



# **PREGAME NOTES**

# MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011 at OAKLAND ATHLETICS

RH Jeremy Hellickson (9-7, 3.17) vs. RH Guillermo Moscoso (3-5, 2.96)

First Pitch: 10:07 p.m. | Location: O.co Coliseum, Oakland, Calif. | TV: Sun Sports | Radio: WDAE 620 AM

Game No.: 101 (53-47) | Road Game No.: 52 (29-22) | All-Time Game No.: 2,204 (975-1,228) | All-Time Road Game No.: 1,104 (429-674)

April: 15-12 | May: 14-13 | June: 16-11 | July: 8-11

**RAY MATTER**—For a second straight day the Rays are a season-high 9.5 games behind first-place Boston and 6.5 GB of New York in the AL Wild Card race, their largest deficits since the final day of the 2009 season...Rays have lost 13 of their last 22 games beginning June 27.

- Rays have lost 8 of their last 12 games starting July 9...7 of these 12 games been decided by one run (Rays are 2-5 in these games)...Rays are 15-13 in one-run games overall— 11-5 at home and 4-8 on the road.
- Through July 7 the Rays were 49-39, matching their season Τ̈́β high-water mark of 10 games over .500, and 3.5 games back in the East...since then they are 4-8 and have dropped 6.0 games in the standings while Boston has gone 10-2.
- With the series loss in Kansas City, the Rays are 1-5-1 in their last 7 series after going 5-1-0 in their prev. 6 series. The Rays are 39-12 (.765) when scoring first, compared to Tì
- Τß 14-35 (.286) when the opponent scores first.
- At 53-47, this is the fourth consecutive season the Rays Tìs have had a winning record through 100 games, after having losing records their first 10 seasons...however, this is their worst record through 100 games since becoming the "Rays."

OAKLAND, FINALLY - The Rays begin a 4-game series in Oakland tonight, the only AL club they have yet to face this season...they will meet again at Tropicana Field, Aug 5-7...Rays are 46-76 (.377) alltime, but 21-17 (.553) in the last four seasons (2007-10)...they are 18-43 (.295) all-time at O.co Coliseum.

- Rays are 1-2 on this 10-game road trip, their second-longest of the season, to Kansas City (July 22-24), Oakland (July 25-28) and Seattle (July 29-31).
- This trip begins a stretch of 20 straight games against a teams with current records of .500 or worse—the Royals, A's, Mariners and Blue Jays are a combined 180-225 (.444).

ROAD FIELD ADVANTAGE —The Rays are 29-22 (.569) on the road, compared to 24-25 (.490) at home...the road-home disparity of 79 pct. points is the largest in the AL...Rays have scored 5.02 R/G on the road (2<sup>nd</sup> in AL, 3<sup>rd</sup> in majors) but only 3.27 R/G at home (26<sup>th</sup> in majors).

SOLID STARTING, SHAKY RELIEF - Over the last 8 gamesbeginning with the 16-inning game July 17 vs. BOS—Rays starting pitchers have a 2.15 ERA (54.1-IP, 13-ER) with 40 strikeouts and have allowed only 12 walks, 46 hits and 3 home runs...7 of these 8 starts have lasted at least 6.0 IP with 2 ER allowed or less...meanwhile the Rays have transitioned to a six-man starting rotation.

Over these same 8 games, the Rays bullpen has allowed 25 walks in 26.2 IP...they are 0-3 with a 4.39 ERA (26.2-IP, 13-ER) and are 2-for-5 in save opps during this stretch.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR?—RH Jeremy Hellickson today seeks to become the first rookie in the majors this season with 10 wins...if he does it, he would become the first rookie with 10 wins by the end of July since ATL Jair Jurrjens (10 wins) in 2008 and the first in the AL

since BOS **Daisuke Matsuzaka** (12 wins) in 2007.

The Leads all AL rookies with 9 wins, a 3.17 ERA (min. 75 IP), a .209 opp avg. and ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> with 75 strikeouts...he ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> among AL rookies (and 3<sup>rd</sup> in majors) with 110.2 IP...he is the only rookie in the majors with a CG SHO this season.

YEAR OF THE ROOKIE—The Rays have used 13 different rookies this season, tops in the majors and 3 shy of the club record of 16 rookies, set in 2001...they have used 8 rookie pitchers, tied for the ML lead...the Rays have a major-league-high 8 rookies on their active roster: C Robinson Chirinos, RH Alex Cobb, RH Brandon Gomes, RH Jeremy Hellickson, OF Desmond Jennings, UTL Elliot Johnson, LH Jake McGee and LH Cesar Ramos...6 players have made their ML debuts with the Rays this season.

The Rays have used a rookie starting pitcher 24 times, tied with Seattle for most in the majors.

TARGET PRACTICE—Yesterday the Rays were hit by a pitch four times, tying the franchise record (4<sup>th</sup> time), prev. Aug 15, 2005 vs. NYY, June 6, 2001 at TOR and May 22, 1999 vs. ANA...Rays had 3 HBP in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning alone (**Sean Rodriguez, Desmond Jennings, Ben Zobrist**), becoming the last team in baseball this season to draw 3 HBP in one inciping the last team in baseball the Bays. 3 HBP in one inning...the last team in baseball to do it? Also the Rays on Sep 23, 2010 at NYY when Jennings, **Willy Aybar** and **Kelly Shoppach** were hit in 3 consecutive PAs by **Javier Vazquez** in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning...these two games are the only two times this has occurred in MLB in the last three seasons (2009-11).

**DESMOND IN THE ROUGH**—OF **Desmond Jennings**, recalled prior to Saturday's game, has led off in his first 2 games and reached base in 4 of his 5 PA in each game...he is the first in Rays history to reach base at least 4 times (hit, walk or HBP) in his first 2 games of the season...he is the second rookie in club history to reach base 4 times in consecutive games, joining **Brent Abernathy**, Aug 4-5, 2001 at CWS...the last Rays player to reach at least 4 times in consecutive games was Jason Bartlett, Aug 3-4, 2009 vs. KC/BOS.

THE VERO PEACH-RH Alex Cobb yesterday became the first pitcher to begin his career with 7 starts (without a relief appearance in between) and not record a loss in any of them since CIN **Mike Leake** (12 starts, April 5–June 8, 2010)...the last to do this in the AL was MIN Kevin Slowey in 2007 (8 starts)...he is the only pitcher to do this in Rays history...he has not allowed a home run in his last 40 IP, since the  $2^{\rm nd}$  inning of his ML debut (May 1 vs. LAA, **Hank Conger**).

RAYS TO TIE BIG TRAIN TOMORROW—Tonight is the 703<sup>rd</sup> straight game in which the Rays have started a pitcher under the age of 30, one shy of the major league record of 704 games set by the 1913-17 Washington Senators, led by Hall of Famer Walter Johnson...the Rays are on track to tie and pass this record tomorrow and Wednesday...the last start by a Rays pitcher 30 or older was RH Jae Seo, who started on his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 24, 2007 vs. SEA... prior to that, the Rays hadn't started a pitcher 30 or over since 32-year-old LH **Mark Hendrickson** on June 25, 2006 vs. ATL...this means the Rays have not started a pitcher beyond his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in 834 consecutive games (834 including today)—more than 5 years ago.

- In the 702 games (since May 25, 2007) the Rays have used only 14 starters, fewest in MLB...all 14 were either drafted and developed by the Rays (8) or acquired by trade (6).
- All 7 starters used by the Rays this season (Price, Shields, Hellickson, Davis, Niemann, Sonnanstine, Cobb) were drafted and developed by the Rays.

  Of the six pitchers listed below who are no longer in the
- organization, the Rays traded five, netting five players on the active roster: OF Matt Joyce, INF Sean Rodriguez, OF Sam Fuld, C Robinson Chirinos and C Kelly Shoppach.

## Starting Pitchers Used During Streak of 702 Games

Pitcher	Starts	How Acquired
James Shields	142	2000 June Draft (Rd. 10)
+Matt Garza	94	Trade with MIN, 11/28/07
Andy Sonnanstine	80	2004 June Draft (Rd. 13)
David Price	76	2007 June Draft (Rd. 1)
Jeff Niemann	73	2004 June Draft (Rd. 1)
+Scott Kazmir	71	Trade with NYM, 7/30/04
+Edwin Jackson	54	Trade with LAD, 1/14/06
Wade Davis	53	2004 June Draft (Rd. 3)
Jeremy Hellickson	21	2005 June Draft (Rd. 4)
+Jason Hammel	19	2002 June Draft (Rd. 10)
J.P. Howell	10	Trade with KC, 6/20/06
Alex Cobb	7	2006 June Draft (Rd. 4)
Casey Fossum	1	Trade with ARI, 2/6/05
+Mitch Talbot	1	Trade with HOU, 7/20/06
		+ Traded away from Rays

STEADY PACE—With 2,673 career hits, DH Johnny Damon ranks 67<sup>th</sup> all-time and is 4 shy of **Luis Aparicio** for 66<sup>th</sup>...is currently tied with **Roberto Alomar** with 504 career doubles...will pass three Hall of Famers—Alomar, Tony Perez, Babe Ruth—with his next 3 doubles.

All-Time Hit Leaders		All-Time Doubles Leaders
64. Gary Sheffield	2,689	47. Babe Ruth 506
65. George Davis	2,683	48. Tony Perez 505
66. Luis Aparicio	2,677	49. Johnny Damon 504
67. Johnny Damon	2,673	Roberto Alomar 504

**EVAN LONGORIA**—Leads the majors with 37 RBI since June 11, in 36 games...next in line: CHC **Aramis Ramirez** (36), BOS **Kevin** Youkilis (34), TEX Josh Hamilton (32) and TEX Nelson Cruz (31)... during this span is batting .347 (17-for-49) with RISP after starting the season 4-for-25 in his first 35 games.

<u>BEN ZOBRIST</u>—Leads majors with 31 doubles, one ahead of NYM Carlos Beltran, BOS Adrian Gonzalez and TEX Michael Young... has already surpassed his 2010 totals in doubles (28), triples (2 in 2010, 5 this year) and HR (10 in 2010, 11 this year)...ranks T-5<sup>th</sup> in AL with 5 triples, T-4<sup>th</sup> with 37 extra-base hits and 8<sup>th</sup> with 65 runs scored.

Upcoming Games	Opp.	Time	TV	Rays Starting Pitcher	Opp. Starting Pitcher
Tues., July 26	@OAK	10:07	Sun Sports	LH David Price (9-8, 3.67)	RH Brandon McCarthy (2-5, 3.74)
Wed., July 27	@OAK	10:07	Sun Sports	RH James Shields (9-8, 2.53)	RH Trevor Cahill (8-9, 3.77)
Thurs., July 28	@OAK	3:37	Sun Sports	RH Wade Davis (7-7, 4.46)	RH Rich Harden (2-1, 4.63)
**All g	ames broad	cast on W	DAE 620 AM and i	n Spanish on WGES 680 AM. All times Eastern	Standard Time (EST).**

2011 SPLITS vs. LH: .213 (43-202), 6-HR

<u>CAREER HIGHS</u> Lone CG/SHO:

5/13/11 vs. BAL – 4 hits **Strikeouts:** 10, 4/6/11 vs. LAA **Walks:** 5, 2x-last 5/7/11 at BAL

Runs All'd: 5. 6/10/11 at BAL

Loss Streak: 4G, 6/10-6/27/11

HR All'd: 2, 2x-last 7/3/11 vs. STL Hits All'd: 8, 6/27/11 vs. CIN

Win Streak: 4G, 2x, last 4/28–5/18/11

vs. RH: .205 (42-205), 7-HR Home: 4-4, 2.89 ERA (56.0-IP, 18-ER)

Road: 5-3, 3.46 ERA (54.2-IP, 21-ER)



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Year	Team	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
2010	Durham (AAA)	12-3	2.45	21	21	0	0	117.2	103	35	32	35	123	5	.238
	Tampa Bay	4-0	3.47	10	4	0	0	36.1	32	14	14	8	33	5	.232
2011	Tampa Bay	9-7	3.17	17	17	1	1	110.2	85	41	39	40	75	13	.209
Career	Minor League	49-16	2.71	109	103	1	0	580.1	475	193	175	137	634	46	.222
Career	MLB	13-7	3.24	27	21	1	1	147.0	117	55	53	48	108	18	.215

