62.2-IP, 55-H, 25-ER).
- Lost his first start to A's on Sep 8, 2006, 8-6 at Tropicana Field ,but is 4-0 in 9 starts against them since...Rays are 6-3 in his 9 starts against them.
- This is his 2nd start of 2010 against them...Beat the A's on April 28, 10-3 (IP-7.0, H-6, R-2, ER-1, BB-1, SO-12)...matched his career high with 12 strikeouts.
- This will be his 4th start here...Rays have won the first 3 an he won his only decision here, 4-1, on April 27, 2007 over former Ray Chad Gaudin (IP-8.0, H-4, R-1, ER-1, BB-1, SO-9).