



2011 GAME NOTES

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Game #5 (3-1), Home #4 (3-1) OAKLAND ATHLETICS (1-3) at TORONTO BLUE JAYS (3-1), Wednesday, April 6, 2011

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS: (All Times Eastern)

Wednesday, April 6 vs. Oakland A's, 7:07 pm...LHP Dallas Braden (season debut) vs. RHP Jesse Litsch (season debut)...SNET-1
Thursday, April 7 vs. Oakland A's, 12:37 pm...RHP Trevor Cahill (0-0, 1.93) vs. LHP Ricky Romero (1-0, 1.42)...SNET
Friday, April 8 at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, 10:05 pm...RHP Kyle Drabek (1-0, 1.29) vs. RHP Ervin Santana (0-0, 4.05)...SNET-1
Saturday, April 9 at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, 9:05 pm...LHP Brett Cecil (0-1, 5.40) vs. LHP Scott Kazmir (0-0, 27.00)...SNET
Sunday, April 10 at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, 3:35 pm...LHP Jo-Jo Reyes (0-0, 13.50) vs. RHP Jered Weaver (2-0, 0.69)...SNET
Monday, April 11 at Seattle Mariners, 10:10 pm...RHP Jesse Litsch (pitching tonight) vs. RHP Felix Hernandez (1-0, 2.00)...SNET
Tuesday, April 12 at Seattle Mariners, 10:10 pm...LHP Ricky Romero (1-0, 1.42) vs. RHP Michael Pineda (0-1, 4.50)...SNET
Wednesday, April 13 at Seattle Mariners, 3:40 pm...RHP Kyle Drabek (1-0, 1.29) vs. LHP Jason Vargas (0-0, 1.35)...SNET-1
Thursday, April 14...OFF-DAY

2011 GLANCING at the JAYS

2011 Record.....	3-1, 2nd, 1.0 GB
2011 Home Attendance (Total & Average)	121,760
'10 Season (Hm. Attendance)-4 games	79,842
'10 Season (Hm. Attendance)-5 games	94,621
Come From Behind Wins	1
Last Shutout by Blue Jays.....	1-0, Sept. 23, 2010 vs. SEA
Last Shutout by Opponent	6-0, Sept. 19, 2010 at BOS
April '11/'10/'09.....	3-1/12-12/15-9
Under JOHN FARRELL	3-1
'10 Season- 4 games	3-1
'10 Season- 5 games	4-1
Best/Worst- 4 games.....	4-0 ('92)/1-3 ('78,'79,'80 & '03,'04)
Best/Worst- 5 games.....	5-0 ('92)/1-4 ('78,'04)
Vs. RHS/LHS	2-1/1-0
Blue Jays/Opponents scoring first.....	2-0/1-1
GMS decided in final AB/Walk-Off	1-0/1-0
1-Run/2-Run Games	1-1/0-0
Franchise record	2677-2710
Home/Road	3-1/0-0
Day/Night	1-1/2-0
Series Record/Home/Road	1-0-0/1-0-0/0-0-0
Vs. EAST/CENTRAL/WEST/NL.....	0-0/2-1/1-0/0-0
After 6.0, Ahead/Tied/Trailing	2-0/1-0/0-1
After 7.0, Ahead/Tied/Trailing	2-0/1-0/0-1
After 8.0, Ahead/Tied/Trailing	2-0/1-0/0-1
Extra-Inning Games/Home/Road	1-0/1-0/0-0
2011 at ROGERS CENTRE	
Blue Jays HR Dome Open/Cld.....	0/8
Opponents HR Dome Open/Cld.....	0/3
W/L, 2011 open/closed/other.....	0-0/3-1/0-0
All-time/open/closed/other.....	943-783/492-432/394-309/57-42

THE LATEST:

- With last night's 7-6 victory in 10 innings vs. Oakland, the Blue Jays improved to **3-1** on the season.
- Are **2nd** in the AL East, **1.0 GB** of the division leading **Orioles (4-0)**...Are **0.5 GA** of the **Yankees** for **2nd (3-2)** & are **3.0 GA** of both the **Red Sox (0-4)** & **Rays (0-4)**.

ON THE HOMEFRONT:

- Tonight, the Blue Jays continue a 7-day, 6-game homestand with the **2nd** of a 3-game series vs. the **A's (1-3)**...Are **3-1** on the current homestand (**2-1** vs. MIN & **1-0** vs. OAK) after last night's victory vs. OAK.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Following the series with the **A's**, the Jays will head out on their **1st** road trip of the season, an 11-day, 10-game trip...Begin with a 3-game series in **Los Angeles (2-3)** on **Apr. 8-10**...Following the series with the **Angels**, take on the **Mariners (2-3)** from **Apr. 11-13**...TOR will enjoy an off-day on **Apr. 14** before concluding the trip with a 4-game series in **Boston (0-4)** from **Apr. 15-18**.

