MLB Predictions: Tampa Bay Rays vs Detroit Tigers

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MLB Predictions Preview …The Tampa Bay Rays keep on winning and hold a three-game margin between themselves and the Boston Red Sox in the AL East standings. Sunday, the Rays will go for a sweep of the Detroit Tigers with a win in game-three of the weekend series. Right hander James Shields will be toeing the rubber for the Rays in this game. Shields is 9-7 with a 3.66 ERA so far this season. The Tigers will give the ball to right handed starter Armando Galarraga in this one. Galarraga is 9-4 this season with a 3.20 ERA.

MLB Betting Line …Online sportsbook SBGglobal.com has the Rays listed as -153 money line favorites in this game with an 8 ½ run total. The Tigers are getting +133 money line odds as a road underdog. Shields took his seventh loss of the season Monday night against Toronto despite the fact he made his 15th quality start of the season by allowing three earned runs in 7 1/3 innings while walking none. The 26-year-old right-hander's best pitch has always been his changeup, but he also has a plus-fastball and curve, and he's added a cutter that has helped him throw inside to left-handers. He is 2-0 with a 2.25 ERA in two career starts against the Tigers. Galarraga allowed three runs over 5 1/3 innings on Tuesday at Cleveland but limited the damage enough to avoid cleanup work for the bullpen and take advantage of a Detroit offensive onslaught for a victory. He has won his past two starts to take the lead in wins among Tigers pitchers, and he'll try to get into double digits against a Rays team that has never seen him.

Evan Longoria homered and drove in three runs to lead the Devil Rays to a 9-3 win over the Tigers as -120 favorites on Saturday. The game's 12 runs made it OVER the posted over/under (9.5).

Longoria finished 3-for-5 at the plate, and Carl Crawford had two RBIs for the Rays. Andy Sonnanstine picked up his 11th victory, allowing two runs off seven hits over six innings.

Miguel Cabrera went 3-for-3 at the plate with one RBI for the Tigers, who were +105 underdogs in that game. Kenny Rogers was tagged for seven runs in just 3 1-3 innings in the loss.

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