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MLB WORLD SERIES PREDICTIONS 2026

MILWAUKEE BREWERS vs TAMPA BAY RAYS

OCTOBER 23-31, 2026 | GAMES 5-7 IF NEEDED

Team analysis | Seven possible game previews | Series verdict

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Seven possible games; one Brewers-in-six base scenario.



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THE FINAL IS SET

MILWAUKEE BREWERS vs TAMPA BAY RAYS

WORLD SERIES | BEST OF SEVEN

Milwaukee won the National League pennant; Tampa Bay won the American League pennant. Neither franchise has won a World Series, so this matchup will produce a first-time champion.

The Brewers own home-field advantage. The 2-3-2 format gives Milwaukee Games 1 and 2, Tampa Bay Games 3 through 5, and Milwaukee Games 6 and 7. The last three games are played only if needed.

Our editorial lean is Milwaukee in six games. This is a pre-series assessment, not a claim that the pitching assignments, lineups or results are settled.

SERIES LEAN: BREWERS 4-2 | CONFIDENCE: MODERATE



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THE FULL SCHEDULE

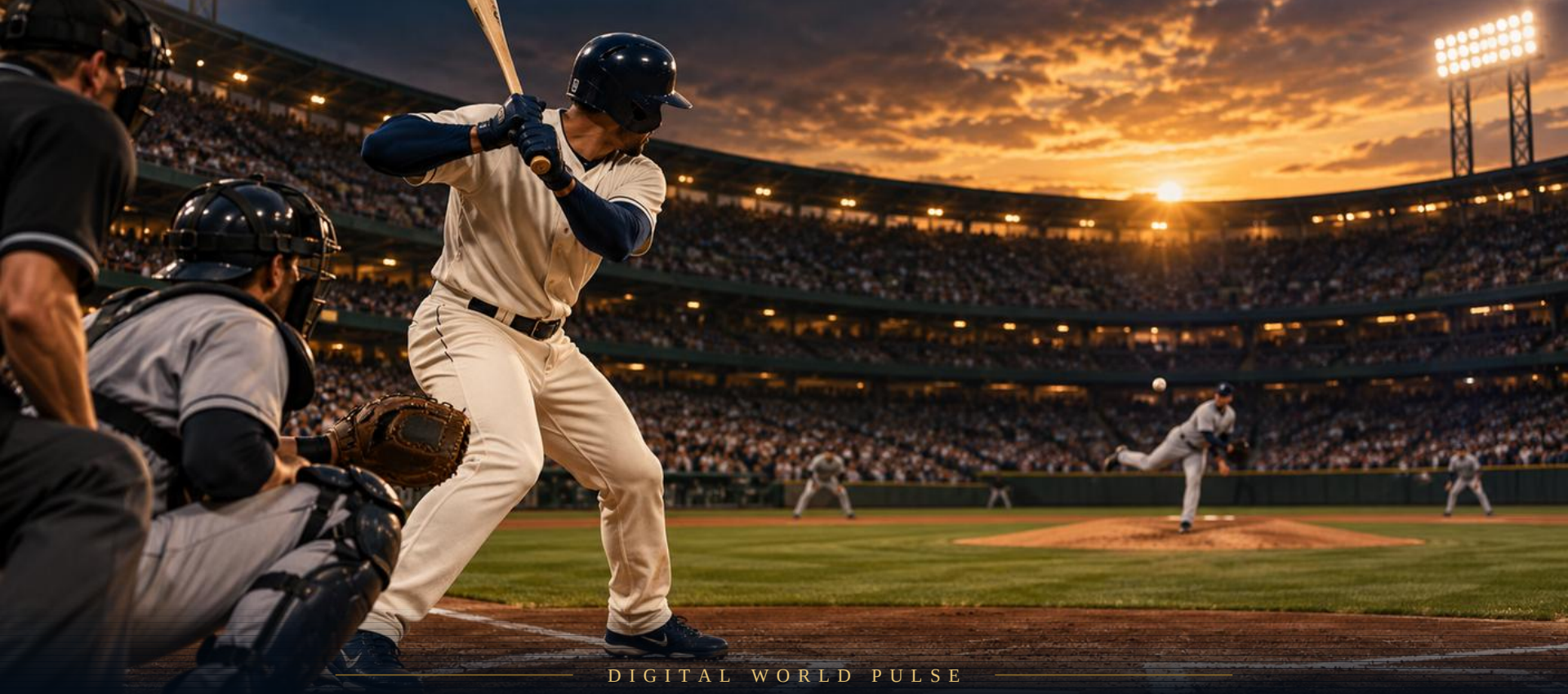
ALL STARTS: 8:00 PM U.S. EASTERN

U.S. GAME DATES | BUCHAREST VIEWING TIMES

GAME	U.S. DATE	HOST	U.S. EASTERN	BUCHAREST
1	Fri 23 Oct	MIL	20:00 EDT	24 Oct 03:00 EEST
2	Sat 24 Oct	MIL	20:00 EDT	25 Oct 03:00 EEST
3	Mon 26 Oct	TB	20:00 EDT	27 Oct 02:00 EET
4	Tue 27 Oct	TB	20:00 EDT	28 Oct 02:00 EET
5*	Wed 28 Oct	TB	20:00 EDT	29 Oct 02:00 EET
6*	Fri 30 Oct	MIL	20:00 EDT	31 Oct 02:00 EET
7*	Sat 31 Oct	MIL	20:00 EDT	01 Nov 02:00 EET

* Games 5-7 only if needed. MIL = Milwaukee; TB = Tampa Bay. Times may change.

Bucharest: +7 hours for Games 1-2, then +6 after the October 25 clock change. All Romanian viewing dates fall on the following day.



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THE BREWERS CASE

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

MILWAUKEE | TEAM PROFILE

REGULAR SEASON

103-59

POSTSEASON SO FAR

7-1

Milwaukee reached this stage by beating San Diego 3-1 in the Division Series and sweeping Los Angeles 4-0 in the NLCS. That route supports a serious case for the Brewers, but it does not make the final automatic.

Our view: the attraction is how many innings the club can cover without demanding a complete game from its starter. A short outing need not become a lost night if the next matchup is favorable.

The risk is timing. After clinching on October 15, Milwaukee must turn preparation into sharp first-inning execution. Chasing early strikes or gifting walks would waste the advantage.



