



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 (5-7-2) vs. NEW YORK YANKEES (5-8-1)**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 – 1:05 PM (ET) – RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF // TV: NONE**

**RHP Bailey Ober vs. LHP Nestor Cortes**

Spring Game 15

Spring Home Game 8

**UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPP.	PITCHERS	TIME (ET)	RADIO / TV
3/10	vs. WSH	RHP Pablo López vs. RHP Joan Adon	1:05 pm	TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF / None
3/11	at ATL	RHP Chris Paddack vs. TBA	1:05 pm	None / None
3/12	at DET	RHP Joe Ryan vs. TBA	1:05 pm	None / Bally Sports North
3/13	vs. STL (ss)	TBA vs. TBA	1:05 pm	TIBN / None
	at TB (ss)	TBA vs. TBA	1:05 pm	None / Bally Sports North

**TODAY'S PITCHERS**

**Twins:** Bailey Ober (R), Simeon Woods Richardson (R), Jorge Alcala (R), Justin Topa (R), Matt Bowman (R), Kody Funderburk (L)  
**Yankees:** Nestor Cortes (L), Dennis Santana (R), Odranier Mosqueda (L), Nick Burdi (R), Clayton Andrews (L)

**TOMORROW'S PITCHERS**

**Twins:** Pablo López (R), Joao Duran (R), Daniel Duarte (R), Jeff Brigham (R), Jay Jackson (R), David Festa (R)  
**Nationals:** Joan Adon (R), Mitchel Parker (L), Amos Willingham (R), Jackson Rutledge (R)

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

**50 active players in camp (11 non-roster):**  
26 pitchers (5 non-roster)  
5 catchers (2 non-roster)  
10 infielders (3 non-roster)  
7 outfielders (0 non-roster)  
2 utility (1 non-roster)  
1 60-day Injured List

**TWINS AT A GLANCE**

**Spring Record:** ..... 5-7-2  
**Home Record:** ..... 2-1-2  
**Road Record:** ..... 1-6-0  
**vs. AL Teams:** ..... 3-3-0  
**vs. NL Teams:** ..... 2-4-1  
**When Twins score first:** ..... 3-4-0  
**When opponent scores first:** ..... 2-4-2  
**Most GL games over .500:** ..... 1, 2/25  
**Most GL games under .500:** ..... 3, 2x, last 3/3  
**Longest winning-streak:** ..... 2, 3/4  
**Longest losing-streak:** ..... 2, 2x, 2/28-29  
**Team-high hits:** ..... 13, 2x, last 3/4 at BAL  
**Team-high runs:** ..... 7, 2x last 3/6 vs. BOS  
**Opponent-high hits:** ..... 17, 2/28 vs. BAL  
**Opponent-high runs:** ..... 12, 2/28 vs. BAL

**THE TWINS:** Today the Twins will play the 15th of 35 scheduled Grapefruit League games (unofficially opened the spring schedule against the University of Minnesota on February 23)...10 more games will be played at Lee Health Sports Complex and nine games will be played on the road...today the Twins will host the New York Yankees before welcoming the Washington Nationals to Lee Health Sports Complex tomorrow afternoon.

**PIRATES PLUNDER, TWINS LOSE:** The Twins fell to the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-3, yesterday in Bradenton...Louie Varland was the starter and did not factor into the decision, tossing 3.0 scoreless innings with two hits allowed and one strikeout...Cole Sands (0-1) was saddled with the loss in relief, yielding three runs on four hits, with one walk and one strikeout in 1.0 inning...Trevor Larnach paced the offense, going 2-for-3 with a solo home run and two RBI...the Twins went 1-for-6 with runners in scoring position and left five men on base.

**TWINS AND YANKS:** Today marks the second and final of two scheduled spring meetings between the Twins and Yankees...Twins lost to the Yankees, 9-2, on February 26 at George M. Steinbrenner Field...Minnesota went 2-0 against the Yankees in 2023 spring play, winning 1-0 at home on March 13 and taking a 6-4 victory in Tampa on March 24...the two teams are slated to face each other for a pair of series in the 2024 regular season, with three games at Target Field from May 14-16 and three at Yankee Stadium from June 4-6.