#### TONIGHT'S START & 2011 NOTES

- 24-year-old rookie will make his 18th start of the season and 22 of his career
- Is attempting to become the quickest Rays rookie to reach 10 wins since Rolando Arrojo did it on June 27, 1998...is also aiming to join Arrojo as the only Rays rookies to reach 10 wins by the end of July (Arrojo had 11 by the end of July 1998).
- Last start: On Tues vs. NYY beat Bartolo Colon, 3-2...totaled 7.0 IP, 5 H, 2 R/ER, 1 BB, 7 SO...threw 119 pitches (78 strikes), one shy of his career high (May 13 vs. BAL)...both runs scored on a home run by Robinson Cano in the  $3^{rd}$  inning...after that, retired his next 12 batters in a row...trailed 2-1 until the  $7^{th}$ , when the Rays rallied for 2 runs on a Boone Logan error and a sac fly by Johnny Damon.
- It was his first start in 15 days, since July 3 vs. STL...was scheduled to start July 8 at NYY but the game postponed by rain and he was skipped in the rotation...15 days' rest was the longest stretch of his career between ML starts.
- Is 12-1 in his career when the Rays score at least 3 runs in the game.
- Has allowed 8 HR over his last 6 starts after only allowing 1 HR in his previous 6 starts...has allowed a HR in each of his last 6 starts.
- Fifteen of his last 19 runs allowed have scored on a HR (8 swings): four solo HR, two 2-run HR, one 3-run HR and one grand slam.
- Rookie Ranks: Leads all AL rookies with 9 wins, a 3.17 ERA (min. 75 IP), a .209 opp avg. and ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> with 75 strikeouts...he ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> among AL rookies (and 3<sup>rd</sup> in majors) with 110.2 IP...he is the only rookie in the majors with a complete-game shutout this season.
- Ranks 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the AL (7<sup>th</sup> in majors) with a .209 opp avg.
- Has produced quality starts in each of his last 5 outings at home.
- Went 1-4 with a 4.22 ERA (32-IP, 15-ER) in June after going 4-1 with a 1.36 ERA in May as the AL Pitcher of the Month.
- Had a 24-inning scoreless streak (April 17 thru June 15) at Tropicana Field, longest streak by a Rays pitcher at Tropicana Field in club history
- Is the third rookie in Rays history to record 8 wins before the All-Star break, along with Rolando Arrojo (10 in 1998) and Jeff Niemann (8 in 2009).
- Was named AL Pitcher of the Month and AL Rookie of the Month for May (4-1, 1.36)...since the Rookie of the Month awards began in 2001, he is one of three players (and only AL player) to win dual awards for the same month, along with MIL Ryan Braun (July 2007, Player/Rookie of the Month) and FLA Dontrelle Willis (June 2003, Pitcher/Rookie of the Month).
- Is the third rookie in Rays history to record 8 wins before the All-Star break, along with Rolando Arrojo (10 in 1998) and Jeff Niemann (8 in 2009).
- Is one of five active pitchers in the majors who won 10 of their first 15 career starts, along with Francisco Liriano, Jered Weaver, Chuck James, and Brett Tomko...he is the first pitcher to win 10 of his first 15 starts as a Ray (start of career or otherwise)...Arrojo won 9 of his first 15 in 1998.
- Threw his first complete-game shutout on May 13 vs. BAL in a 3-0 win over Jeremy Guthrie...set a career high with 120 pitches...retired 13 batters in a row to end the game and 15 of his last 16.
- Entered 2011 ranked by Baseball America as the No. 6 prospect in the game, and No. 2 pitcher behind ATL Julio Teheran (No. 5)...was rated the top prospect in the Rays organization, which was ranked the second-best farm system in baseball and boasts 7 of the Top 100 Prospects... BA also named him Best Control and Best Change-up in the Rays system.

	2011 STARTS													
DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#P/K	RESULT	OPP. STARTER	WHEN LEFT
4/6	LAA	L-1	4.76	5.2	6	3	3	2	10	1	99/64	L, 3-5	Haren	down 2-1
4/11	@BOS	W-1	4.09	5.1	5	2	2	5	1	0	98/51	W, 16-5	Matsuzaka	up 12-2
4/17	MIN	L-2	4.50	7.0	6	4	4	2	5	1	111/68 L, 2-4		Duensing	down 4-2
4/22	@TOR		4.32	7.0	6	3	3	2	6	1	94/61	L, 4-6 (11)	Reyes	up 4-3
4/28	@MIN (1)	W-2	4.31	6.1	7	3	3	1	3	1	107/63	W, 15-3	Blackburn	up 13-3
APRIL		2-2	4.31	31.1	30	15	15	12	23	4				•
5/7	@BAL	W-3	3.72	5.0	3	0	0	5	4	0	92/49	W, 8-2	Guthrie	up 8-0
5/13	BAL	W-4	2.98	9.0	4	0	0	1	3	0	120/83	W, 3-0	Guthrie	<b></b>
5/18	@TOR	W-5	3.18	5.2	5	4	3	3	6	0	89/54	W, 6-5	Litsch	up 6-4
5/23	@DET	L-3	3.14	6.1	4	2	2	4	4	1	100/60	L, 3-6	Coke	down 2-1
5/29	ČLE	W-6	2.80	7.0	3	0	0	2	6	0	95/57	W, 7-0	Masterson	up 7-0
MAY		4-1	1.36	33.0	19	6	5	15	23	1				
6/4	@SEA	W-7	2.64	7.0	3	1	1	1	4	0	108/72	W, 3-2	Fister	up 3-0
6/10	@BAL	L-4	3.03	5.2	7	5	5	3	2	2	95/58	L, 0-7	Arrieta	down, 5-0
6/15	BOS	L-5	3.09	7.0	4	3	3	2	2	1	94/57	L, 0-3	Beckett	down, 3-0
6/21	@MIL	L-6	3.09	6.0	3	2	2	4	3	1	105/60	L, 1-5	Greinke	down, 2-1
6/27	CIN	L-7	3.18	6.0	8	4	3	1	9	1	110/70	L, 0-5	Leake	down 4-0
JUNE		1-4	3.94	32.0	25	15	14	11	20	5				·
7/3	STL	W-8	3.21	7.1	6	3	3	1	2	2	94/60	W, 8-3	Lohse	up 5-3
7/19	NYY	W-9	3.17	7.0	5	2	2	1	7	1	119/78	W, 3-2	Colon	up 3-2

#### 2010 & CAREER NOTES

- Saw his first major league action, appearing in 10 games...debuted on Aug 2 vs. MIN and made 4 starts over two stints in August...joined the bullpen on Sep 1 during his third stint...spent the majority of the season with Triple-A Durham.
- Combining his time with the Rays and Bulls, went 16-3 with a 2.69 ERA (154-IP, 135-H, 46-ER), 43-BB, 156-SO) in 31 games (25 starts).
- Became the first pitcher in the modern era (since 1920) to pitch 6-plus innings allowing 3 hits or less in each of his first 3 major league apps... in those 3 starts, totaled 20 IP, 9 H, 3 R/ER, 3 BB and 18 SO, with a .136 (9-for-66) opp avg.

- Won his first 3 starts, the first in Rays history to do so.

  Went 3-0 with a 2.05 ERA (26.1-IP, 16-H, 6-ER, 4-BB, 26-SO, .172 avg.) as a starter...as a reliever: 1-0 with a 7.20 ERA (10-IP, 8-ER) in 6 apps.

  Earned a virtual clean sweep of minor league awards...was named Minor League Player of the Year by Baseball America and USA Today, Minor League Pitcher of the Year by Sporting News and International League Most Valuable Pitcher...after the season, was named a postseason IL All-Star, BA Minor League All-Star and a Topps Triple-A All-Star.
- Was named Minor League Pitcher of the Year for the Rays system for a second straight year, the first pitcher to win the honor twice. Made his major league debut on Aug 2 vs. MIN and beat Carl Pavano, 4-2...7 IP, 3 H, 2 R/ER, 2 BB, 6 SO...become the sixth Rays starter to win his debut...tied the club record for fewest hits allowed and most IP by in his ML debut...retired his first 10 batters faced.
- Was selected by the Rays in the fourth round of the 2005 June Draft.

# **HELLICKSON vs. OAKLAND**

Is making his 2<sup>nd</sup> career start/app against Oakland...faced them on Aug 20, 2010 on the road, his 4<sup>th</sup> career start...exited in line for the win with a 4-3 lead, but earned no decision in a 5-4 loss, totaling 6.1 IP, 7 H, 3 R/ER, 1 BB, 7 SO, 1 HR...104 pitches, 69 strikes...Jack Cust led off the 6<sup>th</sup> inning with a home run.

A'S vs. HELLICKSON (Career Avg.-AB-H-HR)—Crisp (.250-4-1-0)...Matsui (.000-1-0-0)...Pennington (.667-3-2-0)...Sizemore (.000-3-0-0)...Suzuki

RAYS vs. MOSCOSO (Career Avg.-AB-H-HR)—Never faced.



# **#70 JOE MADDON, MANAGER**

- Is the longest-tenured and winningest manager in Rays history...owns a 456-452 (.502) record over his 6 seasons (2006-11)...only 6 managers in baseball have been at their current post longer than Maddon...Rays were 518-775 (.401) prior to his arrival.
- Is 475-462 (.507) in his career, including an interim stint with the Angels in 1999 (19-10)...won his 400<sup>th</sup> career game Aug 17, 2010 vs. TEX.
- Has been ejected a franchise-record 21 times in his career and five times this season (July 17 vs. BOS by Chad Fairchild; July 1 vs. STL by Vic Carapazza; June 13 at DET by John Tumpane, May 4 vs. TOR by Joe West; April 10 at CWS by Dana DeMuth). Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the BBWAA balloting for 2010 AL Manager of the Year, trailing Ron Gardenhire and Ron Washington...won the award in 2008
- after guiding the Rays to the World Series, and finished one vote shy of becoming the first to win the award unanimously.
- Managed the American League to a 4-3 win over the NL in the 80th All-Star Game at St. Louis July 14, 2009.
- This is the second year of a three-year contract through 2012

#### **RAYS HITTER NOTES #38 ROBINSON CHIRINOS, C** (.167, 0, 0) **SUN:** 0-4, BB KC SERIES: 1-8 'STAND: .200 (2-10), 2B, 2-BB, 2-R vs. LH: **Current Hitting Streak:** vs. RH: .167 (3-18) **RISP:** .000 (0-4)

- Has started 5 of 7 games (appeared in 6) since being recalled Monday as Jose Lobaton was placed on the 15-day DL
- Is 2-for-17 since doubling in his first ML at-bat July 18 vs. NYY...was the 6th in Rays history to record an extra-base hit in his first plate app.
- In 68 games at Triple-A Durham this season, batted .265 (66-for-249) with 11 2B, 5 HR and 22 RBI...had a .176 (12-for-68) avg. in 17 games in April...since the start of May, has batted .298 (54-for-181) with 5 HR and 20 RBI in 51 games.
- Batted .314 (22-for-70) vs. LHP compared to .246 (44-for-179) vs. RHP with Durham this season.
- Hit .429 (9-for-21) with 2 HR, 2 2B, 3B and 8 RBI in 9 games during spring training...was optioned to Durham on March 15.
- Was acquired from the Cubs in the offseason along with four others in exchange for RH Matt Garza and two others. 27-year-old is in his 11<sup>th</sup> professional season, but has only been a catcher for three...former infielder first caught in the low minors in 2008 and committed to full-time backstop duty entering 2009..named Best Defensive Catcher in the Cubs system by Baseball America in 2009 and 2010.

Spent the majority of the 2010 season at AA Tennessee and advanced to AAA lowa for the first time, playing in 15 games to end the season.

