



PREGAME NOTES

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011 at OAKLAND ATHLETICS

LH David Price (9-8, 3.67) vs. RH Brandon McCarthy (2-5, 3.74)

First Pitch: 10:07 p.m. | **Location:** O.co Coliseum, Oakland, Calif. | **TV:** Sun Sports | **Radio:** WDAE 620 AM
Game No.: 102 (53-48) | **Road Game No.:** 53 (29-23) | **All-Time Game No.:** 2,205 (975-1,229) | **All-Time Road Game No.:** 1,105 (429-675)
April: 15-12 | **May:** 14-13 | **June:** 16-11 | **July:** 8-12

RAY MATTER—The Rays have been a season-high 9.5 games behind first-place Boston for the last three days, their largest deficit since the final day of the 2009 season...they are 7.5 GB of New York in the AL Wild Card race...Rays have lost 14 of their last 23 games beginning June 27.

- ⚓ Rays have lost 9 of their last 13 games starting July 9...7 of these 13 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 high-water mark of 10 games over .500, and 3.5 games back in the East...since then they are 4-9 and have dropped 6.0 games in the standings while Boston has gone 10-3.
- ⚓ Rays had 7 extra-base hits (4-2B, 1-3B, 2-HR) yesterday, their most in a loss since Aug 10, 2009 at LAA (7).
- ⚓ The Rays are 1-5-1 in their last 7 series after going 5-1-0 in their prev. 6 series.
- ⚓ The Rays are 39-13 (.750) when scoring first, compared to 14-35 (.286) when the opponent scores first.

OAKLAND & THE TRIP—This 4-game series is the Rays first against Oakland this season, the last AL club they have played this season...they will meet again at Tropicana Field, Aug 5-7...Rays are 46-77 (.374) all-time, but 21-18 (.538) in the last five seasons (2007-11)...they are 18-44 (.290) all-time at O.co Coliseum.

- ⚓ Rays are 1-3 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 182-226 (.446).

ROAD FIELD ADVANTAGE—Despite losing 5 of their last 6 road games, the Rays are 29-23 (.558) on the road and 24-25 (.490) at home and the road-home disparity of 68 pct. points is the largest in the AL...Rays have scored 5.02 R/G on the road (2nd in AL, 3rd in majors) but only 3.27 R/G at home (26th in majors).

RAYS CATCH THE BIG TRAIN—Tonight is the 704th straight game in which the Rays have started a pitcher under the age of 30, tying the major league record set by the 1913-17 Washington Senators, led by Hall of Famer **Walter Johnson**...the Rays are on track to pass this record tomorrow...the last start by a Rays pitcher 30 or older was RH **Jaé Seo**, who started on his 30th 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 30th birthday in 835 consecutive games (836 including today)—more than 5 years ago.

- ⚓ In the 703 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).
- ⚓ Rays are 377-326 (.536) during this time, 5th best in MLB.
- ⚓ 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 703 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	22	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

LEFT HANGING—The Rays are batting .203 (14-for-69) this season with the bases loaded, worst in the AL...in their last 15 plate apps with the bases loaded, they are 0-for-12 and have scored only 4 times, on a walk, HBP, sac fly and an error.

- ⚓ After going 1-for-13 with RISP yesterday, they are batting .170 (9-for-53) with RISP on the road trip and a major-league-worst .167 (14-for-84) beginning July 17, the date of their 16-inning game vs. Boston.

LIKE NIGHT AND DAY—Over the last 9 games—beginning with the 16-inning game July 17 vs. BOS—Rays starting pitchers have a 2.43 ERA (59.1-IP, 50-H, 16-ER, 16-BB, 42-SO, 4-HR)...7 of these 9 starts have lasted at least 6.0 IP with 2 ER allowed or less.

- ⚓ Over these same 9 games, the Rays bullpen has allowed 28 walks in 29.2 IP...they are 0-4 with a 5.16 ERA (29.2-IP, 17-ER) and are 2-for-6 in save opps during this stretch.

BEN ZOBRIST—Had two doubles and a home run last night and now leads the majors with 33 doubles and is tied with BOS **Adrian Gonzalez** and TOR **Jose Bautista** for the ML lead with 50 extra-base hits...the Rays have never had a player lead the league in either category over a full season...is on pace for a club-record 53 doubles—**Aubrey Huff** (47 in 2003) is the current record holder...has 5 doubles in his last 4 games and 16 in his last 36 games.

DESMOND IS GOLD—OF **Desmond Jennings**, recalled prior to Saturday's game, led off in his first 3 games and recorded multiple hits in all 3 contests (6-for-11, .545) and boasts a .667 OBP...Jennings is the first Rays player to bat leadoff and record multiple hits in his first 3 games of a season since CF **Quinton McCracken** did the same in the first 3 games in Rays history, March 31–April 2, 1998...the last player to do it in the majors was COL **Carlos Gonzalez**, April 5-7, 2010, and the last to do it in the AL was CLE **Grady Sizemore**, April 2-5, 2007.

- ⚓ Jennings was recalled when SS **Reid Brignac** was optioned, and Jennings already has more extra-base hits (4) in 3 games than Brignac had in 68 games (3).
- ⚓ In just 3 games, Jennings has surpassed his 2010 totals (in 17 games) in hits (6 to 4), doubles (3 to 1) and SB (3 to 2) while matching his totals in RBI (2), triples (1) and walks (2).

PARTNERS IN POWER PITCHING—With a combined 288 strikeouts, RH **James Shields** (151 SO) and LH **David Price** (137 SO) have more than any other teammates in the AL, while their combined 298.2 IP rank 2nd in the AL...Shields and Price became the first pair of AL teammates each with 125 SO before the All-Star break since CAL **Nolan Ryan** (234) and **Frank Tanana** (152) in 1977.

Most Combined Strikeouts, Teammates, Majors

295	PHI Cliff Lee (148), Roy Halladay (147)
288	TB James Shields (151), David Price (137)
281	LAD Clayton Kershaw (167), Chad Billingsley (114)

Most Combined Innings Pitched, Teammates, Majors

306.2	LAA Jered Weaver (154.0), Dan Haren (152.2)
302.2	PHI Roy Halladay (155.1), Cliff Lee (147.1)
298.2	TB James Shields (156.1), David Price (142.1)

STEADY PACE—With 2,674 career hits, DH **Johnny Damon** ranks 67th all-time and is 3 shy of **Luis Aparicio** for 66th...last night's double was the 505th of his career, tying **Tony Perez** for 48th on the all-time list...will tie **Babe Ruth** with his next double.

