Twins all-time teammates love reunion

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The night began with laughs, hugs and a few tears. And stories, lots of stories, as if a family was reuniting after years apart.

But that was only part of the reason for returning. A small part.

"This is for the fans," Tony Oliva said, leaning back in a chair. "None of us would be here without them."

And so the men who provided so many baseball memories the past four decades gave Twins fans one more chance to stand and cheer them.

Flashbulbs popped throughout the Metrodome on Saturday night as 21 former players and manager Tom Kelly were introduced during a pregame ceremony honoring the Twins' 40-year anniversary all-time team.

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— Several honorees said the Twins need to follow the same blueprint for success they used in building the World Series champions in 1987 and 1991.

