

MINNESOTA

2024 GAME NOTES

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WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS '69 '70 '87 '91

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

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS '24 '25 '33 '65 '87 '91

WORLD CHAMPIONS '24 '87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (71-57) vs. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (64-64)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 • 6:10 PM (PT) • TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH • RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF
RHP Pablo López (11-8, 4.47) vs. RHP Sonny Gray (11-8, 3.91)

GAME 129

HOME GAME 62

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
8/25	vs. St. Louis	RHP Zebby Matthews (1-1, 3.60) vs. RHP Erick Fedde (8-7, 3.39)	1:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / lostwins.com

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	446-390
Home Record:	36-24
Road Record:	35-33
Record in series:	24-14-3
Record in home series:	12-6-1
Record in road series:	12-8-2
Series Openers:	22-20
Series Finales:	24-17
Rubber Games:	12-4
Sweeps/Swept:	5-6
March/April:	16-13
May:	16-12
June:	15-12
July:	12-11
August:	12-9
September/October:	
Day Games:	36-22
Night Games:	35-35
vs. American League East:	5-12
vs. American League Central:	28-18
vs. American League West:	23-7
vs. National League:	15-20
Games vs. LH Starter:	21-16
Games vs. RH Starter:	50-41
Twins score first:	48-18
Opponent scores first:	23-39
Come-from-behind wins:	33
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	54-3/58-0
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	7-47/1-50
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	9-7/11-7
Extra-innings:	4-5
1-run games:	19-15
When Twins score 4+:	59-16
When Twins score 3-:	12-41
Twins out-hit opp.:	56-12
Opp. out-hit Twins:	9-41
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	5-4
Run Differential:	+68 (625-556)
Twins get Quality Start:	33-20
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	35-21
Most games over .500:	17, 8/18
Most games under .500:	6, 2x, last, 4/22
Longest win-streak:	12, 4/22-5/4
Longest losing-streak:	7, 5/14-20
Twins get 10+ hits:	40-10
Days in First Place:	
Days in Second Place:	74
Days in Third Place:	47
Days in Fourth Place:	28
Days in Fifth Place:	
Walk-Off W/L:	5/4
Shutouts W/L:	6/7
CG (Twins):	1
Average Time of Game (Twins):	2:38
Attendance High (Home):	41,679, 7/20 vs. MIL
Attendance Total (Home):	1,475,030
Attendance Average:	24,181
Target Field Sellouts, Reg. Season (Post.):	24/All-Time: 2/186 (7 Post.)

THE TWINS: After completing their seven-game roadtrip with a record of 4-3 (3-1 at Texas and 1-2 at San Diego), the Twins began their nine-game, 10-day homestand with a loss to the Cardinals last night...tonight, the Twins will continue the homestand with the second of three against St. Louis and wrap the series tomorrow afternoon...after this series, Minnesota will host the Braves for three games from Monday-Wednesday, followed by an off day on Thursday, then play three against the Blue Jays next weekend.

⊕ The Twins have gone 36-25 at home this season, the fifth-most home wins in the AL and tied for 10th-most in baseball...they have gone 19-11 at home since June 12 and 8-4 since July 14; in those 12 games, they have outscored opponents 71-43.

⊕ The Twins are 64-44 in their last 108 games since April 22, tied with Los Angeles-NL (64-41) for the most wins in baseball since that date.

FLAT ON A FRIDAY NIGHT: The Twins lost to the Cardinals last night at Target Field by a score of 6-1, dropping their third game in their last four tries...David Festa (2-3) was the starter and was issued the loss, allowing three runs on three hits in 3.2 innings pitched, with two walks and five strikeouts...the offense recorded just five hits, two from Ryan Jeffers...Minnesota scored its only run on an Austin Martin infield single in the second inning...none of the Twins' five hits went for extra-bases.

