



WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS
'69 '70 '87 '91

CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS
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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
'25 '33 '65 '87 '91

WORLD CHAMPIONS
'24 '87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (7-11) vs. PITTSBURGH PIRATES (9-11)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021 - 1:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

GAME 19

RHP Michael Pineda (1-0, 1.00) vs. RHP Trevor Cahill (0-2, 9.69)

HOME GAME 9

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
4/25	vs. Pittsburgh	RHP Matt Shoemaker (1-1, 6.28) vs. TBA	1:10 p.m. (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com
4/26	at Cleveland	RHP José Berríos (2-2, 3.00) vs. RHP Zach Plesac (1-3, 6.75)	5:10 p.m. (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
4/27	at Cleveland	RHP Kenta Maeda (1-1, 6.11) vs. RHP Aaron Civale (3-0, 2.42)	5:10 p.m. (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com
4/28	at Cleveland	LHP J.A. Happ (1-0, 1.69) vs. LHP Logan Allen (1-3, 6.28)	12:10 p.m. (CT)	YouTube	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
4/29	OFF DAY				

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	144-96
Home Record:	3-5
Road Record:	4-6
Record in series:	2-3-0
Record in home series:	0-2-0
Record in road series:	2-1-0
Series Openers:	3-4
Series Finales:	3-2
Rubber Games:	2-1
Sweeps/Swept:	
April:	7-11
May:	
June:	
July:	
August:	
September/October:	
Day Games:	5-9
Night Games:	2-2
vs. American League East:	1-3
vs. American League Central:	2-1
vs. American League West:	1-6
vs. National League:	3-1
Games vs. LH Starter:	2-6
Games vs. RH Starter:	5-5
Twins score first:	5-6
Opponent scores first:	2-5
Come-from-behind wins:	2
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	7-3/7-3
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	0-2/0-2
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	0-2/0-2
Extra-innings:	0-4
1-run games:	2-6
Twins out-hit opp.:	6-2
Opp. out-hit Twins:	1-9
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	
Run Differential:	-1 (81-82)
Twins get Quality Start:	5-1
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	5-1
Most games over .500:	3, 2, last 4/20
Most games under .500:	5, 4/22
Longest win-streak:	3, 4/3-5
Longest losing-streak:	5, 4/10-14
When Twins score 4+:	4-4
When Twins score 3-:	3-7
Twins get 10+ hits:	3-3
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	5
Days in Fourth Place:	6
Days in Fifth Place:	3
Walk-Off W/L:	1/3
Shutouts W/L:	2/2
Complete Games:	
Attendance High:	9,817, 4/10 vs. SEA
Attendance Total:	60,548
Attendance Average:	8,649
Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time:	4/177

THE TWINS: After going 0-4 on their last roadtrip (0-1 in Anaheim and 0-3 in Oakland), the Twins began their weekend home series with a victory over the Pirates last night...today they will play the middle game of this three-game series...after tomorrow's game, the Twins will travel to Cleveland for a short three-game roadtrip at Progressive Field from Monday-Wednesday...the Twins are 3-5 at home this season and 4-6 on the road.

HERE'S WHAT HAPP-ENED: The Twins beat the Pirates last night by a score of 2-0 at Target Field, their second shutout of the season (also, April 3 at Milwaukee)...J.A. Happ was the starter and winner, carrying a no-hitter through 7.1 innings pitched...he combined with Tyler Duffey (1.0 IP) and Taylor Rogers (0.2 IP) to throw the 19th one-hitter in Twins history...marked the second one-hitter for the Twins this season, the previous coming April 3 at Milwaukee (Berríos, Rogers, Duffey, Colomé)...second time in club history to have two one-hitters in a season, the other coming in 1973 (Blyleven twice and Kaat once)...the offense was provided by Willians Astudillo and Jake Cave, who each hit solo home runs.

THE STARTING FIVE: Twins starting pitchers have gone 6-4, 3.56 ERA (91.0 IP, 36 ER) with 27 walks, 88 strikeouts, a .224 opponent batting average and a .677 opponent OPS...among AL starting staffs, they rank second in ERA, fourth in opponent BA, and fifth in OPS and strikeouts-per-walk (3.26).

