

Twins visit Fort Wayne's world

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Fort Wayne, Ind.
The Twins collected 13 hits Thursday, including two-run homers by Derek Parks and Jeff Reboulet, in an 8-4 exhibition victory over the Fort Wayne Wizards, their Class A Midwest League affiliate.

Shane Mack continued his hot hitting since coming off the disabled list, knocking two 400-foot triples off the center field wall.

The Wizards scored a run off Carlos Pulido in the first and finished the seven-inning game with nine hits off Pulido and minor leaguers Dan Naulty and Rich Garces.

"We got some guys who can swing the bat, and I know they were pumped up to play," said Wizards manager Jim Dwyer, a former Twin.

Twins' linescore

Twins 8, Fort Wayne 4

AT FORT WAYNE, IND.

Twins	030	203	0-8	13	1
Fort Wayne	100	210	0-4	9	2
Pulido, Naulty (3), Garces (6) and Parks, Reboulet; Henry, DeJesus (5), Miller (6), DeBrino (7) and Stricklin, G. Jones (6). W—Garces. L—Henry. HR—Twins: Parks, Reboulet; Fort Wayne: Radmanovich. A—5,749.					

"I was just hoping we'd play good defense against these guys, and we did."

Parks' homer off Class AA pitcher Jon Henry in the second inning put the Twins on top 2-1. Chuck Knoblauch singled home Pat Meares later in the second to make it 3-1. Reboulet homered off Henry with Meares aboard in the fourth to make it 5-1.

"I really needed these at-bats," said Mack, who went 4-for-5 in Milwaukee this week after being activated from the disabled list.

"I feel good. I worked hard and swung the bat well all spring. I just couldn't throw. My arm's starting to stretch out a lot more. [Trainer] Dick Martin has me on a good program, strengthening and a lot of stretching, and that's really seemed to work out the scar tissue on my arm."

The Twins were impressed with \$6 million Memorial Stadium, completed in 1993, just in time for the relocation of the franchise from Kenosha, Wis.

Knoblauch, who played in Kenosha, said, "This is a lot different. This is great. Kenosha was fine at the time, but if you've got a place like this, you've got to be happy about it. These guys probably don't realize how good they have it, because there's not a whole lot of minor league parks or stadiums that are like this."

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