WORKING THEIR WAY BACK:

- RHP Brandon Morrow** is scheduled to begin a rehab assignment with a start on **Apr. 7** with the **Dunedin Blue Jays (A)** as they take on the Clearwater Phillies in their season opener...Morrow was placed on the 15-day DL back on **Mar. 31** (retro to **Mar. 22**) with a strained right elbow.
- RHP Frank Francisco** is also scheduled to begin a rehab assignment on **Apr. 7** with **Dunedin (A)**...Francisco was placed on the 15-day DL back on **Mar. 31** (retro to **Mar. 22**) with a right shoulder strain.

THIS DAY IN BLUE JAYS HISTORY: In 1992, Toronto played their season opener in Detroit with newly acquired **Jack Morris** setting a Major League record with his **13th** consecutive opening day start...He tossed a complete game as Toronto won 4-2.

BLUE JAYS vs. ATHLETICS:

- 2011:** Play the A's **10** times this season, **six** at **Rogers Centre** & **four** at **Alameda County Colliseum**...These two Clubs will meet again for a **3-game** set to be played in **Toronto** from **Aug. 9-11**.
- Are **0-1** vs. OAK this season after last night's 7-6 victory in 10 innings...The Jays have won each of their last **three** season series dating back to **2008**, going **17-10** over that span...TOR has won **seven** of their last **10** contests dating back to **2009**...The Jays are **10-2** over their last **12** games played in Toronto dating back to **2008**.
- LAST SEASON:** Posted an overall record of **4-3 (3-1** at home & **1-2** on the road) vs. OAK.
- ALL-TIME:** Overall are **168-193, 80-99** at home & **88-94** on the road...The Jays have won **three** straight season series vs. OAK dating back to **2008**.

BLAST OFF:

- The Blue Jays, who **led the Majors last season with a Club record 257 home runs**, have now hit **8-HR** after their **first four games** which ranks **T-4th** in the **AL (TEX & NYY** lead with **13)**...The **8-HR** hit after the **first four games** are the **most since 2001 (8-HR)**...The Jays are looking to homer in their **first five** games to begin a season for the **1st** time since **2000** when they did so in their **first six** contests (**12** total).

WALK IT OFF:

- Last night vs. OAK, **Yunel Escobar** ended the game in walk-off fashion with a two-run homer in the **10th** inning against **Grant Balfour**...For Escobar, it marked his **2nd** career walk-off shot, previously done on **June 2, 2008** vs. FLA.
- For Toronto, it was their **1st walk-off victory** since **Sept. 25, 2010** vs. BAL on a walk-off homer by **Lyle Overbay**...The only other **walk-off home run** by Toronto last season occurred on **Sept. 12 vs. TB (Adam Lind)**, wasn't recorded until game **#143** of the season...The Jays recorded **five** walk-off victories last season, however, did not have one until **game #57** of the season (vs. NYY on **June 5**).

STOPPING SHORT:

- According to the *Elias Sports Bureau*, **Yunel Escobar** became the **3rd Toronto shortstop** to hit a walk-off home run in Franchise history...**Tony Batista** did it against the Braves on **July 19, 1999** & **Aaron Hill** hit one against the Rays on **Sept. 15, 2006**.

A SNEAK ATTACK:

- Last night, the Blue Jays came back from a **five run deficit (0-5)** to defeat the A's in extra innings on a **two-run walk-off home run** by **Yunel Escobar**...Last season, **36** of Toronto's **85** victories were come-from-behind wins.

WORKING OVERTIME:

- Last night, the Blue Jays played their **1st extra-inning** contest of the season, a 7-6 win in 10 innings...Toronto posted a record of **5-6** in extra-inning affairs (**3-2** at home) last season.

CLOSE CALL:

- With last night's 7-6 victory, the Blue Jays improved to **1-1** in **one-run contests** this season...In **2010**, the Club posted a record of **24-28** in one-run affairs (**14-13** at home).

KEEPING IT IN THE YARD:

- When **Brett Cecil** surrendered a home run to **Danny Valencia** in the **3rd inning** on Sunday's loss vs. the Twins, it snapped a stretch of **20.0 innings** to start the season without allowing a home run...It represented the longest stretch to start a season since **1999**.

RHP JESSE LITSCH # 51**BIRTHDATE:** March 9, 1985 **BIRTHPLACE:** Pinellas Park, FL
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6'1"/175 **BATS/THROWS:** R/R**2011 SEASON:**

- Will be making his **first start** since **Aug. 1, 2010** after having surgery to repair a **right labral tear** in his right hip the week of **Aug. 9, 2010**.
- Has made **only nine starts** over the last two seasons.
- This spring was **2-0** with a **4.09 ERA (10ER/22IP)** allowing **28H, HR, 3BB** and tied for the **Club lead** with **20K**.

2010 SEASON:**BEEN A WHILE:**

- On **July 20** picked up his **first victory** since **Sept. 18, 2008** when he defeated **Kansas City 13-1**... Made eight starts in between going **0-5** with a **7.08 ERA (40.2IP/32ER)**.

- Made only **nine ML starts** after recovering from **Tommy John surgery in 2009** and then being shut down due to a **labral tear in the right hip** after his start **Aug. 1**.

2009 SEASON:

- Made only two starts before being placed **on the disabled list April 14th** with a right forearm strain. Had season ending **Tommy John surgery June 12th**.
- In his two starts, pitched a total of nine innings, walking only one...Took the **loss April 8th vs. DET** and received a **no-decision April 13th at MIN**.

