

MINNESOTA TWINS



2017 GAME NOTES

WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS '69 '70 '87 '91

CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS '02 '03 '04 '06 '09 '10

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS '65 '87 '91

WORLD CHAMPIONS '87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (74-67) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (69-71)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 - 6:15 PM (CT) - TV: FOX SPORTS NORTH RADIO: TREASURE ISLAND BASEBALL NETWORK

José Berríos (R, 12-7, 4.01) vs. Jakob Junis (R, 7-2, 4.48)

GAME 142

ROAD GAME 70

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
9/10	at Kansas City	Bartolo Colón (R, 6-11, 6.06) vs. Jason Vargas (L, 14-10, 4.23)	1:15 pm	Fox Sports North	Go 96.3-TIBN / La Raza
9/11	OFF DAY				

Games can be heard via the Twins website at twinsbaseball.com. All game times are listed as Central.

TWINS AT A GLANCE

Record:	74-67
Home Record:	35-37
Road Record:	39-30
Record in series:	21-20-4
Series Openers:	26-20
Series Finals:	23-22
Rubber Games:	5-9
Sweeps/Swept:	9/4
April:	12-11
May:	14-12
June:	14-15
July:	10-15
August:	20-10
September/October:	4-4
Day Games:	24-31
Night Games:	50-36
vs. American League East:	13-13
vs. American League Central:	34-30
vs. American League West:	16-17
vs. National League:	11-7
Games vs. LH Starter:	21-20
Games vs. RH Starter:	53-47
Twins score first:	46-27
Opponent scores first:	28-40
Come-from-behind wins:	33
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	65-97/0-4
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	3-57/3-59
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	6-11-4
Extra-innings:	1-3
1-run games:	14-14
Twins out-hit opp.:	52-6
Opp. out-hit Twins:	15-58
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	7-3
Run Differential:	+1 (700-699)
Twins get Quality Start:	47-11
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	49-18
Most games over .500:	7, 5/28
Most games under .500:	4, last 8/6
Longest win-streak:	6, 8/6-11
Longest losing-streak:	4, 3x, last 6/16-18
When Twins score 4+:	66-24
When Twins score 3-:	8-41
Twins get 10+ hits:	40-12
Days in First Place:	50
Days in Second Place:	72
Days in Third Place:	25
Days in Fourth Place:	5
Days in Fifth Place:	
Walk-Off W/L:	3/6
Shutouts W/L:	10/2
CG's:	6, last, Colón, 8/4 vs. TEX
Target Field Sellouts ('17/All-Time):	1/160

**THE TWINS:** The Twins have gone 3-2 through five games on their seven-game roadtrip, losing two of three to Tampa Bay, followed by consecutive wins over the Royals the last two nights...tonight the Twins will play the third of four at Kauffman Stadium...following tomorrow afternoon's series finale, the Twins will travel home for an off-day then begin a six-game homestand with two against San Diego and four against Toronto...the Twins are 35-37 at home and 39-30 on the road...they are 22-11 in their last 33.

**ANOTHER BIG W FOR THE TWINS:** The Twins beat the Royals last night by a score of 8-5, earning their third consecutive win...Ervin Santana (15-7) was the starter and winner, allowing four runs on five hits in 5.0 innings pitched...Trevor Hildenberger pitched 2.0 scoreless innings for his eighth hold and Matt Belisle pitched a scoreless ninth for his seventh save...Eddie Rosario drove in four of the Twins eight runs as he and Escobar each homered.

**TWINS AND ROYALS:** The Twins and Royals are playing the 18th of 19 games this season...they are 11-6 against the Royals this season, going 6-3 at Target Field and 5-3 at Kauffman Stadium...11 wins mark the most since 2012 (11-7); 12 would be the most since 2010 (13-5)...five wins at Kauffman mark the most since 2015 (5-5); six would be the most since 2010 (6-3).

- Max Kepler has reached safely in 19 straight starts vs. KC... .427 OBP in that span.
- Eduardo Escobar is hitting .319 (15-for-47) with five home runs and 13 RBI in 12 games against the KC this season...only Sanó and Francisco Lindor have five homers vs. KC in '17.
- Joe Mauer is hitting .319 (232-for-727) with 44 doubles, four triples, 14 home runs, 120 RBI and a .405 on-base percentage in 196 career games against the Royals...he leads all actives in doubles, walks, RBI, batting average and on-base percentage vs. KC...he has hit safely in five straight vs. KC, hitting .550 (11-for-20) with four doubles and a .609 OBP.

**MAUER MILESTONES:** Joe Mauer hit his 397th career double last night and is three away from becoming the second player in club history to reach 400 (Puckett - 414)...additionally, he recorded his 861st career RBI last night, passing Justin Morneau and moving into sole possession of fifth on the Twins list...he also needs five runs scored to tie Rod Carew for third:

PLAYER	RBI	PLAYER	RUNS
Harmon Killebrew	1,325	Kirby Puckett	1,071
Kent Hrbek	1,086	Harmon Killebrew	1,047
Kirby Puckett	1,085	Rod Carew	950
Tony Oliva	947	Joe Mauer	945
Joe Mauer	861	Kent Hrbek	903
Justin Morneau	860	Tony Oliva	870

**30 FOR 30:** Brian Dozier hit his 29th home run Wednesday afternoon...after hitting 42 last season, he is looking to become the fifth different Twin to hit 30 in consecutive seasons (since 1961):

