



GAME NOTES



MINNESOTA TWINS (3-4-0) vs. TAMPA BAY RAYS (2-5-0)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 – 1:05 PM (ET) – RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF // TV: NONE

RHP Chris Paddack vs. RHP Shane Baz

Spring Game 8

Spring Home Game 5

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: DATE, OPP, PITCHERS, TIME (ET), RADIO / TV. Rows for 3/3 (OFF-DAY), 3/4 (at ATL, TBA vs. TBA), 3/5 (vs. BAL, TBA vs. TBA).

WARM IT UP: Today the Twins will play the eighth of 32 scheduled spring training games and the fifth home game...Twins are 2-2 at home so far this spring...12 more games will be played at Lee Health Sports Complex and 11 games will be played on the road.

☞ Tomorrow afternoon, Minnesota will enjoy its first official off-day of spring, before playing the Braves in North Port on Tuesday and hosting the Orioles back at Lee Health Sports Complex on Wednesday.

MINNESOTA DAY, EH?: Today marks the Twins' annual Minnesota Day at Lee Health Sports Complex, featuring a pregame tailgate in the parking lot in front of the stadium...additionally, band The Blue Gators will be playing from 10:00am-12:30pm under the oak tree near Stelly Field...Winnebago Industries and Estero Bay Chevrolet both have vehicles on display...postgame, kids have the opportunity to run the bases.

JETBLUE BLUES: The Twins lost to the Red Sox, 8-4, yesterday afternoon up the road at JetBlue Park...Bailey Ober made his first spring start, allowing two runs on five hits (1 HR), with one walk and six strikeouts in 3.0 innings of work...Aaron Rozek (0.2 IP, 1 H) and Louis Varland (1.0 IP, 2 H) were the only Minnesota hurlers to not allow a run...former Red Sox shined at the plate, as Mickey Gasper went 2-for-4 with a run scored and Christian Vázquez went 1-for-3 with two RBI...Ty France continued his strong spring, going 1-for-1 with one RBI, two walks and one run scored...Twins also stole two bases (France and Willi Castro) and have nine thefts so far this spring, tied for sixth most in the majors.

THE KNOTSON CUP: The Twins are playing the Elvis Martinez and Dukes Knutson-led Rays today for the first 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...after today's game, the two teams are slated to play in Port Charlotte on Friday (Twins will be split squad) and back at Lee Health Sports Complex on March 14...Minnesota went 1-1-1 against Tampa Bay last spring (1 rainout), tying 4-4 on March 3 at Lee Health Sports Complex, losing 4-3 on March 13 (split squad) in Port Charlotte and winning 6-5 in their final game on March 16 in Fort Myers...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.

THE SHERIFF'S IN TOWN: Chris Paddack is in his fifth major league spring training, second with Minnesota (San Diego - 2019-22)...last spring he went 0-2, 4.73 ERA (13.1 IP, 7 ER) with three walks and 10 strikeouts in four starts (1 unofficial start on a minor league backfield)...Paddack made Twins Opening Day roster and was club's number five starter to begin 2025...tied career-long winning streak, earning wins in four consecutive starts from April 22-May 8, posting a 1.93 ERA (23.1 IP, 5 ER) with just three walks and 28 strikeouts in that span...set career high with 8.0 innings pitched on May 19 at Cleveland...placed on 15-day Injured List on June 25 with right arm fatigue; reinstated on July 8...made two more starts upon return to the rotation, pitching 5.0 innings apiece on July 8 at Chicago-AL and July 14 at San Francisco, before being placed back on the 15-day IL on July 20 with right forearm strain...finished season on 15-day IL while rehabbing back at Target Field.

Table with columns: DATE, TEAM, W-L, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows for 2/24 (at TB, ND, 2.0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1), 3/2 (vs. TB, --, --, --, --, --, --, --, --, --), SPRING TOTALS (---, ---, ---, ---, ---, ---, ---, ---, ---, ---).