**JOHNNY DAMON, OF** (.276, 9, 44) **SUN**: 0-3, RBI, RS, 2-BB KC SERIES: 4-10, 2-2B, RBI, R 'STAND: 231 (6-26), 2-RBI, 2-BB, 2-R Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.429, 6-14) vs. LH: .257 (26-101), 2-HR vs. RH: .287 (76-265), 7-HR RISP: .279 (24-86), HR

- Hit his 504<sup>th</sup> career 2B Sat at KC, tying Roberto Alomar for 49<sup>th</sup> on the all-time doubles list...needs 1 more to tie Tony Perez for 48<sup>th</sup> and 2 more to tie Babe Ruth for 47<sup>th</sup>...collected his 500<sup>th</sup> 2B on June 18 vs. FLA...became the 11<sup>th</sup> player all-time with 500 2B, 100 3B, 200 HR and 2,500 hits, joining 10 Hall of Famers...now has 2,673 career hits, and is 4 hits shy of tying Luis Aparicio for 66<sup>th</sup> on the all-time hit list.
- Yesterday at KC hit 2<sup>nd</sup> in the order for the second straight game after batting leadoff in his previous 37 games...batting .237 (32-for-146) from the 2-hole as compared to .294 (45-for-153) in leadoff spot.
- Is batting .326 with a .558 SLG in 47 wins, .223 with a .268 SLG in 45 losses...all 9 of his HR have come in wins.
- Has hit safely in 8 of his last 10 games and is batting .311 (19-for-61) with 5 XBH and 7 RBI in his last 14 games since July 2.
- Has 18 go-ahead or game-tying RBI, tied with B.J. Upton for most on the team...ranks T-8<sup>th</sup> in the majors with 10 game-winning RBI...had 5 straight games with a GW RBI, April 11-16, the first Ray ever to do so and the most by any player since ANA Troy Glaus (6) in 2002
- Is batting .304 (59-for-194) in 48 road games, compared to .246 (43-for-175) in 44 games at home.
- Went 2-for-4 with a HR and 2-run 2B on June 28 vs. CIN...surpassed his 2010 HR season total in just his 75th game (hit 8 HR in 145 games last year)...has just 2 HR in his last 54 games after hitting 7 in his first 37 games.

#5 **SAM FULD, OF** (.244, 3, 25) **SUN:** 1-4, R KC SERIES: 2-8, R 'STAND: .316 (6-19), 2-2B, 2-3B, 2-RBI, SB Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.250, 1-4) vs. LH: .217 (13-60) RISP: .226 (14-62), HR vs. RH: .252 (52-206), 3-HR

- Is batting .297 (11-for-37) with 2 2B, 2 3B and 2 SB over his last 13 games (10 starts) and has hit safely in his last 5 starts.
- 29-year-old has started 8 of the last 10 games after only starting 9 of the previous 30 games...started 50 of the first 60 games...has appeared in 80 games (67 starts; 51-LF, 4-CF, 1-RF, 1-DH)...is batting .417 (5-for-12) in games he did not start with 2 2B and 3 BB...is batting .236 (60-for-
- Is batting .288 (23-for-80) in his last 31 games (22 starts) since the start of June...hit just .157 (14-for-89) in May.

  Is T-12<sup>th</sup> in the AL with 18 SB but has 8 CS (T-7<sup>th</sup> in AL)...has 11 SB in his last 19 attempts after starting the season 7-for-7 in his first 10 games.
- Hit a 2-run HR on May 27 vs. CLE...hit 3 HR in his first 47 G with the Rays after only hitting 1 HR in 98 career games entering the season

ELLIOT JOHNSON, UTL (.197, 3, 14) #9 KC SERIES: 1-5. R SUN: DNP 'STAND: 100 (1-10) 2B RBI 2-BB R vs. LH: .259 (14-54) vs. RH: .151 (11-73), 3-HR Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.200, 1-5) RISP: .158 (6-38), HR

- Went 1-for-5 Sat at KC with 3 SO...is batting just .140 (8-for-57) since being activated from the DL on June 12...was placed on DL on May 25 (retroactive to May 24) due to a left knee sprain suffered on May 23 at DET... missed 16 games...at the time of his injury, was hitting .306 (11-for-36) over his previous 15 games played (9 starts), dating back to April 30
- Super utilityman has started 32 games (30-SS, 2-2B) and appeared in 45 (38-SS, 5-2B, 2-1B, 1-LF, 1-CF)
- Went 0-for-2 on Thu vs. NYY but drew a walk against CC Sabathia in the 5th inning and scored the winning run on Sam Fuld's triple.
- Was the only player on the Rays active roster (not including starters) not to play in the Rays 16-inning game on July 17 vs. BOS
- Homered in consecutive games, May 15 vs. BAL and May 17 vs. NYY...the homer on May 15 came off Jake Arrieta was the first of his career.
- Made his second Opening Day roster...spent most of the last 4 seasons with Durham and was named team MVP last year. Earned the Al Lopez Award as the top Rays rookie in spring training, the first ever to win the award twice (also 2008)

DESMOND JENNINGS, OF (.667, 0, 1) KC SERIES: 4-6, 3B, 2-2B, RBI, 2-BB, 2-R, 2-SB #8 SUN: 2-3, 2B, RBI, SB 'STAND: vs. LH: 1.000 (2-2) vs. RH: .500 (2-4) RISP: .500 (1-2) Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.667, 4-6), RBI

- Has led off the last 2 games since being recalled...became the first hitter in Rays history to reach base at least 4 times (via H/BB/HBP) in his first 2 games of the season...is the 2<sup>nd</sup> rookie in club history to reach base 4 times in consecutive games (also Brent Abernathy, Aug 4-5, 2001 at CWS)...first Rays player to do so since Jason Bartlett, Aug 3-4, 2009 vs. KC/BOS
- In just 2 games, has matched or exceeded his 2010 season totals in hits (4), 2B (2), 3B (1), SB (2), BB (2) and TB (8)...2010 totals (17 G, 12 GS): hits (4), 2B (1), 3B (1), SB (2), BB (2) and TB (7).
- 24-year-old was recalled from Triple-A Durham following the game Friday at KC to replace Reid Brignac, who was optioned to Durham.
- In 89 games at Durham this season (84 as the leadoff hitter), was batting .275 (93-for-338) with 12 HR, 19 2B, 3 2B, 39 RBI and 17 SB...also had 45 BB and a .374 OBP...in 13 games in July, was batting .286 (14-for-49) with a .426 OBP.
- At the time of his recall, ranked 1st in the International League in runs scored (68) and set a new career-high with 12 HR...his 34 XBH so far this season were as many as he had all of last year.
- Was 17-for-18 in SB attempts this season and has a 84.7 pct. success rate in his career with 188 SB in 222 attempts in the minors.
- Spent 30 days with the Rays in 2010, hitting .190 (4-for-21) in 17 games after being recalled on Sep 1.
- Was named the Best Defensive Outfielder in the Rays minor league system by club personnel following the 2010 season...also following the 2010 season, *Baseball America* rated him the No. 3 prospect in the Rays org. and top position player in the system...also recognized as the organization's Best Strike-Zone Discipline, Fastest Baserunner, Best Athlete and Best Defensive Outfielder...in *BA*'s Best Tools survey, IL managers rated him the Best Base Runner, Best Defensive Outfielder and Most Exciting Player in the league.

**SUN:** 0-4, SF **vs. LH:** .176 (9-51), 3-HR **#20 MATT JOYCE, OF** (.285, 14, 45) KC SERIES: 2-10, HR, 2-RBI 'STAND: .250 (3-12), HR, 2-RBI, R, SB **Current Hitting Streak:** vs. RH: .308 (74-240), 10-HR RISP: .263 (20-76), 3-HR

- April 1-May 27: .377 (57-for-151), 13 2B, 8 HR, 27 RBI; May 28-July 24: .186 (26-for-140), 7 2B, 6 HR, 18 RBI
- Has only started 5 of the last 13 games and only 1 of the last 10 games in which the Rays have faced a lefty starter (July 4, 0-for-2).
- Hit a solo HR on Fri vs. KC, his 4<sup>th</sup> in his last 15 games...did not homer in 20 games prior to that (June 3-29).
- On July 16 vs. BOS fouled a ball off his knee while facing Josh Beckett and homered later in the at-bat...missed his next 3 starts due to knee soreness and returned to the lineup on Wed vs. NYY...went 0-for-4 with 4 SO, his 2<sup>nd</sup> career 4-SO game (also May 27, 2008 vs. LAA with DET). 26-year-old made his first All-Star Team after being elected by the players...went 1-for-2 with a single in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning off PIT Joel Hanrahan.
- Made his first error of the season on July 5 at MIN...has made 75 starts (89 apps) on the season with 68 starts in RF and 7 in LF.
- Has 7 of the 20 IBB drawn by the Rays this year...had just 2 IBB in his career before this season, both in 2010.
- Finished May with the highest May avg. at .414 (36-for-87) and highest May slugging pct. (.759) in club history, ahead of Jason Bartlett (.388; 2009) and Fred McGriff (.727;1999), respectively...his .414 avg. was the 2nd-highest of any month in club history (McGriff; .422, July 1999).

CASEY KOTCHMAN, 1B (.326, 4, 29) SUN: 1-5, 2B KC SERIES: 2-12, 2B, 3-BB 'STAND: .310 (9-29), 2B, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, 2-BB vs. LH: .268 (19-71) vs. RH: .346 (74-214), 4-HR RISP: .269 (21-78), 1-HR Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.200, 1-5)

- Since qualifying for the batting title on Wed vs. NYY, has gone 2-for-15 in the last 4 games...his batting avg. fell below .330 on Sat for the first time since May 5...still ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the majors (4<sup>th</sup> in AL) with a .326 avg. **AL ranks:** 2<sup>nd</sup> in batting avg. on the road (.325), 2<sup>nd</sup> in avg. against RHP (.346), 6<sup>th</sup> in on-base pct. (.389) and T-10<sup>th</sup> in multi-hit games (31).
- Has multiple hits in 8 of his last 18 G...leads the team with 11 infield hits...has 21 XBH in his last 49 G after only totaling 5 in his first 35 G.
- On July 15 vs. BOS hit his first HR since June 16 vs. BOS, a span of 21 games without a HR...2 of his 4 HR this year have come vs. BOS Has started 43 straight games at 1B since missing 5 games with a right ankle sprain, May 30-June 3...has appeared in 85 games (75 starts)
- overall since his selection from AAA Durham on April 8.

  Committed an error on July 16 vs. BOS, his 1<sup>st</sup> of the season and 1<sup>st</sup> since Aug 21, 2010 at NYY (with SEA), a span of 102 straight errorless games...has just 2 errors in his last 387 games...is currently leading ML first basemen in fielding pct. (.998) for a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive season...with only 10 errors in 5,570 chances, owns a career .998 fielding pct. at 1B, highest in ML history among players with at least 500 games played. Had 3 RBI on July 2 vs. STL...was his first 3-RBI game since July 7 last year when he had 2 HR and 3 RBI vs. KC while with Seattle.

#3 **EVAN LONGORIA, 3B** (.242, 13, 50) **SUN:** 1-5, RBI KC SERIES: 3-7, HR, 2B, 3-RBI, 3-BB 'STAND: .231 (6-26), 2B, HR, 4-RBI, 6-BB Current Hitting Streak: 5G (.389, 7-18) vs. LH: .233 (14-60), 4-HR vs. RH: .245 (49-200), 9-HR RISP: .284 (21-74), 5-HR

- Since June 11, leads the majors with 37 RBI (in 36 games)...is 17-for-49 (.347) with RISP in that span after starting the season 4-for-25 (.160) with RISP in his first 35 games.
- Has hit safely in 8 of his last 9 games (10-for-34), but is batting .225 (16-for-71) thus far in July (18 games).
- Is batting .279 (39-for-140) with 9 HR and 39 RBI on the road this season, compared to .200 (24-for-120) with 4 HR and 11 RBI at home...in his last 18 road games, has batted .299 (23-for-77) with 7 HR, 6 2B and 29 RBI.
- Had 6 HR in 14 games from June 20–July 6 after only totaling 5 through his first 44 games of the season.
- The Rays are 35-36 when Longoria is in the starting lineup...in the 35 wins, he has batted .333 (44-for-132) with 10 HR, 12 doubles and 37 RBI...in the 36 losses, he has batted .148 (19-for-128) with 3 HR and 13 RBI.

