



FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013 at OAKLAND ATHLETICS

LH David Price (8-5, 3.28) vs. RH Jarrod Parker (10-6, 3.58)

First Pitch: 10:05 p.m. | Location: O.co Coliseum, Oakland, Calif. | TV: Sun Sports | Radio: WDAE 620 AM

Game No.: 133 (75-57) | Road Game No.: 63 (31-31) | All-Time Game No.: 2,559 (1,179-1,379) | All-Time Road Game No.: 1,246 (488-757)

April: 12-14 | May: 18-10 | June: 13-15 | July: 21-5 | August: 11-13

ROSTER MOVE—The Rays have recalled RH **Brandon Gomes** from Triple-A Durham...Gomes, who was on the disabled list May 10–Aug 17 (strained right lat), has appeared in 10 games for Durham since then (0-0, 2.61, 10.1-IP, 7-H, 3-ER, 1-BB, 14-SO)...he last pitched Tuesday vs. Charlotte (IP-1.1)...he replaces RH **Jake Odorizzi** who was optioned to Double-A Montgomery.

RAY MATTER—The Rays begin this 10-day West Coast road trip having lost 4 of their last 5 games while scoring 12 runs and batting .213 (34-for-160) including .182 (8-for-44) with runners in scoring position...over the last 5 games, the Rays have fallen out of a first place tie with Boston in the AL East to 2.5 GB...the Rays just dropped 2 of 3 games to the Angels, the first home series they have lost since June 13-16 vs. KC...they had gone 9-0-1 in their previous 10 home series...despite yesterday's loss the Rays retained their half-game lead over Oakland for the first Wild Card spot...the Rays have spent 27 of the last 30 days in second place in the AL East and 54 straight days in either first or second place.

- + The Angels series began a stretch of 13 straight games vs. AL West teams (3 vs. LAA, 3 at OAK, 4 at SEA)...the Rays are 12-7 (.632) vs. AL West clubs this season and 41-28 (.594) outside the AL East.
- + The Rays are 21-19 in one-run games...however they are 19-11 in their last 30 one-run games after starting the season 2-8.
- + The Rays are playing 37 games in 38 days to finish the regular season (3-34 so far)...their only remaining off-day is Sep 9.

30 TO GO—Of the Rays last 30 games, 19 are on the road and 17 are against teams currently within 5.0 games of a postseason berth.

THE LAST 100—The Rays are 61-39 in their last 100 games, 3.0 games better than any other AL team during that span (Texas, 58-42).

ROAD RAYS—The Rays play 13 of their next 16 games on the road...between May 5 and July 29, the Rays had the best road record in the majors at 24-12, but they have lost 6 of 8 road games since...since 2010, the Rays have the majors' best road record at 166-139 (.544).

UN-AUGUSTLIKE—After going 21-5 in July, the best month in club history, the Rays are 11-13 in August...they will need to win their two remaining games this month to avoid their first losing August since 2006, Manager **Joe Maddon's** first year as skipper of the Rays when they went 9-19...August has been the Rays best month, at 226-226 (.500) all-time...Rays have scored just 85 runs this month (3.5 R/G)...it will be their fewest runs scored in the month of August in club history...current low is 106 in 2006...the last time they failed to score 100 runs in a month was July 2009.

WEST COAST RARITY—This is the Rays 46th trip to the West Coast all time, but only the 2nd in which they have stopped in all three AL cities: Oakland, Anaheim and Seattle...in 2010 (May 4-12), the Rays visited all 3 and went 6-3...while the Rays are a combined 178-240 (.426) in these 3 ports all-time, they are 26-17 (.605) since 2010...this season they are 0-5 in in the Pacific time zone (0-3 at LAD and 0-2 at ARI).

RAYS vs. A'S—In their first meeting of the season, the Rays swept a 3-game series at home, April 19-21...the Rays outscored the A's, 17-4, and held them to a .179 (17-for-95) average with just 3 extra-base hits...Rays held the A's without an extra-base hit in the final 2 games of the series—the only time in their last 303 games the A's have been held without an extra-base in consecutive games...Rays need one win to take their first season series from the A's since 2010...Rays have also won 6 of the last 8 games between the two since July 31, 2012...**Alex Cobb** has 3 of those wins...since 2007, the Rays are 30-27, but their overall mark of 53-86 (.390) is their worst against an AL opponent...Rays are 13-13 here since 2007, but were 8-34 prior.

PARKER AND PRICE—Going back to May 28, tonight's two opposing starters **David Price** and **Jarrod Parker** are a combined 15-1 in their last 27 starts...Parker hasn't lost in his last 16 starts and Price has lost only once in 11 starts since coming off the disabled list (left triceps strain) on July 2.

RAYS AFTER 132 GAMES				
Year	W-L	Pct.	Pos	GB
2013	75-57	.568	2	2.5
2012	71-61	.538	3	4.5
2011	73-59	.553	3	8.5
2010	81-51	.614	2	1.0
2009	72-60	.545	3	12.5
2008	81-51	.614	1	+4.5

ACE IS BACK—Since his July 2 return from the DL, tonight's starter LH **David Price** is 7-1 with a 1.97 ERA (82.1-IP, 18-ER) and 62 SO in 11 starts...has only issued 6 BB out of 308 batters faced...since the beginning of July, leads the AL in innings pitched (82.1), ERA (1.97) and is tied for the lead in wins (7) and winning pct. (.875)...also leads the majors in pitches per IP (12.9).

THE ROAD IS A LONEY PLACE—**James Loney** is batting a major league-high .360 on the road...the last AL player to finish a season with a road average that high was NYY **Robinson Cano** in 2006 (.364)...the Rays club record for one season is held by **Carl Crawford** (.342 in 2007).

RAYS ROOKIES—With 5 IP and 1 ER allowed in his 2-0 loss yesterday, **Jake Odorizzi** lowered the combined ERA by Rays rookies this season to 2.77 (179-IP, 55-ER)...they are a combined 13-7.

