

MINNESOTA

2024 GAME NOTES

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 (78-70) vs. CINCINNATI REDS (73-77)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 • 12:05 PM (CT) • TV: ROKU • RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, LOSTWINS.COM

RHP David Festa (2-6, 5.08) vs. RHP Rhett Lowder (1-1, 0.59)

GAME 149

HOME GAME 75

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
9/16	at Cleveland	RHP Pablo López (15-8, 3.88) vs. LHP Matt Boyd (2-1, 2.18)	5:40 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/17	at Cleveland	RHP Zebby Matthews (1-3, 7.11) vs. RHP Gavin Williams (3-9, 5.23)	5:40 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / lostwins.com
9/18	at Cleveland	RHP Bailey Ober (12-7, 3.90) vs. RHP Tanner Bibee (11-8, 3.60)	5:40 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/19	at Cleveland	RHP Simeon Woods Richardson (5-5, 4.08) vs. LHP Joey Cantillo (2-3, 4.99)	12:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	453-403
Home Record:	41-33
Road Record:	37-37
Record in series:	26-18-4
Record in home series:	14-9-1
Record in road series:	12-9-3
Series Openers:	24-24
Series Finales:	27-20
Rubber Games:	14-5
Sweeps/Swept:	5-8
March/April:	16-13
May:	16-12
June:	15-12
July:	12-11
August:	14-14
September/October:	5-8
Day Games:	38-24
Night Games:	40-46
vs. American League East:	9-15
vs. American League Central:	28-20
vs. American League West:	25-8
vs. National League:	16-26
Games vs. LH Starter:	21-21
Games vs. RH Starter:	57-49
Twins score first:	53-22
Opponent scores first:	25-48
Come-from-behind wins:	36
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	60-4/65-1
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	7-58/1-61
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	10-8/11-6
Extra-innings:	4-6
1-run games:	22-17
When Twins score 4+:	65-20
When Twins score 3-:	13-50
Twins out-hit opp.:	59-14
Opp. out-hit Twins:	11-51
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	7-5
Run Differential:	+27 (691-664)
Twins get Quality Start:	39-21
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	40-24
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:	42-12
Days in First Place:
Days in Second Place:	81
Days in Third Place:	62
Days in Fourth Place:	28
Days in Fifth Place:
Walk-Off WL:	5/4
Shutouts WL:	8/10
CG (Twins):	1, Ober, 6/22 at OAK
Average Time of Game (Twins):	2:37
Attendance High (Home):	41,679, 7/20 vs. MIL
Attendance Total (Home):	1,788,928
Attendance Average:	24,175
Target Field Sellouts, Reg. Season (Post.):
'24/All-Time:	2/186 (7 Post.)

THE TWINS: Have gone 2-3 through five games on their six-game, seven-day homestand, going 2-1 against Los Angeles-AL and 0-2 against Cincinnati...today, the Twins will play the three-game series finale against the Reds...after today's game, Minnesota will travel to Cleveland to begin a seven-game roadtrip with four against the Guardians from Monday-Thursday, then three at Boston next weekend.

BOY IS MY FACE RED: The Twins lost to the Reds last night at Target Field by a score of 11-1...Simeon Woods Richardson (5-5) was the starter and was issued the loss, allowing three runs on five hits in 3.0 innings pitched, with three walks and three strikeouts...the offense recorded just five hits and drew zero walks...Royce Lewis (15), Carlos Correa (17) and Kyle Farmer (12) each doubled...Minnesota's only run scored came in the first inning on a Byron Buxton infield single.

BATTLE OF WISHBONE CS: Minnesota and Cincinnati are playing each other for the 37th time in their history today...the Twins are 17-19 all-time against the Reds, going 7-10 in Cincinnati (6-5 at Great American Ball Park and 1-5 at Cinergy Field) and 10-9 in Minnesota (3-7 at Target Field and 7-2 at the Metrodome).
⚡ These two will face each other in 2025 once, a three-game series at Great American Ball Park from June 17-19 (Tuesday-Thursday).

NATIONAL NEWS: The Twins are 16-26 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, 1-2 vs. St. Louis, 0-3 vs. Atlanta and 0-2 vs. Cincinnati...Twins are just 6-17 against NL opponents since July 14.

