



## MINNESOTA TWINS (1-0) vs. TORONTO BLUE JAYS (0-1)

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POSTSEASON GM 2

POSTSEASON HOME GM 2

### UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
10/5*	vs. TOR	RHP Joe Ryan vs. TBA	3:38 pm (CT)	ESPN	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf, ESPN / twinsbeisbol.com

### POSTSEASON AT A GLANCE

Record as Twins (since 1961):	26-45
Record as MIN/WAS (since 1901):	34-56
Home Record:	17-19
Road Record:	9-26
AL Wild Card:	1-3
Division Series:	5-20
ALCS:	9-12
World Series:	11-10
Game One:	10-7
Game Two:	4-12
Game Three:	1-14
Game Four:	3-6
Game Five:	3-4
Game Six:	3-0
Game Seven:	2-1
Facing Elimination:	7-12
Facing Clinch:	5-0
Games vs. LH Starter:	15-21
Games vs. RH Starter:	11-24
Twins score first:	16-18
Opponent scores first:	10-27
Come-from-behind wins:	11
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	21-5/23-2
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	0-36/0-38
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	5-5/3-4
Extra-innings:	4-5
1-run games:	7-10
Twins out-hit opp.:	16-9
Opp. out-hit Twins:	5-35
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	5-2
Run Differential:	-87 (256-343)
Longest win-streak:	5, 10/11-20/91
Longest losing-streak:	18, 10/6/04-9/30/20
When Twins score 4+:	19-11
When Twins score 3-:	7-34
Team-high hits:	15, 2x, last 10/24/87
	(WS Game 6 vs. St. Louis)
Team-high runs:	11, 2x, last 10/5/02
	(ALDS Game 4 vs. Oakland)
Opp.-high hits:	18, 2x, last 10/13/02
	(ALCS Game 5 at Anaheim)
Opp.-high runs:	14, Atlanta, 10/24/91
	(WS Game 5 at Atlanta)
When Twins get 10+ hits:	14-10
W/L in last at-bats:	4-12

### TWINS POSTSEASON LEADERS

BATTING	
Games	Gagne/Gladden/Hrbek/Puckett, 24
Batting Average	Michael Cuddyer, .338
At-Bats	Dan Gladden, 304
Hits	Kirby Puckett, 30
Home Runs	Kirby Puckett, 5
Walks	Harmon Killebrew, 14
Runs	Dan Gladden, 17
Doubles	Torii Hunter, 8
RBI	Kirby Puckett, 16
Strikeouts	Jacque Jones, 23
OPS	Harmon Killebrew, .944
PITCHING	
Wins	Jack Morris, 4
Losses	J. Kaat/B. Radke/J. Santana, 3
Innings	Jack Morris, 36.1
Walks	J. Morris/J. Santana, 10
Starts	Brad Radke, 6
ERA (20.0 IP)	Jack Morris, 2.23
Saves	Rick Aguilera, 5
Strikeouts	Johan Santana, 32

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**THE TWINS:** Finished their 63rd season in Minnesota with a record of 87-75, winning the AL Central on September 22...they finished 9.0 games ahead of Detroit (78-84)...it marked their ninth AL Central title in club history (2002, '03, '04, '06, '09, '10, '19 & '20)...prior to the current divisional alignment, the Twins won the AL West division four times (1969, '70, '87 & '91).  
 \* Twins are 17-19 all-time in Minnesota during the Postseason, going 3-4 at Met Stadium, 13-10 at the Metrodome and 1-5 at Target Field.  
 \* The Twins are 5-0 all-time during the Postseason with the opportunity to clinch...their last chance was entering Game 5 of the ALDS vs. Oakland on October 6, 2002, entering the finale tied at two games apiece.

**HELLO WORLD. MEET ROYCE LEWIS** The Twins beat the Blue Jays yesterday at Target Field in Game 1 of the AL Wild Card Series by a score of 3-1...Pablo López was the starter and winner, allowing one run on five hits in 5.2 innings pitched, with two walks and three strikeouts...Louie Varland (0.1 IP), Caleb Thielbar (1.0 IP) and Griffin Jax (1.0 IP) each earned a hold as Jhoan Duran earned the save with a scoreless ninth inning...the offense recorded five hits and walked six times...Royce Lewis went 2-for-3 with two home runs and three RBI...the paid attendance was 38,450, the second sellout of the season and largest since the Home Opener on April 7 vs. Houston - 38,465.  
 \* Yesterday's win was the Twins' first Postseason win in Minnesota since a 2-1 victory over the Angels at the Metrodome in Game 1 of the 2002 ALCS on October 8.

