

# MINNESOTA

## 2024 GAME NOTES

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### MINNESOTA TWINS (75-64) AT TAMPA BAY RAYS (69-70)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 • 1:10 PM (ET) • TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH • RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF  
RHP Pablo López (13-8, 4.05) vs. RHP Taj Bradley (6-9, 4.35)

GAME 139

ROAD GAME 70

#### UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
9/6	at Kansas City	RHP Zebby Matthews (1-2, 7.41) vs. LHP Cole Ragans (10-9, 3.46)	7:10 pm (CT)	Apple TV+	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/7	at Kansas City	RHP Bailey Ober (12-6, 3.95) vs. RHP Alec Marsh (7-8, 4.70)	6:15 pm (CT)	FOX	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/8	at Kansas City	RHP Simeon Woods Richardson (5-3, 3.95) vs. RHP Michael Wacha (11-7, 3.50)	1:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / lostwins.com

#### SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	450-397
Home Record:	39-30
Road Record:	36-34
Record in series:	25-16-3
Record in home series:	13-8-1
Record in road series:	12-8-2
Series Openers:	24-21
Series Finales:	25-19
Rubber Games:	13-5
Sweeps/Swept:	5-7
March/April:	16-13
May:	16-12
June:	15-12
July:	12-11
August:	14-14
September/October:	2-2
Day Games:	37-23
Night Games:	38-41
vs. American League East:	8-15
vs. American League Central:	28-18
vs. American League West:	23-7
vs. National League:	16-24
Games vs. LH Starter:	21-19
Games vs. RH Starter:	54-45
Twins score first:	51-20
Opponent scores first:	24-44
Come-from-behind wins:	35
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	57-3/62-1
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	7-53/1-55
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	10-8/11-8
Extra-innings:	4-6
1-run games:	21-17
When Twins score 4+:	62-19
When Twins score 3-:	13-45
Twins out-hit opp.:	58-14
Opp. out-hit Twins:	10-45
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	6-5
Run Differential:	+46 (662-616)
Twins get Quality Start:	37-20
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	38-22
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:	40-12
Days in First Place:	80
Days in Second Place:	80
Days in Third Place:	53
Days in Fourth Place:	28
Days in Fifth Place:	5/4
Walk-Off W/L:	8/8
Shutouts W/L:	1, Ober, 6/22 at OAK
CG (Twins):	1,684,461
Average Time of Game (Twins):	2:38
Attendance High (Home):	41,679, 7/20 vs. MIL
Attendance Total (Home):	1,684,461
Attendance Average:	24,412
Target Field Sellouts, Reg. Season (Post):	2/186 (7 Post.)
'24/All-Time:	2/186 (7 Post.)

**THE TWINS:** After beginning their seven-game roadtrip with a win in St. Petersburg on Monday night, the Twins have lost each of their last two at Tropicana Field...today, the Twins will continue the trip with the four-game series finale against the Rays...after today's game, Minnesota will travel to Kansas City for three games against the Royals over the weekend.  
 ☞ Twins are on game seven of a 13-game stretch with no off-days...their next off-day will be a week from tomorrow on September 12.  
 ☞ Twins have gone 77-60 in September under Rocco, since 2019...only Dave Roberts (91-43), Brian Snitker (81-53), Craig Counsell (81-58), Aaron Boone (77-64) and Kevin Cash (78-57) have as many September managerial wins in that span.

**COMEBACK TOO FAR FOR TWINS:** The Twins lost to the Rays last night at Tropicana Field by a score of 9-4...Ronny Henriquez opened the game with 1.0 scoreless inning...Louie Varland was the "bulk" pitcher and allowed eight runs on five hits in 2.1 innings of relief, all eight runs coming in the fourth inning...the offense recorded 11 hits and was led by Carlos Santana, who reached three times, going 1-for-3 with two walks and his 20th home run of the season.

