

MINNESOTA TWINS



2020 GAME NOTES

WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS  
'69 '70 '87 '91

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

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
'65 '87 '91

WORLD CHAMPIONS  
'87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (1-1) AT CHICAGO WHITE SOX (1-1)

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 - 1:10 PM (CT) - TV: FOX SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF / TWINSBEISBOL.COM

RHP Kenta Maeda vs. RHP Reynaldo López

GAME 3

ROAD GAME 3

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
7/27	OFF DAY				
7/28	vs. St. Louis	RHP Homer Bailey vs. RHP Carlos Martinez	7:10 pm (CT)	Fox Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com
7/29	vs. St. Louis	LHP Rich Hill vs. RHP Miles Mikolas	7:10 pm (CT)	Fox Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Home Record:	1-1
Road Record:	1-1
Record in series:	1-0
Series Openers:	1-0
Series Finales:	1-0
Rubber Games:	1-0
Sweeps/Swept:	1-1
July:	1-1
August:	1-0
September/October:	1-1
Day Games:	0-1
Night Games:	1-0
vs. American League Central:	1-1
vs. National League Central:	0-1
Games vs. LH Starter:	1-0
Games vs. RH Starter:	1-0
Twins score first:	0-1
Opponent scores first:	0-1
Come-from-behind wins:	1-0
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	0-1
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	0-1
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	0-1
Extra-innings:	0-1
1-run games:	1-0
Twins out-hit opp.:	0-1
Opp. out-hit Twins:	0-1
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	-2 (13-15)
Run Differential:	-2 (13-15)
Twins get Quality Start:	1, 7/25
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	1, 7/25
Most games over .500:	1, 7/25
Most games under .500:	1, 7/24
Longest win-streak:	1, 7/25
Longest losing-streak:	1, 7/25
When Twins score 4+:	1-0
When Twins score 3-:	0-1
Twins get 10+ hits:	1-0
Days in First Place:	2
Days in Second Place:	
Days in Third Place:	
Days in Fourth Place:	
Days in Fifth Place:	
Walk-Off W/L:	
Shutouts W/L:	
Complete Games:	
Target Field Sellouts - All-Time:	173

GONE IN 60

MIN/WAS FRANCHISE RECORDS OVER THE FIRST 60 GAMES OF A SEASON (SINCE 1901)	
HITS	102, Heinie Manush, 1934
HOME RUNS	22, Harmon Killebrew, 1959
RBI	63, Kirby Puckett, 1994
XBH	37, Eduardo Escobar, 2018
RUNS	55, Cesar Tovar, 1970
DOUBLES	28, Chuck Knoblauch, 1994
WALKS	70, Eddie Yost, 1956
STOLEN BASES	36, Clyde Milan, 1912

WINS	14, Walter Johnson, 1913
STRIKEOUTS	129, Walter Johnson, 1910
STARTS	18, 2 Tied
GAMES	38, Mike Marshall, 1979
SAVES	21, Glen Perkins, 2015

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

7/4	C/IF Astudillo placed on 10-day IL
7/23	RHP Odorizzi placed on 10-day IL
	LHP Thorpe recalled from minor leagues
	OF Wade recalled from minor leagues
	OF Whitefield contract selected
	RHP Alcala added to taxi squad
	LHP Thielbar added to taxi squad
	C Telis added to taxi squad

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**THE TWINS:** The Twins are 1-1 through the first two games of the 60th season in Minnesota history...the club will wrap up the first series of the new campaign today on the South Side... following today's series finale, the Twins will travel home and enjoy an off-day in Minneapolis tomorrow, followed by a six-game homestand vs. the Cardinals (July 28-29) and Indians (July 30-August 2)...Twins are seeking their 500th win over the White Sox today (since 1961).  
⌘ Original 2020 schedule would have the Twins in the finale of four games at Chicago-AL today.

**RECAP:** Twins received their first setback of the 2020 campaign, falling to the White Sox 10-3 yesterday afternoon and setting the stage for today's rubber game...Randy Dobnak took the loss despite yielding just one run on three hits in 4.0 innings (3 K, 2 BB) in his season debut...Nelson Cruz drove in all three Twins runs with one swing, a three-run homer in the sixth...Mitch Garver continued his success vs. LHS, going 2-for-3 against Dallas Keuchel.  
⌘ Friday night's 10-5 win and yesterday's 10-3 loss mark the first time in Twins history and second time in Twins/Senators history the club scored 10+ runs then allowed 10+ runs in the first two games of the season...the 1955 Senators began the campaign with a 12-5 win over Baltimore on April 11 and then fell to New York-AL, 19-1, on April 13.

**BRING ON THE BIRDS:** After tomorrow's home off-day, Twins will take the field at Target Field in a two-game Interleague series against the St. Louis Cardinals...clubs will face off again in St. Louis September 8-9...all-time Interleague series is tied 13-13 since 1997...Twins hold a 4-3 advantage in Postseason play (1987 World Series)...Cardinals won both spring training matchups in Florida in March...the last time the two clubs played in the regular season was 2018, with the Twins winning the season series 4-1 and outscoring the Cardinals 22-9.

**BEGINNING, MIDDLE, END:** Last season, the Twins went 36-16 in series openers but just 6-11 in rubber games and 26-27 in series finales...however, the Twins are 6-5 in their last 11 series finales, dating back to last August 25 vs. Detroit (7-4 W).  
⌘ Twins are 29-18-8 all-time in season-opening series of two-or-more games, including a 13-5-4 record at home and 16-13-4 record on the road.  
⌘ Twins have won a season-opening series of two-or-more games each of the last three seasons overall, but have lost five of the last six such series on the road (won in '18, lost in '16, '15, '14, '12 and '11...the club opened at home in '19, '17 and '13).