**OK, WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT NOW:** Yesterday's win for the Twins marked their first playoff victory since a 2-0 win at old Yankee Stadium in Game 1 of the ALDS on October 5, 2004 - a span of 6,397 days...the win snapped the longest playoff losing streak in baseball history and the longest playoff losing streak in North American sports history (MLB, NBA, NHL, NFL)...in that span, the Twins had lost 13 games to the Yankees, three to the A's and two to the Astros.

**ROYCE LEWIS IS HIM:** Yesterday, Royce Lewis became the third player in baseball history to homer in each of his first two Postseason plate appearances (credit *Elias Sports Bureau*), joining Minnesota's Gary Gaetti, who homered his first two against Doyle Alexander in Game 1 of the 1987 ALCS vs. Detroit, and Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria, who homered in his first two against Javier Vázquez in Game 1 of the 2008 ALDS vs. Chicago-AL...additionally, Lewis became the sixth player in Twins/Senators franchise (5th Twin) to homer in first career plate appearance:

PLAYER	DATE	OPPONENT	ROUND	PITCHER
Royce Lewis	10/3/23	vs. Toronto	ALWCS	Kevin Gausman
Brian Dozier	10/3/17	at New York-AL	ALWC	Luis Severino
Eddie Rosario	10/3/17	at New York-AL	ALWC	Luis Severino
Gary Gaetti	10/7/87	vs. Detroit	ALCS	Doyle Alexander
Don Mincher	10/6/65	vs. Los Angeles-NL	WS	Don Drysdale
Joe Harris	10/7/25	at Pittsburgh	WS	Lee Meadows

**BRING A BROOM:** The Twins are seeking the first Postseason sweep in Twins/Senators (since 1901) franchise history today...they swept opponents six times in the regular season: March 30-April 2 at Kansas City (3 games), June 13-14 vs. Milwaukee (2 games), July 3-5 vs. Kansas City (3 games), July 14-16 at Oakland (3 games), July 21-23 vs. Chicago-AL (3 games) and August 4-6 vs. Arizona (3 games).  
 \* The Twins went 6-9 when entering the series finale with the opportunity to sweep during the regular season...they went 0-5 in such instances in September.

**GIVE US A SECOND:** The Twins are looking to win consecutive Postseason games for the first time since winning three straight from October 5-8, 2002, when they won two against Oakland in the ALDS, then Game 1 of the ALCS vs. Anaheim...Minnesota's longest Postseason winning streak is five, taking three games against the Blue Jays from October 11-13 in Games 3-5 of the 1991 ALCS, followed by two wins over the Braves from October 19-20 in Games 1-2 of the World Series.

**THE HEART BEAT:** During the regular season, Twins starters combined to go 49-45, 3.82 ERA (895.0 IP, 380 ER) with 223 walks, 970 strikeouts and a .240 opponent batting average...below are Twins starting pitching ranks among MLB teams during the regular season:

INNINGS	QS	OBP	K/BB	FIP	WHIP	K'S	OPS
SEA - 901.1	MIN - 76	SEA - .288	MIN - 4.35	TB - 3.61	SEA - 1.14	MIN - 970	TB - .684
HOU - 900.0	SD - 75	TB - .289	TB - 4.11	MIN - 3.73	MIN - 1.16	TOR - 922	MIL - .691
PHI - 899.0	SEA - 74	MIN - .291	SEA - 4.08	SEA - 3.93	MIL - 1.17	ATL - 874	SEA - .694
MIN - 895.0	CHC - 71	MIL - .292	SF - 3.84	SF - 4.06	TB - 1.17	CWS - 873	MIN - .695
TOR - 894.2	3 tied - 70	DET - .300	PHI - 3.42	PHI - 4.07	PHI - 1.22	SD - 870	SD - .700

**NOTE:** The Twins 970 strikeouts from their starters set a new club record and ranks 14th on baseball's all-time list for a single season...additionally, the Twins' staff recorded and MLB-best 1,560 strikeouts this season, also setting a club record and landing in a tie for 15th most in baseball history.

