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'24 '87 '91

## MINNESOTA TWINS (69-85) vs. TORONTO BLUE JAYS (85-69)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 - 6:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP John Gant (5-9, 3.76) vs. LHP Robbie Ray (12-6, 2.72)

GAME 155

HOME GAME 77

### UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
9/26	vs. Toronto	RHP Griffin Jax (3-4, 6.75) vs. RHP Alek Manoah (7-2, 3.36)	1:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com
9/27	OFF DAY				

### SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	206-170
Home Record:	36-40
Road Record:	33-45
Record in series:	15-28-6
Record in home series:	8-15-1
Record in road series:	7-13-5
Series Openers:	23-27
Series Finales:	21-28
Rubber Games:	8-14
Sweeps/Swept:	4/6
April:	9-15
May:	13-16
June:	11-14
July:	11-16
August:	14-13
September/October:	11-11
Day Games:	27-40
Night Games:	42-45
vs. American League East:	13-18
vs. American League Central:	33-37
vs. American League West:	13-20
vs. National League:	10-10
Games vs. LH Starter:	18-34
Games vs. RH Starter:	51-51
Twins score first:	47-38
Opponent scores first:	22-47
Come-from-behind wins:	30
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	54-6/55-5
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	5-60/2-61
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	8-11/9-10
Extra-innings:	11-12
1-run games:	24-19
Twins out-hit opp.:	50-14
Opp. out-hit Twins:	13-63
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	6-8
Run Differential:	-101 (694-795)
Twins get Quality Start:	21-11
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	27-17
Most games over .500:	3, 4/8
Most games under .500:	20, 9/21
Longest win-streak:	5, 6/16-21
Longest losing-streak:	5, 3x, last 6/29-7/3
When Twins score 4+:	55-28
When Twins score 3-:	14-57
Twins get 10+ hits:	32-18
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	7
Days in Fourth Place:	72
Days in Fifth Place:	81
Walk-Off W/L:	9/8
Shutouts W/L:	8/7
Complete Games:	7/19 (G2) Berrios at CWS
Attendance High:	29,342, 8/28 vs. MIL
Attendance Total:	1,207,571
Attendance Average:	16,101
Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time:	8/181

**THE TWINS:** After completing their five-game, six-day roadtrip with a record of 3-2 (1-2 against Toronto and 2-0 against Chicago-NL), the Twins began their final homestand of 2021 with consecutive victories over Toronto the last two nights...tonight they will play the third of four with the Jays...they will conclude the series tomorrow afternoon, then enjoy an off-day on Monday and finish their home schedule with three against the Tigers from Tuesday-Thursday...the Twins have gone 36-40 at home this season and 33-45 on the road.

☞ Twins are looking to win their fifth-straight game tonight, which would match a season-long, previously done from June 16-21.

**TWINS TAKE TORONTO IN GAME TWO:** The Twins beat the Blue Jays last night at Target Field by a score of 3-1...Bailey Ober (3-3) was the starter and winner, allowing one run on four hits in 5.1 innings pitched, with no walks and six strikeouts...Jorge Alcala (0.2 IP), Juan Minaya (1.0 IP), Tyler Duffey (1.0 IP) and Alexander Colomé (1.0 IP) combined for 3.2 scoreless innings of relief...the offense recorded six hits, two from Luis Arraez, who hit his team-leading sixth triple of the season...Byron Buxton hit his 15th home run of the season, one shy of his career-high of 16, done in 2017.

**ROSTER MOVE:** The Twins have reinstated right-handed pitcher John Gant from the 10-day Injured List...Gant, who has missed the club's last 10 games with a left abdominal strain, has appeared in 37 games (19 starts) between the Twins and St. Louis this season, going 5-9, 3.76 ERA (103.0 IP, 43 ER), 67 walks and 88 strikeouts...to make room on the 28-man roster, the Twins have placed right-handed pitcher Joe Ryan on the Family Medical Emergency/Bereavement List...Ryan, 25, has made four starts for the Twins this season, going 2-1, 2.45 ERA (22.0 IP, 6 ER), three walks and 25 strikeouts.