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THE RAYS CASE

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

TAMPA BAY | TEAM PROFILE

REGULAR SEASON

98-64

POSTSEASON SO FAR

7-2

Tampa Bay swept the Yankees 3-0, then beat Cleveland 4-2. Its 7-3 clincher on October 19 featured home runs from Junior Caminero and Yandy Diaz, with Freddy Peralta named ALCS MVP.

Our view: the Rays can win this series by making Milwaukee defend repeated close games. One early baserunner, a long plate appearance and a timely extra-base hit can change the entire bullpen plan.

The concern is allowing the Brewers to control the middle innings. Tampa Bay needs production around its headline bats; waiting for one star to rescue every scoring chance is a fragile route.



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THE STARTING ARMS

ANALYZE THE OPTIONS; WAIT FOR THE ASSIGNMENTS

PITCHING OUTLOOK | STARTERS NOT YET CONFIRMED

Jacob Misiorowski and Logan Henderson are central to Milwaukee's pitching picture. Drew Rasmussen and ALCS MVP Freddy Peralta give Tampa Bay a compelling answer. These are names to monitor, not an announced game-by-game rotation.

Our view: the first test is strike efficiency. A pitcher who falls behind repeatedly lets the opponent choose better swings and brings the bullpen into play earlier than planned.

Before treating any individual game lean as stronger, check the actual starter, recent workload and available relief support. A changed assignment can reverse a narrow pre-series preference.

OCTOBER 20 SNAPSHOT: GAME 1 LISTINGS STILL SHOW TBD



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THE BULLPEN LEVER

THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTS MAY ARRIVE EARLY

LATE-INNING MATCHUPS | EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Trevor Megill, Abner Uribe and Aaron Ashby give Milwaukee several relief options. Ashby's ability to work beyond three outs is especially relevant when a close game turns before the ninth inning.

Our view: the Brewers should use their strongest available matchup when the heart of Tampa Bay's order threatens, even if that moment comes in the sixth or seventh. Saving an arm for a lead that disappears is an expensive choice.

Tampa Bay's counter is patience. Extended at-bats can force additional pitching changes and expose the next layer. Track who warmed up, who pitched and who might be limited the following night.

