



# PREGAME NOTES

## SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010 at OAKLAND A'S

**RH James Shields (4-0, 3.15) vs. LH Dallas Braden (3-2, 4.14)**

Game #31 (22-8)...Road Game #16 (13-2)...All-Time Game #1,972 (848-1,123)...All-Time Road Game #987 (366-620)

### UPCOMING PROBABLES

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

**22-8** ---Rays are off to the best start in club history with the majors' best record...it's the best 30-game start by a major league club since the 2005 White Sox (23-7/24-7)... since divisional play was born in 1969, only 5 other AL East teams have gone 22-8 or better: 2003 Yankees (23-7), 2002 Red Sox (23-7), 1998 Yankees (23-7), 1984 Tigers (26-4) and 1970 Orioles (22-8)...Rays have 6 more victories after 30 games than their next closest season (2008) and are 8 games ahead of last year at this time...Rays did not win their 22<sup>nd</sup> game in 2009 until May 22 (44<sup>th</sup> game), and #23 until May 23 (45<sup>th</sup>)...the Rays have held sole possession of 1st in the AL East for the past 17 days since Apr 22.

### Majors Best Records After 30/31 gms, In the 2000's

2005 White Sox	23-7	24-7
2002 Red Sox	23-7	24-7
2003 Yankees	23-7	23-8
2001 Mariners	23-7	23-8
<b>2010 Rays</b>	<b>22-8</b>	
2001 Twins	22-8	22-9

### TB After 30/31 Games

1998	12-18/13-18
1999	16-14/16-15
2000	11-19/11-20
2001	9-21/9-22
2002	9-20/9-22
2003	12-18/12-19
2004	9-21/9-22
2005	11-19/11-20
2006	12-18/12-19
2007	14-16/14-17
2008	16-14/16-15
2009	14-16/14-17
2010	22-8/--

**RAY MATTER**---Rays saw their 5-game win streak come to an end yesterday here at the hands of A's, 4-2... the Rays are now 4-1 on this 9-games-in-9-days west coast road swing (3-0 at Seattle and 1-1 at Oakland)...during the road trip, Rays have pitched to a 1.36 ERA (IP-53.0 H-33 R-10, ER-8, BB-15, SO-46, HR-1) and held the opposition to a .178 (33-185) average...Yesterday was just the 5<sup>th</sup> time in 30 games that Rays starters allowed more than 3 runs...it was also only the 10<sup>th</sup> time in 30 games they allowed more than 2 runs... the Rays are 19-5 starting April 12...in those 24 games, the Rays have pitched to a 2.24 ERA (221-IP, 55-ER)

**RAYS ROAD RECORD MATCHES 3<sup>RD</sup> BEST IN EXPANSION ERA** ---Even with yesterday's loss, the Rays 13-2 road record is the majors best road record after 15 games since the 2002 Red Sox and Mariners ...it also equals the 3<sup>rd</sup> best record after 15 road games since the expansion era (since 1961)... Rays are pitching to a 2.04 ERA (IP-137, ER-31) on the road and have held opposing hitters to a .199 (97-488) batting average, including .106 (9-85) with runners in scoring position.

### Best Road Records After 15/16 Games, Since 1961

1984 Detroit Tigers	15-0	16-0	2002 Seattle Mariners	13-2	14-2
1976 Philadelphia Phillies	14-1	14-2	1977 LA Dodgers	13-2	13-3
<b>2010 Rays</b>	<b>13-2</b>		1963 San Francisco Giants	13-2	13-3
2002 Boston Red Sox	13-2	14-2			

### HOME RUNS, OR LACK THEREOF

---Thru the first 5 games of this road trip, the Rays have hit 2 home runs and the opposition just one ... opponents have hit only one home run off Rays pitching in the last 87 innings.

**POINTS FOR AND AGAINST**---The Rays have scored 174 runs, 2<sup>nd</sup> most in the majors behind the Yankees (175) and have allowed only 90, fewest in the majors...the Rays run differential of +84 matches the 1912 New York Giants as the 5<sup>th</sup> greatest run differential after the first 30 games of the season since 1900.

### Greatest Run Differential After 30 Games Since 1900

1902 Pittsburgh Pirates	+112	(+118 after 31 games)	2010 Tampa Bay Rays	+86	
1905 New York Giants	+99	(+106)	1912 New York Giants	+86	(+90 after 31 games)
1939 New York Yankees	+95	(+103)	2003 New York Yankees	+80	(+78)
1984 Detroit Tigers	+91	(+89)	1955 Brooklyn Dodgers	+80	(+77)

**POINTS AGAINST**---The Rays have allowed only 90 runs, the fewest runs allowed by an AL team through the first 30 games of the season since the 1981 Oakland A's who allowed only 68 runs under Billy Martin who had a staff anchored by Brian Kingman, Matt Keough, Steve McCatty and Mike Norris.

**VS. OAKLAND**--- The Rays lead the season series 3 games to one... Rays are 44-74 (.373) all-time vs. the A's, their 3<sup>rd</sup> worst pct. against an AL opponent...however, the Rays are 19-14 (.576) starting in 2007 and 22-20 (.523) 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 16-40 (.286) here all-time, but are 8-6 here starting in 2007 and 10-10 under Joe...the Rays lost 30 of their first 36 games here from 1998 thru 2005.

**UP NEXT, AT ANAHEIM**---The Rays begin a 3-game series at Anaheim tomorrow...Tampa Bay is 14-40 (.259) at Angels Stadium including 1-13 in 4 years under Manager Joe Maddon...the Rays haven't won a series in Anaheim since May 14-16, 1998 when they took 2 of 3 gms...Rays are winless in 15 trips to Angels Stadium since then going 0-14-1 while losing 37 of 45 gms...Rays have been swept 7 times during that stretch...overall Rays are 40-70 (.364) but are 8-7 the past 2 seasons...Rays are 12-20 (.375) under Joe.