  Hit the front end of back-to-back HR with Matt Joyce Fri at KC...was his 2<sup>nd</sup> HR in as many games...has been involved in both back-to-back's

- this season and 9 of the team's last 13...he and B.J. Upton accomplished it June 24 at HOU.

  Hit a walk-off solo HR on June 28 vs. CIN, the 3<sup>rd</sup> walk-off HR of his career and 4<sup>th</sup> walk-off hit of his career...was the Rays 3<sup>rd</sup> walk-off HR.

  His 24 RBI in June ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the AL—one shy of co-leaders BOS Adrian Gonzalez and NYY Mark Teixeira—and 2<sup>nd</sup>-most in June in club history after Greg Vaughn (27 in June 2001).

Was activated off the 15-day DL on May 3 vs. TOR after missing 26 games with a strained left oblique...the Rays went 15-11 in his absence

#1 SEAN RODRIGUEZ, UTL (.209, 4, 17) **SUN:** 0-2, BB, 2-R, SB KC SERIES: 0-9, 2-BB, 2-R, SB 'STAND: .185 (5-27), BB, SB, CS vs. LH: .286 (22-77), 2-HR vs. RH: .167 (23-138), 2-HR RISP: .167 (8-48), HR

- Is 0-for-12 in his last 4 games after snapping a 6-game hitting streak on July 1 (tied a season-high (April 24-May 5).
- Is batting .185 (20-for-108) with 2 HR and a .254 OBP in 33 games beginning June 1.
- Against lefties, leads the Rays in batting avg. (.286), OBP (.402) and slugging pct. (.519).
- Started at SS on Fri vs. KC, his first start at SS since June 5 at SEA...has started 15 of the last 17 games, batting .179 (10-for-56) with a HR and 2 2B in that span...only played in 9 of the previous 20 games...has started 58 games overall (31-2B, 15-3B, 11-SS, 1-1B).

  Of his 45 hits, 22 have been XBH (15-2B, 3-3B, 4-HR)...had 3 HR in a 22-G span (from May 31-July 6) after having 1 HR in his first 40 games. Went 3-for-4 on June 24 at HOU, his first 3-hit game of the season and first since Sep 1, 2010 vs. TOR...also stole his 5<sup>th</sup> base of the year.

- Had 3 errors May 30 vs. TEX at SS, matching the club record (4x previously; last by Dioner Navarro on June 6, 2009 at NYY)...has 7 errors this year, 5 at SS and 2 at 2B…has 5 errors in 28 career games at SS, only 10 in 251 career games at all other positions

**#16 JUSTIN RUGGIANO, OF** (.258, 4, 13) SUN: DNP KC SERIES: DNP 'STAND: .200 (2-10), 2B **Current Hitting Streak:** vs. LH: .216 (8-37), HR vs. RH: .288 (15-52), 2-HR RISP: .381 (8-21), HR

- As a starter, is 19-for-70 (.271) with 3 HR and 10 RBI....in games he has not started, is just 2-for-16 (.125).
- Is batting .152 (7-for-46) in his last 20 games (11 starts) beginning June 15 after batting .372 (16-for-43) in his first 14 games
- Has only started 11 of the last 32 games...started the previous 8 in a row and batted .484 (15-for-31) with 2 HR, 2 2B and 6 RBI, coinciding with a career-high 8-game hitting streak (June 6-14)...has played in 31 of 51 games since his call-up on May 20.
- Went 2-for-3 with a 2-run HR on July 2 vs. STL...has 3 HR in 34 AB at home...has 1 HR in 55 AB on the road.
- Went 1-for-3 May 30 vs. TEX with a 3-run HR, his first of the season and first in the majors since Sep 15, 2008 vs. BOS.
- Batted .308 (45-for-146) for Durham with 6 HR, 30 RBI, 11 2B, 11 SB...at the time of his call-up ranked 3rd in the IL in RBI and T-4th in SB.

#10 **KELLY SHOPPACH, C** (.179, 5, 15) SUN: DNP KC SERIES: 1-4 'STAND: .273 (3-11), R, BB Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.286, 2-7) vs. LH: .250 (18-72), 3-HR vs. RH: .103 (7-68), 2-HR RISP: .167 (6-36)

- Has caught 13 of 24 attempted base stealers (54.2 percent), the best percentage in the majors (min. 55 G)...has started 44 games at catcher.
- Has at least one hit in 4 of the last 6 games he has started but is 5-for-37 (.135) in his last 15 G (12 starts).
- Has a .103 avg. (7-for-68) against RHP, the lowest of any major leaguer with at least 50 AB vs. RHP.
- Has 10 BB in his last 22 games...had only 7 BB in his first 34 games of the season.
- In June, batted .235 (8-for-34) with 4 XBH and 6 RBI (12 games) after batting .156 (5-for-32) with 1 XBH and 4 RBI in May (14 games).

  Has 51 SO in 55 games played (45 starts)...with 52 SO in 162 PA (3.12 PA/SO), has the 3<sup>rd</sup>-highest SO/PA ratio in the majors (min. 150
- PA)...with a 2.83 PA/SO (342/121) ratio in 192 career games as a Ray, has struck out more often than any player in Rays history (min. 100 PA).

Owns a career .278 (105-for-378) avg. with 24 HR against LHP...has hit only .205 (169-for-825) with 29 HR vs. RHP.

**B.J. UPTON, OF** (.229, 15, 52) SUN: DNP KC SERIES: 1-8, BB, SB 'STAND: .156 (5-32), R, 2-RBI, BB, SB #2 vs. RH: .230 (61-265) 11-HR vs. LH: .226 (19-84), 4-HR Current Hitting Streak: RISP: .242 (24-99), 4-HR

- Did not play yesterday at KC, the first game he has missed since June 6 at LAA...had started 39 straight games since then.
- Is 2-for-30 (.067) in his last 7 games after batting .390 (16-for-41) in his previous 11 games in July.
- Is batting .285 (51-for-179) with 9 HR and 38 RBI in 48 games on the road, compared to .171 (29-for-170) with 6 HR and 14 RBI in 47 home games, the 2<sup>nd</sup>-lowest home avg. in the majors.
- Leads the team with 15 HR, 52 RBI and 23 SB...became the first player in club history with 15 HR and 20 SB before the All-Star break, as well as the first player to lead the team in both HR and SB before the break...is the 11<sup>th</sup> AL player all-time (12<sup>th</sup> time) to have at least 15 HR, 50 RBI and 20 SB before the All-Star break, and the first since CLE Grady Sizemore in 2008.
- Has 6 HR in his last 11 road games and 9 of his last 11 HR have come on the road...has hit safely in 14 of his last 16 road games, batting .305 (18-for-59) with 6 HR and 17 RBI during that span...homered in 3 straight games at Houston, June 24-26.
- Is one of three players in the majors, with 15 HR and 20 SB-also LAD Matt Kemp and BOS Jacoby Ellsbury.

Ranks 7th in the AL with 23 SB...is 16-for-20 in SB attempts in his last 50 games

BEN ZOBRIST, UTL (.271, 11, 52) SUN: 3-4, 2B, 2-RBI, SB, R tHitting Streak: 4G (.389, 7-18) vs. LH: .286 (30-105), 3-HR vs. RH: .265 (69-260), 8-HR 'STAND: .200 (4-20), 4-R, HR, 5-RBI, 7-BB Current Hitting Streak: 4G (.389, 7-18)

- Went 3-for-4 yesterday at KC and hit his 31st double of the season, which ranks 1st in the majors...has doubled in each of his last 3 games...led majors with 12 doubles in June...has 14 2B in his last 29 games.
- Is batting .358 (19-for-53) with 6 XBH, 12 RBI and 11 BB in his last 14 games since July 5.
- Has appeared in a team-high 97 of 100 games (96 starts; 66-2B, 29-RF, 1-DH)...has 229 career games in the OF without committing an error.
- Has 15 BB in his last 18 games and 23 BB in his last 30 games...has a .430 OBP in July (17 games), T-8th in the AL.
- Is batting .322 (65-for-202) with 39 RBI in 49 road games, compared to .209 (34-for-163) with 13 RBI in 48 home games.
- Has 2 HR in his last 12 games after snapping a 33-game homerless drought on July 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> longest drought of his career...had 7 HR in his first 25 games...eight of his 11 HR have come off RHP.
- Has 11 HR and 47 XBH this season, after totaling 10 HR and 40 XBH all last season...ranks T-5<sup>th</sup> in MLB in XBH (47).
- Hit a grand slam July 15 vs. BOS, giving him 5 career GS, most in franchise history...his last grand slam came on June 3, 2009 vs. KC...also drew a bases-loaded walk in that game to give him 5 RBI...it was his 2<sup>nd</sup> career game with 5 or more RBI (8 RBI on April 28 at MIN)...is 1 of only 6 players in Rays history to have more than one game with 5 or more RBI in a season...Ben Grieve had 3 in 2001.
- Reached base safely a career-high 5 times on July 4 at NYY, giving him 7 straight PA in which he reached base, 1 shy of the club record.

#### **RAYS BULLPEN NOTES**

**#43 KYLE FARNSWORTH, RH** (3-1-19, 1.99, ERA, 44-G) Saves-Opps: 19-23 vs. LH: .210 (13-62), 2-HR IR-RS: 23-9 Last App: 7/23 at KC (BS, 1.0-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 1-BB, 1-SO) Long Relief App: 1.2, x2, last 7/3 vs. STL vs. RH: .218 (19-87) 1st Batter: .205 (9-44), HR

- Suffered his 4th blown save of the season and 2nd in the last 6 days Saturday at KC...has allowed multiple base runners in 5 of his last 7 save opps...had not yielded more than 1 runner in his first 16 save opps.
- His 19 saves are a career high and 9th in the American League...has 5 saves of four or more outs this season, most in the majors...10 of his 19 saves have come in perfect apps.
- Is 19-for-23 (82.6%, T-8<sup>th</sup> in the AL) in save opps and has a 1.99 ERA (38-IP, 8-ER), the 2<sup>nd</sup>-lowest ERA of any AL closer...has 37 games finished, T-3<sup>rd</sup>-most in the AL...has a 9.07 baserunners/9-IP ratio, 2<sup>nd</sup>-best among AL closers and 7<sup>th</sup>-best among all AL relievers.
- Has allowed 6 walks in his last 7 apps (7.2-IP) after giving up just 2 BB in 33 IP prior...has averaged 2.39 BB/9 IP (101.2-IP, 27-BB) since the start of 2010, compared to 4.0 BB/9 IP in his 11 seasons prior.
- On June 28 vs. CIN, blew his 2<sup>nd</sup> save of the season, yielding a game-tying solo homer to Jay Bruce leading off the 9<sup>th</sup>...earned the win when Evan Longoria hit a game-ending HR to lead off the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>...was just his 2<sup>nd</sup> HR allowed this season (BOS Adrian Gonzalez, June 16).
- Has held batters to a .169 avg. (13-for-77) in save situations compared to a .269 avg. (18-for-67) in non-save situations. Has averaged 1 HR per 65.1 BF (9-HR, 586-BF) from 2009-11, compared to 1 HR per 29 BF in his 1<sup>st</sup> 10 years (1999–2008).
- Ranks 4<sup>th</sup> among actives with 757 apps, trailing NYY Mariano Rivera, TEX Arthur Rhodes and MIL LaTroy Hawkins...in the last decade (2001-10) ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with 640 apps behind Rivera (646) and David Weathers (644).
- Has a career 1.85 ERA (39-IP, 8-ER) at Tropicana Field...owns a career 2.71 ERA (129.1-IP, 39-ER) vs. AL East.
- Entered 2011 with 27 career saves, 16 coming in 2005 with the Tigers (6) and Braves (10)...before 2011, his last save was in 2008 with NYY.