NO FREEBIES:

- Set a **Blue Jays record** with **38.0 consecutive innings** without a walk (**Apr.27-May 24**)...Walked **Mark Teahan** with two outs in the ninth to end the streak...Is currently **6th** in the Majors allowing only **1.42 walks** per nine innings.

ABOUT THE STARTS:

- Tossed his **2nd career shutout** and **2nd this season**, in a **9-0 win vs. MIN, Sept 4...9.0IP, 4H, 2BB, 3K**

- Tossed his first complete game of his career, a seven-hit shutout vs. **KC** on **May 24**...Set a **Blue Jays record** with **38 consecutive innings** without allowing a walk.

2007 SEASON:

- Made his **ML debut** on **May 15**, holding the Orioles to one run and four hits over 8.2 innings of work...The outing was the longest of any Blue Jay making their **ML debut** in franchise history, surpassing the former record of eight innings held by **Jerry Garvin (April 10, 1977)** and **Mauro Gozzo (August 8, 1989)**.
- On **July 31** at **TB**, returned to **TB** to face his former employers...Picked up the win, holding the Devil Rays without a run in 6.2 IP...**Was the Devil Rays bat boy from 2002-2003**.

A REAL HOMER:

- Has posted a **10-10** record with a **3.63 ERA** in **27** career starts at home... Opposed to a **11-14** record with a **4.51 ERA** in **33** career games (**32** starts) on the road.

DAY DREAM BELIEVER:

- Is **10-9** in his career with a **3.28 ERA** over **23** starts in day games... As opposed to **11-15** with a **4.65 ERA** in **37** games (**36** starts) played at night.

CAREER vs. the OAKLAND A's

- CAREER:** 1-1 with a 0.90 ERA in three starts...20.0IP, 18H, 2ER, 5BB, 11K.
- LAST START vs. A's:** May 29, 2008 at OAK, won 12-0...7.0IP, 7H, BB, 3K.

A's vs. LITSCH: Barton, 0-3, 2K...Crisp, 1-8, BB... DeJesus, 5-12, 2RBI, BB... Ellis, 2-8, BB, K...Matsui, 4-8, 2B, BB... Suzuki, 0-1.**LAST TIME:**

- LAST START:** Aug. 1, 2010 vs. CLE, lost 4-5...4.0IP, 6H, 4ER, HR, 2BB, K.
- LAST WIN:** July 20, 2010 at KC, won 13-1 ...5.2IP, 8H, ER.
- LAST LOSS:** Aug. 1, 2010 vs. CLE, lost 4-5...4.0IP, 6H, 4ER, HR, 2BB, K.
- LAST COMPLETE GAME:** Sept 4, 2008 vs. MIN, won 9-0...9.0IP, 4H, 2BB, 3K.
- LAST SHUTOUT:** Sept 4, 2008 vs. MIN, won 9-0...9.0IP, 4H, 2BB, 3K.

SINGLE GAME CAREER HIGHS:

- INNINGS:** 9.0, 2x, last Sept 4, 2008 vs. MIN.
- STRIKEOUTS:** 6, 2x, last Sept. 9, 2008 at CWS
- WALKS:** 5, Sept. 13, 2008 at BOS
- SHORTEST START, CAREER:** 0.2IP, May 30 vs. NYY

CAREER:

- Drafted in the **24th** round by the Blue Jays in 2004.

Starts	2010 Day-by-Day								
	Dec	ERA	IP	H	ER	HR	BB	SO	PITCH
6/13 at COL L 3-10	L	27.00	2 1/3	9	7	1	1	2	80
6/19 vs. SF W 3-0	ND	6.75	7	3	0	0	0	3	94
6/25 at PHIL 0-9	L	8.78	4	7	6	0	4	0	85
6/30 at CLE L 1-3	L	6.98	6	5	2	1	2	2	97
7/6 vs. MIN L 6-7	ND	7.30	5 1/3	7	5	2	2	0	76
7/11 vs. BOS L 2-3	L	6.54	7	4	3	2	1	5	99
7/20 at KC W 13-1	W	5.79	5 2/3	8	1	0	0	0	84
7/25 at DET L 5-6	ND	5.48	5 1/3	5	2	0	3	3	82
8/1 vs. CLE L 4-5	L	5.79	4	6	4	1	2	1	75
Totals	1-5	5.79	46 2/3	53	30	7	15	16	86

TOMORROW'S STARTER: #24 RICKY ROMERO LHP

- Became the first Blue Jays left-handed pitcher since Jimmy Key in 1989 to win on Opening Day. Became the 14th Blue Jays pitcher to win on Opening Day.
- Over his career is 5-1 with a 1.99 ERA, over 63.1 IP, allowing 47 H, 14 ER, 3 HR, 17 BB and 51 K. Is holding opponents to a .206 AVG which is 3rd best in the American League since 2009.
- Last Start:** Apr. 1 vs. Minnesota, won 13-3... 6.1IP, 7H, ER, 7K.
- Career vs. the Oakland A's:** 3-0 with a 2.25 ERA in three starts...20.0IP, 16H, 5ER, 7BB, 17K.
- Last Start vs. the A's:** Apr. 29, 2010 at Rogers Centre, won 6-3...6.0IP, 4H, 3ER, 4BB, 6K.

