

MINNESOTA TWINS (54-51) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (30-75)

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023 - 6:10 PM (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Bailey Ober (6-4, 2.76) vs. RHP Jordan Lyles (1-12, 6.19)

GAME 106

ROAD GAME 52

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Shows game on 7/30 at Kansas City and 7/31 OFF DAY.

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, Record When Scoring, When Twins score 4+, When Twins score 3-, 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, 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, CG (Twins), Average Time of Game (Twins), Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2023/All-Time.

THE TWINS: After completing their six-game homestand with a record of 4-2 (3-0 vs. Chicago-AL and 1-2 vs. Seattle), the Twins began their six-game, seven-day roadtrip with a loss to the Royals at Kauffman Stadium last night...tonight, the Twins will continue the trip with the second of three at Kauffman Stadium...they will complete the season series tomorrow afternoon, then travel to St. Louis for an off-day on Monday, followed by a three-game series with the Cardinals at Busch Stadium from Tuesday-Thursday...the Twins have gone 30-24 at home and 24-27 on the road.

Of the Twins' 57 remaining games, they have an opponent winning percentage of .477, the second-lowest strength of schedule, trailing only the White Sox (.463).

WITT SLAMS THE DOOR ON THE TWINS: The Twins lost to the Royals last night at Kauffman Stadium by a score of 8-5 in 10 innings, making the Twins 10-5 in extras this season...Sonny Gray was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing three runs on five hits in 6.0 innings pitched, with no walks and five strikeouts...Jhoan Duran blew just his fourth save of the season, allowing four runs (3 earned) in the 10th inning, capped off by a Bobby Witt Jr. walk-off grand slam...the offense recorded eight hits, two from Ryan Jeffers, who drove in one run and stole one base...Jorge Polanco returned to the lineup and drove in two runs with a game-tying double in the top of the ninth inning.

The Twins suffered their fifth walk-off defeat of the season (also, April 18 at Boston, May 2 at Chicago-AL, May 15 at Los Angeles-NL and June 7 at Tampa Bay).

Willi Castro stole home on a double steal in the fourth inning, marking the Twins' third steal of home this season — all by Castro — following May 24 vs. San Francisco and July 15 at Oakland...according to Elias, Castro's three steals of home are the second most by a Twin in a single season since 1961, behind Hall of Famer Rod Carew's seven in 1969.

ROCCO-FELLA RECORDS: Rocco Baldelli has a career managerial record of 49-29 vs. Kansas City, including a record of 20-18 at Kauffman Stadium...those are both his most wins vs. any opponent and in any non-Target Field ballpark...Rocco and Royals manager Matt Quatraro overlapped on the Tampa Bay Rays' coaching staff for one season in 2018, as Rocco was the major league field coordinator and Quatraro was the third base coach.

Rocco played at Kauffman Stadium as an 11-year-old in 1992 during an AAU National Tournament...he and the team stayed at the Adam's Mark hotel just up the road from the K.

ROYALTY CHECK: The Twins and Royals are playing the 12th of 13 scheduled meetings in 2023...through 11 games, the Twins have gone 9-2 and outscored the Royals 63-33...the Twins have gone 6-1 at Target Field and 3-1 at Kauffman Stadium.

Twins have scored 5.7 runs-per-game this season vs. the Royals and 6.6 in their last nine.

The Twins' 21 wins vs. KC since the start of '22 are their most wins vs. any opponent in that span.

Since the start of last season, Twins starters have gone 15-4, 2.40 ERA (164.2 IP, 44 ER) with 35 walks, 161 strikeouts and a .197 opponent batting average vs. KC.

Twins have a +56 run differential vs. KC since the start of 2022, outscoring them 148-92.

Carlos Correa is hitting .331 (50-for-151) with eight doubles, seven home runs, 18 RBI, 24 walks, a .423 on-base percentage and a .946 OPS in 40 games against the Royals since '19.

Byron Buxton is hitting .340 (36-for-106) with 10 doubles, seven home runs, 16 RBI, 29 runs scored and a 1.043 OPS in his last 27 games against the Royals...in 11 games this season, he is 15-for-38 and slashing .395/.444/.842.

ROYAL CRUSH: The Twins have a .818 winning percentage (9-2) vs. Kansas City this season...below are the highest winning percentage for the Twins in a single season (since 1961) vs. individual teams (minimum of 10 games played):

Table with columns: OPPONENT, WIN PERCENTAGE, YEAR. Lists teams like Boston, Toronto, Detroit, etc. with their winning percentages and years.