#47 **BRANDON GOMES, RH** (0-1-0, 3.78 ERA, 16-G) Saves-Opps: 0-0 vs. LH: .360 (9-25), HR IR-RS: 8-2 Long Relief App: 3.0, 7/17 vs. BOS Last App: 7/23 at KC (0-IP, 2-H, 1-R, 0-BB, 0-SO) vs. RH: .250 (10-40) 1st Batter: .267 (4-15), 2 BB

- Recorded his first loss of the season (16 apps) Saturday at KC giving up a single and an RBI double on two pitches in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning.
- Tossed a career-high 3 innings in the 16-inning game July 17 vs. BOS (0-H, 0-R, 2-BB, 3-SO).
- Was recalled from Triple-A Durham on July 7 after Wade Davis was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a right forearm strain.
- Started the season at Durham and was recalled by the Rays on May 3, appearing in 10 games and posting a 3.09 ERA (11.2-IP, 4-ER) before being optioned back to Triple-A on May 30...in his return to Durham, posted a 0.75 ERA (12-IP, 1-ER) with 18 SO in 12 IP over 9 apps. Did not allow a hit in his first 12 batters faced, until CLE Michael Brantley singled on May 10.
- Made his major league debut May 4 vs. TOR, tossing 2 no-hit innings in relief of Wade Davis...allowed a walk but faced the minimum 6 batters.
- With Durham: Went 0-1 with a 1.07 ERA (25.1-IP, 3-ER) and went 7-for-7 in save opps...had 40 SO and 7 BB in 25.1 IP with a .187 opp avg.
- Owns a career record of 19-11 with a 2.84 ERA (320.1-IP, 101-ER) in five minor league seasons...has a career 3.75 SO-to-BB ratio (364-SO, 97-BB)...since the start of the 2009 season is 11-4 with 11 saves and a 2.08 ERA (169.2-IP, 39-ER) with 233 SO, 60 BB, 123 hits and 6 HR.
- Was acquired from the Padres in the Jason Bartlett trade on Dec 17 along with LH Cesar Ramos, RH Adam Russell and INF Cole Figueroa

**#74 J.P. HOWELL, LH** (2-1-1, 7.94 ERA, 23-G) **Last App:** 7/23 at KC (0.2-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO) vs. LH: .189 (7-37), HR IR-RS: 14-4 vs. RH: .367 (11-30), 2-HR 1st Batter: .136 (3-22), HR, BB Saves-Opps: 1-2 Long Relief App: 1.1, 5/23 at FLA

- Has allowed 3 hits over his last 5.2 IP (8 apps), with all 3 coming Friday vs. KC, when his 6-app scoreless streak (3.2 IP) was snapped...has a 5.27 ERA (13.2-IP, 8-ER) in his last 18 apps beginning June 7.
- Has held batters to a .174 (4-for-23) avg. in July, but has 8 BB this month in 6.1 IP...opponents hit .276 (8-for-29) off him over 10 June apps. Since his return from the DL, has allowed 18 H, 18 R, 15 ER, 12 BB, and 1 HB while striking out 15 in 17 IP overall.
- On July 1 vs. STL got 2 outs in the 8th before issuing 2 BB and a HR to Colby Rasmus...was ejected following the HR, the first of his career.
- On June 12 at BAL, picked up his 1st save since Sep 20, 2009 vs. SEA.
- Was activated from the DL and made his season debut on May 20 at FLA, his first ML app since 2009...threw 1.0 hitless, scoreless inning...missed the entire 2010 season and the beginning of 2011 due to a left shoulder injury...had been 605 days since his last ML appearance, Sep 22, 2009 vs. SEA...the appearance came 1 year and 1 day after undergoing surgery to repair a torn left labrum on May 19, 2010.
- Combining 2008-09 led all major league relievers with 13 wins, ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with 171 SO and 5<sup>th</sup> in IP (156) and opp avg. (.195)

#57 **JAKE McGEE, LH** (0-0-0, 3.27 ERA, 17-G) IR-RS: 17-6 Saves-Opps: 0-0 vs. LH: .125 (3-24) Last App: 7/24 at KC (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 2-SO) Long Relief App: 1.2, 4/28 at MIN vs. RH: .500 (10-20), HR 1st Batter: .143 (2-14), 3-BB, HR

- Has not allowed a run in 6 apps (4 IP) since being recalled on July 15, including a scoreless frame yesterday at KC...has struck out at least one batter in 5 of his last 6 apps since his call-up...July 15 vs. BOS was his first appearance in the majors since April 29 vs. LAA.
- Went 4-2 with 9 saves in 24 games with Durham prior to his call-up...pitched to a 2.70 ERA (33.1-IP, 30-H, 10-ER, 8-BB, 38-SO) while going 9for-10 in save opps with Durham after being optioned to Triple-A on May 1.
- 24-year-old rookie made his first Opening Day roster...appeared in 11 games and compiled a 5.14 ERA (7.0-IP, 4-ER) with 3 BB and 2 SO in his first stint with the Rays this season...saw his first big league action last season with the Rays after a Sep 14 call-up.
- Entered 2011 rated as the No. 4 prospect in the Rays system by Baseball America. Has posted 10.43 SO/9 IP and a .220 opp avg. in his minor league career
- #62 JOEL PERALTA, RH (2-4-1, 3.77 ERA, 49-G) Saves-Opps: 1-2

vs. LH: .187 (14-75), HR IR-RS: 26-7 Last App: 7/24 at KC (0.1-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 0-SO) Long Relief App: 2.0, 5/16 vs. NYY

- Made his AL-leading 49th appearance yesterday...is 7th among AL relievers with 45.1 IP
- Struck out 3 batters in 1.1 IP on Sat at KC...was his first 3-strikeout appearance since Oct 3, 2010 vs. NYM as a member of the Nationals.
- On Tue vs. NYY, recorded the 3<sup>rd</sup> save of his career and 1<sup>st</sup> since July 29, 2007 vs. TEX while he was with the Royals.
- Took the loss on July 9 at NYY after allowing a run in the 8th off 2 hits...has taken 4 of the 11 losses for the Rays bullpen this season.
- First 20 apps: 22.1 IP, 14 H, 7 ER, 6 BB, 16 SO, 1 HR (2.82 ERA)...Last 29 apps: 23 IP, 20 H, 12 ER, 8 BB, 23 SO, 4 HR (4.70 ERA).
- Allowed at least one IR to score in 3 straight apps from May 31-June 5 after not allowing any IR to score in his first 25 games

35-year-old is the oldest member of the Rays pitching staff...signed a one-year free agent deal on Dec 17

#27 **CESAR RAMOS, LH** (0-1-0, 4.06 ERA, 45-G) Saves-Opps: 0-2 vs. LH: .220 (13-59), 2-HR IR-RS: 38-14 Long Relief App: 1.2, 5/10 at CLE vs. RH: .222 (12-54), HR Last App: 7/24 at KC (0.2-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 2-BB, 1-SO) 1st Batter: .250 (10-40), 3-HR, 5-BB

- Made his 45<sup>th</sup> app yesterday at KC, T-4<sup>th</sup> among all AL relievers (4 behind Peralta)...is 1<sup>st</sup> in apps among AL rookie relievers and is 4<sup>th</sup> in apps among all ML rookies behind ATL Craig Kimbrel (51), COL Matt Reynolds (47) and FLA Mike Dunn (46).
- Has allowed runs in 5 of his last 12 apps, after allowing a run in only 3 of his previous 21 apps.
- Has allowed only 4 HR in 64 career appearances, most recently a home run to Luke Scott on June 12 at BAL...allowed a grand slam to J.J. Hardy on May 15 vs. BAL, his first homer and XBH allowed this season.
- Pronounced "SEE-zer RAH-mos"...27-year-old was acquired from San Diego on Dec 17 as part of the five-player Jason Bartlett trade.

# FAIR BALLS OFF THE TROPICANA FIELD CATWALKS IN 2011

- May 30...TEX **Mitch Moreland** home run off the D-ring catwalk in right field...426 feet...off Brandon Gomes June 27...CIN **Jonny Gomes** home run off the C-ring catwalk in left field...392 feet...off Jeremy Hellickson.

INSTANT REPLAY												
Date	Batter	Pitcher	Inning/Outs	Initial Call	Ruling After Replay	Delay						
May 17 vs. NYY	K. Shoppach	A. Sanit	9 <sup>th</sup> / 1 out	Flyout to LF	Upheld as a flyout	4:02						
June 26 at HOU	E. Longoria	W. Lopez	6 <sup>th</sup> / 1 out	Single to LF, out adv.	Home run	2:40						
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	RAYS PITCHING BY THE NUMBERS											

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	W-L-S	G	ERA	IP	Н	ER	BB	so	HR			
Totals	53-47-21	100	3.58	895.0	790	356	307	672	94			
Starters	41-36-0	100	3.51	646.1	581	252	189	490	73			
Relievers	12-11-21	92	3.76	248.2	209	104	118	182	21			
Home	24-25-10	49	3.26	450.0	385	163	145	362	40			
Road	29-22-11	51	3.90	445.0	405	193	162	310	54			
April	15-12-5	27	3.40	243.1	216	92	73	165	20			
May	14-13-5	27	3.83	237.1	211	101	95	177	29			
June	16-11-7	27	3.60	241.1	208	97	67	192	26			
July	8-11-4	19	3.43	173.0	155	66	72	138	19			

#### **RAYS BY THE NUMBERS**

Hit homer: 38-20 Current Streak: W1 When commit error: 17-23 Ahead after 6-7-8: 41-3/44-4/46-3 Homer with men on: 30-7 Current Record: 53-47 Home/Road: 24-25/29-22 Day/Night: 19-18/34-29 Behind after 6-7-8: 7-35/5-37/5-38 Tied after 6-7-8: 5-9/4-6/2-6 Hit multiple homers: 21-8 Score first: 39-13 Grass/Turf: 26-20/27-27 1-run games: 15-13 Score 5 or more: 34-6 vs. East: 19-18 **2-run games**: 6-9 Score less than 5: 16-38 vs. Central: 16-14 Extra innings: 4-4 Outhit opponents: 37-8 Outhit by opponents: 9-36 Collect 10 or more hits: 23-4 vs. West: 6-9 Win in last at-bat: 8 vs. National League: 12-6 Come-from-behind wins: 16 vs. RH/LH starters: 38-34/16-12 Opp. come-from-behind wins: 15 Opp. 10 or more hits: 8-19

Series W-L-T (home): 6-8-2 Series W-L-T (road): 9-7-1 Wearing white/gray/navy/lt.blue: 16-17/15-12/18-14/3-4

	LAST HR	'11 MOST HITS GAME	'11 MOST RBI GAME
Chirinos		1, 3x-last 7/22 at KC	
Damon	6/28/11 vs. CIN (J Cueto)	4, 2x-last 7/2 vs. STL	4, 7/3 vs. STL
Fuld	5/27/11 vs. CLE (J Tomlin)	4, 2x-last 4/18 vs. CWS	3. 4/11 at BOS
Jennings	-	2, 2x-last 7/24 at KC	1, 7/24 at KC
E. Johnson	6/22/11 at MIL (T. Dillard)	2, 3x-last 7/3 vs.STL	3, 2x-last 6/22 at MIL
Joyce	7/22/11 at KC (L Hochevar)	3, 7x-last 7/16 vs. BOS	3, 4/29 vs. LAA
Kotchman	7/15/11 vs. BOS (D Wheeler)	4, 6/11 at BAL	3, 7/2 vs. STL
Longoria	7/22/11 at KC (L Hochevar)	4, 6/26 at HOU	5, 6/26 at HOU
Rodriguez	7/6/11 at MIN (A Burnett)	3, 6/24/11 at HOU	4, 6/17 vs. FLA
Ruggiano	7/2/11 vs. STL (K McClellan)	3, 6/12 at BAL	3, 2x-last, 6/6 at LAA
Shoppach	7/6/11 at MIN (F Liriano)	2, 3x-last 7/15 vs. BOS	2, 4x-last, 7/6 at MIN
Upton	7/9/11 at NYY (A Burnett)	3, 2x-last 5/7 at BAL	4, 2x-last, 6/26 at HOU
Zobrist	7/15/11 vs. BOS (A Miller)	4, 3x-last 6/11 at BAL	8, 4/28 at MIN

