

MINNESOTA TWINS (73-66) AT CLEVELAND GUARDIANS (66-73)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 - 1:10 PM (ET) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Joe Ryan (10-8, 4.20) vs. RHP Gavin Williams (1-5, 3.46)

GAME 140

ROAD GAME 71

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows include 9/7 OFF DAY, 9/8 vs. New York-NL, 9/9 vs. New York-NL, 9/10 vs. New York-NL.

SEASON AT A GLANCE table with columns: Stat, Value. Includes Under Baldelli (since '19): 361-324, Home Record: 40-29, Road Record: 33-37, Record in series: 22-18-5, Record in home series: 12-7-3, Record in road series: 10-11-2, Series Openers: 26-19, Series Finales: 20-24, Rubber Games: 8-8, Sweeps/Swept: 6/5, March/April: 17-12, May: 12-15, June: 12-15, July: 13-11, August: 15-12, September/October: 4-1, Day Games: 30-29, Night Games: 43-37, vs. American League East: 12-17, vs. American League Central: 26-21, vs. American League West: 16-10, vs. National League: 19-18, Games vs. LH Starter: 18-15, Games vs. RH Starter: 55-51, Twins score first: 44-23, Opponent scores first: 29-43, Come-from-behind wins: 35, Leading after 7/8 inn.: 57-7/59-1, Trailing after 7/8 inn.: 10-55/4-57, Tied after 7/8 inn.: 6-4/10-8, Extra-innings: 12-7, 1-run games: 17-21, When Twins score 4+: 58-21, When Twins score 3-: 15-45, Twins out-hit opp.: 49-13, Opp. out-hit Twins: 18-49, Twins/Opp. have = hits: 6-4, Run Differential: +70 (650-580), Twins get Quality Start: 46-23, Twins starter goes 6+ IP: 49-29, Most games over .500: 7, present, Most games under .500: 2, 2x, last 6/30, Longest win-streak: 5, 8/3-7, Longest losing-streak: 5, 2x, last 7/25-30, Twins get 10+ hits: 39-12, Days in First Place: 149, Days in Second Place: 10, Days in Third Place: , Days in Fourth Place: , Days in Fifth Place: , Walk-Off W/L: 10/7, Shutouts W/L: 10/8, CG (Twins): 2x, last López, 7/5 vs. KC, Average Time of Game (Twins): 2.42, Attendance High: 38,465, 4/8 vs. HOU, Attendance Total: 1,683,036, Attendance Average: 24,392, Target Field Sellouts - 2023/All-Time: 1/184

THE TWINS: Have gone 4-1 through five games on their current six-game roadtrip, going 2-1 in Texas, followed by consecutive wins in Cleveland over the last two nights...today, the Twins will complete the trip with the three-game series finale at Progressive Field...after today's game, Minnesota will travel home to enjoy an off-day tomorrow, then begin their penultimate homestand of 2023 with three against the Mets this weekend, followed by three against the Rays next Monday-Wednesday...the Twins have gone 40-29 at home and 33-37 on the road. Since the All-Star break, the Twins have gone 28-20, the fourth-most wins in the AL, trailing Baltimore (33-16), Seattle (32-17) and Houston (29-20). The Twins are now seven games over .500, their high-water mark for 2023...the last time they were seven games over was through games of August 19, 2022, when they finished the day 62-55...the last time they were eight games over was July 24, 2022 (52-44).

DONNIE TURNS THE LIGHTS OFF AT PROGRESSIVE: The Twins beat the Guardians last night at Progressive Field by a score of 8-3...Sonny Gray was the starter but did not factor into the decision for the 15th time in 28 starts...Gray allowed three runs on six hits (1 HR) in 6.0 innings pitched, with two walks and four strikeouts...the offense recorded 11 hits and was led by Donovan Solano, who went 2-for-5 with a single, a triple and three RBI...Christian Vázquez added a home run, his sixth of the season...the win secured the Twins' first series victory over Cleveland since May 13-15, 2022 (0-6-1 since).

