



PREGAME NOTES

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011 at OAKLAND ATHLETICS RH Wade Davis (7-7, 4.46) vs. RH Rich Harden (2-1, 4.63)

First Pitch: 3:37 p.m. | **Location:** O.co Coliseum, Oakland, Calif. | **TV:** Sun Sports | **Radio:** WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Spanish)
Game No.: 104 (53-50) | **Road Game No.:** 55 (29-25) | **All-Time Game No.:** 2,207 (975-1,231) | **All-Time Road Game No.:** 1,107 (429-677)
April: 15-12 | **May:** 14-13 | **June:** 16-11 | **July:** 8-14

TWEET-UP DETAILS—Tickets are now available for the first-ever Rays Tweet-Up, to be held August 4 for the 12:10 p.m. Rays-Blue Jays game...visit raysbaseball.com/tweetup and use the promo code "tweet" to purchase tickets...the package includes a game ticket in the Papa John's Bullpen Box, light food and drinks, a personalized T-shirt featuring each fan's Twitter name and a postgame Q-and-A session with CNBC business reporter **Darren Rovell (@darrenrovell)**, who has more than 100,000 followers on Twitter...the promotion is open to all Twitter users but specifically targets followers of the Rays team accounts **@RaysRepublic** and **@RaysBaseball**...Rovell will report live throughout CNBC's Business Day programming on game day, and will sing the national anthems and participate in an in-game scavenger hunt around Tropicana Field.

BULLPEN SHUFFLE—The Rays have optioned RH **Rob Delaney**—who had been recalled yesterday and pitched 3.0 innings last night—to Triple-A Durham and selected the contract of RH **Mike Ekstrom**...Ekstrom, 27, was 4-3 with 5 saves and a 4.10 ERA (52.2-IP, 24-ER) in 36 apps (1 start) for Durham...he appeared in 15 games for the Rays in 2010, going 0-1 with a 3.31 ERA (16.1-IP, 6-ER).

▮ This is the third straight day the Rays have called up a relief pitcher...since the All-Star break they have called up five different relief pitchers and sent out six relievers.

RAY MATTER—The Rays are a season-high 11.5 games behind first-place Boston, their largest deficit since the final day of the 2009 season, and 7.5 GB of New York in the AL Wild Card race.

- ▮ The Rays have lost 5 of 6 games on this road trip, and 7 of their last 8 on the road...overall they have dropped 9 of their last 12, 11 of 15 and 16 of 25.
- ▮ The Rays fall to 1-6-1 in their last 8 series after going 5-1-0 in their prev. 6 series.
- ▮ 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 4-11 and have dropped 8.0 games in the standings while Boston has gone 12-3...during this 4-11 stretch, 7 of the games have been decided by one run (Rays are 2-5 in these games).
- ▮ The Rays have lost 7 of their last 8 road games after starting the season 28-18 on the road.
- ▮ The Rays are a ML-worst 6-12 vs. the AL West this season.
- ▮ The Rays are 15-13 in one-run games—11-5 at home and 4-8 on the road.
- ▮ The Rays are 39-13 (.750) when scoring first, compared to 14-37 (.275) when the opponent scores first.

OUCH—Last night's 13-4 loss to Oakland marked a season-high in runs allowed and their most since Aug 31, 2010 vs. TOR (also 13)...it was their most lop-sided setback since Aug 25, 2010 at LAA (12-3).

- ▮ Before their 4-run rally in the 9th inning, Rays were on track for tying their second-worst shutout loss in club history (14-0 on July 1, 2006 vs. TOR; 13-0 on May 16, 2002 at NYY).
- ▮ RH **James Shields** tied career highs with 10 R/ER allowed (3rd time, also June 11, 2010 vs. FLA and July 22, 2007 at NYY) and 12 hits allowed (3rd time, last Oct 1, 2010 at KC).
- ▮ The 9 runs allowed by Shields in the 4th inning were a career high for a single inning, and marked the 4th time a Rays pitcher yielded 9 runs or more in a single frame:

Pitcher	Game	Runs	Inn.
Tanyon Sturtze	July 23, 2002 at BOS (G1)	9	3 rd
Rob Bell	April 18, 2005 at NYY	10	2 nd
Travis Harper	June 21, 2005 at NYY	9	8 th
James Shields	July 27, 2011 at OAK	9	4th

OAKLAND & THE TRIP—Today the Rays look to avoid their second-ever 4-game sweep at the hand of Oakland—and first ever at Oakland Coliseum...the Rays were swept in 4 games Sep 10-13, 1999 at home.

- ▮ Rays are 0-3 in the 7-game season series against the A's...they will meet again at Tropicana Field, Aug 5-7...Rays are 46-79 (.368) all-time, but 21-20 (.512) in the last 5 seasons (2007-11)...they are 18-46 (.281) all-time at O.co Coliseum.
- ▮ This 10-game road trip to Kansas City (1-2), Oakland (0-3) and Seattle (July 29-31) is their second-longest of the season...it 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 186-230 (.447).

705 AND COUNTING—Last night the Rays set a modern major league record by using a starting pitcher under the age of 30 for the 705th consecutive, breaking the previous record of 704 set by the 1913-17 Washington Senators, led by Hall of Famer **Walter Johnson**...the last start by a Rays pitcher 30 or older was RH **Jaе 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 837 consecutive games (838 including today)—more than 5 years ago.

- ▮ **Elias says:** The Rays are more than a year away from a chance to break the pre-1900 record, set by the Detroit Wolverines of the NL from 1881-88...the Wolverines streak was 879 games and it spanned the team's entire 8-year history as a major league club...Hall of Famers **Dan Brouthers** (1886-88) and **Sam Thompson** (1885-88) were on the team, which posted the best record in the NL in 1887.
- ▮ **Elias also says:** The Senators streak snapped on Opening Day 1918, **Walter Johnson's** first appearance as a 30-year-old...that day was also noteworthy because President **Woodrow Wilson** declined the traditional invitation to throw out the first pitch of the season, due to World War I.

DAMON = RUTH—On Tuesday DH **Johnny Damon** tied **Babe Ruth** with his 506th career double, 47th on the all-time list...is 4 doubles shy of **Rickey Henderson** for 46th all-time...his 2,676 career hits rank 67th all-time and one shy of **Luis Aparicio** for 66th.

All-Time Hit Leaders		All-Time Doubles Leaders	
64. Gary Sheffield	2,689	45. Mark Grace	511
65. George Davis	2,683	46. Rickey Henderson	510
66. Luis Aparicio	2,677	47. Johnny Damon	506
67. Johnny Damon	2,676	Babe Ruth	506

ZORILLA ATTACKS—**Ben Zobrist** leads the majors with 33 doubles, ahead of SF **Carlos Beltran**, BOS **Adrian Gonzalez**, KC **Alex Gordon** and TEX **Michael Young** (30 apiece)...leads the AL with 51 extra-base hits, ahead of BOS **Adrian Gonzalez** and TOR **Jose Bautista** (50 each)...Rays have never had a player lead the league in either category over a full season...has 16 2B in his last 38 games.

▮ Is batting .440 (11-for-25) on the road trip with 2 HR, 5 2B, 6 RBI, 3 BB...has a 7-game hitting streak (12-for-29, .414).

EVAN LONGORIA—Leads the AL with 37 RBI since June 11, in 39 games, one shy of CHC **Aramis Ramirez** for the ML lead...during this span is batting .333 (17-for-51) with RISP after starting the year 4-for-25 (.160) through 35 games.

