

MINNESOTA TWINS (6-11) vs. DETROIT TIGERS (10-9)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 - 7:10 PM (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Joe Ryan (0-1, 2.60) vs. RHP Jack Flaherty (0-1, 4.91)

GAME 18

HOME GAME 6

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows for 4/20 and 4/21 vs. Detroit.

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics: Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, Record in home series, Record in road series, Series Openers, Series Finales, Rubber Games, Sweeps/Swept, March/April, May, June, July, August, September/October, Day Games, Night Games, vs. American League East, vs. American League Central, vs. American League West, vs. National League, Games vs. LH Starter, Games vs. RH Starter, Twins score first, Opponent scores first, Come-from-behind wins, Leading after 7/8 inn., Trailing after 7/8 inn., Tied after 7/8 inn., Extra-innings, 1-run games, When Twins score 4+, When Twins score 3-, Twins out-hit opp., Opp. out-hit Twins, Twins/Opp. have = hits, Run Differential, Twins get Quality Start, Twins starter goes 6+ IP, Most games over .500, Most games under .500, Longest win-streak, Longest losing-streak, Twins get 10+ hits, Days in First Place, Days in Second Place, Days in Third Place, Days in Fourth Place, Days in Fifth Place, Walk-Off W/L, Shutouts W/L, CG (Twins), Average Time of Game (Twins), Attendance High (Home), Attendance Total (Home), Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts, Reg. Season (Post.), '24/All-Time.

THE TWINS: Completed their seven-game roadtrip with a record of 2-5, going 2-2 in Detroit and 0-3 in Baltimore...tonight, the Twins will begin their second homestand of 2024 with the first of three against the Tigers through the weekend...after this series, the Twins will host the White Sox for a four-game series from Monday-Thursday.

⚡ The Twins are looking to avoid dropping their fifth-straight game tonight, which would mark a season-high...their last win came in Game 2 of the Doubleheader in Detroit on Saturday.

TWINS END TRIP IN WORST WAY POSSIBLE: The Twins lost to the Orioles on Wednesday afternoon in Baltimore by a score of 4-2, suffering their first walk-off defeat of the season as Cedric Mullins hit a two-run homer off Griffin Jax...Pablo López was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing one run on two hits in 6.0 innings pitched, with no walks and seven strikeouts — his only run allowed came on a Gunnar Henderson leadoff home run...the offense recorded five hits, struck out nine times, walked twice and went 1-for-6 with runners in scoring position.

TWINS AND TIGERS: The Twins are playing the fifth of 13 games against the Tigers tonight...these two last met for four games in three days last weekend, splitting 2-2.

⚡ Rocco Baldelli has a managerial record of 49-35 against the Tigers — since 2019...only Terry Francona (51-29) has beaten Detroit more in that span.

⚡ The Twins have gone 35-16 at home against the Tigers since the start of the 2018 season...in fact, in that time frame, the Twins only lost two home series to the Tigers, holding a 12-2-2 series record in that span.

⚡ Twins lead baseball in home runs vs. Detroit since the start of 2019, hitting 121, 24 ahead of Chicago-AL (97).

⚡ Christian Vázquez is hitting .301 (34-for-113) with nine doubles, four home runs and 18 RBI in 33 career games vs. the Tigers.

⚡ Carlos Santana is hitting .235 (167-for-710) with 41 doubles, 27 home runs, 104 RBI, 124 walks and 109 runs scored in 193 career games vs. Detroit...below are his ranks vs. Detroit among actives:

Table with columns: GAMES, HITS, DOUBLES, RUNS, WALKS, RBI. Rows for Santana, Perez, Abreu.

TIGER RYAN KING: Joe Ryan struck out 12 batters over 6.0 innings in his last start against the Tigers on April 13 (Game 1), including each starter in the lineup at least once...it is tied for the second-most strikeouts in a game for a start this season: Iyer Glasnow on April 9 vs. Minnesota (14) and Reid Detmers on April 5 vs. Boston (12)...Ryan has 57 career strikeouts against the Tigers in 41.1 innings pitched, his most K's against any opponent (next is Kansas City - 46)...in seven career starts against Detroit, he has struck out at least eight batters four times and at least nine batters three times.

AMERICA'S NEXT TOP JEFF: Ryan Jeffers finished the roadtrip going 11-for-26 (.423), hitting two doubles, one home run, six RBI and a 1.157 OPS...additionally, among all AL catchers (as primary position), his 11 RBI on the season are third most, trailing Salvador Perez (17) and Jonah Heim (15).

⚡ Jeffers went 6-for-15 (.400) with four RBI over the four-game series against the Tigers last weekend.

AK19: Alex Kirilloff has hit safely in 12 of 16 games this season...he leads the team in hits (15), and OPS (.883), and tied for first in doubles (4)...additionally he ranks in the 90th percentile in baseball in average exit velocity (92.7 mph).

⚡ Kirilloff is hitting .324 (11-for-34) off fastballs this season, .333 (4-for-12) off breaking pitches and .000 (0-for-5) against offspeed.

