



POST-GAME NOTES

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'87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (10-16) VS. TORONTO BLUE JAYS (17-13)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018 – TARGET FIELD – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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

WINNING PITCHER: Romero (1-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Stroman (0-4)

SAVE: None

FIRST PITCH: 12:10

GAME TIME TEMP: 58 degrees, wind 10 mph NW

TIME OF GAME: 2:47

ATTENDANCE: 16,420

HOME RUNS: Rosario (5th, 2nd inning off Stroman, 0 on, 1 out 0-0 pitch, 408 ft. to left/center field)

PITCHING LINES:

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Fernando Romero (W)	5.2	4	0	0	3	5	0	0	97/59
Trevor Hildenberger	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2/1
Zach Duke	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	18/11
Addison Reed	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9/7
Fernando Rodney	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	14/8
BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Marcus Stroman (L)	7.0	6	2	2	1	5	1	1	99/68
Aaron Loup	0.2	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	26/14
Carlos Ramirez	0.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	11/6

NEXT GAME:

Twins at White Sox
Thursday, May 3 – 7:10 pm (CT)

RHP Jake Odorizzi (2-2, 3.94)
vs.
RHP Reynaldo Lopez (0-2, 1.78)

TWINS NOTES:

- **THE TWINS** won the third of three games to the Blue Jays and finish of the six-game homestand 2-4...the Twins also snap a three game losing skid and are 2-11 in their last 13 games...took the lead in the second inning and are now 5-10 when scoring first...this was the Twins' 11th day game of the year and are now 5-6 in such contests...the Twins are now 7-7 at Target Field and enter a 10-game, 11-day road trip...this was their third shutout of 2018 and the first time the Twins have shut out Toronto since June 10, 2014.
- **FERNANDO ROMERO** tossed 5.2 innings and earned the win in his major league debut and shut out Toronto, allowing four hits and three walks with five strikeouts...eighth time a Twins starter has held opponent scoreless in 2018...the second Twin to make his major league debut in 2018 (Tyler Kinley) and the 16th Twin to make his big league debut since the beginning of 2017...threw a 98 mph fastball in the first inning, the fastest pitch thrown by a Twin in 2018 (Kinley: 96.8 mph)...the last time a Twins pitcher made their debut as a starter, Aaron Slegers took the mound and though he did not earn a decision against Cleveland, the Twins won 4-2.
- **EDUARDO ESCOBAR** (2-for-4) doubled in the sixth inning, extending his hitting streak to nine games...over the streak, is batting .389 (14-for-36)...entered today tied for the league lead in doubles with 12.
- **JOE MAUER** (2-for-4) singled in the first inning and is now batting .322 (65-for-202) in day games since the start of 2017...since beginning of 2017, hitting .386 (17-for-44) with two HR and six RBI against Toronto...with the single, Mauer has now reached base in 22 of 25 games played this season...he has also hit in five consecutive games, hitting .316 (6-for-19) over that stretch.
- **EDDIE ROSARIO** (2-for-4) hit a solo home run in the second inning to give the Twins the lead...this is his second consecutive game with a home run, first time he's done so since hitting home runs on September 16-17, 2017 against Toronto...in 36 home games since August 8, 2017, hitting .343 (49-for-143) with 13 home runs, 10 doubles and 30 RBI...now has a hit in three straight games and a hit in 18 of his 22 starts this year.
- **MAX KEPLER** (1-for-4) singled in the eighth inning and also drove in a run on a fielder's choice in the third inning...in his last 17 games, is hitting .318 (21-for-66) with 10 RBI.
- **GREGORIO PETIT** (1-for-3) singled in his first at-bat and has notched a base hit in three of his seven at-bats with the Twins...first RBI of the season in the ninth after walking with the bases loaded.

TORONTO NOTES:

- **THE BLUE JAYS** lost the third of the three game series but take the series over Minnesota 2-1...the Blue Jays fall to 8-6 on the road and 5-5 in series finales, but improve their series record to 7-3-1...Toronto is now 3-13 in games in which they score fewer than five runs...after today's game, Toronto has outscored their opponents on the road 63-60 but has been out-hit 129-102...this was only the third road game in which Toronto did not hit a home run...manager John Gibbons was ejected in the second inning, his first ejection of 2018 and 45th of his career...this is the first time the Blue Jays have been shut out in 2018, their last shutout coming September 29, 2017 against the Yankees.

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- **MARCUS STROMAN** allowed two runs over 7.0 innings, his longest outing of 2018 and his first quality start of the year, but still suffered his fourth loss of the year...the two runs are the fewest he's given up in a start in 2018...in two career starts at Target Field, has allowed only three earned runs over 14.2 innings...entering today's game, Stroman held the second highest ERA in baseball among pitchers with 25.0 or more innings pitched at 8.88.
- **KEVIN PILLAR** (2-for-3) singled in the second inning and extended his hitting streak to seven games...he has now hit safely in 16 of his last 19 games, hitting .361 (26-for-72) with nine doubles, one triple, three home runs and 11 RBI in that span...Pillar leads the team in hits with 36...Pillar entered today's game tied for the league lead in doubles with 12...with his single in the second, snapped a streak of 10 straight hits that have gone for extra bases, tied for the second longest streak in Blue Jays history.
- **JUSTIN SMOAK** (1-for-4) hit a single in the top of the fourth inning to tie the game...has now reached base safely in all 16 of his games against the Twins.
- **ALEDMYS DIAZ** (1-for-2) doubled in the fifth inning, his third straight game with a hit...seven of his last 18 hits have gone for extra bases.