



SS IN FORT MYERS - MINNESOTA TWINS (4-5-2) vs. ATLANTA BRAVES (6-3-3)

RHP Bailey Ober vs. RHP Reynaldo López

SS IN PORT CHARLOTTE - MINNESOTA TWINS (4-5-2) AT TAMPA BAY RAYS (5-6-2)

RHP David Festa vs. RHP Shane Baz

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Spring Games 12 & 13

Spring Home Game 7 / Spring Road Game 6

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: DATE, OPP, PITCHERS, TIME (ET), RADIO / TV. Rows for 3/8 vs. BOS, 3/9 at BAL, 3/10 vs. PHI.

TODAY'S PITCHERS

Twins: Bailey Ober (R), Griffin Jax (R), Jorge Alcala (R), Cole Sands (R), Louis Varland (R), Danny Coulombe (L), Huascar Ynoa (R), Scott Blewett (R)

Braves: Reynaldo López (R)

Twins: David Festa (R), Darren McCaughan (R), Travis Adams (R)

Rays: Shane Baz (R), Joey Gerber (R), Alex Faedo (R), Cole Sulser (R), Eric Orze (R), Michael Flynn (R), Garrett Acton (R), Jake Brentz (L)

TOMORROW'S PITCHERS

Twins: Chris Paddock (R), Jhoan Duran (R), Alex Speas (R), Marco Raya (R), Cole Sands (R)

Red Sox: Sean Newcomb (L), Aroldis Chapman (L), Justin Wilson (L), Josh Winckowski (R), Noah Davis (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

Table with columns: Record, Home Record, Road Record, vs. AL Teams, vs. NL Teams, When Twins score first, When opponent scores first, Most 6L games over .500, Most 6L games under .500, Longest winning-streak, Longest losing-streak, Team-high hits, Team-high runs, Opponent-high hits, Opponent-high runs.

RECENT SPRING INFO

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

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

20 THURSDAY, MARCH 27 at STL

WARM IT UP: Today the Twins will play the 12th and 13th of 32 scheduled spring training games, their seventh home game and sixth road game...10 more games will be played at Lee Health Sports Complex and eight games will be played on the road.

Tomorrow afternoon, the Twins will host the Red Sox before playing the Orioles in Sarasota on Sunday.

TEAM WIN IN TAMPA: The Twins defeated the Yankees, 8-4, yesterday afternoon at George M. Steinbrenner Field in Tampa...Joe Ryan made his first spring start and picked up the win, working 2.0 scoreless innings with one hit allowed, one walk and four strikeouts...Matt Wallner (1-for-4, 3 RBI), Brooks Lee (2-for-4, RBI, 2 R) and Mike Ford (1-for-3, 2 RBI) each homered, with Wallner's blast coming as part of the Twins' five-run second inning...Mickey Gasper had three of Minnesota's 10 hits, going 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

CHOP SHOP: The Twins and Braves are playing each other for the third of four times this spring...Twins defeated the Braves, 3-1, in their Grapefruit League opener on February 22 and the two other for a 0-0 tie on Tuesday in North Port...they will face off for the fourth and final time on March 15 at North Port...Minnesota will travel to Atlanta for three regular season games from April 18-20...in their only meeting in 2024, the Twins were swept by the Braves in three games from August 26-28 at Target Field.

THE KNUTSON CUP: The Twins are playing the Elvis Martinez and Duker Knutson-led Rays today for the second of three matchups this spring...the two teams were tied 1-1 on February 24 in Port Charlotte, before a deluge of rain caused the game's cancellation and tied 5-5 on March 2 at Lee Health Sports Complex...after today's game, the two teams are slated to play at Lee Health Sports Complex on March 14 (Twins will be split)...during the 2025 regular season, Minnesota will travel to Tampa for three games from May 26-28 and host the Rays for three games at Target Field from July 4-6.

OBER TIME: Bailey Ober is slated to make his second spring start this afternoon in the home game against Atlanta...allowed two runs on five hits (1 HR), with one walk and six strikeouts in his spring debut on March 1 at Boston...in 2024, Ober made Twins Opening Day roster for second time in career and first since 2022...struck out 10 batters in 6.1 innings pitched on May 12 at Toronto, marking second career double-digit strikeout total...earned win in four consecutive starts from July 22-August 9, tying career-long winning streak; posted a 1.29 ERA (28.0 IP, 4 ER) with 31 strikeouts in that span...struck out career-high 12 batters on September 18 at Cleveland (7.0 IP), fourth time on season and fifth time in career with double-digit strikeout totals...set career-highs in wins (12), starts (31), innings pitched (178.2) and strikeouts (191)...opponents went 0-for-5 against his curveball, hit .095 (7-for-74) against his slider and .154 (33-for-214) against his changeup...threw his changeup 792 times, sixth most in baseball...generated 84 strikeouts on that pitch, the second most in baseball behind Christopher Sánchez (91)...finished fourth among qualified AL pitchers in WHIP (1.00), seventh in strikeouts-per-walk (4.44) and eighth in strikeouts (191).

