

Meet our 2008 first game kids and sponsors:

Mon March 31, 2008 Twins/Angels

Sponsor: Loretta #270

First game: Jackson 12 Monroe, WA

Jackson was located in section 222 with his mom; Carla & dad; Eric. The family is on a ballpark tour and made this their first stop.
Game recap; Winning Pitcher: Hernandez (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Weaver (0-1), Save: Nathan (1), MIN: Runs 3, Hits 10, Errors 0, LAA: Runs 2, Hits 9, Errors 0, Joe Mauer got the 2008 season off on the right foot, singling home Chris Gomez in the first inning. Gomez went on to total two hits, two runs and two steals in his Twins debut as Livan Hernandez threw seven innings for the win. [wrap], Time: 2:40, Attendance: 49, 596

Tue April 1, 2008 Twins/Angels

Sponsor: Richard #6 & Emmy Lou #32

First game: Mia 1 1/2 Dellwood, MN

Mia was located in section 212 with her dad; Derek, mom; Tina & brothers; Tyler and Drew.
Game recap: Winning Pitcher: Garland (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Bonser (0-1), MIN: Runs 1, Hits 8, Errors 2, LAA: Runs 9, Hits 15, Errors 0, Boof Bonser was tagged early and though he righted himself to give up three earned runs, the Twins could not figure out Jon Garland who held Minnesota to on lone run. Time: 2:53, Attendance: 24, 586.

HEY! it was my first game on 4/1/08 too! Nicole 6 Stillwater, MN in section 215 with dad; Andy & brother; Alex. Nicole wanted to catch a homerun or foul ball!

Wed April 2, 2008 Twins/Angels

Sponsor: Erin #353

First game: Davian 7 months Minneapolis, MN

Davian was located in section 221 with his mom; Melinda, uncles; Joe & Tom, grandpa; Dave and great grandpa; John. Davian was treated to his mini glove which was really fun to chew on!
Game recap; Winning Pitcher: Saunders (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Blackburn (0-1), MIN: Runs 0, Hits 4, Errors 0, LAA: Runs 1, Hits 7, Errors 2, Nick Blackburn was as impressive as advertised from his Minor League resume on Wednesday night, going seven strong. A wild pitch was his undoing, as the Twins lost to the Angels at the Metrodome. [wrap] MIN HR: None, LAA HR: None, Time: 2:09, Attendance: 21, 932

Thu April 3, 2008 Twins/Angels

Sponsor: Korrine #33

First game: Rhett 3 Lakeville, MN

Rhett was located in section 220 with his dad; Rick.
Game recap: Winning Pitcher: Santana (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Slowey (0-1), MIN: Runs 4, Hits 8, Errors 0, LAA: Runs 5, Hits 9, Errors 1, The Twins lost more than the finale against the Angels, with starter Kevin Slowey exiting in the fourth inning due to a strained right biceps. Jason Kubel's homer closed the gap to a run in the eighth, but Minnesota couldn't get over the hump. [wrap], MIN HR: Kubel (1), LAA HR: Matthews (1) Hunter (1), Time: 3:09, Attendance: 17, 084 . . .

Fri April 4, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Dianna #272

First game: Hudson 3 Omaha, NE

Hudson was located in section 215 with his mom; Lisa, dad; Richard, aunt; Brenda, uncle; Kurtis, grandpa; Richard & grandma; Betty. The whole group was enjoying a trip north to Minnesota from Nebraska and stopped to take in a Twins game!
Game recap; Winning Pitcher: Baker (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Bale (0-1), Save: Nathan (2), MIN: Runs 4, Hits 10, Errors 0, KC: Runs 3, Hits 8, Errors 0, Adam Everett squeezed in Mike Lamb for the winning run in the fourth inning, laying down a perfect bunt to the right side. Starter Scott Baker was the beneficiary of the play, picking up the win after yielding three runs over 6 2/3 innings. [wrap], Time: 2:42, Attendance: 21, 847 . . .

Sat April 5, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Kate #159

First game: Tyler 2 Atwater, MN

Tyler was located in section 238 with his mom; Janine & dad; Joshua. Tyler had a big glove and was hoping to catch a Looooong Homerun ball!
Game recap: Winning Pitcher: Hernandez (2-0), Losing Pitcher: Meche (0-1), Save: Nathan (3), MIN: Runs 6, Hits 7, Errors 1, KC: Runs 4, Hits 9, Errors 1, Justin Morneau broke out of his early-season slump in a big way, going 2-for-4 with four RBIs to back starter Livan Hernandez, who picked up his second victory by limiting the Royals to four runs on seven hits over seven frames. [wrap], MIN HR: Morneau (1), KC HR: None, Time: 2:16, Attendance: 21, 262 . . .

