



MINNESOTA TWINS (3-1-0) vs. PITTSBURGH PIRATES (3-2-0)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025 – 1:05 PM (ET) – RADIO: TIBN // TV: NONE

RHP Pablo López vs. LHP Caleb Ferguson

Spring Game 5

Spring Home Game 3

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: DATE, OPP, PITCHERS, TIME (ET), RADIO / TV. Rows for 2/28 vs. BAL, 3/1 at BOS, 3/2 vs. TB.

TODAY'S PITCHERS

Twins: Pablo López (R), Erasmo Ramírez (R), Jorge Alcalá (R), Cole Sands (R), Ryan Jensen (R)

Pirates: Caleb Ferguson (L), Carmen Mlodzinski (R), Bubba Chandler (R), Joey Wentz (L), Yoan Ramírez (R), Anthony Solomoto (L)

WARM IT UP: Today the Twins will play the fifth of 32 scheduled spring training games and the third home game...Twins are 2-0 at home so far this spring, after defeating Atlanta, 3-1, on Saturday and earning a 5-4 walk-off win over the Yankees on Tuesday afternoon...15 more games will be played at Lee Health Sports Complex and 12 games will be played on the road.

Tomorrow afternoon, Minnesota will continue Grapefruit League play with a home game against the Orioles before making the long trek down Daniels Parkway to face the Red Sox at JetBlue Park on Saturday.

TWINS LOCKED IN IN LAKELAND: The Twins defeated the Tigers by a 4-0 final score yesterday afternoon, their first win in Lakeland since March 7, 2020 (7-6 victory)...No. 6 prospect Andrew Morris made his first-ever major league spring outing as the starter and earned the win, working 2.0 shutout innings with one walk and one strikeout...Cory Lewis (No. 14) and Kody Funderburk both added 2.0 scoreless frames in relief...DaShawn Keirse Jr. got the Twins on the board with a solo shot in the third inning, finishing the day 1-for-2...Allan Cerda (2-run) and Rubel Cespedes (solo) also each homered off the bench.

IT'S THE FIRST PABLO DAY OF THE YEAR: Pablo López is making his 2025 Grapefruit League debut this afternoon...the 28-year-old has already been tabbed as the Twins' 2025 Opening Day starting pitcher by manager Rocco Baldelli...in 2024, López was the club's Opening Day starter for the second-consecutive season, making the start on March 28 at Kansas City and allowing one run on four hits in 7.0 innings pitched, with no walks and seven strikeouts in a Twins 4-1 victory...became the 13th different Twins pitcher to start consecutive Opening Days...he recorded his 800th career strikeout on June 6 at New York-AL, fanning Gleyber Torres in the second inning...posted a career-best 23.1-scoreless inning streak from August 18-September 5, 2024...struck out 10 batters on September 10 vs. Los Angeles-AL (7.0 IP), ninth career double-digit strikeout total...set career highs in wins (15), tied for career-high in starts (32)...finished with 185.1 innings and 198 strikeouts, both second most of his career...finished tied for fifth in the AL in starts (32), sixth in strikeouts (198), eighth in innings pitched (185.1)...ranked in the 90th percentile in baseball in walk percentage (5.3%) and 89th percentile in chase percentage (33.0%).

Table with columns: DATE, TEAM, W-L, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows for 2/27 vs. PIT and SPRING TOTALS.

AHOY: The Twins and Pirates are facing off for the second of five meetings this spring...Twins lost to Pittsburgh, 1-5 in Bradenton on Sunday...the two teams will also face each other at Lee Health Sports Complex on March 13 and March 24, and back in Bradenton on March 17...the Twins went 1-1 vs. Pittsburgh in 2024 spring and 1-2 in the regular season at PNC Park...Minnesota is slated to face the Pirates for a three-game series from July 11-13 at Target Field during the upcoming regular season.

FRANCE ON FIRST: Ty France is playing in his third spring game with the Twins today, all coming at first base...is 2-for-4 with one double, one home run, one RBI and one run scored so far this spring...signed a one-year contract with Minnesota on February 15...France began the 2024 season with Seattle, marking fifth career Opening Day roster...went 3-for-3 with a double, a home run, three RBI and a walk on May 31, leading the Mariners to 5-4 win vs. Los Angeles-AL...hit game-winning home run to break 4-4 tie in top of the 8th inning...traded to Cincinnati along with cash considerations on July 29, in exchange for catcher Andruw Salcedo...recorded 200th career extra-base hit on August 13 vs. St. Louis, a solo home run off Erick Fedde...also first career home run at Great American Ball Park...from September 10 at St. Louis to September 17 vs. Atlanta went 28 consecutive plate appearances without a strikeout...was second to only New York-NL's Jose Iglesias (33 PA) for the longest-active run among major leaguers on an active roster when it was snapped.

