



FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015 at OAKLAND A's

LH Drew Smyly (0-2, 4.35) vs. RH Chris Bassitt (1-4, 2.60)

First Pitch: 10:07 p.m. ET | Location: O.co Coliseum, Oakland, Calif. | TV: Sun Sports | Radio: WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Spanish)
Game No.: 122 (60-61) | Road Game No.: 60 (29-30) | All-Time Game No.: 2,874 (1,332-1,541) | All-Time Road Game No.: 1,438 (600-837)
April: 12-10 | May: 14-15 | June: 16-12 | July: 9-16 | August: 9-8 | Pre All-Star Break: 46-45 | Post All-Star Break: 14-16

RAY MATTER—The Rays earned a split of their 4-game series at Houston last night as Chris Archer threw the fourth complete game one-hitter in club history, first by a 1-0 score...the Rays are now 2-5 on this 10-game, 10-day road trip through the AL West (0-3 at Texas and 2-2 at Houston)...in 3 of the losses, the Rays bullpen failed to hold late leads in 3 of the losses: in the 7th inning (Fri at TEX), 8th (Tue at HOU) and 9th (Wed at HOU)...the Rays brought a 4-game win streak on this road trip...despite their 2-5 mark on this trip, the Rays have out-hit the opposition, 76-58...the Rays have been between one game under .500 and one game over .500 for 60 days this season and for 35 of the last 43 days...Rays 60-61 record matches last season after 121 games.

McGEE SURGERY SUCCESSFUL—This morning, LH Jake McGee underwent successful arthroscopic surgery to repair a meniscus tear in his left knee...he suffered the injury on Tuesday at Houston...the surgery was performed at St. Anthony's Outpatient Center in St. Petersburg by team orthopedist Dr. Koco

MOST DL STINTS, 2015
Rangers 24
Rockies 24
Rays 23
Dodgers 21
Marlins 21

Eaton...Jake is expected to miss 6-8 weeks...the Rays have had 23 DL stints this season...McGee is the fourth Ray to undergo surgery during the season, joining OF Desmond Jennings, LH Jeff Beliveau and RH Alex Cobb.

ASTROS SERIES REVIEW—The Rays earned a split in the just-completed 4-game series at Minute Maid Park, and their two losses were 3-2, extra inning walk-offs...the Rays held the Astros to 8 runs in the series, the 3rd fewest runs they have ever allowed in a 4-game road series...they also struck out 50 Astros, a Rays club record for a series of any length and matching the most times the Astros have ever fanned in a 4-game series in their 53-year history...Rays starters worked to a 1.35 ERA (26.2-IP, 19-H, 4-ER, 5-BB, 30-SO).

ONE-HITTER—Last night, Chris Archer joined Matt Garza (2008), James Shields (2008) and Joe Kennedy (2002) as the only Rays to throw a complete game, 1-hitter and the first to do it in a 1-0 win...the last pitcher to win a 1-0, one-hitter was WAS Jordan Zimmermann on April 26, 2013 vs. CIN...it was the first 1-0, one-hit win the AL since TOR Brandon Morrow did it against the Rays on Aug 8, 2010...Archer is the first major league pitcher to register a 1-hit, 1-0 complete-game road victory since SD Mat Latos on May 13, 2010 at SF...the last to do it in the AL was BOS Curt Schilling on June 7, 2007 here in Oakland...finally, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, Arch joined Jorge Sosa (2003), Steve Trachsel (2000) and Kennedy as the only Rays to win a complete game by a 1-0 score.

1-0, One-Hit Complete Game Wins, AL, Since 2000
Chris Archer, TB Aug 20, 2015 at HOU
Brandon Morrow, TOR Aug 8, 2010 vs. TB
Curt Schilling, BOS June 7, 2007 at OAK
Mike Mussina, NYY Sep 2, 2002 at BOS

TWIN ONE-HITTERS—DET Alfredo Simon also pitched a complete game 1-hitter last night at home over Texas...the last time two American League pitchers threw CG one-hitters on the same day was June 16, 2012, when BAL Jason Hammel and LAA Ervin Santana both did it.

AL'S LONGEST STREAK ENDS—Chris Archer's victory last night ended the Rays streak of 154 games without a complete game...it had been the longest active streak in the American League...it was the Rays first CG since Aug 22, 2014 (Drew Smyly won 8-0 at Toronto).

SHUTOUT SHOUTOUT—Last night was the Rays 9th 1-0 shutout win in the past two seasons, tops in the majors...it was the 109th shutout since Jim Hickey became the Rays pitching coach in 2007, most in the AL since then, one ahead of the A's...it was also the 65th since 2012, tied with the Dodgers for most in the majors since then.

CLOSE CALLS—Last night was the Rays 69th game decided by 2 runs or fewer, tied for the major league lead...it was their 14th game out of the last 19...8 of the Rays last 10 losses have been by 1 or 2 runs.

MOST GAMES DECIDED BY 2 RUNS OR FEWER, 2015
Rays 69 (35-34)
Mariners 69 (33-36)
Braves 69 (36-33)
Cardinals 69 (40-29)

RAYS ON THE ROAD—On June 20, the Rays had the best road record in the majors (21-11), but since then they are 8-19 (.296)...the Rays are 1-6-1 in their last 8 road series.

ARCH TIES, SETS CLUB MARKS—Last night was the 8th start of 2015 in which Chris Archer has not allowed an earned run...that tops the AL and ties Matt Moore (2013) for the most in one season by a Ray...also last night, Arch and WAS Max Scherzer became the 4th and 5th pitchers to surpass 200 strikeouts this season...Archer became just the 4th Rays pitcher to reach 200 SO in a season, joining Scott Kazmir (2007), David Price (2011, 2012) and James Shields (2011, 2012)...however, none of them reached the 200-plateau quicker than Archer.