DEFENSIVE WIZARDRY—The Rays 48 errors are 2nd fewest in MLB history through 132 games behind this year's Orioles (39)...the Rays and Orioles are both on pace to break the 2003 Mariners' mark for fewest errors in a 162-game season (65)...last year the Rays had 94 errors through 132 games, nearly twice as many...the Rays have made only 14 in their last 56 games...Rays infielders have made only 28 errors, tied with the Orioles for the fewest in the majors.

FEWEST ERRORS THRU 132 GAMES, ALL-TIME	
2013 Orioles	39
2013 Rays	48
2003 Mariners	49
2012 Mariners	50
2006 Red Sox	50

DOUBLE PLAY COMBO—2B **Ben Zobrist** (2) and SS **Yunel Escobar** (6) have committed a combined total of 8 errors this season, fewest by a double play combination in the majors (among qualifiers, 2/3 of team's games at that position)...the fewest made by a DP combo in one season is 9 twice: 1999 Mets (**Edgardo Alfonzo** 5 and SS **Rey Ordóñez** 4) and the 2010 Yankees (2B **Robinson Cano** 3 and SS **Derek Jeter** 6)...Escobar and Zobrist have made only 3 combined errors since May 11.

- + Zobrist leads major league 2B with a .995 fielding pct. and is on track to break **Aki Iwamura's** club record (.990 in 2008)...he has played a club-record 81 straight errorless games at 2B, his last error coming on May 11 vs. SD.
- + Escobar has committed only 2 errors in his last 85 games.
- + Since the All-Star break, Escobar is batting .315 and Zobrist .314, the top-hitting double play combo since the break.

NEWS OF THE INFIRMED—LH **Matt Moore** (left elbow soreness) made his first rehab start last night for Triple-A Durham at Gwinnett...he totaled 4 IP, 8 H, 4 R/ER, 2 BB, 2 SO, 74 pitches, 43 strikes in the Bulls 7-6 win.

RE-JOYCE-ING—After batting .211 in June and .221 in July, OF **Matt Joyce** is hitting .370 (20-for-54) in August, 5th highest in the AL... the club record batting avg. from August is .389 by **Jason Bartlett** in 2008.

ODDS & ENDS—The Rays are 2-for-their-last-11 with the bases loaded...OF **Wil Myers** is hitless in his last 19 at-bats...despite this, since his June 18 call-up leads AL rookies in hits (64), HR (9), OBP (.352) and SLG (.446).

- + 3B **Evan Longoria** is hitless (0-for-15) in his last 4 games after a stretch in which he hit 5 HR in 7 games and 6 HR in 10 games.
- + OF **David DeJesus** is batting .412 (7-for-17) with 2 2B, 2 BB and 4 runs in 5 games with the Rays...is 6-for-11 (.545) batting leadoff.

THEMED DRESS TRIP—In keeping with a **Joe Maddon** tradition of themed dress road trips, the Rays wore their favorite college football jerseys on this trip...it is the 5th themed trip of 2013 and the 28th during Maddon's eight seasons.

Upcoming Games	Opp.	Time	TV	Rays Starting Pitcher	Opp. Starting Pitcher
Sat., Aug 31	@OAK	9:05 p.m.	None	RH Alex Cobb (8-2, 2.87)	RH Sonny Gray (1-2, 3.18)
Sun., Sep 1	@OAK	4:05 p.m.	Sun Sports	TBA	RH A.J. Griffin (11-9, 3.94)

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





TONIGHT'S STARTER—LH DAVID PRICE (8-5, 3.28)

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Avg.
2012	Tampa Bay	20-5	2.56	31	31	2	1	211.0	173	63	60	59	205	16	.226
2013	Tampa Bay	8-5	3.28	20	20	3	0	137.1	130	58	50	20	111	14	.249
Career Majors		69-36	3.18	145	140	7	2	923.2	793	361	326	279	836	85	.231

- THE ACE**—The 27-year-old (turns 28 on Monday) was originally scheduled to pitch yesterday but had his start pushed back when RH Jake Odorizzi was recalled and slotted to start vs. LAA...Price makes his 21st start of the year, 11th on the road...is 6-1 with a 2.78 ERA (68-IP, 21-ER) in 10 road starts this year compared to 1-4 with a 3.84 ERA (63.1-IP, 27-ER) in 9 starts at home.
- LAST START**—On Sat vs. NYY, earned his 8th win in a 4-2 victory opposite CC Sabathia...his line: 6 IP, 5 H, 2 R/ER, 1 BB, 5 SO, 101/66...faced CC Sabathia for the 9th time, first this season...the Rays have now won 8 of 9 while Price is 6-1 with a 2.68 ERA (59.2-IP, 16-ER) in those games...nine of his 19 career starts vs. NYY have come vs. Sabathia.
- ACE IS BACK**—Since his July 2 return from the DL, he is 7-1 with a 1.97 ERA (82.1-IP, 18-ER) and 62 SO in 11 starts...has only issued 6 BB out of 308 batters faced...since the beginning of July, leads the AL in innings pitched (82.1), ERA (1.97) and is tied for the lead in wins (7) and winning pct. (.875) ...also leads the majors in pitches per inning (12.9).
- FIVE LOOKING FOR SIX**—Has won 5 decisions in a row, tied for the 2nd-longest streak of his career (won 8 in a row from June 19-Aug 16, 2012)...has not lost since July 12 vs. HOU, a complete game effort that the Rays lost, 2-1...the 5 wins have come over a span of 8 starts beginning July 19 at TOR...during that stretch, he is 5-0 with a 2.35 ERA (57.1-IP, 15-ER)...in his 11 starts since returning from the DL, the Rays are 9-2.
- VANDY MAN**—As part of the Rays "College Football" themed road trip, Price dressed in a full Vanderbilt football uniform yesterday and Wednesday and even threw a bullpen session with it on—helmet and all...when asked what position he would play, he responded: "Water boy or long snapper"...the Commodores lost to Ole Miss last night, 39-35.
- NO WALKING**—Since his return from the DL, has only walked 6 of his 308 batters faced (11 starts, 82.1 IP, 0.7 BB/9 IP)...leads the AL in walks per 9 IP (BB/9 IP) at 1.31 and strikeout-to-walk ratio (SO/BB) at 5.55...in the majors, ranks behind STL Adam Wainwright (1.21 and 6.81) in both categories and NYM Matt Harvey (6.16) and PHI Cliff Lee (5.86) in SO/BB ratio...Price's career rates coming into the season were 3.0 BB/9 IP and 2.80 SO/BB...Price has set club records twice this year with streaks of 35.1 (July 19-Aug 9) and 27 innings (July 2-19) without a walk.

