



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 (2-5-1) vs. TAMPA BAY RAYS (2-5-1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 – 1:05 PM (ET) – RADIO: TIBN/WCCO/THE WOLF // TV: NONE

RHP Simeon Woods Richardson vs. RHP Zack Littell

Spring Game 9

Spring Home Game 6

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

DATE	OPP.	PITCHERS	TIME (ET)	RADIO / TV
3/4	vs. ATL (ss)	RHP Pablo López vs. RHP AH Smith-Shawver	1:05 pm	TIBN / None
	at BAL (ss)	TBA vs. RHP Dean Kremer	1:05 pm	None / None
3/5	at STL	TBA vs. RHP Miles Mikolas	1:05 pm	None / None
3/6	vs. BOS	TBA vs. TBA	1:05 pm	None / None

TODAY'S PITCHERS

Twins: Simeon Woods Richardson (R), Joao Duran (R), Jay Jackson (R), Justin Topa (R), Ryan Jensen (R)
Rays: Zack Littell (R), Jacob Waguespack (R), Yoniel Curet (R), Kevin Kelly (R), Burch Smith (R), Justin Sterner (R), Joe Record (R), Edwin Uceta (R)

TOMORROW'S PITCHERS

Twins vs. ATL: Pablo López (R), Griffin Jax (R), Brock Stewart (R)
Braves: AJ Smith-Shawver (R), Ken Giles (R), Dylan Lee (L), Ryan Kerr (L), Jake Walsh (R), Grant Holmes (R)
Twins at BAL: Cole Sands (R), Josh Staumont (R), Steven Okert (L), Kody Funderburk (L)
Orioles: Dean Kremer (R)

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

59 active players in camp (19 non-roster):
30 pitchers (9 non-roster)
7 catchers (4 non-roster)
12 infielders (4 non-roster)
8 outfielders (1 non-roster)
2 utility (1 non-roster)
1 60-day Injured List

TWINS AT A GLANCE

Spring Record: 2-5-1
Home Record: 2-1-1
Road Record: 0-4
vs. AL Teams: 1-3
vs. NL Teams: 1-2-1
When Twins score first: 1-3
When opponent scores first: 1-2-1
Most 6L games over .500: 1, 2/25
Most 6L games under .500: 3, 2x, last 3/3
Longest winning-streak: 1, 2x, last 3/1
Longest losing-streak: 2, 2x, 2/28-29
Team-high hits: 11, 2/25 at BOS
Team-high runs: 6, 2/25 at BOS
Opponent-high hits: 17, 2/28 vs. BAL
Opponent-high runs: 12, 2/28 vs. BAL

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	26,309 (4)	2-5-1

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

25 THURSDAY, MARCH 28 at KC

THE TWINS: Today the Twins will play the ninth of 35 scheduled Grapefruit League games (unofficially opened the spring schedule against the University of Minnesota on February 23)...14 more games will be played at Lee Health Sports Complex and 12 games will be played on the road...following the conclusion of today's game, the significant others of the Twins and Rays will take the field for a charity softball game...tomorrow, Minnesota will play its first split squad game of the spring by hosting Atlanta and traveling to Sarasota to play the Orioles.

BIG ARM BAILEY: The Twins lost to the Phillies yesterday afternoon in Clearwater by a score of 3-2...Bailey Ober was the starter, allowing one run on one hit in 3.0 innings pitched, with no walks and seven strikeouts...his velocity maxed out at 94.8 mph, the highest of his career...his average four-seam fastball velo for 2023 was 91.3 mph and his average in 2022 was 91.5 mph...Jorge Alcala pitched 1.0 perfect inning of relief with two strikeouts...the offense recorded six hits, including two from Ryan Jeffers, who hit his first home run of the spring, a solo shot in the third inning off Jose Alvarado...Brooks Lee drove in the other Twins run with a second inning double.

☞ **BRYCE IS RIGHT:** Phillies slugger Bryce Harper said this of Ober after the outing: "I think, facing a guy like that, if he's going to be 95 or 96 [mph], good luck to anybody in the Central."

ELVIS IS IN THE BUILDING: The Twins are playing Elvis Martinez's Rays today for the first of four games this spring...after today's game, the Twins will host the Rays once more on March 16, a day that includes the new Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball Prospect Showcase, Spring Breakout...they will travel to Port Charlotte to play the Rays twice (March 13 and 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.

I'D LIKE TO BUY A VOWEL: Simeon Woods Richardson is making his second spring start for the Twins this afternoon...2024 marks his fourth time as a full participant in major league spring training, third with Minnesota...went 0-1, 9.00 ERA (5.0 IP, 5 ER) with three walks and four strikeouts in three relief appearances last spring...the No. 17 prospect in the Twins organization per MLB.com, Woods Richardson spent most of the 2023 season with Triple-A St. Paul, going 7-6 with a 4.91 ERA (113.2 IP, 62 ER), 61 walks and 96 strikeouts in 24 games (22 starts) for the Saints...also made one spot start for the Twins on April 22 vs. Washington, allowing five runs on seven hits (1 HR), with three walks and five strikeouts...he (along with infielder/outfielder Austin Martin) was acquired by the Twins in the José Berrios trade with Toronto at the trade deadline in July of 2021.