PLAYER	CONS. SEASONS	HR'S AND SEASONS
Harmon Killebrew	4	46 in 1961, 48 in 1962, 45 in 1963, 49 in 1964
Bob Allison	2	35 in 1963 and 32 in 1964
Gary Gaetti	2	34 in 1986 and 31 in 1987
Justin Morneau	2	34 in 2006 and 31 in 2007

**ABOVE AVERAGE JOE:** Joe Mauer has reached safely via hit or walk in 17 straight, hitting .429 (27-for-63) with 10 doubles, seven walks and a .493 on-base percentage...in fact, in 28 games since August 10, he is hitting .426 (46-for-108), the best in baseball since that date...since that date only Joe Votto (64) and Charlie Blackmon (59) have been on base more than Mauer (57).

**A LOOK AT THE STANDINGS:** AL Central (left) and AL Wildcard (right) standings below:

	W	L	PCT	GB		W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	85	56	.603	--	New York	75	65	.536	+1.5
Minnesota	74	67	.525	-11.0	Minnesota	74	67	.525	--
Kansas City	69	71	.493	-15.5	Los Angeles	72	69	.511	-2.0
Detroit	60	80	.429	-24.5	Texas	71	69	.507	2.5

**ON THIS DAY IN TWINS AND ROYALS HISTORY:** In 1976, Rod Carew hit a pinch-hit grand slam in the seventh for the Twins, as Minnesota beat Texas, 6-0...it marked Carew's third grand slam of that year...it was the eighth pinch-hit grand slam in Twins history and one of 13 to date, the last to do it was Matt LeCroy on May 19, 2004 at Toronto.

**20 YEARS ON THE MAKING...** The Twins will be celebrating Big Sexy Night on Friday night vs. the Blue Jays as Bartolo "Big Sexy" Colón will make the start...fans can purchase tickets through this special ticket package to secure a seat and an exclusive T-shirt.

**ROYAL RECALL:** Twins TV analyst Bert Blyleven started 65 career games against the Royals, going 34-22, 2.59 ERA (503.1 IP, 145) with 29 complete game and seven shutouts...his 65 starts, 34 wins and 29 complete games were her personal most vs. any opponent throughout his career...his 503.1 innings pitched, 34 wins, 65 starts and 29 complete games are the most vs. the Royals in baseball history his 344 strikeouts rank second (Nolan Ryan - 349).

**TITLE HOLDERS AND THOSE SEEKING TITLES:** Twins minor league affiliates in their respective playoffs:

- Double-A Chattanooga beat to Montgomery last night by a score of 2-0, taking a 2-1 series lead...they play game four tonight at home...due to Hurricane Irma, the Southern League decided Thursday that the winner of Chattanooga/Montgomery series and Jacksonville/Pensacola series will be declared co-champions...Pensacola secured their share of the title last night.
- Low-A Cedar Rapids will begin the Midwest League Championship on Saturday at Quad Cities in a best of three series.
- Rookie-Elizabethton won last night, sweeping Pulaski in two games, winning the Appalachian League Championship...it marked their first Appy League Championship since 2012 and seventh under Manager Ray Smith (since 1989).

UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Brian Dozier	146 home runs	Needs 17 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 9th on Twins all-time list
Joe Mauer	136 home runs	Needs 5 to tie Michael Cuddyer (141) for 11th on Twins all-time list
	397 doubles	Needs 17 to tie Kirby Puckett (414) for 1st on Twins all-time list
	945 runs	Needs 3 to reach 400 for career
	1,965 hits	Needs 5 to tie Rod Carew (950) for 3rd on Twins all-time list
		Needs 35 to reach 2,000 for career

STREAKS

Current Streak	3 wins
Last 5 games	3-2
Last 10 games	6-4
Last 15 games	9-6
Last 20 games	12-8

TWINS VS. KANSAS CITY

2017 Record:	11-6
Current Streak:	2 wins
2017 at Home:	6-3
2017 at Kansas City:	5-3
All-Time Record:	395-374
All-Time at Home:	208-175
All-Time at Kansas City:	187-199

2017 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
4/3	MIN	7-1	Santana/Strahm
4/5	MIN	9-1	Santiago/Kennedy
4/6	MIN	5-3	Rogers/Minor/Kintzler
4/28	KC	6-4	Breslow/Soria/Kintzler
4/29	KC		**PPD
4/30	KC	7-5	Hughes/Hammel/Kintzler
5/19	MIN	4-3	Kintzler/Albuquerque
5/21	MIN	4-6	Minor/Hughes/Herrera
	MIN	8-4	Kennedy/Mejia
6/30	KC	1-8	Vargas/Santana
7/1	KC	6-11	Minor/Duffey
	**KC	10-5	Jorge/Hammel
7/2	KC	2-6	Alexander/Santiago
9/1	MIN	6-7	Hammel/Gee/Alexander
9/2	MIN	17-0	Gibson/Garcia
9/3	MIN	4-5	Alexander/Busenitz/Maurer
9/7	KC	4-2	Hildenberger/Herrera/Belisle
9/8	KC	8-5	Santana/Kennedy/Belisle
9/9	KC		
9/10	KC		

CURRENT ROADTRIP [3-2]