BLUE JAYS ON THE MOUND

THIS SEASON: Have posted a **2.92 ERA** (2nd in AL) in **four** games...**STARTERS:** Are **2-1** with a **4.15 ERA** (6th in AL)...Have recorded **two** quality starts (Romero-1 & Drabek-1)...**RELIEVERS:** Are **1-0** with a **1.17 ERA** (1st in AL) & are **0-0** in save situations...**Season High HR (2):** 4/3 vs. MIN...**Extra Inn (1):** Willingham, 4/5 vs. OAK

CAMP, RHP, #57 LH: .500 (1-2)
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (1.0, H, K) RH: .000 (0-6)

- ◆ Has appeared in **three** games this year, all scoreless & has held opponents to a **.125** average (1-8).
- ◆ In 2010, led the team with **70** games pitched & **72.1** relief innings.
- ◆ Finished with a **2.99** ERA last season, a career best for the **2nd** consecutive season.

DOTEL, RHP, #35 (15-day DL) LH: --
LAST APP: 10/3/10 at STL with COL (1.0, BB, K) RH: --

- ◆ Made only **three** appearances this spring due to a strained right hamstring.
- ◆ 3/31 placed on the 15-day DL (right hamstring), retro to 3/22.
- ◆ Overall recorded **22** saves last season, his most since recording **36** in 2004.
- ◆ Signed by the Blue Jays as a free agent on **1/4/11**.

FRANCISCO, RHP, #50 (15-day DL) LH: --
LAST APP: 8/27/10 vs. OAK with TEX (0.1, BB) RH: --

- ◆ Made only **two** appearances this spring due to a strained right pectoral muscle...Is scheduled to begin a rehab assignment at **Dunedin** (A) beginning on 4/7.
- ◆ 3/31 placed on the 15-day DL (right shoulder), retro to 3/22
- ◆ Had **60** strikeouts & only **18** walks, including a **.247** opponents average including a career high **six** wins last season with TEX.

FRASOR, RHP, #54 LH: .167 (1-6)
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (W, 1.0, 2H, ER, HR, 3K) RH: .400 (2-5)

- ◆ 4/5 vs. OAK picked up the win (1.0), **1st** of the season, despite giving up a HR.
- ◆ Currently ranks **4th** on the all-time Club list in appearances with **414**, **25** shy of **Dave Stieb** for **3rd**...Also, ranks **3rd** on the all-time Club list among relievers in appearances (**414**).
- ◆ On **9/26/10** vs. BAL saved his **36th** career game as a Blue Jay passing **Jeremy Accardo** & tying **Miguel Batista** for **8th** on the all-time Club list.

JANSSEN, RHP, #44 LH: .250 (1-4)
LAST APP: 4/3 vs. MIN (1.0, 2H, K) RH: .333 (1-3)

- ◆ Appeared in **10** games this spring while posting a record of **2-0** with a **1.74** ERA (2ER/10.1 IP).
- ◆ Earned the win in **three** of the Jays first **six** games last season becoming only the **6th** pitcher in **ML history** to do so & **1st** since **Jose Melendez** with SD in 1992.
- ◆ Struck out a career high **63** batters last season & had a K/9IP of **8.3** almost **three** more than his previous career high of **5.4** in 2009

PURCEY, LHP, #25 LH: --
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (1.0, 2K) RH: .000 (0-3)

- ◆ Appeared **10** spring contests & posted a record of **2-1** with a **3.86** ERA (5ER/11.2IP)...Struck out **nine**, however, walked **10** batters.
- ◆ **7/26/10** vs. BAL recorded his **1st** career save pitching a perfect 1.1 innings with a strikeout.
- ◆ In his **33** games this season held opponents to a **.210** batting average (26-for-124) as right-handers hit **.235** (19-81) & lefties hit **.163** (7-43)

RAUCH, RHP, #60 LH: .400 (2-5)
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (1.0, H) RH: .000 (0-2)

- ◆ This spring appeared in **nine** games while posting a record of **2-0** while not allowing a run over **9.0** IP.
- ◆ Recorded a career high **21** saves last season with MIN
- ◆ Signed by the Blue Jays as a free agent on **1/17/11**

RZEP CZYNSKI, LHP, #34 LH: .500 (1-2)
LAST APP: 4/3 vs. MIN (0.2, H) RH: .000 (0-2)

- ◆ This spring appeared in **nine** games (**two** starts) while posting a record of **1-1** with an ERA of **4.30** (7ER/14.2IP).
- ◆ Made the first **two** relief appearances of his ML career **7/10/10** vs. BOS & **7/17/10** at BAL picking up a hold in each game & not allowing an ER.
- ◆ Made **14** appearances (**12** starts) last season & over his last **three** starts of the season went **3-0** with a **1.96** ERA

VILLANUEVA, RHP, #33 LH: .000 (0-3)
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (2.2, 2BB, 3K) RH: .000 (0-6)

- ◆ Opposition is batting **.000** (0-9) in **two** games this season.
- ◆ 4/5 vs. OAK worked **2.2** scoreless innings out of the pen, longest by a TOR reliever this season.
- ◆ Came out of the bullpen **11** times in **April** & did not allow an earned run...Allowed only **five** hits in **13.0** IP for a **.114** opponents average.