All-Time Hit Leaders

63.	Fred Clarke	2,703
64.	Gary Sheffield	2,689
65.	George Davis	2,683
66.	Luis Aparicio	2,677
67.	Johnny Damon	2,674

All-Time Doubles Leaders

45.	Mark Grace	511
46.	Rickey Henderson	510
47.	Babe Ruth	506
48.	Johnny Damon	505
	Tony Perez	505

EVAN LONGORIA—Leads the majors with 37 RBI since June 11, in 37 games, followed by CHC **Aramis Ramirez** (36) and BOS **Kevin Youkilis** (35)...during this span is batting .340 (17-for-50) with RISP after starting the year 4-for-25 thru 35 games.

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 8 rookies on their active roster...6 players have made their ML debuts with the Rays this season...Rays have used a rookie starting pitcher 25 times, most in the majors.

Upcoming Games	Opp.	Time	TV	Rays Starting Pitcher	Opp. Starting Pitcher
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 games broadcast on WDAE 620 AM and in Spanish on WGES 680 AM. All times Eastern Standard Time (EST).





TONIGHT'S STARTER – LH DAVID PRICE (9-8, 3.67)

Year	Team	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	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
Career MLB		38-21	3.41	81	76	2	1	493.1	423	206	187	166	439	48	.229

TONIGHT'S START & 2011 NOTES

- Twenty-five-year-old lefty makes his 22nd start of the season and 77th of his career...this is his fourth major league season, second full season.
- Was selected by AL Manager Ron Washington to his 2nd 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 1st 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).
- **League Ranks:** 5th in the AL with 137 SO and ranks 2nd among AL lefthanders (NYY CC Sabathia-142)...also ranks 9th in the AL in innings pitched (142.1) and T-12th in wins (9).
- Ranks 5th in the majors in SO/BB ratio at 4.72 (137-SO, 29-BB) and 6^h 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), 2nd-lowest among all major league starters behind LAD Clayton Kershaw...during his career lefties have batted .202 (86-for-426) with 3 home runs.
- Has allowed 2 HR to NYY 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, 10th-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.
- 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).
- Finished June with 48 SO, setting a new club record for the month...went 2-2 with a 3.24 ERA (41.2-IP, 15-ER) in 6 starts.
- Went 3-1 with a 3.06 ERA (35.1-IP, 12-ER) in May (5 starts)...ranked T-5th in the AL in wins (3), 4th in SO (38) and 5th in opp. batting avg. (.192).
- Has allowed 3 runs or less in 55 of his 76 career starts (72 percent).
- Rays are 12-9 in his 21 starts this season and 50-26 in his 76 career starts.

2011 SPLITS	
vs. LH:	.164 (20-122), 3-HR
vs. RH:	.255 (105-412), 12-HR
Home:	4-5, 3.28 ERA (74.0-IP, 27-ER)
Road:	5-3, 4.08 ERA (68.1-IP, 31-ER)
2011 SEASON HIGHS	
IP:	8.2, 5/5 vs. TOR
Strikeouts:	12, 2x-last 6/28 vs. CIN
Walks:	5, 6/16 vs. BOS
HR All'd:	3, 6/15 vs. BOS
Hits All'd:	12, 4/29 vs. LAA
Runs All'd:	5, 3x, last 5/21 at FLA
Win Streak:	3G, 4/12-4/23
Loss Streak:	2G, 4/1-4/7
CAREER GAME HIGHS	
Lone CG/SHO:	4/25/10 vs. TOR (4 hits)
Strikeouts:	12, 2x-last 6/28/11 vs. CIN
Walks:	6, 6/11/09 vs. LAA
HR All'd:	3, 2x, last 7/15/11 vs. BOS
Hits All'd:	12, 4/29/11 vs. LAA
Runs All'd:	10, 6/23/09 vs. PHI
Win Streak:	5G, 2x-last 4/25-5/28/10
Loss Streak:	2G, 2x-last 4/1-4/7/11

2011 STARTS

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#P/K	RESULT	OPP. STARTER	WHEN LEFT
4/1	BAL	L-1	5.14	7.0	5	4	4	1	7	0	103/65	L, 1-4	Guthrie	down 4-1
4/7	@CWS	L-2	4.85	6.0	8	3	3	1	2	0	96/54	L, 1-5	Jackson	down 3-0
4/12	@BOS	W-1	3.92	7.2	5	2	2	2	3	1	116/72	W, 3-2	Lester	up 3-2
4/18	CWS	W-2	2.83	8.0	4	0	0	2	9	0	114/69	W, 5-0	Jackson	up 5-0
4/23	@TOR	W-3	3.19	8.0	8	4	4	2	5	2	102/67	W, 6-4	Morrow	up 6-3
4/29	LAA	L-3	3.95	4.1	12	5	5	1	4	1	98/60	L, 8-5	Santana	down 5-4
APRIL		3-3	3.95	41.0	43	18	18	9	30	4				
5/5	TOR	W-4	3.26	8.2	4	1	0	0	10	0	118/81	W, 3-1	Drabek	up 3-1
5/11	@CLE	W-5	3.12	8.0	5	2	2	0	7	0	112/70	W, 8-2	Carrasco	up 7-2
5/16	NYY	--	3.59	5.0	6	5	5	1	5	1	98/62	W, 6-5	Burnett	down 5-1
5/21	@FLA	L-4	3.89	6.2	6	5	5	1	4	2	107/66	L, 3-5	Vazquez	down 5-0
5/27	CLE	W-6	3.54	7.0	4	0	0	2	12	0	110/76	W, 5-0	Tomlin	up 5-0
MAY		3-1	3.06	35.1	25	13	12	4	38	3				
6/1	TEX	L-5	3.52	8.0	5	3	3	1	8	0	113/75	L, 0-3	Lewis	down 3-0
6/6	@LAA	W-7	3.35	7.0	5	1	1	0	7	0	114/79	W, 5-1	Chatwood	up 5-1
6/11	@BAL	--	3.51	6.0	8	4	4	1	6	2	117/79	W, 7-5	Guthrie	down 4-3
6/16	BOS	L-6	3.61	5.0	5	3	3	5	5	0	106/62	L, 2-4	Buchholz	down 3-1
6/22	@MIL	W-8	3.51	8.0	5	2	2	1	10	0	120/78	W, 6-3	Marcum	up 6-2
6/28	CIN	--	3.43	7.2	6	2	2	1	12	0	119/87	W, 4-3	Cueto	down 2-1
JUNE		2-2	3.24	41.2	34	15	15	9	48	2				
7/4	@MIN	L-7	3.56	6.0	5	4	4	1	6	1	92/57	L, 0-7	Duensing	down 4-0
7/9	@NYY	--	3.70	5.0	7	4	4	3	3	1	112/71	L, 4-5	Burnett	down 4-3
7/15	BOS	W-9	3.73	6.0	5	3	3	1	7	3	121/70	W, 9-6	Miller	up 9-3
7/20	NYY	L-8	3.67	7.1	6	2	2	2	5	1	113/69	L, 0-4	Garcia	down

