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TEAM NOTES

Wade up to help depleted outfield

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LaMonte Wade Jr., had one of Class AAA Rochester's 19 hits Wednesday in a 19-6 trouncing of the Lehigh Valley IronPigs. A few hours later, he was on his way to the Twin Cities.

Wade was called up Thursday to help a banged-up Twins outfield. **Byron Buxton** remains on the injured list because of a sore right wrist. **Max Kepler** didn't start Wednesday because of a sore right elbow. Then **Eddie Rosario** injured his ankle in the third inning Wednesday and had to leave the game.

So it is Wade to the rescue. The University of Maryland product is batting .248 with five homers and 24 RBI in 70 games for the Red Wings with 51 walks and 43 strikeouts. The 25-year-old corner outfielder was a ninth-round choice in 2015 and is a line-drive hitter who works the count.

Wade played at Target Field in the 2015 Big Ten championship game, but heading to the same park to play for the Twins was hard for him to believe.

"Everything was going so fast," he said. "I called my mom and dad, they were the first people to know. It was just really fast. I don't think it hit me until I was in the car and I saw the big buildings downtown. That's when I realized, 'OK, yeah, we're going.' I was excited."

Wade was in major league spring training camp, so manager **Rocco Baldelli** and the coaching staff are familiar with him. The whole city of Fort Myers, Fla., should know him by now. He spent the entire offseason in town.

"Having a chance in spring training to see him play a good bit and everything that he's been doing at Triple-A. I think he has a good approach at the plate," Baldelli said. "... I'm happy for him."

So who's available?

The outfield picture might be clearing up soon. Buxton hit indoors Thursday and is expected to travel with the club on its road trip. He could be activated in the coming days, but the Twins will discuss if he needs to go out on a minor league rehabilitation assignment first.

"I don't think we're firm

Polanco earns rare honor

He's only the third Twins SS to earn an All-Star start.

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One benefit of Thursday's 18-inning game — if there was one — is that Twins fans at Target Field were on hand when it was learned Jorge Polanco was going to start at shortstop for the American League at the All-Star Game on July 9 in Cleveland.

Polanco was at short in the 18th inning when the Twins announced he had won, allowing fans to shower him with applause. And Polanco raised his hands in acknowledgment of their cheers.

It was fitting. When a player is voted into an All-Star Game — in this case a starting position — that means he's the people's choice. He will be the first Twins player to start at the Midsummer Classic since Joe Mauer in 2013.

He is the first Twins All-Star shortstop since Christian Guzman in 2001 and the third Twins shortstop to start an All-Star Game, joining Roy Smalley (1979) and Zoilo Versalles (1963).

"I thank the fans a lot," he said. "They help me win the vote. I'm very thankful for their votes and keep supporting us the rest of the season. I'm very thankful."

Polanco led the first stage of voting, in which the top three vote-getters at each position — top nine for outfielders — moved on to a second vote to determine the starter at each position. Polanco, batting .321 with 11 home runs and 39 RBI, received 42% of the vote, beating Gleyber Torres of the Yankees (31.2) and Carlos Correa of the Astros (26.8).

"That's a great moment for Polo, the organization, everybody involved," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "He's a class act. He's a tremendous

player. To say he's earned this I think would be an understatement."

Polanco has been among the top offensive players this season, with two five-hit games — one in which he hit for the cycle — and two four-hit games. He entered Thursday third in the AL in batting, tied for fourth in doubles, fourth in hits and third in total bases.

"I'm really happy for him because he's done a great job and he's worked hard over there," third baseman Miguel Sano said. "I'm so excited for him. I told him congratulations."

Designated hitter Nelson Cruz, first baseman C.J. Cron and outfielder Eddie Rosario also made the All-Star Starters Election, but Cruz and Cron finished third and Rosario sixth. They, and other Twins, still have a chance to make the All-Star Game as reserves, as the rest of the team is selected by a combination of player

ballots and commissioner's selections.