LEFT HANGING—The Rays went 2-for-9 with RISP last night and are 3-for-29 in the series...they are batting .159 (11-for-69) with RISP on the road trip and a major-league-worst .160 (16-for-100) beginning July 17, the date of their 16-inning game vs. Boston.

- ▮ 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.
- ▮ **Desmond Jennings'** 9th-inning RBI single last night snapped an 0-for-19 team slump with RISP.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE—Over the last 11 games—beginning with the 16-inning game July 17 vs. BOS—the Rays bullpen has allowed 33 walks in 35.2 IP...they are 0-4 with a 5.55 ERA (35.2-IP, 22-ER) and are 2-for-6 in save opps.

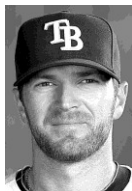
YEAR OF THE ROOKIE—The Rays have used 14 different rookies this season, tops in the majors and 2 shy of the club record of 16 rookies, set in 2001...they have used 9 rookie pitchers, most in the majors...the Rays have 7 rookies on their active roster...6 players have made their ML debuts with the Rays this season...Rays have used a rookie starting pitcher 25 times, most in the majors.

MOORE, PLEASE—LH **Matt Moore** made his second start at the Triple-A level yesterday, lifting Durham to a 4-0 win over the Gwinnett Braves and LH **Mike Minor**...Moore, 22, totaled 8.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 13 SO on just 104 pitches...the 13 strikeouts tied Triple-A Bulls record (**Jason Hammel**, Aug 16, 2006 and **Wade Davis**, June 3, 2009)...he didn't allow a runner past 1B after the 1st inning...at midseason Moore was rated the top pitching prospect in the game by *Baseball America*.

Upcoming Games	Opp.	Time	TV	Rays Starting Pitcher	Opp. Starting Pitcher
Fri., July 29	@SEA	10:10	Sun Sports	RH Jeff Niemann (4-4, 3.86)	LH Erik Bedard (4-6, 3.00)
Sat., July 30	@SEA	4:10	FOX	RH Alex Cobb (3-0, 2.57)	RH Michael Pineda (8-7, 3.64)
Sun., July 31	@SEA	4:10	Sun Sports	RH Jeremy Hellickson (9-7, 3.27)	LH Jason Vargas (6-9, 4.09)

All games broadcast on WDAE 620 AM and in Spanish on WGES 680 AM. All times Eastern Standard Time (EST).





TODAY'S STARTER – RH WADE DAVIS (7-7, 4.46)

Year	Team	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
2010	Tampa Bay	12-10	4.07	29	29	0	0	168.0	165	77	76	62	113	24	.255
2011	Tampa Bay	7-7	4.46	18	18	0	0	109.0	124	58	54	38	50	14	.286
Career MLB		21-19	4.16	53	53	1	1	313.1	322	154	145	113	199	40	.265

TODAY'S START & 2011 NOTES

- Twenty-five-year-old will make his 19th start of the season and 54th of his career.
- **Last start:** Was activated on Friday and started that day at KC, losing a 10-4 decision to Luke Hochevar...his line: 5.1 IP, 11 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 3 SO, 1 HR, 91 pitches, 57 strikes...yielded 3 runs in the 1st inning, on RBI doubles by M. Cabrera and E. Hosmer and an RBI single by M. Moustakas...left the game trailing 5-4.
- Was placed on the DL with a right forearm strain on July 7...returned on July 22, after missing only 1 start because of the All-Star break...in 8 starts after returning from a trip to the disabled list last season (on DL from Aug 6-23)...went 3-1 with a 3.09 ERA.
- His season high in strikeouts is 5 (April 27 at MIN)...has 4 SO or less in his other 17 starts...last season struck out 5 or more in 12 of his 289 starts.
- Has a 7.01 run support average on the road (61.2-IP, 48-RS), 7th-highest in the AL, compared to a 2.66 (47.1-IP, 14-RS) run support average at home, 5th lowest in the AL.
- **First 7 starts** (from April 3–May 8): 4-2 with a 3.07 ERA...**next 5 starts** (May 14–June 5): 0-3 with a 7.22 ERA...**last 5 starts** (June 12–current): 3-2 with a 3.96 ERA (36.1-IP, 16-ER).
- Has thrown under 100 pitches in each of his last 6 starts...has only thrown more than 110 pitches one time this season, May 3 vs. TOR.
- Has a 45.1 groundball pct., 6th-lowest percentage in the AL.
- Opposing 7-8-9 hitters are batting .318 (42-for-148), while 1-thru-6 hitters are batting .273 (82-for-300)...no. 9 hitters are batting .372 (16-for-43).
- Has allowed only 1 HR over his last 4 starts after allowing 12 HR his previous 8 starts.
- Has averaged 4.13 SO/9 IP, the 3rd-lowest mark in majors...had a 6.56 SO/9 IP ratio coming into the season.
- Among ML pitchers with at least 18 starts, his 50 SO are the lowest total in MLB...next closest are DET Brad Penny and SD Clayton Richard (53).
- Has allowed 13.79 baserunners per 9 IP (109-IP, 167-BR), the 3rd-highest mark in the AL.
- Opposing batters have only missed on 12.3 percent of their swings against Davis, the 2nd-lowest pct. in the majors.
- On March 31 agreed to a seven-year contract with the Rays, with the first four years (and \$12.6 million) guaranteed...the Rays hold three one-year options for 2015, 2016 and 2017, with a maximum value of \$35.1 million if the options are exercised...he will donate a portion of his contract to the Rays Baseball Foundation.

2011 SPLITS	
vs. LH:	.301 (59-196), 2-HR
vs. RH:	.274 (65-237), 12-HR
Home:	3-4, 4.18 ERA (47.1-IP, 22-ER)
Road:	4-3, 4.67 ERA (61.2-IP, 32-ER)
2011 SEASON HIGHS	
Long Outing:	7.2, 5/19 at TOR
Strikeouts:	5, 4/27 at MIN
Walks:	5, 5/8 at BAL
HR All'd:	2, 4x, last 6/12 at BAL
Hits All'd:	12, 5/30 vs. TEX
Runs All'd:	7, 5/30 vs. TEX
Win Streak:	4G, 4/15–5/8
Loss Streak:	3G, 5/14–5/30
CAREER GAME HIGHS	
Complete Games, Shutouts (1):	9/17/09 at BAL – 4-hit
Strikeouts:	10, 9/17/09 at BAL
Walks:	5, 2x, last on 5/8/11 at BAL
HR All'd:	3, 7/3/10 at MIN
Hits All'd:	12, 5/30/11 vs. TEX
Runs All'd:	8, 2x-last 6/4/10 at TEX
Win Streak:	7G, 7/3–9/11/10
Loss Streak:	5G, 6/4–6/27/10