Table with columns: DATE, TEAM, W-L, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows for 3/1 at BOS, SPRING TOTALS.

FESTAVUS: Today's starter for the road game at Tampa Bay, David Festa, is in his second official spring training with the Twins...is making his third appearance (second start) this spring today; started on February 23 at Pittsburgh and made a relief appearance on March 1 at Boston...began 2024 season with Triple-A St. Paul and was club's number two starter, making first start on March 30 vs. Columbus, his fourth career start at Triple-A level...set St. Paul Saints franchise record by striking out seven consecutive batters on May 25 at Buffalo...had contract selected by Minnesota on June 27...made major league debut in start on June 27 at Arizona, allowing five runs on seven hits in 5.0 innings pitched, with one walk and two strikeouts, earning the win...recorded first strikeout, fanning Joc Pederson in the fourth inning...finished season with 124.2 innings pitched combined at both levels, setting a new professional single-season high...finished with 10.77 strikeouts-per-9.0 innings pitched, second highest in Twins history among rookies (min. 60.0 IP), trailing Jhoan Duran's 2022 number of 11.84.

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RUNNING AWAY: The Twins enter today with 12 team steals this spring, tied for eighth most in the majors...Minnesota finished last in the 2024 regular season with 65 team stolen bases...Twins have also been plunked 12 times this spring, tied for second most in the majors.

SPRING LEADERS: Below are the Twins batting (top row) and pitching (bottom row) leaders this spring (MiLB call-ups not included): Games: Alvarez/Ford/DK, 8 Hits: France/Gasper, 7 BB: Keirsej Jr., 5 RBI: Wallner, 6 HR: Larnach/Wallner, 2 Games: Fundy/Varland, 4 IP: Matthews, 6.1 BB: Castellano, 5 SO: López, 8

SPRING BREAKOUT ROSTERS ANNOUNCED: Yesterday, Major League Baseball announced the rosters for the 2025 Spring Breakout prospect showcase game...the Twins team will play Toronto at TD Ballpark on Saturday, March 15...below is the Twins' roster (MLB.com prospect ranking in parentheses, if applicable).

Pitchers: RHP Travis Adams (No. 22), RHP Kyle Bischoff, RHP Jason Doktorczyk, RHP Tanner Hall, RHP Jeremy Lee, RHP Michael Martinez, RHP Juan Mendez, LHP Jaylen Nowlin, LHP Wilker Reyes, RHP Jacob Wosinski Catchers: Ricardo Olivar (No. 17), Diego Cartaya (No. 24), Khadim Diaw (No. 30), Jaime Ferrer Infielders: Luke Keaschall (No. 3 / MLB No. 60), Kaelen Culppepper (No. 4), Brandon Winokur (No. 7), Kyle DeBarge (No. 12), Billy Amick (No. 14), Rayne Doncon (No. 15), Dameury Pena (No. 25), Danny De Andrade (No. 26), Rubel Cespedes Outfielders: Gabriel Gonzalez (No. 18), Eduardo Beltre (No. 19), Yasser Mercedes (No. 20), Kala'i Rosario (No. 21)

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 Rice (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.

BIRTHDAY BUDS: Happy birthday to Twins pitchers Pablo López (29) and Justin Topa (34)...the pair shares a birthday with Scottish folk hero and outlaw Rob Roy (born 1671), Pro Football Hall of Famer Franco Harris (born 1950) and actor Bryan Cranston (born 1956), among others.

OH JEEZ I'M BACK, THAT'S PRETTY NEAT: National Baseball Hall of Famer, St. Paul native and Twins legend Joe Mauer is in camp as a guest instructor for the first time...Mauer retired in 2018 and was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame last year.

2025 SPRING SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Table with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, SCORE, WINNER, LOSER, SAVE, ATTENDANCE. Rows for 2/22 ATLANTA, 2/23 at Pittsburgh, 2/24 at Tampa Bay, 2/25 NEW YORK-AL, 2/26 at Detroit, 2/27 PITTSBURGH, 2/28 BALTIMORE, 3/1 at Boston, 3/2 TAMPA BAY, 3/3 OFF DAY, 3/4 at Atlanta, 3/5 BALTIMORE, 3/6 at New York-AL, 3/7 ATLANTA (ss), 3/8 BOSTON, 3/9 at Baltimore, 3/10 PHILADELPHIA, 3/11 at Toronto, 3/12 at Boston, 3/13 PITTSBURGH, 3/14 TAMPA BAY (ss), 3/15 at Atlanta, 3/16 BOSTON, 3/17 at Pittsburgh, 3/18 DETROIT, 3/19 OFF DAY, 3/20 BOSTON, 3/21 at Philadelphia, 3/22 TORONTO, 3/23 at Boston, 3/24 PITTSBURGH, 3/25 COLORADO.

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