All-Star reserves will be announced Sunday, and a Twins team that has one of the best offenses in the league and has had one of the best records in baseball for several weeks should be represented by more than only Polanco.

But it was Polanco's day Thursday as he was recognized as one of baseball's best players during a season in which he signed a multiyear contract, played shortstop for a first-place team and now is headed to Cleveland as one of baseball's best.

"I got to spring training ready to go and the team offered me a contract and I signed and felt really good, especially playing with this team I'm playing for," Polanco said. "This is a really good team. These guys grind every day and give the best effort they can to win and I feel great playing for this team."

ALL-STAR STARTERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE DH: Hunter Pence, Texas



Catcher Gary Sanchez N.Y. Yankees	First base Carlos Santana Cleveland	Second base DJ LeMahieu N.Y. Yankees	Shortstop Jorge Polanco Twins	Third base Alex Bregman Houston	Outfield Mike Trout L.A. Angels	Outfield George Springer Houston	Outfield Michael Brantley Houston
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NATIONAL LEAGUE DH: Will be selected from reserves



Catcher Wilson Contreras Chicago Cubs	First base Freddie Freeman Atlanta	Second base Ketel Marte Arizona	Shortstop Javier Baez Chicago Cubs	Third base Nolan Arenado Colorado	Outfield Christian Yelich Milwaukee	Outfield Cody Bellinger L.A. Dodgers	Outfield Ronald Acuna Jr. Atlanta
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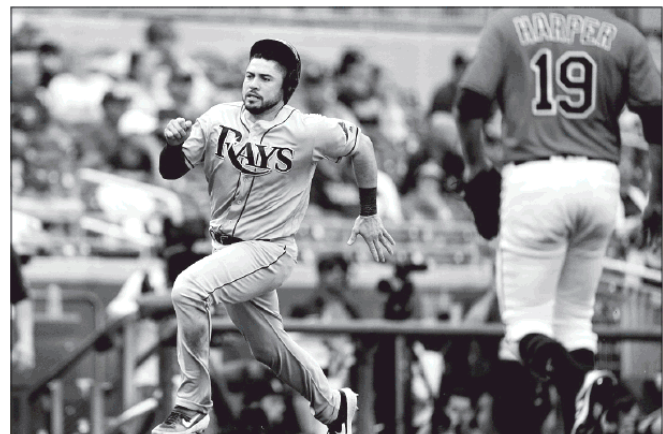
Another marathon, new result

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"It's remarkable. It's a little bit unfortunate. It's a little bit beautiful." Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "It's a little bit of everything. And we have seen both sides of it."

Baldelli met with Chief Baseball Officer Derek Falvey and General Manager Thad Levine immediately following the game to figure out how many arms they needed to call up after tying a club record by using 10 pitchers Thursday. That included Gibson, who threw 11 pitches in the 17th inning — his first relief appearance in 175 major league outings.

"This is coming off of where it wasn't too long ago we had a game like this," Baldelli said.



TWINS SCHEDULE

Today at Chi. White Sox (7:10 p.m., FSN)
Saturday at Chi. White Sox (3:12 p.m., FSN)
Sunday at Chi. White Sox (1:10 p.m., FSN)
Monday off day
Tuesday at Oakland (9:07 p.m., FSN)
Wednesday at Oakland (8:07 p.m., FSN)
Thursday at Oakland (3:07 p.m., FSN)

Today's starting pitchers: Twins RHP Jose Berrios (8-3, 2.84 ERA) vs. TBD

GAME RECAP

IMPACT PLAYER

Ryan Yarbrough, Tampa Bay
The 6-5 lefthander shut out the Twins over the final three innings, striking out five.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 5 Players that went 0-for-7 or worse; according to the Elias Sports Bureau, the last time that happened was Sept. 21, 1901, in a 17-inning game between the Boston Beaneaters and Chicago Orphans.
- 15 Innings between runs scored; according to STATS, that's the most innings between runs in an AL game since Sept. 1, 1906, when the Philadelphia Athletics beat the Boston Americans 4-1 in 24 innings.
- 22 Rays players used, tying a franchise record.
- 16 Consecutive batters retired by Twins starter Martin Perez.
- 3-2 The Twins' record in extra innings.