Sun April 6, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Jean #383

First game: Hailey 4 White Bear lake, MN

Hailey was located in section 235 with her mom; Kari & dad; Jon. They signed the Baseball for Joe's birthday and Hailey had the coolest pink Twins cap ever!
Game recap: Winning Pitcher: Tomko (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Bonser (0-2), Winning Pitcher: Tomko, (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Bonser (0-2), MIN: Runs 1, Hits 8, Errors 0, KC: Runs 3, Hits 9, Errors 0, Justin Morneau homered for the second straight day, but that was all for the offense, which managed just eight hits vs. the Royals. Despite turning in a solid seven frames -- three runs on eight hits -- Boof Bonser was tagged with the loss. [wrap], MIN HR: Morneau (2), KC HR: None, Time: 2:44, Attendance 21,765.
Hey! Its wa MY first game on 4/6 too! Dylan 7 Delano, MN section 214 with cousin; Parker, grandma; D & grandpa; Jim. Dylan is heading to Florida and wanted to catch a foul ball!

Wed April 16, 2008 Twins/Rays

Sponsor: Jean #163

First game: Manuel 6 months West St. Paul, MN

Manuel was located in section 232 with his mom; Sara & dad; Alex

Game recap: The Twins 7-8 beat the Rays 6-8 last night by a score of 6-5 at at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Rincon (1-0) Losing Pitcher: Wheeler (0-2) SV: Nathan (5) MIN: Runs 6, Hits 11, Errors 1 TB: Runs 5, Hits 10, Errors 1 Livan Hernandez was shaky in his six-inning start, but the Twins were able to put together enough offense to get the win. Justin Morneau and Jason Kubel each doubled, and Joe Mauer went 3-for-4. Carlos Gomez stole two bases in the win. [wrap] MIN HR: None TB HR: Crawford (2) Hinske (3) Riggans (2) Time: 2:49 Attendance: 20,209

Sat April 19, 2008 Twins/Indians

Sponsor: Anna #93

First game: Rilynn 5 months Hugo, MN

Rilynn was located in section 115 with her mom; Renee, dad; Todd, sister; Reyna, grandma; Joan & grandpa; Tom.

Game recap: The Twins 8-10 beat the Indians 7-11 yesterday by a score of 3-0 at at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Blackburn (1-1), Losing Pitcher: Westbrook (1-2), SV: Nathan (6), MIN: Runs 3, Hits 9, Errors 0, CLE: Runs 0, Hits 8, Errors 0, Nick Blackburn was stellar in the fourth start of his Major League career, working 7 2/3 shutout innings for his first win in the big leagues. Justin Morneau's two-run homer gave Minnesota the first-inning edge, and the Twins turned four big double plays behind Blackburn. [wrap], MIN HR: Morneau (5), CLE HR: None, Time: 2:29, attendance; 34,210.

Tue April 29, 2008 Twins/White Sox

Sponsor: Marty #1

First game: Daniel & Dillon 3 Shakopee, MN

Daniel & Dillon were located in section 217 with their mom; Cassie and friend; Bill.

Game recap: The Twins 12-14 beat the White Sox 14-11 last night by a score of 3-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Bonser (2-4), Losing Pitcher: Floyd (2-1), Save: Nathan (9), MIN: Runs 3 Hits 7, Errors 0, CWS: Runs 1, Hits 7, Errors 1, Boof Bonser improved to 2-4 with seven innings of one-run ball in a dominating performance. Jason Kubel's towering two-run homer keyed a three-run fourth inning and the Twins never looked back. [wrap], MIN HR: Kubel (4), CWS HR: Krede (7), Time: 2:32, Attendance: 20,891

Sat May 3, 2008 Twins/Tigers

Sponsor: Jean #383

First game: Gabriel 4 months Minneapolis, MN

Gabriel was located in section 210 with his mom; Krista & dad; Dustin. Game recap: The Twins 15-14 beat the Tigers 14-17 last night by a score of 4-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Bass (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Verlander (1-5), Save: Nathan (10), MIN: Runs 4, Hits 9, Errors 0, DET: Runs 1, Hits 6, Errors 0, Brian Bass delivered a sterling performance in a pinch, coming on for injured starter Scott Baker to toss four scoreless frames of relief. Michael Cuddyer drove in a pair of runs and Craig Monroe capped the scoring with a two-run homer in the seventh. [wrap] MIN HR: Monroe (2), DET HR: Granderson (4), Time: 2:39, Attendance: 28,985

