

MINNESOTA TWINS (5-2) vs. HOUSTON ASTROS (3-5)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 - 1:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO

RHP Joe Ryan (1-0, 1.50) vs. RHP Luis Garcia (0-1, 5.40)

GAME 8

HOME GAME 2

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows for games 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 4/12.

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, Average Time of Game (Twins), Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2023/All-Time.

THE TWINS: Opened their 63rd season in Minnesota and 14th at Target Field with a walk-off victory against the Astros yesterday evening...today they will play the second of three against the 'Stros and play the series finale tomorrow afternoon...after this series, the Twins will host the White Sox for three games from Monday-Wednesday.

SONNY SHINES IN OPENER: The Twins beat the Astros yesterday at Target Field by a score of 3-2 in 10 innings...Sonny Gray was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing one run on four hits in 7.0 innings pitched...Gray set a career-high with 13 strikeouts, fanning exactly half of the batters he faced (26)...13 strikeouts were also the most for a Twins starter since Francisco Liriano had 15 on July 13, 2012 vs. Oakland...the offense recorded 11 hits, three from Jose Miranda, who drove in the game-tying run in the bottom of the 10th...Kyle Farmer drove in the game-winning run with a single, his second career walk-off...the other was in his major league debut with the Dodgers on July 30, 2017 vs. San Francisco. Gray's 13 strikeouts marked the most by a Twin in their Home Opener, passing the previous record of 10, done by Bert Blyleven in 1974 vs. Chicago-AL and José Berrios in 2019 vs. Cleveland. The Twins drew 38,465 in attendance for the Opener, their 12th Home Opener sellout in Target Field's history...184th sellout in Target Field history overall. The game was played in 2:47, marking the Twins' shortest extra-inning game since May 28, 2011 vs. Los Angeles-AL (2:43).

IT'S A WALK-OFF: Yesterday marked the fifth Home Opener walk-off win for the Twins (since 1961): 4/7/23 vs. HOU 3-2 Twins score 2 in bottom 10, Kyle Farmer singles up the middle. 4/5/04 vs. CLE 7-4 Twins score 3 in bottom 11 on a three-run homer from Shannon Stewart. 4/7/87 vs. OAK 5-4 Kent Hrbek hits RBI single in bottom of 10th. 4/12/66 vs. KCA 2-1 Sandy Valdespino hits RBI single in bottom of ninth. 4/12/65 vs. NYY 5-4 César Tovar hits RBI single in bottom of 11th.

KINGS OF THE HILL: Through seven games, Twins starting pitchers have combined to post a 1.12 ERA (40.1 IP, 5 ER), with 12 walks, 52 strikeouts, while holding batters to a slashline of .165/.237/.273...below are their ranks among all starting staffs in Major League Baseball:

Table with columns: ERA, BAA, FIP, WHIP, HITS ALLOWED, K's, OPS. Rows for MIN, LAD, TB, LAA, MIL.

TAKING TURNS: Below are the Twins starters through the first seven games:

Table with columns: DATE/OPPONENT, STARTER, W/L, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, K. Rows for 3/30 at Kansas City, 4/1 at Kansas City, 4/2 at Kansas City, 4/3 at Miami, 4/4 at Miami, 4/5 at Miami, 4/7 vs. Houston.

ADDITIONALLY: The one run-or-fewer allowed by Twins starters in each game marks the second such single-season streak in Twins history (1961-present), alongside a similar seven-game streak from May 20-26, 2022 (Elias Sports Bureau).

TWINS AND 'STROS: The Twins and Astros are playing each other today for the second of six scheduled games in 2023...the Twins are 36-42 all-time against the Astros in the regular season, including a record of 25-33 since Houston joined the American League in 2013. Yesterday's win over the Astros snapped a six-game losing streak to Houston and marked the Twins' first win over them since August 8, 2021 at Minute Maid Park...first win over the Astros at Target Field since June 12, 2021.

SERIES-LY SPEAKING: A victory today would secure the second series win of the season for the Twins...in 2022, they went 21-24-6 in series play, going 14-8-4 at home and 7-16-2 on the road...the Twins have split their two previous series this season, going 3-0 at Kansas City from March 30-April 2 and 1-2 at Miami from April 3-5.