MORE ON THE STARTERS: Below are where the Twins rank in a few categories since the start of 2020 among AL starting staffs:

ERA	OPPONENT AVERAGE	OPPONENT OPS
Cleveland.....3.34	Cleveland......220	Minnesota......650
Minnesota.....3.54	Chicago......222	Cleveland......660
Chicago.....3.72	Minnesota......225	Chicago......679
Tampa Bay.....3.86	Houston......233	Houston......704
Houston.....4.23	Tampa Bay......238	Tampa Bay......705

HARD AND FAST: Below are the only players in baseball in the 90th percentile or better in both hard hit percentage and sprint speed average:

	Buxton	Mike Trout	Ronald Acuña Jr.	Avisail García	Fernando Tatis Jr.
Hard Hit%:	100th (66.7%)	98th (63.9%)	95th (59.6%)	92nd (56.5%)	99th (64.5%)
Sprint Speed:	98th (29.3 mph)	97th (29.2 mph)	96th (29.1 mph)	93rd (28.6 mph)	95th (28.9 mph)

MORE ON BUCK: Byron Buxton has hit safely in 12 of 13 games played this season and has homered in six of those 13...he enters today leading all of baseball (minimum 50 plate appearances) in slugging percentage (.936), OPS (1.407) and isolated power (.511)...additionally, he ranks second in batting average (.426), trailing only Chicago-AL's Yermín Mercedes (.429).

NATIONAL TREASURE: The Twins have gone 3-1 in Interleague Play this season, taking a three-game series in Milwaukee to start the season and one game against Pittsburgh last night...after this series, their IL schedule is as follows: two vs. Cincinnati June 21-22, three at St. Louis July 30-August 1, two at Cincinnati August 3-4, three vs. Milwaukee August 27-29, two vs. Chicago-NL August 31-September 1 and two at Chicago-NL September 14-15.

- ☞ Twins are 235-211 all-time in IL Play, the fifth-most wins in baseball, trailing Boston (263-180), New York-AL (260-184), Los Angeles-AL (243-201) and Oakland (241-208).
- ☞ Josh Donaldson is hitting .313 (152-for-485) with 27 doubles, 31 home runs, 97 RBI, 98 runs scored and a .969 OPS in 131 career IL games...in his last 13 IL games, he is hitting .400 (16-for-40) with a 1.243 OPS, six doubles, three home runs and 13 RBI.
- ☞ Nelson Cruz is hitting .280 (196-for-700) with 30 doubles, 52 home runs, 146 RBI and a .912 OPS in 198 career Interleague games...among actives, he ranks third in homers (Pujols - 66, Cabrera - 57) and RBI (Pujols - 229, Cabrera - 200).

TWINS AND BUCS: The Twins are 23-14 all-time against the Pirates, going 2-4 at Three Rivers Stadium, 8-4 at the Metrodome, 8-4 at PNC Park and 5-2 at Target Field...the Twins have won seven of their last eight games vs. Pittsburgh, dating back to April of 2018.

- ☞ Outfielder Alex Kirilloff attended Plum High School in Pittsburgh, located approximately 18 miles east of PNC Park, and grew up a Pirates fan; his favorite player was Andrew McCutchen.
- ☞ Reliever Randy Dobnak grew up in South Park Township, approximately 14 miles south of PNC Park.

BRINGER OF OFFENSE: Josh Donaldson has hit safely in six of seven games he has played this season, hitting .476 (10-for-21) with one double, one home run, three RBI, two walks and a 1.188 OPS...in fact, in his last 22 games, dating back to September 8, 2020, he is hitting .313 (21-for-67) with five home runs, nine RBI, 12 walks, a .425 on-base percentage and a .992 OPS.

GRIDIRON GLORY: Director of Team Security and Football Coach at Minneapolis North Community High School, Charles Adams III, has been named Positive Coaching Alliance's 2021 Coach of the Year...out of over 600 nominations, Adams was one of 25 national recipients of the Double-Goal Coach® award presented by TeamSnap, named for coaches who strive to win while also pursuing the more important goal of teaching life lessons through sports...thanks to the generosity of the Taube Family Foundation, Adams will receive the \$10,000 Taube Family Prize in Recognition of Excellence in Coaching...\$2,500 will go directly to Adams and \$7,500 will go to the Minneapolis North Community High School Football Program...Adams and the other 24 National Winners, in addition to the 75 Regional Winners, were all recognized on Sunday, April 18th at PCA's first-ever virtual National Youth Sports Awards and Benefit.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1996, Greg Myers and Paul Molitor each recorded five RBI as the Twins set a team record for runs and beat the Detroit Tigers, 24-11...it was the highest run total against the Tigers in 84 years, matching the mark set in a 24-2 loss to the Philadelphia Athletics on May 18, 1912, in a game in which Detroit did not have its regulars due to a players strike...in 2018, Joe Mauer played in his 1,748th career game, passing Kent Hrbek and moving into sole possession of third on the Twins all-time list (since 1961).

