



WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS '69 '70 '87 '91

CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS '02 '03 '04 '06 '07 '09 '10 '19 '20 '23

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

WORLD CHAMPIONS '24 '87 '91

**MINNESOTA TWINS vs. MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 – 6:05 PM (ET) – RADIO: TIBN, THE WOLF, WCCO // TV: NONE**

**RHP Chris Paddack vs. RHP Nick Argento**

**Spring Game 1**

**Spring Home Game 1**

**UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPP.	PITCHERS	TIME	RADIO / TV
2/24	PIT	RHP Louie Varland vs. LHP Bailey Falter	1:05 pm (ET)	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
2/25	at BOS	RHP Bailey Ober vs. TBA	1:05 pm (ET)	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
2/26	at NYY	RHP Simeon Woods Richardson vs. TBA	1:05 pm (ET)	None / None
2/27	PHI	TBA vs. TBA	1:05 pm (ET)	TIBN / None

**TODAY'S PITCHERS**

**Twins:** Chris Paddack (R), Griffin Jax (R), Brent Headrick (L), Beau Burrows (R), Austin Schuler (R), Michael Boyle (R)  
**Gophers:** Nick Argento (R)

**TOMORROW'S PITCHERS**

**Twins:** Louie Varland (R), Caleb Thielbar (L), Jorge Alcala (R), Zack Weiss (R), Daniel Duarte (R), Jeff Brigham (R), Justin Topa (R)  
**Pirates:** Bailey Falter (L), Jared Jones (R), Michael Passmeyer (L), Josh Fleming (L), Jose Hernandez (L), Kyle Nicolas (R), Hunter Stratton (R)

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

**59 active players in camp (19 non-roster):**  
31 pitchers (9 non-roster)  
7 catchers (4 non-roster)  
12 infielders (4 non-roster)  
7 outfielders (1 non-roster)  
2 utility (1 non-roster)

**TWINS AT A GLANCE**

Spring Record: .....  
Home Record: .....  
Road Record: .....  
vs. AL Teams: .....  
vs. NL Teams: .....  
When Twins score first: .....  
When opponent scores first: .....  
Most 6L games over .500: .....  
Most 6L games under .500: .....  
Longest winning-streak: .....  
Longest losing-streak: .....  
Team-high hits: .....  
Team-high runs: .....  
Opponent-high hits: .....  
Opponent-high runs: .....

**RECENT SPRING INFO**

YEAR	ATTENDANCE (DATES)	RECORD
2012	117,503 (16)	18-15
2013	113,845 (17)	17-16
2014	107,806 (14)	9-16-3
2015	123,994 (16)	13-16-3
2016	121,005 (15)	19-11-2
2017	108,365 (15)	17-13-3
2018	115,147 (16)	14-14-3
2019	121,798 (18)	14-13-3
2020	69,998 (9)	7-9-4
2021	34,586 (14)	11-15-2
2022	45,055 (9)	9-10
2023	98,318 (16)	13-15-3
2024	--	--

**DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY**

**34** THURSDAY, MARCH 28 at KC

**SPRING CHICKENS:** Tonight the Twins will play the first of 35 scheduled spring training games...19 games will be played at the Lee Health Sports Complex and 16 games will be played on the road...this spring, the Twins will be playing just three scheduled night games: tonight against the Golden Gophers, March 15 at Boston (JetBlue Park) and March 23 at Boston (JetBlue Park).  
⌘ Last season the Twins went 14-15-3 in Grapefruit League play, going 8-6 at home and 6-9 on the road.

**FORT MYERS IS TWINS TERRITORY:** 2024 marks the Twins' 34th spring training season in Lee County...over 33 years, the Twins have drawn a total of 3,331,268 fans over 491 dates (total does not include 17 replacement games in 1995-49,240 fans)...they have an overall spring training record (since 1961) of 882-875-32...their top three spring win totals are: 20-12 in 2011, 20-11 in 2004 and 21-10 in 1991...last season, the Twins drew 98,318 fans through 16 dates for an average of 6,145 per opening.

