



MINNESOTA TWINS (16-12) vs. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (7-21)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 - 1:10 PM (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM

GAME 29

RHP Sonny Gray (3-0, 0.62) vs. RHP Brady Singer (2-2, 6.67)

HOME GAME 16

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows for 5/1 (OFF DAY), 5/2, 5/3, 5/4.

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics: Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, Record in home series, Record in road series, Series Openers, Series Finales, Rubber Games, Sweeps/Swept, March/April, May, June, July, August, September/October, Day Games, Night Games, vs. American League East, vs. American League Central, vs. American League West, vs. National League, Games vs. LH Starter, Games vs. RH Starter, Twins score first, Opponent scores first, Come-from-behind wins, Leading after 7/8 inn., Trailing after 7/8 inn., Tied after 7/8 inn., Extra-innings, 1-run games, Twins out-hit opp., Opp. out-hit Twins, Twins/Opp. have = hits, Run Differential, Twins get Quality Start, Twins starter goes 6+ IP, Most games over .500, Most games under .500, Longest win-streak, Longest losing-streak, When Twins score 4+, When Twins score 3-, Twins get 10+ hits, Days in First Place, Days in Second Place, Days in Third Place, Days in Fourth Place, Days in Fifth Place, Walk-Off W/L, Shutouts W/L, Complete Games (Twins), Average Time of Game (Twins), Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2023/All-Time.

THE TWINS: Have gone 5-4 through nine games on their current 10-game homestand, going 1-2 against the Nationals last weekend, 2-1 against the Yankees this week, and 2-1 against the Royals...this afternoon, Minnesota will wrap their homestand with the four-game series finale against the Royals...after today's game, the Twins will travel to Chicago for an off-day on Monday, then begin a six-game roadtrip with three against the White Sox from Tuesday-Thursday, then three against the Guardians next weekend...the Twins have gone 9-6 at Target Field and 7-6 on the road.
Twins have gone 5-2 in their last seven games since April 23 after going 1-6 in a seven-game stretch from April 15-22.

RARE LATE LOSS FOR THE TWINS: The Twins lost to the Royals yesterday afternoon at Target Field by a score of 3-2...it marked their first loss this season when outpitching their opponents (12-1)...Bailey Ober was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing one run on four hits in 5.2 innings pitched...Jorge Lopez blew his first save of the season, allowing a run to score and tie the game in the eighth...Jhoan Duran was issued the loss, allowing a run in the ninth inning on three walks and a wild pitch...the offense recorded 10 hits as Byron Buxton hit his sixth home run of the season...the loss snapped a nine-game home winning streak for the Twins, as the Royals won in Minnesota for the first time since May 28, 2022.

IT'S GONNA BE MAY: With one April game remaining, below are the Twins' March/April hitting and pitching number comparisons since 2018...list excludes the 2020 pandemic season:

Two tables comparing hitting and pitching stats for 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

SONNY GRAY-TNESS: Through five starts, Sonny Gray has gone 3-0, 0.62 ERA (29.0 IP, 2 ER) with 11 walks and 34 strikeouts, while holding opponents to a .192 (20-for-104) batting average...below are his ranks among AL starting pitchers in a few notable categories:

Table showing ranks for Gray in categories: ERA, H, SLG, HR, FIP, TB, Ohtani, Germán, Cole, deGrom, H. Brown, Cole, Gray, Ohtani, Gray, Castillo, McClellan.

ALSO: Sonny has the third-lowest ERA through a pitcher's first five games of the season in Twins/Senators history since 1913 (min. 20.0 IP), behind only Walter Johnson (0.24 ERA in 1913) and Eddie Matteson (0.55 ERA in 1918).

ROYALTY CHECK: The Twins and Royals are playing the seventh of 13 scheduled meetings in 2023...through six games, the Twins have gone 5-1 and outscored the Royals 28-14.

The Twins are 17-6 in their last 23 against KC since April 21, 2022, including a record of 10-3 at Target Field in that span.

Carlos Correa is hitting .333 (44-for-132) with six doubles, seven home runs, 17 RBI, 20 walks, a .421 on-base percentage and a .959 OPS in 34 games against the Royals since '19.
Byron Buxton is hitting .326 (30-for-92) with nine doubles, five home runs, 10 RBI, 22 runs scored and a .991 OPS in his last 22 games against the Royals, reaching safely in all 22...in six games this season, he is 9-for-24 and slashing .375/.444/.792.

Trevor Larnach is hitting .338 (24-for-71) with two doubles, four home runs and 15 RBI in 23 career games vs. the Royals, his most RBI against any opponent in his career...in six games this season, he has reached 12 times in 26 plate appearances (.462 OBP).