2010 & CAREER NOTES

- Began the year as the Rays No. 4 starter and went on to win 19 games, the most by a major league pitcher in his first season since HOU Roy Oswalt (19) in 2002.
- Set club records in wins (19), ERA (2.72), opp avg. (.221), quality starts (25) and winning pct. (.760).
- Finished 2nd in the AL Cy Young balloting behind SEA Felix Hernandez...received 4 first-place votes and 111 points behind Hernandez's 167...was the only pitcher to rank in the top five in the AL in wins, winning pct., ERA, opp avg. and quality starts.
- Finished 3rd in the AL in ERA behind SEA Felix Hernandez (2.27) and BOS Clay Buchholz (2.33).
- Only six lefthanders all-time have matched his numbers for wins, ERA and strikeouts in one season at his age or younger: DET Frank Tanana (1976), OAK Vida Blue (1971), CLE Herb Score (1956), DET Hal Newhouser (1945), NYG Rube Marquard (1911) and CIN Noodles Hahn (1901).

PRICE vs. OAKLAND

- Makes his 3rd 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.

A'S vs. PRICE (Career Avg.-AB-H-HR)—Crisp (.333-3-1-0)...DeJesus (.200-5-1-0)...Pennington (.500-2-1-0)...Suzuki (.000-2-0-0)...Sweeney (.333-3-1-0).

RAYS vs. MCCARTHY (Career Avg.-AB-H-HR)—Damon (.200-5-1-1)...Kotchman (.500-8-4-0)...Longoria (.333-3-1-0)...Rodriguez (.000-2-0-0)...Shoppach (.500-6-3-2)...Upton (.333-9-3-0)...Zobrist (.125-8-1-0).

#70 JOE MADDON, MANAGER

- Is the longest-tenured and winningest manager in Rays history...owns a 457-454 (.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 484-478 (.503) in his career, including an interim stint with the Angels in 1999 (19-10)...won his 400th 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 3rd 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)	MON: 0-0 (def. sub)	KC SERIES: 1-8	'STAND: .200 (2-10), 2B, 2-BB, 2-R
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: ---	vs. RH: .167 (3-18)	RISP: .000 (0-4)

- Has started 5 of 8 games (appeared in 7) since being recalled July 18 as Jose Lobaton was placed on the 15-day DL.
- Is 3-for-18 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 11th 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 Iowa for the first time, playing in 15 games to end the season.

#22 JOHNNY DAMON, OF (.275, 9, 44)	MON: 1-5, 2B, R	KC SERIES: 4-10, 2-2B, RBI, R	'STAND: 231 (6-26), 2-RBI, 2-BB, 2-R
Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.200, 1-5)	vs. LH: .255 (26-102), 2-HR	vs. RH: .283 (77-272), 7-HR	RISP: .270 (24-89), HR

- Hit his 505th career double yesterday at OAK, tying Tony Perez for 48th on the all-time doubles list...needs 1 more to tie Babe Ruth for 47th and 4 more to tie Rickey Henderson for 46th...now has 2,674 career hits, and is 3 hits shy of tying Luis Aparicio for 66th on the all-time hit list.
- Collected his 500th double June 18 vs. FLA, becoming the 11th all-time with 500 2B, 100 3B, 200 HR and 2,500 hits, joining 10 Hall of Famers.
- Yesterday at OAK hit 2nd in the order for the third straight game after batting leadoff in his previous 37 games...batting .236 (33-for-140) 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 .272 SLG in 46 losses...all 9 of his HR have come in wins.
- Has hit safely in 9 of his last 11 games and is batting .303 (20-for-66) with 6 XBH and 7 RBI in his last 16 games since July 2.
- Has 18 go-ahead or game-tying RBI, tied with B.J. Upton for most on the team...ranks T-9th 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 .302 (60-for-199) in 49 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 (.243, 3, 25)	MON: 0-1	KC SERIES: 2-8, R	'STAND: .316 (6-19), 2-2B, 2-3B, 2-RBI, SB
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .217 (13-60)	vs. RH: .251 (52-207), 3-HR	RISP: .226 (14-62), HR

- Is batting .287 (11-for-38) with 2 2B, 2 3B and 2 SB over his last 14 games (10 starts) and has hit safely in his last 5 starts.
- 29-year-old has started 8 of the last 11 games after only starting 9 of the previous 30 games...started 50 of the first 60 games...has appeared in 81 games (67 starts; 51-LF, 4-CF, 1-RF, 1-DH)...is batting .385 (5-for-13) in games he did not start with 2 2B and 3 BB...is batting .236 (60-for-254) as a starter.
- Is batting .284 (23-for-81) in his last 32 games (22 starts) since the start of June...hit just .157 (14-for-89) in May.
- Is T-12th in the AL with 18 SB but has 8 CS (T-8th 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.

#9 ELLIOT JOHNSON, UTL (.195, 3, 13)	MON: 0-1	KC SERIES: 1-5, R	'STAND: .100 (1-10), 2B, RBI, 2-BB, R
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .259 (14-54)	vs. RH: .149 (11-74), 3-HR	RISP: .158 (6-38), HR

- Went 1-for-5 Sat at KC with 3 SO...is batting just .129 (8-for-62) 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 49 (40-SS, 5-2B, 2-1B, 1-LF, 1-CF)
- Went 0-for-2 on July 21 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).