⚡ By comparison, the Twins have gone 62-44 against American League opponents.
⚡ Minnesota has one more series against an NL opponent, three against the Marlins at home from September 24-26.

⚡ Byron Buxton is hitting .317 (32-for-101) with three doubles, nine home runs, 19 RBI, a .614 slugging percentage and a .983 OPS in 28 games against the NL this season...he ranks ninth in baseball in slugging in IL Play, 10th in OPS and 13th in batting average (min. 100 PA).

⚡ Buxton has 28 career home runs in Interleague Play, second most in Twins history, trailing only Torii Hunter (33).

NOT AT THE TABLE, CARLOS: In his last 30 games, since June 9, Carlos Correa is hitting .388 (45-for-116) with eight home runs, 23 RBI, a .454 on-base percentage, a .647 slugging percentage and a 1.100 OPS...prior to landing on the Injured List on July 19, he ranked second in the AL in batting average (.308), trailing only Bobby Witt Jr. (.327).

FALL GUY: With the return of Carlos Correa last night and 14 games remaining, below are his September/October numbers since 2021:

	AVG	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB%	K%	OBP	SLG	OPS	wOBA
2021^	.288	30	5	6	23	7.0%	15.7%	.339	.510	.849	.374
2022	.355	44	8	7	19	8.1%	21.3%	.412	.589	1.000	.368
2023	.296	16	3	2	8	9.8%	16.4%	.377	.463	.840	.314
2024	.500	1	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	.500	1.000	1.500	.392
TOTALS*	.320	91	17	15	50	8.0%	18.2%	.379	.579	.918	.359

* - totals exclude his seasons from 2015-20
^ - 2021 with Houston, 2022-24 with Minnesota

BUX BACK: In his last 45 games dating back to June 11, Byron Buxton is hitting .331 (51-for-154) with 15 doubles, 14 home runs, 35 RBI, a .392 on-base percentage, a .714 slugging percentage and a 1.106 OPS...since that date, he leads baseball (min. 150 PA) in slugging, ranks second in OPS, sixth in batting average, and 10th in on-base percentage.

⚡ Friday night's home run was the 132nd of Buxton's career, tying Jacque Jones for 15th on the Twins all-time list...after Jacque is Michael Cuddyer (141).

⚡ Buxton's strikeout percentage of 26.4% is down 5.0% from 2023 (31.4%) and is his best since 2021 (24.4%).

THE LAST DANCE: Minnesota is looking to avoid being swept today for the ninth time in 2024...their previous eight sweeps were April 4-6 vs. Cleveland (2 games - PPD/weather-shortened series), April 15-17 at Baltimore (3 games), May 14-16 vs. New York-AL (3 games), May 17-19 at Cleveland (3 games), June 4-6 at New York-AL (3 games), July 20-21 vs. Milwaukee (2 games), August 26-28 vs. Atlanta (3 games) and August 6-8 at Kansas City (3 games).

⚡ Twins have faced being swept 13 times this season...they have gone 5-8 in those series finales...the five times they salvaged the finale came on April 3 at Milwaukee, April 10 vs. Los Angeles-NL, June 9 at Pittsburgh, July 31 at New York-NL and August 21 at San Diego.

⚡ Twins are looking to avoid being swept by the Reds for the second time in their history, the other time coming June 2-4, 2000 in three games at Cinergy Field.

21: The Twins join MLB and all 30 teams in recognizing and honoring the life and legacy of Roberto Clemente today...Minnesota's nominee for the 2024 Roberto Clemente Award is Pablo López...Twins players honoring Clemente by wearing uniform number 21 today are López, Jose Miranda, Byron Buxton, Carlos Correa, Christian Vázquez, Carlos Santana, Willi Castro and Manny Margot.

TWINS MiLB WEEKLYS: Triple-A St. Paul outfielder Carson McCusker and Double-A Wichita right-handed pitcher Cory Lewis have been named Twins minor league Player and Pitcher of the Week.
⚡ McCusker, 26, played in six games for the Saints, hitting .346 (9-for-26) with two doubles, two home runs, five RBI, a .654 slugging percentage and a 1.047 OPS...the Sparks, NV native was signed by the Twins as a minor league free agent on June 29, 2023.