Quickest to 200 SO in Rays History

Chris Archer, 2015 26th start David Price, 2012 30th start
James Shields, 2011 29th start S. Kazmir, 2007 31st start
David Price, 2011 30th start J. Shields, 2012 31st start

SABR HAS KIERMAIER No. 1—SABR (Society for American Baseball Research) today released its Defensive Index rankings and Rays CF Kevin Kiermaier has extended his commanding lead in the AL in the SABR Defensive Index™ rankings through games of Aug 16...the SABR Defensive Index accounts for approximately 25 pct. of the Rawlings Gold Glove Award selection process...major league managers and coaches, voting only within their league and unable to vote for players on their own teams, account for 75 pct. of the selection process...Kiermaier's SDI of 21.8 is the best in the majors among all qualified defenders, followed by Giants SS Brandon Crawford (14.0), Rockies 3B Nolan Arenado (11.9), Orioles 3B Manny Machado (10.3), Giants C Buster Posey (10.0) and Tigers LF Yoenis Cespedes (9.9).

RAYS OWN VERSION OF PRIME NUMBERS—Last night was the 23rd game a Rays starter has not allowed a run, tied with Dodgers for the major league lead...the Rays had 32 such games last year, the most by an AL club since the 1964 Angels (34)...it was the 52nd game a Rays starter has allowed one run or fewer, 2nd in the majors behind the Cardinals (56)...the Rays have lost 17 of those games, 6 more than any other team.

COMING TO LIFE IN AUGUST—The Rays are hitting .292 in 17 games this month (9-8), 2nd best in the majors (Boston .311)...Rays are 4th in the majors in OPS (.788) and are averaging 4.65 runs per game...Rays entered August batting .239 (28th in the majors) and sporting a .684 OPS (24th) while averaging 3.58 runs per game (28th)...the Rays batted just .229 in July...SS Asdrubal Cabrera is 4th in the majors this month with a .403 (27-for-67) batting average...OF Brandon Guyer is batting .371 (13-for-35).

CABRERA 2ND IN MAJORS SINCE RETURN—In 20 games since returning from the DL on July 28, SS Asdrubal Cabrera is 2nd in the the majors with a .410 avg (32-78)...on June 17, he was hitting .199...in 43 games since then, he has batted .348 (55-for-158).

RAYS vs. A'S—The Rays 59-95 (.383) all-time record vs. the A's is their worst vs. an AL opponent, as is their 22-52 (.297) mark at O.co Coliseum...the two two teams split a 4-game series at Tropicana Field in May...Rays scored only 10 runs in the 4 games, Oakland only 14...Rays are 4-9 in their last 13 games and haven't won a season series vs. the A's since 2010...Rays have lost 5 of their last 6 at O.co and in their last 7 visits there have won only one series (1-5-1).

FIRST-YEAR MANAGERS ARE TIGHT—The four teams who began the season with rookie managers are all presently separated by only 2.0 games:

Rangers Jeff Banister 61-59 .508
Rays Kevin Cash 60-61 .496
Twins Paul Molitor 60-61 .496
D-backs Chip Hale 59-61 .492

JENNINGS IS BACK—Last night, OF Desmond Jennings became the 20th Ray to have a run-scoring hit in a 1-0 game...his 2-out, 2 strike single off Collin McHugh drove in the game's only run...returned from the 60-day disabled list (left knee bursitis) one week ago and has hit safely in 5 of this 6 games (.333, 8-for-24) with 2 RBI, as many as he had in 19 games before going on the DL.

ERASMO!—The Rays are 13-6 (.684) when tomorrow night's starter Erasmo Ramirez is on the mound...only six other major league starters (min. 18 starts) have seen their teams win a higher pct. of their starts: STL Carlos Martinez (.818), STL Michael Wacha (.782), TOR David Price (.708), TOR Drew Hutchison (.708), LAD Zack Greinke (.708) and NYM Jacob deGrom (.696)...overall, has the 7th-best winning pct. in the majors (10-4, .714).

Upcoming Games Time (ET) Probable Starting Pitchers (Rays vs. Opp.) TV | Radio
Sat., Aug 22 at OAK 9:07 p.m. RH Erasmo Ramirez (10-4, 3.57) vs. RH Sonny Gray (12-5, 2.04) Sun Sports | WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Sp.)
Sun., Aug 23 at OAK 4:07 p.m. RH Jake Odorizzi (6-6, 3.02) vs. RH Kendall Graveman (6-9, 4.27) Sun Sports | WDAE 620 AM, WGES 680 AM (Sp.)





TONIGHT'S STARTER—LH DREW SMYLY (0-2, 4.35)

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	Avg.
2014	Detroit	6-9	3.93	21	18	0	0	105.1	111	48	46	31	89	14	.271
	Tampa Bay	3-1	1.70	7	7	0	0	47.2	25	9	9	11	44	4	.155
2015	Charlotte (A)	0-0	5.40	3	3	0	0	8.1	10	5	5	0	9	1	.286
	Montgomery (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	3.2	1	0	0	3	4	0	.083
	Tampa Bay	0-2	4.35	4	4	0	0	20.2	17	10	10	5	25	6	.221
	Durham (AAA)	0-2	8.44	3	3	0	0	10.2	13	11	10	6	13	2	.310
Major League Totals		19-15	3.33	118	47	0	0	349.0	308	136	129	97	333	40	.236
Minor League Totals		11-10	3.03	36	35	0	0	166.1	149	71	56	53	181	8	.243

+ LAST START—On Sun at TEX, made his first start with the Rays in 102 days, returning from a torn left labrum...allowed runs in each of his 4 IP, including 2 HR (**Adrian Beltre**, **Ryan Strausborger**)...marked his shortest start since June 29, 2014 at HOU (with DET)...his line: L, 4 IP, 7 H, 5 R/ER, 2 BB, 4 SO, 95 pitches, 61 strikes...allowed:

- + 7 H, his most since Aug 5, 2014 at OAK (his Rays debut)
- + 4 XBH, his most since July 31, 2014 vs. CWS (with DET)
- + 5 R, his most since July 4, 2014 vs. TB (with DET)

+ LOOKING FOR A "W"—Is seeking his first win since Aug 27, 2014 at BAL...has been 358 days since his last victory, though he's only made 6 starts in between...was shut down following his Sep 6 start last season, and has missed time this season with a pair of injuries (torn left labrum, left shoulder tendonitis)...this stretch of 6 starts without a win (0-2) is the longest of his career without one (as a starter).