Batting average	.246
Runs Per Game	5.4
Home Runs	7
RISP	.289
Errors	1
Team ERA	5.44
Starters W-L	1-2
Starters ERA	5.86
Relievers W-L-S	2-0-2
Relievers ERA	4.70
Saves/Opps	2/2

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/5	OF Grossman returned from rehab and reinstated from DL RHP Tonkin contract selected RHP Chargois recalled from AAA and transferred to 60-day DL LHP Enns returned from rehab assign. and optioned to AA LHP Mejia rehab assign. transf. to AA RHP Slegers recalled from AAA
9/4	RHP Slegers recalled from AAA
9/3	C Castro reinstated from 7-day DL
9/1	IF/OF Goodrum contract selected LHP Santiago transferred to 60-day DL LHP Boshers recalled from AAA LHP Turley recalled from AAA
8/24	C Castro placed on 7-day DL OF Granite recalled from AAA
8/23	RHP Curtiss contract selected RHP Melville designated for release or assignment
8/21	LHP Turley recalled as 26th man IF Sanó placed on 10-day DL 1B/DH Vargas recalled from AAA LHP Turley optioned to AAA RHP Melville contract selected
8/18	OF Grossman placed on 10-day DL C Garver recalled from AAA
8/17	RHP Slegers selected as 26th man LHP Perkins returned from rehab and reinstated from DL LHP Enns placed on DL





MATT BELISLE - RHP #9
Height: 6-3 Weight: 230 B/T: R/R Age: 37 (6/6/80 in Austin, TX) Obtained: Signed as free agent, 2/2/17
Roadtrip: 0-0-2, 0.00 (2.0 IP) Series at KC: 0-0-2, 0.00 (2.0 IP) vs. Left: .164 vs. Right: .265

Has allowed just 4 earned runs in last 25 appearances (25.1 IP, 1.42 ERA)...since June 14 has allowed just 5 ER in last 31.2 IP in 30 appearances, a 1.42 ERA which is best in AL with a minimum of 30.0 IP (6th in MLB).
Converted 7th save of 2017 9/8 at KC...has 12 career saves...since 2015, has a 1.43 ERA (50.1 IP, 8 ER) in 45 post-ASG games.

BUDDY BOSHERS - LHP [pronounced bo-SHEERS] #62
Height: 6-3 Weight: 205 B/T: L/L Age: 29 (5/9/88 in Huntsville, AL) Obtained: Signed as minor league free agent, 12/14/15
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 13.50 (0.2 IP, ER) Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .200 vs. Right: .307

In 18 games for the Red Wings this season, he posted a 3.68 ERA (14.2 IP, 6 ER) with eight walk and 15 strikeouts.
Spent 2015 in the Independent Atlantic League with Somerset and was named the Atlantic League Reliever of the Year.
Was drafted by the Angels in the 4th round in 2008...made his major league debut in 2013 with Los Angeles and went on to appear

ALAN BUSENITZ - RHP [pronounced BOO-seh-nitz] #67
Height: 6-1 Weight: 180 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (8/22/90 in Covington, GA) Obtained: Trade with LAA for RHPs Nolasco and Meyer
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.1 IP) Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .172 vs. Right: .208

Pitched at least 1.0 innings in 14 of his 19 appearances...has allowed just 3 baserunners in his last 8 outings (8.0 IP), and has allowed just 2 hits in last 9 outings (9.2 IP)...since 6/22 has a 1.27 ERA (21.1 IP, 3 ER), 2nd best among MLB relievers (min., 20.0 IP).
Snapped 12.2 scoreless inning streak 9/3...was 5th longest in the AL...allowed 2 hits, 2 walks and 11 K during streak (9 games).
Began season with Triple-A Rochester, going 3-0 with a 1.78 ERA (35.1 IP, 7 ER), 10 walks and 39 strikeouts in 24 appearances.

JOHN CURTISS - RHP #27
Height: 6-4 Weight: 200 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (4/5/93 in Dallas, TX) Drafted: 6th Round, 2014 Draft
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 18.00 (1.0 IP, 2 ER) Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .333 vs. Right: .333

Made MLB debut 8/25 with perfect 1.0 innings with a strikeout...recalled 8/23.
Split season between Double-A Chat. and Triple-A Roc. going 2-0 with 19 saves, a 1.28 ERA (49.1 IP, 7 ER), 22 walks and 68 strikeouts.
Was promoted to Rochester June 23 and made 18 appearances for the Red Wings, posting a 1.85 ERA (24.1 IP, 5 ER) with 10 walks and 33 strikeouts while converting six of seven save opportunities.

TYLER DUFFEY - RHP #56
Height: 6-3 Weight: 222 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (12/27/90 in Houston, TX) Drafted: 5th round, 2012 Draft
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 10.80 (1.2 IP, ER) Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP) vs. Left: .240 vs. Right: .283

Holding opponents to a .238 batting average on the road compared to .295 at home.
Has 36 career starts, all with the Twins (2015-16)...is 14-13, 5.42 ERA (191.0 IP, 115 ER) with 52 walks and 167 K as a starter.
Has 22 appearances in 2017 of 1.1+ IP, posting a 2.28 ERA (43.1 IP, 11 ER) with 6 HR, 5 BB, 47 K.

