

# major league baseball

## american league

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	STR	HOME	AWAY	INTL
<b>CENTRAL</b>								
Cleveland	41	56	.423	7.5	36-21	29-27	30-24	3-4
Chicago	38	61	.383	10.5	28-22	29-32	27-37	3-17
Minnesota	36	66	.350	13.5	26-26	26-38	26-34	4-4
Detroit	35	69	.337	15.5	25-27	26-42	26-39	3-6
Kansas City	35	69	.337	15.5	25-27	26-42	26-39	3-6
<b>EAST</b>								
New York	59	44	.569	0	35-19	24-25	30-24	3-4
Baltimore	52	51	.505	7.5	30-24	22-29	28-29	3-4
Buffalo	36	66	.350	13.5	26-26	26-38	26-34	4-4
Texas	41	61	.402	8.5	28-22	29-32	27-37	3-17
<b>WEST</b>								
Los Angeles	60	41	.594	0	35-19	24-25	30-24	3-4
Oakland	51	51	.500	9.5	27-29	26-34	26-34	4-4
Seattle	46	56	.448	14.5	26-26	26-34	26-34	4-4

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Minnesota vs. Baltimore 7:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City vs. Chicago 7:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland vs. Detroit 7:10 p.m.  
 Texas vs. Toronto 7:10 p.m.  
 Los Angeles vs. Seattle 7:10 p.m.

**AL TODAY'S PITCHING MATCHUPS**

Team	Pitcher	W	L	PCT	ERA	IP	SO	BB	AVG
Cleveland	Griffith	14	10	.583	3.67	108.0	109	49	.259
Chicago	Garland	8	7	.529	4.17	88.0	88	40	.278
Minnesota	Quinn	7	10	.413	4.50	84.0	79	40	.278
Detroit	Quinn	7	10	.413	4.50	84.0	79	40	.278
Kansas City	Quinn	7	10	.413	4.50	84.0	79	40	.278

**AL LEADERS**

Category	Player	Value
Through Tuesday	AB	301
Runs	101	35
Home Runs	10	10
RBI	10	10
Stolen Bases	10	10

**AL LEADERS**

Category	Player	Value
Through Tuesday	ERA	3.67
Strikeouts	109	109
WHIP	1.27	1.27
Fielding %	.989	.989
Errors	10	10

**AL LEADERS**

Category	Player	Value
Through Tuesday	WAR	3.5
WAR/9	0.35	0.35
WAR/100	3.5	3.5
WAR/1000	3.5	3.5

## national league

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	STR	HOME	AWAY	INTL
<b>CENTRAL</b>								
Chicago	57	40	.589	0	32-18	25-22	29-24	8-4
St. Louis	56	41	.573	0.5	31-19	25-22	29-24	8-4
Philadelphia	42	55	.433	14.5	26-26	26-34	26-34	4-4
Cincinnati	42	55	.433	14.5	26-26	26-34	26-34	4-4
Pittsburgh	42	55	.433	14.5	26-26	26-34	26-34	4-4
<b>EAST</b>								
Atlanta	57	40	.589	0	32-18	25-22	29-24	8-4
New York	51	46	.524	5.5	28-22	29-32	27-37	3-17
Philadelphia	42	55	.433	14.5	26-26	26-34	26-34	4-4
Washington	42	55	.433	14.5	26-26	26-34	26-34	4-4
<b>WEST</b>								
Arizona	59	44	.569	0	35-19	24-25	30-24	3-4
San Diego	56	41	.573	0.5	31-19	25-22	29-24	8-4
Columbus	50	47	.510	5.5	28-22	29-32	27-37	3-17
San Francisco	49	50	.495	6.5	27-29	26-34	26-34	4-4

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 Atlanta vs. Philadelphia 7:05 p.m.  
 Chicago vs. Cincinnati 7:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis vs. Pittsburgh 7:10 p.m.  
 Philadelphia vs. New York 7:10 p.m.  
 Washington vs. San Francisco 7:10 p.m.  
 Arizona vs. San Diego 7:10 p.m.