#### HOME RUNS (93)

Solo (44): Joyce-8, Upton-8, Damon-6, Zobrist-5, Longoria-4, E. Johnson-2, Kotchman-2, Lopez-2, Rodriguez-2, Ruggiano-2, Shoppach-2,

Brignac-1, Jaso-1, Ruggiano-1, Joyce-5, Longoria-5, Upton-5, Damon-3, Fuld-3, Shoppach-3, Jaso-2, Kotchman-2, Rodriguez-2, Zobrist-2, Guyer-1, Longoria-4, Upton-2, Zobrist-2, D. Johnson-1, E. Johnson-1, Joyce-1, Ruggiano-1 2-Run (36):

3-Run (12):

Grand Slams (1):

Longoria/Upton-1 (6/24 at HOU, W Rodriguez), Longoria/Joyce-1 (7/22 at KC, L Hochevar)

Back-to-Back (2): 2-HR games (-): None Pinch-hit (-): None

Walk-off (2): Damon-1, Upton-1

Lead-off (1): Damon-1

# **2011 RAYS SEASON HIGHS TEAM** INDIVIDUAL BATTING Most runs game, TB......4, 2x-last, Zobrist, 6/26 at HOU Most runs game, TB 16, 4/11 at BOS Most runs game, Opp 11, 5/30 vs. TEX Most runs inn, TB 6, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 4/11 at BOS Most runs, inning, Opp 5, 2x-last, (2<sup>nd</sup>) 6/2 at SEA Most hits game, TB 19, 3x-last 6/26 at HOU Most hits, inning, Opp 20, 5/30 vs. TEX Most hits, inning, TB 7, (1<sup>st</sup>) 5/1 vs. LAA Most hits, inning, Opp 7, (3<sup>rd</sup>) 5/30 vs. TEX Most doubles, gm, TB 7, 7/3 vs. STL Most doubles, gm, Opp 7, 6/26 at HOU Most HR, game, TB 3, 4x-last, 7/6 at MIN TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PITCHING Most x-base hits, game, Opp. 10, 6/26 at HOU Most stolen bases, game, TB 4, 3x-last, 7/24 at KC Most stolen bases, game, Opp. 5, 6/1 vs. TEX Most walks, game, TB 9, 4/27 at MIN Most walks, game, Opp. 12, 7/17 vs. BOS Most strikeouts game, TB 15, 7/24 at KC Most strikeouts, game, Opp. 16, 7/17 vs. BOS Most LOB game, TB 12, 6/11 at RAI Most walks, game, Opp 6, Burnett, 7/18 vs.NYY Most SO, Team, TB 16, 7/17 vs. BOS Most walks, Team, TB 12, 7/17 vs. CLE Low-Hit Game 2, Niemann/Peralta/Cruz 4/28 at MIN Most LOB, game, TB 12, 6/11 at BAL Most LOB, Opp 17, 7/17 vs. BOS Most errors, game, TB 3, 5/30 vs. TEX Most errors game, Opp. 5, 5/18 at TOR Longest game, time 5:44, 7/17 vs. BOS Longest game, time (9 innings) 3:50, 6/26 at HOU

RUNS BY INNING												
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 X Total												
Орр	45	35	46	35	43	40	45	66	28	6	386	
ТВ	48	55	49	36	34	61	32	53	42	6	415	

RUN SUPPORT FOR STARTING PITCHERS											
PITCHER	STARTS	RUNS	RUNS/START	RUNS/9-IP	CLUB RECORD	QUALITY STARTS					
Cobb	7	25	3.57	5.36	4-3	5					
Davis	18	62	3.44	5.12	9-9	8					
Hellickson	17	68	4.00	5.53	9-7	10					
Niemann	12	33	2.75	4.39	6-6	7					
Price	21	64	3.05	4.05	12-9	11					
Shields	21	49	2.33	2.82	13-8	17					
Sonnanstine	4	5	1.25	2.45	0-4	0					
*Puns scored wi	hile starter is in c	ame									

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

GAME-TYING AND GO-AHEAD RBI - Damon-18, Upton-18, Longoria-12, Joyce-10, Zobrist-10, Kotchman-6, Fuld-4, E. Johnson-4, Rodriguez-4, Jaso-3, D. Johnson-2, Lopez-2, Ruggiano-2, Brignac-1, Guyer-1, Shields-1, Shoppach-1

CATCHER'S EFFICIENCY—Chirinos .077 (1-13), Jaso .133 (6-45), Lobaton .000 (0-1), Shoppach .500 (11-22)

OUTFIELD ASSISTS—Joyce-5, Upton-5, Fuld-4, Ruggiano-1

**INFIELD HITS**—Kotchman-11, Damon-9, Longoria-9, Upton-8, Zobrist-8, Brignac-6, Rodriguez-6, Fuld-5, E. Johnson-5, Joyce-3, Jaso-2, Lopez-2, Chirinos-1, Ruggiano-1, Shoppach-1

BUNT SINGLES—E. Johnson-3, Rodriguez-3, Zobrist-3, Brignac-2, Fuld-1, Upton-1

BATTED AROUND—4/8 at CWS (9<sup>th</sup> inn, 9 batters), 4/11 at BOS (2<sup>nd</sup> inn, 10 batters), 5/1 vs. LAA (1<sup>st</sup> inn, 9 batters), 5/16 vs. NYY (6<sup>th</sup> inn, 9 batters) 5/30 vs. TEX (6<sup>th</sup> inn, 9 batters), 6/12 at BAL (1<sup>st</sup> inn, 9 batters), 6/20 at MIL (7<sup>th</sup> inn, 10 batters)

EJECTIONS—Maddon-5 (7/17 vs. BOS, 11<sup>th</sup> inn.; 7/1 vs. STL, 8<sup>th</sup> inn.; 6/13 at DET, 7<sup>th</sup> inn.; 5/4 vs. TOR, 7<sup>th</sup> inn.; 4/10 at CWS, 6<sup>th</sup> inn.), Price-2 (7/1 vs. STL, 8<sup>th</sup> inn.), 6/13 at DET, 8<sup>th</sup> inn.), Howell-1 (7/1 vs. STL, 8<sup>th</sup> inn.), E. Johnson-1 (7/1 vs. STL, 8<sup>th</sup> inning), Joyce-1 (4/29 vs. LAA, 6<sup>th</sup> inn.), Upton-1 (5/4 vs. TOR, 9<sup>th</sup> inn.), Martinez-1 (7/17 vs. BOS).

W-L RECO	DRD		BY PO	SITI	ON (	STAR	RTS)				BY	BAT	TING	ORD	ER (S	TART	ΓS)	
	С	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Brignac					33-25												7-8	26-17
Chirinos	2-4										0-1				1-0	1-0	0-3	
Damon						4-7			42-39	19-18	16-17	11-6	0-1	0-1				
Fuld						33-28	3-1	0-1	0-1	24-14						3-6	6-6	3-5
Guyer						1-0		0-1							1-0		0-1	
Jaso	27-23									1-5				1-0	1-1	9-7	8-5	7-5
Jennings						0-1	1-0			1-1								
D. Johnson		9-10							1-2				3-4	1-3	0-1	2-2	4-2	
E. Johnson			2-0		17-14					1-0	1-2					1-1	9-5	6-7
Joyce						3-4		35-33			1-1	16-7	7-10	10-9	1-4	1-4	2-2	
Kotchman		43-32										0-3	4-4	11-6	14-7	13-11	1-1	
Lobaton	0-1														0-1			
Longoria				33-34					1-1	1-2		14-17	19-16					
Lopez		1-4		10-8					2-0				7-3	0-1	3-4	3-4		
Ramirez									0-4				0-4					
Rodriguez		0-1	18-13	11-5	3-7					3-0	2-1	1-1		7-3	5-7	7-10	6-4	1-1
Ruggiano						12-7	1-0	1-1				2-1		1-1	6-0	2-1	2-2	1-3
Shoppach	24-19													1-2	2-1	10-2	8-8	3-6
Upton							48-46			0-2		7-6	10-4	13-15	18-19			
Zobrist			34-34					16-11	1-0	3-5	33-25	3-6	3-1	7-6	1-2	1-0		

RAYS vs. ATHLETICS												
BATTING			2011						CARE	ER		
·	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI		AVG	AB	Н	HR	RBI	
Chirinos	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Damon	-	-	-	-	-		.298	463	138	6	38	
Fuld	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Jennings	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	
E. Johnson	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Joyce	-	-	-	-	-		.300	10	3	0	3	
Kotchman	-	-	-	-	-		.207	179	37	1	21	
Longoria	-	-	-	-	-		.240	96	23	6	12	
Rodriguez	-	-	-	-	-		.172	29	5	1	4	
Ruggiano	-	-	-	-	-		.125	8	1	0	1	
Shoppach	-	-	-	-	-		.240	50	12	1	7	
Upton	-	-	-	-	-		.246	195	48	6	16	
Zobrist	-	-	-	-	-		.250	96	24	3	13	
<b>PITCHING</b>			<u> 2011</u>						CARE	ER		
	WLS	ERA	G	IP	Н	ER	WLS	ERA	G	IP	Н	ER
Cobb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Davis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1-0	6.30	2	10.0	13	7
Farnsworth	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1-1	2.30	17	15.2	15	4
Gomes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hellickson	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0-0	4.26	1	6.1	7	3
Howell	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0-0	3.86	9	14.0	11	6
McGee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niemann	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-0-0	1.59	2	17.0	15	3
Peralta	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1-0	6.75	15	16.0	18	12
Price	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0-0	2.63	2	13.2	9	4
Ramos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shields	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-2-0	3.54	10	68.2	66	27

RAYS HITTERS AT O.CO COLISEUM (Avg.-AB-H-HR-RBI)—Chirinos (---)...Damon (.244-513-125-17-42)... Fuld (---)...Jennings (---)... E. Johnson (---)...Joyce (.200-5-1-0-2)...Kotchman (.171-105-18-1-11)...Longoria (.217-46-10-3-7)...Rodriguez (.217-23-5-1-4)...Ruggiano (.125-8-1-0-1)...Shoppach (.265-34-9-0-4)...Upton (.196-92-18-2-6)...Zobrist (.208-53-11-1-4)

### **PLAYERS USED IN 2011 (38)**

RH Alex Cobb, RH Juan Cruz, RH Wade Davis, RH Dane De La Rosa, RH Rob Delaney, RH Kyle Farnsworth, RH Brandon Gomes, RH Jeremy Hellickson, LH J.P. Howell, LH Jake McGee, RH Jeff Niemann, RH Joel Peralta, LH David Price, LH Cesar Ramos, Pitchers (18):

RH Adam Russell, RH James Shields, RH Andy Sonnanstine, LH Alex Torres

Robinson Chirinos, John Jaso, Jose Lobaton, Kelly Shoppach Catchers (4): Infielders (7): Reid Brignac, Dan Johnson, Elliot Johnson, Casey Kotchman, Evan Longoria, Felipe Lopez, Sean Rodriguez

Outfielders (9): Johnny Damon, Sam Fuld, Brandon Guyer, Desmond Jennings, Matt Joyce, Manny Ramirez, Justin Ruggiano, B.J. Upton, Ben Zobrist

	RAYS ON THE DISABLED LIST (3)													
Pos.	Player	DL	Injury	Date on	Retro	First Date Off	Gms Missed	Record						
RHP	Juan Cruz	15-day	Right groin strain	July 18	July 18	August 2	7	2-5						
С	John Jaso	15-day	Right oblique strain	July 15	July 10	July 25	10	3-7						
С	Jose Lobaton	15-day	Left knee sprain	July 18	July 18	August 2	7	2-5						

Others (Games Missed): Wade Davis (9, right forearm strain, 3-6), Jeff Niemann (39, lower back strain, 20-19), J.P. Howell (44, left shoulder surgery, 25-19), Evan Longoria (26, left oblique strain, 15-11), Elliot Johnson (16, left knee sprain, 8-8).

