

By the numbers

25-24 Rays record in 2008 games against left-handed starters (compared to 72-41 vs. righties), a prime target for improvement.

20 Teams that had a higher batting average than the Rays last season (.260).

9 Players who appeared in a World Series game for Rays who won't be on opening day roster (Baldelli, Floyd, Hinske, Perez, Bradford, Jackson, Miller, Price, Upton).

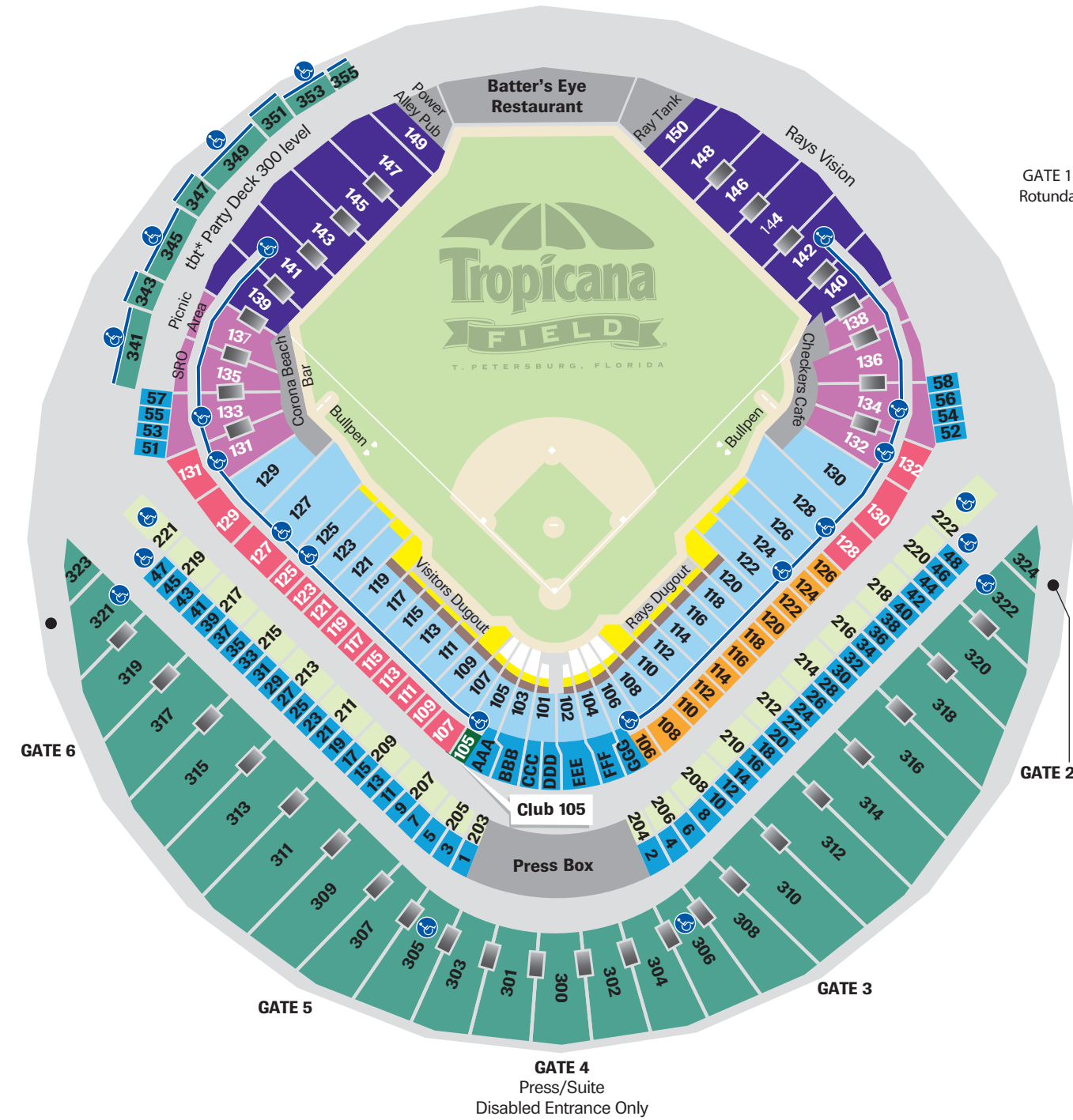
5 Players, of those previously mentioned, no longer in organization (Baldelli, Floyd, Hinske, Jackson, Miller).