Sun May 4, 2008 Twins/Tigers

Sponsor: Peter #254

First game: Crystal 6 Franklin TX

Crystal was located in section 220 with grandma Betsy and cousin; Kari. Crystal was visiting relatives in Minnesota and got to see a great come from behind win by the Twins! Game recap: The Twins 16-14 beat the Tigers 14-18 by a score of 7-6 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Guerrier (2-1), Losing Pitcher: Miner (1-2), Save: Nathan (11), MIN: Runs 7, Hits 9, Errors 1, DET: Runs 6, Hits 10, Errors 1, Boof Bonser steadied after a tough first frame to give the Twins a chance, and the bats took him off the hook, overcoming a six-run deficit. Joe Mauer's two-run single in the seventh capped the comeback and sealed Minnesota's fifth straight win. [wrap], MIN HR: None, DET HR: Granderson (5), Time: 2:46, Attendance: 29,821

Sat May 10, 2008 Twins/Red Sox

Sponsor: Loretta #270

First game: Curtis 15 Pella IA

Curtis was located in section 210 with his friends; Zack, Kyle, Verlan & Todd. Game recap: The Twins 18-17 lost to the Red Sox 24-15 by a score of 5-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis [box], Winning Pitcher: Matsuzaka (6-0), Losing Pitcher: Perkins (0-1), MIN: Runs 2, Hits 7, Errors 2, BOS: Runs 5, Hits 12, Errors 0, Glen Perkins gave the Twins a solid six-plus innings in his first big league start, but left in the seventh after allowing back-to-back homers. Perkins didn't get much support, though, as Chris Gomez's bases-loaded walk and Justin Morneau's RBI single were all the Twins could muster. [wrap], MIN HR: None, BOS HR: Youkilis (8), Crisp (1), Lowrie (1), Lowell (3), Time: 2:44, Attendance: 33, 839

Sun May 11, 2008 Twins/Red Sox

Sponsor: Jill #342

First game: Elliott 20 months Big Lake, MN

Elliott was located in section 235 with his mom; Lindsay, dad; Mike, aunt; Sarah & uncle; Oscar. Elliott gave us a big Twins cheer as he held up his little glove! Game recap: The Twins 19-17 beat the Red Sox 24-16 last night by a score of 9-8 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Blackburn (3-2), Losing Pitcher: Wakefield (3-2), Save: Nathan (12), MIN: Runs 9, Hits 10, Errors 1, BOS: Runs 8, Hits 15, Errors 1, Using a commemorative pink bat to celebrate Mother's Day, Craig Monroe smacked a three-run homer in the second inning to get the Twins on the scoreboard, and his solo shot in the seventh turned out to be the game-winning shot. [wrap], MIN HR: Monroe 2 (4) Everett (1), BOS HR: Crisp (2), Time: 3:04, Attendance: 26,511

Thu May 15, 2008 Twins/ Blue Jays

Sponsor: Margaret Hinrichs

First game: Augie 9 months Minneapolis, MN

Augie was located in section 216 with his mom; Kelly, dad; Brian & sister; Rosemary.

Game recap: The Twins 20-20 lost to the Blue Jays 21-22 yesterday by a score of 3-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Camp (1-1), Losing Pitcher: Crain (1-2), MIN: Runs 2 Hits 7 Errors 1, TOR: Runs 3 Hits 10 Errors 0, The Twins were unable to do much with the five walks they drew off Blue Jays starter Dustin McGowan, scoring just two runs. Starter Glen Perkins was solid, striking out

six in six innings. Justin Morneau hit an RBI double in the loss. [wrap], Time: 3:40, Attendance: 18,701

Sun Jun 1, 2008 Twins/Yankees

Sponsor: Loretta #270

First game: Jonah 2 Fargo ND

Jonah was located in section 237 with his mom; Kelly & dad; Eric.

Game recap: The Twins 29-27 beat the Yankees 28-28 by a score of 5-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Bass (2-1) Losing Pitcher: Rasner (3-2) MIN: Runs 5 Hits 9 Errors 0 NYY: Runs 1 Hits 8 Errors 1 Michael Cuddyer and Justin Morneau led the offense against the Yankees, ending the Twins' two-game slide. But the win was overshadowed a bit when Nick Blackburn, who was pitching well for 4 1/3 innings, was taken out of the game in the fifth, when a Bobby Abreu liner deflected off his glove and hit hi face. [wrap] MIN HR: None NYY HR: Jeter (3) Time: 2:53 Attendance: 27,479

Tue Jun 17, 2008 Twins/Nationals

Sponsor: Anna #93

First game: Antonio 2 1/2 Albuquerque MN

Antonio was seated in section 216 with his mom; Carmen, dad; John & brother; Christian.