		H/R			RAYS 20 Winning	11 DAY-BY-DAY Losing		Pos.		Home	Road
<u>No.</u>	Date	D/N	W/L	Score/Opp	Pitcher	Pitcher	Rec.	GA/GB	Att.	Cum.	Cum.
1 2	4/1 4/2	H/N H/N	L L	1-4/BAL 1-3/BAL	Guthrie (1-0) Accardo (1-0)	Price (0-1) Shields (0-1)	0-1 0-2	T-2/-1.0 T-4/-2.0	34,078 22,164	34,078 56,242	
3	4/3	H/D	L	1-5/BAL	Britton (1-0)	Davis (0-1)	0-3	T-4/-3.5	17,408	73,650	
4	4/4 4/5	H/N	L	3-5/LAA	OFF (1) Weaver (2-0)	Niemann (0-1)	0-3 0-4	T-4/-3.5 T-4/-4.0	13,173	86,823	
5	4/6	H/D	L	1-5/LAA	Haren (1-0)	Hellickson (0-1)	0-5	T-4/-4.0	11,836	98,659	
6 7	4/7 4/8	R/D R/N	L W	1-5/CWS 9-7/CWS	Jackson (2-0) Russell (1-0)	Price (0-2) Thornton (0-1)	0-6 1-6	T-4/-5.0 T-4/-4.5	38,579 20,199		38,579 58,778
8	4/9	R/N	L	2-4/CWS	Humber (1-0)	Davis (0-2)	1-7	T-4/-5.0	26,378		85,156
9 10	4/10 4/11	R/D R/N	L W	1-6/CWS 16-5/BOS	Floyd (1-0) <b>Hellickson (1-1)</b>	Niemann (0-2) Matsuzaka (0-2)	1-8 2-8	5/-5.0 T-4/-4.5	23,436 37,568		108,592 146,160
11	4/12	R/N	W	3-2/BOS	Price (1-2) ` ´	Lester (0-1)	3-8	4/-4.0	37,015		183,175
12	<i>4/13</i> 4/14	<i>R/N</i> H/N	W	BOS 4-2/MIN (10)	<u>PPD – Rain (1)</u> Farnsworth (1-0)	Rescheduled for Augus Capps (1-1)	<u>st 16</u> 4-8	4/-3.5 4/-3.5	10,042	108,701	
13	4/15	H/N	W	5-2/MIN ` ´	Davis (1-2)	Blackburn (1-2)	5-8	4/-2.5	15,342	124,043	
14 15	4/16 4/17	H/D H/D	W L	4-3/MIN 2-4/MIN	<b>Cruz (1-0)</b> Duensing (1-0)	Nathan (0-1) Hellickson (1-2)	6-8 6-9	4/-3.5 4/-3.5	16,428 22,426	140,471 162,897	
16	4/18	H/D	W	5-0/CWS	Price (2-2)	Jackson (2-1)	7-9	T-2/-3.0	12,016	174,913	
17 18	4/19 4/20	H/N H/N	W W	2-1/CWS 4-1/CWS	Shields (1-1) Davis (2-2)	Danks (0-2) Humber (1-2)	8-9 9-9	T-2/-2.0 2/-2.0	13,731 13,214	188,644 201,858	
19	4/21	H/N	L	2-9/CWS	Floyd (2-1)	Niemann (0-3)	9-10	2/-2.5	16,751	218,609	
20 21	4/22 4/23	R/N R/D	L W	4-6/TOR (11) 6-4/TOR	Rzepczynski (2-0) Price (3-2)	Russell (1-1) Morrow (0-1)	9-11 10-11	3/-3.0 2/-3.0	23,192 21,826		206,367 228,183
22	4/24	R/D	W	2-0/TOR	Shields (2-1)	Romero (1-3)	11-11	2/-2.5	14,456		242,639
	4/25 4/26	R/N		MIN	OFF (2)	Decembed and for April 1	11-11	2/-2.5 2/-2.0			
23	4/26 4/27	R/N	W	8-2/MIN	PPD – Rain (2) <b>Davis (3-2)</b>	Rescheduled for April 2 Liriano (1-4)	20 12-11	2/-2.0 2/-2.0	36,714		279,353
24	4/28 (1)	R/D	W	15-3/MIN	Hellickson (2-2)	Blackburn (1-4)	13-11	2/-2.0	38,215		317,568
<u>25</u> 26	4/28 (2) 4/29	R/N H/N	W L	6-1/MIN 5-8/LAA	Niemann (1-3) Santana (1-3)	Swarzak (0-1) Price (3-3)	14-11 14-12	2/-1.5 2/-1.5	36,456 21,791	240,400	354,024
27	4/30	H/D	W	2-1/LAA (10)	Peralta (1-0)	Rodney (0-1) (7-8 Home, 8-4 Road)	15-12	2/-1.5	20,245	260,645	
28	5/1	H/D	L	5-6/LAA	Thompson (1-1)	(7-8 Home, 8-4 Road) Peralta (1-1)	15-13	2/-2.5	16,248	276,893	
00	5/2	1.1/8.1	14/		OFF (3)	, ,	15-13	2/-3.0			
29 30	5/3 5/4	H/N H/N	W L	3-2/TOR 2-3/TOR	Farnsworth (2-0) Morrow (1-1)	Rauch (1-2) Niemann (1-4)	16-13 16-14	2/-2.0 2/-2.0	10,248 10,099	287,141 297,240	
31	5/5	H/D	W	3-1/TOR	Price (4-3)	Drabek (2-2)	17-14	2/-1.0	12,682	309,922	
32 33	5/6 5/7	R/N R/D	W	6-2/BAL 8-2/BAL	Shields (3-1) Hellickson (3-2)	Britton (5-2) Guthrie (1-5)	18-14 19-14	2/-1.0 T-1/+4.0	20,694 18,961		374,718 393.679
34	5/8	R/D	W	5-3/BAL	Davis (4-2)	Bergesen (0-4)	20-14	T-1/+4.0	16,359		410,038
35	5/9 5/10	R/N	L	4-5/CLE	OFF (4) Perez (2-1)	Peralta (1-2)	20-14 20-15	T-1/+4.0 2/-1.0	13,551		423,589
36	5/11	R/N	W	8-2/CLE	Price (5-3)	Carrasco (1-2)	21-15	T-1/+4.5	16,336		439,925
37	5/12	R/D	W	7-4/CLE	Shields (4-1)	Masterson (5-1)	22-15	1/+1.0	18,107	220 200	458,032
38 39	5/13 5/14	H/N H/D	W L	3-0/BAL 0-6/BAL	Hellickson (4-2) Bergesen (1-4)	Guthrie (1-6)  Davis (4-3)	23-15 23-16	1/+2.0 1/+2.0	20,476 28,451	330,398 358,849	
40	5/15	H/D	L	3-9/BAL	Arrieta (5-1)	Sonnanstine (0-1)	23-17	1/+2.0	21,505	380,354	
41 42	5/16 5/17	H/N H/D	W L	6-5/NYY 2-6/NYY	<b>Cruz (2-0)</b> Nova (4-3)	Burnett (4-3) Shields (4-2)	24-17 24-18	1/+3.0 1/+2.0	25,024 27,123	405,378 432,501	
43	5/18	R/N	W	6-5/TOR	Hellickson (5-2)	Litsch (4-3)	25-18	1/+2.0	14,415	,	472,447
44 45	5/19 5/20	R/N R/N	L L	2-3/TOR 3-5/FLA	Romero (4-4) Dunn (4-2)	Davis (4-4) Peralta (0-3)	25-19 25-20	1/+1.0 1/+1.0	12,590 18,111		485,037 503,148
46	5/21	R/D	Ĺ	3-5/FLA	Vazquez (3-4)	Price (5-4)	25-21	T-1/+0.5	21,814		524,962
47 48	5/22 5/23	R/D R/N	W L	4-0/FLA 3-6/DET	Shields (5-2) Furbush (1-0)	Buente (0-1) Hellickson (5-3)	26-21 26-22	T-1/+0.5 T-1/+0.5	15,432 21,550		540,394 561,944
46 49	5/24	R/N	Ĺ	6-7/DET	Alburquerque (1-1)	Ramos (0-1)	26-22	3/-1.0	24,133		586,077
	5/25	R/N		DET	PPD - Rain (3)	Rescheduled for June	13 26-23	3/-1.5			
50	5/26 5/27	H/N	W	5-0/CLE	OFF (5) Price (6-4)	Tomlin (6-2)	27-23	3/-1.5 3/-1.5	16,800	449,301	
51 52	5/28 5/29	H/D	L W	3-7/CLE 7-0/CLE	Carrasco (4-2)	Shields (5-3)	27-24 28-24	3/-2.0 3/-1.5	24,717	474,018	
52 53	5/29 5/30	H/D H/N	L L	5-11/TEX	Hellickson (6-3) Holland (4-1)	Masterson (5-3)  Davis (4-5)	28-25	3/-1.5 3/-1.5	23,898 14,203	497,916 512,119	
<u>54</u>	5/31	H/N	W	5-4/TEX	Peralta (2-3)	Rhodes (3-3)	29-25	3/-1.5	12,783	524,902	
55	6/1	H/D	L	0-3/TEX	MAY 14-13 (7 Lewis (5-5)	<u>'-8 Home, 7-6 Road)</u> Price (6-5)	29-26	3/-2.5	13,725	538,627	
56	6/2	R/N	L	2-8/SEA	Hernandez (6-4)	Shields (5-4)	29-27	3/-3.0	16,376	·	602,453
57 58	6/3 6/4	R/N R/D	L W	0-7/SEA 3-2/SEA	Vargas (4-3) <b>Hellickson (7-3)</b>	Sonnanstine (0-2) Fister (3-6)	29-28 30-28	3/-3.0 3/-3.0	24,492 28,843		626,945 655,788
59	6/5	R/D	L	6-9/SEA	Wright (2-2)	Howell (0-1)	30-29	T-3/-4.0	28,947		684,735
60 61	6/6 6/7	R/N R/N	W W	5-1/LAA 4-1/LAA	Price (7-5) Cobb (1-0)	Chatwood (3-3) Haren (5-4)	31-29 32-29	3/-3.5 3/-2.5	32,287 38,833		717,022 755,855
62	6/8	R/N	W	4-3/LAA (10)	Cruz (3-0)	Rodney (2-3)	33-29	3/-3.0	33,157		789,012
63	6/9 6/10	R/N	L	0-7/BAL	OFF (6) Arrieta (8-3)	Hellickson (7-4)	33-29 33-30	3/-3.0 3/-4.0	17,900		806,912
64	6/11	R/N	W	7-5/BAL (11)	Cruz (4-0)	Accardo (3-2)	34-30	3/-4.0	25,541		832,453
65 66	6/12 6/13	R/D R/N	W	9-6/BAL 1-2/DET (10)	<b>Davis (5-5)</b> Purcey (1-0)	Matusz (1-1) Farnsworth (2-1)	35-30 35-31	3/-4.0 3/-4.5	22,032 30,938		854,485 885,423
67	6/14	H/N	W	4-0/BOS	Shields (6-4)	Wakefield (3-2)	36-31	3/-3.5	20,972	559,559	000,420
68 69	6/15 6/16	H/N H/N	L L	0-3/BOS 2-4/BOS	Beckett (6-2) Buchholz (6-3)	Hellickson (7-5) Price (7-6)	36-32 36-33	3/-4.5 3/-5.5	19,388 23,495	578,947 602,442	
70	6/16	H/N	W	2-4/BOS 5-1/FLA	Davis (6-5)	Hand (0-3)	37-33	3/-5.5	15,708	618,150	
71 72	6/18 6/19	H/N	W	7-4/FLA 2-1/FLA	Cobb (2-0) Shields (7-4)	Nolasco (4-3)	38-33	3/-4.5 3/-4.5	20,495	638,645	
<u>72</u> 73	6/19 6/20	H/N R/N	W	2-1/FLA 8-4/MIL	Shields (7-4) Niemann (2-4)	Webb (1-4) Narveson (4-5)	39-33 40-33	3/-4.5	26,761 35,495	665,406	920,918
74	6/21	R/N	L	1-5/MIL	Greinke (7-2)	Hellickson (7-6)	40-34	3/-4.5	40,079		960,997
75	6/22 6/23	R/D	W	6-3/MIL	<b>Price (8-6)</b> OFF (7)	Estrada (1-5)	41-34 41-34	3/-3.5 3/-3.5	39,632		1,000,639
	6/24	R/N	W	5-1/HOU	Shields (8-4)	W. Rodriguez (5-4)	42-34	3/-2.5	26,682		1,027,321
	6/25	R/N	W W	7-2/HOU 14-10/HOU	Davis (7-5) Howell (1-1)	Norris (4-6) W. Lopez (1-4)	43-34 44-34	3/-2.0 3/-2.0	27,208 23,965		1,054,529 1,078,494
77		יו/א				Hellickson (7-7)	44-35	3/-2.5	19,891	685,297	.,,-,
77 78 79	6/26 6/27	R/D H/N	L	0-5/CIN	Leake (7-4)				,		
79 80	6/26 6/27 6/28	H/N H/N	W	4-3/CIN	Farnsworth (3-1)	Ondrusek (3-3)	45-35	3/-2.5	20,894	706,191	
77 78 79	6/26 6/27	H/N			Farnsworth (3-1) Volquez (5-3) OFF (8)			3/-2.5 3/-3.5	,		