*game was cancelled due to rain after 2.0 innings

FREE WILLI: Willi Castro is set to play in his fifth spring training game today, after starting at shortstop yesterday afternoon...in 2024, made the Twins Opening Day roster for the third time in career and second consecutively with Twins...set new career high, hitting in 11-straight games from June 16-28...hit .400 (18-for-45) with a 1.205 OPS during the streak...played in each of Twins first 106 games until a day off on July 31 at New York-AL...named to American League All-Star team as reserve, replacing Jose Altuve due to injury...stole home as part of a double steal on August 9 vs. Cleveland, broke tie with César Tovar and moved into sole possession of second on Twins all-time list in steals of home...led team in games (158), hits (138), runs (89) and stolen bases, ranked second in walks (51) and third in RBI (60)...was finalist for Rawlings Gold Glove Award at utility position, along with Mauricio Dubón and Dylan Moore...recipient of Most Valuable Twin Award.

WELCOME MATT: This is Matt Wallner's third Twins spring training...is 1-for-11 with one home run and three RBI in four games so far...manager Rocco Baldelli has called Wallner hitting in the leadoff spot a concept he's trying...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.

T-REV: This is Trevor Larnach's sixth time participating in Twins spring training...in 2024 recorded two hits in career-long four-straight games from April 23-30...hit .350 (21-for-60) with 12 RBI and a .927 OPS in first 18 games with Twins from April 16-May 11...hit go-ahead two-run homer on June 30 at Seattle in the top of the eighth inning, breaking a 3-3 tie, leading Twins to series win in finale...hit ninth home run of season with Minnesota on July 8 at Chicago-AL, setting new single-season career high...recorded first career multi-homer game on August 24 vs. St. Louis...set career highs in games (112), runs (59), hits (92), doubles (17), home runs (15), RBI (52) and walks (40).

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.

TODAY'S PITCHERS

Twins: Chris Paddack (R), Simeon Woods Richardson (R), Jorge Alcala (R), Cole Sands (R), Kody Funderburk (L), Erasmo Ramirez (R)

Rays: Shane Baz (R), Kevin Kelly (R), Ben Peoples (R), Austin Vernon (R), Michael Flynn (R), Mason Englert (R), Joey Krehbiel (R), Jake Brentz (L)

TUESDAY'S PITCHERS

Twins: Randy Dobnak (R), Andrew Morris (R), Danny Coulombe (L), Matt Canterino (R), Alex Speas (R), Louis Varland (R)

Braves: TBA

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: 3-4, Home Record: 2-2, Road Record: 1-2, vs. AL Teams: 2-2, vs. NL Teams: 1-2, When Twins score first: 1-3, When opponent scores first: 2-1, Most 6L games over .500: 2, 2/26, Most 6L games under .500: 1, 3/1, Longest winning-streak: 2, 2/25-2/26, Longest losing-streak: 3, 2/27-present, Team-high hits: 17, 2/28 vs. BAL, Team-high runs: 10, 2/28 vs. BAL, Opponent-high hits: 16, 3/1 at BOS, Opponent-high runs: 13, 2/28 vs. BAL

RECENT SPRING INFO

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

DAYS UNTIL OPENING DAY

25 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

SPRING PITCHING GAME LOGS

#82 ADAMS' DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	at PIT	L1	1.0	5	4	4	0	1	0
TOTALS	0-1	1.0	5	4	4	0	1	0	0

#66 ALCALA'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/27	vs. PIT	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

#60 BLEWETT'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	vs. ATL	H1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2/26	at DET	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

#43 CANTERINO'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	vs. NYY	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	1
TOTALS	0-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1

#63 CASTELLANO'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	at PIT	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3
2/28	vs. BAL	ND	2.0	1	2	2	1	1	1
TOTALS	0-0	3.0	1	2	2	1	2	4	4

#54 COULOMBE'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/1	at BOS	L1	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	1
TOTALS	0-1	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	1