2011 STARTS

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#P/K	RESULT	OPP. STARTER	WHEN LEFT
4/3	BAL	L-1	5.68	6.1	8	4	4	1	3	0	89/60	L, 1-5	Britton	down 4-1
4/9	@CWS	L-2	4.38	6.0	5	2	2	3	4	0	103/57	L, 2-4	Humber	down 2-1
4/15	MIN	W-1	3.26	7.0	4	1	1	2	1	0	100/59	W, 5-2	Blackburn	up 5-1
4/20	CWS	W-2	2.73	7.0	6	1	1	2	2	1	99/64	W, 4-1	Humber	up 4-1
4/27	@MIN	W-3	2.73	6.2	7	2	2	3	5	0	107/67	W, 8-2	Liriano	up 8-2
APRIL		3-2	2.73	33.0	30	10	10	11	15	1				
5/3	TOR	--	2.77	6.0	6	2	2	3	2	0	112/71	W, 3-2	Reyes	down 2-1
5/8	@BAL	W-4	3.07	5.0	4	3	3	5	3	1	100/53	W, 5-3	Bergesen	up 5-3
5/14	BAL	L-3	3.47	5.1	7	4	4	3	3	2	106/63	L, 0-6	Bergesen	down 4-0
5/19	@TOR	L-4	3.47	7.2	7	3	3	4	3	2	99/64	L, 2-3	Romero	down 3-2
5/23	@DET	--	3.71	6.0	8	5	4	2	4	2	109/66	L, 6-7	Verlander	up 6-5
5/30	TEX	L-5	4.52	2.2	12	7	7	1	1	2	72/51	L, 5-11	Holland	down 7-0
MAY		1-3	6.34	32.2	44	24	23	18	16	9				
6/5	@SEA	--	4.71	7.0	5	5	5	1	4	0	108/69	L, 6-9	Bedard	down 5-3
6/12	@BAL	W-5	4.81	6.0	8	5	4	1	3	2	97/65	W, 9-6	Matusz	up 7-3
6/17	FLA	W-6	4.57	6.0	6	1	1	2	2	1	98/64	W, 5-1	Hand	up 3-1
6/25	@HOU	W-7	4.32	7.0	5	1	1	1	3	0	88/59	W, 7-2	Norris	up 4-1
JUNE		3-0	3.81	26.0	24	12	11	5	12	3				
7/1	STL	L-6	4.20	7.0	6	2	2	1	3	0	91/60	L, 3-5	Westbrook	down 2-0
7/6	@MIN	--	4.25	5.0	9	4	3	3	1	0	91/56	W, 12-5	Liriano	up 5-4
7/22	@KC	L-7	4.46	5.1	11	6	5	0	3	1	91/57	L, 4-10	Hochevar	down 5-4

2010 & CAREER NOTES

- Led AL rookies with 12 wins, one behind STL Jaime Garcia for the major league rookie lead...also led AL rookies in ERA (4.07, tied with SEA David Pauley) and ranked 2nd behind BAL Brian Matusz in innings pitched (168), strikeouts (113) and games started (29).
- Finished 4th in the AL Rookie of the Year balloting (2nd highest pitcher) behind TEX Neftali Feliz, DET Austin Jackson and MIN Danny Valencia.
- Was chosen as the team's Outstanding Rookie by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the BBWAA.
- Was named AL Rookie of the Month for July after going 4-0 in 5 starts with a 3.03 ERA (32-IP, 11-ER)...was the first Rays pitcher to win a Rookie of the Month Award and the fifth different player in club history to win it.
- Went 3-1 with a 2.79 ERA over his first 5 starts (through May 2)...went 2-8 with a 5.90 ERA over his middle 11 starts (May 8–July 3)...over his last 13 starts (July 8 on) went 7-1 with a 3.22 ERA, with the Rays winning 10 of those games.
- Compiled a 7-game winning streak, July 8–Sep 11, tied with MIL John Axford for the longest by a rookie in the majors in 2010...the streak tied for the longest in club history with Jeff Niemann (2008-09) and Mark Hendrickson (2005), and was the longest ever by a Rays rookie...compiled a 3.34 ER A(59.1-IP, 22-ER) over this stretch of 9 starts.
- On Aug 10 was placed on the 15-day DL with a right shoulder strain, retroactive to Aug 6...Jeremy Hellickson was recalled to replace him on the roster...was reinstated on Aug 24...went 3-1 with a 3.09 ERA (46.2-IP, 16-ER) over 8 starts after returning from the DL.
- Faced the opposing team's Opening Day starter (all former All-Stars) in each of his first 6 starts...the Rays won 4 of those games.
- Made his major league debut on Sep 6, 2009 vs. DET, one day before his 24th birthday...his 9 SO set a club record for a major league debut.
- Was selected by the Rays in the third round of the 2004 June Draft.

DAVIS vs. A'S

- Makes his 3rd career start/app against Oakland...is 1-1 with a 6.30 ERA (10-IP, 7-ER)...both previous starts came in 2010.
- Last start was May 8, 2010 at OAK...lost a 4-2 game to Ben Sheets...totaled 5 IP, 6 H, 3 R/ER, 2 BB, 3 SO, 99 pitches, 59 strikes.
- Beat the A's, 8-6, on April 27, 2010 at Tropicana Field...5 IP, 7 H, 4 R/ER, 2 BB, 4 SO, 1 HR.

A'S vs. DAVIS (Career Avg.-AB-H-HR)—DeJesus (.500-2-1-0)...Matsui (.571-7-4-0)...Pennington (.600-5-3-1)...Powell (.000-3-0-0)...Sizemore (.500-2-1-0)...Sweeney (.500-6-3-0).

RAYS vs. HARDEN (Career Avg.-AB-H-HR)—Damon (.167-12-2-0)...Kotchman (.200-15-3-0)...Longoria (.500-2-1-0)...Rodriguez (.000-2-0-0)...Shoppach (.000-4-0-0)...Upton (.400-5-2-1)...Zobrist (.000-2-0-0).

#70 JOE MADDON, MANAGER

- Is the longest-tenured and winningest manager in Rays history...owns a 457-456 (.501) 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 484-480 (.502) 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 (.208, 0, 0) Current Hitting Streak: 1G (1.000, 2-2)	WED: 2-2, R vs. LH: ---	SERIES: 2-6, R vs. RH: .208 (5-24)	TRIP: .214 (3-14), R, BB RISP: .000 (0-7)
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- Recorded his 1st career multi-hit yesterday at OAK...appeared at first base yesterday for the first time since 2009 with Double-A Tennessee (Cubs)...has started 6 of 9 games (appeared in 8) since being recalled July 18 as Jose Lobaton was placed on the 15-day DL...
- Is 5-for-24 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.

#22 JOHNNY DAMON, OF (.275, 9, 44) Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.231, 3-13)	WED: 1-4, RBI, R, BB vs. LH: .255 (26-102), 2-HR	SERIES: 3-13, 2-2B, RBI, R, BB vs. RH: .282 (79-280), 7-HR	TRIP: .269 (7-26), 4-2B, 3-RBI, 3-R, 3-BB RISP: .272 (25-92), HR
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- Hit his 506th career double Tue at OAK, tying Babe Ruth for 47th on the all-time doubles list...needs 4 more to tie Rickey Henderson for 46th...now has 2,675 career hits, and is 2 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 fifth straight game after batting leadoff in his previous 37 games...batting .236 (35-for-148) from the 2-hole as compared to .294 (45-for-153) in leadoff spot.
- Is batting .326 with a .558 SLG in 47 wins, .224 with a .276 SLG in 48 losses...all 9 of his HR have come in wins.
- Has hit safely in 11 of his last 13 games and is batting .297 (22-for-74) with 7 XBH and 8 RBI in his last 18 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 .300 (62-for-207) in 51 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 (.240, 3, 25) Current Hitting Streak: ---	WED: 0-4 vs. LH: .217 (13-60)	SERIES: 0-5 vs. RH: .246 (52-211), 3-HR	TRIP: .154 (2-13), R, SB RISP: .226 (14-62), HR
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- Threw out Ryan Sweeney at home in the 2nd inn. yesterday at OAK...it was his 5th assist of the season, one behind Matt Joyce for the team lead.
- 29-year-old has started 9 of the last 13 games after only starting 9 of the previous 30 games...started 50 of the first 60 games...has appeared in 82 games (68 starts; 62-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 .233 (60-for-258) as a starter.
- Is batting .271 (23-for-85) in his last 33 games (23 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 (.192, 3, 13) Current Hitting Streak: ---	WED: 0-2 vs. LH: .255 (14-55)	SERIES: 0-3 vs. RH: .147 (11-75), 3-HR	TRIP: .125 (1-8), 3B, R RISP: .154 (6-39), HR
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- Struck out in both his PA yesterday at OAK...has 14 SO in 29 PA since July 6 (9 apps)...his 2.07 PA/SO ratio is the lowest in the majors during this span (min. 28 PA).
- Is batting just .125 (8-for-64) 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 50 (41-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.
- 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.