2011 BLUE JAYS CATCHER PROFILES

Catchers	ERA	IP	ER	SB	CS	PCS	PKOF	CS%
J.P. Arencibia	2.50	18	5	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Jose Molina	3.32	19	7	1	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	2.92	37	12	1	0	0	0	0.0%

2011 BULLPEN BREAKDOWN (relief appearances only)

Pitcher	Last App.	DEC	IP	H	ER	BB	K	FBE	IR-RS	SV-OPP	Longest Outing (career)	Last HR
Camp	4/5 vs. OAK	ND	1.0	1	0	0	1	2-3	1-0	--	5.0 - 7/24/04 at CLE	9/22/10 vs. SEA
Frasor	4/5 vs. OAK	ND	1.0	2	1	0	3	2-3	--	--	2.2 - 5/2/05 at BAL	4/5 vs. OAK
Janssen	4/3 vs. MIN	ND	1.0	2	0	0	1	1-2	2-1	--	3.0-2X, last 5/14/10 vs. TEX	9/25/10 vs. BAL
Purcey	4/5 vs. MIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	2	1-1	--	--	2.1 - 7/9/10 vs. BOS	9/8/10 vs. TEX
Rauch	4/5 vs. MIN	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	2-2	--	--	3.1 - 5/21/05 at CIN	4/3 vs. MIN
Rzepczynski	4/3 vs. MIN	ND	0.2	1	0	0	0	0-2	--	--	1.0 - 4/12/11 vs. MIN	--
Villanueva	4/3 vs. MIN	ND	2.2	0	0	2	3	1-2	2-1	--	6.2 - 6/20/06 vs. DET	7/28/10 vs. CIN

BLUE JAYS IN THE FIELD

THIS SEASON: Have committed **four** errors in **four** games for a **.975** fielding % (**11th** in AL)...Have turned **seven** double plays (**2nd** in AL)...**OUTFIELD ASSISTS (1):** Snider-1

2011 TRANSACTIONS (From March 1)

- Mar. 5 - RHP DECK MCGUIRE, RHP CHAD JENKINS, C A.J. JIMENEZ & 1B MIKE McDADE all returned to minor league camp
- Mar. 11 - RHP JOEL CARRENO optioned to New Hampshire (AA)...RHP ALAN FARINA, LHP BRAD MILLS & OF DARRIN MASTROIANNI optioned to Las Vegas (AAA)
- Mar. 12 - LHP CESAR CABRAL claimed on waivers from Tampa Bay...RHP DUSTIN MCGOWAN placed on 60-day DL (right shoulder)
- Mar. 13 - SS ADEINY HECHAVARRIA & OF MOISES SIERRA optioned to New Hampshire (AA)...C BRIAN JEROLOMAN, LHP LUIS PEREZ, RHP ROBERT RAY & RHP JOSH ROENICKE optioned to Las Vegas (AAA)
- Mar. 14 - LHP CESAR CABRAL claimed on waivers by the Tampa Bay Rays
- Mar. 16 - OF SCOTT PODSEDNIK returned to minor league camp
- Mar. 18 - OF JOHN TOLISANO, RHP ZACH STEWART & RHP HENDERSON ALVAREZ returned to minor league camp
- Mar. 20 - C TRAVIS d'ARNAUD & OF ANTHONY GOSE returned to minor league camp
- Mar. 23 - INF BRETT LAWRIE returned to minor league camp
- Mar. 25 - RHP SCOTT RICHMOND optioned to Las Vegas (AAA)
- Mar. 26 - OF COREY PATTERSON contract selected & added to 40-man roster
- Mar. 27 - 1B DAVID COOPER, OF ERIC THAMES, RHP WINSTON ABREU, RHP CHAD CORDERO, LHP SEAN HENN, LHP MIKE HINCKLEY, LHP WILL LEDEZMA & LHP ROMMIE LEWIS returned to minor league camp
- Mar. 29 - IF/OF JAYSON NIX acquired from the Cleveland Indians in exchange for cash considerations...LHP JESSE CARLSON placed on the 60-day DL (left shoulder)
- Mar. 30 - C RYAN BUDDIE & IF JONATHAN DIAZ returned to minor league camp
- Mar. 31 - RHP OCTAVIO DOTEL (right hamstring), RHP FRANK FRANCISCO (right shoulder) & RHP BRANDON MORROW (right elbow) placed on the 15-day DL, all retro to Mar. 22...OF COREY PATTERSON placed on the 15-day DL (head), retro to Mar. 26.