Game recap: The Twins 35-36 beat the Nationals 29-43 by a score of 2-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Hernandez (7-4) Losing Pitcher: Lannan (4-8) MIN: Runs 2 Hits 5 Errors 0 WAS: Runs 1 Hits 5 Errors 1 Livan Hernandez allowed one run on five hits in seven innings of work on Tuesday. Justin Morneau hit his 11th home run of the season in the sixth inning to supply the offense for the Twins. Joe Mauer went 2-for-3 with a run scored on the night. [wrap] MIN HR: Morneau (11) WAS HR: None Time: 1:59 Attendance: 20,920

Fri Jun 20, 2008 Twins/Diamondbacks

Sponsor: Bill Hinrichs

First game: Manuel 3 St. Paul MN

Manuel was seated in section 232 with his dad; Manny and uncle; Dave. Manuel is the 4th generation to have the name Manuel. He was very polite and thanked me for his little glove.

Game recap: The Twins 38-36 beat the Diamondbacks 39-35 by a score of 7-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Baker (3-2), Losing Pitcher: Johnson (4-5), MIN: Runs 7 Hits 11 Errors 1, ARI: Runs 2 Hits 8 Errors 1, The Twins broke open the game with a six-run third inning against Randy Johnson. Right-handed hitter Matt Macri came through with a two-run single, and Craig Monroe slammed a two-run homer. Scott Baker earned the win after allowing one run in six innings. [wrap] MIN HR: Monroe (6) ARI HR: Reynolds (16) Time: 2:17, Attendance 29,069

Sun Jun 22, 2008 Twins/Diamondbacks

Sponsor: Isabel #63

First game: Megan 13 mo. Oakes, ND

Megan was located in section 201 with her mom; Roxane, dad; Bob & brother; Rhett.

Game recap: The Twins 40-36 beat the Diamondbacks 39-37 by a score of 5-3 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. Winning Pitcher: Hernandez (8-4), Losing Pitcher: Webb (11-4), Save Nathan (19), MIN: Runs 5 Hits 9 Errors 2, ARI: Runs 3 Hits 9 Errors 1, The Twins completed a 6-0 homestand with a three-game sweep of the D-backs behind a solid performance from Livan Hernandez, who went seven innings. Minnesota scored five times in the fifth inning to win its sixth straight contest., Time: 2:31, Attendance: 31,497

Fri Jun 27, 2008 Twins/Brewers

Sponsor: Ron #345

First game: Logan 5 Andover, MN

Logan was located in section 209 with his dad; Neil. He was very polite and thanked me for his little glove and other goodies.

Game recap: The Twins 44-36 beat the Brewers 43-36 by a score of 7-6 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Guerrier (4-2), Losing Pitcher: Mota (2-5), MIN: Runs 7 Hits 14 Errors 0, MIL: Runs 6 Hits 11 Errors 0, In the bottom of the eighth, Joe Mauer launched a tie-breaking drive over the center-field wall, and once Joe Nathan finished the ninth, the Twins had their 10th straight win. Alexi Casilla and Jason Kubel also homered, and Brian Buscher drove in a key, game-tying run in the sixth. [wrap] MIN HR: Casilla (4) Kubel (11) Mauer (3), MIL HR: Hart 2 (14) Branyan (11) Hardy (6), Time: 2:50, Attendance: 30,104

Sat Jun 28, 2008 Twins/Brewers

Sponsor: Chris #97

First game: Brody 7 Duluth, MN

Brody was located in section 222 with his dad; Jim, mom; Ann and grandma; Kathy. Brody tried to get the glove on but it was a little small. He had no problem digging into the Cracker Jack however.

Game recap: The Twins 44-37 lost to the Brewers 44-36 last night by a score of 5-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Parra (8-2), Losing Pitcher: Hernandez (8-5), MIN: Runs 1 Hits 3 Errors 1, MIL: Runs 5 Hits 8 Errors 1, Livan Hernandez got off to a rough start on Saturday, as he allowed five runs, four earned, in the first three innings. After that, however, he settled down and blanked the Brewers for the next four innings, but the damage had been done as the Twins' 10-game win streak came to an end. [wrap] MIN HR: Kubel (12), MIL HR: None, Time: 2:28, Attendance: 38,963

Sun Jun 29, 2008 Twins/Brewers

Sponsor: Jon Rowan

First game: Makayla 4

Makayla was located in section 217 with her mom; Jennifer, dad; Shaun & sister; Madilyn.