#68 DOBNAK'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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TOTALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

#59 DURAN'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	vs. ATL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/25	vs. NYY	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

#58 FESTA'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	at PIT	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
3/1	at BOS	ND	2.1	5	4	4	0	1	5
TOTALS	0-0	4.1	6	4	4	0	1	7	7

#55 FUNDERBURK'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	at PIT	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2/26	at DET	H1	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	0-0	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

#22 JAX'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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TOTALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

#71 JENSEN'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/27	vs. PIT	ND	0.1	1	5	5	0	2	1
TOTALS	0-0	0.1	1	5	5	0	2	1	1

#81 LEWIS' DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/26	at DET	H1	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2

#49 LÓPEZ'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/27	vs. PIT	L1	2.0	4	3	3	0	2	4
TOTALS	0-1	2.0	4	3	3	0	2	4	4

#52 MATTHEWS' DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	vs. ATL	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
2/28	vs. BAL	ND	3.0	2	0	0	0	0	5
TOTALS	0-0	5.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7

#51 McCAUGHAN'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/23	at PIT	BS1	2.0	3	1	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	3	1	1	0	0	2	2

#57 MISIEWICZ'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	vs. NYY	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/28	vs. BAL	ND	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	2
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	2	2	2	0	1	3	3

#78 MORRIS' DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/26	at DET	W1	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	1-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1

#17 OBER'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
3/1	at BOS	ND	3.0	5	2	2	1	1	6
TOTALS	0-0	3.0	5	2	2	1	1	6	6

#20 PADDACK'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/24	at TB*	ND	2.0	1	1	1	1	0	2
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	1	1	1	1	1	0	2

*- 2/24 at TB was cancelled after 2 innings

#30 RAMÍREZ'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/27	vs. PIT	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	0-0	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0

#85 RAYA'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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TOTALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

#41 RYAN'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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TOTALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

#44 SANDS' DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/27	vs. PIT	ND	0.2	2	3	3	0	2	0
TOTALS	0-0	0.2	2	3	3	0	2	0	0

#65 SPEAS' DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	vs. NYY	W1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2/28	vs. BAL	H1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	1-0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

#61 STEWART'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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TOTALS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

#39 TONKIN'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	vs. ATL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/25	vs. NYY	BS1	1.0	4	3	3	1	1	1
2/28	vs. BAL	ND	0.2	2	1	1	0	1	1
TOTALS	0-0	2.2	6	4	4	1	2	3	3

#48 TOPA'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	vs. ATL	ND	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	1
2/25	vs. NYY	H1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	4	1	1	0	0	2	2

#37 VARLAND'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/22	vs. ATL	W1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2/25	vs. NYY	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3/1	at BOS	ND	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1-0	3.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3

#24 WOODS RICHARDSON'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/25	vs. NYY	ND	2.0	3	1	1	1	0	3
TOTALS	0-0	2.0	3	1	1	1	1	0	3

#19 YNOA'S DAY-BY-DAY

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
2/26	at DET	H1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	0-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

TWINS RECENT TRANSACTIONS

DATE	NO	PLAYER	POS	TRANSACTION
12/11/24	63	Castellano, Eiberson.....	RHP	Selected from PHI in Rule 5 Draft.
12/24/24	11	Gasper, Mickey.....	UTL	Acquired from BOS in exchange for LHP Jovani Moran.
1/9	62	Cartaya, Diego.....	C	Acquired from LAD in exchange for ml RHP Jose Vasquez.
2/6	1	Helman, Michael.....	UTL	Traded to STL in exchange for cash considerations.
2/7	31	Henriquez, Ronny.....	RHP	Designated for release or assignment.
	12	Bader, Harrison.....	OF	Signed to one-year contract.
	54	Coulombe, Danny.....	LHP	Signed to one-year contract.
2/11	53	Headrick, Brent.....	LHP	Claimed off waivers by NYY.