BLUE JAYS AT THE PLATE

THIS SEASON: Rank 1st in the AL with a **.303** average & 4th in runs scored with **29**...Rank 1st in the AL in OBP at **.371** & 2nd in SLG at **.548**...**HOME RUNS:** Rank **T-4th** with **eight**...**Season High:** 4, 4/1 vs. MIN...**Multi-HR (1):** Arencibia (2), 4/1 vs. MIN...**Back-to-Back (1):** Bautista/Lind, 4/1 vs. MIN (5th inn)...**Multi-HR Inning (1):** 4/1 vs. MIN (5th)...**Walk-off (1):** Escobar, 4/5 vs. OAK...**Extra-Inn (1):** Escobar, 4/5 vs. OAK (10th inn)

BLUE JAYS vs. BRADEN: Encarnacion, 1-3...Escobar, 0-1, 2BB, K...Hill, 5-12, 3-2B, 4BB, K...Lind, 4-10, HR, K...McDonald, 0-3...Molina, 0-2...Rivera, 7-28, 2-2B, 2K...Snider, 0-6, 3K

INDIVIDUAL HITTING NOTES:

**-Career High, *-Tied Career High

ARENCIBIA, #9 (Rookie) **Streak:** 0-3
Homestand: 3-7
LAST APP: 4/3 vs. MIN (0-3, BB)

- ◆ 4/1 vs. MIN enjoyed 2nd career multi-HR game (last 8/7/10 vs. TB, **ML debut**) & set a career high 5-RBI...1st **rookie** to hit 2-HR on opening day since **Gary Gaetti** for the Twins on 4/6/82...1st **TOR rookie** to homer in an opening day contest since **Carlos Delgado** in 1994 vs. CWS...1st player to start their own consecutive seasons with multiple-homer games—at any point in his career—since **Joe Torre** for the Braves in 1965 & 1966...*courtesy of Elias*...Became just the 6th player in Club history to record a multi-HR game on opening day (previously done by **Shannon Stewart & Tony Batista** in 2000 vs. KC).

- ◆ Made his ML debut on 8/7/10 vs. TB & hit the 1st pitch he saw for a HR...Became the 1st player in the modern era to record **four** hits, including **2-HR** in his **ML debut** (4-for-5, 2B, 2-HR, 3-RBI).

2011 Highs, Hits: 3, 4/1 vs. MIN **RBI:** 5, 4/1 vs. MIN**

BAUTISTA, #19 **Streak:** 1 game, 2-4
Homestand: 5-11
LAST APP: 4/3 vs. MIN (2-4, HR, RBI, R, BB, K)

- ◆ 4/3 vs. MIN hit his 2nd HR of the season (1R) off Blackburn.
- ◆ 4/1 vs. MIN matched Club record for most runs scored in an opening day contest with **three** (6th time)...Hit his 1st HR of the season (1R) off Pavano.

- ◆ Last season, finished 4th in the MVP voting after **leading the majors** in HR (**54**), XBH (**92**) & T-1st in TB (**351**)...Was named a *Silver Slugger* in the AL as an OF & also was selected as the *Hank Aaron Award* winner as the most outstanding offensive performer in the AL.

2011 Highs, Hits: 3, 4/1 vs. MIN **RBI:** 1, 2X, last 4/3 vs. MIN

DAVIS, #11 **Streak:** 2 games, 3-10
Homestand: 3-10
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (2-5, 2B, 2R)

- ◆ 4/5 vs. OAK returned to the Jays lineup after being day to day with a sore right ankle.
- ◆ Set career highs in games (**143**), runs (**66**), hits (**149**), 2B (**28**), HR (**5**), RBI (**52**) & SB (**50**) with the A's last season.

- ◆ Acquired by the Blue Jays from the A's in exchange for RHP **Trystan Magnuson & RHP Daniel Farquhar** on 11/17/10.

2011 Highs, Hits: 2, 4/5 vs. OAK **RBI:** --

ENCARNACION, #10 **Streak:** 1 game, 1-4
Homestand: 3-16
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (1-4, 2B, RBI)

- ◆ Was named *AL Player of the Week* for the last week of the 2010 season by hitting **.400** (8-for-20) in **six** games with 5-HR & 11-RBI
- ◆ Hit 3-HR in a game for the 1st time in his career on 5/21/10 at ARI...Became only the 2nd Jays third baseman to homer **three** times in one game (**Darnell Coles, 7/5/94** at MIN)...Became the 3rd Toronto SS to hit a walk-off home run in Club history

2011 Highs, Hits: 1, 3X, last 4/5 vs. OAK **RBI:** 1, 3X, last 4/5 vs. OAK

ESCOBAR, #5 **Streak:** 1 game, 3-5
Homestand: 6-16
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (3-5, HR, 2RBI, 3R, K)

- ◆ Has reached base safely in all **four** games this season.
- ◆ 4/5 vs. OAK hit his 1st HR of the season (2R) off Balfour, a walk-off shot in the 10th inning...Was his 2nd career walk-off HR (last on 6/2/08 vs. FLA)...**Tony Batista** vs. ATL on 7/19/99 & **Aaron Hill** vs. TB on 9/15/06 were the others.

- ◆ Began his Blue Jays career with a **10** game hitting streak from 7/16-27 which was the 3rd longest streak to begin a TOR career in Club history (**Dave Martinez, 21GM-'00 & Roy Howell, 15GM-'77**)

2011 Highs, Hits: 3, 4/5 vs. OAK **RBI:** 2, 4/5 vs. OAK

HILL, #2 **Streak:** 1 game, 1-4
Homestand: 3-15
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (1-4, 2RBI, R)

- ◆ Hit **25+** HR in back to back seasons (**62** total)...Among 2nd basemen in the AL dating back to '07 ranks 2nd in HR (**81**) & RBI (**277**).

