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MINNESOTA TWINS (20-29) vs. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (23-25)

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021 - 7:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH PLUS / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Randy Dobnak (1-3, 5.75) vs. LHP Kris Bubic (0-0, 1.52)

GAME 50

HOME GAME 27

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics: Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, etc.

THE TWINS: Have gone 3-0 through three games on their current six-game, seven-day home-stand, sweeping the Orioles this week...

✦ Twins have won six of their last seven, seven of their last 10 and eight of their last 13... Twins are looking to win five straight for the first time since September 1-5, 2020 (also 5).

TWINS SWEEP UP THE BIRDS: The Twins beat the Orioles on Wednesday afternoon at Target Field by a score of 3-2, securing the three-game sweep, their first of the season...

TWINS AND ROYALS: The Twins and Royals are playing the fourth of 19 meetings in 2021... the Twins won their last series vs. the Royals from April 30-May 2 at Target Field...

✦ Josh Donaldson has reached base in each of his last 12 games vs. the Royals, hitting .333 (15-for-45) with a .423 on-base percentage in those 12.

✦ Miguel Sanó is hitting .346 (18-for-52) with five doubles, one triple, five home runs, 14 RBI, 10 walks and a 1.230 OPS in his last 16 games against the Royals.

✦ Twins relievers have posted a 1.42 ERA (12.2 IP, 2 ER) with a .167 opponent batting average over the three games vs. the Royals this season.

✦ Alex Kirilloff is 4-for-12 (.333) in three career games against Kansas City...all four of his career homers and nine of his 15 RBI have come against the Royals.

KING CRUZ, ROYALTY: Since joining the Twins in 2019, Nelson Cruz is hitting .370 (37-for-100) with seven doubles, 16 home runs, 38 RBI, a .467 on-base percentage, a .920 slugging percentage and a 1.387 OPS in 28 games vs. the Royals...

✦ Additionally, since the start of 2019, Cruz has hit .341 (145-for-425) with 21 doubles, 44 home runs, 110 RBI, 52 walks, a .706 slugging percentage and a 1.122 OPS in 114 games against the American League Central...here are his home runs and OPS by AL Central opponent in that span: CLE - 6 HR/.748 OPS, CWS - 13 HR/1.253 OPS, DET - 9 HR/1.044 OPS, KC - 16 HR/1.387 OPS.

HEATING UP: Twins have won six of their last seven games entering today...below are some offensive numbers (left) and pitching numbers (right) during the current stretch:

Table with columns: RUN DIFF, HR, R/G, RISP AVG, STAFF ERA, BAA, SP ERA, 'PEN ERA

MASH 22: Miguel Sanó has hit seven of his nine home runs in his last 13 games, since May 15... since that date, his seven home runs are tied with Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Austin Riley for most in baseball...

Table with columns: PLAYER, HR, PLAYER, HR listing career home runs for various players.

HOT ROB: Rob Refsnyder is hitting .400 (14-for-35) with three doubles, two home runs, seven RBI, three walks, eight runs scored, a .436 on-base percentage and a 1.093 OPS in 12 games since having his contract selected on May 15...

ROUND TRIPS: Twins have hit 68 home runs this season, third-most in the American League and sixth-most in baseball...they have homered in 12-straight home games, their longest streak since homering in 15 straight at Target Field from July 16-August 7, 2019...

THE LEFTORIUM: The Twins are facing a left-handed starter for the 17th time this season, going 6-10 in their previous 16 when a lefty starts...they faced 16 (9-7) lefties all of 2020 and 39 (22-17) in 2019...

✦ Kyle Garlick has hit .318 (14-for-44) with six doubles, two home runs, four RBI and an .917 OPS against left-handed pitching this season.

✦ Nelson Cruz is hitting .327 (16-for-49) with one double, three home runs, six RBI, two walks and a .896 OPS vs. lefties this season...since the start of last season, he is hitting .391 (36-for-92) with a 1.163 OPS vs. southpaws.