**RAYS ERA AL'S BEST SINCE 1991**--- Rays lead the AL with a 2.79 ERA (3rd in the majors), lowest on this date by an AL team since the 1991 Red Sox (2.75)... Rays starters have lost only 4 decisions in the first 30 games and are 18-4 with a 2.48 ERA (IP-195.2, H-154, ER-54, BB-67, SO-164)...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:

- The Rays Wade Davis took the loss yesterday the first Rays starter to lose since Matt Garza lost to Toronto on April 23...they had gone 9-0 with 3 no decisions in between losses...
- In the last 22 games (since April 14 at BAL), the Rays bullpen is 3-2 with a 1.81 ERA (54.2-IP, 11-ER).
- Rays starters has gone 7.0+ innings and allowed 2 or fewer run 14 times...only St. Louis with 15 such gms have as many.

**HOW GOOD HAS THE PITCHING BEEN?** The Rays have batted just .207 (56-270) in their last 8 games, but have won 5 of them.

**OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM**---Rays lead the majors with a .321 (89-277) average with runners in scoring position. Likewise, Rays opponents are hitting just .176 (39-221), lowest in the majors...overall, the Rays are 15<sup>th</sup> in the majors in hitting at .257.

**RAYS ADD CUBAN SIGNEE LESLIE ANDERSON TO CLASS A CHARLOTTE ROSTER TOMORROW**---On Monday, the Rays will assign first baseman-outfielder Leslie Anderson to Class Charlotte in the Florida State league. Anderson has been participating in the Rays extended spring program at Port Charlotte since signing with the Rays on April 13. Anderson, 28, played for Camaguey in the Cuban National Series for nine seasons, compiling a career .320 batting average. The 6'1", 200-pound Anderson was a member of Cuba's World Baseball Classic teams in 2006 and 2009.



## TODAY'S STARTER – 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

### TODAY'S START & 2010 NOTES

- Rays Opening Day starter will make his 6<sup>th</sup> start of the season, 124<sup>th</sup> 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... has pitched to a 2.82 ERA (IP-28.2, ERR-9) during the streak.
- Overall has a 5-game win streak over his last 7 starts dating back to his final start of 2009...had a career-high 6-game win streak over 12 starts in 2007.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> career 10+ strikeout game...8 innings is his season high...entered the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.
- As a result of that win, now has the best career win pct. in Rays history at .566 (47-36)...eclipsed Victor Zambrano (.565)...is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in nearly every Rays all-time pitching category.
- Has won all 3 of his road starts...entered the season with a 17-22 career record on the road and has had a better record at home than on the road in each of the last 4 seasons.
- Opponents are batting .132 (5-38) with runners in scoring position including 1-for-17 with 2 outs.
- Opponents are 0-for-4 with the bases loaded and are now 4-for-40 off him during his career.
- April 6 vs. the Orioles made his 3<sup>rd</sup> career Opening Day start (2008-10), passing Scott Kazmir (2006-07) and Wilson Alvarez (1998-99) for the club record...his line: 6 IP, 9 H, 3 R/ER, 2 BB, 6 SO, 3 HR...all 3 runs scored on 3 solo HR (Adam Jones, Luke Scott, Matt Wieters), tying a career high (6<sup>th</sup> time, last July 1, 2009 at TOR)...his 3 HR allowed tied his career high...Rays won 4-3 on Carl Crawford's walk-off, 2-run double in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Is 1 of 7 pitchers in the majors (1 of 3 in the AL) who have started each of the last three season openers for the same team, along with DET Justin Verlander, CWS Mark Buehrle, NYM Johan Santana, CHC Carlos Zambrano, CIN Aaron Harang and HOU Roy Oswalt.
- Career at home: 27-14, 3.36 ERA (441.1-IP, 165-ER)...on the road: 20-22, 4.68 (373-IP, 194-ER).

### 2010 SPLITS

vs. LH: .245 (40-98), 4-HR  
 vs. RH: .281 (18-64), 3-HR  
 Home: 1-0, 2.95 ERA (18.1-IP, 6-ER)  
 Road: 3-0, 3.32 ERA (21.1-IP, 8-ER)

### 2010 GAME HIGHS

Long Outing: 8.0, 5/4 @SEA  
 Strikeouts: 12, 4/28 vs. OAK  
 Walks: 3, 2x-last 4/22 @ CWS  
 HR All'd: 3, 4/6 vs. BAL  
 Hits All'd: 9, 2x-last 4/17 @ BOS  
 Runs All'd: 4, 4/17 @ BOS  
 Win Streak: 4G, 4/17-current

### CAREER GAME HIGHS

Complete Games (5), Shutouts (2):  
 6/10/08 @ LAA – 10-hit CG (8.0 IP);  
 5/9/08 vs. LAA – 1-hit SHO;  
 4/27/08 vs. BOS – 2-hit SHO;  
 5/30/07 vs. DET – 2-hit CG;  
 8/9/06 @ SEA – 5-hit CG (8.0 IP)  
 Strikeouts: 12, 2x, 4/22/07 vs. CLE,  
 4/28/10 vs. OAK  
 Walks: 5, 8/14/08 @ OAK  
 HR All'd: 3, 6x-last 4/6/10 vs. BAL  
 Hits All'd: 12, 5/24/09 @ FLA  
 Runs All'd: 10, 7/22/07 @ NYN  
 Win Streak: 6G, 4/11-6/9/07  
 Loss Streak: 6G, 6/26-8/9/06

### 2010 STARTS

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#P/K	RESULT	OPP. STARTER	WHEN LEFT
4/6	BAL	---	4.50	6.0	9	3	3	2	6	3	107/73	W, 4-3	Millwood	down 2-3
4/11	NYN	---	3.97	5.1	4	2	2	3	5	0	103/65	L, 3-7	Burnett	down 3-2
4/17	@BOS	W-1	4.50	6.2	9	4	4	1	7	2	121/78	W, 6-5	Buchholz	up 6-3
4/22	@CWS	W-2	3.96	7.0	6	2	2	3	3	1	110/66	W, 10-2	Peavy	up 10-2
4/28	OAK	W-3	3.38	7.0	6	2	1	1	12	1	101/68	W, 10-3	Braden	up 10-2
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>					
5/4	@SEA	W-4	3.15	8.0	8	2	2	0	10	0	110/77	W, 5-2	Vargas	up 5-1