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SCORECARD

FIRST INNING
Twins: With Rays starter Ryan Stanek pitching, Jorge Polanco bunted safely to the pitcher. Nelson Cruz singled to center, Polanco to third. Mitch Garver grounded out to third, scoring Polanco. Cruz scored. Adames singled to right, scoring Cruz. **Twins 2, Rays 0**

SECOND INNING
Tampa Bay: With Twins starter Martin Perez pitching, Willy Adames walked. Mike Zunino struck out. Kevin Kiermaier grounded out to second, Adames to second. Michael Brosseau doubled to left, scoring Adames. Guillermo Heredia singled to right, scoring Brosseau. **Twins 2, Rays 2**

18TH INNING
Tampa Bay: With Twins reliever Ryne Harper pitching, Brandon Lowe walked. Travis d'Arnaud was hit by a pitch. Lowe to second. Tommy Pham singled to short, loading the bases. Avisail Garcia lined out to third. Yandy Diaz hit a sacrifice fly to left, scoring Lowe. Adames singled to center, scoring d'Arnaud. Pham to third. Ji-Man Choi singled to center, scoring Pham. **Rays 5, Twins 2**

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
d'Arnaud 1b-c	7	1	0	0	2	193	
Pham lf	8	1	2	0	0	1,293	
Garcia dh	8	0	0	2	277		
Diaz 3b	7	0	1	0	1,277		
Adames ss	6	1	1	2	4,251		
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	2,185		
Choi ph-1b	2	0	1	3	0,269		
Kiermaier cf	1	0	0	0	0,243		
Meadows rf-1b	7	0	1	0	2,300		
Brosseau 2b	2	1	1	0	0,375		
Wendle ph-2b	4	0	1	0	0,167		
Heredia rf-1b	2	0	1	1	0,235		
Lowe ph-rf	4	1	0	1	1,274		
TOTALS	61	5	8	6	37		

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kepler cf	8	0	0	0	4,264		
Polanco ss	7	1	2	0	1,231		
Cruz dh	5	1	0	2	272		
Garver c	6	0	1	1	3,292		
Castro c	0	0	0	0	0,231		
Arraez lf	7	0	1	0	1,449		
Cron 1b	7	0	1	0	2,276		
Schoop 2b	7	0	1	0	3,254		
Cave rf	6	0	1	1	2,178		
Sano 2b	7	0	0	0	3,195		
TOTALS	60	2	8	5	32		

Tampa Bay: **020 000 000 000 003** — **5 - 8**
Twins: **200 000 000 000 000 000** — **2 - 9**
E—Heredia (2), LOB—Tampa Bay 11, Twins 9, 2B—Brosseau (2), Polanco (2), 1B1—Diaz (3), Adames (2), Brosseau (3), Heredia (1), Choi (1), Garver (3), Arraez (5), SF—Diaz, DP—Tampa Bay 3.

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Stanek	2	3	2	0	3	40	2,76	
Beekes	3½	2	0	3	1	48	2,79	
Roe	½	0	0	0	0	2	4,38	
Poche	1½	0	0	0	2	15	4,22	
Kittredge	1½	1	0	2	16	1,42		
Drake	2	0	0	0	4	24	2,65	
Pagan	1	0	0	1	3	23	1,17	
Kolarak	3	1	0	1	2	23	4,31	
Yarbrough W7-3	2	0	0	5	42	4,52		

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Perez	7	3	2	1	6	102	4,15	
d'Arnaud	1	0	0	0	1	11	1,89	

either way at this point," Baldelli said.