Game recap: The Twins 45-37 beat the Brewers 44-37 yesterday by a score of 5-0 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Slowey (5-6), Losing Pitcher: Sheets (9-2), MIN: Runs 5 Hits 9 Errors 0, MIL: Runs 0 Hits 3 Errors 0, Kevin Slowey dominated the Brewers from start to finish, allowing just three hits and striking out a career-high eight in a complete-game shutout. Offensively, the Twins scored all five of their runs with two outs en route to their 14th Interleague win in 18 games this season. [wrap] MIN HR: Young (2), Time: 2:05, Attendance: 30,655

Mon Jun 30, 2008 Twins/Tigers

Sponsor: Loretta #270

First game: Jonah 2 Buffalo, MN

Jonah was located in section 221 with his mom; V.J., dad; Eric, sister; Haley, brother; Joey and grandma; Muriel. Game recap; The Twins 45-38 lost to the Tigers 42-40 by a score of 5-4 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Fossum (1-0), Losing Pitcher: Guerrier (4-3), MIN: Runs 4 Hits 13 Errors 0, DET: Runs 5 Hits 12 Errors 3, After jumping out to a three-run lead against the Tigers, the Twins' bullpen ran into trouble in the seventh and eighth innings as Detroit rallied, sending the Twins to a heartbreaking loss in the first game of the series. [wrap] MIN HR: None, DET HR: Thames (15), Time: 3:09, Attendance: 22,196

Sat Jul 5, 2008 Twins/Indians
Sponsor: Linda #17 Larry #18
First game: Madison 6 Rochester, MN

Madison was located in section 135 with her grandpa; Mike and grandma; Beckie. Game recap: The Twins 49-38 beat the Indians 37-50 last night by a score of 9-6 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Slowey (6-6), Losing Pitcher: Mastny (0-2), Save: Nathan (24), MIN: Runs 9 Hits 8 Errors 0, CLE: Runs 6 Hits 8 Errors 0, Fueled by the speedy part of their lineup, the Twins -- down by one in the sixth -- answered the Indians' five-run second inning with five of their own to go ahead for good. Alexi Casilla doubled in Denard Span and Carlos Gomez, and Kevin Slowey retired 14 of his last 15 batters. [wrap], MIN HR: Mauer (4), CLE HR: Sizemore (22), Time: 3:02, Attendance: 31,887

Sun Jul 6, 2008 Twins/Indians
Sponsor: Erin #190

First game: Kory 7 Houston, TX

Kory was located in section 231 with hi mom; Lisa, dad; Larry and brother; Christian. Game recap; The Twins 50-38 beat the Indians 37-51 yesterday by a score of 4-3 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box] Winning Pitcher: Perkins (5-2), Losing Pitcher: Lee (11-2), Save: Nathan (25), MIN: Runs 4 Hits 7 Errors 0, CLE: Runs 3 Hits 7 Errors 0, Cliff Lee dominated the Twins for eight innings in his last start against them, and he did it for five more innings this time. Down by two in the seventh, the Twins loaded the bases and scored three thanks in part to two walks and Carlos Gomez's fielder's-choice groundout. [wrap], MIN HR: None, CLE HR: Peralta (13), Time: 2:27, Attendance: 30,258
HEY! It was my first game on 7/6/08 too!

Steven 7, Moundsview MN. Section 230 with friends; Melanie, Teresa, Noah & Kyle
Teresa 28, Moundsview MN. Section 230 with friends; Melanie, Steven, Noah & Kyle

Fri Jul 18, 2008 Twins/Rangers
Sponsor: Loretta #270

First game: MacKenzie 4 from Brentford SD

MacKenzie was located in section 215 with her mom; Gail, dad; Jerry, brother; Dallas, sister; Christine, grandma; Marlis, grandpa; Randy, aunt; Vicki, uncle; Kelly & cousin; Hannah. The whole group is here for the weekend and it was MacKenzie's 4th birthday! Game recap: The Twins 54-42 beat the Rangers 50-47 by a score of 6-0 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Perkins (7-2), Losing Pitcher: Milwood (6-6), MIN: Runs 6 Hits 15, Errors 0, TEX: Runs 0, Hits 3, Errors 0, Glen Perkins threw six, three-hit shutout innings and relievers Craig Breslow, Jesse Crain and Boof Bonser followed with a hitless inning each. Delmon Young was 4-for-4, and Jason Kubel and Brian Buscher both went 2-for-4 with two RBIs. [wrap], Time: 2:34, Attendance: 30,134

Sat Jul 19, 2008 Twins/Rangers
Sponsor: Alice #391

First game: Skylar 5 & Ben 3 from Elk Point S.D.