- + Has missed a total of 105 games between his 2 DL stints.

+ THE LONG BALL—Has allowed a total of 10 R/ER in 20.2 IP this season with the Rays, 6 of them coming via solo home run...has allowed homers in 7 straight starts dating back to Aug 27, 2014 at BAL, longest streak by a Ray since **Jeremy Hellickson** in 2013...no Rays pitcher has done so in 8 straight since **Andy Sonnanstine**, May 12–June 19, 2009.

- + Yielded 3 HR in 14 IP on his most recent rehab assignment...before it, only allowed 5 HR in 152.1 career minor league innings.

+ REHAB REVIEW—Made 4 rehab starts on his most recent DL stint—3 for Triple-A Durham, 1 for Class-A Charlotte—going 0-2 with a 9.64 ERA (14-IP, 22-H, 15-ER, 6-BB, 17-SO)...opponents hit .361/.414/.607 (22-for-61)...stretched out to 94 pitches in his last start, Aug 11 at Norfolk (Orioles).

+ STINGY ON LEFTIES—In 2014, ranked 3rd among major league starters with a .171 opp avg. (27-for-158) against left-handed hitters...only KC **Danny Duffy** (.137) and CWS **Chris Sale** (.165) were better...he has held lefties to a .192 (80-for-416) avg. in his career.

+ STARTING OVER—Saw some club record and historic streaks come to an end in his last start...snapped a club-record streak of allowing 3 runs or fewer at 10 straight starts to start a Rays career...snapped a 9-start streak of yielding 4 hits or fewer, failing to become the fifth since data is available (1914) to do so in at least 10 straight starts.

- + Snapped a 10-start streak yielding 3 runs or fewer, 4th-longest in franchise history (at any point of a career)...snapped a 9-start streak yielding 2 runs or fewer, T-2nd in club history.

+ THE DIRT—Smyly was featured in this season's first edition of *Inside Pitch*, the official publication of the Rays...he talked about buying a Beef O'Brady's with his father in Maumelle, Ark. this offseason and the "Wooooo, Pig! Sooiel!" cheer at the University of Arkansas, where he was roommates with Astros left-hander **Dallas Keuchel** and teammates for one year with **Logan Forsythe**.

+ vs. AL WEST—Is 4-9 (.308) with a 4.71 ERA (93.2-IP, 49-ER) in 29 apps (14 starts) in his career against the AL West...to compare, is 7-2 (.778) with a 2.16 ERA in 29 apps (15 starts) vs. the AL East and 8-3 (.727), 3.29 in 51 apps (16 starts) vs. the AL Central.

+ ARRIVING IN STYLE—The lefty was acquired hours before the July 31 trading deadline in a three-team, five-player trade with Seattle and Detroit involving **David Price**...none of the 15 other starting pitchers traded prior to the deadline put up better numbers with their new teams than Smyly's winning pct. (.750) and ERA (1.70).

+ THE RAYS WAY—Went 3-1 with a 1.70 ERA (47.2-IP, 9-ER) in 7 starts with the Rays last season and held opponents to a .155 (25-for-161) batting avg. ...during that time—i.e., since the start of August through season's end—he ranked among AL leaders (min. 40 IP) in ERA (2nd, behind LAA **Matt Shoemaker's** 1.66 ERA), opp avg. (1st) and baserunners per 9 IP (1st).

2015 GAME LOG

GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT
4/24 vs. TOR	--	3.86	4.2	4	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	79/44	W, 12-3	Dickey	up, 4-2
4/29 at NYY	--	3.38	6.0	4	2	2	1	10	2	0	0	87/59	W, 3-2 (13)	Pineda	tied, 2-2
APRIL	0-0	3.38	10.2	8	4	4	1	15	3	0	0	--	--	--	--
5/5 at BOS	L-1	2.70	6.0	2	1	1	2	6	1	0	0	92/63	L, 0-2	Porcello	down, 1-0
MAY	0-1	1.50	6.0	2	1	1	2	6	1	0	0	--	--	--	--
8/16 at TEX	L-2	4.35	4.0	7	5	5	2	4	2	0	0	95/61	L, 3-5	Gallardo	down, 5-3
AUGUST	0-1	11.25	4.0	7	5	5	2	4	2	0	0	--	--	--	--

2015 GAME LOG (AAA)

GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT
*7/26 at NOR	L-1	15.43	2.1	3	4	4	2	3	1	0	0	51/29	L, 1-11	Wright	down, 3-1
*8/6 vs. IND	--	10.80	4.1	6	4	4	2	5	1	1	0	74/47	W, 8-5	Glasnow	down, 4-1
*8/11 at NOR	L-2	8.44	4.0	4	3	2	2	5	0	0	1	94/61	L, 1-3	Villanueva	down, 3-0

2015 GAME LOG (AA)

GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT
*4/19 at JAX	--	0.00	3.2	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	68/40	W, 2-0	Tomshaw	up, 2-0

2015 GAME LOG (A)

GAME	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HB	WP	P/K	FINAL	OPP.	LEFT
*4/9 vs. FTM	--	0.00	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	23/15	W, 2-0	Stewart	tied, 0-0
*4/14 vs. DAY	--	0.00	3.0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	40/28	W, 2-0	Travieso	up, 2-0
*7/31 at LAK	--	5.40	3.1	9	5	5	0	4	1	0	0	--	L, 7-9	Labourt	down, 5-4

* rehab start

2015 SPLITS

vs. RH: .228 (13-57), 6-HR
 vs. LH: .200 (4-20), 0-HR
 Home: 0-0, 3.86 ERA (4.2-IP, 0-ER)
 Road: 0-2, 4.50 ERA (16-IP, 8-ER)

SMYLY vs. OAKLAND

CAREER—Is 0-2 with a 9.95 ERA (12.2-IP, 14-ER) in 5 career apps (2 starts) against the A's...his teams have been shut out in both of his starts (L, 10-0 on May 26 at OAK, with DET, and L, 3-0 on Aug 5 at DET, his Rays debut)...the A's have hit .364/.419/.727 (20-for-55) against him...is 0-2 with a 7.11 ERA (12.2-IP, 10-ER) in 3 apps (2 starts) at O.co Coliseum.