**TWINS IMMORTALITY:** Today Justin Morneau will become the 34th member of the Twins Hall of Fame...Morneau played 14 seasons in the major leagues, including 11 with the Twins from 2003-13...he finished his Twins career hitting .278 (1318-for-4749) with 289 doubles, 16 triples, 221 home runs, 860 RBI, 669 runs scored and 501 walks in 1278 games...the 2006 AL Most Valuable Player hit at least 30 home runs thrice for the Twins and recorded at least 100 RBI in four seasons...as a member of the Twins, he was named to four-straight AL All-Star teams (2007-10) and earned two Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Awards (2006 & '08)...during his 2006 AL MVP campaign he helped lead the Twins to a record of 96-66 and their fourth-ever AL Central Division title...the New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada native was drafted by the Twins in the third round of the 1999 First-Year Player Draft and ranks second on the Twins all-time list in games played at first base, third in home runs, sixth in RBI, and eighth in hits and walks...below are some of his rankings on the Twins' all-time lists (since 1961):

GAMES	HITS	HOME RUNS	RBI	DOUBLES
Killebrew - 1,939	Puckett - 2,304	Killebrew - 475	Killebrew - 1,325	Mauer - 428
Mauer - 1,858	Mauer - 2,123	Hrbek - 293	Hrbek - 1,086	Puckett - 414
Puckett - 1,783	Carew - 2,085	Morneau - 221	Puckett - 1,085	Oliva - 329
Hrbek - 1,747	Oliva - 1,917	Oliva - 220	Oliva - 947	Hrbek - 312
Oliva - 1,676	Hrbek - 1,749	Hunter - 214	Mauer - 923	Carew - 305
Carew - 1,635	Killebrew - 1,713	Allison - 211	Morneau - 860	Morneau - 289
Hunter - 1,373	Hunter - 1,343	Puckett - 207	Hunter - 792	Hunter - 281
Gaetti - 1,361	Morneau - 1,318	Gaetti - 201	Gaetti - 758	Gaetti - 252
Morneau - 1,278	Gaetti - 1,276	Dozier - 167	Carew - 733	Cuddyer - 239
Allison - 1,236	Knoblauch - 1,197	Brunansky - 163	Allison - 642	Killebrew - 232

**TWINS AND JAYS:** The Twins are playing the sixth of seven games vs. the Blue Jays this season...the Twins have gone just 29-44 vs. the Jays since 2010, but have gone 11-5 in their last 16, dating back to May 2, 2018.

☞ Byron Buxton is hitting .324 (24-for-74) with seven doubles, six home runs, 15 RBI and a 1.037 OPS in 19 career games vs. the Jays.

☞ Jorge Polanco is hitting .314 (32-for-102) with eight doubles, four home runs, 12 RBI, 12 walks, a .386 on-base percentage and an .896 OPS in 26 career games against the Jays.

**POWER PLAYS:** The Twins enter tonight fourth in baseball in home runs with 217...since the start of 2019, they have hit 615, the most in baseball...below are where the Twins and Blue Jays rank this season (left), where they rank since the start of 2019 (center) and the team percentage of hits that have been home runs in 2021 (right):

TEAM	HR	TEAM	HR	TEAM	% HITS AS HR
Toronto	243	Minnesota	615	Atlanta	18.6%
San Francisco	234	New York-AL	611	San Francisco	18.1%
Atlanta	230	Los Angeles-NL	610	Toronto	17.7%
Minnesota	217	Atlanta	582	Minnesota	17.4%
Los Angeles-NL	213	Toronto	578	New York-AL	17.4%

**HBD, ROCCO!** Twins manager Rocco Baldelli turns 40 today and Triple-A St. Paul catcher Ben Rortvedt turns 24...they share a birthday with Hall of Famer Phil Rizzuto (born 1917), former Twins coach Johnny Sain (born 1917), actors Michael Douglas (born 1944) and Wil Smith (born 1968), and poet and author Shel Silverstein (born 1930), among others...the Twins lost to the Red Sox on Rocco's birthday last season by a score of 7-2.

☞ The Twins are 13-13 all-time when playing on their manager's birthday (1961-present)...this includes 3-2 in the last five instances (Baldelli and Molitor) and 7-4 in the last 11 (since 1993, Baldelli, Molitor and Kelly).

**ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY:** In 1965, Jim "Mudcat" Grant threw a complete-game one-hitter, as the Twins defeated the Senators in the first game of a doubleheader...the win marked Grant's 20th of the season, becoming the first African-American pitcher in the American League to win 20 games in a season...in 1985, Bert Blyleven led the Twins to a 5-1 win in Texas, the 2,000th win in Minnesota history.