EDITORIAL EDGE: MILWAUKEE'S RELIEF FLEXIBILITY



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THE BATS TO WATCH

FOUR HEADLINE NAMES; TWO DIFFERENT ROUTES

OFFENSIVE MATCHUPS | AVAILABILITY TO BE RECHECKED

JACKSON CHOURIO

Our Milwaukee focal point: reach base, turn a mistake into extra bases and make Tampa Bay pitch with runners aboard.

JUNIOR CAMINERO

Our Tampa Bay game-changer: one hittable pitch can alter a close score. Milwaukee should avoid giving him predictable advantage counts.

JAKE BAUERS

The NLCS MVP is another important Brewers bat. Our priority is quality of contact, rather than expecting October heroics on demand.

YANDY DIAZ

Our Rays stabilizer: keep scoring chances alive and let the next hitter work. His lineup placement should be checked on game day.



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THREE SERIES KEYS

WHERE OUR PRE-SERIES PICK COULD BE WON OR LOST

TACTICAL LENS | EDITORIAL JUDGMENT

01 WIN THE FREE-BASE BATTLE

Walks and mistakes ahead of the strongest hitters can turn solo damage into a multi-run inning. Our lean weakens if Milwaukee repeatedly creates those situations.

02 SPEND THE BULLPEN WISELY

Games 3-5 form the longest uninterrupted block. A narrow win can carry a cost if it empties the relief options needed the following evening.

03 MAKE ROUTINE OUTS ROUTINE

A clean relay, the right cutoff decision and a secured force play can protect a one-run margin. We expect small execution gaps to matter more than a headline narrative.



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GAME 1

TAMPA BAY RAYS AT MILWAUKEE BREWERS

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026 | 20:00 EDT

American Family Field | Milwaukee | Bucharest 24 Oct 03:00 EEST

Our opening-night lean goes to Milwaukee. The attraction is a path to the middle innings with enough pitching options to defend a small lead. Tampa Bay's task is to make the home club uncomfortable immediately: reach base, extend the first few plate appearances and prevent a tidy handoff to relief. The score projection assumes the Brewers settle into the game without needing a large early rally. Confirmed starters and batting orders could materially change this view.

EDITORIAL WINNER

Milwaukee Brewers

PROJECTED SCORE | HOME TEAM FIRST

MIL 4 - 2 TB

BASE PATH AFTER GAME 1: MILWAUKEE LEADS 1-0



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GAME 2

TAMPA BAY RAYS AT MILWAUKEE BREWERS

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026 | 20:00 EDT

American Family Field | Milwaukee | Bucharest 25 Oct 03:00 EEST

We give Tampa Bay the response in the second game. This scenario has the Rays adjusting their approach and creating more traffic before the middle of the order comes up. Milwaukee still has the benefit of the home park, but an early pitching change could make the later matchups harder to protect. Our 5-3 call describes a Rays win with enough offense to avoid depending on a single late swing. It is an editorial scenario, not a confirmed pitching-based edge.

EDITORIAL WINNER

Tampa Bay Rays

PROJECTED SCORE | HOME TEAM FIRST

MIL 3 - 5 TB

BASE PATH AFTER GAME 2: SERIES TIED 1-1



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GAME 3

MILWAUKEE BREWERS AT TAMPA BAY RAYS

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2026 | 20:00 EDT

Tropicana Field | St. Petersburg | Bucharest 27 Oct 02:00 EET

Our scenario gives Tampa Bay a narrow advantage as the series moves to Tropicana Field. The Rays' best route is to make Milwaukee chase the score, then use each relief decision to protect the smallest possible margin. For the Brewers, the priority is avoiding unnecessary outs on the bases when a patient inning could create another scoring chance. We expect a tighter contest here than in Game 2. Starter assignments and the first two games' workloads remain major unknowns.

EDITORIAL WINNER

Tampa Bay Rays

PROJECTED SCORE | HOME TEAM FIRST

TB 4 - 3 MIL

BASE PATH AFTER GAME 3: TAMPA BAY LEADS 2-1



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GAME 4

MILWAUKEE BREWERS AT TAMPA BAY RAYS

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2026 | 20:00 EDT

Tropicana Field | St. Petersburg | Bucharest 28 Oct 02:00 EET

Game 4 is our projected Milwaukee response. In this path, the Brewers stop leaving the scoring burden to one swing and build pressure through repeated competitive at-bats. The central question is how both managers cover the middle innings after the first game of the Tampa Bay block. Milwaukee earns our lean if it can reach that phase without chasing a large deficit. A 5-3 Brewers win restores a level series; the actual personnel and relief availability must be reassessed.