### 2009 & CAREER NOTES

- Is one of only 4 major leaguers to pitch 215-plus innings in each of the last 3 years (2007-09), along with CC Sabathia, Dan Haren and Roy Halladay...in this span, ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the majors in IP behind those same three.
- Averaged just 14.8 pitches per inning over the last 3 years (2007-09), 3<sup>rd</sup> in the majors after Halladay (14.5) and Aaron Cook (14.7).
- Ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> among actives with a career 1.97 BB/9 IP ratio, behind Carlos Silva (1.69)...his career 3.63 SO/9 IP ratio ranks 5<sup>th</sup> behind Dan Haren (3.86), Ben Sheets (3.73), Cole Hamels (3.69) and Johan Santana (3.65)...min. 100 starts.
- In 2009, finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the AL with a career-high 219.2 IP, 2<sup>nd</sup> most in Rays history behind Tanyon Sturtze (224 IP in 2002)...was his 3<sup>rd</sup> straight season of 200-plus IP, while no other Ray has done it more than once.
- Lost a career-high 12 games.
- Received 4.42 runs per 9 IP in run support, 4<sup>th</sup> lowest in the AL...had 7 starts in which he allowed 1 ER or less but won only 2...included was a start Aug 2 vs. KC in which he tossed 7 no-hit innings to start the game, but was charged with the loss after allowing 2 R (1 ER) in the 8<sup>th</sup> after the defense committed two errors behind him; a 1-0 loss to Felix Hernandez (April 23 at SEA); and a no-decision after 8.1 shutout frames (May 19 vs. OAK).
- Allowed a career-high 239 hits (2<sup>nd</sup> most in MLB behind MIN Nick Blackburn-240) and 29 home runs (3<sup>rd</sup> most in AL).
- **2008 Postseason:** Made 4 starts for the Rays and led the rotation with a 2.88 ERA (25-IP, 28-H, 9-R, 8-ER, 8-BB, 17-SO)...all 4 starts came at Tropicana Field...defeated CWS Javier Vazquez in Game 1 of the ALDS and beat PHI Brett Myers in Game 2 of the World Series.
- On Jan 23, 2008, signed a four-year deal (2008-11) plus three one-year club options (2012-14) worth a guaranteed \$11.25 million.

### MOST INNINGS PITCHED, MAJORS, 2007-10

CC Sabathia	766.2
Roy Halladay	766.1
Dan Haren	717.0
James Shields	689.2

### SHIELDS vs. OAKLAND

- Will be making his 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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... allowed a solo HR to Daric Barton in the 1<sup>st</sup>, and yielded an unearned run in the 4<sup>th</sup> on Jason Bartlett's throwing error.
- This will be his 4<sup>th</sup> start here...Rays have won the first 3 and 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).

**A'S vs. SHIELDS (CAREER AVG-AB-H-HR)**—Barton (.222-9-2-1)... Chavez (.167-6-1-0)...Davis (.000-2-0-0)...Fox (.000-3-0-0)...Gross (.000-3-0-0)...Kousmanoff (.333-3-1-0)...Patterson (.667-3-2-0)...Pennington (.000-3-0-0)...Powell (.500-2-1-0)...Rosales (.333-3-1-0)...Sweeney (.308-13-4-0).

**RAYS vs. BRADEN (AVG-AB-H-HR)**—Aybar (.333-6-2-0)...Bartlett (.250-12-3-1)...Burrell (.000-4-0-0)...Crawford (.200-15-3-0)...Jaso (.000-1-0-0)...Kapler (.444-9-4-0)...Longoria (.250-12-3-0)...Navarro (.167-6-1-0)...Pena (.167-12-2-0)...Pena (.167-12-2-0)...Upton (.250-16-4-1)...Zobrist (.625-8-5-0).

**#70 JOE MADDON, MANAGER**

- Is in his 5<sup>th</sup> season as manager of the Rays...has managed more games than any other skipper in Rays history and owns the best record at 330-348 (.486)...Rays were 518-775 (.401) prior to Maddon's arrival.
- Skippered the American League to a 4-3 win over the NL in the 80<sup>th</sup> 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 363-374 (.493)...had interim stints with the Angels in 1996, '98 and '99.
- Is in the first year of a three-year contract through 2012.

<b>#16 WILLY AYBAR INF</b> (.293, 2, 7) <b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> ---	<b>SAT: 0-1</b> <b>vs. LH:</b> 269 (7-26), HR	<b>SERIES:</b> 1-5, RBI <b>vs. RH:</b> 357 (5-14), HR	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 4-11, 2B, 4-RBI <b>RISP:</b> .375 (6-16), HR
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- Is 11-for-29 (.379) in his last 9 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.