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 win
Last 5 games	1-4
Last 10 games	2-8
Last 15 games	5-10
Last 20 games	--

TWINS VS. PIRATES

2021 Record:	1-0
Current Streak:	1 win
2021 at Home:	1-0
2021 at Pittsburgh:	
All-Time Record:	23-14
All-Time at Home:	13-6
All-Time at Pittsburgh:	10-8

2021 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
4/23	MIN	2-0	Happ/Brubaker/Rogers
4/24	MIN		1:10 pm (CT)
4/25	MIN		1:10 pm (CT)

CURRENT HOMESTAND (1-0)

Batting average	.179
Runs Per Game	2.0
Home Runs	2
RISP	.000
Errors	0
Team ERA	0.00
Starters W-L	1-0
Starters ERA	0.00
Relievers W-L-S	0-0-1
Relievers ERA	0.00
Saves/Opps	1/1

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

4/23	IF Sanó placed on 10-day IL
	IF Blankenhorn optioned to alternate site
	C Telis returned to alternate site
	IF Gordon recalled from alternate site
	IF Lin contract selected
	OF Kirilloff recalled from alternate site
4/21	IF Riddle placed on COVID IL
	C Telis contract selected
4/20	LHP Thorpe added as 27th man
	OF Garlick placed on COVID IL
	OF Kepler placed on COVID IL
	LHP Thielbar placed on COVID IL
	OF Rooker reinstated from 10-day IL
	IF Blankenhorn recalled from alternate site
	RHP Farrell contract selected

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Rocco Baldelli	144 wins	Needs 6 to reach 150 for career.
Alex Colomé	393 strikeouts	Needs 7 to reach 400 for career.
Nelson Cruz	423 home runs	Needs 1 to tie Edwin Encarnación (424) for 52nd on MLB's all-time list.
Mitch Garver	195 hits	Needs 5 to reach 200 for career.
Jorge Polanco	49 home runs	Needs 1 to reach 50 for career.

ALL-TIME HOME RUN LIST

47) Juan Gonzalez	434
Andrew Jones	434
49) Cal Ripken, Jr.	431
50) Mike Piazza	427
51) Billy Williams	426
52) Edwin Encarnación	424
53) Nelson Cruz	423



MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes categories like Most Runs, Game (Team), Most Hits, Game (Team), etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with 12 columns: Inning (1-9, XTRA, TOTAL) and 2 rows: OPPONENT, TWINS.

INJURED LIST

Table with 6 columns: PLAYER, INJURY, DATE ON, RETRO, DATE OFF, GAMES MISSED. Lists injured players like Edwar Colina, Josh Donaldson, etc.

BOLD indicates currently on IL

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Distance/Location. Lists longest home runs by players like Buxton, Garver, etc.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Velocity/Location. Lists highest exit velocities by players like Cruz, Buxton, etc.

EJECTIONS

Table with 5 columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Lists ejections from April 11 vs. Seattle.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 10 columns: Position (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH) and 16 rows of player starts.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with 9 columns: Batting Order (1-9) and 16 rows of player starts.

MOST USED LINEUP [2X]

Table with 2 columns: Player and Pos. Lists most used lineup combinations.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Assists. Lists outfield assists by players like Jake Cave, Luis Arraez, etc.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time) Grand Slam: N. Cruz, 4/5/21 at DET (1 as a team in 2021) Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 55 all-time) Pinch-Hit Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (2 as a team in 2019) Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: M. LeCroy, 9th inning, 5/19/04 at TOR (15 all-time) Five-Hit Game: C. Cron, 5/23/19 at LAA (3 in 2019) Six-Hit Game: K. Puckett, 5/23/91 vs. TEX (2 all-time, both Puckett) Two Hits, One Inning: N. Cruz, 8th inning, 8/20/19 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2019) Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, 8/23/09 at KC (1 all-time) Two-Home Run Game: N. Cruz, 4/5/21 at DET (1 as a team in 2021) Three-Home Run Game: N. Cruz, 8/3/19 vs. KC (3 as a team in 2019, 12 all-time) Back-to-Back Home Runs: E. Rosario/M. Sanó, 9/12/20 vs. CLE (3 as a team in '20) Three Consecutive Home Runs: N. Cruz/E. Rosario/C. Cron, 4/26/19 vs. BAL (1 in 2019) Three Home Runs, One Inning: C. Cron/J. Polanco/N. Cruz (2nd), 8/3/19 vs. KC (5 in 2019) Four Home Runs, One Inning: S. Mack/K. Puckett/K. Hrbek/H. Bush, 5/2/92 at NYY Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (1 as a team in 2019) Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (10 all-time) Leadoff Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/22/20 vs. DET (5 as a team in 2020) Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: J. Polanco/J. Donaldson, 9/4/20 vs. DET (G1) Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Last actual pitcher Jim Kaat, 6/11/72 at CLE; Chris Gimenez catcher pitching in relief, 9/3/18 at TEX

