



POST-GAME NOTES

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'87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (4-4) VS. HOUSTON ASTROS (9-2)

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 – TARGET FIELD – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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

WINNING PITCHER: Verlander (1-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Rogers (1-1)

SAVE: Giles (1)

FIRST PITCH: 7:10 p.m.

GAME TIME TEMP: 35 degrees, wind W at 11 mph

TIME OF GAME: 3:28

ATTENDANCE: 15,521

HOME RUNS: None

PITCHING LINES:

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Lance Lynn	5.0	3	0	0	4	9	0	0	105/57
Taylor Rogers (L)	0.2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	7/4
Trevor Hildenberger	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20/14
Addison Reed	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	20/13
Ryan Pressly	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	13/9
ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	WP	PITCHES/K
Justin Verlander (W)	7.0	4	0	0	1	9	0	0	109/69
Brad Peacock	0.1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	21/12
Chris Devenski	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14/9
Ken Giles (S)	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5/3

NEXT GAME:

Astros at Twins

Tuesday, April 10 – 7:10 pm (CT)

RHP Jake Odorizzi (0-0, 2.61)

vs.

LHP Dallas Keuchel (0-1, 3.27)

TWINS NOTES:

- **THE TWINS** lost the series opener against the Astros tonight, 0-2...the Twins have lost nine of their last 10 against the Astros dating back to August 9, 2016...the Twins have lost back-to-back games for the first time this season...the Twins were shutout for the first time since August 1, 2017 at SD...was the first time being shutout at home since June 22, 2017 vs. CWS...first time by Houston since September 4, 2015 at Minute Maid Park...the Twins went 1-for-11 with runners in scoring position and have now hit .203 (14-for-69) with RISP this season.
- **LANCE LYNN** tossed 5.0 scoreless innings allowing three hits and four walks with nine strikeouts...nine strikeouts were most since May 23, 2017 at LAD when he struckout 10 in 8.0 innings.
- **JOE MAUER** (1-for-2) doubled in the first inning and is now five hits shy of 2,000 for his career...has a hit in all seven of his games to begin the season, the longest season-beginning streak since hitting in eight straight with an at-bat to start 2010...the double extended his current hit-streak against the Astros to nine-games, batting .306 (11-for-36) in those nine...has reached 15 times in seven games this season.
- **JASON CASTRO** (2-for-3) caught Alex Bregman attempting to steal second base in the fifth inning, his first caught stealing of the season...Castro caught 13 of 55 attempted runners last season...collected his first multi-hit game of the season.
- **EDUARDO ESCOBAR** (1-for-4) doubled in the ninth inning...has a hit in all six of his games this season with five doubles and a home run.

ASTROS NOTES:

- **THE ASTROS** defeated the Twins tonight and are now 9-1 in their last 10 against Minnesota...Houston improves to 4-1 on the road this season...the Astros came into tonight's game with an MLB-best 2.00 ERA (90.0 IP, 20 ER) and lowered that mark to 1.82 ERA (99.0 IP, 20 ER)...additionally, the Astros starters have posted a 1.64 ERA (66.0 IP, 12 ER) this season, which passes Boston (1.70) for lowest ERA among starting pitching staffs in the majors...the Astros shutout an opponent for the second time in their last three games (1-0 April 7 vs. SD).
- **JUSTIN VERLANDER** tossed 7.0 scoreless innings allowing four hits and one walk with nine strikeouts...earned his first win of 2018 and extended his regular-season win-streak to nine games spanning his last 11 starts, since August 20, 2017...over the 11 starts has a 1.34 ERA (73.2 IP, 11 ER) with 92 strikeouts and 16 walks...seventh career win at Target Field, the most for any opposing pitcher...improved to 18-9 all-time vs. the Twins, second most wins among active pitchers (CC Sabathia – 19-9).
- **CHRIS DEVENSKI** is now holding left-handed hitters to a .181 (62-for-343) for his career...has held them to a .133 (8-for-60) average since July 16.
- **JOSE ALTUVE** (1-for-4) singled in the third inning to extend his current hit-streak against the Twins to 11 games...over the 11 games is batting .542 (26-for-48)...Altuve has a hit in all 15 of his career games at Target Field, the longest active hit-streak at the venue...over his last eight games at Target Field is batting .611 (22-for-36)...the 15-game hit-streak is tied for sixth longest in Target Field history and tied second longest ever by an opposing player (Moustakas – 16).
- **CARLOS CORREA** (2-for-4) doubled in the sixth inning and has now reached base safely in 15 consecutive games against the Twins...has a hit in all eight of his career games at Target Field.

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- **MARWIN GONZALEZ** (1-for-3) drew a walk in the second inning and has now reached in seven straight games...doubled in the eighth inning and drove in the Astros' second run of the game...four of his seven hits this season are for extra-bases.
- **ALEX BREGMAN** walked in his first two plate appearances and has now reached safely in all 10 of his career games against the Twins.