Skylar & Ben were located in section 215 with their mom; Nicki, dad; Dan, grandma; Vicki & grandpa; Ken. Game recap; The Twins 55-42 beat the Rangers 50-48 last night by a score of 14-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Hernandez (10-6), Losing Pitcher: Harrison (1-1), MIN: Runs 14 Hits 16, Errors 0, TEX: Runs 2, Hits 5, Errors 0, First baseman Justin Morneau hit a three-run double and a two-run homer, as the Twins pounded out 16 hits in the rout of the Rangers. Right-hander Livan Hernandez allowed just two runs on five hits in seven innings to earn his 10th win of the season. [wrap], MIN HR: Buscher (2) Mauer (6) Morneau (15) Young (4), TEX HR: Davis (7), Time: 2:34, Attendance: 35,085

Sun Jul 20, 2008 Twins/Rangers
Sponsor: Chris #97

First game: Cheyenne 7 Truman, MN

Cheyenne was located in section 212 with her mom; Leah, dad; Dan, brother; Cole and friends; Kent, JoLynn, Darren, Wendy, Kennedy, Carter, Kooper, Carson, Coleman, Kerstin, Karson & Caiden. Game recap; The Twins 55-43 lost to the Rangers 51-48 yesterday by a score of 1-0 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Padilla (11-5), Losing Pitcher: Baker (6-3), MIN: Runs 0 Hits 3, Errors 0, TEX: Runs 1, Hits 3, Errors 0, Right-hander Scott Baker allowed just two hits in eight strong innings, but one went for a homer for the game's only run. The Twins managed just three hits, all in the first seven innings off Rangers right-hander Vicente Padilla. [wrap], MIN HR: None, TEX HR: Teagarden (1), Time: 2:25, Attendance: 36,029

Mon Jul 28, 2008 Twins/White Sox
Sponsor: Anna #93

First game: Ethan 4 Renville, MN

Ethan was located in section 206 with his mom; Becky, dad; Aaron, sister; Morgan, aunt; Susie & uncle; Ryan. Game recap: The Twins 58-47 beat the White Sox 59-45 last night by a score of 7-0 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Slowey (7-7), Losing Pitcher: Buehrle (8-9), MIN: Runs 7 Hits 10, Errors 0, CWS: Runs 0, Hits 6, Errors 2, Kevin Slowey struck out five in a complete-game shutout, leading the Twins over the White Sox. Denard Span and Justin Morneau hit two-run homers as Minnesota moved to 1 1/2 games behind Chicago in the AL Central race. [wrap], MIN HR: Span (1) Morneau (17), CWS HR: None, Time: 2:28, Attendance: 30,126

Tue Jul 29, 2008 Twins/White Sox
Sponsor: Robby #46

First game: Samantha 3 1/2 Lino lakes, MN

Samantha was located in section 211 with her mom; Denise, brother; Tyler, cousin; Blake and grandpa; Gary. Game recap: The Twins 59-47 beat the White Sox 59-46 last night by a score of 6-5 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Perkins (8-3), Losing Pitcher: Richard (0-1), Save: Nathan (29), MIN: Runs 6 Hits 10, Errors 0, CWS: Runs 5, Hits 9, Errors 0, Justin Morneau's three-run double highlighted a five-run fifth inning that helped the Twins top the White Sox. Carlos Gomez had three hits and one RBI as Minnesota moved to one-half game back in the AL Central race. [wrap], MIN HR: None, CWS HR: Anderson (6) Swisher (15), Time: 2:50, Attendance: 35,999.

Sat Aug 2, 2008 Twins/Indians

Sponsor: Kim #291

First game: Wesley 16 months Spirit Lake, IA

Wesley was located in section 214 with his mom; Joy, dad; John, sister; Morgan, brother; J.P., cousin; Jordie, & aunts; Janette and Jenna. Game recap; The Twins 61-49 lost to the Indians 48-61 by a score of 5-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Byrd (6-10), Losing Pitcher: Slowey (7-8), MIN: Runs 1 Hits 6 Errors 1, CLE: Runs 5 Hits 7 Errors 0, Kevin Slowey struck out seven and walked none over his six innings, but of the six hits he allowed, two resulted in two-out homers that proved the difference as the Twins missed a chance to take over sole possession of first place in the AL Central for the first time since May 13. [wrap], MIN HR: None, CLE HR: Dellucci (9), Shoppach (12), Time: 2:29, Attendance: 40,937.

HEY! It was our first Twins game on Aug 2, 2008 TOO!