DATE	TEAM	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/26	at NYY	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SPRING TOTALS		0-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1

.000 BAA / 0.00 WHIP

AND WHY IS THE CARPET ALL WET TODD?! I DON'T KNOW MARGO!: Manuel Margot made his Twins spring debut on Friday, going 0-for-2 against Boston...he is making his second spring appearance for the Twins today, after being acquired on February 26 from the Los Angeles Dodgers with minor league infielder Rayne Doncon in exchange for minor league infielder Noah Miller...played in two Cactus League games for the Dodgers prior to the trade, going 0-for-6...the 29-year-old hit .264 (82-for-311) with 21 doubles, one triple, four home runs, 38 RBI, nine stolen bases, 18 walks and 39 runs scored in 99 games for the Tampa Bay Rays in 2023...he was acquired by Los Angeles-NL on December 16, 2023 with right-handed pitcher Tyler Glasnow in exchange for outfielder Jonny DeLuca and right-handed pitcher Ryan Pepiot.

HOW DO YOU SAY ON-BASE PERCENTAGE IN FRENCH: Edouard Julien enters the day as the team leader in hits with six...he is making his fifth spring appearance today; is 6-for-10 with one double, one home run, one RBI, one walk, one stolen base, five runs scored and a .636 on-base percentage in four games...in 2023, hit .263 (89-for-338) with 16 doubles, one triple, 16 home runs, 37 RBI, 64 walks, three stolen bases, 60 runs scored and an .839 OPS in 109 games for the Twins...ranked second among all MLB rookies in on-base percentage (.381, minimum of 350 plate appearances) and walks-per-strikeout (0.50), fourth in batting WAR (1.7), fifth in wOBA (.369) and runs created-per 27 (6.14), third in OPS+ (132.8), eighth in overall WAR (3.0), ninth in slugging percentage (.459) and 12th in batting average (.263).

THE BUCK STARTS HERE: Byron Buxton is starting in centerfield today for the second time (also Feb. 27 vs. PHI) in a spring or regular season game since August 22, 2022 vs. Texas...Buxton is in his ninth official spring training, all with the Twins...his first was in 2014 as a non-roster invite, wearing number 70...last spring, he played in three official exhibition games but took live at-bats on minor league fields throughout...Buck played in 85 games last season, hitting .207 (63-for-304) with 17 doubles, one triple, 17 home runs, 42 RBI, 49 runs scored, 35 walks and a .731 OPS...he missed time with a left rib contusion from June 6-15 and with a right hamstring strain from August 4-end of regular season...in 2017, he was the American League Gold Glove winner and MLB Platinum Glove winner.

OYE COMO VA: Carlos Santana is in his first spring training with Minnesota and 18th of his career (2007-08 - Los Angeles-NL, Cleveland - 2009-15 & 2019-20, Philadelphia - 2018, Kansas City - 2021-22 and Pittsburgh - 2023)...for his career, he has 180 spring training hits in 256 games, including 92 walks, 31 home runs and 102 RBI...his first career spring training game was on March 18, 2007 with the Dodgers against Cleveland, a game that was started by CC Sabathia and Derek Lowe.

☞ Santana signed a one-year contract with the Twins on February 7...he began 2023 with Pittsburgh and was traded to Milwaukee on July 27...he hit his 300th career home run on September 23 at Miami...played 135 games (134 starts) at first base for Pittsburgh and Milwaukee combined...committed just four errors in 1,081 total chances...led all MLB first basemen in defensive runs saved (11).

☞ Hit .271 (38-for-140) with six home runs and an .815 OPS as a right-handed batter and .229 (94-for-410) with 17 home runs and a .724 OPS as a left-handed batter.

MAX EFFORT: Max Kepler is in his 11th career spring training...he appeared in one spring game in 2012 for Minnesota, coming over from the minor league side...his first official spring was in 2014 as a non-roster invite, wearing number 67...started slow in 2023, but hit .306 (72-for-235) with 17 doubles, two triples, 12 home runs, 36 RBI, 45 runs scored, 27 walks, a .377 on-base percentage, a .549 slugging percentage and a .926 OPS in 66 games Post-All-Star break...finished 2023 with career-highs in average exit velocity (91.9 mph), barrel percentage (12.2%), hard hit percentage (47.9%) and sweet spot percentage (35.7%).

2024 SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATTENDANCE	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATTENDANCE
2/23	U of Minnesota	13-2	Carr	Whelan	Schulfer	4,307	3/12	at Detroit	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
2/24	Pittsburgh	5-3	Duarte	Nicolas	Rodriguez	7,810	3/13	St. Louis (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN
2/25	at Boston	6-8	DiValerio	Boushley	Scroggins	9,352		at Tampa Bay (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
2/26	at New York-AL	2-9	Morris	Jensen	--	8,329	3/14	Toronto	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN
2/27	Philadelphia	3-3	--	--	--	7,133	3/15	at Boston	6:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
2/28	Baltimore	3-12	Kremer	López	--	5,565	3/16	Tampa Bay (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
2/29	at Atlanta	0-5	Strider	Funderburk	--	4,450		Tampa Bay	4:05 pm (ET)				
3/1	Boston	5-3	Varland	Giolito	Harris	5,801	3/17	at Toronto	1:07 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
3/2	at Philadelphia	2-3	Bellatii	Balazovic	Baker	10,007	3/18	Boston	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	TIBN
3/3	Tampa Bay	1:05 pm (ET)					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

