

## Rays coaching staff

### Joe Maddon

70 • Manager

Age: 53

**Born/lives:** Hazleton, Pa./Brea, Calif.

**Playing career:** Played three seasons at Class A.

**Coaching career:** Spent 31 years in the Angels organization and was bench coach for most of the past 10 before arriving in Tampa Bay for 2006 season.

**Managing career:** Third season with Rays, 127-197 thus far.



### Tim Bogar

72 • Quality assurance

Age: 41

**Born/lives:** Indianapolis/Bloomington, Ind.

**Playing career:** Played nine seasons in majors as utility infielder.

**Coaching career:** First year with Rays; spent past four as minor-league manager with Indians and Astros.



### Tom Foley

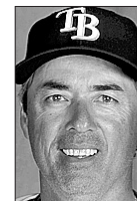
6 • Third-base

Age: 48

**Born/lives:** Columbus, Ga./Palm Harbor

**Playing career:** Spent 13 years in the majors, primarily as a SS.

**Coaching career:** 13th season with Rays, seventh as third-base coach. Has served as major-league coach, minor-league manager, field coordinator and director of minor-league operations.



### Steve Henderson

55 • Hitting

Age: 55

**Born/lives:** Houston/Tampa

**Playing career:** Played 12 seasons in majors, batting .290 or better six times.

**Coaching career:** Third straight season as hitting coach, fourth overall ('98); 12th in organization, previously as minor-league hitting coordinator.



### George Hendrick

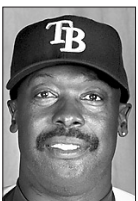
25 • First-base

Age: 58

**Born/lives:** Los Angeles/Las Vegas

**Playing career:** Four-time All-Star, 18 seasons in the majors.

**Coaching career:** Third year as first-base coach. Dodgers minor-league hitting coordinator for a season, Triple-A hitting coach for two. Angels first-base coach in '98 and '99 alongside Maddon.



### Jim Hickey

48 • Pitching

Age: 46

**Born/lives:** Chicago/St. Cloud

**Playing career:** Eight seasons in minors.

**Coaching career:** Second season with Rays; 16 years in Astros organization, including 2½ as major-league pitching coach, seven at Triple-A New Orleans.



### Dave Martinez

4 • Bench

Age: 43

**Born/lives:** Brooklyn, N.Y./Safety Harbor

**Playing career:** Spent 17 seasons as big-league outfielder, including 1998-2000 with Rays.

**Coaching career:** First full-time gig, did spring training work previous two years.



### Bobby Ramos

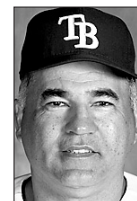
7 • Bullpen

Age: 52

**Born/lives:** Calabazar de Sagua, Cuba/Miami

**Playing career:** Parts of five seasons in majors as catcher.

**Coaching career:** Rejoined Rays in 2006 after six as Angels roving catching instructor. Managed GCL Rays in '97-98, Princeton Rays in 1999. Bullpen coach for Angels from 2000-02.



**OTHER KEY STAFFERS:** Kevin Barr, strength and conditioning coordinator; Scott Cursi, bullpen catcher; Chris Fernandez, video coordinator; Paul Harker, assistant trainer; Fred McGriff, special adviser; Nick Paparesta, assistant trainer; Ron Porterfield, head athletic trainer; Chris Westmoreland, equipment/home clubhouse manager; Don Zimmer, senior baseball adviser

## Hot dates

Here are five dates at Tropicana Field you might want to check out:

**APRIL 8, MARINERS:** The home opener is the annual welcome back baseball party, and the Trop has a new blue hue to it. There will be pomp, circumstance and some bunting, though the Rays would prefer home runs.