TOMORROW'S STARTER—RH ERASMO RAMIREZ (10-4, 3.57)

+ LAST START—On Mon vs. HOU, was given a 4-0 lead before even throwing a pitch, winning his second straight start...both runs allowed were driven in by **Evan Gattis**, via a 2nd-inning single and 4th-inning solo homer...threw 102 pitches, his most since June 15 vs. WAS (103)...his line: W, 5.2 IP, 6 H, 2 R/ER, 2 BB, 2 SO, 1 HR, 102 pit, 64 str.

- + Became the fourth Nicaraguan to win 10 games in a season, joining **Dennis Martinez**, **Al Williams** and **Vicente Padilla**.
- + Became the third Ray to reach 10 wins in the season after he was acquired via trade, joining **Mark Hendrickson** (10-15, 2004) and **Matt Garza** (11-9, 2008).

+ ERASMO LATELY—Since moving into the starting rotation for good on May 14, has made 17 starts and gone 10-3—tied for the AL lead in wins over that span, with HOU **Dallas Keuchel**, TEX **Colby Lewis** and

NYY **Nathan Eovaldi**...opponents are batting .205/.270/.313 (72-for-352), lowest opp avg. in the AL...has a 2.61 ERA (96.2-IP, 28-ER) over this stretch, 4th in the AL, lowering his season ERA from 8.38 to 3.57.

+ MR. EFFICIENCY—Averaging 14.9 pitches per inning, which would rank T-6th in the AL if he qualified...the only qualifiers in club history to ever finish a season that low are RH **James Shields** (2011, 2008, 2007) and LH **David Price** (2013).

+ vs. OAKLAND—Has lost his last 5 starts against the A's (since Sep 29, 2013) and is 0-6 with a 5.26 ERA (37.2-IP, 22-ER) in 8 career apps (7 starts)...has made more starts vs. Oakland than any other team...is the first pitcher to start his career at 0-6 (or worse) against the A's since KC **Luke Hochevar** (0-8, 2008–Current).

#16 KEVIN CASH, MANAGER

+ Has been ejected twice as manager: April 16 at TOR, May 10 vs. TEX.
+ 37-year-old manager is the youngest skipper in the majors since ARI A.J. Hinch (34) in 2009 and youngest active manager/head coach in the four major sports, ahead of Boston Celtics head coach **Brad Stevens** (38).
+ Is the fifth manager in Rays history...is the sixth Tampa-born manager

in ML history and second to manage the Rays...joins Hall of Famers **Al Lopez** and **Tony La Russa**, **Lou Piniella**, **Dave Miley** and **John Hart**.
+ Played 12 professional seasons as a catcher, including parts of eight seasons in the majors (2002-10)...spent two years (2005-06) in the Rays org., and appeared in 13 major league games in 2005 for **Lou Piniella**.

RAYS HITTER NOTES

#1 TIM BECKHAM, INF Thu: DNP **HOU Series:** 3-10, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, 2-R **Trip:** 4-14, 3B, HR, 4-RBI, BB, 2-R **vs. LH:** .263 (20-76), 4-HR
2015: .233/.290/.452, 6-HR, 26-RBI, 3-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 2G (.300, 3-10) **RISP:** .243 (9-37) **vs. RH:** .200 (14-70), 2-HR

- + 47.1 percent of his hits have gone for extra bases (18-1B, 6-2B, 4-3B, 6-HR)...had an RBI triple on Wed at HOU and a 3-run homer on Mon at HOU, his first since May 22 vs. OAK...was the first of his career with 2 runners on, and the Rays first 3-run HR since June 20 at CLE (Evan Longoria).
- + Batting .269/.333/.500 (14-for-52) in 20 games (14 starts) since his July 12 recall, his third stint with the Rays this season.
- + Seventeen of his 26 RBI have come in innings 7-thru-9, the highest rate (65.4 percent) in the majors (min. 20 RBI).
- + Four of his 6 HR and 16 of his 26 RBI have come in 2-strike counts, the 3rd-highest rate (61.5 percent) in the majors (min. 20 RBI).
- + Has played 57 games with 37 starts (17-2B, 16-SS, 4-DH)...batting .263 (20-for-76) vs. LHP, including .282 (11-for-39) vs. LHP since May 17.

#13 ASDRUBAL CABRERA, INF Thu: 0-4, 4-SO **HOU Series:** 3-17, 3-RBI, 2-R **Trip:** 8-28, HR, 4-RBI, BB, 4-R **vs. LH:** .294 (30-102), 2-HR
2015: .261/.309/.409, 8-HR, 32-RBI, 4-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 0-for-12 **RISP:** .187 (17-91) **vs. RH:** .249 (69-277), 6-HR

- + Hitless in his last 12 at-bats...had 4 SO yesterday at HOU, tying his career high (3rd time, last July 16, 2012 at TB) and the club record (71st time)...has struck out in his last 7 at-bats...marks the second time in his career he's had at least 3 SO in consecutive games, along with July 2-3, 2011 at CIN.
- + Batting .410/.440/.628 (32-for-78) since his return from 15-day DL on July 28...ranks 2nd in the majors in batting avg. over that span, behind CLE Michael Brantley (.417)...this stretch has raised his avg. from .223 to .261, and he's raised it by 62 points since June 18 (from .199).
- + Has 10 multi-hit efforts in his last 16 games (last Mon at HOU)...his 3 RBI on Mon at HOU were his most since Sep 27, 2014 vs. MIA (with WAS).
- + Leads AL shortstops with 36 XBH...ranks 2nd among AL shortstops with a .988 fielding pct., behind BAL J.J. Hardy (.992).