ADDITIONALLY: The Twins' .818 winning percentage vs. KC this season is the best in their history, ahead of their .737 (14-5) winning percentage from both 2002 and 2019.

THIS AND THAT:

Alex Kirilloff is slugging .730 against right-handed pitching over the last 14 days (11 games) — 3rd best in baseball.

Edouard Julien has an OBP of .490 over the last 14 days (12 games) — tied for fourth best in baseball.

Max Kepler is batting .320 with two strikes over the last 14 days — tied for seventh best in baseball.

Carlos Correa has 23 extra-base hits out of 49 total hits against starting pitchers this season — eighth best in baseball.

Bailey Ober has walked just five of 173 right-handed batters (3%) this season — seventh best in baseball among starting pitchers with at least 40.0 innings pitched (league avg: 7%). Ober has not issued a walk to his last 46 batters faced, the fourth-longest active streak in baseball.

ON THIS DAY IN BASEBALL HISTORY: In 2018, former Twins Jim Thome and Jack Morris were inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame...St. Paul native Morris played one season for the Twins in 1991, going 18-12, 3.43 ERA (246.2 IP, 94 ER), including a World Series record that fall of 2-0, 1.17 ERA (23.0 IP, 3 ER) in three starts against Atlanta, earning World Series MVP honors...he pitched a 10-inning, complete-game shutout in Game 7, with seven hits allowed, two walks and eight strikeouts opposite Hall of Famer John Smoltz...Thome, who played parts of two seasons with the Twins from 2010-11, hit 37 home runs in 179 games in a Twins uniform, including his 600th and 601st homers at Comerica Park on August 15, 2011, off Rick Porcello and Daniel Schlereth.

"DON'T TELL ANYONE THAT IT'S MY BIRTHDAY": Twins pitching coach Pete Maki is celebrating his 41st birthday today.

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with columns: PLAYER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH. Lists players like Byron Buxton, Carlos Correa, Kyle Farmer, etc. and their current stats and milestones.

STREAKS

Table listing streaks: Current Streak (3 losses), Last 5 games (2-3), Last 10 games (6-4), Last 15 games (9-6), Last 20 games (12-8).

TWINS VS. ROYALS

Table listing records: 2023 Record (9-2), Current Streak (1 loss), 2023 at Home (6-1), 2023 at Kansas City (3-1), Under Baldelli (since '19) (49-29), Under Baldelli at KC (20-18), All-Time Record (453-415), All-Time at Home (244-188), All-Time at Kansas City (209-227).

2023 Game Logs:

Table listing game logs with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Shows results for games 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 ROADTRIP (0-1)

Table listing road trip stats: Batting average (.211), Runs Per Game (4.00), Home Runs (0), RISP (.188), Errors (0).

Table listing ERA stats: Team ERA (6.75), Starters W-L (0-0), Starters ERA (4.50), Relievers W-L-S (0-1-0), Relievers ERA (10.80), Saves/Opps (0/1).

FOUNTAIN SHOTS

Table listing fountain shots: Twins All-Time Homers Per Opposing Yard (320), Guaranteed Rate Field (320), Kauffman Stadium (310), Angel Stadium (290), Fenway Park (268).

TWINS VS. LYLES - 2023

Table listing stats vs. Lyles: Buxton (3-for-6, 2 2B, K), Correa (0-for-5, BB, K), Kepler (1-for-4, HR, 2 RBI, BB), Vazquez (2-for-4), Gallo (1-for-3, 3B, BB, 2 K), Polanco (1-for-3, HR, 3 RBI, K), Taylor (1-for-3, 2B, 2 RBI, BB). *list includes actives only*

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions: 7/28 IF Polanco returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 10-day IL. RHP Sands optioned to AAA. 7/27 DH Buxton reinstated from Paternity List. 7/26 RHP Floro acquired via trade with MIA in exchange for RHP J. López. OF Larnach optioned to AAA. 7/26 RHP Winder recalled from AAA. 7/25 RHP Ortega optioned to AAA. 7/24 DH Buxton placed on Paternity List. OF Larnach recalled from AAA. 7/15 IF Miranda placed on 10-day IL. OF Wallner recalled from AAA. 7/5 RHP Sands returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 15-day IL. RHP Winder optioned to AAA. 7/4 RHP J. López reinstated from 15-day IL. LHP Headrick optioned to AAA.