Kepler returned to the lineup Thursday, but he was flanked by Luis Arraez and Jake Cave. Arraez has 10 games of minor league experience in the outfield.

Rosario didn't play Thursday, but Baldelli was encouraged by Rosario entering the clubhouse carrying his crutches instead of using them.

Astudillo sidelined

Williams Astudillo was placed on the injured list to make room for Wade. Astudillo, batting .333 since being recalled from Rochester, strained a left oblique muscle during his final at-bat Wednesday. He actually felt discomfort in that area earlier in the series.

"I think that catch I made in right field the other day, I hit myself pretty hard against the wall," he said, "and then [Wednesday], that last at-bat, with the swing I did, I felt it."

The Twins undoubtedly will be cautious with the injury.

"It's frustrating," Astudillo said. "I feel bad, because I always want to be 100 percent and help the team as much as possible and take advantage of the opportunities I've been given up here. It happens."

"Those games do affect you in a lot of different ways and they cause you to make moves, some of the moves that you wish you didn't have to make, but I think we're going to have to do that and give ourselves some help in the bullpen."

Harper, pitching in his third game in a row, replaced Gibson and quickly found himself in a bases-loaded, no-outs situation. The Rays cashed in with a sacrifice fly by Yandy Diaz and RBI singles by Willy Adames and Ji-Man Choi. The Twins got a leadoff single by Jake Cave in the bottom of the 18th, but he was stranded as Tampa Bay won a game that lasted 5 hours, 42 minutes — the sixth-longest game in terms of time in club history. The 18 innings are the most in Target Field history, besting the 4-3, 17-inning victory over Boston June 18.

And don't forget that the day began with a 57-minute rain delay.

Jorge Polanco scored on Mitch Garver's groundout, then Nelson Cruz scored on a two-out single by Luis Arraez as the Twins took a 2-0 lead. But Twins lefthander Martin Perez gave up RBI singles to Michael Brousseau and Guillermo Heredia the next inning as Tampa Bay tied the score.

Who knew then that two games worth of innings



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The Rays' Travis d'Arnaud raced home on Willy Adames' single, part of a three-run rally in the 18th inning to give Tampa Bay a 5-2 victory. The Twins still won two of the three-game series.

TWINS AT WHITE SOX SERIES PREVIEW

Injuries jumble Twins, White Sox lineups

THREE-GAME SERIES AT GUARANTEED RATE FIELD

Friday, 7:10 p.m. • FSN, 830-AM: RHP Jose Berrios (8-3, 2.84 ERA) vs. TBA

Saturday, 3:12 p.m. • FSN, 830-AM: RHP Michael Pineda (4-4, 5.02) vs. RHP Ivan Nova (3-6, 5.91)

Sunday, 1:10 p.m. • FSN, 830-AM: RHP Kyle Gibson (8-4, 4.21) vs. Lucas Giolito (10-2, 2.87)

TWINS UPDATE The Twins (52-28), who swept the White Sox in three games at home in their only series this season, are 26-14 on the road. ... They have the fewest remaining off days of any major league team, and have only four home games in the next 19 days. ... Through 80 games the Twins have scored 114 more runs than through 80 in 2018. ... CF Byron Buxton (wrist), IF Ehire Adrianza (gastrointestinal issues) and utility man Marwin Gonzalez (hamstring) could come off the 10-day injured list during the series. ... Berrios makes his final start before the All-Star pitchers are named Sunday. He has 13 quality starts this season, and is 8-1 with a 2.05 ERA in 10 career starts vs. the White Sox.

WHITE SOX UPDATE SS Tim Anderson, hitting .317, is out (ankle), and 3B Yoan Moncada (right knee) is also unlikely to play. ... Chicago (37-41), which is 6½ games out of a wild-card spot, is cutting ties with DH Yonder Alonso, designated for assignment after hitting .178 with seven homers in 67 games. ... Giolito is a strong All-Star candidate, but has given up nine runs in his past two starts. He has 111 strikeouts in 91 innings. ... C James McCann is hitting .328. ... 1B Jose Abreu leads the team with 19 home runs and 59 RBI.

