

MINNESOTA TWINS (75-62) AT TAMPA BAY RAYS (67-70)

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RHP David Festa (2-4, 4.89) vs. LHP Jeffrey Springs (1-2, 3.67)

GAME 138

ROAD GAME 69

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics for Minnesota Twins

THE TWINS: After completing their nine-game, 10-day homestand with a record of 3-6 (1-2 vs. St. Louis, 0-3 vs. Atlanta and 2-1 vs. Toronto)...

OPEN HOLDS TAMPA AT BAY: The Twins beat the Rays last night at Tropicana Field by a score of 5-4, their 21st one-run win this season (21-16)...

TAMPA TALK: The Twins and Rays are playing the fifth of seven games in 2024...Twins have gone 2-2 against the Rays this season, going 1-2 at Target Field and 1-0 at the Trop...

MIRAND-ANOTHER RUN: Jose Miranda began the last homestand 0-for-10 over the first four games (August 23-26), but has since recorded seven hits in his last 17 at-bats...

JEFF AROUND AND FIND OUT: Ryan Jeffers is leading off today for the 10th time this season, first time since May 20 at Washington...

GET ROYCE ROLLIN': Royce Lewis has hit safely in each of his last four games, going 5-for-15 (3/33) with two doubles, one home run and four RBI...

TO THE LEFT, TO THE LEFT: The Twins are slashing .260/.315/.434 (.749 OPS) against left-handed pitching, compared to .249/.323/.422 (.745 OPS) against right-handers...

THE BIG MAYONNAISE: Michael Helman is making his major league debut today...he joins Austin Martin, Brooks Lee, David Festa, Zebby Matthews and Jair Camargo as the sixth Twin to debut this season...

BUCK ON REHAB: Byron Buxton, who has been on the 10-day IL with right hip inflammation since August 15, played in his first rehab game with Triple-A St. Paul yesterday afternoon...

TWINS MILB MONTHLYS: High-A Cedar Rapids outfielder Walker Jenkins and Triple-A St. Paul right-handed pitcher Travis Adams have been named Twins minor league Player and Pitcher of the Month for August...

FUTURES MADE OF VIRTUAL INSANITY: MLB announced today that the league's virtual ballpark will host an interactive watch party for a select match-up each Wednesday this month...

STREAKS

Table listing current streaks for Minnesota Twins

TWINS VS. RAYS

Table comparing Minnesota Twins vs Tampa Bay Rays statistics

2024 Game Logs:

Table showing game logs for Minnesota Twins in 2024

CURRENT ROADTRIP (1-0)

Table showing road trip statistics for Minnesota Twins

ROCCO v. CASH (SINCE 2019)

Table comparing Rocco Flores and Mitch Cash since 2019

STRENGTH OF REMAINING SCHEDULE

Table showing strength of remaining schedule for Minnesota Twins

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions for Minnesota Twins

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing upcoming milestones for Minnesota Twins players

DAVID FESTA

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Height: 6-6 Weight: 185 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (3/8/2000 in Verona, NJ)

2024 (MLB): 2-4, 4.89 ERA 2024 (Triple-A): 3-3, 4.03 ERA

- Making ninth MLB start (10th appearance)...last pitched August 28 vs. Atlanta and took his fourth loss of the season in Minnesota's 5-1 defeat; allowed two runs on two hits (1 HR) in 6.0 innings, with one walk and seven strikeouts.
6.0 innings vs. Atlanta set a new MLB career high...the second time through the order vs. Festa, Atlanta went 0-for-9 with five strikeouts.
Graduated from prospect status after being ranked in MLB.com's Top 100.

2024 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes totals for 2024 Majors and MLB Career.

2024 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

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LAST TIME OUT: Last pitched August 28 vs. Atlanta...took the 5-1 loss, allowing two runs on two hits in a career-high 6.0 innings, with one walk and seven strikeouts...first-inning Jorge Soler home run was the first home run (3rd XBH) he's allowed first time through the order...struck out the side in a 1-2-3 fifth inning...second time through the order, Atlanta went 0-for-9 with five strikeouts; entering the game, Festa had allowed a .393 (24-for-61) average and 1.243 OPS the second time through opposing lineups...was pulled after walking Marcell Ozuna to lead off the seventh; Caleb Thielbar entered and allowed the run to score.