5 Teams in history that made a larger one-year improvement than the Rays' increase of 31 wins from 2007 to 2008.

4 Teams, of those previously mentioned, that had a worse record the next season.

2 Teams, besides the Yankees, to win back-to-back AL East titles in past 30 years, the 1991-92 and '92-93 Blue Jays.

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Seating category	Game Type			Seating category	Game Type		
	Prime	Marquee	Regular		Prime	Marquee	Regular
□ Home Plate Club	\$270	\$240	\$210	□ Press Level	\$47	\$38	\$27
■ Whitney Bank Club	\$150	\$130	\$115	■ Baseline Box	\$38	\$31	\$22
■ Club 105	\$130	\$105	\$90	■ Loge Box	\$38	\$31	\$22
■ Fieldside Box	\$120	\$95	\$85	■ Outfield	\$24	\$20	\$17
■ Lower Infield Box	\$75	\$65	\$55	■ Upper Deck	\$16	\$13	\$10
■ Lower Box	\$60	\$52	\$44	■ tbt* Party Deck	\$16	\$13	\$10

There is a \$3-\$5 surcharge beginning five hours prior to game time. Please note that children two years or older require a ticket for entry to Tropicana Field. Source: Tampa Bay Rays

Promotion schedule

DATE	EVENT	PROMOTION	FOR
APRIL			
13	Opening Day	Schedule Magnet	All fans
14		AL Championship Replica Ring	All fans
15		AL Championship Cowbell	All fans
17		Player Poster #1	All fans
18	Rays Saturday Nights	AL Championship Replica Trophy	All fans
19	Family Fun Day	AL Championship Pennant	First 10,000 kids
MAY			
1		Player Poster #2	First 7,500 fans
2	Rays Saturday Nights		
3	Family Fun Day	Rays Baseball Card Team Set	First 10,000 kids
15		Player Poster #3	First 7,500 fans
16	Rays Saturday Nights	Evan Longoria Rookie of the Year Figurine	All fans
17	Family Fun Day	Matt Garza Jersey T-shirt	First 10,000 kids
29		Player Poster #4	First 7,500 fans
30	Rays Saturday Nights Postgame Concert		
31	Family Fun Day	Youth Cap	First 10,000 kids
JUNE			
12		Player Poster #5	First 7,500 fans
13	Rays Saturday Nights Rays Postgame Concert		
14	Family Fun Day	Dioner Navarro Bobblehead	First 10,000 kids
26		Player Poster #6	First 7,500 fans
27	Rays Saturday Nights Postgame Concert		
28	Family Fun Day	James Shields Bobblehead	First 10,000 kids
JULY			
10		Player Poster #7	First 7,500 fans
11	Rays Saturday Nights Postgame Concert		
12	Family Fun Day	Carl Crawford Bobblehead	First 10,000 kids
31		Player Poster #8	First 7,500 fans
AUGUST			
1	Rays Saturday Nights Postgame Concert		
2	Family Fun Day	Scott Kazmir Bobblehead	First 10,000 kids
14		Player Poster #9	First 7,500 fans
15	Rays Saturday Nights Postgame Concert		
16	Family Fun Day	Bossman Junior Visor	First 10,000 kids
21		Player Poster #10	First 7,500 fans
22	Rays Saturday Nights Postgame Concert		
23	Family Fun Day	Raymond Bank	First 10,000 kids
SEPTEMBER			
4		Player Poster #11	First 7,500 fans
5	Rays Saturday Nights Postgame Concert		
6	Family Fun Day	Robo-Los Action Figure	First 10,000 kids
18		Player Poster #12	
19	Rays Saturday Nights	Rays Fan Vote Figurine	All fans
20	Family Fun Day	Aki Rattle Drum	First 10,000 kids
OCTOBER			
2		Player Poster #13	First 7,500 fans
3	Rays Saturday Nights		
4	Family Fun Day	Raymond Wind-Up Walker	First 10,000 kids

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All giveaways and event dates are subject to change. Kids are considered children 14 and under.