#8 DESMOND JENNINGS, OF (.444, 0, 3) Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.500, 2-4)	WED: 2-4, RBI, R, BB vs. LH: 1.000 (2-2)	SERIES: 4-12, 2B, 2-RBI, R, BB, SB vs. RH: .375 (6-16)	TRIP: .444 (8-18), 3B, 3-2B, 3-RBI, 3-R, 3-BB, 3-SB RISP: .500 (2-4)
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- Has led off the last 5 games since being recalled...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 5 games, has matched or exceeded his 2010 season totals in hits (8), 2B (3), 3B (1), RBI (3), SB (3), BB (3) and TB (13)...2010 totals (17 G, 12 GS): hits (4), 2B (1), 3B (1), RBI (2), 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 (.283, 15, 48) Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.375, 3-8)	WED: 1-4, HR, 2-RBI, R vs. LH: .173 (9-52), 3-HR	SERIES: 3-13, HR, 2B, 3-RBI, 2-R, 2-SB vs. RH: .306 (77-252), 12-HR	TRIP: .217 (5-23), 2-HR, 2B, 5-RBI, 3-R, 2-SB RISP: .247 (20-81), 3-HR
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- Made his third error of the season yesterday at OAK...committed his first error of the season on July 5 at MIN...has made 78 starts (92 apps) on the season with 71 starts in RF and 7 in LF.
- Had 2 SB on Tue at OAK, his first career 2-SB game...is 8-for-8 in SB attempts this season and 11-for-13 in his career.
- Hit a 2-run HR yesterday at OAK, his 5th in his last 17 games...did not homer in 20 games prior to that (June 3-29).
- **April 1-May 27:** .377 (57-for-151), 13 2B, 8 HR, 27 RBI; **May 28-July 27:** .190 (29-for-153), 8 2B, 7 HR, 21 RBI.
- Since June 1, has the 6th lowest batting average with runners in scoring position in the ML, hitting .122 (6-for-49)...ranked 4th highest in the ML with a .438 (14-for-32) batting average with runners in scoring position from Apr 1 until May 31.
- Has only started 8 of the last 16 games and only 1 of the last 10 games in which the Rays have faced a lefty starter (July 4, 0-for-2).
- 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.
- 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)	WED: 0-2	SERIES: 3-10	TRIP: .227 (5-22), 2B, 3-BB
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .268 (19-71)	vs. RH: .347 (77-224), 4-HR	RISP: .266 (21-79), 1-HR

- Had a 4-game hitting streak snapped last night...since qualifying for the batting title July 20 vs. NYY, has gone 5-for-25 in the last 7 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 .325 avg.
- **AL ranks:** 3rd in avg. against RHP (.344), 4th in batting avg. on the road (.323), 8th in on-base pct. (.387) and T-11th in multi-hit games (32).
- Has multiple hits in 9 of his last 21 G...leads the team with 11 infield hits...has 21 XBH in his last 52 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 46 straight games at 1B since missing 5 games with a right ankle sprain, May 30–June 3...has appeared in 88 games (78 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 (.237, 13, 50)	WED: 0-1, BB	SERIES: 0-6, 5-BB	TRIP: .222 (4-18), 2B, HR, 4-RBI, 8-BB
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .233 (14-60), 4-HR	vs. RH: .238 (49-206), 9-HR	RISP: .276 (21-76), 5-HR

- Monday 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...according to Stats Inc., it was just the 4th time since 1946 a player followed a 4-plus strikeout game (Sun at KC) with a 4-plus walk game.
- Since June 11 (39 games), leads the AL with 37 RBI (2nd in the majors behind CHC Aramis Ramirez, 38 RBI) but his avg. has dropped 21 points (.258 to .237) in that time...is 17-for-51 (.333) 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 12 games (10-for-40), but is batting .208 (16-for-77) thus far in July (21 games).
- Is batting .267 (39-for-146) 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 21 road games, has batted .277 (23-for-83) 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 35-39 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 .142 (19-for-134) 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 (.209, 4, 17)	WED: 0-3, BB	SERIES: 2-10, R, BB	TRIP: .105 (2-19), 3-R, BB, HBP
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .286 (22-77), 2-HR	vs. RH: .169 (25-148), 2-HR	RISP: .157 (8-51), HR

- Snapped an 0-for-12 skid Monday night...started at SS for the 4th time in six games after not starting there since June 5 at SEA...has started 18 of the last 20 games, batting .182 (12-for-66) with a HR and 2 2B in that span...has started 60 games overall (31-2B, 15-3B, 13-SS, 1-1B).
- Against lefties, leads the Rays in batting avg. (.286), OBP (.402) and slugging pct. (.519)...among RH hitters with at least 100 AB, his .169 (25-for-148) batting avg. in 4th-worst in the majors.
- Of his 47 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)	WED: 0-1, R	SERIES: 0-1, R	TRIP: 0-1, R
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .216 (8-37), HR	vs. RH: .283 (15-53), 2-HR	RISP: .381 (8-21), HR

- Appeared in a game for the first time since Thurs vs. NYY last night as a pinch hitter in the 9th inn, reached on an error and scored...as a starter, is 19-for-70 (.271) with 3 HR and 10 RBI...in games he hasn't started, is just 2-for-17 (.118).
- Is batting .149 (7-for-47) in his last 21 games (11 starts) beginning June 15 after batting .372 (16-for-43) in his first 14 games.
- Has only started 11 of the last 35 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 (.192, 6, 16)	WED: 1-3	SERIES: 3-6, HR	TRIP: .400 (4-10), HR
Current Hitting Streak: 4G (.385, 5-13)	vs. LH: .250 (18-72), 3-HR	vs. RH: .135 (10-74), 3-HR	RISP: .162 (6-37)

- Hit his 2nd HR of July Monday night, a solo shot...has at least one hit in 6 of the last 8 games he has started but is 8-for-43 (.186) in his last 17 games (14 starts).
- Has caught 13 of 24 attempted base stealers (54.2 percent), the best percentage in the majors (min. 55 G)...has started 46 games at catcher.
- Has a .135 avg. (10-for-74) against RHP, the 3rd-lowest of any major leaguer with at least 50 AB vs. RHP.
- Has 10 BB in his last 24 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 52 SO in 57 games played (47 starts)...with 53 SO in 168 PA (3.17 PA/SO), has the 6th-highest SO/PA ratio in the majors (min. 150 PA)...with a 2.86 PA/SO (355/124) ratio in 121 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 .207 (172-for-831) with 30 HR vs. RHP.

