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MINNESOTA TWINS (74-84) VS. DETROIT TIGERS (64-95)

Thursday, September 27, 2018 - TARGET FIELD - MINNEAPOLIS, MN

FINAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	Н	E	LOB
Detroit	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	0	12
Minnesota	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	Χ	9	12	0	6

WINNING PITCHER: Gonsalves (2-2) LOSING PITCHER: Liriano (5-12)

SAVE: None

FIRST PITCH: 7:13 **GAME TIME TEMP:** 57 wind from the W at 8 mph TIME OF GAME: 3:20

ATTENDANCE: 22,342

HOME RUNS: None

PITCHING LINES:

ITCHES/K
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24/17
76/43
35/18
13/8
21/15
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ITCHES/K
62/34
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35/21
17/10
20/10
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NEXT GAME:

Twins vs. White Sox Friday, September 28, 1:10 pm

RHP Reynaldo Lopez (7-9, 3.94) VS. RHP José Berríos (11-11, 3.93)

TWINS NOTES:

- THE TWINS took the series finale over the Tigers to finish the season 12-8 against Detroit...the 12 wins are Minnesota's most over Detroit since 2009 and only the seventh time in history winning 12 or more over Detroit in a season...won their third straight series over Detroit and their seventh in their last nine...scored 98 runs against Detroit this year, most against any opponent...improve to 38-34 over the AL Central...improve to 45-32 at home this year and have gone 26-12 at Target Field since June 24, fifth best winning percentage (.684) in baseball over that stretch...now 36-53 when their opponent scores first.
- GABRIEL MOYA opened the game for the Twins for the sixth time this season and the second time in three games...allowed a run in the first inning, the first time he's allowed a run as an opener in his last four outings...became the first pitcher to start four times against one team in 10 days since Grover Lowdermilk in 1918 for the St. Louis Browns, per Elias
- STEPHEN GONSALVES made his third appearance as a primary pitcher and earned the win after allowing two runs on three hits and four walks with two strikeouts over 3.1 innings...the run in the second snapped a 9.0 inning scoreless streak...four walks matches a career-high, which he's now done four times...as a primary pitcher this year, is now 1-0 with a 1.46 ERA (12.1 IP, 2 ER)...Twins primary pitchers previously hadn't given up a run in their last four games (21.0 IP).
- JOE MAUER (1-for-5) doubled and drove in a run in the second inning to improve his average with runners in scoring position to .410 (32-for-78), which is now best in baseball...has now reached base safely in each of his last 12 starts and is hitting .340 (17-for-50) with eight RBI over that span...the double is his 600th career extra-base hit.
- TYLER AUSTIN (2-for-4) hit a pair of doubles, driving in three runs, and has now hit safely in eight of his last nine games, hitting .314 (11-for-35) with 11 RBI over that stretch...two doubles matches a season-high (other April 16 vs. MIA)...in his career against Detroit is now hitting .391 (18for-46) with 17 RBI...three RBI are tied for the most he's driven in as a Twins (other Sept. 18 vs. DET).
- WILLIANS ASTUDILLO (2-for-4) singled and doubled tonight, driving in four runs, which is a career-high...he extended his current hitting streak to six games, hitting .480 (12-for-25) with eight RBI over the streak...over his last 14 games, is hitting .415 (22-for-53) with 15 RBI...sixth multi-hit game over his last nine games.
- JORGE POLANCO (3-for-5) singled and doubled tonight and has now hit safely in 10 of his last 13 home games hitting .365 (19-for-52)...in his last 18 games overall, he's hitting .346 (28-for-81)...his 22nd multi-hit game this year and his third in a row.

TIGERS NOTES:

- THE TIGERS are now 1-2 on their current six-game road trip after losing the series finale vs. Minnesota 9-3...Detroit is 19-11 against the Twins over the last 30 games played at Target Field...the Tigers are now 33-43 against AL Central opponents this season, 7-12 vs. Minnesota...their season will conclude during the weekend with three games at Milwaukee (September 28-30).
- **FRANCISCO LIRIANO** made the 300th start of his Major League career tonight for the Tigers...became the eighth Dominican-born pitcher and the 16th active pitcher to make 300 starts in the Majors...he allowed four runs on three hits with two walks and five strikeouts in 2.2 innings before being lifted due to low back tightness in the bottom of the 3rd inning.
- **BUCK FARMER** pitched a scoreless sixth inning, allowing one hit....has not allowed a run in eighth consecutive appearances, throwing 9.1 shutout innings over that stretch.
- CHRISTIN STEWART (3-for-4) reached base in four of his five plate appearances tonight, going 3-for-4 with a RBI and a walk...Stewart posted the second three-hit game of his big league career (other, September 16 at Cleveland) and has now reached base safely in 14 of the 16 games he has started.
- DAWEL LUGO (1-for-2) reached base three times tonight (2 walks) including a single in the second inning.
- VICTOR MARTINEZ wrapped up his 16-year Major League career on Saturday, started at first base, with an infield single...in 1,973 games in his big league career, Martinez hit .295/.360/.455 with 914 runs scored, 423 doubles, three triples, 246 home runs and 1, 178 RBI...among all switch-hitters in MLB history, Martinez ranks 15th in RBI, tied 16th in home runs, 18th in doubles and 23rd in hits (2,153)...the Twins presented him with a retirement gift pre-game, a pair of custom made boots from Red Wing Shoes.