**RETURN OF THE KING:** Pablo López has gone 5-1, 1.92 ERA (51.2 IP, 11 ER) with 10 walks, 43 strikeouts and a .226 opponent batting average in eight starts since the All-Star break... Additionally, he has gone 7-2, 2.38 ERA (75.2 IP, 20 ER) with 15 walks, 77 strikeouts and a .218 opponent batting average in his last 12 starts since June 23...below are López's ranks among AL starters since June 23 (minimum of 70.0 innings pitched):

ERA	FIP	SLG	OPS	K/9.0 IP	WHIP
Valdez - 2.35	Skubal - 2.36	Brown - .289	Skubal - .553	Skubal - 11.03	Skubal - 0.89
Brown - 2.35	Valdez - 2.57	Valdez - .291	Valdez - .554	Valdez - 10.57	Gilbert - 0.91
López - 2.38	Gilbert - 2.84	Skubal - .292	Brown - .581	Gilbert - 10.35	López - 0.99
Skubal - 2.53	López - 2.88	López - .316	López - .585	Bassitt - 9.29	Eovaldi - 1.00
Wacha - 2.92	Brown - 2.95	Gilbert - .361	Gilbert - .599	López - 9.16	Valdez - 1.02

**KEPLER TO KEIRSEY:** The Twins have placed outfielder Max Kepler on the 10-day Injured List with left patellar tendinitis.  
 ☞ Kepler, who was scratched from Monday's lineup at Tampa Bay, has played in 105 games for Minnesota this season, hitting .253 (93-for-368) with 21 doubles, one triple, eight home runs, 42 RBI and a .682 OPS...this marks his second IL stint this season after missing 21 games in April with a right knee contusion.  
 ☞ To replace Kepler on the 28-man roster, the Twins have selected the contract of outfielder DaShawn Keirse Jr. (pronounced KEER-see) from Triple-A St. Paul...the 27-year-old has played in 103 games for the Saints this season, hitting .292 (120-for-411) with 20 doubles, seven triples, 14 home runs, 75 RBI, 69 runs scored, 45 walks, 36 stolen bases, a .362 on-base percentage, a .477 slugging percentage and an .839 OPS...the San Diego, CA native was selected by the Twins in the fourth round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Utah and has played parts of six seasons in the Twins minor league system...the 6-foot-1, 195-pound outfielder entered the 2024 season ranked as the 23rd-best prospect, the best defensive outfielder and fastest baserunner among Twins minor leaguers by Baseball America.

☞ Additionally, to make room for Keirse Jr. on the 40-man roster, the Twins have transferred left-handed pitcher Kody Funderburk (left oblique strain) to the 60-day Injured List.

**TREVOLUTION:** In his last 12 games, since August 21, Trevor Larnach is hitting .324 (12-for-37) with four doubles, three home runs, 11 RBI, four walks, a .390 on-base percentage, a .676 slugging percentage and a 1.066 OPS...Larnach ranks in the 92nd percentile in baseball in avg exit velo (92.4 mph), the 89th percentile in xSLG (.493), the 86th percentile in xwOBA (.357) and the 77th percentile in xBA (.269)...below are a few of his year-to-year changes in several offensive categories:

	AVG EXIT VELO	K%	LINE DRIVE%	WHIFF%	ZONE CONTACT%
2022	90.1 mph	31.7%	18.1%	40.2%	73.3%
2023	90.1 mph	34.0%	23.0%	36.5%	75.5%
2024	92.4 mph	22.0%	24.6%	29.1%	83.7%

**RAY MATTER:** The Twins and Rays are playing their seventh and final game in 2024...Twins have gone 2-4 against the Rays this season, going 1-2 at Target Field and 1-2 at the Trop. ☞ Twins have homered in 10 consecutive games against the Rays, hitting 18 total in that span...seven of those 18 have come at Tropicana Field (4 games).  
 ☞ Since June 7, 2023, these two teams have played each other 11 times...10 of those 11 games have been decided by three runs or fewer...eight have been decided by one run, including seven of the last eight.  
 ☞ In his last 20 games against the Rays, Carlos Santana is hitting .324 (23-for-71) with seven doubles, eight home runs, 17 RBI, a .388 on-base percentage, a .761 slugging percentage and a 1.148 OPS...in six games this season, he is 8-for-19 (.421) with a 1.469 OPS vs. TB.  
 ☞ The Twins went 5-1-0 in series play against the Rays from 2019-2022, but have since gone 0-3-0 since June of 2023.  
 ☞ These two teams will play each other six times in 2025, three at Target Field from May 26-28 and three at Tropicana Field from July 4-6.

**SUPERNATURAL:** Carlos Santana has reached base safely in six of his last nine plate appearances...Santana hit his 20th home run of the season last night, marking the ninth time in his career to reach the 20-homer mark...he joins eight other actives that have hit 20-plus at least nine times, the others being Giancarlo Stanton (13x), Paul Goldschmidt (11x), Freddie Freeman (11x), Bryce Harper (10x), Manny Machado (9x), Anthony Rizzo (9x), Mike Trout (9x) and Andrew McCutchen (9x).  
 ☞ 20 home runs are the second-most in club history for a player at least 38-years-old, the most being 41 from Nelson Cruz as a 38-year-old in 2019.