### MINORS MATTER:

☞ Double-A Wichita was swept in three games in their championship series last night by Northwest Arkansas, losing the final game by a score of 6-2...Austin Schuler was the starter and loser for the Wind Surge, allowing five runs (4 earned) on five hits in 4.0 innings pitched...Jermaine Palacios hit his second home run of the series...this season marked the first time Wichita has been affiliated with the Twins.

☞ Single-A Cedar Rapids beat Quad Cities on Friday night in game three of the HACL Championship Series by a score of 8-4...Casey Legumina was the starter, allowing one run on five hits in 2.0 innings pitched...the offense recorded four home runs, two from Edouard Julien and one a piece from Alex Isola and DaShawn Keirse...game four in the best-of-five series is tonight at 6:30 p.m. (CT) at Quad Cities, as Sawyer Gipson-Long gets the start for the Kernels...Cedar Rapids is up 2-1 in the series.

### STREAKS

Current Streak	4 wins
Last 5 games	4-1
Last 10 games	6-4
Last 15 games	7-8
Last 20 games	11-9

### TWINS VS. BLUE JAYS

2021 Record:	3-2
Current Streak:	2 wins
2021 at Home:	2-0
2021 at Toronto:	1-2
All-Time Record:	176-225
All-Time at Home:	96-107
All-Time at Toronto:	80-118

### 2021 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
9/17	TOR	7-3	Pineda/Ryu
9/18	TOR	2-6	Matz/Ober
9/19	TOR	3-5	Berrios/Farrell/Romano
9/23	MIN	7-2	Pineda/Hatch/Garza Jr.
9/24	MIN	3-1	Ober/Berrios/Colomé
9/25	MIN		6:10 pm (CT)
9/26	MIN		1:10 pm (CT)

### CURRENT HOMESTAND [2-0]

Batting average	.302
Runs Per Game	5.0
Home Runs	2
RISP	.250
Errors	1

Team ERA	1.50
Starters W-L	2-0
Starters ERA	2.61
Relievers W-L-S	0-0-2
Relievers ERA	0.00
Saves/Opps	2/2

### MLB TEAM AVG EXIT VELOCITY LEADERS

Toronto	90.3 mph
Minnesota	89.8 mph
New York-AL	89.8 mph
Boston	89.8 mph
Houston	89.5 mph

### AL OPS LEADERS SINCE JULY 1

José Ramírez, CLE	.927
Lourdes Gurriel Jr., TOR	.924
Teoscar Hernández, TOR	.921
Vladimir Guerrero Jr., TOR	.919
Jorge Polanco, MIN	.914

### AL XBH LEADERS SINCE AUGUST 1

Marcus Semien, TOR	.31
Jorge Polanco, MIN	.30
Yordan Alvarez, HOU	.29

### RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/25	RHP Gant reinstated from 10-day IL
	RHP Ryan placed on Family Medical Emergency/Bereavement List
9/21	SS Simmons reinstated from Res. List
	C Garver returned from rehab assign. and reinstated from 10-day IL
	IF Maggi optioned to AAA
	C Rortvedt optioned to AAA
	LHP Thorpe transferred to 60-day IL
9/18	OF Refsnyder placed on 10-day IL
	IF Maggi contract selected from AAA
	LHP Rogers transferred to 60-day IL
9/17	OF Rooker reinstated from Pat. List
	RHP Vincent contract selected from AAA
	SS Simmons placed on Restricted List
	LHP Albers optioned to AAA

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### UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MANAGER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Byron Buxton	95 doubles	Needs 5 to reach 100 for career.
Josh Donaldson	249 home runs	Needs 1 to reach 250 for career.
Max Kepler	120 home runs	Needs 12 to tie Jacque Jones (132) for 14th on the Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Miguel Sanó	160 home runs	Needs 3 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Andrelton Simmons	493 runs scored	Needs 7 to reach 500 for career.





MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

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

LONGEST HOME RUNS table with 2 columns: Player and Distance/Location.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY table with 2 columns: Player and Velocity/Location.

SCORE BY INNING

Score by Inning table with columns: Inning (1-9, XTRA, TOTAL) and Opponent (Twins).

INJURED LIST

Injured List table with columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed.

STARTS BY POSITION table with columns: Player and positions C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER table with columns: Player and batting order 1-9.