<b>#8 JASON BARTLETT</b> (.254, 0, 18) <b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> 1G (1-4)	<b>SAT:</b> 1-4, 2B, RBI <b>vs. LH:</b> .261 (12-46)	<b>SERIES:</b> 1-7, 2B, RBI 2-BB <b>vs. RH:</b> .250 (18-72)	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 4-16, 3-2B, 2-RBI, 3-BB <b>RISP:</b> .444 (12-27)
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- Has 18 RBI – most by any major leaguer without a home run.
- His 18 RBI are also 2<sup>nd</sup> among AL leadoff hitters behind Derek Jeter's 22.
- Is 5-for-29 (.172) in his last 7 games dropping average from .281 to .254
- Is 5<sup>th</sup> in the AL with a .444 avg. (12-for-27) with RISP...over the last 2 seasons (2009-10) is hitting .397 (56-for-141) with RISP, tops in the majors...in 2009 led the AL hitting a club-record .386 with RISP
- Is 6<sup>th</sup> in the AL in hitting with men on base (.378, 17-45).
- 30-year-old has started 27 of 30 games, all from the leadoff spot.
- His .325 career avg. vs. LHP (207-636) is 9<sup>th</sup> among active players (min. 500 AB)...hit .338 in 2009 (7<sup>th</sup>/AL) and .379 (1<sup>st</sup>/AL) in 2008.
- His last 20 home runs have been solo shots, tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-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).
- In 2009 set a club record with a .320 avg. (T-6<sup>th</sup>/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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<b>#15 REID BRIGNAC INF</b> (.293, 2, 14) <b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> 2 G (2-3)	<b>SAT:</b> 1-2, 2B, BB <b>vs. LH:</b> .167 (1-6)	<b>SERIES:</b> 2-3, 2B, BB, RBI <b>vs. RH:</b> .308 (16-52), 2-HR	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 4-10, 2- 2B, 3-RBI <b>RISP:</b> .389 (7-18)
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- Leads all AL rookies with 14 RBI.
- Delivered his 3<sup>rd</sup> pinch hit of the season here Fri. night giving him the most pinch hits in the AL...also leads AL pinch swingers with 4 RBI.
- Is 9<sup>th</sup> in the AL overall with a .389 average with runners in scoring position.
- 7 of his last 8 hits have driven in a run and he is 6-for-his-last 10 with runners in scoring position.
- 24-year-old rookie has appeared in 21 games, 13 starts (10-2B, 3-SS)...Rays are 11-2 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>#5 PAT BURRELL OF</b> (.222, 2, 13) <b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> ---	<b>SAT :</b> 0-2, BB <b>vs. LH:</b> .053 (1-19)	<b>SERIES:</b> 0-2, BB <b>vs. RH:</b> .283 (15-53), 2-HR	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 1-9, BB-3 <b>RISP:</b> .235 (4-17)
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- Singled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning Wed. night at Seattle off Cliff Lee – his only hit of the road trip and his first of the season against a lefthander...had been 0-for-15 vs. LHP.
- 33-year-old has started 21 games, all at DH.
- Is 1-for-13 in his last 3 games, but has 13 RBI in his last 14 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> over the Green Monster giving Rays a 3-1 win.
- His next home run will be his 268<sup>th</sup> HR – tying Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson for most home runs by a player born in Arkansas.
- 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 (6<sup>th</sup> most among active players; min. 3,000 PA).
- Spent his first 9 big league seasons with Philadelphia, where he ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<b>#13 CARL CRAWFORD OF</b> (.316, 3, 15) <b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> ----	<b>SAT:</b> 0-4 <b>vs. LH:</b> .217 (10-46), 2-HR	<b>SERIES:</b> 0-9 <b>vs. RH:</b> .382 (26-68) HR	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 6-22, 2-2B, 2-BB, HR, 2-RBI <b>RISP:</b> .409 (9-22)
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- Hitless in his last 9 ABs since homering Thursday night in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning off Seattle's Ian Snell.
- Still batting .343 (24-70) in his last 17 games.
- His home run Thurs. was his first home run ever at SAFECO...has not homered here (115 ABs) or Angels Stadium (100 ABs)...for that matter has never homered in the state of California.
- Left 4 runners in scoring position yesterday, but his .409 average with runners in scoring position is 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> CS came on June 20 in his 41<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> inning off Mike Gonzalez...it was his 6<sup>th</sup> career walk-off hit, 1<sup>st</sup> off a LHP...his 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> among actives with 369 career SB (behind Juan Pierre-471, Omar Vizquel-389, Johnny Damon-375)...ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

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- Reached his 1,000<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>#28 JOHN JASO C</b> (.314, 1, 11)	<b>SAT:</b> 1-3, BB, RBI	<b>SERIES:</b> 1-3, BB, RBI	<b>ROAD TRIP :</b> 1-7, 2-BB, RBI
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<b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> 1G (1-3)	<b>vs. LH:</b> .222 (2-9), HR	<b>vs. RH:</b> .348 (8-23)	<b>RISP:</b> .429 (6-14)
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- 26-year-old rookie catcher has started 11 games and the Rays are 9-2 in those games.
- Has 11 walks – tied for first among AL rookies- and only 2 strikeouts.
- Is 2<sup>nd</sup> among AL rookies with 11 RBI trailing Reid Brignac.
- Is 5<sup>th</sup> in the AL overall with a .429 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.

<b>#19 GABE KAPLER OF</b> (.237, 1, 6)	<b>SAT:</b> DNP	<b>SERIES:</b> 1-3, R	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 3-8, 2-RBI
<b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> 3G (3-8)	<b>vs. LH:</b> .281 (9-32), HR	<b>vs. RH:</b> .000 (0-6)	<b>RISP:</b> .333 (4-12)

- 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 (9<sup>th</sup>/MLB; min. 250 PA) and a .956 OPS (13<sup>th</sup>/MLB) vs. lefties.
- 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).

<b>#3 EVAN LONGORIA 3B</b> (.333, 7, 23)	<b>FRI:</b> 0-4	<b>SERIES:</b> 0-5, 3-BB	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 5-19, 2B, HR, 4-RBI, 4-BB
<b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> ---	<b>vs. LH:</b> .333 (14-42), 2-HR	<b>vs. RH:</b> .353 (24-68), 5-HR	<b>RISP:</b> .306 (11-36)

- Brought a 12-game hitting streak into this series, but is hitless here in Oakland, the first time all year he has gone hitless in back-to-back games.
- Tied his career high with 3 walks Friday night.
- Still, over his last 43 games is batting .389 (21-54) with 7 walks.
- Has 4 home runs (9 RBI) in the last 10 games...his solo homer Sun. off KC Zack Greinke was the lone run in a 1-0 win.
- Leads the AL in runs scored (28).
- His .345 average is 9<sup>th</sup> in the AL.
- Also tied for 5<sup>th</sup> in the AL with 23 RBI.
- 24-year-old has started at 3B in all 30 games and hit cleanup in 27.
- Has 67 HRs and 221 RBI in his first 309 games...Albert Pujols had 70 home runs and 251 RBI after his first 309 games.
- On Opening Day vs. BAL hit the 3<sup>rd</sup>-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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-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.

