



**MINNESOTA TWINS (6-13-3) vs. TAMPA BAY RAYS (7-11-2)**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 – 1:05 PM (ET) – RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF // TV: BSN**

**RHP Pablo López vs. RHP Ryan Pepiot**

**Spring Game 23**

**Spring Home Game 12**

**UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPP.	PITCHERS	TIME (ET)	RADIO / TV
	vs. TB	Spring Breakout - Prospect Game - RHP D. Festa vs. TBA	30 mins after final out	None / BSN
3/17	at TOR	RHP Jorge Alcalá vs. RHP Yariel Rodríguez	1:07 pm	None / None
3/18	vs. BOS	RHP Joe Ryan vs. TBA	1:05 pm	BSN / TIBN
3/19		OFF DAY		

**TODAY'S PITCHERS**

**Twins:** Pablo López (R), Cole Sands (R), Steven Okert (L), Josh Staumont (R)  
**Rays:** Ryan Pepiot (R), Garrett Cleavinger (L), Erik Armstrong (R), Kevin Kelly (R), Manuel Rodríguez (R), Joe Record (R)

**TOMORROW'S PITCHERS**

**Twins:** Jorge Alcalá (R), Kody Funderburk (L), Daniel Duarte (R), Caleb Boushley (R)  
**Blue Jays:** Yariel Rodríguez (R), Mitch White (R), Erik Swanson (R), Tim Mayza (L), Nate Pearson (R), Mason Fluharty (L)

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

**44 players in camp (10 non-roster):**  
22 pitchers (4 non-roster)  
4 catchers (2 non-roster)  
9 infielders (3 non-roster)  
6 outfielders (0 non-roster)  
2 utility (1 non-roster)  
1 60-day Injured List

**TWINS AT A GLANCE**

**Spring Record:** ..... 6-13-3  
**Home Record:** ..... 5-3-3  
**Road Record:** ..... 1-10-0  
**vs. AL Teams:** ..... 4-7-0  
**vs. NL Teams:** ..... 2-6-2  
**When Twins score first:** ..... 3-5-0  
**When opponent scores first:** ..... 3-9-3  
**Most 6L games over .500:** ..... 1, 2/25  
**Most 6L games under .500:** ..... 7, 3/16  
**Longest winning-streak:** ..... 2, 3/4  
**Longest losing-streak:** ..... 3, 3/10-12  
**Team-high hits:** ..... 19, 3/9 vs. NYY  
**Team-high runs:** ..... 10, 3/9 vs. NYY  
**Opponent-high hits:** ..... 17, 2/28 vs. BAL  
**Opponent-high runs:** ..... 12, 2/28 vs. BAL

**THE TWINS:** Today the Twins will play the 23rd of 35 scheduled Grapefruit League games (unofficially opened the spring schedule against the University of Minnesota on February 23)...six more games will be played at Lee Health Sports Complex and five games will be played on the road...this afternoon, the Twins will welcome the Rays for a 1:05 pm (ET) game, which will be followed by the Spring Breakout prospect game between the two clubs, which will begin approximately 30 minutes after final out of the major league game.

☞ The Twins are seeking their first Grapefruit League win since a 10-7 victory on Saturday vs. the Yankees at Lee Health Sports Complex...they have gone 0-6-1 since.

**THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT:** The Twins will host one of Major League Baseball's inaugural "Spring Breakout" prospect games after today's game, approximately 30 minutes after the final out of the Twins-Rays...the club will be managed by High-A Cedar Rapids manager Brian Dinkelman, while Toby Gardenhire (bench coach) and the rest of his Triple-A St. Paul coaches (Tyler Smarslok - defense, Peter Larson - pitching, Dan Urbina - pitching, Shawn Schlechter - hitting) will round out the staff...players scheduled to play in the game are:

☞ Pitchers: Alejandro Crisostomo, David Festa, A.J. Labas, Cody Laweryson, Juan Mendez, Jackson Noble, Marco Raya, Miguel Rodriguez, Charlee Soto  
☞ Catchers: Noah Cardenas, Andrew Cossetti, Ricardo Olivar  
☞ Infielders: Danny De Andrade, Luke Keaschall, Brooks Lee, Austin Martin, Jose Salas, Tanner Schobel, Yunior Severino, Brandon Winokur  
☞ Outfielders: Gabriel Gonzalez, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Kala'i Rosario  
☞ Utility: Ben Ross