EDITORIAL WINNER

Milwaukee Brewers

PROJECTED SCORE | HOME TEAM FIRST

TB 3 - 5 MIL

BASE PATH AFTER GAME 4: SERIES TIED 2-2



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GAME 5 | IF NEEDED

MILWAUKEE BREWERS AT TAMPA BAY RAYS

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026 | 20:00 EDT

Tropicana Field | St. Petersburg | Bucharest 29 Oct 02:00 EET

If Game 5 is required, our base scenario has a 2-2 series and the Brewers stealing another close road game. This is the third consecutive scheduled night at Tropicana Field, so the relief picture may look very different from the pre-series depth chart. We narrowly favor Milwaukee's ability to cover awkward innings, while recognizing that one unavailable arm could change the choice. The projected 4-3 score is a one-run opinion, not evidence of a measurable advantage or a guaranteed total.

EDITORIAL WINNER

Milwaukee Brewers

PROJECTED SCORE | HOME TEAM FIRST

TB 3 - 4 MIL

BASE PATH AFTER GAME 5: MILWAUKEE LEADS 3-2



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GAME 6 | IF NEEDED

TAMPA BAY RAYS AT MILWAUKEE BREWERS

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026 | 20:00 EDT

American Family Field | Milwaukee | Bucharest 31 Oct 02:00 EET

Our main scenario ends here, with Milwaukee returning home ahead 3-2 and converting its next opportunity. The travel day offers a reset, but it does not erase every workload or availability issue. Tampa Bay's counter is an early lead that forces the Brewers to abandon a comfortable pitching script. We project the home side creating separation late rather than controlling every inning. The 5-2 score is our pre-series illustration of a clincher, subject to a full review if this game is reached.

EDITORIAL WINNER

Milwaukee Brewers

PROJECTED SCORE | HOME TEAM FIRST

MIL 5 - 2 TB

BASE PATH: MILWAUKEE WINS THE WORLD SERIES 4-2



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GAME 7 | IF NEEDED

TAMPA BAY RAYS AT MILWAUKEE BREWERS

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026 | 20:00 EDT

American Family Field | Milwaukee | Bucharest 01 Nov 02:00 EET

This is a separate branch, reached only if the series is tied 3-3. It is not an extra game added to our Brewers-in-six forecast. In a winner-take-all setting, we would give Milwaukee a small home-field lean while treating every pitching plan as provisional. The best available arm may be needed long before the ninth inning, and a single defensive decision could settle the outcome. Our 4-3 projection is an alternative scenario for a deciding game, not part of the six-game base path.

EDITORIAL WINNER

Milwaukee Brewers

PROJECTED SCORE | HOME TEAM FIRST

MIL 4 - 3 TB

ALTERNATIVE ONLY: IF 3-3, MILWAUKEE WINS 4-3



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THE SERIES VERDICT

EDITORIAL PICK: MILWAUKEE BREWERS IN SIX

ONE COHERENT SCENARIO | NOT A FORECAST MODEL

Our 4-2 pick rests on Milwaukee taking the opener, splitting the first two games, surviving Tampa Bay's home block and returning to Wisconsin with a 3-2 lead. Relief flexibility and home-field advantage provide the deciding arguments.

Tampa Bay is a credible alternative. If its starters keep the middle innings quiet and Caminero's group converts early traffic, the Rays can put Milwaukee into a very different series.

The game-by-game scores are illustrative opinions, not independently calibrated probabilities. If the actual series develops differently, update the assessment rather than forcing it to follow this path.

BASE PATH: MIL / TB / TB / MIL / MIL / MIL



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BEFORE FIRST PITCH

THE FINAL CHECKS THAT CAN CHANGE A CLOSE PICK

UPDATE CHECKLIST | RESEARCHED OCTOBER 20, 2026

01 CONFIRM THE PERSONNEL

Check the World Series roster, official starting pitchers, batting orders and any availability changes. The names discussed here are not a certified starting lineup.

02 CHECK THE WORKLOAD

Before every subsequent game, review the previous night's pitches and relief usage. Our pre-series leans do not incorporate games that have not yet been played.

03 RECHECK THE CLOCK

Use the U.S. game date when following the schedule. In Bucharest, every listed first pitch falls on the next calendar day; the local time changes after October 25.

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