Twins, Portland tie in 7-inning exhibition

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Portland, Ore.
Dave Winfield hit a first-inning home run and the Twins played to a 2-2 seven-inning tie in an exhibition game against the Portland Beavers, their Class AAA club, before 10,010 fans at Civic Stadium on Thursday night.

The Twins played the Beavers on an off day while making a stopover on the way to Seattle for a three-game series with the Mariners. They will head to Anaheim to face the California Angels after leaving Seattle.

Winfield's homer, a two-run shot, came off the first pitch to him from Portland starter Carlos Pulido in the first inning.

The blast came after Shane Mack had reached base on a fielder's choice. But the five Portland pitchers that followed combined to shut out the Twins on three hits the rest of the way.

The Twins brought in righthander Eddie Guardado from Class AA Nashville to start and he gave up five hits over four innings, walking one and striking out four.

Guardado allowed a run in the first inning after a double to Chip Hale and a triple to David McCarty.

Derek Parks hit a solo homer off Guardado in the fourth to tie the score 2-2.

McCarty had a solid game, legging out a double in the fifth inning and



going 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Carl Willis also saw action for the Twins as he continued his rehabilita-tion from shoulder and arm problems, giving up two hits over two

George Tsamis pitched the last inning for the Twins.

Twins linescore

Twins 2, Portland 2, 7 innings

Twins and Beavers call it a draw



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