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MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes categories like Most Runs, Most Hits, Consecutive Hits, etc.

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Home Run Details (feet, date, opponent).

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Exit Velocity (mph).

SCORE BY INNING

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

INJURED LIST

Table with 6 columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed.

BOLD indicates currently on IL
* - 10-day IL ^ - 15-day IL # - 60-day IL

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 10 columns: Position (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH) and 15 rows of player starts.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with 9 columns: Batting Order (1-9) and 15 rows of player starts.

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Table with 2 columns: Player and Pos. Lists most used lineups for various players.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Assists. Lists outfield assists for various players.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time)
Grand Slam: C. Correa, 6/10/23 at TOR (1 as a team in 2023)
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: E. Julien, 7/3/23 vs. KC (3 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: E. Julien, 1st inning, 4/13/23 at NYY (1 as a team in 2023)
Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, 8/23/09 at KC (1 all-time)
Two-Home Run Game: M. Wallner, 7/26/23 vs. SEA (8 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: D. Solano/B. Buxton, 7/4/23 vs. KC (7 as team in 2023)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: M. Taylor/E. Julien/C. Correa, 4/13/23 at NYY (1 in 2023)
Three Home Runs, One Inning: M. Taylor/E. Julien/C. Correa, 4/13/23 at NYY (1 in 2023)
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: C. Correa, 6/13/23 vs. MIL (1 as a team in 2023)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (9 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: J. Polanco, 6/3/23 vs. CLE (4 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

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time)
Grand Slam: B. Witt Jr., 7/28/23 at KC (4 allowed as team in 2023)
Inside-the-Park Home Run: R. Arozarena, 6/10/22 vs. TB (46 allowed all-time)
Pinch-Hit Home Run: K. Wong, 7/24/23 vs. SEA (1 allowed in 2023)
Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: J. Sands, 8/8/15 at CLE
Five-Hit Game: C. Arroyo, 6/20/23 vs. BOS
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: D. Moore, 7/26/23 vs. SEA (8 allowed in 2023)
Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR (26 allowed since 1961)
Back-to-Back Home Runs: A. Rutschman/A. Santander 7/9/2023 (8 allowed in 2023)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: C. Bellinger/G. Lux/A. Barnes, 4/13/22 vs. LAD
Three Home Runs, One Inning: R. Acuña Jr./A. Riley/S. Murphy, 6/27/23 at ATL (1 in 2023)
Four Home Runs, One Inning: C. Everett/T. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhardt, 7/3/00 vs. BOS
Walk-Off Home Run: B. Witt Jr., 7/28/23 at KC (2 allowed in 2023)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: A. Benintendi, 7/21/23 vs. CWS (6 allowed in 2023)
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: 12, last, G. Kirby, 7/20/23 at SEA (10 times in 2023)
Complete Game Shutout: G. Cole, 4/16/23 at NYY (2 times 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: M. Mastrobuoni, 5/14/23 vs. CHC (3 in 2023)
Three or more Steals, One Game: W. Merrifield (3), 7/2/17 at KC (1 in 2017)
Steal of Home: T. Anderson, 7/22/23 vs. CWS (1 in 2023)
Pure Steal of Home: S. Green, 5/26/00 vs. TEX
Home Run in First ML At-Bat: Se. Alcántara, 9/26/20 vs. DET

2023 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with 3 columns: DATE, DELAYED/PPD, NOTES. Lists weather-related delays and postponements.

Table with 4 columns: Year and PPD/DEL/SUS counts. Lists cumulative PPD, DEL, and SUS for each year.

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 (17-12) and MAY (12-15).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JUNE (12-15) and JULY (13-9).

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

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include SEPTEMBER (13-9) and OCTOBER (13-9).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include SEPTEMBER (13-9) and OCTOBER (13-9).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include NOVEMBER (13-9) and DECEMBER (13-9).

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 10-4 in extras in 2023)
* - Denotes Sellout (1 in 2023)
- PPD, to be made up on 4/7

EJECTIONS table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/GH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Rows include 4/15 at NYY, 5/6 at CLE, etc.

2023 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (8) table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Rows include 4/7 vs. HOU, 4/11 vs. CWS, etc.

2023 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (43) table with columns: Pitchers (24), Positions Players (19). Lists names and roles.

HOME GAMES ROAD GAMES legend with colored boxes.

(* - on Opening Day roster)