- CLIFF, CC AND BOOMER**—In American League history (since 1901), only 3 other left-handed pitchers have finished a season with a higher SO/BB ratio than Price's 5.55: SEA/TEX **Cliff Lee** in 2010 (10.28), CLE **CC Sabathia** in 2007 (5.65) and NYY **David Wells** in 1998 (5.62).
- PITCHING DEEPER**—The Rays are 9-3 when he pitches at least 7 innings this year and 2-6 when he doesn't...before going 5 IP and 6 IP in his last 2 starts, he pitched at least 7 innings in each of his first 9 starts since returning from the DL, the 3rd-longest streak in the majors this year behind PHI Cliff Lee (11) and SF Madison Bumgarner (10)...has also thrown 8 or more innings more times this season (6) than he did during his Cy Young season last year (5).
- EFFICIENT**—Since his return from the DL on July 2, he has averaged 12.9 pitches per inning, lowest in the majors in that span...Price averaged 16.1 pitches per inning prior to his DL stint...has only exceeded 100 pitches three times in 11 starts since his return.
- PRE-DL TOTALS:** 9 starts, 1-4, 5.24 ERA, 55 IP, 65 H, 39 R, 32 ER, 14 BB, 49 SO, 8 HR, .294/.340/.471.
- POST-DL TOTALS:** 11 starts, 7-1, 1.97 ERA, 82.1 IP, 65 H, 19 R, 18 ER, 6 BB, 62 SO, 6 HR, .216/.234/.316.
- THE CHANGEUP**—Since his return from the DL, has thrown his changeup an average of 20.0 pct of the time...only threw it an average of 12.7 pct. of the time in the 9 starts prior to his injury.
- LONGBALLS**—After allowing 6 HR in his first 6 starts back from the DL, has not allowed a home run in any of his last 5 starts...his current homerless streak sits at 35.1 IP, the 3rd-longest streak of his career...went a career-high 42 innings without a homer from Aug 12-Sep 7, 2011.
- MENTOR**—Since Price returned from the DL on July 2, Chris Archer has gone 6-2 with a 2.13 ERA and averaged 14.3 pitches per inning...he was 2-3 with a 4.40 ERA and averaging 18.8 pitches per inning during Price's absence.
- SO SOCIAL**—His Twitter account, @DAVIDPRICE14, has more than 179,000 followers...he has tweeted more than 11,000 times...he also created an Instagram account, DAVIDPRICE14, during spring training and already has more than 25,000 followers...he has posted 180 photos.

2013 GAME LOG

GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT
4/2 vs. BAL	--	3.00	6.0	7	2	2	2	4	1	0	0	100/68	L, 4-7	Hammel	up, 3-2
4/7 vs. CLE	L-1	8.18	5.0	10*	8	8*	3*	3	2	0	0	96/61	L, 0-13	Masterson	down, 0-8
4/13 at BOS	--	5.82	6.0	4	1	2	8	1	0	0	0	106/69	L, 1-2	Lester	tied, 1-1
4/18 at BAL	--	6.26	6.0	8	5	5	0	6	1	0	0	86/60	L, 6-10	Gonzalez	up, 5-4
4/23 vs. NYY	L-2	5.52	8.0	8	3	3	0	5	0	0	0	99/71	L, 3-4	Hughes	tied, 2-2
4/28 at CWS	W-1	5.21	7.0	6	3	3	2	9	1	0	0	119*/69	W, 8-3	Axelrod	tied, 3-3
APRIL	1-2	5.21	38.0	43	22	22	9	35	6	0	0	--	--	--	--
5/4 at COL	L-3	5.24	6.2	10*	9*	4	3*	5	2	1*	0	104/68	L, 3-9	Garland	down, 3-9
5/9 vs. TOR	--	4.78	8.0	7	4	2	1	8	0	1*	1*	117/82	W, 5-4	Dickey	tied, 4-4
5/15 vs. BOS	L-4	5.24	2.1	5	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	57/37	L, 2-9	Lester	down, 0-2
MAY	0-2	5.29	17.0	22	17	10	5	14	2	2	1	--	--	--	--
7/2 at HOU	W-2	4.65	7.0	3	0	0	0	10*	0	0	0	70/48	W, 8-0	Bedard	up, 5-0
7/7 vs. CWS	W-3	4.18	9.0*	8	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	98/72	W, 3-1	Danks	--
7/12 vs. HOU	L-5	3.94	9.0*	8	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	87/70	L, 1-2	Cosart	--
7/19 at TOR	W-4	4.03	7.0	7	4	4	1	5	3*	0	0	98/68	W, 8-5	Cecil	up, 5-4
7/24 at BOS	W-5	3.25	9.0*	5	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	97/72	W, 5-1	Doubtront	up, 5-1
7/29 at BOS	W-6	3.57	7.1	2	1	1	0	8	1	0	0	90/67	W, 2-1	Doubtront	up, 2-1
JULY	5-1	1.68	48.1	33	9	9	1	35	6	0	0	--	--	--	--
8/3 vs. SF	--	3.36	9.0*	5	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	105/76	W, 2-1	Lincecum	tied, 1-1
8/9 at LAD	--	3.17	7.0	7	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	99/63	L, 6-7	Capuano	up, 6-1
8/14 vs. SEA	--	3.28	7.0	5	4	4	1	7	0	1	0	117/85	W, 5-4	Harang	down, 3-4
8/19 at BAL	W-7	3.29	5.0	10	2	2	2	6	0	0	0	99/67	W, 4-3	Tillman	up, 4-2
8/24 vs. NYY	W-8	3.28	6.0	5	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	101/66	W, 4-2	Sabathia	up, 4-2
AUGUST	2-0	2.38	34.0	32	10	9	5	27	0	1	0	--	--	--	--

*SEASON HIGH; *CAREER HIGH

2013 SPLITS

vs. LH: .195 (24-123), 2-HR
 vs. RH: .266 (106-3998), 12-HR
 Home: 1-4, 3.84 ERA (63.1-IP, 27-ER)
 Road: 6-1, 2.78 ERA (68-IP, 21-ER)

PRICE vs. OAKLAND

CAREER—Is 2-1 with a 3.66 ERA (39.1-IP, 16-ER) in 6 career starts against the A's, including 1-1 with a 3.71 ERA (26.2-IP, 11-ER) in 4 starts at the Coliseum.