**TWINS DROP ANOTHER DOWN THE ROAD:** The Twins lost to the Red Sox last night at JetBlue Park by a score of 8-5, despite a five-run sixth inning, which closed a 5-0 Red Sox lead...Jordan Balazovic was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing two runs on three hits in 1.1 innings pitched, with two walks and no strikeouts...Brock Stewart pitched 1.0 scoreless inning of relief, with one hit allowed...the offense recorded 11 hits, two from both Brooks Lee and Alex Kirilloff...Kirilloff hit a solo home run in the sixth inning while Christian Vázquez also added a home run with a solo shot in the sixth inning.

**THE KNUTSON CUP:** The Twins are playing Elvis Martinez's Rays today for the third of four matchups this spring...Minnesota has gone 0-1-1 against Tampa Bay this spring, tying 4-4 on March 3 at Lee Health Sports Complex and losing 4-3 on Wednesday (split squad) in Port Charlotte...after today's game, the Twins will travel to Port Charlotte to play the Rays one more time, next Friday, March 22 - split squad...Minnesota took the edge last spring, taking three of the five games between these two...during the 2024 regular season, Minnesota will host Tampa for a three-game series at Target Field from June 18-20 and the Twins will travel to St. Petersburg for four games from September 2-5 at the Trop.

**LIFE OF PABLO:** Pablo López is making his fourth spring start today...the 2023 and soon-to-be 2024 Twins Opening Day starter went 11-8, 3.66 ERA (194.0 IP, 79 ER) with 48 walks, 234 strikeouts and a 1.15 WHIP in 32 starts for Minnesota in 2023, after being acquired from Miami last January...set career highs in wins (11), innings pitched (194.2), quality starts (20), strikeouts (234), strikeouts-per-9.0 innings pitched (10.9), strikeouts-per-walk (4.9) and tied career-high in starts (32)...his 234 strikeouts matched Dean Chance's 1968 total for seventh most in club history and were the most since Johan Santana struck out 235 in 2007...also finished fifth in the AL in innings pitched (194.0) and ninth in all of baseball...ranked 11th in the AL in ERA (3.66) and opponent batting average (.238), tied for third in the AL in quality starts (20) and tied for fifth in baseball; also finished ninth in the AL in WHIP (1.15)...went 2-0, 0.71 ERA (12.2 IP, 1 ER) with three walks and 10 strikeouts in two Postseason starts for the Twins, leading the club to its first playoff win in 19 years...won the Mike Augustin "Media Good Guy" Award and Carl R. Pohlad Outstanding Community Service Award, voted on by the Twin Cities chapter of the BBWAA and by the Twins Community Fund Board of Directors.

DATE	TEAM	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
2/28	vs. BAL	L1	2.0	3	2	2	1	0	2	
3/4	vs. ATL	ND	3.0	4	2	2	1	2	3	
3/10	vs. WAS	L2	4.0	5	4	3	0	0	3	
<b>SPRING TOTALS</b>		<b>0-2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.324 BAA / 1.56 WHIP</b>

**STAUMONT STUFF:** Josh Staumont is in his first spring training with the Twins after signing a one-year contract on December 27, 2023...he spent his previous seven spring trainings with Kansas City, from 2017-23...he made 21 appearances for Kansas City last season and four for Triple-A Omaha, missing most of the second half with a neck strain...during his time with KC, he held left-handed hitters to a .219 batting average with a .574 OPS and righties to a .220 average with a .690 OPS...posted a 51.0% ground ball percentage, the highest of career (previous high of 38.7% in 2021)...finished season in the 79th percentile in baseball in average fastball velocity at 95.8 mph.