INSIDE THE SERIES: Below are the offensive comparisons between the two teams through the first two games this series:

Table comparing MINNESOTA and CLEVELAND stats: RUNS, HITS, OPS, EXTRA-BASE HITS, WALKS, HOME RUNS.

TWINS AND GUARDS: The Twins are playing the Guardians for the 13th and final time in 2023...the Twins are 6-6 vs. the Guards this season, going 3-4 at Target Field and 3-2 at Progressive Field...the Twins have outscored the Guards 58-42 this season...they have outscored Cleveland 28-9 in this series.

These two will meet 13 times in 2024, their first coming in the Twins' Home Opener, a three-game, four-day series from April 4-7...the first series at Progressive will be three games from May 17-19.

A win today would give the Twins the season-series victory for the first time since going 11-8 in 2021...they went 6-13 vs. Cleveland in 2022. Minnesota has homered 19 times against Cleveland pitching this season, the most in baseball against the Guardians (White Sox - 17).

The Twins have hit 123 home runs against Cleveland pitching since the start of 2019, their most against any opponent in that span...of those 123 home runs, 66 have been hit at Progressive Field, the Twins' most in any opposing ballpark in that stretch...66 homers are also the most for any opponent here since 2019 (next: Chicago-AL, Detroit and Kansas City - 41).

Carlos Correa is hitting .302 (29-for-96) with seven home runs, a .374 on-base percentage, a .531 slugging percentage and a .905 OPS in 25 games against the Guardians since the start of last season.

Max Kepler has 46 hits, 16 home runs, 34 runs scored and 36 RBI at Progressive Field (52 career games), all his most in any opposing ballpark.

TWINS ON LEAD VOCALS: The Twins enter today with a 7.0 game lead on the Guardians in the AL Central, their biggest lead this season...through games of July 30 (37 days ago), the Twins had a 0.5 game lead on the Guardians, when Minnesota was 54-53 and Cleveland was 53-53.

ROYCE ROCKS: After starting the season hitting .182 (6-for-33) with a .576 OPS in his first eight games, Royce Lewis has hit .350 (48-for-137) with four doubles, nine home runs, 32 RBI, a .411 on-base percentage, a .577 slugging percentage and a .987 OPS in his last 37 games, including nine three-plus-hit games...among all MLB rookies with a minimum of 175 plate appearances, Lewis ranks first in batting average (.318), runs created-per-27 (8.73), OPS+ (148.0), slugging percentage (.541), OPS (.911), and wOBA (.391).

POLANCO UNLOCKED: Jorge Polanco has reached safely in a season-long 14-straight games, hitting .347 (17-for-49) with three doubles, four home runs, 12 RBI, 11 walks, a .459 on-base percentage, a .653 slugging percentage and a 1.112 OPS in that span...his career high for an on-base streak is 37, done from May 13-June 25, 2019.

C4 IGNITING: Carlos Correa has hit safely in five-straight games and has nine hits in 21 at-bats in that span...in his last 37 road games, since June 8, Correa is hitting .293 (43-for-147) with nine doubles, eight home runs, 22 RBI, 13 walks, a .360 on-base percentage, a .517 slugging percentage and an .877 OPS. He has reached safely in 14-straight road games, posting a .450 OBP in that span with 12 RBI.

MR. BARRELS: Since August 1, Donovan Solano is hitting .372 (35-for-94) with five doubles, one triple, one home run, 13 RBI, a .404 on-base percentage and an .883 OPS in 26 games...in that span he has multiple hits 11 times, including six times in his last 10 games...since August 1, his .372 batting average ranks third best in baseball (minimum of 90 plate appearances), trailing only Mookie Betts (.429) and Julio Rodriguez (.398).

LAND OF 10,000 RAKES: The Twins have hit 31 home runs since August 22, tied with New York-AL for the most in baseball since that date...since the All-Star break, they have hit 84 home runs, second most in baseball, trailing Atlanta's 94. One more home run today and the Twins will reach 200 for the season.