#2 B.J. UPTON, OF (.227, 15, 53)	WED: DNP	SERIES: 1-8, 3B, RBI	TRIP: .125 (2-16), 3B, RBI, BB, SB
Current Hitting Streak: ---	vs. LH: .224 (19-85), 4-HR	vs. RH: .228 (62-272), 11-HR	RISP: .245 (25-102), 4-HR

- Is 3-for-38 (.079) in his last 9 games after batting .390 (16-for-41) in his prev. 11 games in July...recorded his 1st triple of the season Mon night.
- His .227 batting avg. is the 7th-lowest among qualifying AL hitters...is batting .278 (52-for-187) with 9 HR and 39 RBI in 50 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 13 road games and 9 of his last 11 HR have come on the road...has hit safely in 15 of his last 18 road games, batting .284 (19-for-67) with 6 HR and 18 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 51 games.

18 BEN ZOBRIST, UTL (.277, 13, 54)	WED: 1-5	SERIES: 4-11, 2-HR, 2-2B, 2-RBI, 3-BB, SB	TRIP: .440 (11-25) 2-HR, 5-2B, 6-RBI, 3-BB
Current Hitting Streak: 7G (.414, 12-29)	vs. LH: .283 (30-106), 3-HR	vs. RH: .274 (74-270), 10-HR	RISP: .267 (23-86), 3-HR

- Hit third in the lineup for a 5th straight game last night and extended his hitting streak to 7 games...is 1st in the AL in XBH (51), 2nd in majors behind ARI Justin Upton (52)...totaled only 40 XBH all of last season.
- Leads the majors in 2B with 33...has doubled in 4 straight games twice this season (July 22-25 vs. KC/OAK and June 17-20 vs. FLA/MIL)...led majors with 12 doubles in June...has 16 2B in his last 37 games.
- Leads the AL with a .329 (70-for-213) avg. with 41 RBI in 52 road games, compared to .209 (34-for-163) with 13 RBI in 48 home games.
- **Since July 5:** Has hit safely in 14 of 17 games, batting .375 (24-for-64) with 11 XBH, 14 RBI, 14 BB and 5 SB.
- Has 18 BB in his last 21 games and 26 BB in his last 33 games...has a .452 OBP in July (20 games), 4th in the AL, 7th in the majors.
- Has appeared in a team-high 100 of 103 games (99 starts; 69-2B, 29-RF, 1-DH)...has 229 career games in the OF without committing an error.
- Has 4 HR in his last 15 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...10 of his 13 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

#54 MIKE EKSTROM, RH (0-0-0, 0.00 ERA, 0-G) Last App: ---	Saves-Opps: 0-0 Long Relief App:---	vs. LH: --- vs. RH: ---	IR-RS: --- 1st Batter: ---
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- Was selected from Triple-A Durham before the game today after Rob Delaney was optioned following the game at OAK yesterday.
- In 36 apps at Durham (1 start), went 4-3 with a 4.10 ERA (52.2-IP, 24-ER) and 5 saves in 7 opportunities...in 8 apps since the Triple-A All-Star break, has posted a 1.13 ERA (8-IP, 1-ER) over 6 apps.
- Spring Training:** Made 7 apps, going 0-2 with a 10.13 ERA (8-IP, 9-ER)...was a member of the Rays 40-man roster during spring but was designated for assignment on April 3 to make room for Felipe Lopez, who was selected to replace Evan Longoria's spot on the active roster.
- Last year, made his first Opening Day roster, his first of four stints with the Rays...was on the active roster from April 6-27, Aug 9-24, Sep 8-13 and Sep 19 through season's end...made 15 relief apps, compiling a 3.31 ERA (16.1-IP, 6-ER)...did not allow a run over his last 11 apps...in spring training, beat out Joaquin Benoit and Dale Thayer for the final spot in the bullpen.
- Had 3 stints with San Diego over the 2008 and 2009 seasons...in 35 career major league apps, is 0-3 with a 5.48 ERA (44.1-IP, 27-ER).

#43 KYLE FARNSWORTH, RH (3-1-19, 1.99, ERA, 44-G) Last App: 7/23 at KC (BS, 1.0-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 1-BB, 1-SO)	Saves-Opps: 19-23 Long Relief App: 1.2, x2, last 7/3 vs. STL	vs. LH: .210 (13-62), 2-HR vs. RH: .218 (19-87)	IR-RS: 23-8 1st Batter: .205 (9-44), HR
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- Suffered his 4th blown save of the season and 2nd in the last 7 days on July 23 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%, 8th in the AL) in save opps and has a 1.99 ERA (40.2-IP, 9-ER), the 2nd-lowest ERA of any AL closer...has 37 games finished, T-4th-most in the AL...has a 9.07 baserunners/9-IP ratio, best among AL closers and 7th-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, 3.44 ERA, 18-G) Last App: 7/27 at OAK (1.0-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO)	Saves-Opps: 0-0 Long Relief App: 3.0, 7/17 vs. BOS	vs. LH: .393 (11-28), HR vs. RH: .250 (11-44)	IR-RS: 10-3 1st Batter: .267 (4-15), 2 BB
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- Recorded his first loss of the season (16 previous apps) on July 23 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.
- 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 (2-2-1, 9.17 ERA, 24-G) Last App: 7/25 at OAK (L, 0.2-IP, 2-H, 3-R/ER, 1-BB, 0-SO)	Saves-Opps: 1-2 Long Relief App: 1.1, 5/23 at FLA	vs. LH: .231 (9-39), HR vs. RH: .344 (11-32), 2-HR	IR-RS: 15-4 1st Batter: .130 (3-23), HR, BB
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- Suffered the loss Monday at OAK, 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.

#57 JAKE MCGEE, LH (0-0-0, 3.27 ERA, 17-G) Last App: 7/24 at KC (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 2-SO)	Saves-Opps: 0-0 Long Relief App: 1.2, 4/28 at MIN	vs. LH: .125 (3-24) vs. RH: .500 (10-20), HR	IR-RS: 16-6 1st Batter: .143 (2-14), 3-BB, HR
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- Has not allowed a run in 6 apps (4 IP) since being recalled on July 15, including a scoreless inning July 24 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) Last App: 7/25 at OAK (BS, 0.2-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 0-SO)	Saves-Opps: 1-3 Long Relief App: 2.0, 5/16 vs. NYY	vs. LH: .187 (14-75), HR vs. RH: .236 (21-89), 4-HR	IR-RS: 30-9 1st Batter: .104 (5-48), 2-BB
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- Made his AL-leading 50th appearance Monday at OAK (T-11th in the majors)...is T-8th 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.