**OBER TIME:** Bailey Ober will be making his third spring start and appearance this afternoon...enters today leading all Twins pitchers and tied for fifth in the Grapefruit League with 10 strikeouts...did not factor into the decision in his last start on March 2 at Philadelphia, allowing one run on one hit (1 HR), with no walks and seven strikeouts in 3.0 innings of work; tossed a 94.8 mph four-seam fastball that struck out Bryce Harper to end the bottom of the first inning, the fastest pitch of his career...his seven strikeouts also marked his most in a spring outing in his career...2024 marks his third career spring training (all with Minnesota)...last spring he went 0-0, 2.70 ERA (10.0 IP, 3 ER) with three walks and nine strikeouts in four official starts...he did not make the Opening Day roster and was the odd man out of the starting rotation (Pablo López, Sonny Gray, Joe Ryan, Tyler Mahle and Kenta Maeda), starting the season at Triple-A St. Paul...was eventually recalled by the Twins in late April and finished with 26 starts for Minnesota, going 8-6, 3.43 ERA (144.1 IP, 55 ER), 29 walks and 146 strikeouts...he set career highs in wins, innings pitched, starts and strikeouts...ranked fourth on the staff in starts, innings pitched and strikeouts.

DATE	TEAM	W-L	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	at BOS	ND	1.1	2	4	0	0	2	3
3/2	at PHI	ND	3.0	1	1	1	1	0	7
<b>SPRING TOTALS</b>		<b>0-0</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>

.176 BAA / 1.15 WHIP

**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)...he's hitting .400 (8-for-20) with one home run, one RBI, two runs scored and a .950 OPS; enters today tied with Edouard Julien for the spring team lead in hits...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.

**ALL ABOUT ALCALA:** Jorge Alcala is in his fifth career spring training, all with Minnesota...has tossed 4.0 scoreless innings (3 H, 1 BB, 3 K) across four appearances so far this spring...in 2023, made Twins Opening Day roster for third time in career and third time consecutively...did not allow an earned run in first four appearances (5.2 IP) from April 1-12...optioned to Triple-A St. Paul on April 21 (Simeon Woods Richardson recalled); appeared in four games for Saints from April 23-May 3 and was recalled by Minnesota on May 6...appeared in four more games for Twins, allowing six runs in 5.1 innings pitched (10.13 ERA) and was placed on 15-day Injured List on May 16 with a right forearm strain; transferred to 60-day IL on June 18...pitched in two games with Triple-A St. Paul on rehab assignment; reinstated on October 1...appeared on October 1 at Colorado, allowing one run on one hit in 2.0 innings pitched, with two walks and four strikeouts...hit a max pitch velocity of 99.1 mph twice, during at-bats to Brenton Doyle and Elehuris Montero (both balls).

**PROSPECT GAME ROSTER ANNOUNCED:** Major League Baseball recently announced the rosters for the inaugural "Spring Breakout" Prospect Games that will be part of Major League Spring Training and broadcast live on local RSNs, MLB Network and streamed on MLB's Digital Properties from March 14-17...the Twins' Prospect Game is scheduled on March 13 vs. Tampa Bay Rays at 4:05pm at Lee Health Sports Complex, following the 1:05pm game vs. the Rays.

☞ Pitchers: Alejandro Crisostomo, David Festa, AJ Labas, Cody Laweryson, Zebby Matthews, 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, Jose Salas, Tanner Schobel, Yunior Severino, Brandon Winokur, Austin Martin

☞ Outfielders: Gabriel Gonzalez, Walker Jenkins, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Kala'i Rosario

☞ Utility: Ben Ross

**2024 TWINS SPRING LEADERS:** Below are the Twins batting (top row) and pitching (bottom row) leaders this spring (MLB call-ups not included):  
**Games:** Severino, 9      **Hits:** Julien/Santana, 8      **BB:** Goodrum, 4      **RBI:** Lewis, 6      **HR:** Jeffers/Julien, 2  
**Games:** 9 tied, 4      **ERA (4.0+ IP):** Alca/Brig/Duar., 0.00      **IP:** Varland, 7.0      **BB:** Jensen, 4      **SO:** Ober, 10

**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
<b>2024</b>	<b>43,893 (7)</b>	<b>5-7-2</b>

**DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY**

**20 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	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
2/24	Pittsburgh	W, 5-3	Duarte	Nicolas	Rodriguez	7,810	3/13	St. Louis (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN
2/25	at Boston	L, 6-8	DiValerio	Boushley	Scroggins	9,352		at Tampa Bay (ss)	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
2/26	at New York-AL	L, 2-9	Morris	Jensen	--	8,329	3/14	Toronto	1:05 pm (ET)				TIBN
2/27	Philadelphia	T, 3-3	--	--	--	7,133	3/15	at Boston	6:05 pm (ET)				TIBN/WCCO/The Wolf
2/28	Baltimore	L, 3-12	Kremer	López	--	5,565	3/16	Tampa Bay (ss)	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)				
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	Bellatii	Balazovic	Baker	10,007	3/18	Boston	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	TIBN
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	1:05 pm (ET)					3/25	at Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)			BSN	
3/10	Washington	1:05 pm (ET)					3/26	Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)				
3/11	at Atlanta	1:05 pm (ET)											

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