LAST START—Faced them on July 30, 2012 at OAK...did not factor in a 4-3 loss opposite A.J. Griffin...the game went 15 innings and the A's won on a sac fly by Jemile Weeks off Kyle Farnsworth...Price's line: 7 IP, 5 H, 3 R/ER, 2 BB, 11 SO, 121/83...the game lasted 5:09.

TOMORROW'S STARTER—RH ALEX COBB (8-2, 2.87)

- ALEXANDER MILLER COBB**—The 25-year-old will make his 17th start of the year, 7th on the road...is 3-2 with a 2.77 ERA (39-IP, 12-ER) on the road this year compared to 5-0 with a 2.93 ERA (61.1-IP, 20-ER) in 10 starts at home...has received a run support average of 6.02 R/9 IP (61.1-IP, 41-RS) at home vs. 3.46 R/9 IP (39-IP, 15-RS) on the road.
- LAST START**—On Sun vs. NYY, allowed 2 runs in 5.2 IP but did not factor in the 3-2 loss opposite Ivan Nova...his line: 5.2 IP, 7 H, 2 R/ER, 3 BB, 5 SO, 1 HR, 100/64...allowed a solo home run to Robinson Cano in the 4th...left the game with runners on second and third base and Alex Torres struck out Lyle Overbay to end the inning.
- SINCE HE RETURNED**—In 3 starts since his return from the DL, is 2-0 with a 2.16 ERA (16.2-IP, 4-ER) with 16 SO and 13 hits, 9 BB and 2 HR allowed...the Rays have outscored their opponents, 16-8 but are 2-1.

- AGAINST THE BEST**—Is 4-0 with a 1.42 ERA (43.1-IP, 33-H, 9-R, 8-ER, 12-BB, 35-SO) in 6 starts against 2012 postseason teams...the Rays have won 5 of the 6 games (loss last start vs. NYY)...has not faced the Rangers...beat Oakland on April 19 this year (8-3 win).
- RANKS**—At the time he was placed on the DL, his 3.01 ERA and .233 opponents' average both ranked 11th-best in the AL...if he qualified now, his 2.85 ERA would rank 6th-lowest in the AL.
- vs. OAK**—Is 3-1 with a 2.93 ERA (27.2-IP, 9-ER) in 4 starts vs. OAK...lost his first start vs. OAK on Aug 6, 2011 but has won his last 3 in a row, pitching at least 7 innings in each (1.54 ERA; 23.1-IP, 4-ER)...his only career shutout came against the A's on Aug 23, 2012 at TB (4-hitter)...last faced them on April 19 at TB, earning the win in a 8-3 victory...his line: 7.1 IP, 10 H, 3 R/ER, 1 BB, 3 SO, 1 HR...tied a season high with 10 hits allowed.

#70 JOE MADDON, MANAGER

- Two-time AL Manager of the Year (2008, 2011) enters his 8th season as Rays skipper...owns a career 660-605 (.523) record with the Rays: 127-197 (.392) in his first two seasons (2006-07) and 533-408 (.568) since the start of 2008...the Rays were 518-775 (.401) prior to his arrival.

- Has four ejections this season and 31 as a Ray, a club record.
- Signed a 3-year contract extension on Feb 15, 2012 that runs through 2015...at that time, he will be the longest tenured manager/head coach in Tampa Bay sports history, surpassing the Bucs' John McKay (1976-84).