HE'S GOING THE DISTANCE The Twins have homered in a season-long 12-straight games, since April 18...since that date, they have hit 21 home runs, the most in baseball in that span.
Their current stretch is the club's longest since May 20-June 5, 2021, when they homered in 16 straight.
The Twins began this homestand on the morning of April 21 ranking tied for 15th in baseball in homers with 21 and now rank tied for fifth overall on the season with 36.

SERIES-LY SPEAKING: A victory today would secure the fifth series win of the season for the Twins...the Twins have gone 4-3-1 through their first eight series this season...series results to the right >>>

SPORTIN' A NEW POLO: Jorge Polanco has hit safely in all eight games since his return from the IL (left knee inflammation) and is hitting .371 (13-for-35) with four doubles, two home runs, nine RBI and a 1.029 OPS...his career-high hitting streak is 14, done from May 27-June 13, 2019.
Since his return on April 21, his 13 hits are tied with five other American Leaguers for most in that span...additionally, his nine RBI are tied for fourth most in the AL in that span.

TWINS MINOR LEAGUE WEEKLYS: Triple-A St. Paul infielder Michael Helman and right-handed pitcher Louie Varland have been named Twins minor league Player and Pitcher of the Week.

Helman, 26, split the week between Low-A Fort Myers (rehab assignment - left hamstring strain) and St. Paul, combining to hit .444 (8-for-18) with one double, one triple, two home runs, right RBI, a .500 on-base percentage and a 1.444 OPS in four games...the Lincoln, Nebraska native was selected by the Twins in the 11th round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Texas A&M University.
Varland, 25, made one start coming on Thursday at Rochester, allowing one earned run on four hits in 5.1 innings pitched, with two walks and eight strikeouts, earning the win...Varland started one game for the Twins on April 14 at New York-AL, allowing three runs on six hits in 6.0 innings pitched, helping lead the Twins to a 4-3 victory in the Bronx.

STREAKS

Table listing current streaks: Current Streak (1 loss), Last 5 games (3-2), Last 10 games (5-5), Last 15 games (7-8), Last 20 games (10-10).

TWINS VS. ROYALS

Table listing series records: 2023 Record (5-1), Current Streak (1 loss), 2023 at Home (2-1), 2023 at Kansas City (3-0), Under Baldelli (since '19) (45-28), All-Time Record (449-414), All-Time at Home (240-188), All-Time at Kansas City (209-226).

2023 Game Logs:

Table listing game logs with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows for 3/30, 4/1, 4/2, 4/27, 4/28, 4/29, 4/30, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/28, 7/29, 7/30.

CURRENT HOMESTAND (5-4)

Table listing current homestand stats: Batting average (.256), Runs Per Game (4.89), Home Runs (16), RISP (.203), Errors (7), Team ERA (4.22), Starters W-L (4-2), Starters ERA (4.81), Relievers W-L-S (1-2-2), Relievers ERA (3.34), Saves/Opps (2/4).

TWINS MANAGERIAL WINS

Table listing managerial wins: Tom Kelly (1986-01) 1140, Ron Gardenhire (02-14) 1068, Sam Mele (1961-67) 522, Gene Mauch (1976-80) 378, Paul Molitor (2015-18) 305, Rocco Baldelli (2019-) 304.

2023 SERIES RESULTS

Table listing series results with columns: DATES/OPP, RECORD, W/L. Rows for 3/30-4/2 at KC, 4/3-5 at MIA, 4/7-9 vs. HOU, 4/10-12 vs. CWS, 4/13-16 at NYY, 4/18-20 at BOS, 4/21-23 vs. WAS, 4/24-26 vs. NYY, 4/27-30 vs. KC.

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing upcoming milestones for players/managers: Rocco Baldelli (304 managerial wins), Byron Buxton (104 home runs), Joey Gallo (92 doubles), Max Kepler (132 home runs), Michael A. Taylor (98 stolen bases).

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions: 4/29 RHP Maeda placed on 15-day IL, RHP Ober recalled from AAA, 4/27 RHP Winder returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 15-day IL, LHP Headrick optioned to AAA, 4/25 RHP Stewart contract selected from AAA, RHP Megill designated for release or assignment, 4/24 RHP Ober optioned to AAA, 4/23 RHP Ober recalled from AAA, RHP Woods Richardson optioned to AAA, 4/21 IF Polanco returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL, IF Julien optioned to AAA, RHP Woods Richardson recalled from AAA, RHP Alcalá optioned to AAA, 4/19 OF Gallo returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL, OF Garlick optioned to AAA, 4/16 LHP Headrick recalled from AAA, RHP Varland optioned to AAA.

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