BUCK SEASON: Byron Buxton has nine hits in 25 at-bats to start the season, recording multiple hits in four of six games...he has reached base in all six games and 11 total times in 27 plate appearances (.407 OBP)...since 2021, Buck is hitting .362 (51-for-141) with 13 doubles, 14 home runs, 25 RBI, 31 runs scored, a .412 on-base percentage, a .766 slugging percentage and a 1.178 OPS in 37 March/April games...in that span, he leads baseball in slugging, is second in OPS and batting average, and fifth in OBP...in 2021, he was named American League Player of the Month for April. Last season, Buck hit .351 (13-for-37) with four doubles, six home runs, 11 RBI and a 1.361 OPS in his first 10 games.

TICK TOCK: Through seven games, the Twins average time of game is 2:24 minutes, the fastest in baseball...their longest game this season has been 2:47 — 10 innings yesterday, while their shortest was 1:57 on Tuesday at Miami...last season, the Twins average time of game was 3:07, a difference of 43 minutes to this season.

HIGH DEF HIGHLIGHTS: The Twins' most expansive renovation of their home ballpark since it opened in 2010, the "Scoreboard 2.0" project further enhances the Target Field fan experience by delivering best-in-class LED technology for the venue's main and auxiliary videoboards and other digital displays, along with a pair of creative, interactive and signature elements: An updated "Minnie & Paul" Celebration Sign rising above the ballpark in centerfield, and a revolving, illuminated Baseball Medallion sitting atop the "Twins Tower" in the rightfield corner...the \$29.5 million project, which also replaced all previous videoboard control room equipment prior to the 2022 season, was funded equally by the Twins and the Minnesota Ballpark Authority's Ballpark Capital Reserve Fund.

STREAKS

Table with columns: Streak Name, Value. Rows: Current Streak (1 win), Last 5 games (3-2), Last 10 games, Last 15 games, Last 20 games.

TWINS VS. ASTROS

Table with columns: Statistic, Value. Rows: 2023 Record (1-0), Current Streak (1 win), 2023 at Home (1-0), 2023 at Houston, Under Baldelli (since 2019) (9-12), All-Time Record (36-42), All-Time at Home (18-21), All-Time at Houston (18-21).

2023 Game Logs:

Table with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows for games 4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 5/29, 5/30, 5/31.

CURRENT HOMESTAND (1-0)

Table with columns: Statistic, Value. Rows: Batting average (.289), Runs Per Game (3.00), Home Runs (0), RISP (.182), Errors (0).

Table with columns: Statistic, Value. Rows: Team ERA (0.90), Starters W-L (0-0), Starters ERA (1.29), Relievers W-L-S (1-0-0), Relievers ERA (0.00), Saves/Opps (0/0).

TEAM ERA THROUGH FIRST 7

Table with columns: Year, ERA. Rows: Twins/Senators history - since 1912, 1912 (Washington) (0.00), 1914 (Washington) (1.44), 1944 (Washington) (1.54), 1943 (Washington) (1.71), 2023 (Minnesota) (1.74).

MLB LEADERS - BA WITH RISP

Table with columns: Team, Value. Rows: Tampa Bay (.388), Texas (.349), Milwaukee (.333), Chicago-NL (.327), Pittsburgh (.311), Minnesota (.308).

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 3/30 UTL Castro contract selected. OF Celestino placed on 10-day IL. RHP Henriquez placed on 15-day IL. OF/1B Kirilloff placed on 10-day IL. IF Polanco placed on 10-day IL. RHP Winder placed on 15-day IL. 3/28 C Wolters reassigned to ml camp. 3/26 RHP Ober optioned to AAA. LHP Coulombe reassigned to ml camp. OF Garlick reassigned to ml camp. RHP Sanchez reassigned to ml camp. 3/25 RHP De León reassigned to ml camp. RHP Hoffman reassigned to ml camp. 3/23 C Bañuelos reassigned to ml camp. C Greiner reassigned to ml camp. OF LaMarre reassigned to ml camp. RHP Ortega reassigned to ml camp. IF Soto reassigned to ml camp. IF White reassigned to ml camp.

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with columns: PLAYER/MANAGER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH. Rows: Rocco Baldelli (293 managerial wins), Byron Buxton (98 home runs), Max Kepler (130 home runs), Michael A. Taylor (96 stolen bases).



MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes rows like 'Most Runs, Game (Team)', 'Most Hits, Game (Team)', etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with 12 columns: Inning (1-9, XTRA, TOTAL) and 2 rows: Opponent, Twins.

INJURED LIST

Table with 6 columns: PLAYER, INJURY, DATE ON, RETRO, DATE OFF, GAMES MISSED.

BOLD indicates currently on IL # - 60-day IL

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Distance. Includes Gallo, Jeffers, etc.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Velocity. Includes Gallo, Correa, Buxton, etc.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 10 columns: Position (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH) and 14 rows: Player names.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with 9 columns: Batting Order (1-9) and 14 rows: Player names.

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Table with 2 columns: Player and Pos. Includes Kepler, Correa, Buxton, etc.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Assists. Includes Willi Castro, Total.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time) Grand Slam: N. Gordon, 8/30/22 vs. BOS (5 as a team in 2022) Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 54 all-time) Pinch-Hit Home Run: R. Jeffers, 4/3/23 at MIA (1 as a team in 2023) Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: M. LeCroy, 9th inning, 5/19/04 at TOR (15 all-time) Five-Hit Game: B. Buxton, 4/28/21 at CLE (1 in 2021) Six-Hit Game: K. Puckett, 5/23/91 vs. TEX (2 all-time, both Puckett) Two Hits, One Inning: R. Lewis, 5th inning, 5/13/22 vs. DET (1 as a team in 2022) Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, 8/23/09 at KC (1 all-time) Two-Home Run Game: J. Gallo, 4/2/23 at KC (1 as team in 2023) Three-Home Run Game: M. Sanó, 5/18/21 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2021, 13 all-time) Back-to-Back Home Runs: L. Arraez/J. Miranda, 8/19/22 vs. TEX (4 as team in 2022) Three Consecutive Home Runs: L. Arraez/B. Buxton/C. Correa, 6/9/22 vs. NYY (1 in 2022) Three Home Runs, One Inning: L. Arraez/B. Buxton/C. Correa, 6/9/22 vs. NYY (1 in 2022) Four Home Runs, One Inning: M. Sanó/R. Jeffers/M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/28/21 vs. DET (1 in 2021) Walk-Off Home Run: G. Urshela, 8/1/22 vs. DET (4 as a team in 2022) Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (9 all-time) Leadoff Home Run: M. Kepler, 4/3/23 at MIA (1 as a team in 2023) Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/25/21 vs. LAA (2 as team in 2021) Three Consecutive Home Runs to Start Game: L. Arraez/B. Buxton/C. Correa, 6/9/22 vs. NYY Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Last actual pitcher Jim Kaat, 6/11/72 at CLE; Chris Gimenez catcher pitching in relief, 9/2/18 at TEX PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games): No-Hitter: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time) One-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time) Two-Hitter: E. Santana, 5/23/17 at BAL (43 all-time) 10+ Innings Pitched: B. Radke (10.0 innings), 9/21/97 vs. MIL 10+ Strikeouts: 13, S. Gray (7.0 innings), 4/7/23 vs. HOU (1 as team in 2023) Complete Game Shutout: J. Berríos, 4/1/18 at BAL (1 as a team in 2018) Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Mays/C. Silva, 5/19-20/05 vs. TOR vs. MIL Back-to-Back Shutouts: 3/30/23 & 4/1/23 at KC (2 games, 2-0 and 2-0) Four Strikeouts in an Inning: Z. Duke, 3/29/18 at BAL (7th inning) (4 times since 1961) MISCELLANEOUS: Triple Play: J. Miranda/C. Correa, 8/22/22 vs. TEX - N. Lowe hitting (17 all-time) Position Player Pitching: J. Palacios, 9/19/22 at CLE (6 in 2022) Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adrianza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017) Steal of Home: C. Thomas, 8/3/13 vs. HOU Pure Steal of Home: R. Becker, 9/27/97 at CLE Home Run in First ML At-Bat: E. Rosario, 5/6/15 vs. OAK (1st PA, 1st pitch)

