



## ***Superstar Ludacris Brings Hip-Hop, Good Vibes to the Trop***

*Rays Look to Continue Winning Streak as Concert Series Returns*

St. Pete/Clearwater, FL (June 12, 2009) – When Evan Longoria and the Tampa Bay Rays take the field tomorrow night, don't be surprised if the home team looks a little more relaxed.

After all, they've got mojo on their side.

The Rays welcome in the Washington Nationals for an interleague tilt tomorrow night at 6:08 at Tropicana Field, but it's what's scheduled for after the game that might have as big of an impact as anything during it.

The Rays Summer Concert Series returns with hip-hop superstar Ludacris (right) set to blow the roof off the Trop after the game. The Grammy Winner with a catalog of hit singles including *Rollout*, *Money Maker*, *Stand Up* and *Get Back*, could be the Rays' latest lucky charm.



Steeped in superstition, the game of baseball has always been a haven for players who felt things beyond their power could give them an edge.

Journeyman pitcher Turk Wendell, known for his *eccentric* behavior on the field, would leap over the foul lines---a common baseball superstition---and brush his teeth between innings for luck.

During his playing days, Hall of Fame pitcher Lefty Gomez often remarked "I'd rather be lucky than good."

As the stars were aligning during last year's historic title run, the Rays went 8-0 in Concert Series games, parlaying their way to an American League pennant.

On May 30, the kick-off for the 2009 series, the Rays continued their winning ways, defeating the Minnesota Twins 5-2 before a crowd of more than 36,000 fans. Later that night, 3 Doors Down

took the field, rocking the crowd with their hits *Here Without You*, *It's Not My Time* and *Kryptonite*.

The shows continue on select dates through September with chart toppers from a variety of musical genres. Grammy Winner Pat Benatar, Rapper Flo Rida, *American Idol* alum Daughtry and the immortal Beach Boys are all scheduled to perform.

Concerts begin shortly after the game has finished and are free with game-ticket purchase. Tickets for tomorrow's game are still available for as low as \$13 on the [Rays Web site](#).

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