RAYS HITTER NOTES

#7 DAVID DEJESUS, OF	Thur: 0-1 (PH in 9th)	LAA Series: 2-6, 2B, RBI	Stand: 6-13, 2-2B, RBI, BB, 4-R	vs. LH: .149 (7-47)
2013: .257/.335/.405, 6-HR, 28-RBI, 3-SB	Current Hitting Streak: --		RISP: .288 (15-52)	vs. RH: .276 (71-257), 6-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + In 6 games with the Rays, is batting .412 (7-for-17) with 2 doubles, 2 BB and 4 runs...is 6-for-11 in 3 games batting leadoff. + Tied his season high Sun vs. NYY with 3 hits (4th time, last May 29 vs. CWS with the Cubs)...has made 4 starts (3-LF, 1-CF) since being acquired by the Rays from Washington on Aug 23 for a player to be named or cash considerations, all vs. right-handed starters. + Hitting .276 (71-for-257) with all 6 of his HR and 29 of 30 XBH vs. RHP this season...owns a career .291 avg. with a .367 OBP vs. RHP. + Has appeared in 93 games with 71 starts (65-CF, 6-LF) overall this season...is attempting to reach the postseason for the first time. 				
#11 YUNEL ESCOBAR, SS	Thur: 1-4, 2B	LAA Series: 4-8, 2-2B, 3-BB	Stand: 6-18, 2-2B, 4-BB, 2-R	vs. LH: .307 (43-140), 4-HR
2013: .268/.337/.377, 8-HR, 51-RBI, 4-SB	Current Hitting Streak: 3G (.500, 4-8)		RISP: .287 (31-108)	vs. RH: .248 (70-282), 4-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tied his career high Tue vs. LAA reaching base 5 times (4th time, last May 10, 2012 at MIN)...drew a career-high-tying 3 BB (7th time)...it was the 6th time a Rays shortstop reached base 5 times in a game, and first since Jason Bartlett on Aug 31, 2008 vs. BAL (4-for-4 with a HBP). + Since the All-Star break, ranks 2nd among major league shortstops (min. 60 AB) with a .315 avg. (.35-for-111) and 1st with a .403 OBP in 33 games. + Since April 17, is batting .289 (109-for-377) with a .357 OBP in 111 games (109 starts)...hit .089 (4-for-45) in his first 13 G (through April 16) this year. + Had a club record streak of 53 consecutive errorless games by a Rays SS from May 21–July 22...his current .988 fielding pct. is on pace for a career high (prev. .982 in 2012 with TOR) and a club record for a shortstop in franchise history...prev. best was .980 by Chris Gomez in 2002. 				
#5 SAM FULD, OF	Thur: 0-3	LAA Series: 0-7	Stand: 2-10, R	vs. LH: .305 (18-59), 1-HR
2013: .197/.264/.274, 2-HR, 17-RBI, 5-SB	Current Hitting Streak: --		RISP: .270 (10-37)	vs. RH: .133 (13-98), 1-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Has appeared in 98 games (36 as a def. rep.) with 42 starts (17-LF, 14-CF, 11-RF)...joins OAK Chris Young and TOR Rajai Davis as the 3 AL players with at least 10 starts at all 3 outfield positions...has appeared in 56 games as a sub this season, most in the AL. + Is 4-for-28 (.143) over his last 12 games (8 starts) since Aug 13...recorded his first multi-hit game Sat vs. NYY since July 1 at HOU. + Is batting .305 (18-for-59) vs. LHP this season compared to .133 (13-for-98) vs. RHP...he has made 19 starts vs. LHP and 23 starts vs. RHP. 				
#8 DESMOND JENNINGS, OF	Thur: 1-3, 2B, BB	LAA Series: 2-11, 2B, 2-BB	Stand: 2-20, 2B, 5-BB, 2-R	vs. LH: .313 (45-144), 3-HR
2013: .248/.323/.400, 11-HR, 40-RBI, 17-SB	Current Hitting Streak: 2G (.286, 2-7)		RISP: .231 (21-91)	vs. RH: .218 (66-303), 8-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .125 (4-for-32) with 7 BB to 5 SO since his return from the DL...snapped a 0-for-18 skid with a 4th inning single Wed vs. LAA. + Committed a 9th inning error Tue vs. LAA, only his 2nd since the start of 2012...led to an unearned run and the Angels came back to win 6-5. + Was reinstated from the 15-day DL (fractured left middle finger) on Aug 19...missed the minimum 15 days and the Rays went 5-7 in his absence. + Is 2 HR shy of his career high 13 HR in 2012...has 41 XBH this season, exceeding his total from a season ago (39). + Has been caught stealing 7 times and has been picked off 4 times this season...had never been picked off in his career before this season. + Is batting .490 (25-for-51) when putting the first pitch in play this season, and .466 (61-for-131) when doing so in his career. 				
#2 KELLY JOHNSON, INF/OF	Thur: 0-4	LAA Series: 0-4	Stand: 1-7, R	vs. LH: .312 (24-77)
2013: .248/.313/.440, 16-HR, 50-RBI, 7-SB	Current Hitting Streak: --		RISP: .325 (25-77)	vs. RH: .228 (56-246), 16-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is 1-for-12 over his last 4 games (3 starts)...only has 1 XBH this month—a solo HR on Aug 7 at ARI off Randall Delgado. + Has made 31 starts in the Rays 63 games (49.2 pct.) since Wil Myers was selected on June 18...started 55 of 69 games (79.7 pct.) before then. + Has started 86 of 132 games (49-LF, 15-DH, 10-2B, 10-3B, 2-1B) this season...had not appeared at a position other than 2B since his rookie season. + All 16 of his HR have come vs. RHP...is the only player in the AL and 1 of 3 in the majors with at least 16 HR and none vs. LHP. 				
#20 MATT JOYCE, OF	Thur: 0-1 (PH in 9th)	LAA Series: 1-4, 2B, RBI, BB	Stand: 4-12, 2-2B, HR, 2-RBI	vs. LH: .170 (9-53), 2-HR
2013: .259/.347/.467, 17-HR, 43-RBI, 7-SB	Current Hitting Streak: --		RISP: .227 (17-75)	vs. RH: .275 (82-298), 15-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .370 (20-for-54) in August, with 11 of the 20 hits going for extra bases (8-2B, 3-HR)...his .370 avg. ranks 6th in the AL this month and would rank as the 2nd-best calendar month of his career (.414, May 2011)...the club record for August (min. 50 AB) is .389 by Jason Bartlett in 2008. + Tied his season high Mon at KC with 3 hits (3rd time, last Aug 7 at ARI)...marked his 3rd multi-2B game this season (last May 18 at BAL). + His 3rd inning HR on Aug 23 vs. NYY was his 17th of the season, matching his HR total from last season and 2 shy of his career high 19 HR in 2011. + Has started 88 of 132 games (47-RF, 33-LF, 8-DH)...Rays have faced 45 lefty starters but he has only three starts vs. lefties—all Jon Lester starts...has started 85 of 87 games vs. right-handed starters...did not start Aug 3 vs. SF (Tim Lincecum) and July 10 vs. MIN (Kevin Correia). + During his career has batted a combined .297 in April–May with 35 HR in 168 games, and .236 with 43 HR in 394 games the rest of the season. 				
#59 JOSE LOBATON, C	Thur: 0-3	LAA Series: 1-6, BB, R	Stand: 3-10, HR, 4-RBI, BB, 2-R	vs. LH: .244 (20-82), 1-HR
2013: .262/.321/.413, 6-HR, 27-RBI, 0-SB	Current Hitting Streak: --		RISP: .314 (16-51)	vs. RH: .273 (39-143), 5-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Batting .326 (14-for-43) in 15 games (12 starts) in August...only had 2 hits in his previous 29 at-bats before then. + Gave the Rays a 3-1 lead on Aug 23 vs. NYY with a 3-run HR in the 2nd...added an RBI single in the 4th, tying his career high with 4 RBI (also July 25, 2012 at BAL)...snapped a 5-game hitting streak Sun vs. NYY when he grounded into a double play as a pinch hitter in the 10th. + Has started 61 games at catcher...has already exceeded his 2012 totals in almost every category, incl. runs, hits, doubles, HR and RBI. + Hit a walk-off HR on Aug 18 vs. TOR off Brad Lincoln, his 1st career walk-off homer and 2nd career walk-off hit—both came in the same series...marked the 2nd time a Ray recorded 2 walk-off hits in the same series, joining Johnny Damon in 2011 (HR on April 14 and single on April 16 vs. MIN). + Is the first catcher in Rays history to record 2 walk-off hits in a season...the first was a walk-off triple on Aug 16 vs. TOR, the 4th walk-off 3B in the majors this year and 3rd in franchise history (Ben Zobrist in 2012 and Sam Fuld in 2011)...became just the 3rd catcher with a walk-off triple since 1994. 				
#21 JAMES LONEY, 1B	Thur: DNP	LAA Series: 2-9, 2-RBI	Stand: 2-19, 2-RBI, BB	vs. LH: .317 (40-126), 3-HR
2013: .301/.350/.423, 10-HR, 58-RBI, 3-SB	Current Hitting Streak: --		RISP: .298 (36-121)	vs. RH: .294 (91-309), 7-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is 3-for-23 (.130) over his last 7 games (6 starts) since Aug 21...batting .230 (17-for-74) with no extra-base hits and 7 RBI in August...his 21-game XBH drought is the 2nd-longest of his career...has never gone a calendar month without recording an extra-base hit. + Leads the team with a .301 batting avg. ...batting .360 (73-for-203) on the road, best in the majors...is .317 (40-for-126) vs. LHP, 6th best in the majors among LH hitters after hitting .248 vs. LHP entering 2013...recorded 2 hits vs. LHP Tue vs. LAA after going 4-for-26 (.154) vs. LHP since July 28. + Batting .340/.391/.507 (49-for-144) in the 7th inning or later...ranks 4th in the AL in batting avg., 7th in on-base pct. and 10th in SLG. + Led the majors in batting avg. at the end of play on May 16 (.367), one of 3 players in Rays history to lead the majors in batting that late in the season. + 29.1 percent of his balls in play are line drives, according to Fangraphs, the highest pct. in the majors...the major league avg. is 21.1 pct. 				
#3 EVAN LONGORIA, 3B	Thur: 0-4	LAA Series: 0-11, RBI, 2-BB	Stand: 6-24, 2B, 3-HR, 6-RBI	vs. LH: .315 (46-146), 7-HR
2013: .267/.343/.510, 28-HR, 72-RBI, 1-SB	Current Hitting Streak: --		RISP: .252 (29-115)	vs. RH: .247 (86-348), 21-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Is hitless in his last 15 AB (2-BB) since Mon at KC...hit .324 (23-for-72) with 15 XBH (8-2B, 7-HR) in 17 games from Aug 6-25. + Had 5 HR in 7 games from Aug 18-25 and homered in 4 straight games at Tropicana Field Aug 18 and Aug 23-25, matching a club record. + His last 5 HR have been solo shots...is 5 HR from tying Carlos Peña (163) for most in franchise history. + Has 4 seasons of 25-plus HR, tying Peña for the club record...is the first in Rays history with five 20-HR seasons...Aubrey Huff and Peña both had 4. + Played a personal best 42 consecutive errorless games at 3B from May 22–July 20...his .974 fielding pct. ranks 2nd among AL third basemen. + Leads the team with 59 BB...has 133 SO and is on pace for 163 SO, which would be a new career high (140 in 2009). 				
#28 JOSE MOLINA, C	Thur: DNP	LAA Series: 3-4, 2-2B, 3-RBI	Stand: 3-9, 2-2B, 3-RBI, 2-BB	vs. LH: .250 (20-80)
2013: .245/.310/.319, 2-HR, 16-RBI, 2-SB	Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.750, 3-4)		RISP: .188 (9-48)	vs. RH: .242 (36-149), 2-HR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Has started 72 of 132 games (71-C, 1-DH) this season...recorded a season-high 3 RBI Tue vs. LAA, his first 3-hit game since June 19 vs. BOS...his last 3-RBI game was Sep 21, 2012 vs. TOR...was 3-for-21 (.143) over his previous 7 games (6 starts). + Tue vs. LAA was the 5th multi-2B game of his career, 2nd this season (also May 18 at BAL)...his 2nd inning RBI 2B marked his first RBI since July 24 at BOS, snapping a stretch of 15 consecutive games without a RBI, matching the longest streak of his career (also Sep 15, 2006–April 24, 2007) + Has thrown out 5 of his last 10 attempted base stealers...threw out 21.2 percent (11-for-52) of attempted base stealers to start the season. 				

