

MINNESOTA TWINS (17-12) AT CHICAGO WHITE SOX (8-21)

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RHP Joe Ryan (5-0, 2.81) vs. RHP Michael Kopech (0-3, 7.01)

GAME 30

ROAD GAME 14

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows for 5/3 and 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, 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 WL, Shutouts WL, Complete Games (Twins), Average Time of Game (Twins), Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2023/All-Time.

THE TWINS: Completed their 10-game homestand with a record of 6-4, going 1-2 against the Nationals, 2-1 against the Yankees and 3-1 against the Royals... tonight, they will make their first visit of 2023 to Guaranteed Rate Field and play the first of three games on the Southside... the Twins will continue the six-game roadtrip with three against the Guardians this weekend... the Twins have gone 10-6 at Target Field and 7-6 on the road.

Twins have gone 6-2 in their last eight games since April 23 after going 1-6 in a seven-game stretch from April 15-22.

A win tonight would give Rocco Baldelli 306 career managerial victories, which would place him in sole possession of fifth on the Twins all-time list (since 1961)... list lower right.

TWINS GONE FISHIN' IN FINALE: The Twins beat the Royals on Sunday afternoon by a score of 8-4, scoring seven runs in the third inning and taking the four-game series three games to one... Sonny Gray (4-0) was the starter and winner, allowing one run on five hits in 6.0 innings pitched... Johan Duran earned his sixth save (7 chances) with 0.1 inning... the offense recorded seven hits, highlighted by Byron Buxton, who went 2-for-3 with three RBI, a double (6) and a home run (7)... Buxton's homer traveled an estimated distance of 453 feet, the longest for a Twin this season, besting Michael A. Taylor's 444-foot shot on April 23 vs. Washington.

ON TO THE NEXT ONE: Below are the Twins' March/April hitting (top) and pitching (bottom) number comparisons since 2018... list excludes the 2020 pandemic season:

Two tables comparing hitting and pitching stats for 2018-2023.

BIG THREE: Sonny Gray, Joe Ryan and Pablo López all made their case for AL Pitcher of the Month for March/April... below are their numbers last month and AL ranks among starters:

Table comparing stats for Gray, Ryan, and Lopez.

ADDITIONALLY: Joe Ryan at 5-0, tied with Shane McClellan and Gerrit Cole for the most wins in baseball.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE: The Twins are playing a series against an AL Central opponent for the fourth time this season... in their previous three AL Central series, they swept the Royals in three games (March 30-April 2), took two of three from Chicago (April 10-12) and took three of four from KC (April 27-30).

After three games in Cleveland this weekend, they will not play another team within the division until hosting the Guardians for four games from June 1-4.

Below are the Twins pitching numbers compared to other AL divisions/NL:

Table comparing pitching stats by division.

DEEP DISH: Twins and White Sox are playing the fourth of 13 meetings this season... these two played a three-game series at Target Field from April 10-12 as the Twins won the second and third games... since 2015, the Twins have gone 80-66 against the Sox, their most wins against any opponent in that span.

Joey Gallo is hitting .324 (11-for-34) with four home runs, seven walks, and a 1.115 OPS in his last nine games vs. the Sox... all at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Byron Buxton has 16 career home runs and 39 RBI against the Sox (his most against any opponent), including nine homers and 16 RBI in his last 15 games.

Buxton is hitting .370 (27-for-73) with four doubles, one triple, nine home runs, 17 RBI, an .822 slugging percentage and a 1.225 OPS in his last 19 games vs. the Sox.

Christian Vázquez is hitting .358 (38-for-106) with five doubles, one home run, 16 RBI, nine walks, a .409 on-base percentage and an .843 OPS in 34 career games vs. the Sox.

BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE ON THE BOX: The Twins went 4-5 at Guaranteed Rate Field last season and outscored the Sox 45-44... since 2019, no opponent has homered in this ballpark more than the Twins, with 70 (next is Kansas City with 42).