**THE PROSPECTS:** Below is a look at the Twins top 30 prospects, per MLB.com, entering the 2024 season:

PLAYERS 1-10			PLAYERS 11-20			PLAYERS 21-30		
1. Walker Jenkins, OF	11. Brandon Winokur, OF	21. Kody Funderburk, LHP						
2. Brooks Lee, IF	12. Cory Lewis, RHP	22. Ricardo Olivar, C/OF						
3. Emmanuel Rodriguez, OF	13. Matt Canterino, RHP	23. Yunior Severino, IF						
4. Gabriel Gonzalez, OF	14. Danny De Andrade, IF	24. Simeon Woods Richardson, RHP						
5. David Festa, RHP	15. Austin Martin, OF/IF	25. Andrew Cossetti, C						
6. Marco Raya, RHP	16. Kala'i Rosario, OF	26. Jose Rodriguez, OF						
7. Charlee Soto, RHP	17. Connor Prielipp, LHP	27. Noah Cardenas, C						
8. C.J. Culpepper, RHP	18. Andrew Morris, RHP	28. Ben Ross, UTIL						
9. Luke Keaschall, 2B/OF	19. Yasser Mercedes, OF	29. Darren Bowen, RHP						
10. Tanner Schobel, 2B/3B	20. Zebby Matthews, RHP	30. Rayne Doncon, IF						

**SPRING LEADERS:** Below are the Twins batting (top row) and pitching (bottom row) leaders this spring (MiLB call-ups not included):

**Games:** Prato/Williams, 13 **Hits:** Castro, 12 **BB:** Goodrum/Kepler, 5 **RBI:** Lewis/Julien, 6 **HR:** 4 tied, 2  
**Games:** Topa, 7 **ERA (9.0+ IP):** Varland, 0.00 **IP:** Varland, 11.0 **BB:** Funderburk, 5 **SO:** Ober, 16

**RECENT SPRING INFO**

YEAR	HM 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	77,837 (11)	6-13-3

**DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY**

**12 THURSDAY, MARCH 28 at KC**

**2024 SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS**

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATTENDANCE	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATTENDANCE
2/23	U of Minnesota	W, 13-2	Carr	Whelan	Schulfer	4,307	3/12	at Detroit	L, 0-1	Maeda	Ryan	Jobe	7,131
2/24	Pittsburgh	W, 5-3	Duarte	Nicolas	Rodriguez	7,810	3/13	St. Louis (ss)	T, 1-1	--	--	--	8,153
2/25	at Boston	L, 6-8	DiValerio	Boushley	Scroggins	9,352		at Tampa Bay (ss)	L, 3-4	J. Lopez	Brigham	Cleavinger	2,910
2/26	at New York-AL	L, 2-9	Morris	Jensen	--	8,329	3/14	Toronto	L, 1-5	Francis	Ober	Parsons	8,347
2/27	Philadelphia	T, 3-3	--	--	--	7,133	3/15	at Boston	L, 5-8	Cepeda	Blewett	Luetge	9,138
2/28	Baltimore	L, 3-12	Kremer	López	--	5,565	3/16	Tampa Bay	1:05 pm (ET)				BSN TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
2/29	at Atlanta	L, 0-5	Strider	Funderburk	--	4,450		Tampa Bay	~ 4:05 pm (ET) - Prospect Game				BSN
3/1	Boston	W, 5-3	Varland	Giolito	Harris	5,801	3/17	at Toronto	1:07 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/2	at Philadelphia	L, 2-3	Bellatij	Balazovic	Baker	10,007	3/18	Boston	1:05 pm (ET)				BSN
3/3	Tampa Bay	T, 4-4	--	--	--	6,816	3/19	OFF DAY					
3/4	Atlanta (ss)	W, 4-3	Stewart	Holmes	Harris	4,519	3/20	Detroit	1:05 pm (ET)				BSN
	at Baltimore (ss)	W, 7-2	Sands	Kremer	Labas	5,182	3/21	at Washington	1:05 pm (ET)				
3/5	at St. Louis	L, 4-5	Mikolas	Paddack	Rajcic	4,785	3/22	Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)				BSN TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/6	Boston	W, 7-1	Ryan	Criswell	--	6,249		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	L, 3-6	Anderson	Sands	--	4,557	3/24	Baltimore	1:05 pm (ET)				BSN TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/9	New York-AL	W, 10-7	Ober	Cortés	Bowman	9,430*	3/25	at Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)				BSN
3/10	Washington	L, 3-7	Adon	López	--	8,014	3/26	Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)				
3/11	at Atlanta	L, 0-3	Strider	Paddack	Walsh	6,047							

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