- ◆ Last season, ranked 2nd among AL 2nd basemen with 26-HR (R. Cano led with 29-HR).

2011 Highs, Hits: 1, 3X, last 4/5 vs. OAK **RBI:** 2, 4/5 vs. OAK

LIND, #26 **Streak:** 4 games, 6-17
Homestand: 6-17
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (2-3, RBI)

- ◆ Is the only Jay to have a hit in all **four** games this season.
- ◆ 4/2 vs. MIN recorded the **500th** hit of his career (single off Liriano).
- ◆ 4/1 vs. MIN hit his 1st HR of the season (1R) off Pavano...Has now homered in **three** straight opening day contests, going **9-for-12** with 3-HR, 10-RBI, 6-R & 1-BB over that span

2011 Highs, Hits: 2, 2X, last 4/5 vs. OAK **RBI:** 3, 4/1 vs. MIN

McCOY, #18 **Streak:** 2 games, 4-7
Homestand: 4-7
LAST APP: 4/3 vs. MIN (2-3, 2B, BB)

- ◆ Has recorded a hit in **four** of his **seven** at bats this season
- ◆ Was one of **two** Blue Jays to make a start at **four** different positions on the field last season (2B, SS, 3B, OF).

- ◆ Recorded 1st ML hit on 4/8/10 at TEX off **C.J. Wilson** to leadoff the game.

2011 Highs, Hits: 2, 2X, last 4/3 vs. MIN **RBI:** --

McDONALD, #6 **Streak:** 0-0
Homestand: 0-0
LAST APP: 4/1 vs. MIN (DEF-2B, 0-0, SF)

- ◆ Despite playing in his fewest games in a season since '01 with CLE, set career highs with 6-HR & a **.454** SLG%...Was the 2nd consecutive season he set a new career high in home runs.

- ◆ Last season, 17 of his 38 hits went for extra bases (9-2B, 2-3B & 6-HR).

2011 Highs, Hits: -- **RBI:** 1, 4/1 vs. MIN

MOLINA, #8 **Streak:** 0-4
Homestand: 2-7
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (0-4, 2K)

- ◆ 4/2 vs. MIN hit his 1st HR of the season (1R) off Liriano.
- ◆ Last season threw out **13 of 32** potential base stealers (**40.6%**) which was the highest percentage in the AL (Min 30 games).

- ◆ Threw out a Club record four base stealers on 4/25/10 at TB...Most CS by any ML catcher since **Charles Johnson** with FLA on 9/18/02 vs. MON.

2011 Highs, Hits: 2, 4/2 vs. MIN **RBI:** 1, 4/2 vs. MIN

NIX, #28 **Streak:** 2 games, 2-6
Homestand: 2-6
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (1-4)

- ◆ 4/2 vs. MIN hit his 1st HR of the season (1R) off Liriano in his 1st at bat as a Blue Jay.

- ◆ Hit 6-HR over a **seven** game span last season with CLE from 7/3-9
- ◆ Acquired by TOR from the Indians in exchange for cash considerations on 3/29/11

2011 Highs, Hits: 1, 2X, last 4/5 vs. OAK **RBI:** 1, 4/2 vs. MIN

PATTERSON, #16 (15-day DL) **Streak:** 0-0
Homestand: 0-0
LAST APP: 10/3/10 vs. DET (0-1)

- ◆ Placed on the 15-day DL on 3/31 (retro to 3/26) with a head contusion after being hit with a pitch on 3/25 vs. BOS.

- ◆ Signed as a free agent by the Blue Jays on 12/21/10

2011 Highs, Hits: -- **RBI:** --

RIVERA, #20 **Streak:** 0-6
Homestand: 1-11
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (0-3, R, BB)

- ◆ Last season, reached 15-HR for the 4th time in his career, all recorded as an Angel.

- ◆ Traded to the Blue Jays along with **C Mike Napoli** in exchange for **Vernon Wells** on 1/21/11.

2011 Highs, Hits: 1, 4/3 vs. MIN **RBI:** --

SNIDER, #45 **Streak:** 0-4
Homestand: 3-12
LAST APP: 4/5 vs. OAK (0-4, RBI, K)

- ◆ Last season set career highs in games (**82**), AB (**298**), runs (**36**), hits (**76**), 2B (**20**), HR (**14**), RBI (**32**) & SB (**6**).

- ◆ 8/2/10 at NYY became the 3rd player in Club history to hit **two** doubles in the same inning since **Otto Velez & Dave McKay** did it on 6/26/78 vs. BAL -2nd inn.