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time) Grand Slam: I. Kiner-Falefa, 9/7/22 at NYY-G2 (5 allowed as team in 2022) Inside-the-Park Home Run: R. Arozarena, 6/10/22 vs. TB (46 allowed all-time) Pinch-Hit Home Run: J. Gallo, 8/10/22 at LAD (1 allowed in 2022) Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: J. Sands, 8/8/15 at CLE Five-Hit Game: D. Gregorius, 7/23/19 vs. NYY Six-Hit Game: J. Segura, 5/28/13 at MIL (3 allowed all-time) Two Hits, One Inning: W. Merrifield, 1st inning, 6/4/21 at KC (2 allowed in 2021) Two Home Runs, One Inning: D. Nilsson, 5/17/96 vs. MIL Two-Home Run Game: J. Soler, 4/5/23 at MIA (1 allowed in 2023) Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR (26 allowed since 1961) Back-to-Back Home Runs: Y. Moncada/A. Vaughn, 7/17/22 vs. CWS (7 allowed in 2022) Three Consecutive Home Runs: C. Bellinger/G. Lux/A. Barnes, 4/13/22 vs. LAD Three Home Runs, One Inning: Y. Moncada/A. Vaughn/J. Harrison, 7/17/22 vs. CWS (2 in 2022) Four Home Runs, One Inning: C. Everett/T. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhardt, 7/3/00 vs. BOS Walk-off Home Run: T. Ward, 8/13/22 at LAA (3 allowed in 2022) Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time) Leadoff Home Run: M. Meléndez, 9/21/22 at KC (5 allowed in 2022) Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: S. Smith/M. Machado, 7/7/17 vs. BAL (1 in '17) Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Jon Lester, 7/1/18 at CHC PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games): No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time) One-Hitter: D. Cease, 9/3/22 at CWS (25 all-time) Two-Hitter: R. Halladay, 5/29/05 at TOR (49 all-time) 10+ Innings Pitched: A. Fernández (10.0 innings), 10/1/95 at CHW 10+ Strikeouts: 14, G. Cole (6.2 innings), 9/7/22 at NYY-G2 (6 times in 2022) Complete Game Shutout: S. Alcantara, 4/4/23 at MIA (1 time in 2023) Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, 5/1-2/12 at LAA Back-to-Back Shutouts: 5/31/22 (G2) & 6/1/22 at DET (2 games, 4-0 and 5-0) Four Strikeouts in an Inning: F. Hernández, 6/3/10 vs. SEA (8th inning) MISCELLANEOUS: Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time) Position Player Pitching: J. Stallings, 4/3/23 at MIA (1 in 2023) Three or more Steals, One Game: W. Merrifield (3), 7/2/17 at KC (1 in 2017) Steal of Home: R. Davis, 8/1/18 vs. CLE Pure Steal of Home: S. Green, 5/26/00 vs. TEX Home Run in First ML At-Bat: Se. Alcantara, 9/26/20 vs. DET

2023 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with 4 columns: DATE, DELAYED/PPD, NOTES, and a column of statistics for years 2010-2023.

DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L Rcd. Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include MARCH/APRIL (5-2), MAY (- - -), JUNE (- - -), JULY (- - -), and ALL STAR BREAK.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L Rcd. Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JULY (- - -), AUGUST (- - -), SEPT/OCT (- - -), and HOME/GAME INDICATORS.

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 0-0 in extras in 2023)
* - Denotes Sellout (0 in 2023)
- PPD, to be made up on 4/7

2023 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (1)
DATE SCORE NOTES
4/7 3-2 Kyle Farmer hit a walk-off single off Ryne Stanek in the 10th, scoring Trevor Larnach

2023 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (26)
Pitchers: (13)
Alcala, Jorge RHP*, Duran, Jhoan RHP*, Gray, Sonny RHP*, Jax, Griffin RHP*, López, Jorge RHP*, López, Pablo RHP*, Maeda, Kenta RHP*, Mahle, Tyler RHP*, Moran, Jovani LHP*, Pagán, Emilio RHP*, Ryan, Joe RHP*, Sands, Cole RHP*, Thielbar, Caleb LHP*
Positions Players: (13)
Buxton, Byron OF*, Castro, Willi UTL*, Correa, Carlos SS*, Farmer, Kyle IF*, Gordon, Nick UTLF*, Gallo, Joey OF*, Jeffers, Ryan C*, Kepler, Max OF*, Miranda, Jose IF*, Larnach, Trevor OF*, Solano, Donovan IF*, Taylor, Michael A. OF*, Vázquez, Christian C*
(* - on Opening Day roster)