<b>#30 DIONER NAVARRO C</b> (.158, 0, 2)	<b>SAT:</b> DNO	<b>SERIES:</b> 0-2, 2-BB	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 2-9, 4-R, 4-BB
<b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> 3G (3-11)	<b>vs. LH:</b> .150 (3-20)	<b>vs. RH:</b> .171 (6-35)	<b>RISP:</b> .083 (1-12)

- 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.
- Last home run was last Oct 3 off Andy Pettitte in the next-to-the-last game of the season.
- 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.

<b>#23 CARLOS PEÑA 1B</b> (.189, 5, 22)	<b>SAT:</b> 0-4	<b>SERIES:</b> 0-8	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 1-21, BB-2, 2B
<b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> ---	<b>vs. LH:</b> .171 (7-41), 2-HR	<b>vs. RH:</b> .200 (13-65), 3-HR	<b>RISP:</b> .300 (9-30)

- With 305 walks as a Ray (2007-2010), he is presently tied with Fred McGriff for the Rays all-time lead.
- Is one of only 4 players with 300 walks since the start of 2007 joining Adam Dunn (362), Albert Pujols (336) and Jack Cust (309).
- Has one hit in his last 34 at-bats dropping his average from .253 to .189
- Is tied for 9<sup>th</sup> in the AL in RBI (22), but has gone 8 games without an RBI and 9 without a home run.
- 31-year-old is in his 10<sup>th</sup> major league season, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> (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 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest ever by a league HR champion (NYM Dave Kingman hit .204 with 37 HR in 1982).

<b>#1 SEAN RODRIGUEZ UTIL</b> (.208, 1, 8)	<b>SAT:</b> 0-0 (PR)	<b>SERIES:</b> 1-3, RBI-2, 2B	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 1-7, 2B, SF, 3-RBI
<b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> 1G (1-3)	<b>vs. LH:</b> .313 (5-16)	<b>vs. RH:</b> .156 (5-32), HR	<b>RISP:</b> .333 (4-12)

- Was 2-for-his-last-17 before delivering a 2-run double off Gio Gonzalez Fri. night giving Rays a 3-0 lead in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning.
- 25-year-old has appeared in 16 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-7<sup>th</sup> in minors), 98 RBI, 87 R, 9 SB, 55 BB .397 OBP and .608 SLG (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> round) out of Miami's G. Holmes Braddock High.

<b>#2 B.J. UPTON OF</b> (.231, 4, 17)	<b>SAT:</b> 1-4	<b>SERIES:</b> 1-8	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 3-17, 2-RBI
<b>Current Hitting Streak:</b> 1G (1-4)	<b>vs. LH:</b> .222 (8-36), HR	<b>vs. RH:</b> .236 (17-72), 3-HR	<b>RISP:</b> .296 (8-27)

- Is 3-for-28 in his last 8 games.
- Stole his 7<sup>th</sup> base yesterday tying Carl Crawford for the team lead, 8<sup>th</sup> best in the AL.
- Has only 2 RBI in his last 11 games.
- Had 4 home runs in the first 13 games of the season, but hasn't hit one in 17 games since.
- Has 4 home runs and 14 RBI in 15 road games and no homers and 3 RBI in 15 home games.
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Had 33 OF assists from 2007-09, 9 more than any other major league center fielder.

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<b>#18 BEN ZOBRIST UTIL</b> (.265, 0, 13) Current Hitting Streak: 5G (6-18)	<b>SAT:</b> 1-4 vs. <b>LH:</b> .250 (11-44)	<b>SERIES:</b> 2-5 vs. <b>RH:</b> .275 (19-69)	<b>ROAD TRIP:</b> 6-18, 2B, 3-RBI <b>RISP:</b> .242 (8-33)
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- Threw out Rajah Davis at 2B yesterday, completing his 5<sup>th</sup> double play from RF over the past 2 seasons, most among all rightfielders.
- Has hit safely in his last 5 games and 6 of 7 games in May (9-26, .346).
- 28-year-old switch-hitter has started 28 games (1-CF, 18-RF, 9-2B)...started at 7 different defensive positions last year.
- Has gone 126 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 8<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the AL MVP vote, highest in club history... .948 OPS ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

<b>#50 GRANT BALFOUR RH</b> (0-0-0, 1.98 ERA, 12-G) Last App: 5/8 @OAK (0.1-IP)	<b>Saves-Opps:</b> 0-1 <b>Long Relief App:</b> 2.0, 3x-last 4/20 @ CWS	vs. <b>LH:</b> .250 (5-20), 0-HR vs. <b>RH:</b> .161 (5-31), 1-HR	<b>IR-RS:</b> 6-3 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Batter:</b> .273 (3-11)
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- Has 191 strikeouts in 161.0 innings in his Rays career.
- Opponents have batted only .195 (97-498) since the start of 2008.
- Has fanned almost 30% of the hitters (164 of 565) he has faced since the start of 2008
- Has not allowed an ER in 7 road apps this season (IP-6.2)
- In 2009, his first full season in the majors, appeared in 73 games—2<sup>nd</sup> most in Rays history (Shawn Camp had 75 in 2006) and T-7<sup>th</sup> in the AL.
- Opponents hit only .195 (87-for-447) in 2008-09 combined, tied with teammate J.P. Howell for 5<sup>th</sup> lowest in the majors.
- Ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> all time among Australian-born pitchers with 214 games pitched, behind Graeme Lloyd (568)...ATL Pete Moylan (201) is 3<sup>rd</sup>.