**ROYCE ROLLS:** Royce Lewis has hit safely in each of his last six games, going 7-for-22 (.318) with two doubles, one home run and four RBI...his season-high for a hitting streak is eight games, from June 8-16...his career-high for a hitting streak is nine, from September 14, 2023-June 5, 2024.  
 ☞ Lewis has 23 RBI since August 1, the fifth-most in the AL since that date, trailing Josh Naylor (26), Aaron Judge (25), Vinnie Pasquantino (25) and Corey Seager (24).

**FASHIONABLY LATE:** Over the last nine games, 18 of the Twins' 29 runs scored have come in the seventh inning-or-later...on the season, they have scored 253 runs in the seventh inning-or-later, second-most in baseball, trailing Arizona (261)...Minnesota has scored 92 runs in the seventh (3rd in MLB), 75 in the eighth (10th in MLB), 63 in the ninth (T-3rd in MLB) and 23 in extras (T-6th in MLB).

**DAY MAN, FIGHTER OF THE NIGHT MAN:** The Twins have played 60 day games this season, tied for sixth-most in baseball...they have gone 37-23 during the day, tied with Milwaukee (37-23) for the most day wins in baseball...they have scored 5.18 runs-per-game during the day, the fourth-highest mark in baseball...pitchers' .226 opponent batting average in day games ranks third in baseball.

#### STREAKS

Current Streak	2 losses
Last 5 games	2-3
Last 10 games	3-7
Last 15 games	5-10
Last 20 games	8-12

#### TWINS VS. RAYS

2024 Record:	2-4
Current Streak:	2 losses
2024 at Home:	1-2
2024 at Tampa Bay:	1-2
Under Baldelli (since 2019):	15-16
Under Baldelli at TB:	7-9
All-Time Record:	90-96
All-Time at Home:	50-46
All-Time at Tampa Bay:	40-50

#### 2024 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
6/18	MIN	7-6	Duran/Fairbanks
6/19	MIN	2-3 (10)	Adam/Alcala/Maton
6/20	MIN	6-7	Fairbanks/Jax
9/2	TB	5-4	Alcala/Littel/Duran
9/3	TB	1-2	Springs/Festa/Cleavinger
9/4	TB	4-9	Alexander/Varland
9/5	TB		12:10 pm (CT)

#### CURRENT ROADTRIP (1-2)

Batting average	.255
Runs Per Game	3.33
Home Runs	5
RISP	.208
Errors	3
Team ERA	5.40
Starters W-L	0-1
Starters ERA	4.66
Relievers W-L-S	1-1-1
Relievers ERA	5.87
Saves/Opps	1/1

#### ROCCO v. CASH (SINCE 2019)

ROCCO vs. TB	CASH vs. MIN	
15-16	RECORD	16-15
147	RUNS	157
282	HITS	255
40	HOME RUNS	46
.748	OPS	.725
4.71	ERA	4.26
5-4-0	SERIES PLAY	4-5-0

#### RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/5	OF Kepler placed on 10-day IL
	OF Keirse Jr. contract selected from AAA
	LHP Funderburk transferred to 60-day IL
9/4	RHP Varland recalled from AAA
	RHP Castillo optioned to AAA
	RHP Boushley cleared waivers, outrighted to AAA
9/3	RHP Boushley cleared waivers, outrighted to AAA
9/1	UTL Helman contract selected from AAA
	OF Margot placed on 10-day IL
	IF Lee returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 10-day IL
	RHP Castillo contract selected from AAA
	RHP Paddock transferred to 60-day IL
	RHP Boushley designated for release or assignment
	RHP Richards cleared waivers, outrighted to AAA
8/28	RHP Boushley optioned to AAA

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#### UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MGR	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Jhoan Duran	55 saves	Needs 21 to tie Ron Perranoski (76) for 8th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Christian Vázquez	149 doubles	Needs 1 to reach 150 for career.
	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), JUNE (15-12), and JULY (12-11).

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^ - 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, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. 2024 EJECTIONS (2)

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

Table with columns: Pitchers: (28), Position Players: (21). 2024 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (49)