**POST-CC-SON:** In 80 career Postseason games, Carlos Correa has hit .272 (83-for-305) with 16 doubles, 18 home runs, 59 RBI, 37 runs scored, 30 walks, a .343 on-base percentage and an .845 OPS...below are his Postseason ranks among active players in a few categories:

GAMES	HITS	HOME RUNS	RBI	DOUBLES	TOTAL BASES
Altuve - 92	Altuve - 103	Altuve - 23	Correa - 59	Turner - 19	Altuve - 190
Bregman - 86	Gurriel - 87	Springer - 19	Altuve - 49	Altuve - 18	Correa - 153
Gurriel - 86	Turner - 85	Correa - 18	Bregman - 47	Betts - 17	Turner - 145
Turner - 86	Correa - 83	Cruz - 18	Turner - 42	Correa - 16	Springer - 144
Correa - 80	Bregman - 76	2 Tied - 15	Gurriel - 39	Bregman - 16	Bregman - 137

**O CANADA:** The Twins and Blue Jays are playing in a Postseason series for the second time in their history...these two met in the 1991 ALCS as the Twins went 4-1, splitting two games at the Metrodome, then winning three-straight at the SkyDome (Rogers Centre) and advanced to win their second World Championship in seven games against Atlanta.

\* The Twins went 3-3 against the Blue Jays during the regular season, losing a three-game series 1-2 at Target Field from May 26-28 and winning a three-game series 2-1 at Rogers Centre from June 9-11.  
 \* Carlos Correa went 1-for-4 yesterday and is now hitting .309 (34-for-110) with six doubles, seven home runs, 23 RBI and a .942 OPS in 28 career regular and Postseason games vs. the Jays...has reached safely in 13 straight vs. Toronto and in 26 of his 28 career regular and Postseason games.

**POSTSEASON CRED:** Of the 26 players on the roster, 23 have appeared in a Postseason game...pitchers (9): Jhoan Duran, Sonny Gray, Griffin Jax, Pablo López, Kenta Maeda, Chris Paddack, Emilio Pagan, Louie Varland and Caleb Thielbar...catchers (2): Ryan Jeffers and Christian Vázquez...infielders (6): Carlos Correa, Kyle Farmer, Edouard Julien, Royce Lewis, Jorge Polanco and Donovan Solano...outfielders (5): Max Kepler, Alex Kirilloff, Andrew Stevenson, Michael A. Taylor and Matt Wallner...utility player (1): Willi Castro.  
 \* Three players on roster yet to make their Postseason debut are Kody Funderburk, Joe Ryan and Brock Stewart.

**BRIEFLY:** Minor League Baseball today announced the Triple-A All-Star teams, as Kody Funderburk and Louie Varland were named to the International League All-Star squad.

### TWINS VS. JAYS (REG & POST)

2023 Record:	4-3
Current Streak:	1 win
2023 at Home:	2-2
2023 at Toronto:	2-1
Under Baldelli (since '19):	15-13
All-Time Record:	184-233
All-Time at Home:	100-113
All-Time at Toronto:	84-120

### 2023 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
5/26	MIN	1-3	Gausman/Varland/Romano
5/27	MIN	9-7	P. López/Bassitt/Stewart
5/28	MIN	0-3	Berrios/Ober/Romano
6/9	TOR	3-2 (10)	Duran/Cimber
6/10	TOR	9-4	J. López/Cimber
6/11	TOR	6-7	Pearson/Pagan/Romano
10/3	MIN	3-1	P. López/Gausman/Duran

### CURRENT SERIES (1-0)

Batting average	.172
Runs Per Game	3.0
Home Runs	2
RISP	.000
Errors	1
Team ERA	1.00
Starters W-L	1-0
Starters ERA	1.59
Relievers W-L-S	0-0
Relievers ERA	0.00
Saves/Opps	1/1

### MLB PITCHING WAR (STATS INC)

Spencer Strider, ATL	6.3
Logan Webb, SF	6.0
Sonny Gray, MIN	5.8

### MLB LEADERS - FIP

Sonny Gray, MIN	2.82
Spencer Strider, ATL	2.86
Kevin Gausman, TOR	2.96

### MLB PITCHING LEADERS

HOME RUNS ALLOWED (min. 175.0 IP)	
Sonny Gray, MIN	8
Blake Snell, SD	15
Jordan Montgomery, STL/TEX	18

### MLB LEADERS - POSTSEASON HR

Manny Ramirez	29
Jose Altuve	23
Bernie Williams	22
Derek Jeter	20
Albert Pujols	19
George Springer	19
Carlos Correa	18
Nelson Cruz	18
Reggie Jackson	18
Mickey Mantle	18