**NL TODAY'S PITCHING MATCHUPS**

Team	Pitcher	W	L	PCT	ERA	IP	SO	BB	AVG
Chicago	Ryan	17	11	.607	3.29	120.0	114	49	.259
St. Louis	Quinn	7	10	.413	4.50	84.0	79	40	.278
Philadelphia	Quinn	7	10	.413	4.50	84.0	79	40	.278
Cincinnati	Quinn	7	10	.413	4.50	84.0	79	40	.278
Pittsburgh	Quinn	7	10	.413	4.50	84.0	79	40	.278

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Category	Player	Value
Through Tuesday	AB	301
Runs	101	35
Home Runs	10	10
RBI	10	10
Stolen Bases	10	10

**NL LEADERS**

Category	Player	Value
Through Tuesday	ERA	3.29
Strikeouts	114	114
WHIP	1.27	1.27
Fielding %	.989	.989
Errors	10	10

**NL LEADERS**

Category	Player	Value
Through Tuesday	WAR	3.5
WAR/9	0.35	0.35
WAR/100	3.5	3.5
WAR/1000	3.5	3.5

## Twins report

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## TEAM NOTES

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# Teammates agree with Santana

One day after left-hander Johan Santana criticized the direction of the team after it fell to make a deal for a hitter, most Twins players supported their star pitcher.

Santana said the Twins' sharply criticized the team, saying he hears too much talk instead of seeing steps taken to help the team reach the playoffs this season.

"The move that was made, it's hard to see a message that's positive," Twins coach Joe Mauer said. "So there's a lot of frustration coming out. We have been close and ... some of the stuff [Santana] said was right."

"This organization also has done a lot of good things. They have made a lot of good moves, brought over some great people, developed young players very well, but everybody is not perfect."

Twins General Manager Terry Ryan said Wednesday that he had not read Santana's statements but has heard about them. But he challenged Twins players to come see him if they have something they want to discuss.

"My door is open," Ryan said. "Come on up. I've always had an open door. I believe that if you

# Ace's start is pushed back

Twins left-hander Johan Santana's start has been pushed back until Friday against Cleveland, if that game against the Indians is played as scheduled.

The Cleveland series could be affected by the collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge on Wednesday.

"For more than a decade, we've been hearing again and again about this organization developing young talent and working toward the future," said Chaudhary. "Like Mr. Santana, I join millions of Twins fans wondering out loud when and if this bright future is ever going to arrive. Or, as just the last play by the Pohl family said to string fans and taxpayers along while running their team on the cheap, content to contend for the playoffs every year with no real designs on competing with the likes of the Yankees, Red Sox and others in October."

Twins outfielder Michael Cuddyer had a different view. "Terry Ryan came down and asked me why I swung at a 3-0 pitch and grounded out to third," Cuddyer said. "It's not my job to make trades or say trades are bad."

Ortiz expects Santana to leave after hearing of Santana's frustration over the team's direction. Red Sox slugger David Ortiz told the Boston Globe on Wednesday that he expects

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**ONLINE BIT 'A SURREAL FEELING'**  
 Joe Chastain had a hard time concentrating on baseball at the Metrodome after Wednesday's rush-hour bridge collapse in Minneapolis.

## GAME RECAP

MVP  
 Alex Gordon, Royals  
 Hits two-run homer in the 10th inning let Kansas City defeat the Twins.

## NUMBERS

3 Hitters for Royals center fielder David DeJesus.  
 3 Saves for new Royals closer Jaskin Sorria.

## UP NEXT

After the postponement of today's game against the Royals, the Twins will play Cleveland on Friday with Johan Santana scheduled to oppose C. Sabathia.

## WEDNESDAY'S SCORECARD

**Twins** 1-5  
 Inning 1: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 2: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 3: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 4: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 5: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 6: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 7: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 8: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 9: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)  
 Inning 10: Santana (0-1) vs. Mauer (0-0)

## SCOUTS REPORT

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## TOP STORY

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"The ballgame had to played," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "I don't think a lot of us wanted to be out there, but it was the right thing to do to make sure they could do their jobs out there and to keep the fans in here."

There's series finale has been postponed and will be made up at a later date. And Twins president Dave St. Peter said Wednesday that the four-game series against Cleveland could be affected as well.

It was less than a half hour before game time Wednesday when Twins players learned of I-35W bridge collapse.



Twins third baseman Brian Buscher fielded a bunt laid down by the Royals' Mark Teahen during the fourth inning. Teahen was safe.

was a kind of surprise we didn't see. The Twins missed a few plays in the field that allowed Kansas City to stay in the game and push it to extra innings. Alex Gordon's two-run homer off Juan Rincon in the 10th ended the Twins' four-game winning streak.

After the game, Twins General Manager Terry Ryan addressed the team, explaining why the game had to be played. Players then showered and left for home, all feeling for those who were affected by the tragedy.

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## Twins Statistics

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Twins	1	5	.167	4.50	24.0	20	12	.278
Royals	5	1	.833	3.29	120.0	114	49	.259