The entire Schneider family from Alberta, MN. mom; lois, dad; Bob, kids; John, Christine, Elizabeth, Peter, Maria & AnneMarie. Great to meet you all and Lois it was a pleasure chatting with you! I hope you can make it to another game again soon.

Sun Aug 3, 2008 Twins/Indians

Sponsor: Jon Rowan

First game: Tague 4 Minneapolis, MN

Tague was located in section 214 with his mom; Amy, dad; Brian & brother; Gannon. Game recap: The Twins 62-49 beat the Indians 48-62 by a score of 6-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Liriano (1-3), Losing Pitcher: Ginter (1-3), MIN: Runs 6 Hits 6 Errors 1, CLE: Runs 2 Hits 7 Errors 0, Francisco Liriano was sharp enough in his return to the Twins, holding the Indians to three hits over six innings, and the scrappy Twins got the big hits when they needed them as they took over sole possession of first place in the AL Central with the White Sox losing big in Kansas City. [wrap], MIN HR: Harris (6) Span (2), CLE HR: Francisco (11), Time: 2:29, Attendance: 39,818

Tue Aug 12, 2008 Twins/Yankees

Sponsor: Loretta #270

First game: Brooke 6, Tyler 10 & Kolton 14 from Neligh, NE.

These three first game kids were located in section 209 with their mom; Jennifer and dad; Jerrell. The family is on vacation and stopped by the dome for a Twins game! Game recap: The Twins 66-53 lost to the Yankees 64-56 by a score of 9-6 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Veras (3-1), Losing Pitcher: Guerrier (6-6), MIN: Runs 6 Hits 12 Errors 1, NYY: Runs 9 Hits 16 Errors 0, Delmon Young belted a dramatic game-tying homer in the eighth off Mariano Rivera -- the first-ever blast by a Twins player off the Yanks closer -- but it wasn't meant to be, as Minnesota lost in 12 innings to fall back into second place. [wrap], MIN HR: Young (6), NYY HR: Damon (8) Nady (19) Rodriguez (27), Time: 4:22, Attendance: 33,036

Wed Aug 13, 2008 Twins/Yankees

Sponsor: Deb #341

First game: Patrick 7, Kade 11, Brady 12 from Warner, SD

Patrick was located in section 237 with his mom; Stacie, dad; Mark and brothers; Kade 11 and Brady 12 who were also here for their very first Twins game at the dome! Game recap: The Twins 67-53 beat the Yankees 64-57 by a score of 4-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Slowey (9-8), Losing Pitcher: Rasner (5-9), Save: Nathan (32), MIN: Runs 4 Hits 7 Errors 0, NYY: Runs 2 Hits 5 Errors 2, Delmon Young hammered a three-run homer for the second straight day, providing plenty of support for starter Kevin Slowey, who limited the Yankees to three hits over six innings to pick up his ninth victory of the season. [wrap], MIN HR: Young (7), NYY HR: None, Time: 3:08, Attendance: 35,187

Fri Aug 15, 2008 Twins/Mariners

Sponsor: Isabel #63

First game: Regan 6 from Hastings, MN

Regan was located in section 205 with his dad; Mike, brothers; Danny & Logan and friends; Tyler, Sam, Dave, Kala, Jenna, Emmy & Ron. Game recap; The Twins 68-53 beat the Mariners 46-75 by a score of 9-3 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Liriano (3-3), Losing Pitcher: Silva (4-14), MIN: Runs 9 Hits 12 Errors 1, SEA: Runs 3 Hits 6 Errors 1, Francisco Liriano continued his remarkable resurgence and the Twins battered former teammate Carlos Silva over 3 1/3 innings to handily win. Jason Kubel's homer and three RBIs helped the Twins move into a first-place tie in the AL Central. [wrap], MIN HR: Kubel (17), SEA HR: None, Time: 2:28, Attendance: 32,208

Sat Aug 16, 2008 Twins/Mariners

Sponsor: Anna #93

First game: Cameron 6 from Mound, MN

Cameron was located in section 215 with his mom; Candy, and friends; Alex & Wes from the Fairview Covenant Church. Game recap; The Twins 69-53 beat the Mariners 46-76 by a score of 7-6 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Reyes (3-0), Losing Pitcher: Jimenez (0-2), MIN: Runs 7 Hits 13 Errors 0, SEA: Runs 6 Hits 10 Errors 0, After watching a five-run lead evaporate in the sixth inning, the Twins needed a little ninth-inning magic to keep themselves tied atop the AL Central. Brian Buscher's sacrifice fly in the final frame pushed across Joe Mauer with the winning run. [wrap], MIN HR: Mauer (8), SEA HR: None, Time: 3:06, Attendance: 36,316