### MLB LEADERS - POSTSEASON RBI

Bernie Williams	80
Manny Ramirez	78
David Justice	63
Derek Jeter	61
David Ortiz	61
Carlos Correa	59

### 2023 POSTSEASON DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	Record	Attendance	Total Home Attendance	Winner/Loser/Save
10/3	Toronto	3-1	W	1-0	38,450	38,450	López/Gausman/Duran
10/4	Toronto	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/5	Toronto	(if necessary)					

SONNY GRAY

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Height: 5-10 Weight: 190 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (11/7/1989 in Smyrna, TN)

2023: 8-8, 2.79 ERA CAREER: 98-85, 3.47 ERA

- Making his first Postseason start with the Twins and his fifth career start...also his first Wild Card Series start.
Posted the second-lowest ERA (2.79) among qualified American League pitchers this season and ranked third in MLB, trailing SD's Blake Snell (2.25) and NYY's Gerrit Cole (2.63).
Facing Toronto for the second time this season and for the 16th time in his career...is 4-4, 2.91 ERA (80.1 IP, 26 ER) with 43 walks and 72 strikeouts in his 15 previous appearances (including 14 starts).
Acquired by the Twins on March 13, 2022 in a trade with the Cincinnati Reds, along with right-handed pitcher Francis Peguero, in exchange for day-handed pitcher Chase Petty.

2023 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp, Dec, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes monthly and career totals for 2023 and career.

LAST TIME OUT: Did not factor into his final start of the regular season on September 28 vs. Oakland... pitched 4.0 innings and allowed one run on three hits, with one walk and four strikeouts in a 2-1 Twins' defeat...

Gray ended the season with a 2.79 ERA, the lowest by a Twins starter in a full, non-shortened season since Johan Santana in 2006 (2.77)...finished the season with 184.0 innings pitched, his most since 2015 (208.0 for Oakland).

SONNY DAYS: Here are Gray's 2023 numbers in some notable categories and how they ranked among qualified American League starters:

Table with columns: STATISTIC, GRAY'S #s, AL RANK. Lists metrics like Home Runs/9.0, Opponent Slugging, FIP, WAR, ERA, OPS.

AGAINST TORONTO: Gray is facing Toronto for the second time this season and for the 16th time in his career...is 4-4, 2.91 ERA (80.1 IP, 26 ER) with 43 walks and 72 strikeouts in his previous 15 appearances (including 14 starts)...

Looking for his first win against the Blue Jays since September 23, 2017 when he led the New York Yankees to a 5-1 win at Rogers Centre after pitching 6.0 innings and allowing one run on four hits (1 HR), issuing three walks and fanning four batters.

Owns the fifth-lowest ERA against Toronto since 2013 (min. 10 GS), trailing David Price (2.49), Blake Snell (2.74), Gerrit Cole (2.77) and Chris Sale (2.82)...also owns the sixth-lowest opponent slugging percentage (.351).

POSTSEASON PROWESS: Gray is making his fifth career Postseason start today...is 0-2, 2.95 ERA (21.1 IP, 7 ER) with 12 walks, 18 strikeouts and a .189 opponent batting average in his previous four starts (3 Divisional Series and 1 Championship Series)...

Owns the fourth-lowest opponent batting average in Postseason games since 2013 (min. 4 GS)... also owns the sixth-lowest ERA in the American League.

THE ARSENAL: Gray used a six-pitch mix through his 32 starts this season, per Baseball Savant...used his four-seam fastball the most at 27.2 percent...also used his sweeper at 20.4 percent (the second-highest usage in his career)...

Table with columns: PITCH (AVG. MPH), PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB), RESULTS. Lists various pitches and their effectiveness.

TOMORROW'S STARTER (IF NECESSARY) - RHP JOE RYAN (2023: 11-10, 4.51 ERA // CAREER: 26-19, 4.05 )

Right-hander Joe Ryan is slated to start the third game of the American League Wild Card Series against the Toronto Blue Jays tomorrow at Target Field...marks his first career Postseason start...did not factor into his final start of the regular season on September 29 at Colorado, a 7-6 Twins' victory...