DILLON GEE - RHP [pronounced jee] #35
Height: 6-1 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 31 (4/28/1986 in Cleburne, TX) Obtained: Signed as minor league free agent, 6/22/17
Roadtrip: -- Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .333 vs. Right: .250

In last four relief appearances has allowed three runs in 12.2 IP (2.13 ERA)...has 23 career relief appearances of 2.0+ IP, posting a 2.65 ERA (71.1 IP, 21 ER) in those 23...all four of his relief outings in 2017 have been at least 2.2 IP.
Made 3 starts for Twins 8/21-9/1 going 1-2, 7.11 ERA (12.2 IP, 10 ER).
Earned first career save with 4.0 scoreless innings 8/8 vs. MIL...recalled for a 2nd stint with Twins 8/1.

TREVOR HILDENBERGER - RHP #39
Height: 6-2 Weight: 211 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (12/15/90 in San Jose, CA) Drafted: 22nd Round, 2014 Draft
Roadtrip: 1-0-0, 0.00 (4.0 IP) Series at KC: 1-0-0, 0.00 (3.0 IP) vs. Left: .200 vs. Right: .250

Has 14 appearances of 1.1+ IP, posting a 1.14 ERA (23.2 IP, 3 ER) with 3 BB, 27 K, 3 holds and 1 save.
Career minor league record of 9-11, 1.57 ERA (171.2 IP, 30 ER) with 26 walks and 200 strikeouts in 124 relief outings.
Selected by Twins in 22nd round of 2014 draft out of Cal, first Twin from 2014 draft to make majors...climbed minors quickly spending 2014 in GCL/E-Town, 2015 in Cedar Rapids/Ft. Myers, 2016 in Ft. Myers/Chattanooga and 2017 in Rochester.

GLEN PERKINS - LHP #15
Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 B/T: L/L Age: 34 (3/2/83 in St. Paul, MN) Drafted: 1st Round, 2004 Draft
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 54.00 (0.2 IP, 2 ER) Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .429 vs. Right: .444

Reinstated from disabled list prior to 8/17 game...was on the disabled list since April 2016 recovering from a torn labrum in his left shoulder...had surgery to repair his shoulder June 23, 2016, performed by Dr. Neal ElAttrache.
3rd on the Twins all-time list with 120 saves behind only Rick Aguilera (254) and Joe Nathan (260)...Converted 30+ saves in three straight seasons from 2013-15, including a career-high 36 in 2013.

RYAN PRESSLY - RHP #57
Height: 6-3 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (12/15/88 in Dallas, TX) Obtained: Rule 5 Draft from Boston, 12/6/12
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 4.50 (2.0 IP, ER) Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .320 vs. Right: .167

Has walked just 4 batters in last 35.1 IP (31 K in that span).
8 of the 9 home runs he has allowed have come at Target Field...has a 1.80 ERA on the road, 6.48 ERA at home.
Has more appearances (120) over last 2 seasons than any other Twin.

TAYLOR ROGERS - LHP #55
Height: 6-3 Weight: 170 B/T: L/L Age: 26 (12/17/90 in Littleton, CO) Drafted: 11th round, 2012 Draft
Roadtrip: 1-0-0, 0.00 (2.1 IP) Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .191 vs. Right: .281

61 outings are career-high, passing 57 in 2016...only Pressly (120) has more appearances over last 2 seasons with Twins.
28 holds in 2017 are most in all of baseball...28 holds are most by a Twin in a full season since Matt Guerrier tied the Twins record with 33 in 2009 (Romero's 33 in 2002)...21 holds pre-ASG were most by a Twin since JC Romero had 22 in '02.
If twin brother Tyler makes MLB debut (RHP in SFG system) would be 10th set of twins in MLB history to play at the same time.

MICHAEL TONKIN - RHP #59
Height: 6-7 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 28 (11/19/89 in Glendale, CA) Drafted: 30th round, 2008 Draft
Roadtrip: -- Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .500 vs. Right: .194

Contract selected 9/5 from Triple-A Rochester...began season with Twins, designated 5/7 and outrighted to minors 5/13.
In last 23 outings with Red Wings posted an ERA of 0.93 (29.0 IP, 3 ER) with 19 hits, 0 HR allowed, 5 walks and 47 strikeouts.
Made 31 relief appearances for Triple-A Rochester this season going 4-2, 1.73 ERA (41.2 IP, 8 ER), 13 walks, 61 strikeouts.
134 career appearances with Twins from 2013-17 going 3-3, 4.49 ERA (136.1 IP, 68 ER).

NIK TURLEY - LHP #66
Height: 6-4 Weight: 195 B/T: L/L Age: 27 (9/11/89 in La Canada, CA) Obtained: Signed as minor league free agent, 10/21/16
Roadtrip: -- Series at KC: -- vs. Left: .143 vs. Right: .429