#19 CURT CASALI, C Thu: DNP **HOU Series:** 4-12, 2B, HR, 3-RBI, R **Trip:** 5-17, 2-2B, HR, 3-RBI, 2-R **vs. LH:** .214 (6-28), 2-HR
2015: .237/.294/.581, 9-HR, 17-RBI, 0-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 3G (.333, 4-12) **RISP:** .207 (6-29) **vs. RH:** .246 (16-65), 7-HR

- + On Tue at HOU had a 5th-inning solo homer and recorded his first multi-hit game since June 28 vs. DET...eight of his last 15 hits have been HR...63.6 percent of his hits have gone for extra bases (8-1B, 5-2B, 9-HR)...leads AL catchers with 8 HR since the All-Star break.
- + Since his June 13 recall, his 9 HR leads the team and rank 2nd among AL catchers, trailing NYY Brian McCann (12)...has 9 HR in 93 AB, after 0 HR in 72 AB last year...ranks T-1st in the majors (min. 50 AB) at 10.33 AB/HR, which would be the highest rate in Rays history (min. 50 AB).
- + Had multiple homers in consecutive games on July 27-28 vs. DET, becoming the second rookie catcher in major league history with multiple homers in back-to-back games, joining SEA Kenji Johjima (June 24-27, 2006, at SD, at ARI), according to the Elias Sports Bureau.
- + Has played in 35 games with 30 starts (29-C, 1-DH) since his June 13 recall...has thrown out 6 of 24 (25.0 pct.) attempted base stealers this season.

#11 LOGAN FORSYTHE, INF Thu: 1-4, R **HOU Series:** 6-16, 2-BB, 4-R **Trip:** 8-27, 2-BB, 4-R **vs. LH:** .281 (34-121), 8-HR
2015: .281/.361/.430, 13-HR, 51-RBI, 8-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 5G (.400, 8-20) **RISP:** .217 (23-106) **vs. RH:** .281 (83-295), 5-HR

- + Scored the game's only run yesterday at HOU in the Rays 1-0 victory...singled in the 4th, adv. on WP and scored on Desmond Jennings' single.
- + Has established career highs in hits (117), 2B (21), HR (13), RBI (51), games played (118) and games started (114)...has 8 SB, tying his career high (2012)...ranks among team leaders in RBI (2nd), HR (T-2nd), 2B (T-3rd), XBH (4th) and multi-hit games (1st).
- + Batting .296/.345/.296 (8-for-27) this road trip and .312/.397/.486 (34-for-109) in his last 29 road games since June 18.
- + No other 2B in the majors can match his combination of avg., HR and RBI...among ML 2B, ranks 4th in RBI, T-3rd in HR and 4th in OBP.
- + Has played in 118 games and made career-high 114 starts (92-2B, 14-1B, 4-3B, 4-DH)...batting .318 (7-for-22) with RISP since the All-Star break.

#5 BRANDON GUYER, OF Thu: 0-1 (PH in 8th) **HOU Series:** 4-8, 2B, R **Trip:** 7-15, 2B, 3-R **vs. LH:** .262 (34-130), 4-HR
2015: .265/.366/.393, 5-HR, 23-RBI, 10-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 0-for-1 **RISP:** .289 (13-45) **vs. RH:** .269 (28-104), 1-HR

- + Snapped a 7-game hitting streak yesterday at HOU, and a career-high 11-game on-base streak...on Wed at HOU had a season-high-tying 3 hits.
- + Ranks among team leaders in SB (10, T-2nd), HBP (17, 1st—2nd in the majors) and OBP (.366, 1st—min. 200 PA).
- + Has 17 HBP this year, 2nd in the majors to CHC Anthony Rizzo (24)...is one shy of tying the club record for a season (Sean Rodriguez, 2011).
- + Has played in 95 games with 56 starts (27-LF, 15-RF, 13-CF, 1-DH)...is 1 of 3 AL players with at least 10 starts at all 3 OF positions (KC Jarrod Dyson, HOU Colby Rasmus)...has started all 35 Rays games vs. left-handed starters, including 34 of 35 at leadoff.
- + Batting .300 (9-for-30) as a pinch-hitter this season, and .295/.380/.432 (13-for-44) in 39 games off the bench.

#28 JOHN JASO, 1B/OF/DH Thu: 0-4 **HOU Series:** 1-11, RBI, BB **Trip:** 5-18, 3-RBI, 3-BB **vs. LH:** .250 (2-8)
2015: .309/.384/.443, 1-HR, 13-RBI, 1-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 0-for-10 **RISP:** .471 (8-17) **vs. RH:** .315 (28-89), 1-HR

- + Hitless in his last 10 AB...still batting .400 (22-for-55) in 22 games (12 starts) on the road, compared .190 (8-for-42) in 15 games (13 starts) at home.
- + Batting .309/.378/.443 (30-for-97) since being reinstated from the 60-day DL on July 7...min. 50 AB, ranks among team leaders in avg. (2nd) and OBP (3rd) since his return...had a left wrist contusion on Opening Day; missed 83 games...has gone 94 AB since his last HR, July 7 at KC (G2).
- + Has played in 37 games and made 25 starts (21-DH, 4-LF)...has been at DH for 18 of his 21 starts out of the leadoff spot, more DH starts at leadoff than any other *team*...his 4 starts in LF are the first of his career in the OF...played 39 innings in LF this spring, his first time in the outfield since HS.
- + Batting .455/.500/.636 (5-for-11) as a pinch-hitter this season...batting .471 (8-for-17) with RISP, including 4-for-his-last-6 with RISP.