#8 DESMOND JENNINGS, OF (.545, 0, 2)	MON: 2-5, 2B, RBI, SB	KC SERIES: 4-6, 3B, 2-2B, RBI, 2-BB, 2-R, 2-SB	'STAND: ---
Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.545, 6-11), 2-RBI	vs. LH: 1.000 (2-2)	vs. RH: .444 (4-9)	RISP: .333 (1-3)

- Has led off the last 3 games since being recalled and has recorded multiple hits in each game...is first Rays player to bat leadoff and record multiple hits in his first 3 games of a season since CF Quinton McCracken did the same in the first 3 games in Rays history, March 31-April 2, 1998...last to do it in the majors was COL Carlos Gonzalez, April 5-7, 2010, and last to do it in AL was CLE Grady Sizemore, April 2-5, 2007.
- 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 2nd 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 3 games, has matched or exceeded his 2010 season totals in hits (6), 2B (3), 3B (1), SB (3), BB (2) and TB (11)...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 July 22 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.
- 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.

#20 MATT JOYCE, OF (.280, 14, 46)	MON: 0-5, RBI, R	KC SERIES: 2-10, HR, 2-RBI	'STAND: .250 (3-12), HR, 2-RBI, R, SB
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .173 (9-52), 3-HR	vs. RH: .303 (74-244), 11-HR	RISP: .250 (20-80), 3-HR

- **April 1-May 27:** .377 (57-for-151), 13 2B, 8 HR, 27 RBI; **May 28-July 25:** .179 (26-for-145), 7 2B, 6 HR, 19 RBI.
- Has only started 6 of the last 14 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 July 22 vs. KC, his 4th 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 July 20 vs. NYY...went 0-for-4 with 4 SO, his 2nd career 4-SO game (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 9th inning off PIT Joel Hanrahan.
- Made his first error of the season on July 5 at MIN...has made 76 starts (90 apps) on the season with 69 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).

#11 CASEY KOTCHMAN, 1B (.325, 4, 29) Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.214, 3-14)	MON: 1-4 vs. LH: .268 (19-71)	KC SERIES: 2-12, 2B, 3-BB vs. RH: .344 (75-218), 4-HR	'STAND: .310 (9-29), 2B, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, 2-BB RISP: .266 (21-79), 1-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since qualifying for the batting title on Wed vs. NYY, has gone 3-for-19 in the last 5 games...his batting avg. fell below .330 on Sat for the first time since May 5...still ranks 5th in the majors (4th in AL) with a .326 avg. AL ranks: 2nd in avg. against RHP (.344), 4th in batting avg. on the road (.323), 6th in on-base pct. (.388) and T-11th in multi-hit games (31). Has multiple hits in 8 of his last 19 G...leads the team with 11 infield hits...has 21 XBH in his last 50 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 44 straight games at 1B since missing 5 games with a right ankle sprain, May 30–June 3...has appeared in 86 games (76 starts) overall since his selection from AAA Durham on April 8. Committed an error on July 16 vs. BOS, his 1st of the season and 1st 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 4th 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 (.241, 13, 50) Current Hitting Streak: ---	MON: 0-1, 4-BB vs. LH: .233 (14-60), 4-HR	KC SERIES: 3-7, HR, 2B, 3-RBI, 3-BB vs. RH: .244 (49-201), 9-HR	'STAND: .231 (6-26), 2B, HR, 4-RBI, 6-BB RISP: .280 (21-75), 5-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last night drew a career-high and franchise record-tying 4 BB...became 9th Rays player to do so, 1st since Dan Johnson Aug 10, 2010 vs. DET. Since June 11, leads the majors with 37 RBI (in 37 games)...is 17-for-50 (.340) 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 10 games (10-for-35), but is batting .222 (16-for-72) thus far in July (19 games). Is batting .277 (39-for-141) 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 19 road games, has batted .295 (23-for-78) 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 35-37 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 37 losses, he has batted .147 (19-for-129) with 3 HR and 13 RBI. Hit the front end of back-to-back HR with Matt Joyce Fri at KC...was his 2nd 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 3rd walk-off HR of his career and 4th walk-off hit of his career...was the Rays 3rd walk-off HR. His 24 RBI in June ranked 3rd in the AL—one shy of co-leaders BOS Adrian Gonzalez and NYY Mark Teixeira—and 2nd-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 (.211, 4, 17) Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.333, 1-3)	MON: 1-3, R vs. LH: .286 (22-77), 2-HR	KC SERIES: 0-9, 2-BB, 2-R, SB vs. RH: .170 (24-141), 2-HR	'STAND: .185 (5-27), BB, SB, CS RISP: .163 (8-49), HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snapped an 0-for-12 skid last night with a 3rd-inning single...started at SS for the 2nd time in four games after not starting there since June 5 at SEA...has started 16 of the last 18 games, batting .186 (11-for-59) with a HR and 2 2B in that span...has started 58 games overall (31-2B, 15-3B, 11-SS, 1-1B). Against lefties, leads the Rays in batting avg. (.286), OBP (.402) and slugging pct. (.519). Of his 46 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 5th 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) Current Hitting Streak: ---	SUN: DNP vs. LH: .216 (8-37), HR	KC SERIES: DNP vs. RH: .288 (15-52), 2-HR	'STAND: .200 (2-10), 2B RISP: .381 (8-21), HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 33 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 (.189, 6, 16) Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.400, 4-10)	MON: 2-3, HR vs. LH: .250 (18-72), 3-HR	KC SERIES: 1-4 vs. RH: .127 (9-71), 3-HR	'STAND: .273 (3-11), R, B RISP: .167 (6-36)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hit his 2nd HR of July last night, a solo shot that stretched the Rays lead to 5-2...has at least one hit in 5 of the last 7 games he has started but is 7-for-40 (.175) in his last 16 G (13 starts). Has caught 13 of 24 attempted base stealers (54.2 percent), the best percentage in the majors (min. 55 G)...has started 45 games at catcher. Has a .127 avg. (9-for-71) against RHP, the 4th-lowest of any major leaguer with at least 50 AB vs. RHP. Has 10 BB in his last 23 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 56 games played (46 starts)...with 52 SO in 165 PA (3.17 PA/SO), has the 3rd-highest SO/PA ratio in the majors (min. 150 PA)...with a 2.86 PA/SO (352/123) ratio in 120 career games as a Ray, has struck out more often than any player in Rays history (min. 100 PA). Owens a career .278 (105-for-378) avg. with 24 HR against LHP...has hit only .207 (171-for-828) with 30 HR vs. RHP. 			
#2 B.J. UPTON, OF (.229, 15, 53) Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.250, 1-4)	MON: 1-4, 3B, RBI vs. LH: .224 (19-85), 4-HR	KC SERIES: 1-8, BB, SB vs. RH: .231 (62-268) 11-HR	'STAND: .156 (5-32), R, 2-RBI, BB, SB RISP: .245 (25-102), 4-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returned to the lineup after a day off and hit an RBI 3B in the bottom of the 5th inning, his first of the season. Is 3-for-34 (.088) in his last 8 games after batting .390 (16-for-41) in his previous 11 games in July. Is batting .284 (52-for-183) with 9 HR and 39 RBI in 49 games on the road, compared to .171 (29-for-170) with 6 HR and 14 RBI in 47 home games, the 2nd-lowest home avg. in the majors. Leads the team with 15 HR, 53 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 11th AL player all-time (12th 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 12 road games and 9 of his last 11 HR have come on the road...has hit safely in 15 of his last 17 road games, batting .302 (19-for-63) with 6 HR and 18 RBI during that span...homed 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. 			
18 BEN ZOBRIST, UTL (.276, 12, 53) Current Hitting Streak: 5G (.455, 10-22)	MON: 3-4, HR, 2-2B, RBI, SB, R vs. LH: .286 (30-105), 3-HR	KC SERIES: 6-14, 2B, 4-RBI, SB, 2-R vs. RH: .273 (72-264), 9-HR	'STAND: .200 (4-20), 4-R, HR, 5-RBI, 7-BB RISP: .277 (23-83), 3-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Went 3-for-4 for a 2nd straight game last night, hitting his ML-leading 32nd and 33rd doubles of the season...has doubled in 4 straight games for the 2nd time this season (also June 17-20 vs. FLA/MIL)...led majors with 12 doubles in June...has 16 2B in his last 36 games. His 50 extra-base hits are tied with TOR Jose Bautista and BOS Adrian Gonzalez for tops in the majors...totaled only 40 XBH all last season. Leads the AL with a .330 (68-for-206) avg. with 40 RBI in 50 road games, compared to .209 (34-for-163) with 13 RBI in 48 home games. Since July 5: Has hit safely in 12 of 15 games, batting .386 (22-for-57) with 10 XBH, 13 RBI, 12 BB and 5 SB. Has 16 BB in his last 19 games and 24 BB in his last 31 games...has a .452 OBP in July (18 games), 2nd in the AL, 5th in the majors. Has appeared in a team-high 98 of 101 games (97 starts; 67-2B, 29-RF, 1-DH)...has 229 career games in the OF without committing an error. Has 3 HR in his last 13 games after snapping a 33-game homerless drought on July 7, 3rd longest drought of his career...had 7 HR in his first 25 games...eight of his 11 HR have come off RHP. 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 2nd 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 on Sat 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%, 9th in the AL) in save opps and has a 1.99 ERA (38-IP, 8-ER), the 2nd-lowest ERA of any AL closer...has 37 games finished, T-3rd-most in the AL...has a 9.07 baserunners/9-IP ratio, best among AL closers and 6th-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 2nd save of the season, yielding a game-tying solo homer to Jay Bruce leading off the 9th...earned the win when Evan Longoria hit a game-ending HR to lead off the bottom of the 9th...was just his 2nd 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 1st 10 years (1999-2008).
- Ranks 4th among actives with 757 apps, trailing NYY Mariano Rivera, TEX Arthur Rhodes and MIL LaTroy Hawkins...in the last decade (2001-10) ranked 3rd 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, 3.63 ERA, 17-G) **Saves-Opps:** 0-0 **vs. LH:** .385 (10-26), HR **IR-RS:** 10-3
Last App: 7/25 at OAK (0.2-IP, 2-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 0-SO) **Long Relief App:** 3.0, 7/17 vs. BOS **vs. RH:** .262 (11-42) **1st Batter:** .286 (4-14), 2 BB