#9 WIL MYERS, OF Thur: 0-1, 3-BB LAA Series: 0-8, 5-BB, R Stand: 0-15, 6-BB, R vs. LH: .280 (21-75), 2-HR
 2013: .286/.352/.446, 9-HR, 39-RBI, 5-SB Current Hitting Streak: -- RISP: .323 (20-62) vs. RH: .289 (43-149), 7-HR

- + Drew a career high 3 BB (prev. 2, 4x-last Aug 27 vs. LAA) yesterday, becoming the first Rays rookie with a 3-BB game since John Jaso in 2010.
- + Hitless in his last 19 at-bats...is 5-for-43 (.116) with no XBH and 15 SO since Aug 16, and his avg. has dropped from .326 to .286.
- + Hit .340 with 8 HR, 30 RBI and a .392 OBP in his first 42 games...hit .286 (72-for-252) with 14 HR, 29 BB and 57 RBI in 64 G for Triple-A Durham.
- + Is 2nd among AL rookies with 39 RBI, 1 RBI behind SEA Nick Franklin (40), despite only 59 games played...can play in 89 games at the most, and is seeking to become the first to lead AL rookies in RBI and play in 89 or fewer games since DET Hoot Evers in 1946, with 33 RBI in 81 games...the only other occasions it has happened in AL history were BOS George Whiteman in 1918 (28 in 71 G) and PHA Danny Murphy in 1902 (48 in 76 G).
- + Since being selected on June 18, ranks among MLB rookie leaders in RBI (39, 1st), HR (9, T-2nd) and hits (64, 3rd) behind LAD Yasiel Puig (77) and LAA J.B. Shuck (66)...ranks 3rd on the team in batting avg., 3rd in OBP and 2nd in SLG since then.