Jorge Polanco is hitting .329 (27-for-82) with three doubles, seven home runs, 20 RBI and a 1.045 OPS in his last 21 games on the South Side... Polo's 14 career homers and 41 career RBI at Guaranteed Rate are his most in any opposing ballpark.

Christian Vázquez is hitting .431 (22-for-51) with a 1.031 OPS in 17 career games at Guaranteed Rate... in his last 11 games here, he has reached base 22 times in 35 plate appearances (.629 OBP)... two of his six four-hit games (career high) have come in this ballpark.

LAND OF 10,000 RAKES: The Twins have homered in a season-long 13-straight games, since April 18... since that date, they have hit 22 home runs, the third most in baseball in that span, trailing Tampa Bay (24) and San Francisco (23)... the current streak is the second longest of 2023, trailing the Rays' stretch of 22-straight to begin the season (March 30-April 23).

Their current stretch is the club's longest since May 20-June 5, 2021, when they homered in 16 straight... in fact, the Twins/Senators franchise record (since 1901) is 16, done four times: 2021, 2017 (2x) and 1979.

Byron Buxton gave the Twins their ninth three-run homer of the season on Sunday afternoon... the nine three-run jimmy jacks are second most in baseball, trailing Texas (10)... Joey Gallo and Buxton each have three, tied fourth others for most in baseball (Rooker, Bichette, Maton and Heim)... for context, the Twins have 19 solo shots and 10 two-run homers.

BUCK TRUCK HORN STARTING TO MAKE NOISE: Byron Buxton has hit safely in a season-long five-straight games and in nine of his last 10, since April 19... in that span, he is hitting .308 (12-for-39) with five doubles, five home runs, 11 RBI, four walks, a .372 on-base percentage, an .821 slugging percentage and a 1.193 OPS... in the last 10 days (since April 22), only Brent Rooker has as many homers as Buxton (5).

DOWN ON THE FARM: Infielder Kyle Farmer began his rehab assignment today with Triple-A St. Paul at CHS Field against Nashville... Farmer went 0-for-3 and played seven innings at second base... Farmer went on the 10-day Injured List on April 13 and has missed the club's last 17 games with a facial laceration, an injury he sustained on April 12 vs. the White Sox after getting struck in the face by a pitch from Lucas Giolito.

STREAKS

Table listing current streaks: Current Streak (1 win), Last 5 games (3-2), Last 10 games (6-4), Last 15 games (7-8), Last 20 games (11-9).

TWINS VS. WHITE SOX

Table listing series records: 2023 Record (2-1), Current Streak (2 wins), 2023 at Home (2-1), 2023 at Chicago, Under Baldelli (since 2019) (36-34), Under Baldelli at Chicago (16-20), All-Time Record (.521-466-3), All-Time at Home (.282-212-2), All-Time at Chicago (.239-254-1).

2023 Game Logs:

Table listing game logs with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save.

LAST HOMESTAND (6-4)

Table listing batting average (.253), Runs Per Game (5.20), Home Runs (17), RISP (.225), Errors (9), Team ERA (4.10), Starters W-L (5-2), Starters ERA (4.45), Relievers W-L-S (1-2-3), Relievers ERA (3.57), Saves/Opps (3/5).

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, Rocco Baldelli (2019-) 305, Paul Molitor (2015-18) 305.

HOME RUNS, GUARANTEED

Table listing guaranteed home runs per opposing yard: Guaranteed Rate Field (316), Kauffman Stadium (310), Angel Stadium (287), Fenway Park (268), Tiger Stadium (256), Progressive Field (253).

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 4/30 OF/1B Kirilloff returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 10-day IL, optioned to AAA. RHP Megill traded to MIL in exchange for PTBNL and cash considerations. 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.

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing upcoming milestones for Rocco Baldelli, Byron Buxton, Joey Gallo, Max Kepler, and Michael A. Taylor.