#8 DESMOND JENNINGS, OF Thu: 2-4, RBI **HOU Series:** 3-14, RBI, BB **Trip:** 8-24, 3B, 2-RBI, BB, R **vs. LH:** .333 (8-24)
2015: .253/.320/.287, 0-HR, 4-RBI, 5-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 1G (.500, 2-4) **RISP:** .227 (5-22) **vs. RH:** .222 (14-63)

- + Drove in the only run of yesterday's 1-0 win at HOU, a 4th-inning RBI single scoring Forsythe...was his first go-ahead hit since Aug 10, 2014 at CHC...marked his second multi-hit game since being reinstated from the 60-day DL on Aug 14...batting .333/.360/.417 (8-for-24) since his return.
- + Has 2 XBH in 87 at-bats this season, after averaging 1 every 11.4 AB in 2014...on Sun at TEX had his first triple since Aug 12, 2014 at TEX.
- + Placed on the 15-day DL on May 3, retroactive to April 26...underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee on June 10 to clean up a plica (inflammation of tissue)...Dr. Steven Singleton performed the surgery in Vail, Colo. ...played a total of 9 rehab games with Durham and Charlotte.
- + Is 2 games shy of 500 for his career...has started 24 games (16-LF, 7-CF, 1-DH)...led the team with 5 SB at the time of his injury, including 3 steals of 3B—as many as he had all of 2014 and one shy of his career high (2012)...has gone 385 chances since his last error on Sep 6, 2013 at SEA.

#39 KEVIN KIERMAIER, OF Thu: 1-3, BB, CS **HOU Series:** 4-13, 2-BB, R **Trip:** 8-23, 2B, RBI, 2-BB, 3-R **vs. LH:** .244 (22-90)
2015: .251/.286/.402, 5-HR, 27-RBI, 13-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 1G (.333, 1-3) **RISP:** .284 (23-81) **vs. RH:** .253 (75-296), 5-HR

- + Batting .300/.333/.400 (18-for-60) in August, with 9 RBI this month—matching his total from his prev. 72 G...13 of his 27 RBI have come with 2 outs.
- + Leads the majors with 11 triples (last Aug 2 at BOS), more than the Mets and Blue Jays (10 each)...nine of his 11 3B have come on the road.
- + Won the Rays Heart & Hustle Award for the second year in a row...has played 115 games with 98 starts (96-CF, 2-RF)...has 12 OF assists, 2nd among ML CF and T-3rd among Rays CF in club history for a single season...leads the majors with 21.3 UZR, per Fangraphs...Ultimate Zone Rating puts a run value to defense, attempting to quantify how many runs a player has saved (or given up) defensively.
- + Ranks among team leaders in 3B (11, 1st), 2B (21, T-3rd), XBH (37, 2nd) and SB (13, 1st)...all 13 SB have come since May 16, T-6th in the AL since then...only has 1 HR in his last 221 at-bats since June 4...was a go-ahead homer in the 7th on Aug 11 vs. ATL.

#21 JAMES LONEY, 1B Thu: 1-4 **HOU Series:** 2-14, 2B, RBI **Trip:** 5-22, 2B, 2-RBI **vs. LH:** .240 (12-50), 1-HR
2015: .266/.310/.357, 4-HR, 24-RBI, 2-SB **Current Hitting Streak:** 2G (.250, 2-8) **RISP:** .321 (18-56) **vs. RH:** .272 (52-191), 3-HR

- + Is 1 HR shy of 100 for his career...batting .304 (17-for-56) with 4 2B, 1 HR and 7 RBI in 15 games (12 starts) in August, incl. .500 (5-for-10) with RISP.
- + Min. 200 PA, ranks as the 2nd toughest player in the AL to strike out, at 11.35 PA/SO (261-PA, 23-SO)...batting .283 (26-for-92) in 2-strike counts...batting .342 (13-for-38) when putting the first pitch in play...leads the team with a .321 avg. (18-for-56) with RISP (min. 20 AB).
- + Has played 68 games with 61 starts (60-1B, 1-DH), with 38 starts at the cleanup spot...has missed a combined 51 games due to a pair of DL stints.
- + Batting 1.000 (4-for-4) as a pinch-hitter (double, single, single, single)...has hit safely in 7 of his last 8 PH at-bats since Sep 23, 2013.

#3 EVAN LONGORIA, 3B Thu: 1-4 HOU Series: 7-20, RBI, 2-R Trip: 9-33, 2B, 5-RBI, BB, 2-R vs. LH: .353 (36-102), 4-HR
 2015: .277/.341/.423, 13-HR, 55-RBI, 3-SB Current Hitting Streak: 4G (.350, 7-20) RISP: .273 (27-99) vs. RH: .254 (87-342), 9-HR
 + Batting .198/.309/.420 (16-for-81) in 23 career games at O.co Coliseum, his 2nd lowest avg. in an opposing ballpark (min. 20 games).
 + Batting .327/.370/.515 (33-for-101) with 7 2B, 4 HR and 13 RBI in 24 games since July 24, 2nd-highest avg. among major league 3B over that span.
 + Ranks among team leaders in RBI (55, 1st), doubles (26, 1st), HR (13, T-2nd), hits (123, 1st), walks (41, 2nd), runs scored (51, 1st), multi-hit games (28, 2nd) and game-winning RBI (11, 1st—and 7th in the AL)...is the club's all-time leader in HR (197), 2B (252), XBH (461), RBI (690) and SLG (.486).
 + His 9 2B since All-Star break rank T-7th in AL...batting .500 (10-for-20) with RISP since July 31...ranks 5th in AL with .429 OBP vs. LHP...is 3 HR shy of 200.