<b>#53 JOAQUIN BENOIT RH</b> (0-0-0, 0.00 ERA, 3-G) Last App: 5/8 @ OAK (1.0-IP, 1-H)	<b>Saves-Opps:</b> 0-0 <b>Long Relief App:</b> 1.0, 3 x, last 5/8@OAK	vs. <b>LH:</b> .250 (2-6) vs. <b>RH:</b> .000 (0-4)	<b>IR-RS:</b> 0-0 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Batter:</b> .000 (1-3)
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- Pronounced *wah-KEEN ben-WAH*...32-year-old was selected from AAA Durham April 29...
- Has made 3 scoreless appearances since.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

<b>#36 RANDY CHOATE LH</b> (0-2-0, 7.88 ERA, 14-G) Last App: 5/7 @SEA (IP-0.1)	<b>Saves-Opps:</b> 0-1 <b>Long Relief App:</b> 1.1, 2x-last 4/27 vs. OAK	vs. <b>LH:</b> .143 (4-28), 1-HR vs. <b>RH:</b> .750 (6-8), 1-HR	<b>IR-RS:</b> 13-3 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Batter:</b> .214 (3-14)
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- Has pitched in a staff-high 14 games.
- Lefties are hitting .143 (4-28), 7<sup>th</sup> lowest in the AL (min 25 batters faced).
- Since allowing game-tying home run to Luke Scott at BAL on Apr 13, left-handed hitters are 1-for-19 off him.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<b>#31 LANCE CORMIER RH</b> (2-1-0, 4.38 ERA, 11-G) Last App: 5/8 @OAK (1.2, 2-H, 1-R, 1-ER, 1-SO)	<b>Saves-Opps:</b> 0-0 <b>Long Relief App:</b> 3.0, 4/17 @ BOS	vs. <b>LH:</b> .273 (9-33), 0-HR vs. <b>RH:</b> .267 (4-15), 0-HR	<b>IR-RS:</b> 6-1 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Batter:</b> .091 (1-11)
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- Last 3 pitched in 3 of the last 12 games: IP-2.1, H-4, R-4, ER-4, BB-3
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of the season and the trip...also recorded the win April 12 at BAL with a scoreless 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Led Rays relievers with 77.1 IP in 2009 (10<sup>th</sup>/AL)...was used as the long man out of the Rays pen, with 15 of 53 outings lasting 2 IP or more.

<b>#21 ANDY SONNANSTINE RH</b> (0-0-0, 2.70 ERA, 9-G) Last App: 5/6 @SEA (1.0-IP, 1-SO)	<b>Saves-Opps:</b> 0-0 <b>Long Relief App:</b> 3.1, 4/8 vs. BAL	vs. <b>LH:</b> .217 (5-23), 1-HR vs. <b>RH:</b> .179 (5-28), 3-HR	<b>IR-RS:</b> 1-1 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Batter:</b> .111 (1-9)
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- 27-year-old is in his 4<sup>th</sup> season with the Rays, first in the bullpen...entered the year with only 4 career relief appearances in the majors, all coming last fall.
- Has pitched once in the last 9 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).

<b>#29 RAFAEL SORIANO RH</b> (1-0-7, 2.08 ERA, 13-G) Last App: 5/7 @ OAK (SV, 1.0-IP, 2-SO)	<b>Saves-Opps:</b> 8-8 <b>Long Relief App:</b> 1.0, 12x-last 5/4 @SEA	vs. <b>LH:</b> .267 (4-15), 0-HR vs. <b>RH:</b> .200 (6-30), 1-HR	<b>IR-RS:</b> 3-2 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Batter:</b> .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 9<sup>th</sup> season in the majors, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> among ML relievers (LAD Jonathan Broxton, 114)...his 12.13 SO/9-IP ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> among actives.

<b>#35 DAN WHEELER RH</b> (1-0-0, 2.08 ERA, 11-G) Last App: 5/2 vs. KC (0.1-IP, 1-SO)	<b>Saves-Opps:</b> 0-0 <b>Long Relief App:</b> 1.2, 4/8 vs. BAL	vs. <b>LH:</b> .167 (1-6), 0-HR vs. <b>RH:</b> .125 (3-24), 1-HR	<b>IR-RS:</b> 4-0 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Batter:</b> .273 (3-11)
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- Has not pitched on the road trip.
- Opponents are hitting .133 (4-30), 5<sup>th</sup> lowest among relievers in the AL. His last 5 appearances are scoreless and last 4 are hitless.
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> Sat. with 2 SO.
- Earned the win on April 24 vs. TOR...relieved Cormier in the 8<sup>th</sup> with 2 out and men on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>...struck out Alex Gonzalez to end the inning.
- His 365 apps since 2005 are 5<sup>th</sup> most in the majors...in 2009 finished one 1 shy of his 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> best among ML relievers... his 7.80 base runners per 9 IP was 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (34<sup>th</sup> round).

**RAYS PITCHING BY THE NUMBERS**

	W-L-S	G	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO	HR
Totals	22-8-8	30	2.74	274.0	220	85	91	222	28
Starters	18-4-0	30	2.41	195.2	154	54	68	164	19
Relievers	4-4-8	29	3.58	78.1	66	31	23	58	9
Home	9-6-3	15	3.55	137.0	123	54	49	120	14
Road	13-2-4	15	1.88	138.0	97	31	42	102	14
April	17-6-5	23	3.13	210.0	180	73	72	170	27
May	5-2-3	7	1.61	64.0	40	14	23	51	2

**SUPPORT FOR STARTERS**

PITCHER	STARTS	RUNS	RUNS/START	CLUB RECORD	QUALITY STARTS
DAVIS	6	24	4.00	4-2	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**

<b>Current Streak:</b> L1	<b>When commit error:</b> 11-3	<b>Hit homer:</b> 17-3
<b>Current Record:</b> 22-8	<b>Ahead after 6-7-8:</b> 18-1/18-0/18-0	<b>Homer with men on:</b> 10-0
<b>Home/Road:</b> 9-6/13-2	<b>Behind after 6-7-8:</b> 3-6/3-6/1-6	<b>Hit multiple homers:</b> 6-1
<b>Day/Night:</b> 5-3/17-5	<b>Tied after 6-7-8:</b> 1-1/1-2/2-2	<b>Score first:</b> 13-3
<b>Grass/Turf:</b> 13-2/9-6	<b>1-run games:</b> 4-3	<b>Score 5 or more:</b> 16-1
<b>vs. East:</b> 12-4	<b>2-run games:</b> 3-2	<b>Score less than 5:</b> 5-7
<b>vs. Central:</b> 4-3	<b>Extra innings:</b> 2-1	<b>Outhit opponents:</b> 18-0
<b>vs. West:</b> 6-1	<b>Win in last at-bat:</b> 1-0	<b>Outhit by opponents:</b> 3-7
<b>vs. National League:</b> 0-0	<b>Come-from-behind wins:</b> 9	<b>Collect 10 or more hits:</b> 15-0
<b>vs. RH/LH starters:</b> 13-4/9-4	<b>Opp. come-from-behind wins:</b> 4	<b>Opp. 10 or more hits:</b> 4-3
<b>Series W-L-T (home):</b> 3-1-1	<b>Series W-L-T (road):</b> 4-0-0	<b>Wearing white/gray/navy/lt. blue:</b> 7-5/11-2/1-0/3-1