#1 SEAN RODRIGUEZ, INF/OF Thur: 0-3 LAA Series: 1-6, R Stand: 1-10, R vs. LH: .244 (33-135), 3-HR
 2013: .244/.308/.357, 3-HR, 18-RBI, 1-SB Current Hitting Streak: -- RISP: .229 (11-48) vs. RH: .242 (8-33)

- + Has started 44 of the Rays 45 games vs. left-handed starters...is 2-for-19 in his last 9 games and 4-for-30 over his last 13.
- + Since the beginning of June, is hitting .225 (20-for-89) with a .271 OBP and .303 SLG vs. LHP, compared to .283/.377/.522 before then.
- + 28-year-old has appeared in 78 games with 48 starts (24-LF, 16-1B, 5-RF, 3-SS)...eleven of his 12 extra-base hits have come vs. LHP.
- + Has played 390 innings defensively this season, spending time in LF (194 innings) and RF (39) as well as 1B (126), SS (26) and 2B (5)...has made only three starts in the middle infield this season...entering 2013, 278 of his 349 career starts (80 pct.) had been at 2B or SS.

#18 BEN ZOBRIST, INF Thur: 1-2, BB LAA Series: 5-10, 2B, RBI, 2-BB Stand: 7-22, 2-2B, HR, 4-RBI vs. LH: .246 (41-167), 1-HR
 2013: .276/.357/.412, 10-HR, 63-RBI, 10-SB Current Hitting Streak: 4G (.429, 6-14) RISP: .297 (35-118) vs. RH: .291 (94-323), 9-HR

- + Has played a club record 81 consecutive errorless games at 2B, passing Akinori Iwamura (75) from Sep 30, 2007–June 24, 2008...leads all major league 2B with a .995 fielding pct., the best pct. in the AL since NYY Robinson Cano (.996) in 2010...the club record is .990 by Iwamura in 2008.
- + Batting .314 (44-for-140) with a .382 OBP since the All-Star break...has appeared in 127 games with 126 starts (92-2B, 24-RF, 7-SS, 2-DH, 1-LF).
- + Passed Aubrey Huff (449) for 4th on the Rays all-time RBI list with a 2-run 2B Sat vs. NYY in the 6th...was acquired from Houston for Huff in 2006.
- + Was selected to the 2013 All-Star Game by Tigers manager Jim Leyland but did not play...was the 2nd selection of his career (2009 by Joe Maddon).
- + Ranks among team leaders in walks (58, 2nd) and RBI (63, 2nd)...since 2009, ranks 2nd in the AL and 5th in the majors with 415 walks...his 172 doubles lead all switch-hitters, and no major league player can match his combination of doubles (172) and triples (25).

RAYS BULLPEN NOTES

#47 BRANDON GOMES, RH Last App: 8/17 vs. TOR (1.0-IP, 2-H, 1-R, 0-BB, 2-SO) Saves-Opps: 0-0 vs. LH: .300 (6-20), 3-HR
 2013: 0-1-0, 5.68 ERA, 15 G Long Relief App: 2.0, 4/21 vs. OAK IR-RS: 8-1 vs. RH: .214 (6-28)

- + 29-year-old was recalled today to take the place of Jake Odorizzi on the active roster...was reinstated from the 60-day DL (right lat strain) on Aug 17 and made an app that night vs. TOR but was optioned on Aug 19 when Desmond Jennings was reinstated from the 15-day DL.
- + Made 2 apps for Triple-A Durham after being optioned (2.1-IP, 1-ER)...on Aug 17 vs. TOR, allowed a homer to Adam Lind to lead off 8th inning.
- + Has held right-handed hitters to a .204 avg. (31-for-152) and 2 HR during his career while opposing lefties have hit .304 (31-for-102) with 6 HR.
- + Has recorded 18 SO in 12.2 IP this season (12.8 SO/9 IP)...has struck out 34.6 pct. of batters faced.

#57 JAKE MCGEE, LH Last App: 8/27 vs. LAA (1.0-IP, 1-H, 1-R, 1-BB, 2-SO) Saves-Opps: 1-5 vs. LH: .242 (16-66), 2-HR
 2013: 3-3-1, 3.98 ERA, 58 G Long Relief App: 2.0, 5/27 vs. MIA IR-RS: 32-15 vs. RH: .203 (26-128), 4-HR

- + Has pitched to a 1.80 ERA (40-IP, 8-ER) in 43 apps (35 scoreless) since May 10...opponents are hitting .167 (23-for-138) over that span.
- + Tuesday vs. LAA snapped a string of 7 straight scoreless apps (7.1-IP, 5-H) from Aug 13-25...was charged with a run and also allowed two inherited runners to score...has a 3.00 ERA (30-IP, 10-ER) in 32 apps at home compared to a 5.32 ERA (22-IP, 13-ER) in 26 apps on the road.
- + Right-handers are only hitting .149 (14-for-94) against him since May 7, compared to .353 (12-for-34) before then.
- + Has been charged with 4 blown saves this season...had a 11.25 ERA (12-IP, 15-ER) and opponents hit .339 against him over his first 15 apps.

