



POST-GAME NOTES

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'69 '70 '87 '91

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WORLD CHAMPIONS
'87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (41-49) VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (26-66)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – TARGET FIELD – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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

WINNING PITCHER: Lynn (7-7)

LOSING PITCHER: Sparkman (0-1)

SAVE: None

FIRST PITCH: 12:12

GAME TIME TEMP: 78 degrees, wind from SE 8 mph

TIME OF GAME: 3:19

ATTENDANCE: 26,708

HOME RUNS: Perez (12th, 1st inning off Lynn, 2 on, 1 out, 1-0 pitch, 398 feet to left field)

Moustakas (18th, 3rd inning off Lynn, 0 on, 0 out, 3-2 count, 403 feet to right field)

Dozier (15th, 6th inning off Romero, 1 on, 1 out, 1-0 pitch, 383 feet to left field)

Morrison (11th, 6th inning off Romero, 0 on, 2 out, 3-1 pitch, 428 feet to right field)

Moustakas (19th, 9th inning off Busenitz, 0 on, 2 out, 2-2 pitch, 420 to right field)

PITCHING LINES:

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Lance Lynn	5.0	5	4	3	3	6	2	0	114/66
Ryan Pressly	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	14/10
Zach Duke	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	20/14
Alan Busenitz	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	39/24

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Burch Smith	3.1	7	4	4	1	4	0	0	71/52
Glenn Sparkman	1.2	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	37/24
Enny Romero	1.0	3	3	3	0	1	2	0	17/11
Tim Hill	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19/12
Jason Adam	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8/7

NEXT GAME:

Twins vs. Rays

Thursday, July 12, 7:10 pm

RHP Kyle Gibson (3-6, 3.59)

Vs.

LHP Blake Snell (12-4, 2.09)

TWINS NOTES:

- **THE TWINS** take the last of the three game series against Kansas City to clinch their 10th series win and second in a row...have won consecutive series for the second time this year, the last coming against Cleveland from June 15-17 (2 of 3) and Boston from June 19-21 (2 of 3)...are now 6-1 in their last seven games at Target Field and are 26-21 at home overall...won their sixth series at Target Field this year...this is their first series win against Kansas City since May 19-21, 2017, snapping a 0-3-1 series streak vs. the Royals...are now 3-2 against Kansas City this year and improve to 19-14 in the division...are 8.0 games behind Cleveland for first in the division...next divisional series is at Kansas City after the All-Star break from July 20-22...this is their 19th come from behind win this year...scored three runs in the sixth inning, are now outscoring opponents 75-42 in the sixth inning this year...15 hits today are the most for the Twins at Target Field this year, previous high 14 on April 27 vs. Cincinnati.
- **LANCE LYNN** earned his seventh win of the year after allowing four runs (3 earned) on four hits and three walks with seven strikeouts over 5.0 innings...faced two batters in the sixth inning, but walked both of them; Ryan Pressly came on in relief and did not allow either runner to score...allowed three earned runs, the most he's allowed at Target Field since April 30 against Toronto when he allowed six runs...his home ERA is now 2.84 (47.2 IP, 15 ER) in nine starts at Target Field; entered the day ninth in the AL in home ERA among starters with at least eight home starts.
- **BRIAN DOZIER** (3-for-5) singled in the third to extend his hitting streak to six games, hitting .375 (9-for-24) with three home runs and eight RBI...singled in the fourth and homered in the sixth, his 19th multi-hit game this year and his fourth three-hit game...three RBI matches his season-high, which he's done five times and the second time in four games (July 8 vs. BAL).
- **MAX KEPLER** (1-for-3) singled and scored a run in the second inning to extend his hitting streak to seven games, hitting .360 (9-for-25) with five extra base hits and five RBI over that stretch.
- **BOBBY WILSON** (3-for-4) singled in the second and doubled in the fourth, driving in a run in each inning, now has 15 hits and 13 RBI this year...eight of his 15 hits have gone for extra bases...first three hit game this year and his first since August 24, 2016 against Boston.
- **JOE MAUER** (3-for-5) singled three times today and now has a hit in 42 of his 57 starts this year...his 16th multi-hit game of the year and his third three-hit game of the year.
- **JAKE CAVE** (2-for-4) singled and doubled today to extend his hitting streak to seven games, hitting .476 (10-for-21) with three doubles and three RBI over the streak...fourth multi-hit game of the year...scored twice, his third game scoring multiples runs this year.

ROYALS NOTES:

- **THE ROYALS** lost the third of three to the Twins to lose the series, their 12th series loss in their last 13 series...have not won a series since taking two of three from the Twins from May 28-30...fall to 2-9 in rubber games this year and 8-21 in series finales...fall to 4-23 in their last 27 games and have lost 10 of their last 11 games...their 66 losses are second most in baseball behind Baltimore (67)...are now 13-19 in the AL Central, last in the division...their next divisional series starts tomorrow against Chicago for a four game series...fall to 17-24 when scoring first and 19-20 when scoring more than three runs...fall to 1-2 on the current road trip and 15-31 on the road overall.
- **BURCH SMITH** allowed four runs on seven hits and one walk with four strikeouts over 3.1 innings and did not factor into the decision...made his first start of the year and eighth of his career, his first start since September 27, 2017 against San Francisco...3.1 innings is the shortest start of his career but it is his second longest outing this season (threw 4.0 innings of relief against Boston on July 6)...left the game after allowing an RBI single to Jake Cave in the fourth inning.
- **ALCIDES ESCOBAR** (1-for-3) singled in the eighth inning, extending his hitting streak to seven games, hitting .296 (8-for-27) over the streak...his longest streak since hitting in 11 straight from August 9-20, 2017.
- **SALVADOR PEREZ** (2-for-5) hit a three-run home run in the first inning and now has six RBI in his last eight games after only driving in three in his previous 23 games combined...first home run since June 10 against Oakland...in 58 games at Target Field, hitting .345 (77-for-223) with 15 home runs and 42 RBI, his most home runs in any visiting ballpark.
- **MIKE MOUSTAKAS** (3-for-5) hit a pair of solo home runs, his team-leading 18th and 19th of the year...he's hit 35 home runs on the road since the start of 2017, second most in baseball...his second multi-home run game this year, the other coming May 8 against Baltimore...22nd multi-hit games this year and fifth three-hit game.