

## MINNESOTA TWINS



## POSTGAME NOTES

WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS  
'69 '70 '87 '91CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS  
'02 '03 '04 '06 '09 '10 '19AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
'65 '87 '91WORLD CHAMPIONS  
'87 '91

## PITTSBURGH PIRATES (2-9) vs. MINNESOTA TWINS (9-2)

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 – TARGET FIELD – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

FINAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	9	2	8
Minnesota	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	x	7	8	0	7

WINNING PITCHER: José Berríos (1-1, 4.80)

LOSING PITCHER: Joe Musgrove (0-3, 6.75)

SAVE: Trevor May (1)

FIRST PITCH: 1:11 p.m.

GAME TIME TEMP: 73 degrees

TIME OF GAME: 3:39

HOME RUNS: None

## PITCHING LINES:

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Joe Musgrove (L)	3.1	6	5	5	5	2	0	0	84/51
Sam Howard	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11/6
Nik Turley	1.0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	28/14
Dovydas Neverauskas	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10/6
Yacksel Ríos	2.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	21/11
TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
José Berríos (W)	6.0	4	1	1	3	6	0	1	98/57
Caleb Thielbar	2.1	5	2	2	2	3	0	0	51/34
Trevor May (S)	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5/3

## NEXT GAME:

Minnesota Twins at Pittsburgh Pirates  
Wednesday, August 5 - 6:10 pm (CT)

RHP Randy Dobnak (1-1, 1.00)

vs.

RHP Trevor Williams (0-1, 5.40)

## TWINS NOTES:

- THE TWINS** improved to 9-2 on the season, matching the 1930 Senators and 2001 Twins for the best record through the first 11 games in Twins/Senators franchise history (since 1901).
- THE TWINS** went 7-1 on the first homestand of the season, defeating St. Louis (2-0), Cleveland (3-1) and now Pittsburgh (2-0)...marked the club's first one-loss homestand of at least eight games since going 9-1 on a 10-game stay from June 9-19, 2011 against Texas, Chicago-AL and San Diego.
- THE TWINS** improved to 4-0 in Interleague Play with 16 games left on the IL docket...the Twins will next face off against the Senior Circuit at the end of this coming road trip, with three games against regional rival the Milwaukee Brewers.
- THE TWINS** extended their league lead to 16 first-inning runs this year, leading New York-AL (11) in the category.
- THE TWINS** scored three-or-more runs in the first inning for the fourth time this season, the most such first innings in the majors...no other team has done so more than once...of the Twins' 58 runs scored this season, 20 have come in the first and second innings combined, 34.5 percent.
- THE TWINS** recorded three sacrifice flies on the afternoon, off the bats of Luis Arraez, Byron Buxton and Max Kepler...three SF is one shy of the franchise record of four, done four times...the last Twins game with at least three sac flies was May 7, 2017, a 17-6 loss to Boston at Target Field.
- JOSÉ BERRÍOS** struck out six batters today in a season-high 6.0 innings, tying his last start vs. Cleveland on July 30 for the most he's fanned in an outing in 2020...his 98 pitches this afternoon marked the most by a Twins starting pitcher this season, besting his last outing when he tossed 96 pitches (in 5.0 innings)...after allowing five runs in 4.0 innings to Chicago-AL on Opening Day, he's allowed three runs combined across his last two starts (11.0 IP), good for a 2.45 ERA in that span.
- CALEB THIELBAR** made his first major league appearance since April 30, 2015, a span of five years, three months and three days...among pitchers to appear for the Twins and then re-appear later in their careers, Thielbar's span ranks fourth according to *Eliás*, trailing Bert Blyleven (9 years, 64 days), Carlos Pulido (9 years, 22 days) and Craig Breslow (7 years, 322 days)...Thielbar set a new career high with 2.1 innings worked and 54 pitches thrown this afternoon, while also matching his career high with three strikeouts...Thielbar is the second player in club history to wear uniform number 72...Pat Neshek was the other, wearing it in 2006 prior to changing to 17.
- NELSON CRUZ** went 3-for-4, giving him 17 hits on the season and setting a new major league record for most hits within the first 11 games of the season by a batter age 40-or-older...Cruz passed Baseball Hall-of-Famers Sam Rice (16 H in 1930 for Washington), Ty Cobb (16 H in 1927-28 for Philadelphia-AL) and Honus Wagner (1914 for Pittsburgh)...marked Cruz's third three-plus hit game of the season, also a new major league record by a player at least 40 years old within the first 11 games of the season...Cruz, whose 40<sup>th</sup> birthday was July 1, is batting .395 (17-for-43) overall this season, with nine hits in his last five games.
- EDDIE ROSARIO** singled in the Twins' first run in the opening frame on a lazy liner to the left side and finished the afternoon 2-for-4...Rosario went 3-for-11 with a homer, a double and three RBI in three games against the Cardinals and Pirates this homestand...since 2016, he is batting .331 (44-for-133) against the teams of the NL Central, tops among American League players with at least 100 at-bats against the division in that span.

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- LUIS ARRAEZ** drove in the Twins' third run in the opening frame on a sacrifice fly...marked just his fourth career sac fly, first since August 29, 2019 at Chicago-AL...remains in an 0-for-17 run.
- MIGUEL SANÓ** doubled in the Twins' second run in the first inning...has only recorded four hits this season, but all four have gone for extra bases (2 HR, 2 2B).
- MAX KEPLER** set a new career high with four walks, one shy of the Twins' single-game record held by Roy Smalley (May 7, 1978)...marked the first Twin with four walks in a game since Brian Dozier on April 10, 2018 (1-for-1, 4 BB)...Kepler scored twice and drove in a run on a sacrifice fly, becoming the first player in Twins/Senators history with four walks, two runs scored and an RBI in a single game without recording an official at-bat...the last major league player to do so was then-Washington's Bryce Harper on September 3, 2015 (4 BB, 4 R, RBI).

## **PIRATES NOTES:**

- THE PIRATES** lost their sixth consecutive game after winning two of three...since the start of 2013, the Pirates' 85-57 (.599) record in Interleague Play is second best in the National League, behind Chicago-NL's 85-56 (.603) mark.
- THE PIRATES** committed multiple fielding miscues for the first time this season, their first two-error game since September 21, 2019 at Milwaukee, as well as their first two-error game in an Interleague road game since March 30, 2018 at Detroit...since the advent of Interleague Play in 1997, the Pirates have committed multiple errors in just 31 of 182 (17%) Interleague road games.
- JOE MUSGROVE** took the loss, his third of the season, after yielding five runs on six hits, with five walks and two strikeouts in 3.1 innings...five walks matched his career high, also done on May 9, 2019 at St. Louis (3.0 IP, 6 H, 8 R/ER, 3 K)...five earned runs matched his career high for an Interleague start, for the fourth time, most recently on May 3, 2019 vs. Oakland...threw 84 pitches on the afternoon, his most in a start of 3.1 innings or less in his career.
- BRYAN REYNOLDS** hit his fifth career triple and scored in the fourth inning...last triple was September 20, 2019 at Milwaukee...four of his five career triples have occurred on the road, in Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Atlanta and now Minneapolis...Reynolds is batting just .147 (5-for-34) this season, but three of his five hits have gone for extra bases (2 2B, 3B).
- REYNOLDS** recorded his major league-leading fourth outfield assist, cutting down Jorge Polanco at the plate for the second out in the home half of the fourth inning...overall the Pirates lead the majors with five outfield assists.