



POST-GAME NOTES

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'87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (6-4) VS. HOUSTON ASTROS (9-4)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 – TARGET FIELD – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

FINAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Houston	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	8	13	0	12
Minnesota	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	9	9	1	7

WINNING PITCHER: Rodney (1-1)

LOSING PITCHER: Peacock (1-1)

SAVE: None

FIRST PITCH: 12:10

GAME TIME TEMP: 44 degrees, wind 10 mph E

TIME OF GAME: 3:35

ATTENDANCE: 15,438

HOME RUNS: Kepler (2nd, 4th inning, off McCullers, 1 on, 1 out, 2-1 pitch, 404 ft.)

Bregman (1st, 6th inning, off Hildenberger, 0 on, 1 out, 0-2 pitch, 411 ft.)

Kepler (3rd, 9th inning, off Peacock, 0 on, 2 out, 3-2 pitch, 396 ft.)

PITCHING LINES:

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Kyle Gibson	4.1	7	5	5	4	4	0	0	90/49
Trevor Hildenberger	1.2	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	22/17
Zach Duke	0.1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	22/11
Addison Reed	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	19/14
Fernando Rodney (W)	1.0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	21/13

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Lance McCullers Jr.	3.2	7	8	8	6	6	1	1	95/48
James Hoyt	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	15/8
Chris Devenski	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	13/8
Wil Harris	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12/9
Hector Rondon	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7/5
Brad Peacock (L)	1.2	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	33/20

NEXT GAME:

Astros at Twins

Thursday, April 12 – 7:10 pm (CT)

RHP José Berríos (1-1, 3.29)

vs.

RHP Lucas Giolito (0-1, 6.17)

TWINS NOTES:

- **THE TWINS** took the rubber match of the series with a 9-8 win...Max Kepler's walk-off home run was the first since Byron Buxton's on September 14, 2017 vs. TOR...the Twins won their first series against Houston since August 28-30, 2015...had lost six straight series to Houston and two straight series at Target Field...the Twins are now 3-2 at home and 6-0 when leading after 7.0 innings...the Twins defeated the Astros at Target Field for the first time since August 8, 2016...the Twins scored eight runs in the fourth inning, the most runs the Twins have scored in an inning since they put up nine runs vs. Arizona on August 20, 2017...the nine runs set a season-high.
- **THE TWINS** blew a seven run lead (up 8-1 in the 4th), the 10th time in club history (since 1961) to blow a lead of seven runs-or-more...the last time they blew a lead as big as seven runs was July 2, 2011 vs. Milwaukee, blowing a 7-0 lead and losing 8-7.
- **KYLE GIBSON** lasted 4.1 innings for the second straight start and did not earn a decision to remain 0-1 on the season...also allowed the first two batters of the game to reach base and a first-inning run for the second consecutive start...the five earned runs he allowed today are the most runs he's given up to the Astros in his career (previously high was four).
- **JOE MAUER** (1-for-4) singled in the first inning and is now two hits shy of 2,000 for his career...has a hit in all nine of his games to begin the season, the longest season-beginning streak of his career (hit in first nine game in 2010)...the single extended his current hit-streak against the Astros to 11 games, batting .326 (14-for-43) in those 11...has reached 21 times in 40 plate appearances this season (.525 OBP).
- **BRIAN DOZIER** (1-for-5) singled and drove in a run in the fourth inning to extend his current hit-streak to 10 games...has a hit in 11 of his last 12 vs. the Astros and in 17 of his last 19 against Houston...has a hit in 10 straight at Target Field...hit his 23rd go-ahead RBI since the beginning of 2017, which leads the team.
- **EHIRE ADRIANZA** (1-for-3) singled and drove in Max Kepler in the fourth to tie the game 1-1...now has a hit in six of his seven career games against the Astros.
- **EDDIE ROSARIO** (1-for-4) tripled in three runs in the fourth to give the Twins a 5-1 lead...the three-RBI triple is the first triple for the Twins in 2018...since August 8, 2017, hitting .350 at home (36-for-103).
- **MAX KEPLER** (2-for-4) hit two home runs, one of which was a walk-off solo home run...fourth career multi-home run game (last August 8, 2017 vs. Milwaukee)...second career walk-off homer, the other coming June 12, 2016 vs. Boston.

ASTROS NOTES:

- **THE ASTROS** lost the third of three games at Target Field and lost their first series to the Twins since August 28-30, 2015...this is the first road series the Astros have lost since being swept in Oakland in four September 8-10, 2017 (4-0 in road series since)...are now 9-4 in their last 13 against Minnesota...the eight runs they allowed in the fourth are the most runs Houston has allowed in an inning and in a game in 2018...suffered first loss at Target Field since August 8, 2016 and lost for only the fourth time in four years in Minnesota...it was also the first time they suffered consecutive losses at Target Field since August 6-8 2013.
- **LANCE MCCULLERS JR.** did not earn a decision and remains 1-1 on the season after lasting 3.2 innings...allowed all eight earned runs in the fourth inning on two walks and five hits, including a home run to Max Kepler...his 3.2 IP is the third shortest outing of his career...eight earned runs are a career-high (previous high: 6, 2x, last July 23, 2017 at BAL) and most he's allowed in one inning...six walks tied a career-high (other May 26, 2016 vs. BAL)...first home run allowed to MIN in his career.
- **JOSE ALTUVE** (1-for-5) singled in the fifth inning and has now recorded a hit in all 17 games he has played in Target Field, passing Mike Moustakas for most in Target Field history by an opposing player (Elias)...the single also extended his current hit-streak against the Twins to 13 and is batting .509 (29-for-57) over the streak...has recorded a hit in each of his last six road games and 11 of his last 12 overall.
- **ALEX BREGMAN** (4-for-6) singled in the first inning and has reached base in all 12 games he has played against the Twins...first career four-hit game...now hitting .333 (17-for-51) in his career vs. MIN.
- **GEORGE SPRINGER** (0-for-3) walked to lead off the game and has reached base in 21 of 22 career games against the Twins...in his career, hitting .325 (26-for-80) with seven home runs and .437 OBP.
- **CARLOS CORREA** (2-for-4) singled in the third and has now reached base in 16 of his last 17 games against the Twins and has also got a hit in eight of his last nine against Minnesota...Correa is now hitting .384 (28-for-73) vs. Minnesota.
- **EVAN GATTIS** (2-for-5) singled and drove in two runs in the fifth and has now recorded an RBI in four consecutive games at Target Field in which he has recorded a plate appearance.