- Recorded the first quality start of his career.
His seven strikeouts matched the second-highest total of his MLB career (high is 9 K).
88 pitches also set a new MLB career high.

TWO STARTS AGO: Made the start on August 23 vs. St. Louis...took his third loss of the season in his eighth career appearance (7th start)...tossed two scoreless innings before allowing an RBI to Masyn Winn in the third inning...later allowed a two-run double to Willson Contreras; exited after retiring Paul Goldschmidt in the fourth inning and was relieved by Caleb Thielbar...allowed three runs on three hits, two walks and five strikeouts in 3.2 innings - had not allowed more than two runs since July 3 vs. Detroit, his second career start.
Induced nine whiffs on 32 swings (28.1%).

SETTLING IN: Here's how Festa's numbers from his first two MLB appearances compare to his numbers from his last seven:

Table comparing Festa's numbers from his first two MLB appearances to his last seven across categories like Appearances, ERA, BAA, Opp. OPS, K%, and Whiff%.

FIRST START VS. TAMPA: Making first career start and appearance vs. Tampa Bay.

- Making his fourth start against American League opponents; he is 0-1, 6.75 ERA (13.1 IP, 10 ER), three walks, 15 strikeouts, a 1.58 WHIP and a .310 (18-for-58) opponent batting average.

HOME/ROAD SPLITS: Making fifth start on the road...is 2-1 with a 4.05 ERA (20.0 IP, 9 ER), four walks, 23 strikeouts and a .644 opponent OPS in four road starts, compared to 0-3 with a 5.64 ERA (22.1 IP, 14 ER), eight walks, 28 strikeouts and a .859 OPS in four home starts (5 appearances).

- Twins are 3-1 in Festa's four road starts.
Has only allowed two of his eight home runs on the road.

LEFT/RIGHT SPLITS: Through eight MLB games vs. Festa, left-handed hitters have hit .221 (19-for-86) with a .453 slugging percentage, .741 OPS, 28.7 percent strikeout rate, 7.4 percent walk rate and 4.3 percent home run rate, while righties have hit .253 (20-for-79) with a .481 SLG, .779 OPS, 28.6 percent strikeout rate, 6.0 percent walk rate and 4.8 percent home run rate.

- Whiff rate: 28.0 percent vs. lefties, 27.4 percent vs. righties.
Hard-hit rate vs. Festa: 30.5 percent by lefties, 46.3 percent by righties.
Average exit velocity vs. Festa: 86.7 mph by lefties, 91.1 mph by righties.

THE ARSENAL: Festa has used a three-pitch mix in his MLB outings, not throwing any curveballs - his least-used pitch in Triple-A this season...here's his pitch mix and results:

Table showing pitch mix and results for Festa, including categories like 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, and Changeup with their respective percentages and counts.

- In two-strike counts, opponents have gone 3-for-24 with 17 strikeouts vs. Festa's 4-seamer.

2024 HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 6.0, 8/28 vs. ATL Pitches: 88, 8/28 vs. ATL SO's: 9, 8/5 at CHC Walks: 3, 8/11 vs. CLE Hits: 9, 7/3 vs. DET Home Runs: 3, 7/3 vs. DET Win-Streak: 1, 2x, last 8/5 Loss-Streak: 2, 8/23-present