Made first career relief appearance with 0.2 perfect innings 8/18 vs. ARI...each of last 3 outings are relief appearances.
Made MLB debut with start 6/11/17 at SF allowing four runs in 4.0 innings.
Split minors season between Double-A Chat. and Roc., going 5-5 with a 2.05 ERA (92.0 IP, 21 ER), 29 walks and 124 strikeouts.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/8 at KC, 9/7 at KC, 9/6 at TB, 8/31 vs. CWS, 8/29 vs. CWS, 8/27 at TOR.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/6 at TB, 9/4 at TB, 9/2 vs. KC, 9/1 vs. KC, 8/17 vs. CLE, 8/15 vs. CLE.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/5 at TB, 9/3 vs. KC, 8/31 vs. CWS, 8/25 at TOR, 8/24 at CWS, 8/21 at CWS-1, 8/19 vs. ARI.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/4 at TB, 9/1 vs. KC, 8/26 at TOR, 8/25 at TOR.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/8 at KC, 9/4 at TB, 9/1 vs. KC, 8/26 at TOR, 8/21 at CWS-2.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/1 vs. KC, 8/26 at TOR, 8/21 at CWS, 8/17 vs. CLE-1, 8/12 at DET, 8/8 vs. MIL, 8/3 vs. TEX.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/8 at KC, 9/7 at KC, 9/6 at TB, 9/3 vs. KC, 8/29 vs. CWS, 8/27 at TOR, 8/26 at TOR.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/4 at TB, 8/30 vs. CWS, 8/26 at TOR, 8/20 vs. ARI, 8/17 vs. CLE-1.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/6 at TB, 9/4 at TB, 9/1 vs. KC, 8/30 vs. CWS, 8/26 at TOR, 8/24 at CWS.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/8 at KC, 9/6 at TB, 9/5 at TB, 9/3 vs. KC, 9/2 vs. KC, 8/27 at TOR, 8/25 at TOR.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 5/6 vs. BOS, 5/4 vs. OAK, 5/2 vs. OAK, 4/26 at TEX, 4/23 vs. DET, 4/22 vs. DET, 4/18 vs. CLE.

RECENT APPEARANCES table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 9/2 vs. KC, 8/21 at CWS, 8/18 vs. ARI, 6/22 vs. CWS, 6/16 vs. CLE.

BULLPEN INFO table with columns: Player, 1st Batter Avg., BB/9, K/9, Saves, Opps, Holds, IR, IRS, IRS%, Last Relief Appearance. Rows include Matt Belisle, Buddy Boshers, Alan Busenitz, John Curtiss, Tyler Duffey, Dillon Gee, Trevor Hildenberger, Glen Perkins, Ryan Pressly, Taylor Rogers, Michael Tonkin, Nik Turley.

EHIRE ADRIANZA - INF #16
Height: 6-1 Weight: 170 B/T: S/R Age: 28 (8/21/89 in Miranda, VZ)
2017 Average: .262 Streak: 1g, 2-4, HR, 3 RBI Series at KC: 0-0 as pinch runner
Roadtrip: 2-8, HR, 3 RBI HR (2): Solo (1), 3-run (1)

- Started 23 games at shortstop this season...5 at 3B, 1 at 1B, 2 at 2B, and 4 in LF.
Pronounced AY-ree ah-dree-AHN-zah...2nd HR of 2017 with 3-run HR 9/6 at TB.
Reinstated from DL 7/4...missed 12 games with abdominal issues.

BYRON BUXTON - OF #25
Height: 6-2 Weight: 189 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (12/19/93 in Baxley, GA)
2017 Average: .246 Streak: 0-20 Series at KC: 0-10
Roadtrip: 1-21, BB, SB HR (13): Solo (10), 2-run (2), ITP (1)

- Looking to snap 0-for-20; last hit was a single 9/4 at TB...longest drought of career...Twins season long is Polanco with 22 straight 7/4-15.
14 of his last 30 hits (2 2B, 4 3B, 8 HR) since 8/12 are for extra-bases.
Since 7/4 is hitting .325 (50-for-154) with 4 2B, 4 3B, 9 HR, 28 RBI.
Hit .324 (34-for-105) in 29 August games...hit .387 in July and .184 in June.
Named AL Player of the Week 8/28 after hitting .333 with a 1.161 OPS.
25 SB (1 CS) leads Twins, 7th in AL...96.2 SB% leads MLB, is best in Twins history.
Ranks 3rd in majors in defensive runs saved (24)...Betts (30) leads all players.

JASON CASTRO - C #21
Height: 6-3 Weight: 212 B/T: L/R Age: 30 (6/18/87 in Castro Valley, CA)
2017 Average: .228 Streak: 0-3 Series at KC: 2-7
Roadtrip: 2-10 HR (7): Solo (6), 2-run (1)

- .309 (17-for-55) in last 16 games against AL Central opponents.
Reinstated from DL 9/2...missed 9 games on 7-day DL with concussion symptoms.
21 doubles and 34 RBI in 2017 are his most since 21 doubles and 56 RBI in 2014.
Tied career-high with 4 hits 6/13 vs. SEA as Twins collected franchise best 28 hits.
Signed 3-year contract with the Twins on 11/30/16...spent 8 seasons in Houston org.

BRIAN DOZIER - 2B #2
Height: 5-11 Weight: 198 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (5/15/87 in Tupelo, MS)
2017 Average: .261 Streak: 1g, 2-5, RBI Series at KC: 2-9, 2 RBI
Roadtrip: 4-20, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 BB HR (29): Solo (21), 3-run (2), 2-run (4), ITP (1), GS (1)

- Has 44 hits in last 35 games, including 12 home runs and 30 RBI.
Has 4 straight seasons with 23+ home runs, 3 straight with 28+...leads MLB with 44 HR post-ASG since 2016 (next: K.Davis-37)...53 post-ASG home runs since 2015, which are 14th in MLB...K. Davis (59), Cruz (57), Encarnacion (56), C. Davis (53).
First career grand slam 8/8 vs. MIL...5 RBI that same game set career-high.
146 HR are 10th in Twins history...needs 17 to tie Brunansky for 9th.
First career inside-the-park homer 4/16 vs. CWS of Shields...52nd in MN history.
26 career leadoff HR...6 in 2017...passed Jacques Jones for Twins all-time leadoff HR lead with 21st 7/14...19 leadoff HR since 2015 are 2nd in MLB (Blackmon-22).
7 career multi-HR games, last: 8/4/17 vs. TEX...has 2 in 2017.

