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## Tampa Bay Rays beat Cleveland Indians 4-1 on Aug. 10



**A wild Quaker Parrot stands on an elevated light before the game. More than a decade ago, there was a minor league hockey team named the St. Petersburg Parrots (now dissolved) and they practiced at the now-destroyed Bayfront Center Auditorium on the ice there.**

**Story and Photos By Jeff M. Hardison © Aug. 13, 2017 at 3:17 p.m.**

**ST. PETERSBURG --** The Tampa Bay Ray beat the Cleveland Indians in a regular season game Aug. 10 when Corey Dickerson hit a three-run homerun and broke the 1-1 tie late in the game.

This was followed by Rays' closer pitcher Alex Colome wrapping up the pitching duties of the winning home team.

Rays Pitcher Blake Snell opened for the home team. Danny Salizer was the Indians' first pitcher of the night.

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Various birds (two photos above) appear to enjoy their lives around the outside of Tropicana Field, which is enclosed.

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Cleveland Indians fans on Thursday evening (Aug. 10) in St. Petersburg.



A BayFlite helicopter passes through the air near Tropicana Field. In the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties, this helicopter's counterpart is ShandsCair.

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2017 Miss St. Petersburg Olivia Fiss throws out the first pitch after speaking with Rays outfielder Mallex Smith. (Jeff Hardison's mother was 1947 Miss St. Petersburg and then 1947 Miss Florida in the 1947 Miss America Pageant – 70 years ago.)

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**The Honor Guard from MacDill Air Force Base prepares to show the colors before the game begins.**

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**Umpires – Crew Chief Phil Cuzzi (second base), Mark Ripperger (third base), Vic Carapazza (first base) and Greg Gibson (home plate) speak with representatives from both teams before the start of the game.**

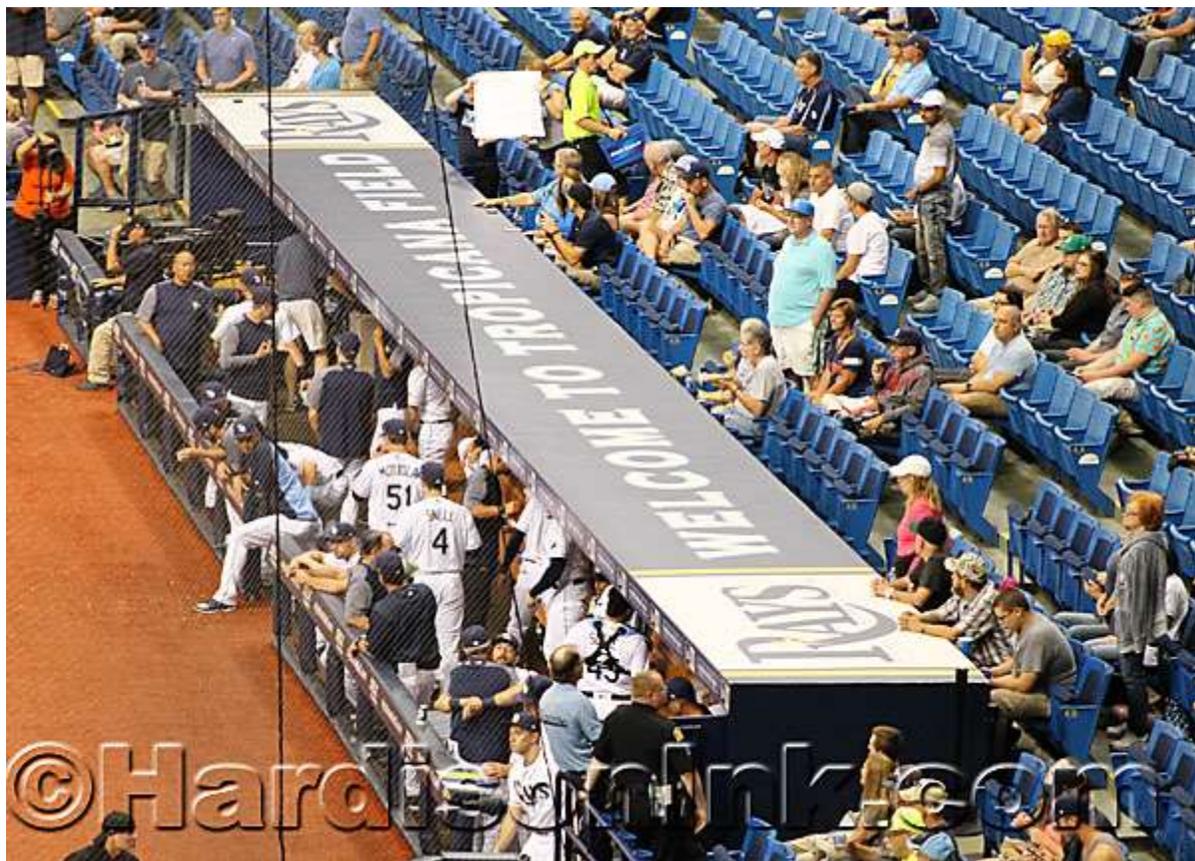


**Some of the members of the audience in Section 212 who enjoyed the game are seen here.**

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Raymond the Tampa Bay Rays' mascot performs.



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A view of the dugout early in the evening shows pitcher Blake Snell (#4) and catcher Jesus Sucre (#45) getting ready to enter the field.



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