MLB CAREER HIGHS

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CAREER NOTES

- Made MLB debut June 27, 2024 at Arizona and earned the win in Minnesota's 13-6 victory, allowing five runs on seven hits (1 HR) in 5.0 innings with one walk and two strikeouts.
Has started 14 games for Triple-A St. Paul in 2024, going 3-2 with a 3.77 ERA (59.2 IP, 25 ER), 24 walks and 87 strikeouts.
In 2024, has twice been named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week - on May 5 and June 16, both following 10-strikeout starts for St. Paul.
Was a non-roster invite to Minnesota's 2024 Spring Training in Fort Myers but didn't appear in Grapefruit League play.
Entering 2024, was ranked by Baseball America as the No. 4 prospect (No. 1 pitcher) in Minnesota's organization.
In 2023, made 24 appearances (22 starts) between Double-A Wichita and Triple-A St. Paul, combining to go 4-4 with a 4.19 ERA (92.1 IP, 43 ER), 42 walks, 119 strikeouts and a 1.39 WHIP.
Named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Month for a second time in August 2023, having gone 2-0 with a 1.33 ERA (20.1 IP, 3 ER) in five games (4 starts) between Wichita and St. Paul.
Promoted to St. Paul on August 28, 2023 and made Triple-A debut August 30, allowing one run in 5.0 innings and earning the win vs. Columbus.
Pitched in the 2023 SiriusXM Futures Game at T-Mobile Park in Seattle, throwing a scoreless fifth inning with one walk and one strikeout.
Named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Month for April 2023 after going 1-1 with a 3.79 ERA (19.0 IP, 8 ER), five walks and 27 strikeouts in four starts for Wichita.
Ranked by Baseball America as the No. 10 prospect in Minnesota's organization entering 2023.
Split 2022 season between Low-A Fort Myers and High-A Cedar Rapids, going 9-4 with a 2.43 ERA (103.2 IP, 28 ER), 34 walks and 108 strikeouts in 21 games (18 starts).
Named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week three times in 2022: May 15 with Fort Myers, June 19 with Cedar Rapids and September 18 with Cedar Rapids.
Struck out professional career-high 11 batters on May 10, 2022 vs. Palm Beach.
Made professional debut August 27, 2021 for the FCL Twins, at the FCL Red Sox, and threw 2.0 scoreless innings with one hit and two strikeouts.
Selected by Minnesota in the 13th round of the 2021 MLB First-Year Player Draft.
Pitched at Seton Hall University from 2019-21, going 10-11 with a 3.49 ERA (139.1 IP, 54 ER), 65 walks and 138 strikeouts in 33 games (24 starts).

2024 MISC. NUMBERS

Table showing various misc. numbers for Festa, including W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO, and other stats.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table showing 6.0-plus IP/Quality Starts for Festa by year, including Year, Starts, 6+ IP, and QS.

MORE 2024 MISCELLANEOUS

Table showing miscellaneous 2024 stats for Festa, including Base Runners, Pick-Offs, SB-Att, and GIDP.

2024 EARNED RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table showing Earned Runs/Hits per Inning for Festa by inning, including Inning and Runs/Hits.

FESTA VS. TAMPA BAY

Table showing Festa's performance vs. Tampa Bay, including games, home games, road games, career games, home games, and road games.

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table showing batter-pitcher match-ups for Festa vs. Tampa Bay and Springs vs. Minnesota, including Player, Avg, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.

TURNING THE LINEUP OVER: Here's how Festa's numbers compare in his first, second and third time through opposing lineups:

Table showing Festa's numbers in the first, second, and third time through opposing lineups, including Batters faced, BAA, HR, Opp. SLG, Opp. OPS, and K%.

- In his last start, Braves hitters went 0-for-9 with five strikeouts the second time through.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - TBA

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table listing various performance metrics such as Most Runs, Game (Team), Most Runs, Inning (Team), Most Hits, Game (Team), etc.

LONGEST HOME RUNS: Buxton ...456 ft., 6/27 at AZ (McGough), Correa ...442 ft., 4/9 vs. LAD (Brogdon), Wallner ...442 ft., 7/31 at NYM (Severino), etc.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY: Wallner ...116.8 mph (1B), 7/7 vs. HOU, Wallner ...116.7 mph (HR), 7/8 at CWS, Kepler ...115.4 mph (LO), 4/25 vs. CWS, etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Table showing scores by inning for Opponent (Twins) across innings 1-9 and XTRA, with a TOTAL column.

INJURED LIST

Table listing injured players, their injuries, dates on and off, and games missed. Includes players like Josh Winder, Anthony DeSclafani, Johan Duran, etc.

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

STARTS BY POSITION

Table showing starts by position for various players across positions C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table showing starts by batting order for various players across batting orders 1-9.

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Table showing most used lineup (3X) with Player and Pos columns.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table showing outfield assists for various players.

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), etc.

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time), Grand Slam: K. 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), etc.

2024 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table listing weather delays and postponements with columns for DATE, DELAYED/PPD, and NOTES.

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).

^ - 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

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

Table with columns: PITCHERS (28), POSITIONS PLAYERS (20). Lists player names and their positions.