MOST USED LINEUP (3X) table with columns: Player, Pos.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS table with columns: Player and Assists.

FASTEST PITCHES table with columns: Player and Pitch Speed/Context.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time)
Grand Slam: R. Jeffers, 7/28/21 vs. DET (4 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: B. Buxton, 4/27/21 at CLE (1 in 2021)
Six-Hit Game: K. Puckett, 5/23/91 vs. TEX (2 all-time, both Puckett)
Two Hits, One Inning: M. Sanó, 4th inning, 7/28/21 vs. DET (2 as a team in 2021)
Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, 8/23/09 at KC (1 all-time)
Two-Home Run Game: M. Kepler, 9/22/21 at CHC (15 as team in 2021)
Three-Home Run Game: M. Sanó, 5/18/21 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2021, 13 all-time)
Back-to-Back Home Runs: B. Buxton/J. Polanco, 9/11/21 vs. KC (5 as team in 2021)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: J. Polanco/J. Donaldson/M. Sanó, 9/17/21 at TOR (1 in 2021)
Three Home Runs, One Inning: J. Polanco/J. Donaldson/M. Sanó, 9/17/21 at TOR (2 in 2021)
Four Home Runs, One Inning: M. Sanó/R. Jeffers/M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/28/21 vs. DET (1 in 2021)
Walk-Off Home Run: J. Polanco, 7/11/21 vs. DET (3 as a team in 2021)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (10 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/10/21 vs. KC (7 as a team in 2021)
Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/25/21 vs. LAA (2 as team in 2021)
Three Consecutive Home Runs to Start Game: B. Buxton/J. Donaldson/N. Cruz, 4/28/21 at CLE
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
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: 11, Ryan, 9/22/21 at CHC (6 as 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: 9/7/21 and 9/8/21 at CLE (2 games, 3-0 and 3-0)
Four Strikeouts in an Inning: Z. Duke, 3/29/18 at BAL (7th inning) (4 times since 1961)
MISCELLANEOUS:
Triple Play: M. Sanó/A. Simmons/N. Gordon, 6/6/21 at KC - N. Lopez hitting (15 all-time)
Position Player Pitching: W. Astudillo, 8/26/21 at BOS (4 in 2021)
Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adriansa (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)

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time)
Grand Slam: E. Haase, 7/27/21 vs. DET (6 allowed as team in 2021)
Inside-the-Park Home Run: K. Kiermaier, 8/13/21 vs. TB (45 allowed all-time)
Pinch-Hit Home Run: R. Grossman, 7/26/21 vs. DET (3 allowed in 2021)
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: W. Merrifield, 1st inning, 6/4/21 at KC (2 allowed in 2021)
Two Home Runs, One Inning: D. Nilsson, 5/17/96 vs. MIL
Two-Home Run Game: Y. Grandal, 6/30/21 at CWS (8 allowed in 2021)
Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR
Back-to-Back Home Runs: Y. Diaz/J. Luplow, 9/4/21 at TB (9 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: G. Sheets, 7/19/21 G2 at CWS (3 allowed in 2021)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: R. Grossman, 7/17/21 G1 at DET (5 allowed in 2021)
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: 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: 13, P. Sandoval, 7/24/21 vs. LAA (3 times in 2021)
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: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time)
Position Player Pitching: J. Luplow, 8/14/21 vs. TB (2 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 dates and reasons for game delays.

\*\* Target Field has experienced 57 delayed games, 26 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/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sections for APRIL (9-15), MAY (13-16), JUNE (11-14), and JULY (11-16).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sections for JULY (11-16), AUGUST (14-13), SEPT/OCT (11-11), and 2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [9].

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 11-12 in extra innings)
\* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 8 in 2021)
# - PPD game from April 12 vs. BOS
## - PPD game from April 19 at OAK
### - PPD games from April 17 & 18 at LAA
#### - PPD game from May 9 at DET
##### - PPD game from June 26 vs. CLE
##### - PPD game from June 28 at CWS
##### - PPD game from July 16 at DET
##### - PPD game from August 22 at NYY

EJECTIONS table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Lists ejections for Matt Shoemaker, Tyler Duffey, Jim Reynolds, Rocco Baldelli, Edgar Varela, and Jeff Nelson.

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [9] table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Lists walk-off hits by Kepler, Polanco, Cruz, and Stashak.

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [59] table with columns: Pitchers (34) and Position Players (25). Lists names and roles of current roster members.