TWINS DFA OKERT: The Twins have selected the contract of right-handed pitcher Scott Blewett from Triple-A St. Paul...Blewett, who will be making his second stint with the Twins this season, appeared in one game for Minnesota on August 12 vs. Kansas City, pitching 1.0 scoreless inning with one strikeout...he has appeared in 38 games for the Saints, going 5-2, 3.79 ERA (54.2IP, 23 ER), one save, 17 walks and 54 strikeouts...to make room for Blewett on the 26-man and 40-man rosters, the Twins have designated left-handed pitcher Steven Okert for release or assignment...Okert, 33, made 44 appearances (1 start) for the Twins this season, going 3-2, 5.09 ERA (35.1IP, 20 ER), one save, seven holds, 16 walks and 33 strikeouts.

PABLO LÓP-ACE: Pablo López has gone 5-2, 2.95 ERA (61.0IP, 20 ER) with 14 walks, 65 strikeouts and a .222 opponent batting average in his last 10 starts since June 23...below are López's ranks among AL starters in a few categories since June 23 (min. 50.0IP):

ERA	xFIP	SLG	OPS	Strikes Thrown	BA off 4-S FB
Ober - 2.17	Valdez - 2.64	Ober - .275	Ober - .492	Eovaldi - 710	López - .143
Valdez - 2.39	Skubal - 2.80	Skubal - .285	Skubal - .525	Brown - 693	Wacha - .159
Wacha - 2.40	Kikuchi - 3.05	Brown - .307	Valdez - .584	Castillo - 689	Gilbert - .164
Skubal - 2.48	Gilbert - 3.08	Valdez - .315	López - .606	Bassitt - 665	Ober - .169
Brown - 2.59	Eovaldi - 3.08	López - .329	Brown - .610	López - 663	Sears - .173
López - 2.95	López - 3.21	Bradley - .348	Gilbert - .611	Skubal - 661	Brown - .174

IT'S ALWAYS SONNY IN MINNEAPOLIS: Cardinals starter Sonny Gray was acquired by the Twins just prior to the 2022 season, on March 13, 2022 in a trade with Cincinnati that sent right-handed minor league pitcher Chase Petty to the Reds...Sonny pitched for two seasons in Minnesota from 2022-23, going 16-13, 2.90 ERA (303.2IP, 98 ER) with 91 walks and 300 strikeouts in 56 regular season starts...the last time Sonny was on the Target Field mound was in Game 3 of the 2023 ALDS on October 10 vs. Houston...he allowed five runs (4 earned) on eight hits (2 HR - Bregman, Abreu) in 4.0 innings pitched, with one walk and six strikeouts.

CHRISTIAN MINGLE: In his last 26 games, Christian Vázquez is slashing .338/.365/.575 (.940 OPS), hitting safely in 19 of those...below are his numbers before July 1 and after:

	G	BA	H	2B	HR	RBI	OBP	SLG	OPS	wOBA	wRC+	BB%	K%
3/28-6/30	48	.181	28	5	2	11	.207	.252	.459	.202	27	3.0%	22.2%
7/1-now	26	.338	27	4	5	16	.365	.575	.940	.398	163	4.7%	15.1%

PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT: Twins and Cardinals are playing each other in the regular season for the 37th, 38th and 39th time in their history this weekend...Twins are 19-18 all-time against St. Louis in the regular season (since 1997) and 11-6 in their last 17...in the regular season, the Twins are 5-2 all-time against the Cardinals at Target Field (since 2010), 4-2 at the Metrodome (1998-2000), 2-7 at the old Busch Stadium (1997-2001) and are 8-7 at the new Busch Stadium (2009-23).

NATIONAL WIDE, NOT ON OUR SIDE: The Twins are 15-20 in Interleague Play this season, going 1-3 against Milwaukee, 1-2 vs. Los Angeles, 2-1 at Washington, 1-2 at Pittsburgh, 2-1 vs. Colorado, 2-1 at Arizona, 1-2 at San Francisco, 2-1 vs. Philadelphia, 1-2 at New York-NL, 1-2 at Chicago, 1-2 at San Diego and 0-1 vs. St. Louis...they are just 5-10 against NL opponents since July 1...by comparison, the Twins have gone 56-37 against American League opponents.