**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 @ BAL
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)**

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

**2010 TAMPA BAY RAYS SEASON HIGHS**

TEAM	
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 <sup>th</sup> inn) 4/24 vs. TOR
Most runs, inning, Opp	4, 5x-last (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> inn) 4/13 @ BAL
Most hits, inning, Opp	4, 2x-last (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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, 3x-last 5/8 @ OAK
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, 25x-last Upton, 5/8 @ OAK
Most steals, game, Opp	1, 11x-last Podsednik/Bloomquist, 5/1 vs. KC
Hitting Streak	12, Longoria, 4/23-5-8
<b>TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PITCHING</b>	
Most SO, TB Starter	12, Shields 4/28 vs. OAK
Most SO, Opp. Starter	8, 5x-last Sheets, 5/8 @ OAK
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, 6x-last Price 5/7 @ OAK
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					19-8					19-8								
Brignac			8-2		3-0					1-0						5-1	5-1	
Burrell								14-7						1-0	13-7			
Crawford					20-8					20-8								
Jaso	9-2														1-0	6-2	2-0	
Kapler					1-0		8-4							1-0	2-0	2-1	4-3	
Longoria				22-8							3-0	19-8						
Navarro	12-4															7-3	5-1	
Peña		22-7										3-0	19-7					
Rodriguez			9-2		1-0					2-0	1-0					1-0	6-2	
Shoppach	1-2															1-1	0-1	
Upton							21-8						2-1	19-7				
Zobrist			5-4				1-0	14-4		1-0	19-8							

RUNS BY INNING											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	X	Total
Opp	12	6	7	11	5	16	10	11	9	3	86
TB	11	19	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	.444	9	4	0	1	.263	57	15	3	8
Bartlett	.333	15	5	0	4	.275	120	33	1	12
Brignac	.333	9	3	1	3	.375	8	3	1	3
Burrell	.166	6	1	1	3	.211	57	12	3	12
Crawford	.118	17	2	0	0	.275	262	72	2	25
Jaso	.444	9	4	0	4	.444	9	4	0	4
Kapler	.400	5	2	0	0	.283	187	53	2	23
Longoria	.214	14	3	1	2	.241	79	19	4	8
Navarro	.000	2	0	0	0	.211	90	19	1	11
Peña	.200	15	3	1	3	.229	214	49	17	35
Rodriguez	.250	4	1	0	2	.105	19	2	0	2
Upton	.313	16	5	0	0	.264	178	47	6	16
Zobrist	.271	13	3	0	0	.272	81	22	2	11

PITCHING	2010					CAREER						
	WLS	ERA	G	IP	H	ER	WLS	ERA	G	IP	H	ER
Balfour	0-0-0	0.00	2	1.1	1	0	0-0-0	2.97	11	9.1	10	3
Benoit	0-0-0	0.00	1	1.0	1	0	0-1-0	3.85	31	49.1	34	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	8.57	2	2.1	5	2	0-1-0	2.43	8	11.1	2	3
Davis	1-1-0	6.30	2	10.0	13	7	1-1-0	6.30	2	10.0	13	7
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 (.192-26-5-0-3)...Bartlett (.245-49-12-0-1)...Brignac (.667-3-2-0-1)...Burrell (.156-32-5-1-3)...Crawford (.226-115-26-0-2)...Jaso (.333-3-1-0-1)...Kapler (.306-85-26-1-9)...Longoria (.222-27-6-1-3)...Navarro (.233-43-10-0-7)...Peña (.228-158-36-12-28)...Rodriguez (.154-13-2-0-2)...Upton (.227-75-17-2-6)...Zobrist (.237-38-9-0-2)**

### 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

<b>Pitchers (12):</b>	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
<b>Catchers (2):</b>	Dioner Navarro, Kelly Shoppach
<b>Infielders (7):</b>	Willy Aybar, Jason Bartlett, Reid Brignac, Evan Longoria, Carlos Pena, Sean Rodriguez, Ben Zobrist
<b>Outfielders (4):</b>	Pat Burrell, Carl Crawford, Gabe Kapler, B.J. Upton
<b>DL (2):</b>	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	30	22-8
OF	Matt Joyce	15-day	Right elbow strain	April 1	March 26	April 10	30	22-8
C	Kelly Shoppach	15-day	Right knee sprain	April 13	April 11	April 26	23	18-5