**NEW DECADE, SAME NELLY:** Nelson Cruz hit his first homer of the year yesterday, a three-run shot in the sixth inning that accounted for all of the Twins' runs...marked his 402nd career bomba...at 40 years, 20 days old Cruz became the oldest player to homer in an MLB game since Ichiro Suzuki on August 22, 2017 for the Marlins at age 43 (credit Sarah Langs).  
⌘ Cruz became the fifth different player age 40-or-older to homer in a Twins uniform and the first since Torii Hunter on September 24, 2015 at age 40 and 68 days...the others are Baseball Hall of Famers Dave Winfield, Paul Molitor and Jim Thome.  
⌘ Cruz and Winfield are the only two hitters 40-or-older in Twins/Senators history to homer within the first two games of the season...Winfield homered on Opening Day 1993-94.  
⌘ In 18 games vs. Chicago-AL as a Twin, Cruz is batting .426 (29-for-68) with five doubles, nine home runs, 27 RBI and a 1.410 OPS...he's also 9-for-11 (.818) in scoring situations.

**15 IS THE NEW 40:** A 162-game season is defined by certain statistical plateaus to strive for, such as 40 home runs for hitters and 20 wins for pitchers...some numerical equivalences for a 60-game season include [162-game value (**60-game value**)]: 5 (2), 10 (4), 20 (7), 30 (11), 40 (15), 50 (19), 75 (28), 100 (37), 150 (56), 150 IP (55.1 IP), 160 IP (59.1 IP).

**WELCOME, WHITEFIELD:** Aaron Whitefield made his major league debut yesterday, entering the game as a pinch runner for Eddie Rosario in the ninth inning...the 23-year-old Brisbane native became the 35th Australian to play in the majors, debuting in the same ballpark where teammate Lewis Thorpe (the 34th Australian in MLB) made his first big league appearance last season...nine of the 35 Aussies (25.7%) to play in the majors have made their debut for the Twins, the most of any major league team.

**A LOOK AT THE ROSTER:** The Twins open the 2020 season with 16 players on their 30-man roster who were not on the 2019 Opening Day roster: pitchers (11) - Homer Bailey, Tyler Clippard, Randy Dobnak, Rich Hill, Zack Littell, Kenta Maeda, Sergio Romo, Devin Smeltzer, Cody Stashak, Lewis Thorpe and Matt Wisler; catcher (1) - Alex Avila; infielders (2) - Luis Arraez and Josh Donaldson; and outfielders (2) - LaMonte Wade, Jr. and Aaron Whitefield...of the 30 players on the Twins active roster, 15 began their professional careers in the Twins organization.

**CUDDYER, HALL OF FAMER:** The Single-A Florida State League recently announced its 2020 Hall of Fame class, including Twins Hall of Famer Michael Cuddyer on the list of inductees...selected by the Twins in the first round of the 1997 draft out of Great Bridge High School (VA), Cuddy spent the 1999 season with Ft. Myers, batting .298 (139-for-466) with 24 doubles, four triples, 16 home runs, 82 RBI and 87 runs scored in 130 games...led the team in runs scored and RBI, while sharing the lead in hits and ranking second in home runs and stolen bases (14)...also ranked fifth among all Twins minor leaguers in runs scored, tied for fifth in hits and seventh in RBI...Cuddyer will be enshrined into the FSL Hall of Fame alongside Baseball Hall of Famers Mariano Rivera and John Smoltz, current Los Angeles-NL Manager Dave Roberts, former Philadelphia infielder Chase Utley, New York-NL Senior Pitching Advisor Phil Regan, umpire Tim McClelland and executives Paul Taglieri of the Mariners and Trevor Gooby of the Mets.

UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Alex Avila	.995 games	Needs 5 to reach 1,000 for career.
	498 walks	Needs 2 walks to reach 500 for career.
José Berrios	.586 strikeouts	Needs 14 to reach 600 for career.
Nelson Cruz	.402 home runs	Needs 5 to tie Duke Snider for 56th on MLB all-time home run list.
Max Kepler	.94 home runs	Needs 6 to reach 100 for career.
Sergio Romo	.692 strikeouts	Needs 8 to reach 700 for career.
Miguel Sanó	.118 home runs	Needs 14 to tie Jacque Jones (132) for 13th on Twins all-time list
	87 doubles	Needs 13 to reach 100 for career
	488 games	Needs 12 to reach 500 for career

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 loss
Last 5 games	3-2
Last 10 games	7-3
Last 15 games	11-4
Last 20 games	13-7

TWINS VS. WHITE SOX

2020 Record:	1-1
Current Streak:	1 loss
2020 at Home:	
2020 at Chicago	1-1
All-Time Record:	.499-.439-3
All-Time at Home:	.268-.201-2
All-Time at Chicago:	.231-.238-1

2020 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
7/24	CHI	10-5	May/Giolito
7/25	CHI	3-10	Keuchel/Dobnak
7/26	CHI		1:10 pm
8/31	MIN		7:10 pm
9/1	MIN		7:10 pm
9/2	MIN		7:10 pm
9/14	CHI		7:10 pm
9/15	CHI		7:10 pm
9/16	CHI		7:10 pm
9/17	CHI		1:10 pm

CURRENT ROADTRIP (1-1)

Batting average	.243
Runs Per Game	6.50
Home Runs	3
RISP	.385
Errors	0

Team ERA	7.94
Starters W-L	0-1
Starters ERA	6.75
Relievers W-L-S	1-0-0
Relievers ERA	9.00
Saves/Opps	0/0

THROUGH GAMES OF THIS DATE IN 2019

RECORD	GAMES BACK/AHEAD
63-40 (.612)	+2.0 over Cleveland