2023 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: --
Innings: 7.0, 6x, last: 9/17 at CHW
SO's: 13, 4/7 vs. HOU
Walks: 4, 3x, last: 7/17 at SEA
Hits: 10, 6/3 vs. CLE
Home Runs: 1, 8x, last: 9/23 vs. LAA
Win-Streak: 4, 4/1-4/30
Loss-Streak: 4, 6/3-7/17

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: 1, 6x, last: 9/12/17 vs. HOU
SHO's: 1, 4x, last: 7/28/15 at LAD
CG Low-Hit: 2, 2x, last: 7/12/15 at CLE
Innings: 9.0, 5x, last: 8/7/15 vs. HOU
SO's: 13, 4/7/23 vs. HOU
Walks: 7, 5/3/15 at TEX
Hits: 11, 2x, last: 5/3/16 vs. SEA
Home Runs: 3, 5x, last: 7/25/21 vs. STL
Win-Streak: 5, 2x, last: 7/30-9/1/21
Loss-Streak: 4, 2x, last: 6/3-7/17/23

CAREER NOTES

- Twins are fourth organization (Oakland 2011-17, New York-AL 2017-18 and Cincinnati 2019-21).
Acquired by Minnesota on March 13, 2022 in a trade with the Reds, along with right-handed pitcher Francis Peguero, in exchange for right-handed pitcher Chase Petty.
Has made eight Opening Day rosters with the Athletics (2014-2016), Yankees (2018), Reds (2019-2020) and Twins (2022-2023).
Named to American League All-Star team in 2015 for Oakland and the National League squad in 2019 for Cincinnati (did not pitch in either).
2019 recipient of the Johnny Vander Meer Award as the Reds' Most Outstanding Pitcher and finished second to Atlanta's Josh Donaldson in voting for the MLBPA's National League Comeback Player of the Year Award.
Named to Baseball America's 2019 major league All-Star second team...named American League Pitcher of the Month for April in 2014...in 2013 was the Athletics' Minor League Pitcher of the Year and a Baseball America Triple-A All-Star.
Originally selected by Oakland in first round (18th overall) in 2011 First-Year Player Draft out of Vanderbilt University...led Vandy to its first NCAA College World Series berth in 2011.
Is 0-2, 2.95 ERA (21.1 IP, 7 ER) with 12 walks, 18 strikeouts and a .189 opponent batting average in four career Postseason starts.

2023 MISC. NUMBERS

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Includes Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf stats.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Shows data for 2013 through 2023.

MORE 2023 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Shows Gray's stats for these categories.

2023 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Shows data for innings 1 through 9.

GRAY VS. TORONTO

2023 vs. Toronto (1 start): 0-0, 1.80 ERA (5.0 IP, 1 ER), 2 BB, 5 K
2023 vs. Toronto at Home (0 starts): --
2023 vs. Toronto on Road (1 start): 0-0, 1.80 ERA (5.0 IP, 1 ER), 2 BB, 5 K
Career vs. Toronto (15 games/14 starts): 4-4, 2.91 ERA (80.1 IP, 26 ER), 43 BB, 72 K
Career vs. Toronto at Home (6 games/5 starts): 2-0, 3.26 ERA (30.1 IP, 11 ER), 19 BB, 16 K
Career vs. Toronto on Road (9 games/9 starts): 2-4, 2.70 ERA (50.0 IP, 15 ER), 24 BB, 56 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Gray vs. the Blue Jays and Berríos vs. the Twins. Lists players and their stats.

RIGHT WAY: Gray saw more success against right-handed hitters as opposed to left-handed hitters this season...Gray limited righties to a .220 (80-for-363) batting average with 102 strikeouts as opposed to lefties who batted .233 (76-for-326) with 81 strikeouts...

Owned the third-lowest slugging percentage against righties (.303) among qualified American League pitchers this season, trailing KC's Cole Ragan's (.285) and LAA's Shohei Ohtani (.289)...also owns the sixth-lowest OPS (.580, 8th best in baseball).

BACK AT HOME: In 17 starts at Target Field this season, Gray went 4-5 with a 2.67 ERA (97.2 IP, 29 ER) with 25 walks and 100 strikeouts...Twins went 7-10 in those starts...allowed three-or-fewer earned runs in 15 of his 17 home starts this season...

Posted the lowest ERA at home among qualified American League pitchers (7th lowest in baseball).

Owns the lowest home ERA in the American League since the start of 2022 (min. 30 GS), ranks third in all of baseball, trailing AZ's Zac Gallen (2.48) and SF's Logan Webb (2.56)...also owns the third-lowest opponent batting average in the AL (.220, 10th in baseball).



