

2008 TAMPA BAY RAYS

97-65 1st

MGR Joe Maddon (#70)

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Carlos Pena #23	.247	1	PW PK	132	133	152	233	236	AR	SD	1B132, DH	L L
Akinori Iwamura #1	.274	8		112	115	133	242	246	AAR	SD	2B152	L R
Jason Bartlett #8	.286	20		-	111	131	255	251	AAR		SS125	R R
Evan Longoria #3	.272	7	PK	131	132	155	251	244	AAR		3B119, SS1	R R
Gabe Gross #26 X	.242	2	PK	123	125	142	232	235	AR		OF123(RF/CF)	L R
Melvin Upton, Jr. "B. J." #2	.273	44	PK	114	115	142	245	245	S	SD/T-1	OF143(CF)	R R
Carl Crawford #13	.273	25		114	123	133	245	245	S		OF108(LF)	L L
Dioner Navarro #30	.295	0		114	-	136	256	253	AR	SD	C117	B R
Cliff Floyd #15	.268	1	PK	124	-	143	243	244	AR		DH	L R
Eric Hinske #32	.247	10	PK	125	126	146	233	236	AR		OF89(RF/LF),	L R
											DH, 1B11, 3B8	
Willy Aybar #16	.253	2		121	122	141	243	236	AR		3B41, DH, 1B19,	B R
											2B10, SS2	
Ben Zobrist #18	.253	3		131	133	152	243	236	AAR		SS35,	B R
											OF19(LF/CF/RF), 2B8, 3B1	
Jonny Gomes #31	.182	8	PK	125	126	141	214	213	AAR		DH, OF30(RF/LF),	R R
											PH	
Shawn Riggans #9	.222	0		124	-	143	226	226	SLO		C41, OF1(LF)	R R
Rocco Baldelli #5	.263	0	PK	125	-	151	246	242	AR	LD	DH, PH,	R R
											OF7(RF/LF)	
Justin Ruggiano #10 #24	.197	2	PK	116	-	135	222	216	AAR		OF42(LF/RF/CF)	R R
Fernando Perez #38	.250	5	PK	125	-	136	236	236	AAR		OF23(CF/LF/RF)	B R
Nathan Haynes #37	.227	4	PK	-	-	-	231	231	AAR		OF18(RF/CF/LF)	L L
Dan Johnson #24 #26 X	.200	0	PK	135	-	-	214	222	SLO		1B8, OF1(LF)	L R
Mike Difelice #20	.300	0	MW MK	-	-	125	262	254	SLO		C7	R R
Eliot Johnson #43	.158	0	PK	-	-	-	165	164	AAR		DH, OF2(CF/RF),	B R
											SS2, 2B1	
Michel Hernandez #41	.200	0		-	-	-	222	221	SLO		C4	R R
Reid Brignac #44	.000	0	PK	-	-	-	-	-	AR		SS4	L R
Pitcher R	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			

	ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV			
James Shields #33	3.56	215	123	562	33	33	0	.250	R R	"Big Game James"
Andy Sonnanstine #21	4.38	193	123	613	32	32	0	.400	L R	
Matt Garza #22	3.70	185	133	565	30	30	0	.000	R R	"The Count"
Edwin Jackson #36	4.42	183	136	616	32	31	0	.000	R R	"E Jax"
Scott Kazmir #19	3.49	152	143	525	27	27	0	.000	L L	
J. P. Howell #39	2.22	89	143	531	64	0	3	.000	L L	James Phillip
Jason Hammel #49	4.60	78	141	621	40	5	2	.000	R R	
Dan Wheeler #35	3.12	66	134	552	70	0	13	.000	R R	
Grant Balfour #50	1.54	58	143	443	51	0	4	.000	R R	
Troy Percival #40	4.53	46	153	546	50	0	28	.000	R R	
Trever Miller #57	4.15	43	143	534	68	0	2	.000	R L	
Gary Glover #47 +	5.82	34	144	614	29	0	0	.000	R R	
Alberto Reyes #28	4.37	23	141	553	26	0	0	.000	R R	
Chad Bradford #53 X	1.42	19	141	651	21	0	0	.000	R R	
Jeff Niemann #34	5.06	16	143	553	5	2	0	.000	R R	(last name pronounced NEE-man)
Scott Dohman #27	6.14	15	141	562	12	0	0	.000	R R	
David Price #14	1.93	14	132	544	5	1	0	.000	L L	
Kurt Birkins #24	0.90	10	146	556	6	0	0	.000	L L	
Juan Salas #52	7.11	6	155	464	5	0	0	.000	R R	

In part of an effort to put their LESS-than-stellar past behind them (only one season out of the franchise's first eleven, 2004, above last place) Tampa Bay dropped the Devil in Devil Rays and adorned themselves in a new uniform ensemble featuring a dark blue and lighter "sea-blue" colors. It looks like it's all just what they needed: Their first ever AL East crown and the league's representative in the World Series for the first time in history. At the All Star recess, the Rays were in second place only a half-game out of first with a 55-39 record. For the rest of the year, Tampa Bay would have a hold on the top spot with only two days in which they were tied for first. The White Sox were disposed of in the ALDS in four games which led to a highly-combative ALCS with Boston (the A. L. Wild Card team). The Rays took a commanding 3-1 lead in the series before the Red Sox forced a Game Seven at Tropicana Field. Boston scored a run in the first inning but the Rays would cross the plate with three unanswered runs to lock-up the series, four games to three. In the Fall Classic, the Phillies and Rays split the first two games in St. Pete. It was a Philadelphia sweep of the next three contests in the Phils' home ball park where they outscored the Rays 19-9. Tampa Bay hit only .212 in the Series...Team leaders (regular season): Carlos Pena (31 homers, 102 RBI); A. L. Rookie of the Year Evan Longoria (27 home runs, 85 RBI); Akinori Iwamura (172 base hits, 91 runs scored); James Shields and Edwin Jackson (both 14 wins); and Scott Kazmir (12 wins, 166 K's). Andy Sonnanstine won 13 ball games. The staff ERA was 3.82, second in the league...The Rays hit a composite .260 and 180 home runs.