EXCELLENT 'PENMANSHIP: The Twins bullpen has combined to go 4-3, 2.71 ERA (63.0 IP, 19 ER) with 24 walks, 82 strikeouts and a .209 opponent batting average...below are their ranks among other bullpens in baseball in a few notable categories:

Table with columns: HITS, RUNS, BAA, ERA, K, K/BB, BARRELS/PA%. Rows for SEA, DET, MIN, KC, CLE.

SOLID AS A BROCK: Brock Stewart has began the season with eight-straight scoreless appearances (8.1 IP), allowing five hits with 11 strikeouts...he has not allowed a hit to a right-handed batter (0-for-13)...Stewart's last run allowed came on a Jose Altuve grand slam on May 29, 2023 at Houston...he enters today with a 21.0-scoreless inning streak, the second-longest active streak in baseball, trailing only Brusdar Graterol (25.0) - Elias...since the start of last season, he leads baseball with a 0.50 ERA (minimum of 30.0 innings pitched).

⚡ He ranks in the 93rd percentile in baseball in average fastball velocity (97.3 mph).

KEPLER UPDATE: Max Kepler played in his first game on rehab assignment last night with Triple-A St. Paul, going 1-for-3 as the club's designated hitter...St. Paul plays at Indianapolis again tonight at 6:05 pm (CT).

FYI: Right-handed reliever Josh Staumont has been returned from his rehab assignment, reinstated from the 15-day Injured List and optioned to Triple-A St. Paul...Staumont was signed to a one-year contract with the Twins this off-season and began 2024 on the IL with a strained left calf.

WELL PLAYED MAUER: Joe Mauer is celebrating his 41st birthday today...Mauer shares a birthday with actor James Franco, actress Kate Hudson, former NFL star/former Head and Shoulders commercial co-star Troy Polamalu and tennis player Maria Sharapova.

⚡ Mauer is the first Hall of Famer born in the 1980s (born in 1983).

⚡ Other former Twins celebrating birthdays: Frank Viola (64), Joe Beimel (47), Dennys Reyes (47) and Zach Duke (41).

ICYMI: Yesterday was the six-year anniversary of when former Twin Eduardo Escobar met and introduced himself to actor Nicolas Cage who was having lunch on the patio at the team hotel in Puerto Rico...the Twins were on the island to play Cleveland for two games...Cage was on the island filming an upcoming movie called Primal...Escobar told Cage that he was a fan and watches several of his movies to help him learn English...Cage then put his hands together, bowed and exclaimed, "Thank You, Escobar"...some of Escy's favorites were/are The Rock and Face/Off.

STREAKS

Table listing streaks: Current Streak (4 losses), Last 5 games (1-4), Last 10 games (3-7), Last 15 games (4-11), Last 20 games.

TWINS VS. TIGERS

Table listing series records: 2024 Record (2-2), Current Streak (1 loss), 2024 at Home, 2024 at Detroit (2-2), Under Baldelli (since 2019) (49-35), All-Time Record (493-445-1), All-Time at Home (259-210), All-Time at Detroit (234-235-1).

2024 Game Logs:

Table listing game logs: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows for 4/11, 4/12, 4/13, 4/14, 4/19, 4/20, 4/21, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/26, 7/27, 7/28.

LAST ROADTRIP (2-5)

Table listing road trip stats: Batting average (.205), Runs Per Game (4.14), Home Runs (6), RISP (.183), Errors (4).

Table listing team ERA (4.99), Starters W-L (1-3), Starters ERA (4.93), Relievers W-L-S (1-2-1), Relievers ERA (5.09), Saves/Opps (1/3).

DET LINEUP VS. RYAN - 4/13

Table listing Detroit lineup vs. Ryan: 1. Greene (1-for-3, 2 K), 2. Canha (0-for-2, K), 3. Torkelson (1-for-3, 2 K), 4. Carpenter (1-for-3, K), 5. Keith (0-for-3, K), 6. Vierling (0-for-3, K), 7. McKinstry (1-for-3, K), 8. Kelly (0-for-3, 2 K), 9. Meadows (0-for-2, K).

MLB PITCHING LEADERS

Table listing strikeouts/9.0 innings pitched: Freddy Peralta, MIL (13.25), Hunter Greene, CIN (13.06), Jared Jones, PIT (12.52), Joe Ryan, MIN (12.46), Garrett Crochet, CWS (12.31).

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions: 4/19 RHP Staumont returned from rehab assignment, reinstated, optioned to AAA; 4/16 OF Wallner optioned to AAA, OF Larnach recalled from AAA; 4/14 LHP Thielbar returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 15-day IL, RHP Alcalá optioned to AAA; 4/13 RHP Woods Richardson 27th man, SS Correa placed on 10-day IL, C Camargo recalled from AAA, RHP Bowman contract selected from AAA, RHP Tonkin designated for release or assignment; 4/9 RHP Tonkin acquired via trade with NYM, in exchange for cash, OF Kepler placed on 10-day IL, RHP Weiss transferred to 60-day IL; 4/8 IF Miranda recalled from AAA; 4/7 RHP Duarte placed on 15-day IL; 3/30 IF Lewis placed on 10-day IL, UTL Martin recalled from AAA.

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing upcoming milestones: Player/Manager, Current No., Milestone Within Reach. Rows for Byron Buxton, Kyle Farmer, Manny Margot, Carlos Santana, Christian Vázquez.