EDUARDO ESCOBAR - INF #5
Height: 5-10 Weight: 185 B/T: S/R Age: 28 (1/5/89 in Villa de Cura, VZ)
2017 Average: .258 Streak: 1g, 3-5, 2B, HR, RBI Series at KC: 3-9, 2B, HR, RBI
Roadtrip: 6-20, 2B, 3B, HR, 4 RBI HR (16): Solo (5), 2-run (8), 3-run (3)

- Current Twins regular 3B with Sanó on DL...has started 18 of Twins last 19 at 3B.
2nd career multi-HR game 9/2 vs. KC...16 HR is new career-high (12 HR in 2015).
.272 vs. lefties and .251 vs. righties in 2017...11-for-last-23 (.478) vs. righties.
Played catcher for the first time in his career on June 6 at Seattle, doing so in the 8th inning...only position he has not played in career is first base (has pitched).
Given 2016 Carl R. Pohlad for Outstanding Community Service...visits under privileged schools and provides tickets and BP passes to select students.

MITCH GARVER - C/INF #43
Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM)
2017 Average: .219 Streak: 0-4 Series at KC: --
Roadtrip: 0-3 HR (0): --

- Hit .304 vs. lefties with Triple-A Rochester in 2017, .286 vs. righties.
Recalled 8/18...made MLB debut with PH strikeout 8/19...1st hit single 8/20.
Hit .291 (93-for-320) with 29 2B, 17 HR, 45 RBI in 88 games for Red Wings in 2017.
Ranked among International League leaders at time of recall in OPS (2nd, .928), SLG (2nd, .541), OBP (4th, .387), AVG (9th, .291), XBH (3rd, 46) and 2B (3rd, 29)...since 6/15 led IL in R (42), XBH (33) and 2B (21)...named IL Postseason All-Star.

NIKO GOODRUM - OF #23
Height: 6-3 Weight: 198 B/T: S/R Age: 25 (2/28/92 in Fayetteville, GA)
2017 Average: .000 Streak: 0-8 Series at KC: --
Roadtrip: 0-3 HR (0): --

- Made MLB debut going 0-for-2 9/2 vs. KC...hit .333(46-for-138) vs. lefties at Roc.
Hit .265 (122-for-461), 25 2B, 5 3B, 13 HR, 66 RBI in 127 games for Triple-A Roc.
2nd round pick in 2010 Draft by Twins...674 career minor games in Twins system.

ZACK GRANITE - OF #8
Height: 5-10 Weight: 175 B/T: L/L Age: 24 (9/17/92 in Staten Island, NY)
2017 Average: .231 Streak: 0-5, BB Series at KC: 0-0 as pinch runner
Roadtrip: 0-1 HR (0): --

- Hit .360 (85-for-236), 14 2B, 4 3B, 3 HR, 24 RBI, in 59 games for Red Wings in 2017.
Career-long 9-game hit-streak 7/19-29...hit .412 (14-for-34), 7 RBI over streak.
Career-high 3 hits 7/22 vs. DET...hit in 10 of last 14 starts with the Twins.

CHRIS GIMENEZ - C #38
Height: 6-2 Weight: 230 B/T: R/R Age: 34 (12/27/82 in Gilroy, CA)
2017 Average: .206 Streak: 1g, 2-3, BB Series at KC: 0-0 as def. rep.
Roadtrip: 2-3, BB HR (6): Solo (5), 3-run (1)

- 8 walks in his last 8 games with PA...reached in 8 of last 9 games and 11 of last 13.
6th HR 8/20, a new career-high...RBI 8/21 game 2 tied career-high (14 in 2015).
Made 9th career relief pitching appearance, and 6th of 2017, with 1.0 IP 6/22 vs. CWS...career 8.00 ERA (9.0 IP, 8 ER) with 1 K and no walks as pitcher.
Hit .232 (55-for-237) in 103 games the last two seasons between Texas and Cleveland...the teams had a combined 62-41 record in those games.

ROBBIE GROSSMAN - OF #36
Height: 6-0 Weight: 215 B/T: S/L Age: 27 (9/16/89 in San Diego, CA)
2017 Average: .262 Streak: 5g, 7-14, 2 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB Series at KC: 3-6, 2B, 3B, HR, 2 BB
Roadtrip: 6-13, 2 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB HR (9): Solo (5), 2-run (3), 3-run (1)

- Hit in all 4 games since reinstated from DL 9/5; 6-for-13 w/ 2 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 4 RBI.
Has 20 HR with Twins in 2 seasons (11 with HOU in 3 seasons).
Hitting lefties (.248) and righties (.253) nearly equally.
.379 OBP was the highest pre-ASG OBP by a Twin since Mauer's .402 OBP in 2013.
Set single-season career-highs in 2016 in hits (93), doubles (19), home runs (11) and runs (49) and tied career-high in walks (55).