MEDICAL UPDATES: Right-handed pitcher Edwar Colina underwent arthroscopic debridement of his posterior elbow on Wednesday...right-handed pitcher Shaun Anderson (left quad strain) began his rehab assignment last night with the St. Paul Saints, who are at Iowa for the weekend.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1994, Dave Winfield hit his 3,054th career hit to surpass former Twin Rod Carew and move into 15th place (now 22nd place) on the all-time list...in 2019, Max Kepler was named AL Player of the Week for the second time in his career.

MINOR MATTER: Triple-A St. Paul beat the Iowa Cubs last night by a score of 4-2 last night in Des Moines...Twins fifth-ranked prospect, Joao Duran, made his second start, pitching 4.0 shutout innings with one hit allowed, two walks and eight strikeouts...seven of the eight strikeouts were swinging as he topped out on the radar gun at 101 mph...Duran now has 14 strikeouts in 7.0 innings this season.

STREAKS

Table listing current streaks: Current Streak (4 wins), Last 5 games (4-1), Last 10 games (7-3), Last 15 games (8-7), Last 20 games (9-11)

TWINS VS. ROYALS

Table listing series records: 2021 Record (2-1), Current Streak (1 win), 2021 at Home (2-1), 2021 at Kansas City (2-1), All-Time Record (425-397), All-Time at Home (228-181), All-Time at Kansas City (197-216)

2021 Game Logs:

Table listing game logs with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save

CURRENT HOMESTAND [3-0]

Table listing current homestand statistics: Batting average (.277), Runs Per Game (6.00), Home Runs (5), RISP (.381), Errors (2), Team ERA (2.33), Starters W-L (2-0), Starters ERA (1.53), Relievers W-L-S (1-0-2), Relievers ERA (3.86), Saves/Opps (2/2)

NELSON CRUZ - HR BY OPPONENT

Table listing Nelson Cruz's home runs by opponent: Los Angeles-AL (50), Oakland (37), Kansas City (31), Cleveland (26), Detroit (26)

AL LEADERS - AVG EXIT VELO SINCE 5/17

Table listing AL leaders in average exit velocity: Aaron Judge, NYY (99.3 mph), Vladimir Guerrero Jr., TOR (97.0 mph), Chad Pinder, OAK (96.9 mph), Adolis Garcia, TEX (96.1 mph), Mike Zunino, TB (96.0 mph), Kelvin Gutierrez, KC (95.5 mph), Mitch Garver, MIN (95.4 mph)

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing upcoming milestones for Nelson Cruz, Mitch Garver, Andrelton Simmons, and Miguel Sanó.

ALL-TIME HOME RUN LIST

Table listing all-time home run leaders: 45) Andre Dawson (438), 46) Carlos Beltrán (435), 47) Juan Gonzalez (434), Andrew Jones (434), 49) Cal Ripken Jr. (431), 50) Nelson Cruz (427), Mike Piazza (427)



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MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table listing various team and individual statistics such as Most Runs, Most Hits, Consecutive Hitting Streak, etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Table showing runs scored by inning for the opponent and the Twins.

INJURED LIST

Table listing injured players, their injuries, dates on and off the roster, and games missed.

BOLD indicates currently on IL

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table listing the longest home runs by player, including distance and date.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table listing the highest exit velocities for various players.

EJECTIONS

Table listing ejections by date, player/manager/coach, umpire, reason, and career count.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table showing the number of starts by position for each player.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table showing the number of starts by batting order for each player.

MOST USED LINEUP [2X]

Table showing the most used lineup for each position.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table listing outfield assists by player.

FASTEST PITCHES

Table listing the fastest pitches by player.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

Text detailing various milestones for the Twins, including hitting records, pitching records, and miscellaneous facts.

AGAINST THE TWINS

Text detailing various milestones against the Twins, including hitting records, pitching records, and miscellaneous facts.

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table listing weather delays and postponements for the 2021 season.

** Target Field has experienced 56 delayed games, 25 postponed games, 1 suspended game and 1 rain-shortened game in the park's history (since 2010). Longest delay: 4:50. **