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

	W-L-S	G	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO	HR
Totals	53-50-21	103	3.74	919.0	826	382	325	683	97
Starters	41-38-0	103	3.66	661.1	604	269	199	498	76
Relievers	12-12-21	95	3.95	257.2	222	113	126	185	21
Home	24-25-10	49	3.26	450.0	385	163	145	362	40
Road	29-25-11	54	4.20	469.0	441	219	176	321	57
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	8-14-4	22	4.20	197.0	191	92	90	149	22

RAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Current Streak: L3	When commit error: 17-24	Hit homer: 38-23
Current Record: 53-50	Ahead after 6-7-8: 41-4/44-4/46-3	Homer with men on: 30-8
Home/Road: 24-25/29-25	Behind after 6-7-8: 7-37/5-40/5-41	Hit multiple homers: 21-9
Day/Night: 19-18/34-32	Tied after 6-7-8: 5-9/4-6/2-6	Score first: 39-14
Grass/Turf: 26-23/27-27	1-run games: 15-13	Score 5 or more: 34-7
vs. East: 19-18	2-run games: 6-10	Score less than 5: 16-40
vs. Central: 16-14	Extra innings: 4-4	Outhit opponents: 37-9
vs. West: 6-12	Win in last at-bat: 8	Outhit by opponents: 9-38
vs. National League: 12-6	Come-from-behind wins: 16	Collect 10 or more hits: 23-5
vs. RH/LH starters: 38-37/16-12	Opp. come-from-behind wins: 16	Opp. 10 or more hits: 8-21
Series W-L-T (home): 6-8-2	Series W-L-T (road): 9-8-1	Wearing white/gray/navy/lt.blue: 16-17/15-13/18-16/3-4

LAST HR

'11 MOST HITS GAME

'11 MOST RBI GAME

Chirinos --	2, 7/27 at OAK	--
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, 4x-last 7/27 at OAK	1, 3x-last 7/27 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 7/27/11 at OAK (F De Los Santos)	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 7/26/11 at OAK (B McCarthy)	4, 3x-last 6/11 at BAL	8, 4/28 at MIN

HOME RUNS (97)

Solo (48): Joyce-8, Upton-8, Zobrist-7, Damon-6, Longoria-4, Shoppach-3, E. Johnson-2, Kotchman-2, Lopez-2, Rodriguez-2, Ruggiano-2, Brignac-1, Jaso-1, Ruggiano-1,
2-Run (37): Joyce-6, 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

Long win streak5, 2x-last 4/23-4/28
 Long loss streak6, 4/1-4/7
 Most runs game, TB16, 4/11 at BOS
 Most runs game, Opp13, 7/27 at OAK
 Most runs inn, TB6, (2nd) 4/11 at BOS
 Most runs, inning, Opp9, (4th) 7/27 at OAK
 Most hits game, TB19, 3x-last 6/26 at HOU
 Most hits game, Opp20, 5/30 vs. TEX
 Most hits, inning, TB7, (1st) 5/1 vs. LAA
 Most hits, inning, Opp7, 2x-last, (4th) 7/27 at OAK
 Most doubles, gm, TB7, 7/3 vs. STL
 Most doubles, gm, Opp7, 6/26 at HOU
 Most HR, game, TB3, 4x-last, 7/6 at MIN
 Most HR, game, Opp4, 3x-last, 7/15 vs. BOS
 Most x-base hits, game, TB9, 4/11 at BOS
 Most x-base hits, game, Opp10, 6/26 at HOU
 Most stolen bases, game, TB4, 3x-last, 7/24 at KC
 Most stolen bases, game, Opp5, 6/1 vs. TEX
 Most walks, game, TB9, 4/27 at MIN
 Most walks, game, Opp12, 7/17 vs. BOS
 Most strikeouts game, TB15, 7/24 at KC
 Most strikeouts, game, Opp16, 7/17 vs. BOS
 Most LOB, game, TB12, 6/11 at BAL
 Most LOB, Opp17, 7/17 vs. BOS
 Most errors, game, TB3, 5/30 vs. TEX
 Most errors game, Opp5, 5/18 at TOR
 Longest game, time5:44, 7/17 vs. BOS
 Longest game, time (9 innings)3:50, 6/26 at HOU

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Most runs game, TB4, 2x-last, Zobrist, 6/26 at HOU
 Most runs game, Opp4, Bautista, 4/22 at TOR
 Most hits game, TB4, 9x-last Damon, 7/2 vs. STL
 Most hits game, Opp5, Jeter, 7/9 at NYY
 Most 2B game, TB3, Zobrist, 6/11 at BAL
 Most 2B game, Opp2, 9x-last Andino, 6/10 at BAL
 Most HR game, TB2, Longoria, 6/26 at HOU
 Most HR game, Opp2, 7x-last Reynolds, 6/11 at BAL
 Most RBI game, TB8, Zobrist, 4/28 at MIN
 Most RBI game, Opp6, Markakis, 6/10 at BAL
 Most x-base hits, game, TB4, 2x-last Zobrist, 6/11 at BAL
 Most x-base hits, game, Opp3, 2x-last Napoli, 5/30 vs. TEX
 Most steals, game, TB3, Fuld, 4/7 at CWS
 Most steals, game, Opp2, 3x-last, Gardner, 7/19 vs. NYY
 Hitting Streak16, Damon 4/9-4/28

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Most SO, TB Starter13, Shields, 5/22 at FLA
 Most SO, Opp. Starter13, Jackson, 4/7 at CWS
 Most SO, TB Reliever3, 2x-last, Gomes, 7/17 vs. BOS
 Most IP, TB Reliever5.1, Sonnanstine, 4/10 at CWS
 Most walks, game, TB5, 5x-last Price, 5/16 vs. BOS
 Most walks, game, Opp6, Burnett, 7/18 vs. NYY
 Most SO, Team, TB16, 7/17 vs. BOS
 Most walks, Team, TB12, 7/17 vs. CLE
 Low-Hit Game2, Niemann/Peralta/Cruz 4/28 at MIN
 Consecutive scoreless innings21.0, Shields, 4/18-4/30
 Shortest game, time2:05, 4/24 at TOR
 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	48	45	46	43	48	69	28	6	412
TB	49	55	50	36	36	62	32	54	46	6	425

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	22	64	2.91	3.88	12-10	11
Shields	22	49	2.23	2.75	13-9	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-6, Fuld-5, Upton-5, 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
	2-5					4-7			42-42	19-18	16-20	11-6	0-1	0-1		1-0	1-0	0-4
						33-29	3-1	0-1	0-1	24-14						3-6	6-7	3-5
						1-0		0-1							1-0		0-1	
	27-23									1-5				1-0	1-1	9-7	8-5	7-5
						0-3	1-1			1-4								
		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	1-5	1-5	2-2	
		43-35										0-3	4-4	11-8	14-7	13-12	1-1	
	0-1														0-1			
					33-37				1-1	1-2		14-17	19-19					
		1-4			10-8				2-0				7-3	0-1	3-4	3-4		
									0-4				0-4					
		0-1	18-13	11-5	3-10					3-0	2-1	1-1		7-3	5-7	7-10	6-4	1-4
						12-7	1-0	1-1				2-1		1-1	6-0	2-1	2-2	1-3
	24-21													1-2	2-1	10-3	8-9	3-6
									48-48	0-2		7-6	10-4	13-15	18-21			
			34-37							3-5	33-25	3-9	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	.333	6	2	0	0	.333	6	2	0	0
Damon	.231	13	3	0	1	.296	476	141	6	38
Fuld	.000	5	0	0	0	.000	5	0	0	0
Jennings	.333	12	4	0	2	.333	12	4	0	2
E. Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	0
Joyce	.231	13	3	1	3	.261	23	6	1	6
Kotchman	.300	10	3	0	0	.212	189	40	1	21
Longoria	.000	6	0	0	0	.223	103	23	6	12
Rodriguez	.200	10	2	0	0	.179	39	7	1	4
Ruggiano	.000	1	0	0	0	.111	9	1	0	1
Shoppach	.500	6	3	1	1	.268	56	15	2	8
Upton	.125	8	1	0	1	.241	203	49	6	17
Zobrist	.455	11	5	2	2	.271	107	29	5	15

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
Ekstrom	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0-0	0.00	1	0.1	1	0
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	0-1-0	6.00	1	6.0	7	4	1-1-0	3.66	3	19.2	16	8
Shields	0-1-0	22.50	1	4.0	12	10	4-3-0	4.58	11	72.2	78	37