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time) Grand Slam: M. Olson, 4/20/21 at OAK, Game 1 (3 allowed as team in 2021) Inside-the-Park Home Run: A. Mondesi, 4/2/19 at KC (44 allowed all-time) Pinch-Hit Home Run: D. Smith, 7/17/19 vs. NYM (2 allowed in 2019) Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: J. Sands, 8/8/15 at CLE Five-Hit Game: D. Gregorius, 7/23/19 vs. NYY Six-Hit Game: J. Segura, 5/28/13 at MIL (3 allowed all-time) Two Hits, One Inning: V. Reyes, 3rd inning, 8/31/19 at DET (1 allowed in 2019) Two Home Runs, One Inning: D. Nilsson, 5/17/96 vs. MIL Two-Home Run Game: M. Olson, 4/21/21 at OAK (3 allowed in 2021) Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR Back-to-Back Home Runs: J. Upton/J. Walsh, 4/16/21 at LAA (1 allowed in 2021) Three Consecutive Home Runs: A. Jones/V. Castilla/J. Franco, 6/11/02 vs. ATL Three Home Runs, One Inning: N. Lopez/J. Soler/S. Perez, 8/8/20 at KC (2 in 2020) Four Home Runs, One Inning: C. Everett/T. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhart, 7/3/00 vs. BOS Walk-off Home Run: H. Ramirez, 8/1/19 at MIA (1 allowed in 2019) Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time) Leadoff Home Run: V. Reyes, 9/5/20 vs. DET (4 allowed in 2020) 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: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time) One-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time) Two-Hitter: E. Santana, 5/24/17 at BAL (43 all-time) 10+ Innings Pitched: B. Radke (10.0 innings), 9/21/97 vs. MIL 10+ Strikeouts: 12, J. Berrios, 4/5/21 at MIL (1 as a team in 2021) Complete Game Shutout: J. Berrios, 4/1/18 at BAL (1 as a team in 2018) Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Mays/C. Silva, 5/19-20/05 vs. TOR vs. MIL Back-to-Back Shutouts: 5/6/19 & 5/7/19 at TOR (2 games, 8-0 and 3-0) Four Strikeouts in an Inning: Z. Duke, 3/29/18 at BAL (7th inning) (4 times since 1961)

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):

No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time) One-Hitter: C. Kluber, 8/14/15 vs. CLE (23 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: 10, K. Hendricks, 9/18/20 at CHC (3 times in 2020, other 2 by S. Bieber) Complete Game Shutout: S. Manaea, 4/20/21 (G1) at OAK (1 time in 2021) Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, 5/1-2/12 at LAA Back-to-Back Shutouts: 4/20/21 Game 1 & 4/20/21 Game 2 at OAK (2 games, 7-0 and 1-0) Four Strikeouts in an Inning: F. Hernández, 6/3/10 vs. SEA (8th inning)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: M. Sanó/J. Schoop/C.J. Cron, 8/7/19 vs. ATL - T. Flowers hitting (14 all-time) Position Player Pitching: W. Astudillo, 4/16 at LAA (1 in 2021) Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adrianza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017) Steal of Home: C. Thomas, 8/3/13 vs. HOU Pure Steal of Home: R. Becker, 9/27/97 at CLE Home Run in First ML At-Bat: E. Rosario, 5/6/15 vs. OAK (1st PA, 1st pitch)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time) Position Player Pitching: H. Castro, 4/5/21 at DET (1 in 2021) Three or more Steals, One Game: W. Merrifield (3), 7/2/17 at KC (1 in 2017) Steal of Home: R. Davis, 8/1/18 vs. CLE Pure Steal of Home: S. Green, 5/26/00 vs. TEX Home Run in First ML At-Bat: C. Richard, 7/17/00 vs. STL

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

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

** Target Field has experienced 54 delayed games, 25 postponed games, 1 suspended game and 1 rain-shortened game in the park's history (since 2010). Longest delay: 4:50. **

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/G, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include APRIL (7-11), MAY, JUNE, and JULY.

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

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 0-4 in extra innings)

* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 2 in 2020)

- PPD game from April 12 vs. Boston ## - PPD game from April 19 at Oakland

HOME GAMES ROAD GAMES

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (1) Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Row: 4/15 vs. BOS, 4-3, Kepler singles in Arraez from second base with 1 out in bot 9

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (37) Table with columns: Pitchers (17) and Position Players (20). Lists names and positions for both groups.