MAX KEPLER - OF #26
Height: 6-4 Weight: 220 B/T: L/L Age: 24 (2/10/93 in Berlin, Germany)
2017 Average: .245 Streak: 0-4 Series at KC: 1-7, 2 BB, SB
Roadtrip: 2-15, 2 RBI, 2 BB, SB HR (17): Solo(8), 2-run(7), 3-run(1), GS(1)

- Has reached in 19 straight starts vs. KC... .424 OBP in that span (21 hits, 14 bb).
2 HR game 8/8 vs. MIL...3rd of his career...back-to-back with Dozier on 1st HR.
Hit .280 in April, .242 in May, .215 in June, .294 in July, .213 in August.
Originally signed by the Twins in July of 2009 from Berlin...one of 43 German-born players to play Major League Baseball entering 2017...fluent in 4 languages.
17 HR, next will set career-high...needs 1 RBI to set career-high (63 in 2016).
3rd career walk-off with bases loaded HBP in 9th 8/31 vs. CWS.

JOE MAUER - 1B #7
Height: 6-5 Weight: 225 B/T: L/R Age: 34 (4/19/83 in St. Paul, MN)
2017 Average: .306 Streak: 2g, 4-7, 2 2B, RBI, 3 BB Series at KC: 4-7, 2 2B, RBI, 3 BB
Roadtrip: 6-15, 3 2B, RBI, 5 BB HR (6): Solo (2), 2-run (4)

- Leads majors with .426 (46-for-108) average since 8/10.
861st career RBI 9/8 at KC, passing Morneau and placing 5th on Twins all-time list.
16 hits, 7 walks and just 3 strikeouts in last 47 plate appearances (since 8/29).
14-for-last-33 (.424) vs. KC... .326 (28-for-86) average in last 25 games at the K.
36 hits from 2,000...3 Twins (since '61) have 2,000+ (Puckett - 2,304 & Carew - 2,085).
Multiple hits in 13 of his last 25 starts...hit in last 16 starts...hit in 21 of last 23.
Hit first career walk-off home run 5/5 vs. BOS (6,010th career at-bat).
Ranked 9th in AL in walks (79) in 2016...ranks 6th among actives in walks.
Ranks on Twins all-time list (since 1961): 2nd in 2B (397) and walks (882), 3rd in average (.308), 3rd in hits (1964), 4th in games (1712) and runs (945), 5th in total bases (2827), 5th in RBI (861), 12th in HR (136), and 13th in triples (.29).

JORGE POLANCO - INF #11
Height: 5-11 Weight: 198 B/T: S/R Age: 24 (7/5/93 in S.Pedro de Macoris, DR)
2017 Average: .260 Streak: 0-2, 3 BB Series at KC: 2-5, 2B, 2 RBI, 4 BB
Roadtrip: 5-15, 2 2B, 2 RBI, 6 BB HR (10): Solo (6), 2-run (2), 3-run (2)

- Since 8/17 is batting .345 (30-for-87) with 9 2B, 3B, 7 HR, 25 RBI in 23 games...has hit in 19 of those 23 and reached base in 21 of the 25.
Hit .373 (38-for-102), 10 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR, 23 RBI in 27 Aug. games...hit in 24 of 27.
109 games (106 starts) at SS, most for Twin since Pedro Florimon (133) in '13.
From July 30 through end of '16 season, ranked 3rd among AL rookies in hits (63), 4th in games (56) and batting average (.288), and T5th in doubles (12) and RBI (23).

EDDIE ROSARIO - OF #20
Height: 6-0 Weight: 180 B/T: L/R Age: 25 (9/28/91 in Guayama, PR)
2017 Average: .287 Streak: 3g, 4-12, HR, 4 RBI, BB Series at KC: 3-9, HR, 4 RBI
Roadtrip: 4-16, HR, 4 RBI, BB HR (21): Solo(13), 2-run(5), 3-run(2),GS(1)

- Has 3 multi-HR games this season, last coming 8/30 vs. CWS.
10 HR, 28 RBI in last 31 games...has a hit in 21 of last 28 games, in 24 of his last 32 and in 26 of last 35 games...hit .298 (34-for-114) in 29 August games.
Named AL Player of the Week 8/14 after hitting .444 (12-for-27) with 10 runs, 3 doubles, 4 HR, 9 RBI and 1 SB over 7 games...was his first AL POW honor.
3 HR 6/13; 1 of 8 Twins (Allison, Killebrew, Oliva, Morneau, Dozier, Kepler, Buxton)...first 3-HR game by a 9-hole hitter in MLB since Trot Nixon in 1999 for the Rangers.
Hit 15 of his 20 HR in 2017 at Target Field...19 of 21 vs. right-handed pitchers.

KENNYS VARGAS - INF #19
Height: 6-5 Weight: 275 B/T: S/R Age: 27 (8/1/90 in Canovanas, PR)
2017 Average: .242 Streak: 0-3 Series at KC: --
Roadtrip: 1-4, RBI HR (9): Solo (5), 2-run (2), 3-run (2)

- Recalled prior to 8/21 game (Sano DL)...hit in 7 of 9 starts since recall.
In 51 games for Triple-A Roc. this season is batting .253 with 8 2B, 9 HR, 28 RBI.
Hit .419 (13-for-31) with 2 doubles, 1 HR and 4 RBI in 8 games with Triple-A Rochester since being optioned August 9.