RAYS HITTERS AT O.CO COLISEUM (Avg.-AB-H-HR-RBI)—Chirinos (.333-6-2-0-0)...Damon (.243-526-128-17-43)...Fuld (.000-5-0-0-0)...
 Jennings (.333-12-4-0-2)...E. Johnson (.000-3-0-0-0)...Joyce (.222-18-4-1-5)...Kotchman (.183-115-21-1-11)...Longoria (.192-52-10-3-7)...
 Rodriguez (.212-33-7-1-4)...Ruggiano (.111-9-1-0-1)...Shoppach (.300-40-12-1-5)...Upton (.190-100-19-2-7)...Zobrist (.250-64-16-3-6)

PLAYERS USED IN 2011 (39)

Pitchers (19): RH Jay Buente, 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	10	2-8
C	John Jaso	15-day	Right oblique strain	July 15	July 10	July 25	13	3-10
C	Jose Lobaton	15-day	Left knee sprain	July 18	July 18	August 2	10	2-8

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

No.	Date	H/R D/N	W/L	Score/Opp	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Rec.	Pos. GA/GB	Att.	Home Cum.	Road Cum.
1	4/1	H/N	L	1-4/BAL	Guthrie (1-0)	Price (0-1)	0-1	T-2/-1.0	34,078	34,078	
2	4/2	H/N	L	1-3/BAL	Accardo (1-0)	Shields (0-1)	0-2	T-4/-2.0	22,164	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				OFF (1)		0-3	T-4/-3.5			
4	4/5	H/N	L	3-5/LAA	Weaver (2-0)	Niemann (0-1)	0-4	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	4/7	R/D	L	1-5/CWS	Jackson (2-0)	Price (0-2)	0-6	T-4/-5.0	38,579		38,579
7	4/8	R/N	W	9-7/CWS	Russell (1-0)	Thornton (0-1)	1-6	T-4/-4.5	20,199		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	4/10	R/D	L	1-6/CWS	Floyd (1-0)	Niemann (0-2)	1-8	5/-5.0	23,436		108,592
10	4/11	R/N	W	16-5/BOS	Hellickson (1-1)	Matsuzaka (0-2)	2-8	T-4/-4.5	37,568		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
	4/13	R/N		BOS	PPD - Rain (1)	Rescheduled for August 16		4/-3.5			
12	4/14	H/N	W	4-2/MIN (10)	Farnsworth (1-0)	Capps (1-1)	4-8	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	4/16	H/D	W	4-3/MIN	Cruz (1-0)	Nathan (0-1)	6-8	4/-3.5	16,428	140,471	
15	4/17	H/D	L	2-4/MIN	Duensing (1-0)	Hellickson (1-2)	6-9	4/-3.5	22,426	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	4/19	H/N	W	2-1/CWS	Shields (1-1)	Danks (0-2)	8-9	T-2/-2.0	13,731	188,644	
18	4/20	H/N	W	4-1/CWS	Davis (2-2)	Humber (1-2)	9-9	2/-2.0	13,214	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	4/22	R/N	L	4-6/TOR (11)	Rzepczynski (2-0)	Russell (1-1)	9-11	3/-3.0	23,192		206,367
21	4/23	R/D	W	6-4/TOR	Price (3-2)	Morrow (0-1)	10-11	2/-3.0	21,826		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				OFF (2)		11-11	2/-2.5			
	4/26	R/N		MIN	PPD - Rain (2)	Rescheduled for April 28		2/-2.0			
23	4/27	R/N	W	8-2/MIN	Davis (3-2)	Liriano (1-4)	12-11	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
25	4/28 (2)	R/N	W	6-1/MIN	Niemann (1-3)	Swarzak (0-1)	14-11	2/-1.5	36,456		354,024
26	4/29	H/N	L	5-8/LAA	Santana (1-3)	Price (3-3)	14-12	2/-1.5	21,791	240,400	
27	4/30	H/D	W	2-1/LAA (10)	Peralta (1-0)	Rodney (0-1)	15-12	2/-1.5	20,245	260,645	
APRIL 15-12 (7-8 Home, 8-4 Road)											
28	5/1	H/D	L	5-6/LAA	Thompson (1-1)	Peralta (1-1)	15-13	2/-2.5	16,248	276,893	
	5/2				OFF (3)		15-13	2/-3.0			
29	5/3	H/N	W	3-2/TOR	Farnsworth (2-0)	Rauch (1-2)	16-13	2/-2.0	10,248	287,141	
30	5/4	H/N	L	2-3/TOR	Morrow (1-1)	Niemann (1-4)	16-14	2/-2.0	10,099	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	5/6	R/N	W	6-2/BAL	Shields (3-1)	Britton (5-2)	18-14	2/-1.0	20,694		374,718
33	5/7	R/D	W	8-2/BAL	Hellickson (3-2)	Guthrie (1-5)	19-14	T-1/+4.0	18,961		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
	5/9				OFF (4)		20-14	T-1/+4.0			
35	5/10	R/N	L	4-5/CLE	Perez (2-1)	Peralta (1-2)	20-15	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		458,032
38	5/13	H/N	W	3-0/BAL	Hellickson (4-2)	Guthrie (1-6)	23-15	1/+2.0	20,476	330,398	
39	5/14	H/D	L	0-6/BAL	Bergesen (1-4)	Davis (4-3)	23-16	1/+2.0	28,451	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	5/16	H/N	W	6-5/NYY	Cruz (2-0)	Burnett (4-3)	24-17	1/+3.0	25,024	405,378	
42	5/17	H/D	L	2-6/NYY	Nova (4-3)	Shields (4-2)	24-18	1/+2.0	27,123	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	5/19	R/N	L	2-3/TOR	Romero (4-4)	Davis (4-4)	25-19	1/+1.0	12,590		485,037
45	5/20	R/N	L	3-5/FLA	Dunn (4-2)	Peralta (0-3)	25-20	1/+1.0	18,111		503,148
46	5/21	R/D	L	3-5/FLA	Vazquez (3-4)	Price (5-4)	25-21	T-1/+0.5	21,814		524,962
47	5/22	R/D	W	4-0/FLA	Shields (5-2)	Buente (0-1)	26-21	T-1/+0.5	15,432		540,394
48	5/23	R/N	L	3-6/DET	Furbush (1-0)	Hellickson (5-3)	26-22	T-1/+0.5	21,550		561,944
49	5/24	R/N	L	6-7/DET	Albuquerque (1-1)	Ramos (0-1)	26-23	3/-1.0	24,133		586,077
	5/25	R/N		DET	PPD - Rain (3)	Rescheduled for June 13		3/-1.5			
	5/26				OFF (5)		26-23	3/-1.5			
50	5/27	H/N	W	5-0/CLE	Price (6-4)	Tomlin (6-2)	27-23	3/-1.5	16,800	449,301	
51	5/28	H/D	L	3-7/CLE	Carrasco (4-2)	Shields (5-3)	27-24	3/-2.0	24,717	474,018	
52	5/29	H/D	W	7-0/CLE	Hellickson (6-3)	Masterson (5-3)	28-24	3/-1.5	23,898	497,916	
53	5/30	H/N	L	5-11/TEX	Holland (4-1)	Davis (4-5)	28-25	3/-1.5	14,203	512,119	
54	5/31	H/N	W	5-4/TEX	Peralta (2-3)	Rhodes (3-3)	29-25	3/-1.5	12,783	524,902	
MAY 14-13 (7-8 Home, 7-6 Road)											
55	6/1	H/D	L	0-3/TEX	Lewis (5-5)	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	6/3	R/N	L	0-7/SEA	Vargas (4-3)	Sonnanstine (0-2)	29-28	3/-3.0	24,492		626,945
58	6/4	R/D	W	3-2/SEA	Hellickson (7-3)	Fister (3-6)	30-28	3/-3.0	28,843		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	6/6	R/N	W	5-1/LAA	Price (7-5)	Chatwood (3-3)	31-29	3/-3.5	32,287		717,022
61	6/7	R/N	W	4-1/LAA	Cobb (1-0)	Haren (5-4)	32-29	3/-2.5	38,833		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
	6/9				OFF (6)		33-29	3/-3.0			
63	6/10	R/N	L	0-7/BAL	Arrieta (8-3)	Hellickson (7-4)	33-30	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	6/12	R/D	W	9-6/BAL	Davis (5-5)	Matusz (1-1)	35-30	3/-4.0	22,032		854,485
66	6/13	R/N	L	1-2/DET (10)	Purcey (1-0)	Farnsworth (2-1)	35-31	3/-4.5	30,938		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	
68	6/15	H/N	L	0-3/BOS	Beckett (6-2)	Hellickson (7-5)	36-32	3/-4.5	19,388	578,947	
69	6/16	H/N	L	2-4/BOS	Buchholz (6-3)	Price (7-6)	36-33	3/-5.5	23,495	602,442	
70	6/17	H/N	W	5-1/FLA	Davis (6-5)	Hand (0-3)	37-33	3/-5.5	15,708	618,150	
71	6/18	H/N	W	7-4/FLA	Cobb (2-0)	Nolasco (4-3)	38-33	3/-4.5	20,495	638,645	
72	6/19	H/N	W	2-1/FLA	Shields (7-4)	Webb (1-4)	39-33	3/-4.5	26,761	665,406	
73	6/20	R/N	W	8-4/MIL	Niemann (2-4)	Narveson (4-5)	40-33	3/-4.5	35,495		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	R/D	W	6-3/MIL	Price (8-6)	Estrada (1-5)	41-34	3/-3.5	39,632		1,000,639
	6/23				OFF (7)		41-34	3/-3.5			
76	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
77	6/25	R/N	W	7-2/HOU	Davis (7-5)	Norris (4-6)	43-34	3/-2.0	27,208		1,054,529
78	6/26	R/D	W	14-10/HOU	Howell (1-1)	W. Lopez (1-4)	44-34	3/-2.0	23,965		1,078,494
79	6/27	H/N	L	0-5/CIN	Leake (7-4)	Hellickson (7-7)	44-35	3/-2.5	19,891	685,297	
80	6/28	H/N	W	4-3/CIN	Farnsworth (3-1)	Ondrusek (3-3)	45-35	3/-2.5	20,894	706,191	
81	6/29	H/D	L	3-4/CIN	Volquez (5-3)	Shields (8-5)	45-36	3/-3.5	25,968	732,159	
	6/30				OFF (8)		45-36	3/-4.0			
JUNE 16-11 (5-5 Home, 11-6 Road)											