TO THE WINDOW, TO THE WALLNER: Despite going just 2-for-his-last-21 (.095), Matt Wallner is hitting .295 (28-for-95) with 10 doubles, one triple, seven home runs, 20 RBI, a .417 on-base percentage, a .642 slugging percentage and a 1.059 OPS in his last 33 games since being recalled on July 7.

⊕ Since that July 7 date, he ranks seventh in average exit velocity (min. 500 pitches seen) at 95.5 mph, trailing Max Muncy (96.9), Martín Maldonado (96.9), Patrick Wisdom (96.5), Starling Marte (95.8), Austin Riley (95.7) and Giancarlo Stanton (95.5).

⊕ In his last 67 games between Triple-A St. Paul and Minnesota combined (since May 28), he is hitting .316 (72-for-228) with 21 doubles, 21 home runs, 53 RBI, a .414 on-base percentage, a .693 slugging percentage and a 1.107 OPS.

RISP, REWARD: Twins batters are hitting .380 (19-for-50) with a 1.084 OPS in their last seven games with runners in scoring position...through 21 games this month, they are hitting .290 (45-for-154) with RISP their highest of any month after hitting .212 (56-for-264) in March/April, .243 (54-for-222) in May, .261 (64-for-245) in June and .231 (50-for-216) in July...additionally, their .290 RISP average in August ranks second in baseball, trailing only Kansas City (.333).

CHECKING IN ON REHAB GUYS: First baseman/outfielder Alex Kirilloff began his rehab assignment with Triple-A St. Paul last night, going 1-for-5 with a double and three strikeouts...Kirilloff has been on the IL since June 12 with a mild back strain...Brooks Lee will begin his rehab tonight with the Saints, first pitch vs. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre is at 6:37 pm...Lee has been on the IL since August 9 with right biceps tendinitis.

TWINS ON A STICK: The Twins recently announced details for their presence at the 2024 Minnesota State Fair, with interactive games, giveaways and special appearances all part of the team's daily lineup...the Minnesota Twins Experience is located on the south end of Cooper Street at Judson Avenue, next to the International Bazaar, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, rain or shine, throughout the State Fair's duration (through Monday, September 2).

⊕ Griffin Jax and Matt Wallner will visit the Experience on Monday, August 26 from noon-1.

⊕ National Baseball Hall of Famer Tony Oliva will be at the Experience on Monday, August 26 from 10:15 to 11:00 am.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1981, in his first major league game, Kent Hrbek hit a 12th-inning home run, giving the Twins a 3-2 victory over the Yankees...Hrbek finished his career with 293 home runs, second most in Twins history trailing only Harmon Killebrew (475).

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 loss
Last 5 games	1-4
Last 10 games	5-5
Last 15 games	8-7
Last 20 games	11-9

TWINS VS. CARDINALS

2024 Record:	0-1
Current Streak:	1 loss
2024 at Home:	0-1
2023 at St. Louis:	2-1
Under Baldelli vs. STL (since '19):	6-5
All-Time Record:	19-18
All-Time at Home:	9-4
All-Time at St. Louis:	10-14

2024 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
8/23	MIN	1-6	Pallante/Festa
8/24	MIN		6:10 pm (CT)
8/25	MIN		1:10 pm (CT)

CURRENT HOMESTAND (0-1)

Batting average	.161
Runs Per Game	1.00
Home Runs	0
RISP	.200
Errors	0
Team ERA	6.00
Starters W-L	0-1
Starters ERA	7.36
Relievers W-L-S	0-0-0
Relievers ERA	5.06
Saves/Opps	0/0

AL LEADERS - AUGUST RBI

Vinnie Pasquantino, KC	24
Aaron Judge, NYY	20
Corey Seager, TEX	20
Royce Lewis, MIN	17