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

Table with columns: MULTI-HOMER GAMES (11x), BACK-TO-BACK (3x), GRAND SLAMS (3), WALK-OFF (1), RUNNERS ON. Includes names like Gimenez, Dozier, Kepler, Rosario, Escobar, Dozier/Kepler, Dozier/Mujica, Mauer, Polanco, Rosario, Vargas, Mauer, Polanco, Rosario, Vargas, Dozier, Kepler, Buxton.

Table with columns: PLAYER, MULTI HIT, MULTI RBI, SEASON HIT-STREAK, SEASON HITS, LAST HOME RUN DATE, OPP. ON PITCHER, AB, LAST GRAND SLAM DATE, OPP. Career, vs. KC 2017 AVG, H, AB, HR, RBI, vs. KC Career AVG, H, AB, HR, RBI. Rows for Adrianza, Buxton, Castro, Dozier, Escobar, Garver, Gimenez, Goodrum, Granite, Grossman, Kepler, Mauer, Polanco, Rosario, Vargas.

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Most Runs, Game (Team), Consecutive Hits (Individual), Scoreless Innings Streak (Team), etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with columns: Inning (1-9, EXTRA, TOTAL) and Rows: TWINS, OPPONENT.

DISABLED LIST

Table with columns: PLAYER, INJURY, DATE ON, RETRO, DATE OFF, GAMES MISSED.

EJECTIONS

Table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with columns: Position (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH) and Rows: Player names.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with columns: Batting Order (1-9) and Rows: Player names.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player name and Assists count.

GAME-WINNING RBI

Table with 3 columns: Player name, RBI count, and another player name.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS
HITTING:
Hit for the Cycle: Cuddyer, 5/22/09 vs. MIL (10 all-time)

AGAINST THE TWINS
HITTING:
Hit for the Cycle: Beltre, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time)

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):
No-Hitter: Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time)

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):
No-Hitter: Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time)

2017 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with 3 columns: DATE, DELAYED/PPD, NOTES.

\*\* Target Field has experienced 38 delayed games and 19 postponed games in the park's history (since 2010). Longest delay: 4:50. \*\*



Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Attendance, Total Hm Att., Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-headers for Batting and Pitching. Rows include games from April 12-11 to May 14-12.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Attendance, Total Hm Att., Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-headers for Batting and Pitching. Rows include games from May 14-12 to June 14-15.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Attendance, Total Hm Att., Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-headers for Batting and Pitching. Rows include games from June 14-15 to July 10-15.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Attendance, Total Hm Att., Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-headers for Batting and Pitching. Rows include games from July 10-15 to August 1-1.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Attendance, Total Hm Att., Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-headers for Batting and Pitching. Rows include games from July 10-15 to August 1-1.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Attendance, Total Hm Att., Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-headers for Batting and Pitching. Rows include games from August 1-1 to September 1-1.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Attendance, Total Hm Att., Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-headers for Batting and Pitching. Rows include games from September 1-1 to October 1-1.

All game times are listed as Central
\* - Denotes Sellout (1 in 2017) ^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 1-3 in extra-innings)
# - Makeup game from April 19 vs. CLE ## - Makeup game from April 29 at KC ### - Makeup game from May 10 at CWS
& - Makeup game from May 17 vs. COL && - Makeup game from May 20 vs. KC &&& - Makeup game from August 16 vs. CLE

HOME GAMES ROAD GAMES

2017 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [3]
DATE SCORE NOTES
5/5 vs. BOS 4-3 Joe Mauer solo home run in the bottom of the ninth with two outs.
5/20 vs. KC 4-3 Jorge Polanco sacrifice fly in the bottom of the tenth with no outs.
8/31 vs. CWS 5-4 Max Kepler hit by pitch in the bottom of the ninth with two outs.

2017 PLAYERS [51]
Pitchers: (35) (\* - on Opening Day 25-man Roster, # - position player)
Belisle, Matt rhp\* Gimenez, Chris rhp# Rosario, Randy lhp
Berrios, José rhp Haley, Justin rhp\* Rucinski, Drew rhp
Boshers, Buddy lhp Heston, Chris rhp Santana, Ervin rhp\*
Breslow, Craig lhp\* Hildenberger, Trevor rhp Santiago, Hector rhp\*
Busenitz, Alan rhp Hughes, Phil rhp\* Slegers, Aaron rhp
Colón, Bartolo rhp Jorge, Felix rhp Tepech, Nick rhp
Curtiss, John rhp Kintzler, Brandon rhp\* Tonkin, Michael rhp\*
Duffey, Tyler rhp\* Mejía, Adalberto lhp\* Turley, Nik lhp
Enns, Dietrich lhp Melville, Tim rhp Wheeler, Jason lhp
García, Jaime lhp Perkins, Glen lhp Wiik, Adam lhp
Gee, Dillon rhp Pressly, Ryan rhp\* Wimmers, Alex rhp
Gibson, Kyle rhp\* Rogers, Taylor lhp\*
Position Players: (17)
Adrianza, Ehre inf Gimenez, Chris c\* Polanco, Jorge inf\*
Buxton, Byron of\* Granite, Zack of Rosario, Eddie of\*
Castro, Jason c\* Grossman, Robbie of\* Sanó, Miguel of\*
Dozier, Brian inf\* Goodrum, Niko inf\* Santana, Danny inf\*
Escobar, Eduardo inf\* Kepler, Max of\* Vargas, Kennys 1b
Garver, Mitch c Mauer, Joe inf\*