**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-3

**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	D/N	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	<b>Soriano (1-0)</b>	Gonzalez (0-1)	1-0	1/+0.5	36,973	36,973	
2	4/7	H/N	W		4-3/BAL	<b>Garza (1-0)</b>	Guthrie (0-1)	2-0	1/+0.5	15,220	52,193	
3	4/8	H/N	L		4-5/BAL	Matusz (1-0)	<b>Ekstrom (0-1)</b>	2-1	T-1/+1.0	16,191	68,384	
4	4/9	H/N	W		9-3/NYY	<b>Price (1-0)</b>	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)	<b>Davis (0-1)</b>	3-2	T-2/-1.0	29,892	131,497	
6	4/11	H/D	L		3-7/NYY	Burnett (1-0)	<b>Choate (0-1)</b>	3-3	T-3/-2.0	31,253	162,750	
7	4/12	R/N	W		4-3/BAL	<b>Garza (2-0)</b>	Guthrie (0-2)	4-3	3/-1.0	9,129		9,129
8	4/13	R/N	W		8-6/BAL (10)	<b>Cormier (1-0)</b>	Albers (0-1)	5-3	3/-1.0	13,731		22,860
9	4/14	R/D	W		9-1/BAL	<b>Price (2-0)</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> tied 1-1		6-3	2/-0.5	37,084		70,192
10	4/17	R/N	W		3-1/BOS (12)	<b>Cormier (2-0)</b>	Delcarmen (0-1)	7-3	2/-0.5	37,085		107,277
11	4/17	R/N	W		6-5/BOS	<b>Shields (1-0)</b>	Buchholz (1-1)	8-3	T-1/+1.5	37,022		144,299
12	4/18	R/D	W		7-1/BOS	<b>Garza (3-0)</b>	Lester (0-2)	9-3	T-1/+2.5	37,143		181,422
13	4/19	R/D	W		8-2/BOS	<b>Niemann (1-0)</b>	Lackey (1-1)	10-3	1/+0.5	37,609		219,031
14	4/20	R/N	L		1-4/CWS	Danks (2-0)	<b>Price (2-1)</b>	10-4	2/-0.5	19,260		238,291
15	4/21	R/N	W		12-0/CWS	<b>Davis (1-1)</b>	Buehrle (2-2)	11-4	2/-0.5	17,023		255,314
16	4/22	R/N	W		10-2/CWS	<b>Shields (2-0)</b>	Peavy (0-1)	12-4	1/+0.5	18,207		273,521
17	4/23	H/N	L		5-6/TOR	Cecil (1-0)	<b>Garza (3-1)</b>	12-5	1/+0.5	22,056	184,806	
18	4/24	H/N	W		9-3/TOR	<b>Wheeler (1-0)</b>	Downs (0-2)	13-5	1/+0.5	23,870	208,676	
19	4/25	H/D	W		6-0/TOR	<b>Price (3-1)</b>	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	<b>Davis (2-1)</b>	Sheets (1-2)	15-5	1/+2.5	10,825	242,751	
21	4/28	H/N	W		10-3/OAK	<b>Shields (3-1)</b>	Braden (3-1)	16-5	1/+2.5	10,691	253,442	
22	4/29	H/N	W		11-1/KC	<b>Garza (4-1)</b>	Hochevar (2-1)	17-5	1/+2.5	12,766	266,208	
23	4/30	H/N	L		2-3/KC	Rupe (1-1)	<b>Choate (0-2)</b>	17-6	1/+1.5	25,195	291,403	
<b>APRIL 17-6 (8-5 Home, 9-1 Road)</b>												
24	5/1	H/N	L		2-4/KC	Tejeda (2-2)	<b>Cormier (2-1)</b>	17-7	1/+1.5	34,813	326,216	
25	5/2	H/D	W		1-0/KC	<b>Davis (3-1)</b>	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	<b>Shields (4-0)</b>	Vargas (2-2)	19-7	1/+1.0	15,589		289,110
27	5/5	R/N	W		8-3/SEA	<b>Garza (5-1)</b>	Lee (0-1)	20-7	1/+1.0	14,627		303,737
28	5/6	R/N	W		8-0/SEA	<b>Niemann (2-0)</b>	Rowland-Smith (0-2)	21-7	1/+1.5	17,617		321,354
29	5/7	R/N	W		4-1/OAK	<b>Price (4-1)</b>	Gonzalez (3-2)	22-7	1/+1.5	19,193		340,547
30	5/8	R/D	L		2-4/OAK	Sheets (2-3)	<b>Davis (3-2)</b>	22-8	1/+0.5	15,493		356,040
<b>MAY 5-2 (1-1 Home, 4-1 Road)</b>												

**TOMORROW'S PROBABLE – RH MATT GARZA (5-1, 2.09)**

	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
<b>2010 Season (Rays)</b>	5-1	2.09	6	6	0	0	43.0	32	11	10	14	39	3	.208
<b>2009 Season (Rays)</b>	8-12	3.95	32	32	0	0	203.0	177	93	89	79	189	25	.233
<b>Rays Totals</b>	24-22	3.66	68	68	3	2	430.2	379	187	175	152	356	47	.236
<b>Career MLB (Rays, Twins)</b>	32-35	3.85	94	92	3	2	563.2	537	264	241	207	461	61	.251

**TOMORROW'S START & 2010 NOTES**

- 26-year-old will make his 76<sup>th</sup> start of the season, 69<sup>th</sup> start as a Ray and 93<sup>rd</sup> major league start.
- The American League win leader reached 5 wins in his last start- faster than any pitcher in Rays history (27<sup>th</sup> game).
- Won at Seattle last Wednesday, 8-3, over Cliff Lee...Matt's line: 8.0-IP, 5-H, 2-R, 2-ER, 1-BB, 5-SO, 1-HR, Gutierrez.
- Of Mexican descent, the win made him 2-0 lifetime on Cinco de Mayo.
- Has won his last 2 starts since suffering his only loss on Apr 23 to Toronto, 6-5.
- Has allowed 2 runs or less in all 5 of his wins.
- Has 4 starts in which he has pitched 8.0 innings and allowed 2 runs or less...Roy Halladay is the only other major leaguer with as many (4).
- Has won all 3 of his road starts going 8.0 innings each time...has the AL's 2<sup>nd</sup> best road ERA (1.13) and has held opponents to a .188 average away from Tropicana Field.
- Overall is 9<sup>th</sup> in the AL in ERA (2.09).
- Opponents are hitting .208, 11<sup>th</sup> lowest in the AL.
- Is winless in 3 career starts **vs. the Angels**: 0-1, 6.46, IP-15.1, H-20, ER-11...his 6.46 ERA is his 2<sup>nd</sup> highest against an AL opponent...Angels have batted .317 off him.
- Lost his only decision to them as a member of the Twins on July 22, 2007 at Minn...lost 7-2 to Joe Saunders (IP-5.1, H-7, R-4, ER-3).
- Has 2 no decisions as a Ray and Tampa Bay lost both, most recently on Aug 10 of last season here...he worked 3.1 innings allowing 6 hits and 6 runs (4 earned) as the Rays lost, 8-7.