DARTH BADER: Harrison Bader is slated to play in his third spring game with Minnesota today...the 30-year-old is in his first Twins camp after signing with the team on February 7, is 3-for-5 with a solo homer in two games so far...this marks his ninth major league spring training (St. Louis - 2017-22, New York-AL - 2023 and New York-NL - 2024)...in 2024 appeared in a career-high 143 games, 108 as a starter, in his first season with the Mets...recorded four-straight games with multiple hits from April 9-12, the longest such streak of his career.

WELCOME MATT: This is Matt Wallner's third Twins spring training...he hit a two-run homer in his last spring game on Tuesday vs. New York-AL...in 2024, made Twins Opening Day roster for first time...optioned to St. Paul in mid-April and was named International League Player of the Month for Saints in June, hitting .324 (34-for-105) with six doubles, 12 home runs, 28 RBI, 27 runs scored, a .724 slugging percentage and a 1.127 OPS in 26 games...set new career high by hitting in eight-straight games from August 4-13, hitting .370 (10-for-27) with five walks, a .485 on-base percentage and a 1.189 OPS in that span...threw hardest ball by Twins position player on season on September 8 at Kansas City, registering at 101.2 mph...set major league career highs in hits (57) and doubles (17)...ranked in 99th percentile in baseball in average throwing velocity at 96.9 mph; also fifth hardest in baseball, highest among rightfielders and second among corner outfielders...Wallner averaged 97.5 mph from rightfield and 95.4 mph from leftfield.

ROCCO BAL: This season marks Rocco Baldelli's seventh as the Twins' manager...he will enter the regular season with a career managerial record of 457-413 (870 games) and three division titles (2019, '20 and '23)...Baldelli is one of four managers in team history (since 1961) with 400 victories, joining Tom Kelly (1,140), Ron Gardenhire (1,068) and Sam Mele (522).

Rocco's coaching staff for 2025 includes: assistant hitting coach Trevor Amicone, hitting coach Matt Borgschulte, first base/infield coach Ramon Borrego, assistant bench coach Hank Conger, quality control coach Nate Dammann, pitching coach Pete Maki, assistant pitching coach Luis Ramirez, bullpen coach Colby Suggs, hitting coach Rayden Sierra, bench coach Jayce Tingler and third base/outfield coach Tommy Watkins - Amicone, Borgschulte, Borrego and Sierra all join the staff for the first time this season...additionally, the only coach shifting roles for 2025 is Conger, who transitions from first base coach to assistant bench coach.

HAPPY CAMPERS: The following players are full participants in major league camp with the Twins for the first time: 12 pitchers: Travis Adams, Scott Blewett, Eiberson Castellano, Cory Lewis, Zebby Matthews, Darren McCaughan, Anthony Misiewicz, Andrew Morris, Erasmo Ramirez, Marco Raya, Alex Speas, and Huascar Ynoa...one catcher: Diego Cartaya...four infielders: Armando Alvarez, Mike Ford, Ty France, Luke Keaschall...one outfielder: Harrison Bader...two utility players: Mickey Gasper and Jeferson Morales.

TOMORROW'S PITCHERS

Twins: Zebby Matthews (R), Eiberson Castellano (R), Marco Raya (R), Michael Tonkin (R), Anthony Misiewicz (L), Alex Speas (R)

Orioles: Zach Eflin (R)

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

57 players in camp (17 non-roster): 31 pitchers (10 non-roster), 6 catchers (2 non-roster), 10 infielders (4 non-roster), 6 outfielders (0 non-roster), 4 utility (1 non-roster)

TWINS AT A GLANCE

Spring Record: 3-1, Home Record: 2-0, Road Record: 1-1, vs. AL Teams: 2-0, vs. NL Teams: 1-1, When Twins score first: 1-1, When opponent scores first: 2-0, Most 6L games over .500: 2, 2/25, Most 6L games under .500: 2, 2/25-present, Longest winning-streak: 2, 2/25-present, Longest losing-streak: 1, 2/23, Team-high hits: 6, 2/26 at DET, Team-high runs: 5, 2/25 vs. NYY, Opponent-high hits: 9, 2/23 at PIT, Opponent-high runs: 5, 2/23 at PIT

RECENT SPRING INFO

Table with columns: YEAR, HM ATTENDANCE (DATES), RECORD. Rows for years 2013-2025.

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

28 THURSDAY, MARCH 27 at STL

2025 SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Table with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, SCORE, WINNER, LOSER, SAVE, ATTENDANCE. Rows for dates 2/22 to 3/10.

Bold - Denotes Home Game | * - Denotes Sellout | ^ - Rain Shortened