- Recorded his first loss of the season (16 previous apps) on Sat at KC giving up a single and an RBI double on two pitches in the 10th 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.
- Owens 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 (2-2-1, 9.17 ERA, 24-G) **Saves-Opps:** 1-2 **vs. LH:** .231 (9-39), HR **IR-RS:** 15-4
Last App: 7/25 at OAK (L, 0.2-IP, 2-H, 3-R/ER, 1-BB, 0-SO) **Long Relief App:** 1.1, 5/23 at FLA **vs. RH:** .344 (11-32), 2-HR **1st Batter:** .130 (3-23), HR, BB

- Suffered the loss last night, his second of the season...allowed 3 R/ER, 2 of which scored after Joel Peralta entered.
- Has allowed a run in 10 of his 24 apps this season...has allowed a .458 (11-for-24) opponents batting avg. with RISP this season.
- Has held batters to a .222 (6-for-27) avg. in July but has 9 BB in 7 IP over his 10 apps...opponents hit .276 (8-for-29) off him over 10 June apps.
- Since his return from the DL, has allowed 20 H, 21 R, 18 ER, 13 BB, and 1 HB while striking out 16 in 17.2 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 3rd with 171 SO and 5th in IP (156) and opp avg. (.195).

#57 JAKE MCGEE, LH (0-0-0, 3.27 ERA, 17-G) **Saves-Opps:** 0-0 **vs. LH:** .125 (3-24) **IR-RS:** 17-6
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 9-for-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, 3.72 ERA, 50-G) **Saves-Opps:** 1-3 **vs. LH:** .187 (14-75), HR **IR-RS:** 30-9
Last App: 7/25 at OAK (BS, 0.2-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 0-SO) **Long Relief App:** 2.0, 5/16 vs. NYY **vs. RH:** .236 (21-89), 4-HR **1st Batter:** .104 (5-48), 2-BB

- Made his AL-leading 50th appearance yesterday at OAK (T-5th in the majors)...is 7th among AL relievers with 46.0 IP.
- Did not allow an inherited runner to score in his first 24 apps (0-for-10)...since May 31, has allowed 9 of his last 20 IR to score (26 apps).
- First 20 apps:** 22.1 IP, 14 H, 7 ER, 6 BB, 16 SO, 1 HR (2.82 ERA)...**Last 30 apps:** 23.2 IP, 21 H, 12 ER, 8 BB, 23 SO, 4 HR (4.56 ERA).
- On July 19 vs. NYY, recorded the 3rd save of his career and 1st 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.
- 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, 4.22 ERA, 46-G) **Saves-Opps:** 0-2 **vs. LH:** .213 (13-61), 2-HR **IR-RS:** 38-14
Last App: 7/25 at OAK (1.0-IP, 1-H, 1-R/ER, 2-BB, 0-SO) **Long Relief App:** 1.2, 5/10 at CLE **vs. RH:** .232 (13-56), HR **1st Batter:** .250 (10-40), 3-HR, 6-BB