OHL BABY!: Double-A Wichita right-hander Pierson Ohl yesterday was named Texas League Pitcher of the Month for August...Ohl went 5-0 with a 1.17 ERA in five starts...he held opponents to a league-best .179 average as he scattered 19 hits and four earned runs over 30.2 innings...Ohl's 0.72 WHIP also led the league...he worked a career-high 8.0 innings on August 8 at Northwest Arkansas...Ohl, 23, was selected by Minnesota in the 14th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Grand Canyon University.

STREAKS table: Current Streak: 2 wins, Last 5 games: 4-1, Last 10 games: 6-4, Last 15 games: 9-6, Last 20 games: 12-8

TWINS VS. GUARDIANS table: 2023 Record: 6-6, Current Streak: 2 wins, 2023 at Home: 3-4, 2023 at Cleveland: 3-2, Under Baldelli (since 2019): 39-40, Under Baldelli at CLE: 18-19, All-Time Record: 451-480, All-Time at Home: 244-224, All-Time at Cleveland: 207-256

2023 Game Logs table with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Dave

CURRENT ROADTRIP (4-1) table: Batting average: .321, Runs Per Game: 9.40, Home Runs: 12, RISP: .358, Errors: 2, Team ERA: 4.40, Starters W-L: 2-0, Starters ERA: 4.44, Relievers W-L-S: 2-1-1, Relievers ERA: 4.34, Saves/Opps: 1/2

OPPONENT HR AT CLE SINCE '16 table: Max Kepler: 16, Jorge Polanco: 11, José Abreu: 10, Miguel Sanó: 10

MLB LEADERS - HR SINCE 8/23 table: Trea Turner, PHI: 8, Royce Lewis, MIN: 7, Aaron Judge, NYY: 7, Kyle Schwarber, PHI: 7, DJ LeMahieu, NYY: 7

MLB LEADERS - RBI SINCE 8/23 table: Royce Lewis, MIN: 22, Cody Bellinger, CHC: 19, Trea Turner, PHI: 19

MLB TEAM LEADERS - SINCE 8/5 table with columns: STAT, TWINS #, MLB RANK. Rows include BB: 119 (1st), HR: 52 (3rd), RUNS: 166 (4th), OPS: .838 (5th), OBP: .355 (5th), SLG: 483 (5th)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table of recent transactions: 9/4 RHP Varland recalled from AAA, RHP Sands optioned to AAA, 9/3 UTL Castro returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 10-day IL, OF Taylor placed on 10-day IL, 9/1 LHP Headrick recalled from AAA, OF Stevenson contract selected from AAA, IF Miranda transferred to 60-day IL, 8/28 RHP Funderburk contract selected from AAA, RHP Ober optioned to AAA, RHP Ortega transferred to 60-day IL, 8/26 RHP Ryan returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 15-day IL, RHP Balazovic optioned to AAA, 8/24 RHP Ortega placed on 15-day IL, RHP Balazovic recalled from AAA

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DAYS W/O A LEWIS GRAND SLAM

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with columns: PLAYER/MANAGER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH. Rows include Rocco Baldelli: 361 managerial wins (Needs 17 to tie Gene Mauch (378) for 4th on Twins all-time list (since 1961)), Kyle Farmer: 48 home runs (Needs 2 to reach 50 for career), Joey Gallo: 98 doubles (Needs 2 to reach 100 for career), 198 home runs (Needs 2 to reach 200 for career), Jorge Polanco: 110 home runs (Needs 1 to pass Roy Smalley (110) and move into 1st on Twins all-time list for switch hitters (since '61)), Christian Vázquez: 698 hits (Needs 2 to reach 700 for career)









DAY-BY-DAY

Main table containing daily game logs with columns for Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save, and a secondary column for Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save.

\* - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 12-7 in extras in 2023)
\* - Denotes Sellout (1 in 2023)
# - PPD, to be made up on 4/7

EJECTIONS table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Lists ejections for various games.

2023 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (9) table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Lists walk-off victories for various games.

2023 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (47) table with columns: Pitchers (26) and Positions Players (21). Lists players on the roster.