**GOPHER STATE OF MIND:** The Twins last faced the University of Minnesota to begin the 2020 exhibition season as the Twins won 16-0 (Dobnak over Schoeberl)...149 different Gophers have been drafted by a major league team while 28 have reached the major leagues...14 Gophers have appeared in a game for the Twins (Paul Giel, Jerry Kindall, George Thomas, Fred Bruckbauer, Dave Winfield, Paul Molitor, Terry Steinbach, Greg Olson, Denny Neagle, J.T. Bruett, Brent Gates, Brian Raabe, Glen Perkins, Brock De Vries).  
⌘ This marks the fourth time the Twins have hosted the Gophers since 2006...Twins beat the Gophers by a score of 3-1 in 2015 as Paul Molitor made his managerial debut...they won by scores of 2-1 in 2018 and 16-0 in 2020.

⌘ Gopher coach John Anderson, will be managing his 43rd and final season in 2024...under his leadership, the Gophers have won 11 regular season BIG TEN championships, 10 BIG TEN tournament championships and made 19 appearances in the NCAA tournament...in honor of John's retirement, the Twins are donating \$20,000 to the University of Minnesota.

**2023 RECAP:** The Twins finished the 2023 season with a record of 87-75 and won the AL Central by 9.0 games up on the Detroit Tigers...they went on to sweep the Blue Jays at Target Field in two games during the AL Wild Card Series, winning Game 1 by a score of 3-1 and Game 2 by a score of 2-0...they advanced to the AL Division Series and played the Astros, losing three games to one, winning just Game 2 at Minute Maid Park...Minnesota spent 176 days in first place of the division...Target Field drew 1,974,124 in attendance in its 14th season.

**THERE'S A "NEW" SHERIFF IN TOWN:** Chris Paddack is making his first career spring training appearance in a Twins uniform today...Paddack never appeared in 2022 spring training with Minnesota because he was acquired via trade with San Diego the night before Opening Day...in 2023 spring training, he was recovering from Tommy John surgery on his right elbow...after rehabbing most of the 2023 season, he made his return on September 24 vs. Los Angeles-AL; he exited the bullpen and as he was approaching the infield dirt, the umpires called for the tarp and a 50-minute rain delay transpired...Paddack went straight to the dugout and did not pitch in the game but was officially in the boxscore...he made two more official regular season appearance then made two appearances in relief during the Postseason.

DATE	TEAM	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	vs. U of M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>SPRING TOTALS</b>		<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**TWINS BASEBALL, SIGHTS AND SOUNDS:** Bally Sports North will telecast eight Twins Grapefruit League games, all of which will also be streamed live on the Bally Sports app...there will be 20 audio broadcasts produced by the Treasure Island Baseball Network; 14 will be carried in the Twin Cities on News Talk 830 WCCO (and simulcast on 102.9 The Wolf), while all 20 will be streamed, live and free of charge, via the Audacy app, smart speakers and website within a geofence that expands across the Upper Midwest.

⌘ The Bally Sports North (BSN) eight-game broadcast schedule will consist of three contests called by new television play-by-play voice Cory Provus, who begins his 13th season in a Twins broadcast booth, alongside Twins Hall of Famer Justin Morneau and Twins Special Assistant LaTroy Hawkins; two simulcasts featuring a combination of BSN cameras, graphics and replays, accompanied by analysis and play-by-play from the new primary voice of the Treasure Island Baseball Network, Kris Atteberry, and Twins Hall of Famer Dan Gladden; and three simulcasts of the opponents' broadcast feed (Thursday, March 12 at Detroit; Wednesday, March 13 at Tampa Bay; and Monday, March 25 at Atlanta).  
⌘ The Treasure Island Baseball Network's 20 games will feature a combination of Atteberry, who enters his 18th season with the Twins and first as the primary play-by-play talent, and Gladden, who enters his 26th year in the Twins radio booth.