#7 DANIEL NAVA, 1B/OF Thu: DNP HOU Series: 3-12, R Trip: 4-15, 2-R vs. LH: .235 (4-17)
 2015: .170/.267/.193, 0-HR, 7-RBI, 0-SB Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-7 RISP: .304 (7-23) vs. RH: .155 (11-71)
 + Batting .227/.292/.227 (5-for-22) in 9 games (7 starts, 6-RF, 1-1B) with the Rays...on Mon at HOU had a season high 3 hits, his most since Sep 27, 2014 vs. NYY (with BOS)...claimed off waivers on Aug 5 from Boston, after hitting .152/.260/.182 in 29 games (18 starts) for the Red Sox.
 + Hasn't made an error in 98 total chances this season...has recorded 2 OF assists with the Rays, bringing his season total to 4 (two with Boston).
 + Is a career .283/.376/.411 (291-for-1,028) hitter vs. RHP...is only current Ray to have played with Mgr. Kevin Cash in the majors (Boston in 2010).

#44 RENE RIVERA, C Thu: 2-3, SAC HOU Series: 2-4 Trip: 3-8 vs. LH: .188 (16-85)
 2015: .189/.219/.294, 5-HR, 25-RBI, 0-SB Current Hitting Streak: 1G (.667, 2-3) RISP: .210 (13-62) vs. RH: .189 (34-180), 5-HR
 + Batting .274 (17-for-62) with 5 multi-hit games in 22 G since July 3, compared to .163 with 4 multi-hit games in 68 G before that.
 + Has thrown out 12 of his last 26 potential base-stealers and 18 of his last 39 (46.2 pct.) after starting the season 2-for-14...his 37.7 pct. eraser rate ranks 1st in the majors...his 20 CS ranks 2nd among AL catchers, trailing TOR Russell Martin (22).
 + Has a team-leading 5 sac bunts this season...only has 1 XBH in 43 at-bats since the All-Star break, in 16 games (12 starts).
 + Has made 79 starts (76-C, 2-1B, 1-DH)...has made 10 errors (last Aug 8 vs. NYM), most among major league catchers, and 4 more than any other AL catcher...his 10 errors rank 2nd among Rays catchers in franchise history, behind Dioner Navarro in 2007 (14).

#24 GRADY SIZEMORE, OF Thu: 0-2, BB HOU Series: 0-7, 3-BB Trip: 1-15, 2B, 3-BB, R vs. LH: .313 (5-16), 1-HR
 2015: .232/.272/.376, 6-HR, 19-RBI, 1-SB Current Hitting Streak: 0-for-9 RISP: .205 (9-44) vs. RH: .225 (40-178), 5-HR
 + Batting .219 (21-for-96) in 30 games (23 starts) with the Rays, with 11 of his 21 hits going for extra bases (5-2B, 6-HR)...batting .200 (9-for-45) since Aug 1, his second stint with the Rays, with 7 XBH (3-2B, 4-HR)...on Tue at HOU had his first multi-BB game since Aug 31, 2014 at NYM (with PHI).
 + Has 6 HR and 13 RBI for the Rays this year, compared to 0 HR and 6 RBI in 39 games with the Phillies before he was designated for assignment.
 + Leads the Rays with 4 HR in August...four of his 6 HR this season have come at Tropicana Field, incl. 3 on the most recent homestand (Aug 7-12).
 + On Aug 7 vs. NYM, became the fifth player to hit a homer and rob one in the same game this season, according to ESPN Stats & Info.

RAYS BULLPEN NOTES

#35 MATT ANDRIESE, RH Last App: 8/19 at HOU (L, 1.2-IP, 3-H, 1-R, 1-BB, 2-SO) Saves-Opps: 2-2 vs. LH: .287 (27-94), 4-HR
 2015: 3-3-2, 3.19 ERA, 13 G, 7 GS Long Relief App: 4.0, 6/17 at WAS IR-RS: -- vs. RH: .231 (21-91), 2-HR
 + Yielded a walk-off single to Carlos Correa on Wed at HOU (13th inning), after being recalled from Triple-A Durham earlier that day for his fifth stint in the majors this season (also Opening Day—April 29, May 9-14, June 12-27 and July 7)...became the 5th Rays pitcher with a walk-off loss this year.
 + Is 2-2 with a 3.62 ERA (32.1-IP, 13-ER) in 7 starts this season, compared to 1-1-2 with a 2.30 ERA (15.2-IP, 4-ER) in 6 relief apps.
 + Has gone 3-2-2 with a 2.48 ERA (40-IP, 11-ER) in his last 10 apps (5 starts) since April 24...went 3-3 with a 2.35 ERA in 13 apps (12 starts) for Durham.

#26 BRAD BOXBERGER, RH Last App: 8/19 at HOU (BS, 1.0-IP, 2-H, 1-R, 0-BB, 1-SO) Saves-Opps: 29-33 vs. LH: .232 (23-99), 3-HR
 2015: 4-9-29, 3.19 ERA, 53 G Long Relief App: 1.2, 7/22 at PHI IR-RS: 11-3 vs. RH: .238 (19-80), 3-HR
 + Blew the save on Wed at HOU (leadoff double, wild pitch, strikeout, single, GDP), a day after yielding a walkoff solo homer to Marwin Gonzalez on Tue at HOU...has 9 losses, most among ML relievers—3 more than anyone else, and a club-record for most relief losses in franchise history (prev. 8, 3x-last Joel Peralta, 2013)...extended a club record with his 6th walk-off loss, most in the majors since PHI Brad Lidge in 2009 (6).
 + Since the All-Star break, has taken the loss 4 times in 13 apps, despite a 3.00 ERA (12-IP, 4-ER) over that stretch.
 + Is 2-1-29 with a 1.34 ERA (33.2-IP, 5-ER) in 35 apps in save situations, compared to 2-8 with a 7.53 ERA (14.1-IP, 12-ER) in non-save situations.
 + Ranks T-2nd in the AL with 29 saves, behind MIN Glen Perkins (31)...ranks among leaders in AL relievers in SO (59, T-9th) and BB (26, T-1st).
 + According to Baseball Reference, 191 of his 210 BF—91.0 pct.—have come in "Late & Close" situations (PA in the 7th inning or later with the batting team tied, ahead by one or the tying run on deck)...it's the 2nd-highest rate in the majors (min. 50 BF), trailing teammate Jake McGee (91.2).