- Made his 46th app yesterday at OAK, T-3rd most in the AL (4 behind Peralta)...is 1st in apps among AL rookies and T-3rd among ML rookies.
- Has allowed runs in 6 of his last 13 apps, after allowing a run in only 3 of his previous 21 apps.
- Has 6 BB in 3 IP over his last 4 apps...only had 6 BB over his previous 23 apps (15.1-IP).
- Has allowed only 4 HR in 65 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 th / 1 out	Flyout to LF	Upheld as a flyout	4:02
June 26 at HOU	E. Longoria	W. Lopez	6 th / 1 out	Single to LF, out adv.	Home run	2:40

RAYS PITCHING BY THE NUMBERS

Totals	W-L-S	G	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO	HR
	53-48-21	101	3.62	903.0	800	363	314	674	95
Starters	41-36-0	101	3.52	651.1	585	255	193	492	74
Relievers	12-12-21	93	3.86	251.2	215	108	121	182	21
Home	24-25-10	49	3.26	450.0	385	163	145	362	40
Road	29-23-11	52	3.97	453.0	415	200	165	312	55
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	8-12-4	20	3.63	181.0	165	73	79	140	20

RAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Current Streak: L1	When commit error: 17-23	Hit homer: 38-21
Current Record: 53-48	Ahead after 6-7-8: 41-4/44-4/46-3	Homer with men on: 30-7
Home/Road: 24-25/29-23	Behind after 6-7-8: 7-35/5-38/5-39	Hit multiple homers: 21-9
Day/Night: 19-18/34-30	Tied after 6-7-8: 5-9/4-6/2-6	Score first: 39-14
Grass/Turf: 26-21/27-27	1-run games: 15-13	Score 5 or more: 34-7
vs. East: 19-18	2-run games: 6-10	Score less than 5: 16-38
vs. Central: 16-14	Extra innings: 4-4	Outhit opponents: 37-9
vs. West: 6-10	Win in last at-bat: 8	Outhit by opponents: 9-36
vs. National League: 12-6	Come-from-behind wins: 16	Collect 10 or more hits: 23-5
vs. RH/LH starters: 38-35/16-12	Opp. come-from-behind wins: 16	Opp. 10 or more hits: 8-20
Series W-L-T (home): 6-8-2	Series W-L-T (road): 9-7-1	Wearing white/gray/navy/lt.blue: 16-17/15-13/18-14/3-4

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, 3x-last 7/25 at OAK	1, 2x-last 7/25 at OAK
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	7/25/11 at OAK (G Moscoso)	2, 4x-last 7/25 at OAK	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	7/25/11 at OAK (G Moscoso)	4, 3x-last 6/11 at BAL	8, 4/28 at MIN

HOME RUNS (95)

Solo (46): Joyce-8, Upton-8, Damon-6, Zobrist-6, Longoria-4, Shoppach-3, E. Johnson-2, Kotchman-2, Lopez-2, Rodriguez-2, Ruggiano-2, Brignac-1, Jaso-1, Ruggiano-1,
2-Run (36): Joyce-5, Longoria-5, Upton-5, Damon-3, Fuld-3, Shoppach-3, Jaso-2, Kotchman-2, Rodriguez-2, Zobrist-2, Guyer-1,
3-Run (12): Longoria-4, Upton-2, Zobrist-2, D. Johnson-1, E. Johnson-1, Joyce-1, Ruggiano-1
Grand Slams (1): Zobrist-1
Back-to-Back (2): Longoria/Upton-1 (6/24 at HOU, W Rodriguez), Longoria/Joyce-1 (7/22 at KC, L Hochevar)
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
Long win streak5, 2x-last 4/23-4/28	Most runs game, TB4, 2x-last, Zobrist, 6/26 at HOU
Long loss streak6, 4/1-4/7	Most runs game, Opp.....4, Bautista, 4/22 at TOR
Most runs game, TB16, 4/11 at BOS	Most hits game, TB4, 9x-last Damon, 7/2 vs. STL
Most runs game, Opp11, 5/30 vs. TEX	Most hits game, Opp5, Jeter, 7/9 at NYY
Most runs inn, TB6, (2 nd) 4/11 at BOS	Most 2B game, TB3, Zobrist, 6/11 at BAL
Most runs, inning, Opp5, 2x-last, (2 nd) 6/2 at SEA	Most 2B game, Opp2, 9x-last Andino, 6/10 at BAL
Most hits game, TB19, 3x-last 6/26 at HOU	Most HR game, TB.....2, Longoria, 6/26 at HOU
Most hits game, Opp20, 5/30 vs. TEX	Most HR game, Opp2, 7x-last Reynolds, 6/11 at BAL
Most hits, inning, TB7, (1 st) 5/1 vs. LAA	Most RBI game, TB.....8, Zobrist, 4/28 at MIN
Most hits, inning, Opp7, (3 rd) 5/30 vs. TEX	Most RBI game, Opp.....6, Markakis, 6/10 at BAL
Most doubles, gm, TB7, 7/3 vs. STL	Most x-base hits, game, TB.....4, 2x-last Zobrist, 6/11 at BAL
Most doubles, gm, Opp7, 6/26 at HOU	Most x-base hits, game, Opp.....3, 2x-last Napoli, 5/30 vs. TEX
Most HR, game, TB3, 4x-last, 7/6 at MIN	Most steals, game, TB.....3, Fuld, 4/7 at CWS
Most HR, game, Opp4, 3x-last, 7/15 vs. BOS	Most steals, game, Opp2, 3x-last, Gardner, 7/19 vs. NYY
Most x-base hits, game, TB9, 4/11 at BOS	Hitting Streak16, Damon 4/9-4/28
Most x-base hits, game, Opp10, 6/26 at HOU	TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Most stolen bases, game, TB4, 3x-last, 7/24 at KC	Most SO, TB Starter13, Shields, 5/22 at FLA
Most stolen bases, game, Opp5, 6/1 vs. TEX	Most SO, Opp. Starter.....13, Jackson, 4/7 at CWS
Most walks, game, TB9, 4/27 at MIN	Most SO, TB Reliever.....3, 2x-last, Gomes, 7/17 vs. BOS
Most walks, game, Opp12, 7/17 vs. BOS	Most IP, TB Reliever.....5.1, Sonnanstine, 4/10 at CWS
Most strikeouts game, TB15, 7/24 at KC	Most walks, game, TB5, 5x-last Price, 5/16 vs. BOS
Most strikeouts, game, Opp16, 7/17 vs. BOS	Most walks, game, Opp6, Burnett, 7/18 vs. NYY
Most LOB, game, TB12, 6/11 at BAL	Most SO, Team, TB16, 7/17 vs. BOS
Most LOB, Opp17, 7/17 vs. BOS	Most walks, Team, TB12, 7/17 vs. CLE
Most errors, game, TB3, 5/30 vs. TEX	Low-Hit Game2, Niemann/Peralta/Cruz 4/28 at MIN
Most errors game, Opp5, 5/18 at TOR	Consecutive scoreless innings21.0, Shields, 4/18-4/30
Longest game, time5:44, 7/17 vs. BOS	Shortest game, time2:05, 4/24 at TOR
Longest game, time (9 innings).....3:50, 6/26 at HOU	Shortest game, time (9 innings).....2:05, 4/24 at TOR