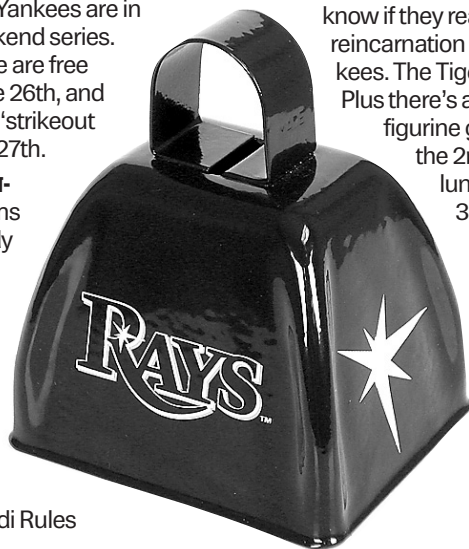
**APRIL 25-27, RED SOX:** Thanks to the wizards in charge of scheduling at MLB, this is the only time the Red Sox or the Yankees are in town for a weekend series. Seriously. There are free cowbells on the 26th, and a Scott Kazmir "strikeout swirler" on the 27th.

**MAY 12-15, YANKEES:** The teams will have already met twice before this, but the familiarity of a four-game series can sometimes breed contempt. (Plus, it's okay under the Girardi Rules

to run into a catcher now.) And it's always amusing how many people from Tampa can suddenly find their way to the Trop with no problem.

**JUNE 17-19, CUBS:** It's the first time the Cubbies have come to town, and they're led by one of Tampa's finest, ex-Rays manager Lou Piniella. Deep dish pizza and Old Style for all!

**AUG. 1-3, TIGERS:** By then, we'll know if they really are the reincarnation of the '27 Yankees. The Tigers, of course. Plus there's a B.J. Upton figurine giveaway on the 2nd, and a kids lunchbox on the 3rd.



Marc Topkin, Times staff writer

## What's new?

After two years of significant upgrades, most of this year's changes at Tropicana Field are aesthetic and cosmetic, with the most noticeable being the new blue color scheme.

It's getting into the stadium that will be different under two new rules:

### PARKING

After two seasons of free parking, the Rays are going back to charging. Unless you have friends.

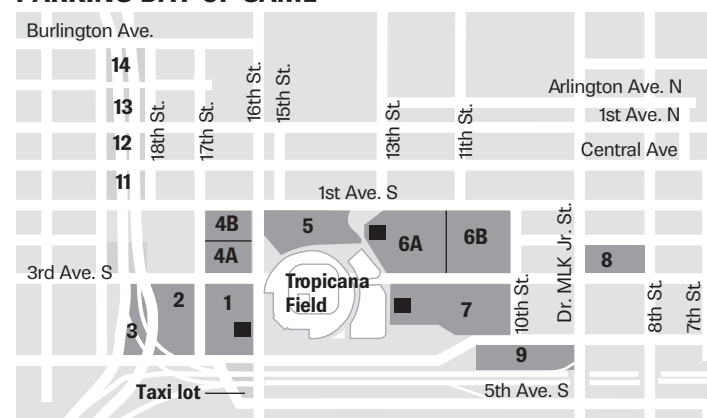
To encourage carpooling, the Rays are allowing cars with four or more people to park for free in Lots 6B, 7-9 and 11-14. Otherwise, it's \$20 in Lot 1; \$10 in Lots 2, 3, 6B and 7-9; and \$5 in Lots 11-14.

### DAY OF GAME TICKET SALES

This might seem an interesting strategy for a team trying to increase attendance any way it can, but the Rays are going to charge fans MORE for buying tickets the day of a game. In an effort to encourage advance ticket sales, there now will be a \$2 surcharge added to all tickets sold at any outlet within five hours of game time.

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### PARKING DAY OF GAME



### General Parking

Day of game parking is not available for purchase in advance

Lot 1*	\$20*
Lot 2, 3, 6B, 7, 8, 9	\$10
Lot 11, 12, 13, 14	\$5

(\*Subject to availability)

### Free Parking

Vehicles with 4 or more people can park  
Lots 2, 3, 6B, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14  
(Not applicable for Lot 1)

### Permits/Reserved Parking

Lot 1, 2, 6A

### Valet Parking

Lot 4A  
(Valet service dropoff and pickup on Tropicana Drive)

### Disabled Parking

Lot 1, 6A, 7, 11

### Staff Parking

Lot 4B, 5

### RV Parking

Lot 8

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