#62 JOEL PERALTA, RH Last App: 8/28 vs. LAA (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 0-SO) Saves-Opps: 1-3 vs. LH: .164 (19-116), 3-HR
 2013: 2-5-1, 3.00 ERA, 65 G Long Relief App: 1.1, 2x-last 8/7 at ARI IR-RS: 22-2 vs. RH: .216 (19-88), 2-HR

- + Ranks among AL leaders in apps (65, T-1st) and holds (34, 1st)...leads AL relievers with 212 apps since joining the Rays in 2011.
- + 51 of his apps have been scoreless...opponents are hitting only .186 (38-for-204) against him this year...since joining the Rays in 2011, owns a club-record 90 holds and lefties are hitting only .164 (58-for-353) against him...the Rays have been tied or had the lead in 59 of his apps this season.
- + Only 2 of his 22 inherited runners (Aug 9 at LAD, April 27 at CWS) have scored...9.1 pct. is tied for the 4th-lowest rate in the AL (min. 15 IR).
- + In his Rays career, the 37-year-old has faced the opponents 3-4-5 batters more than any other spots in the order and has held them to a .175 avg. (44-for-251)...opponents' No. 3 hitters have hit .080 (6-for-75), lowest in the majors over that span (min. 50 AB).

#27 CESAR RAMOS, LH Last App: 8/26 at KC (3.0-IP, 5-H, 5-R, 2-BB, 1-SO, 1-HR) Saves-Opps: 1-1 vs. LH: .321 (26-81), 1-HR
 2013: 2-2-1, 4.55 ERA, 39 G Long Relief App: 3.0, 5x-last 8/26 at KC IR-RS: 16-4 vs. RH: .246 (33-134), 3-HR

- + Matched his season long app Monday at KC and allowed 5 runs, tied for the most by any Rays reliever this season (also Jake McGee, 2x-last May 1 vs. KC)...had only allowed one run over his prev. 6 apps from Aug 2-21 (9.1-IP).
- + Since May 8 vs. TOR, 15 of his 27 apps have been 2 IP or more...the last Rays reliever with more 2-plus IP apps was J.P. Howell (23) in 2008.
- + Allowed a run in 12 of his 17 apps from May 18–July 31...had a 5.60 ERA (27.1, 17-ER) and opponents hit .315 (35-for-111) over that span.

#56 FERNANDO RODNEY, RH Last App: 8/28 vs. LAA (S, 1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 2-SO) Saves-Opps: 31-39 vs. LH: .237 (27-114), 1-HR
 2013: 5-4-31, 3.72 ERA, 58 G Long Relief App: 2.0, 6/29 vs. DET IR-RS: 15-4 vs. RH: .194 (19-98), 2-HR

- + Wed vs. LAA, retired the Angels 3-4-5 hitters in order for his 31st save, his 4th perfect outing in his last 5 apps...blew his 8th save on Tuesday vs. LAA, 2nd-most in the majors (BAL Jim Johnson has 9)...marks the most blown saves of his career (prev. 7 in 2010 with LAA) and is tied for the 2nd-most by a Rays pitcher in franchise history (Roberto Hernandez had 9 in 1998 and Esteban Yan had 9 in 2001).
- + Is 31-for-39 in save opportunities this season after going 48-for-50 in 2012...has blown 3 of his last 7 after converting 18 straight from May 29–Aug 4.
- + Allowed 2-R (1-ER) in the 9th in his blown save Tue vs. LAA, snapping a streak of 7 straight scoreless apps...issued multiple walks for the first time since July 21 at TOR...has made 17 apps since the All-Star break and opponents are hitting .250 with a .342 OBP against him.
- + Has only issued 14 BB (2 IBB) in his last 37 apps, dating back to May 28 vs. MIA, compared to 19 BB (1 IBB) in his first 21 apps this year.
- + Is the 3rd in Rays history with a pair of 30 save seasons...Roberto Hernandez did it in 1999-2000 and Danys Baez in 2004-05.
- + Of his 72 strikeouts this season, 49 have come via his changeup (68.1 pct.), most strikeouts via the changeup among major league relievers.

#54 ALEX TORRES, LH Last App: 8/29 vs. LAA (2.0-IP, 2-H, 1-R, 1-BB, 1-SO) Saves-Opps: 0-0 vs. LH: .172 (10-58)
 2013: 4-0-0, 1.41 ERA, 29 G Long Relief App: 4.0, 2x-last 6/1 at CLE IR-RS: 19-4 vs. RH: .097 (9-93), 1-HR

- + Has allowed runs in 3 of his last 8 apps since Aug 7 at ARI...over his first 21 apps this season, only allowed one run in 34.1 IP.
- + His .126 opp. avg. is the lowest of any AL reliever with at least 25 IP...has a 0.95 ERA (19-IP, 2-ER) in 16 apps at home this season.
- + Righties are hitting only .097 (9-for-93) against him...in 2012, Jake McGee's .098 opp. avg. vs. righties was lowest by a LHP (min. 100 AB) since 1974.
- + Has inherited the bases loaded with no outs twice this season: Aug 20 at BAL (1 inherited runner scored) and June 4 at DET (no inherited runners scored)...also inherited the bases loaded with 1 out on June 22 at NYY and did not allow a run to score.

#35 JAMEY WRIGHT, RH Last App: 8/29 vs. LAA (1.1-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 1-BB, 1-SO) Saves-Opps: 0-0 vs. LH: .205 (25-122), 2-HR
 2013: 2-2-0, 2.97 ERA, 54 G Long Relief App: 3.0, 2x-last 5/31 at CLE IR-RS: 18-5 vs. RH: .267 (23-86)

- + Has a 1.76 ERA (30.2-IP, 6-ER) over his last 30 apps, 26 of which have been scoreless...pitched to a 4.33 ERA (27-IP, 13-ER) over his first 24 apps.
- + Of his 54 apps, the Rays have trailed in 31 of them or led by 3-plus runs in 13 of them...has only pitched with the Rays holding a 1-run lead once this season (Aug 20 at BAL)...the Rays have been tied in 7 of his apps and had a 2-run lead in the 2 others.
- + Since converting to the bullpen full-time in 2008, has a 3.99 ERA in 415.1 IP—most relief innings in the majors in that span.
- + Eighteen-year veteran is with his 10th major league team but is still seeking his first postseason game...no active player has gone longer without playing in the playoffs...this is the 6th straight season he made an Opening Day roster after going to camp as a non-roster invite.