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		NYN	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
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
102	7/26	R/N	L	1-6/OAK	McCarthy (3-5)	Price (9-9)	53-49	3/-10.5	12,166		1,442,137
103	7/27	R/N	L	4-13/OAK	Cahill (9-9)	Shields (9-9)	53-50	3/-11.5	18,640		1,460,777

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.
- July 26** Optioned LH **Cesar Ramos** to AAA Durham; recalled RH **Jay Buente** from AAA Durham.
- July 27** Optioned RH **Jay Buente** to AAA Durham; selected RH **Rob Delaney** from AAA Durham.
- July 28** Optioned RH **Rob Delaney** to AAA Durham; selected RH **Mike Ekstrom** from AAA Durham.

TOMORROW'S STARTER – RH JEFF NIEMANN (4-4, 3.86)

Year	Team	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Opp Avg.
2010	Tampa Bay	12-8	4.39	30	29	1	1	174.1	159	86	85	61	131	25	.242
2011	Tampa Bay	4-4	3.86	12	12	0	0	67.2	71	33	29	16	47	7	.264
Career MLB		31-20	4.14	78	73	3	3	438.2	433	215	202	144	317	52	.257

TOMORROW'S START & 2011 NOTES

- 28-year-old will make his 13th start of the season, 74th of his career.
- Last start:** Earned no decision on Sat at KC in a 10-inning, 5-4 loss...it was his second straight quality start lost by the Rays in extras...his line: 6.0 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 4 SO, 0 HR...threw 92 pitches, 61 strikes...all 3 runs he allowed were driven in by Mike Moustakas, on a 2-run double in the 4th and a sac fly in the 6th...exited the game with a 4-3 lead.
- His 1.32 ERA (27.1-IP, 4-ER) in the month of July (4 starts) ranks 3rd in the AL and 4th in the majors...this has dropped his ERA from 5.58 to 3.86.
- Since his return from the DL on June 20, has gone 3-0 with a 2.23 ERA (36.1-IP, 9-ER) in 6 starts...in 6 starts prior to the DL, was 1-4, 5.74.
- On July 17 vs. BOS, did not factor in the decision in a 1-0 loss to Josh Beckett and the Red Sox in 16 innings, the longest game in Rays history by time and tied for the longest by innings...his line: 8 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 10 SO, 118 pitches, 75 strikes...recorded career-high 10 SO and tossed a season-high 8 innings and 118 pitches...retired 24 of the 28 batters he faced including 9 of his last 10.
- The Rays are 5-3 this season when Niemann lasts at least 6 IP...losses include his last 2 starts and April 5 vs. LAA.
- Is 3-1 with a 3.38 ERA (32-IP, 12-ER) in 6 starts on the road...is 1-3 with a 4.29 ERA (35.2-IP, 17-ER) in 6 starts at home.
- In his last 8 starts (beginning April 28) is 5-1 with a 2.47 ERA (47.1-IP, 13-ER).
- In his 4 wins this season, has a 1.03 ERA (26.1-IP, 3-ER)...in his 4 losses, has an 8.31 ERA (17.1-IP, 16-ER).
- Has allowed 70 percent of his runs in the first 3 innings, giving up 23 R in 35.2 innings over the first three frames this season...his ERA in the first 3 innings is 5.05 compared to 2.53 for the rest of the game.
- Is 16-2 in 25 starts when pitching 7-plus innings in his career.
- Since going on the DL for a right shoulder strain last Aug 9, has gone 6-9 in 20 apps (19 starts) with a 5.44 ERA (102.2-IP, 62-ER)...when he went on the DL he had a 26-11 (.703) lifetime record.
- Standing 6'9", only two other pitchers on an active roster are as tall as him: TOR Jon Rauch (6'11") and BAL Mark Hendrickson (6'9").

NIEMANN vs. SEATTLE

- Is unbeaten (3-0) in 5 career starts/apps vs. Seattle, with a 3.48 ERA (31-IP, 12-ER).
- Last faced the M's on Sep 24, 2010 when he earned a 5-3 win over Jason Vargas...totaled 5.2 IP, 7 H, 3 R/ER, 1 BB, 4 SO, 79 pitches, 52 strikes.
- Will be making his 4th career start/app at Safeco Field, where he is 2-0 with a 2.89 ERA (18.2-IP, 6-ER) lifetime...last pitched there on May 6, 2010 earning an 8-0 win...his line: 7.0 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 6 SO, 99 pitches, 58 strikes.