RUNS BY INNING

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	X	Total
Opp	45	37	46	35	43	41	48	67	28	6	393
TB	49	55	50	36	36	62	32	53	42	6	420

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	18	73	4.06	5.68	9-8	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

*Runs scored while starter is in game



MISCELLANEOUS

GAME-TYING AND GO-AHEAD RBI—Damon-18, Upton-18, Longoria-12, Zobrist-11, Joyce-10, Kotchman-6, Fuld-4, E. Johnson-4, Rodriguez-4, Jaso-3, D. Johnson-2, Lopez-2, Ruggiano-2, Brignac-1, Guyer-1, Jennings-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, Shoppach-2, Chirinos-1, Ruggiano-1,
BUNT SINGLES—E. Johnson-3, Rodriguez-3, Zobrist-3, Brignac-2, Fuld-1, Upton-1
BATTED AROUND—4/8 at CWS (9th inn, 9 batters), 4/11 at BOS (2nd inn, 10 batters), 5/1 vs. LAA (1st inn, 9 batters), 5/16 vs. NYY (6th inn, 9 batters) 5/30 vs. TEX (6th inn, 9 batters), 6/12 at BAL (1st inn, 9 batters), 6/20 at MIL (7th inn, 10 batters)
EJECTIONS—Maddon-5 (7/17 vs. BOS, 11th inn.; 7/1 vs. STL, 8th inn.; 6/13 at DET, 7th inn.; 5/4 vs. TOR, 7th inn.; 4/10 at CWS, 6th inn.), Price-2 (7/1 vs. STL, 8th inn.; 6/13 at DET, 8th inn.), Howell-1 (7/1 vs. STL, 8th inn.), E. Johnson-1 (7/1 vs. STL, 8th inning), Joyce-1 (4/29 vs. LAA, 6th inn.), Upton-1 (5/4 vs. TOR, 9th inn.), Martinez-1 (7/17 vs. BOS).

W-L RECORD	BY POSITION (STARTS)								BY BATTING ORDER (STARTS)									
	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
					33-25												7-8	26-17
	2-4									0-1					1-0	1-0	0-3	
						4-7			42-40	19-18	16-18	11-6	0-1	0-1				
						33-28	3-1	0-1	0-1	24-14						3-6	6-6	3-5
						1-0		0-1						1-0		0-1		
	27-23									1-5				1-0	1-1	9-7	8-5	7-5
						0-2	1-0			1-2								
		9-10							1-2			3-4	1-3	0-1	2-2	4-2		
			2-0		17-14					1-0	1-2				1-1	9-5	6-7	
						3-4				1-1	16-7	7-10	10-10	1-4	1-4	2-2		
		43-33									0-3	4-4	11-6	14-7	13-12	1-1		
	0-1													0-1				
				33-35				1-1		1-2	14-17	19-17						
		1-4		10-8				2-0				7-3	0-1	3-4	3-4			
								0-4				0-4						
	0-1	18-13	11-5	3-8						3-0	2-1	1-1		7-3	5-7	7-10	6-4	1-2
					12-7	1-0	1-1					2-1		1-1	6-0	2-1	2-2	1-3
	24-20													1-2	2-1	10-2	8-9	3-6
								48-47		0-2		7-6	10-4	13-15	18-20			
			34-35							3-5	33-25	3-7	3-1	7-6	1-2	1-0		
								16-11	1-0									

RAYS vs. ATHLETICS

BATTING	2011					CAREER				
	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI
Chirinos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Damon	.200	5	1	0	0	.297	468	139	6	38
Fuld	.000	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0
Jennings	.400	5	2	0	1	.400	5	2	0	1
E. Johnson	.000	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0
Joyce	.000	5	0	0	1	.200	15	3	0	4
Kotchman	.250	4	1	0	0	.208	183	38	1	21
Longoria	.000	1	0	0	0	.237	97	23	6	12
Rodriguez	.333	3	1	0	0	.188	32	6	1	4
Ruggiano	-	-	-	-	-	.125	8	1	0	1
Shoppach	.667	3	2	1	1	.264	53	14	2	8
Upton	.250	4	1	0	1	.246	199	49	6	17
Zobrist	.750	4	3	1	1	.270	100	27	4	14

PITCHING	2011						CAREER					
	WLS	ERA	G	IP	H	ER	WLS	ERA	G	IP	H	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	0-0-0	0.00	1	0.2	2	0	0-0-0	0.00	1	0.2	2	0
Hellickson	0-0-0	5.40	1	5.0	4	3	0-0-0	4.76	2	11.1	11	6
Howell	0-1-0	40.50	1	0.2	2	3	0-1-0	5.52	10	14.2	13	9
McGee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niemann	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-0-0	1.59	2	17.0	15	3
Peralta	0-0-0	0.00	1	0.2	1	0	0-1-0	6.48	16	16.2	19	12
Price	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0-0	2.63	2	13.2	9	4
Ramos	0-0-0	9.00	1	1.0	1	1	0-0-0	9.00	1.0	1.0	1	1
Shields	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-2-0	3.54	10	68.2	66	27

RAYS HITTERS AT O.CO COLISEUM (Avg.-AB-H-HR-RBI)—Chirinos (---)...Damon (.243-518-126-17-42)...Fuld (.000-1-0-0-0)...Jennings (.400-5-2-0-1)...E. Johnson (.000-1-0-0-0)...Joyce (.100-10-1-0-3)...Kotchman (.174-109-19-1-11)...Longoria (.213-47-10-3-7)...Rodriguez (.231-26-6-1-4)...Ruggiano (.125-8-1-0-1)...Shoppach (.297-37-11-1-5)...Upton (.198-96-19-2-7)...Zobrist (.246-57-14-2-5)

PLAYERS USED IN 2011 (38)

Pitchers (18): 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, RH Adam Russell, RH James Shields, RH Andy Sonnanstine, LH Alex Torres
Catchers (4): Robinson Chirinos, John Jaso, Jose Lobaton, Kelly Shoppach
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	8	2-6
C	John Jaso	15-day	Right oblique strain	July 15	July 10	July 25	11	3-8
C	Jose Lobaton	15-day	Left knee sprain	July 18	July 18	August 2	8	2-6

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).