#31 XAVIER CEDEÑO, LH Last App: 8/19 at HOU (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO) Saves-Opps: 1-3 vs. LH: .200 (16-80)
 2015: 2-1-1, 2.17 ERA, 54 G Long Relief App: 1.1, 2x-last, 8/14 at TEX IR-RS: 32-5 vs. RH: .262 (16-61), 3-HR
 + Has made 15 straight scoreless apps spanning 12.2 IP (5-H, 0-BB, 19-SO)...is the 2nd-longest streak of scoreless apps by a Ray this season (Jake McGee, 21 straight, May 29—July 24)...his 15 straight apps without a run or walk is a club record (prev. 14, 2x-last Jake McGee, 2013).
 + Since joining Rays on April 28, ranks T-1st in the AL with 49 apps, 43 of which have been scoreless (87.8 pct.)...has compiled a 1.83 ERA (34.1-IP, 7-ER).
 + Has inherited a team-high-tying 25 baserunners with TB...has only allowed 3 to score (12.0 pct.—T-3rd in the AL)...inherited 7 runners with the Nationals.
 + On Aug 11 vs. ATL recorded his second career save, first with the Rays (also June 18, 2012 vs. KC, with HOU)...made 109 apps between saves.

#37 ALEX COLOME, RH Last App: 8/19 at HOU (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 3-SO) Saves-Opps: -- vs. LH: .278 (49-176), 4-HR
 2015: 5-4-0, 4.11 ERA, 25 G, 13 GS Long Relief App: 3.0, 2x-last 8/16 at TEX IR-RS: 6-4 vs. RH: .276 (43-156), 5-HR
 + Struck out the side on 10 pitches on Wed at HOU in the 8th, only the second time this season he entered with a lead (also Aug 4 at CWS, up 8)...has a 1.93 ERA (18.2-IP, 4-ER) over his 12 relief apps this year, and an 0.59 ERA (15.1-IP, 1-ER) in 10 relief apps since the All-Star break.
 + As a reliever, has a 6.67 SO/BB ratio (20-SO, 3-BB), compared to a 1.83 SO/BB ratio in his 13 starts this season...according to PITCHf/x, has gotten 42 swings-and-misses in 286 pitches in relief (14.7 percent), compared to 93 in 1,094 pitches as a starter (8.5 percent).
 + Yielded a combined 9 H spanning 3.1 IP in his first 2 relief apps this season, July 7-9 at KC...since then has allowed 10 H in 15.1 IP.

#54 STEVE GELTZ, RH Last App: 8/18 at HOU (1.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 1-SO) Saves-Opps: 2-4 vs. LH: .189 (17-90), 2-HR
 2015: 2-4-2, 3.45 ERA, 58 G, 2 GS Long Relief App: 2.0, 2x-last 6/24 vs. TOR IR-RS: 23-2 vs. RH: .156 (17-109), 5-HR
 + Leads the AL with 58 apps (2 starts), two more than anyone else...the last rookie to lead the AL in apps was CWS Kelly Wunsch in 2000 (83).
 + Pitched in consecutive games, Mon-Tue at HOU, retiring all 7 BF...yielded a game-tying homer to Delino DeShields on Fri at TEX, his 7th HR—T-9th among AL relievers—and tied for most among Rays relievers (Kirby Yates)...his .173 opp avg. over 56 relief apps ranks 7th among AL relievers.
 + According to Baseball Reference, has made 15 multiple inning apps (at least one out to end an inning, and at least one BF the following inning)...has entered with runners on base in 15 apps...only 2 of his 23 IR have scored (8.7 pct.—T-1st in the AL).
 + Had a club-record streak of 32 consecutive batters retired end on June 24 vs. TOR.

#47 BRANDON GOMES, RH Last App: 8/19 at HOU (2.0-IP, 0-H, 0-R, 0-BB, 4-SO) Saves-Opps: 0-1 vs. LH: .208 (15-72), 1-HR
 2015: 1-4-0, 3.80 ERA, 44 G Long Relief App: 2.0, 4x-last 8/19 at HOU IR-RS: 25-6 vs. RH: .256 (22-86), 4-HR
 + Had a career-high 4 SO on Wed at HOU, tying his season long relief app (2.0 IP, 4th time)...retired all 6 BF (10th-11th innings).
 + His last 7 apps have been scoreless, lowering his ERA from 4.58 to 3.80...has retired all 21 batters faced over that stretch (since Aug 3).
 + On Fri at TEX, became the first in Rays history to finish an app at 0.1 IP without throwing a pitch...did so with a pickoff of Elvis Andrus in the 8th.
 + Has inherited team-high-tying 25 baserunners (also Xavier Cedeño)...hasn't allowed an IR to score since June 16 vs. WAS.

#45 ENNY ROMERO, LH Last App: 8/17 at HOU (1.0-IP, 1-H, 0-R, 1-BB, 2-SO) Saves-Opps: -- vs. LH: .462 (6-13)
 2015: 0-0-0, 7.15 ERA, 6 G Long Relief App: 3.0, 5/23 vs. OAK IR-RS: 3-2 vs. RH: .306 (11-36)
 + Recalled yesterday as LH Jake McGee was placed on the 15-day DL...marks his fifth tour with the Rays this season (also May 23, June 6-9, June 12-22 and Aug 17-18)...pitched a scoreless 9th on Mon at HOU, his first career road app...averaging 95.8 mph this year on his fastball, per FanGraphs.
 + Has made 6 apps this year, yielding 17 H and 8 BB in 11.1 IP...opponents are batting .347/.439/.367 (17-for-49)...has only yielded 1 XBH (double).
 + Was 1-1 with a 4.86 ERA (46.1-IP, 25-ER) in 17 apps (3 starts) for Durham...went at least 2 IP in his last 6 relief apps for the Bulls.