⚡ Lewis, 23, made the start on Thursday vs. Tulsa, allowing one run on two hits in 6.0 innings pitched, with two walks and six strikeouts...the Fountain Valley, CA native and 2023 Twins minor league Pitcher of the Year, was selected by the Twins in the ninth round of the 2022 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 2002, the Twins clinched the AL Central Division title with a 5-0 win over Cleveland at then-Jacobs Field, marking the Twins' first playoff appearance since 1991...they also won the division in the next two seasons...in 2017, the Twins celebrated Big Sexy Night as Bartolo "Big Sexy" Colón made the start...Colón allowed four runs on five hits in 6.0 innings as the Twins lost to the Blue Jays by a score of 4-3...in 2023, after hitting a grand slam off Jesse Scholtens of the White Sox, Royce Lewis became the first player with five grand slams among his first 16 career homers and the first in Twins history with four in one season.

STREAKS

Current Streak	2 losses
Last 5 games	2-3
Last 10 games	3-7
Last 15 games	6-9
Last 20 games	7-13

TWINS VS. REDS

2024 Record:	0-2
Current Streak:	2 losses
2024 at Home:	0-2
2023 at Cincinnati:	2-1
Under Baldelli (since 2019):	5-7
All-Time Record:	17-19
All-Time at Home:	10-9
All-Time at Cincinnati:	7-10

2024 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
9/13	MIN	4-8	Aguiar/Ober
9/14	MIN	1-11	Martinez/Woods Rich.
9/15	MIN		12:05 pm (CT)

CURRENT HOMESTAND (2-3)

Batting average	.226
Runs Per Game	4.60
Home Runs	6
RISP	.275
Errors	1

Team ERA	6.00
Starters W-L	1-3
Starters ERA	5.25
Relievers W-L-S	1-0-1
Relievers ERA	6.86
Saves/Opps	1/1

TARGET FIELD HR LEADERS

Max Kepler	84
Brian Dozier	80
Miguel Sanó	76
Byron Buxton	69
Eddie Rosario	68

AL BATTING LEADERS

OPS SINCE JUNE 11 (min. 150 PA)	
Aaron Judge, NYY	1.141
Byron Buxton, MIN	1.106
Vladimir Guerrero Jr., TOR	1.058
Yordan Alvarez, HOU	1.047
Bobby Witt Jr., KC	1.034
Brent Rooker, OAK	.994
Matt Wallner, MIN	.981

AL PITCHING LEADERS

STARTS AMONG ROOKIES	
Oakland	58
Minnesota	43
Chicago	39
Houston	32
New York	31

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/14	SS Correa reinstated from 10-day IL
9/13	OF Keirsej Jr. optioned to AAA
9/12	OF Buxton reinstated from 10-day IL
9/11	UTL Martin optioned to AAA
	C Vázquez reinstated from Paternity List
	OF Margot reinstated from 10-day IL
	C Camargo optioned to AAA
	UTL Helman optioned to AAA
9/9	C Vázquez placed on Paternity List
	C Camargo recalled from AAA
9/5	OF Kepler placed on 10-day IL
	OF Keirsej Jr. contract selected from AAA
	LHP Funderburk transferred to 60-day IL
9/4	RHP Varland recalled from AAA
	RHP Castillo optioned to AAA
9/3	RHP Boushley cleared waivers, outrighted to AAA

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MGR	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Byron Buxton	132 home runs	Needs 1 to pass Jacque Jones (132) and move into 15th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
	92 stolen bases	Needs 1 to pass Larry Hise (92) and move into 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Carlos Correa	497 walks	Needs 3 to reach 500 for career.
Caleb Thielbar	343 strikeouts	Needs 7 to reach 350 for career.
Griffin Jax	295 strikeouts	Needs 5 to reach 300 for career.
Christian Vázquez	198 walks	Needs 2 to reach 200 for career.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sections for MARCH/APRIL (16-13), MAY (16-12), and JUNE (15-12).

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Table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Includes sections for 2024 EJECTIONS (2) and 2024 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (5).

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