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would be played? No one scored between the second and 18th, the most innings between runs in an AL game since Sept. 1, 1906, between the Philadelphia A's and Boston Americans.

"Great game," Perez said.

"We lost, but we fight and try to get hits and score some runs. They threw some better balls the last couple of innings, but that's the game."

Who knew then that the mighty Twins offense would have only nine hits over 18

innings and not hit a ball out of the infield from the fifth through the 12th?

"When you play those games and you come out on top, there are few better feelings," Baldelli said. "And when you don't, it was a long day."

Player	W	L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Rogers	1	0	0.00	2	15	1.98		
Parker	1	2	0.00	1	20	3.86		
Litell	1	0	0.00	2	20	6.97		
Morin	2	0	0.00	1	18	1.86		
May	1	0	0.00	1	23	3.49		
Magill	2	0	0.00	2	22	4.88		
Gibson	1	0	0.00	1	11	4.21		
Harper L3-1	1	3	3	1	24	2.97		

Inherited numbers scored—Roe 2-0, HBP—Duffey (Wendle), Harper (d'Arnaud), WP—May, Umpires—Home, Adam Hamari; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Sean Barber; Third, Tom Hallon, T-542, A-31,317 (38,649).

TWINS STATISTICS

(Through Thursday)

Note: * -Player on injured list. Totals include players no longer on team.

BATTERS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Arraez	.449	49	10	22	3	0	1	5
Polanco	.321	315	51	101	23	5	11	39
Garver	.292	137	29	40	7	1	12	32
Rosario	.282	308	51	87	14	1	20	60
Cron	.276	275	34	76	16	0	17	52
Cruz	.272	206	32	56	13	0	13	39
Adrianza*	.271	107	20	29	2	0	4	13
Buxton*	.266	207	40	55	21	3	9	38
Kepler	.264	284	51	75	19	0	19	51
Astudillo	.263	133	19	35	7	0	3	13
Gonzalez*	.255	231	28	59	11	0	9	26
Schoop	.254	256	37	65	15	0	13	34
Castro	.231	121	25	28	6	0	8	19
Sano	.195	118	20	23	7	0	9	15
Cave	.178	73	8	13	2	0	1	4
Totals	.270	2830	457	765	167	10	149	440

Stolen bases (19): Buxton 10, Rosario 3, Polanco 2, Arraez, Gonzalez, Kepler, Schoop.

Errors (48): Polanco 9, Cron 6, Schoop 6, Sano 5, Gonzalez 4, Adrianza 3, Astudillo 3, Garver 3, Buxton 2, Arraez, Castro, Cave, Duffey, Gibson, Morin, Rosario.

PITCHERS	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Duffey	1-1	1.82	24.2	20	5	6	33
Morin	0-0	1.86	19.1	17	4	2	11
Rogers	2-1	1.98	36.1	31	8	7	44
Odorizzi	10-3	2.73	85.2	65	26	27	94
Berrios	8-3	2.84	104.2	92	33	20	97
Harper	3-1	2.97	33.1	28	11	8	32
May	3-1	3.49	28.1	21	11	17	28
Parker	0-2	3.86	28.0	25	12	11	25
Perez	7-3	4.15	89.0	83	41	38	82
Gibson	8-4	4.21	87.2	85	41	23	88
Magill	2-0	4.88	24.0	24	13	12	28
Pineda	4-4	5.02	80.2	84	45	14	67
Litell	1-0	6.97	10.1	13	8	3	7
Totals	52-28	3.94	725.8	675	317	228	694

Saves (24): Parker 10, Rogers 10, Harper, May, Morin.

Year	Total	Avg.
2019	956,615	24,515
2018	923,585	23,689