RAYS 2011 DAY-BY-DAY (continued)

No.	Date	H/R	W/L	Score/Opp	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Rec.	Pos. GA/GB	Att.	Home Cum.	Road 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		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)							
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	
101	7/25	R/N	L	5-7/OAK	Fuentes (2-8)	Howell (2-2)	53-48	3/-9.5	11,053		1,429,971	

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
Catchers (2): John Jaso, Kelly Shoppach
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
DL (1): J.P. Howell (15-day)

- 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 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.
- May 3** Optioned RH **Alex Cobb** to AAA Durham; designated INF **Felipe Lopez** for assignment; recalled RH **Brandon Gomes** from AAA Durham; 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.
- May 7** Optioned OF **Brandon Guyer** to AAA Durham; recalled RH **Rob Delaney** from AAA Durham.
- May 20** Optioned RH **Rob Delaney** to AAA Durham; designated INF **Dan Johnson** for assignment; reinstated LH **J.P. Howell** from the 15-day 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.
- May 25** Placed UTL **Elliot Johnson** (left knee sprain) on the 15-day disabled list; reinstated SS **Reid Brignac** from the bereavement list.
- May 30** Optioned RH **Brandon Gomes** to AAA Durham; recalled RH **Alex Cobb** from AAA Durham.
- 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.
- July 7** Placed RH **Wade Davis** (forearm strain) on the 15-day disabled list; recalled RH **Brandon Gomes** from AAA Durham.
- July 10** Optioned RH **Andy Sonnanstine** to AAA Durham; recalled OF **Brandon Guyer** from AAA Durham; following the game, optioned OF **Brandon Guyer** to AAA Durham.
- July 15** 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 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.
- July 21** Optioned RH **Dane De La Rosa** to AAA Durham; reinstated RH **Wade Davis** (right forearm strain) from the 15-day disabled list.
- July 23** Optioned SS **Reid Brignac** to AAA Durham; recalled OF **Desmond Jennings** from AAA Durham

TOMORROW'S STARTER – RH JAMES SHIELDS (9-8, 2.53)

Year	Team	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
2010	Tampa Bay	13-15	5.18	34	33	0	0	203.1	246	128	117	51	187	34	.294
2011	Tampa Bay	9-8	2.53	21	21	7	3	156.1	118	49	44	40	151	15	.212
Career MLB		65-59	4.02	173	172	12	5	1134.0	1154	551	506	257	953	149	.263

TOMORROW'S START & 2011 NOTES

- Twenty-nine-year-old is the senior member of the Rays rotation...will be making his 22nd start of the season and 172nd of his career.
- Was named to his first All-Star Team, selected by the players' ballot...did not participate because he pitched the prior Sunday at NYY.
- **Last start:** Defeated CC Sabathia, 2-1, on Thursday vs. NYY...his line: 7.2 IP, 6 H, 1 R/ER, 3 BB, 6 SO, 117 pitches, 71 strikes...held the Yankees scoreless until yielding an RBI double to Robinson Cano, the final batter he faced in the 8th inning...was supported by Evan Longoria's 1st-inning solo homer and Sam Fuld's RBI triple in the 5th.
- In his 9 wins has allowed 6 ER in 76 IP (0.71 ERA).
- Has 17 starts of at least 7 IP, most in the AL and tied with PHI Roy Halladay for most in the majors...has 13 starts of at least 7 IP with 2 ER or less, tied with LAA Jered Weaver, DET Justin Verlander and PHI Cole Hamels for most in the majors.
- The Rays have scored 2 runs or less in 10 of his 21 starts...despite the lack of run support, Shields is 4-6 in those starts.
- Has not allowed a stolen base all season—and only three runners have even attempted to steal.
- **League Ranks:** Leads the majors in complete games and leads the AL in shutouts (2nd in majors to PHI Cliff Lee, 4)...ranks 2nd in the AL in strikeouts...ranks 4th in the AL in ERA and IP.
- Has held right-handed batters to a .188 avg. (49-for-261), 5th lowest among AL starters.
- Has a 26-25 career record with a 4.53 ERA (447-IP, 225-ER) in the 2nd half...is 39-34 with a 3.69 ERA (686.0-IP, 281-ER) in the 1st half.
- Led the majors with 42 strikeouts in interleague play, one shy of the ML single-season record held by MIN Francisco Liriano (43 SO in 2006)...also led the majors with 3 complete games (in 4 starts) and tied for the ML lead with 34.0 IP (tied with NYY Freddy Garcia) and 3 wins (several others).
- Set club records before the All-Star break in ERA (2.33), innings pitched (142.1) and strikeouts (137).
- **Complete Game James:** Is just the 3rd different pitcher since 2000 with 7 or more complete games before the All-Star break, joining TOR/PHI Roy Halladay in 2010 and OAK Mark Mulder in 2003.
- Has more CG than 25 other teams in MLB this season and more than the Yankees (4) and Red Sox (1) combined.
- His 7 complete games and 3 shutouts are both club records for a single season...was the first Ray to throw 3 straight complete games...in only one season (2000 with 7) have the Rays had more CG wins as a team than Shields' 6 this year.
- Recorded 3 consecutive CG wins, June 14-24...allowed only 1 ER and yielded just 12 hits for a .135 opp avg. (12-for-89)...had 24 SO and 4 BB.

SHIELDS vs. OAKLAND

- Will be making his 11th career start/app against the A's...is 4-2 with a 3.54 ERA (68.2-IP, 27-ER) lifetime with 58 SO and 17 BB.
- Last faced them on Mother's Day (May 9) 2010 at OAK, when Dallas Braden threw a perfect game and the A's won, 4-0...his line: 6 IP, 11 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 6 SO, 108 pitches, 72 strikes.
- Is 1-1 with a 4.05 ERA (26.2-IP, 12-ER) in 4 career starts at Oakland Coliseum.