



POST-GAME NOTES

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WORLD CHAMPIONS
'87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (40-49) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (26-65)

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – TARGET FIELD – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

FINAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Kansas City	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	9	15	1	9
Minnesota	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	9	0	6

WINNING PITCHER: Flynn (1-1)

LOSING PITCHER: Slegers (1-1)

SAVE: None

FIRST PITCH: 7:10

GAME TIME TEMP: 84 degrees, wind from SE 8 mph

TIME OF GAME: 3:30

ATTENDANCE: 27,551

HOME RUNS: Dozier (14th, 1st inning off Kennedy, 0 on, 2 out, 2-0 pitch, 399 feet to left field)
 Mondesi (2nd, 2nd inning off Slegers, 2 on, 1 out, 2-2 pitch, 400 feet to right field)
 Gordon (6th, 9th inning off Reed, 1 on, 1 out, 1-0 pitch, 415 feet to right field)

PITCHING LINES:

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Aaron Slegers	1.1	7	5	5	0	0	1	0	41/27
Taylor Rogers	2.1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	37/22
Matt Magill	2.0	3	1	1	1	2	0	0	44/27
Matt Belisle	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	29/18
Zach Duke	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	27/15
Addison Reed	1.0	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	19/12

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Ian Kennedy	3.0	5	2	2	1	3	1	0	67/37
Brian Flynn	4.0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	53/29
Jason Hammel	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	31/23

NEXT GAME:

Twins vs. Royals
Wednesday, July 10, 12:10 pm

RHP Lance Lynn (6-7, 5.21)

Vs.

RHP Burch Smith (0-0, 5.40)

TWINS NOTES:

- **THE TWINS** lost the second of three to the Royals, snapping their five-game winning streak...the winning streak matched a season best and was the longest since winning six straight August 6-11, 2017...the loss also snaps a six-game winning streak at Target Field, their longest of the season and longest since August 17-31, 2017...fall to 5-1 on the current homestand and 25-21 at home overall...fall to 2-3 against the Royals this year and 18-14 against the AL Central...remain 8.5 games behind Cleveland for first place in the division...fall to 34-21 when scoring four or more runs and 16-30 when their opponent scores first.
- **AARON SLEGERS** suffered the loss after allowing five earned runs on seven hits in 1.1 inning, the shortest start of his career...his five runs allowed matches a career-high, the other outing coming September 6, 2017 against Detroit...the seven hits also sets a career high in a start, also coming against Detroit in 2017...his 1.1 is the shortest outing by a Twins starting pitcher this year (previous low 1.2 innings, done twice).
- **EDDIE ROSARIO** (1-for-3) recorded a single in the third inning to extend his hitting streak vs. the Royals to 10 games, hitting .357 (15-for-42).
- **BRIAN DOZIER** (1-for-4) hit a solo home run in the first inning, only his third home run of the year at Target Field...has hit safely in five straight games, hitting .316 (6-for-19) with two home runs and five RBI.
- **MAX KEPLER** (1-for-4) tripled and drove in a run in the top of the ninth to extend his hitting streak to six games, hitting .364 (8-for-22) with five extra base hits and five RBI over that stretch.
- **TAYLOR ROGERS** tossed 2.1 innings of scoreless relief tonight, his longest outing of the season and his 11th scoreless outing in his last 12 appearances.

ROYALS NOTES:

- **THE ROYALS** take the second game of the three game series from the Twins to snap their 10 game losing streak, their longest of the season...improve to 1-1 on the current six game road trip, 5-15 in their last 20 road contests and 15-30 overall on the road...are 4-22 in their last 26 games...the six runs scored tonight snaps a streak of 30 games being held to five runs or fewer and the first time since June 4 when they lost 9-6 against Los Angeles-AL...nine runs and 15 hits are their most since scoring 11 runs on 15 hits against the Twins on May 30...improve to 13-18 against the AL Central earned their first divisional win since beating the Twins May 30.
- **IAN KENNEDY** allowed two runs on five hits and one walk with three strikeouts over 3.0 innings...was removed from the game due to left side tightness; this was his first start since being activated from the disabled list...his 3.0 innings matches his shortest start of the year (June 1 against Oakland)...did not factor into the decision and is still winless since his only win of the year on April 7 against Cleveland...was given five runs of support tonight, the most he's been given in a start since he was given six runs of support on May 10 against Baltimore.

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- **WHIT MERRIFIELD** (2-for-3) doubled to lead off the game to extend his hitting streak to 12 games, hitting .460 (23-for-50)...this ties his longest hitting streak of 12 games this season, his other 12-game streak coming from May 6-19...has recorded a hit against the Twins in 26 of 28 games and in nine in a row, hitting .353 (12-for-34) during that span...now has 30 multi-hit games this year, 10th most in the AL...walked twice to reach base four times, fifth time this year he's done so and eighth time in his career.
- **ALCIDES ESCOBAR** (2-for-4) singled and scored in the second inning, extending his hitting streak to six games, hitting .292 (7-for-24) over the streak...first multi-hit game since June 22 against Houston.
- **ADALBERTO MONDESI** (2-for-4) hit a three run home run in the second inning and has now scored in nine runs in his last 12 games...four RBI is a career-high and it's his second multi-RBI game this year
- **ALEX GORDON** (2-for-4) singled in the eighth and homered in the ninth and has now hit safely in nine straight games against the Twins...over that stretch, hitting .421 (16-for-38) with two home runs and six RBI.
- **SALVADOR PEREZ** (1-for-5) collected a two-out RBI single in the first inning, his third RBI in his last seven games after a career-long 16-game streak without an RBI (June 12-July 1).
- **BRIAN FLYNN** threw 4.0 scoreless innings of relief, his longest relief outing of the season and longest since June 24, 2016 when he threw 5.0 scoreless innings against Houston...matches the longest relief outing by a Royals reliever this year (four times)...second career win and first since May 18, 2016 against Boston.