2011 Highs, Hits: 2, 4/3 vs. MIN **RBI:** 2, 4/2 vs. MIN

DL BREAKDOWN (2011)

Player	Injury	Date	Act	Games Missed	Jays Record
Carlson-LHP (60)	L-Shoulder	3/29	--	4	3-1
Dotel-RHP	R-Hamstring	3/22	--	4	3-1
Francisco-RHP	R-Pectoral	3/22	--	4	3-1
McGowan-RP (60)	R-Shoulder	3/12	--	4	3-1
Morrow-RHP	R-Elbow	3/22	--	4	3-1
Patterson-OF	Head	3/26	--	4	3-1
Totals	6 players (6 times)			24	--

Date & Opp	W/L	Score	Time	Attendance	Record/H/R	Position	Win/Loss/Save	CAPS=CG	r=relief
3/31				OFF DAY		T-2nd, 0.5 GB			
4/1 Minnesota	W	13-3	2:45	47,984	1-0/1-0/0-0	T-1 st , --	Romero/Pavano		
4/2 Minnesota	W	6-1	2:30	27,194	2-0/2-0/0-0	T-1 st , --	Drabek/Liriano		
4/3 Minnesota	L	3-4	2:58	35,505	2-1/2-1/0-0	T-2 nd , 1.0 GB	Blackburn/Cecil/Nathan		
4/4				OFF DAY		3rd, 1.5 GB			
4/5 Oakland	W	7-6 (10)	2:54	11,077	3-1/3-1/0-0	2 nd , 1.0 GB	Frasor-R/Balfour-R		
4/6 Oakland		7:07					SNET-1		
4/7 Oakland		12:37					SNET		
4/8 @ LAA		10:05					SNET-1		
4/9 @ LAA		9:05					SNET		
4/10 @ LAA		3:35					SNET		
4/11 @ Seattle		10:10					SNET		
4/12 @ Seattle		10:10					SNET		
4/13 @ Seattle		3:40					SNET-1		
4/14				OFF DAY					
4/15 @ Boston		7:10					SNET		
4/16 @ Boston		1:10					SNET		
4/17 @ Boston		1:35					SNET		
4/18 @ Boston		11:05					SNET		
4/19 NYY		7:07					SNET		
4/20 NYY		7:07					SNET-1		
4/21				OFF DAY					
4/22 Tampa Bay		7:07					SNET		
4/23 Tampa Bay		1:07					SNET		
4/24 Tampa Bay		1:07					SNET		
4/25 @ Texas		8:05					SNET		
4/26 @ Texas		8:05					SNET		
4/27 @ Texas		8:05					SNET-1		
4/28 @ Texas		2:05					SNET		
4/29 @ NYY		7:05					SNET		
4/30 @ NYY		4:05					SNET		
5/1 @ NYY		1:05					SNET		
5/2				OFF DAY					
5/3 @ Tampa Bay		6:40					SNET		
5/4 @ Tampa Bay		6:40					SNET-1		
5/5 @ Tampa Bay		1:10					SNET		
5/6 Detroit		7:07					SNET		
5/7 Detroit		4:07					SNET		
5/8 Detroit		1:07					SNET		
5/9 Detroit		7:07					SNET		
5/10 Boston		7:07					SNET		
5/11 Boston		7:07					SNET-1		
5/12				OFF DAY					
5/13 @ Minnesota		8:10					SNET		
5/14 @ Minnesota		4:10					SNET		
5/15 @ Minnesota		2:10					SNET		
5/16 @ Detroit		7:05					SNET		
5/17 @ Detroit		7:05					SNET		
5/18 Tampa Bay		7:07					SNET-1		
5/19 Tampa Bay		7:07					SNET		
5/20 Houston		7:07					SNET-1		
5/21 Houston		1:07					SNET-1		
5/22 Houston		1:07					SNET-1		
5/23 @ NYY		7:05					SNET-1		
5/24 @ NYY		7:05					SNET-1		
5/25 @ NYY		1:05					SNET		
5/26 CWS		7:07					SNET-1		
5/27 CWS		7:07					SNET-1		
5/28 CWS		1:07					SNET-1		
5/29 CWS		1:07					SNET		
5/30 Cleveland		7:07					SNET		
5/31 Cleveland		7:07					SNET		
6/1 Cleveland		7:07					SNET-1		
6/2				OFF DAY					
6/3 @ Baltimore		7:05					SNET		
6/4 @ Baltimore		7:05					SNET-1		
6/5 @ Baltimore		1:35					SNET		
6/6 @ Kansas City		8:10					SNET		
6/7 @ Kansas City		8:10					SNET		
6/8 @ Kansas City		8:10					SNET-1		
6/9 @ Kansas City		4:10					SNET		
6/10 Boston		7:07					SNET		
6/11 Boston		1:07					SNET		
6/12 Boston		1:07					SNET		
6/13				OFF DAY					
6/14 Baltimore		7:07					SNET		
6/15 Baltimore		7:07					SNET-1		
6/16 Baltimore		12:37					SNET		
6/17 @ Cincinnati		7:10					SNET		
6/18 @ Cincinnati		7:10					SNET		
6/19 @ Cincinnati		1:10					SNET		
6/20 @ Atlanta		7:10					SNET		
6/21 @ Atlanta		7:10					SNET		
6/22 @ Atlanta		1:05					SNET		
6/23				OFF DAY					
6/24 @ St. Louis		8:15					SNET		
6/25 @ St. Louis		7:15					SNET		
6/26 @ St. Louis		2:15					SNET		
6/27				OFF DAY					