**ROCCO BAL:** This season marks Rocco Baldelli's sixth as the Twins' manager...he will enter the regular season with a career managerial record of 375-333 and three division titles (2019, '20 and '23)...Baldelli is one of five managers in team history (since 1961) with 350 victories, joining Tom Kelly (1,140), Ron Gardenhire (1,068), Sam Mele (522) and Gene Mauch (378).

⌘ Rocco's coaching staff for 2024 includes: first base/catching coach Hank Conger, quality control coach Nate Dammann, assistant bench coach Tony Diaz, hitting coach Rudy Hernandez, pitching coach Pete Maki, bullpen coach Colby Suggs, hitting coach David Popkins, assistant pitching coach Luis Ramirez, assistant hitting coach Derek Shoman, bench coach Jayce Tingler and third base/outfield coach Tommy Watkins - all returning from 2023, marking the first time in Rocco's tenure that the entire coaching staff remains exactly the same entering a new season.

**NEW JAX CITY:** Griffin Jax is scheduled to pitch tonight and 2024 marks his fifth career spring training, all with the Twins...Jax made the Twins Opening Day roster in 2023 for the first time in his career...he held right-handed batters to a .228 batting average with a .599 OPS, compared to a .238 batting average and a .697 OPS vs. left-handed batters...he led the Twins and tied for ninth in AL in holds (23)...he set career highs in games (71) and holds (23).

**FIRST-TIME CAMPERS:** The following players are full participants in major league camp with the Twins for the first time: 12 pitchers: Matt Bowman, Jeff Brigham, Anthony DeSclafani, Daniel Duarte, David Festa, Kody Funderburk, Jay Jackson, Ryan Jensen, Steven Okert, Josh Staumont, Justin Topa and Zack Weiss...three catchers: Alex Isola, Brian O'Keefe and Pat Winkel...three infielders: Anthony Prato, Carlos Santana and Yunior Severino...two outfielders: DaShawn Keirsejy Jr. and Emmanuel Rodriguez.

**RIP TO BURNSVILLE'S FINEST:** Burnsville, Minnesota police officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge, and firefighter/paramedic Adam Finseth were tragically killed during a house call in Burnsville, MN early on Sunday morning (Feb. 18)...the Twins will recognize those three heroes in a special pregame ceremony tonight which will include a moment of silence...information about the fund for the first responders' families and how to donate can be found at [lels.org/benevolent-fund](https://lels.org/benevolent-fund).

**2024 SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS**

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATTENDANCE	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATTENDANCE
2/23	U of Minnesota	6:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf	3/12	at Detroit	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
2/24	Pittsburgh	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf	3/13	St. Louis (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN
2/25	at Boston	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf		at Tampa Bay (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
2/26	at New York-AL	1:05 pm (ET)					3/14	Toronto	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN
2/27	Philadelphia	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN	3/15	at Boston	6:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
2/28	Baltimore	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN	3/16	Tampa Bay (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
2/29	at Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)						Tampa Bay	4:05 pm (ET)				
3/1	Boston	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf	3/17	at Toronto	1:07 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/2	at Philadelphia	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf	3/18	Boston	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	TIBN
3/3	Tampa Bay	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf	3/19	OFF DAY					
3/4	Atlanta (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN	3/20	Detroit	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
	at Baltimore (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)					3/21	at Washington	1:05 pm (ET)				
3/5	at St. Louis	1:05 pm (ET)					3/22	Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/6	Boston	1:05 pm (ET)						at Tampa Bay	1:05 pm (ET)				
3/7	OFF DAY						3/23	at Boston	6:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/8	at Pittsburgh	1:05 pm (ET)					3/24	Baltimore	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/9	New York-AL	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf	3/25	at Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
3/10	Washington	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf	3/26	Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)				
3/11	at Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)											

Bold - Denotes Home Game | \* - Denotes Sellout | ^ - Rain Shortened