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

8/24	RHP Blewett contract selected from AAA LHP Okert designated for release or assignment
8/15	OF Buxton placed on 10-day IL IF Julien recalled from AAA RHP Henriquez recalled from AAA
8/14	RHP Varland optioned to AAA RHP Varland recalled from AAA RHP Winder optioned to AAA
8/13	RHP Matthews contract selected from AAA RHP Blewett designated for release or assignment
8/12	LHP Okert reinstated from Bereavement List RHP Dobnak optioned to AAA
8/9	RHP Varland appointed as 27th man RHP Ryan placed on 15-day IL RHP Blewett contract selected from AAA RHP Stewart transferred to 60-day IL IF Lee placed on 10-day IL IF Farmer returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 10-day IL RHP Topa returned from rehab assign.

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MGR	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Rocco Baldelli	446 managerial wins	Needs 4 to reach 450 for career.
Jhoan Duran	53 saves	Needs 1 to tie Mike Marshall (54) for 9th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Max Kepler	161 home runs	Needs 1 to tie Miguel Sanó (162) for 11th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
	205 doubles	Needs 5 to tie Chuck Knoblauch (210) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
	892 hits	Needs 8 to reach 900 for career.
Manny Margot	898 games	Needs 2 to reach 900 for career.
Christian Vázquez	149 doubles	Needs 1 to reach 150 for career.
	197 walks	Needs 3 to reach 200 for career.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Most Runs, Game (Team), Most Runs, Inning (Team), Most Hits, Game (Team), etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with 11 columns: Inning (1-9, XTRA, TOTAL) and 2 rows: Opponent, Twins.

INJURED LIST

Table with 6 columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed. Lists various players and their injury details.

BOLD - currently on IL, * - 10-day IL, ^ - 15-day IL, # - 60-day IL

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Distance/Date/Location. Lists longest home runs by player.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Velocity/Date/Location. Lists highest exit velocities by player.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 10 columns (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH) and 16 rows of player data.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with 9 columns (1-9) and 16 rows of player data.

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Table with 2 columns: Player, Pos. Lists most used lineups.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player, Assists. Lists outfield assists by player.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time). Grand Slam: C. Correa, 7/6/24 vs. HOU (1 as a team in 2024). Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 54 all-time).

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time). Grand Slam: C. Kelly, 7/3/24 vs. DET (3 allowed as team in 2024). Inside-the-Park Home Run: R. Arozarena, 6/10/22 vs. TB (46 allowed all-time).

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):

No-Hitter: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time). One-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time). Two-Hitter: E. Santana, 5/23/17 at BAL (43 all-time).

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):

No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time). One-Hitter: D. Cease, 9/3/22 at CWS (25 all-time). Two-Hitter: R. Halladay, 5/29/05 at TOR (49 all-time).

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Miranda/C. Correa, 8/22/22 vs. TEX - N. Lowe hitting (17 all-time). Position Player Pitching: M. Wallner, 7/29/24 at NYM (3 in 2024).

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time). Position Player Pitching: A. Hicks, 4/27/24 at LAA (2 in 2024).

2024 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with 3 columns: DATE, DELAYED/PPD, NOTES. Lists weather-related game delays and postponements.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include MARCH/APRIL (16-13) and MAY (16-12).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JUNE (15-12) and JULY (12-11).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include AUGUST (12-9) and SEPTEMBER (11-8).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include OCTOBER (10-7) and NOVEMBER (10-7).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JULY (12-11) and AUGUST (12-9).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include SEPTEMBER (11-8) and OCTOBER (10-7).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include NOVEMBER (10-7) and DECEMBER (10-7).

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 4-5 in extras in 2024)
* - Denotes Sellout (2 in 2024)
- PPD game from 4/7 ## - PPD game from 4/11
- PPD game from 6/15 #### - PPD game from 7/9

2024 EJECTIONS (2) Table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER.

2024 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (5) Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES.

2024 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (47) Table with columns: Pitchers (28), Position Players (19).

HOME GAMES ROAD GAMES

(* - on Opening Day roster)