	RAYS 2011 DAY-BY-DAY (continued)												
		H/R			Winning	Losing	osing Pos.						
No.	Date	D/N	W/L	Score/Opp	Pitcher	Pitcher	Rec.	GA/GB	Att.	Cum.	Cum.		
82	7/1	H/N	L	3-5/STL	Westbrook (7-4)	Davis (7-6)	45-37	3/-5.0	19,934	752,093			
83	7/2	H/N	W	5-1/STL	Niemann (3-4)	McClellan (5-6)	46-37	3/-5.0	23,897	775,990			
84	7/3	H/D	W	8-3/STL	Hellickson (8-7)	Lohse (8-5)	47-37	3/-4.0	26,819	802,809			
85	7/4	R/D	L	0-7/MIN	Duensing (6-7)	Price (8-7)	47-38	3/-4.0	39,528		1,118,022		
86	7/5	R/N	L	2-3/MIN	Baker (7-5)	Shields (8-6)	47-39	3/-5.0	38,613		1,156,635		
87	7/6	R/D	W	12-4/MIN	Howell (2-1)	Burnett (2-5)	48-39	3/-4.0	39,841		1,196,476		
88	7/7	R/N	W	5-1/NYY	Niemann (4-4)	Colon (6-4)	49-39	3/-3.5	47,787		1,244,263		
	7/8	R/N		NYY	PPD - Rain (4)	Rescheduled for Sep	22	3/-4.0					
89	7/9	R/D	L	4-5/NYY	Robertson (2-0)	Peralta (2-4)	49-40	3/-5.0	48,103		1,292,366		
90	7/10	R/D	L	0-1/NYY	Sabathia (13-4)	Shields (8-7)	49-41	3/-6.0	47,350		1,339,716		
	7/11-13				ALL-STAR BREAK								
	7/14				OFF (9)			3/-6.0					
91	7/15	H/N	W	9-6/BOS	Price (9-7)	Miller (3-1)	50-41	3/-5.0	25,729	828,538			
92	7/16	H/D	L	5-9/BOS	Lackey (7-8)	Shields (8-8)	50-42	3/-6.0	32,487	861,025			
93	7/17	H/N	L	0-1/BOS (16)	Aceves (5-1)	Russell (1-2)	50-43	3/-7.0	21,504	882,529			
94	7/18	H/N	L	4-5/NYY	Robertson (3-0)	Torres (0-1)	50-44	3/-8.0	22,471	905,000			
95	7/19	H/N	W	3-2/NYY	Hellickson (9-7)	Colon (6-6)	51-44	3/-7.0	22,780	927,780			
96	7/20	H/N	L	0-4/NYY	Garcia (8-7)	Price (9-8)	51-45	3/-8.0	21,505	949,285			
97	7/21	H/N	W	2-1/NYY	Shields (9-8)	Sabathia (14-5)	52-45	3/-7.0	29,279	978,564			
98	7/22	R/N	L	4-10/KC	Hochevar (6-8)	Davis (7-7)	52-46	3/-8.5	27,824		1,367,540		
99	7/23	R/N	L	4-5/KC (10)	Soria (5-3)	Gomes (0-1)	52-47	3/-9.5	27,643		1,395,183		
100	7/24	R/D	W	5-0/KC	Cobb (3-0)	Paulino (1-8)	53-47	3/-9.5	23,735		1,418,918		

# **2011 TRANSACTIONS** (since Opening Day)

**OPENING DAY ROSTER** 

Pitchers (12): RH Juan Cruz, RH Wade Davis, RH Kyle Farnsworth, RH Jeremy Hellickson, LH Jake McGee, RH Jeff Niemann, RH Joel Peralta,

LH David Price, LH Cesar Ramos, RH Adam Russell, RH James Shields, RH Andy Sonnanstine

John Jaso, Kelly Shoppach Catchers (2):

Infielders (5): Reid Brignac, Dan Johnson, Elliot Johnson, Evan Longoria, Sean Rodriguez Outfielders (6): Johnny Damon, Sam Fuld, Matt Joyce, Manny Ramirez, B.J. Upton, Ben Zobrist

J.P. Howell (15-day) DL (1):

- April 3 Placed 3B Evan Longoria (left oblique strain) on 15-day disabled list; selected INF Felipe Lopez from AAA Durham; designated RH Mike **Ekstrom** for assignment.
- April 6 Outrighted RH Mike Ekstrom to AAA Durham.
- April 8 OF Manny Ramirez retired; selected 1B Casey Kotchman from AAA Durham.
- May 1
- Optioned LH **Jake McGee** to AAA Durham; recalled RH **Alex Cobb** from AAA Durham.

  Optioned RH **Alex Cobb** to AAA Durham; designated INF **Felipe Lopez** for assignment; recalled RH **Brandon Gomes** from AAA Durham; May 3 reinstated 3B Evan Longoria from the 15-day disabled list.
- May 6 Placed RHP Jeff Niemann (lower back strain) on 15-day disabled list; recalled OF Brandon Guyer from AAA Durham.
- Optioned OF **Brandon Guyer** to AAA Durham; recalled RH **Rob Delaney** from AAA Durham.

  Optioned RH **Rob Delaney** to AAA Durham; designated INF **Dan Johnson** for assignment; reinstated LH **J.P. Howell** from the 15-day May 7 May 20 disabled list; selected OF Justin Ruggiano from AAA Durham
- May 22 Placed SS Reid Brignac on bereavement list; selected INF Felipe Lopez from AAA Durham.
- Placed UTL **Elliot Johnson** (left knee sprain) on the 15-day disabled list; reinstated SS **Reid Brignac** from the bereavement list. Optioned RH **Brandon Gomes** to AAA Durham; recalled RH **Alex Cobb** from AAA Durham. May 25
- May 30 June 12 Designated INF Felipe Lopez for assignment; reinstated UTL Elliot Johnson (left knee sprain) from the 15-day disabled list.
- June 18 Optioned RH Alex Cobb to AAA Durham; reinstated RH Jeff Niemann from the 15-day disabled list.
- Placed RH **Wade Davis** (forearm strain) on the 15-day disabled list; recalled **RH Brandon Gomes** from AAA Durham. Optioned RH **Andy Sonnanstine** to AAA Durham; recalled OF **Brandon Guyer** from AAA Durham; following the game, optioned OF July 7 July 10 Brandon Guyer to AAA Durham.
- Placed C **John Jaso** (right oblique strain) on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 10; recalled LH **Jake McGee** from AAA Durham; recalled C **Jose Lobaton** from AAA Durham. July 15
- July 18 Placed RH Juan Cruz (right groin strain) and C Jose Lobaton (left knee sprain) on the 15-day disabled list; designated RH Adam Russell for assignment; recalled C Robinson Chirinos, RH Alex Cobb and LH Alex Torres from AAA Durham.
- July 19
- Optioned LH Alex Torres to AAA Durham; recalled RH Dane De La Rosa from AAA Durham.

  Optioned RH Dane De La Rosa to AAA Durham; reinstated RH Wade Davis (right forearm strain) from the 15-day disabled list.
- July 21 July 23 Optioned SS Reid Brignac to AAA Durham; recalled OF Desmond Jennings from AAA Durham

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Year	Team	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
2010	Tampa Bay	19-6	2.72	32	31	2	1	208.2	170	71	63	79	188	15	.221
2011	Tampa Bay	9-8	3.67	21	21	0	0	142.1	125	59	58	29	137	15	.234
Caree	· MLB	38-21	3.41	81	76	2	1	493.1	423	206	187	166	439	48	.229

## TOMORROW'S START & 2011 NOTES

- Twenty-five-year-old lefty makes his 22<sup>nd</sup> start of the season and 77<sup>th</sup> of his career...this is his fourth major league season, second full season. Was selected by AL Manager Ron Washington to his 2<sup>nd</sup> All-Star Game...did not pitch due to a turf toe injury.
- Last start: On Wed vs. NYY, only allowed 2 ER in 7.1 IP but took the loss as the Rays were shut out by Freddy Garcia and the Yankees in a 4-0 loss...his line: 7.1 IP, 6 H, 2 R/ER, 2 BB, 5 SO, 1 HR, 113 pitches, 69 strikes...gave up a 2-run HR to Curtis Granderson in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning, then shut out the Yankees after that...the Rays lost for the first time with him starting against the Yankees at Tropicana Field (5 career apps).
- Has allowed 2 HR to Curtis Granderson in 24 career AB...has only allowed 2 HR in 399 career AB against all other left-handed batters...has only allowed HR to two other left-handed batters in his career (PHI Chase Utley and BOS Jacoby Ellsbury).
- Has allowed HR in 4 consecutive starts, the longest streak of his career.
- Is 9-2 when the Rays score at least 3 runs in games he has started this season...is 0-6 when the Rays score 2 runs or less. Opposing teams are batting .305 (32-for-105) with runners in scoring position, 10<sup>th</sup>-highest among AL starters and highest on the Rays rotation.
- Threw a season-high 121 pitches on July 15 vs. BOS (career-high was 122 on July 2, 2010 at MIN)...has already thrown 110 pitches or more 13 times this season...had only done it 14 times previously in his career.
- Has allowed 4 runs or more in 8 of his 20 starts this season...only allowed 4 runs or more in 4 of his 31 starts last season.
- Is 15-7 in 36 career apps (31 starts) in the second half.
- Has a 3.49 ERA (121.1-IP, 47-ER) through the first 6 innings...his ERA jumps to 4.71 (21.0-IP, 11-ER) after the 6th inning.
- Ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the AL with 137 SO and ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> among AL lefthanders (NYY CC Sabathia-142)...also ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the AL in innings pitched (142.1) and T-12<sup>th</sup> in wins (9).
- Ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the majors in SO/BB ratio at 4.72 (137-SO, 29-BB) and 6<sup>th</sup> with a 1.83 BB/9 IP ratio (29-BB, 142.2-IP)
- Has held left-handed batters to a .164 avg. (20-for-122), 2<sup>nd</sup>-lowest among all major league starters behind **LAD Clayton Kershaw**...during his career lefties have batted .202 (86-for-426) with 3 home runs.
- In his career, is 21-10 with a 2.60 ERA (260-IP, 75-ER) at home compared to 17-11 with a 4.32 ERA (233.1-IP, 112-ER) on the road.
- Has allowed 3 runs or less in 55 of his 76 career starts (72.3 percent).
- His .644 career winning pct. (38-21) makes him the only Rays with a career winning pct. of over .600 (min. 25 decisions)

- PRICE vs. OAKLAND

  Will make his 3<sup>rd</sup> career start against the Athletics...is 1-0 with a 2.63 ERA (13.2-IP, 4-ER) in his previous 2 starts, both at Oakland.
- In his last start against the A's on Aug 21, 2010, did not factor in the decision in a 5-4 Rays win...his line: 6 IP, 6 H, 4 R/ER, 1 BB, 5 SO, 98 pitches, 73 strikes
- Has held the A's to a .196 batting avg. (9-for-46) with only 1 XBH.