Sun Aug 17, 2008 Twins/Mariners

Sponsor: Ron #345

First game: Jon 3 from Winona, MN

Jon was located in section 210 with his mom; Anna, dad; Jeff & brothers; Matt and Rob. Game recap: The Twins 70-53 beat the Mariners 46-77 by a score of 11-8 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Perkins (10-3), losing Pitcher: Feierabend (0-1), MIN: Runs 11 Hits 17 Errors 1, SEA: Runs 8 Hits 16 Errors 0, After jumping out to an impressive eight-run lead, including Justin Morneau's 19th home run of the season, Minnesota worked through several bases-loaded scares on its way to completing a three-game sweep of Seattle on Sunday. [wrap], MIN HR: Morneau (19), SEA HR: Balentine (7) Beltre (20) Johjima (4), Time: 3:21, Attendance: 35,478

Wed Aug 20, 2008 Twins/A's

Sponsor: Kate #159

First game: Evan 4 from Cologne, MN

Evan was located in section 234 with his friends; Jeff, Emily, Ben, Patty & Barb. Game recap: The Twins 72-54 beat the A's 57-69 yesterday by a score of 3-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Liriano (4-3), Losing Pitcher: Braden (3-3), Save: Nathan (34), MIN: Runs 3 Hits 6 Errors 2, OAK: Runs 1 Hits 5 Errors 0, After allowing their opponent to take advantage of an error and score, the Twins tightened ship and squeezed by the A's. A high pitch count meant starter Francisco Liriano would leave after just five innings, but the southpaw got his fourth win, as the bullpen held down the fort. [wrap], Time: 2:56, Attendance: 30,888

Hey! It was MY first game on 8/20/08 too!: Isabella 3 from St. Paul, MN in section 203 with mom; Angie, friends; Isabel, Kathleen, Isabel, Ron & Isabel.

Fri Sep 5, 2008 Twins/Tigers

Sponsor: Anna #93

First game: Andrew 9 months from Elk River, MN

Andrew was located in section 213 with his mom; Suzette, brother; Daniel, cousin; Bill, aunt; Linda & uncle; Tom. Game recap: The Twins 77-63 beat the Tigers 67-74 by a score of 10-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [box], Winning Pitcher: Liriano (5-3), Losing Pitcher: Galarraga (12-5), MIN: Runs 10 Hits 6 Errors 0, DET: Runs 2 Hits 5 Errors 0, A combination of dominant pitching by Francisco Liriano and timely home runs gave the Twins a welcomed homecoming after their 14-game road trip. Justin Morneau's fifth-inning grand slam and Delmon Young's fourth-inning solo shot gave the left-hander all he needed to pick up his fifth win. [wrap], MIN HR: Morneau (22) Young (9), DET HR: Thames (24), Time: 2:33, Attendance: 24,424

Sat Sep 6, 2008 Twins/Tigers

Sponsor: Nolan #429

First game: Hadley 4 from Apple Valley, MN

Hadley was located in section 221 with her dad; Mike, grandma; Linda and grandpa; Elden. Hadley was very polite and thanked me for her little glove. Game recap; The Twins 78-64 lost to the Tigers 68-74 by a score of 6-4 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Rapada (3-0), Losing Pitcher: Guerrier (6-7), MIN: Runs 4 Hits 11 Errors 0, DET: Runs 6 Hits 7 Errors 0, Scott Baker was solid through 7 1/3 innings, but the Twins' bullpen couldn't hold on to the lead in the eighth when Dennys Reyes and Matt Guerrier gave up a pair of two-run homers. Carlos Gomez helped Minnesota's offense with a two-run double. [Wrap], MIN HR: None, DET HR: Granderson (18) Ordonez (17), Time: 3:07, Attendance: 42,606

Hey! It was my first game on 9/6 too!: Verona 77 with son: Earl from Lancaster, MN.



Sun Sep 7, 2008 Twins/Tigers

Sponsor: Shawn #12

First game: Maxwell 1 1/2 from Proctor, MN

Maxwell was located in section 215 with his dad; Mark, uncle; Scott and grandpa; Dave. Game recap: The Twins 78-65 lost to the Tigers 69-74 yesterday by a score of 7-5 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Lambert (1-1), Losing Pitcher: Perkins (12-4), MIN: Runs 5 Hits 11 Errors 2, DET: Runs 7 Hits 13 Errors 1, With a two-run lead in the sixth inning, lefty Glen Perkins and the bullpen gave up three runs to surrender Minnesota's lead over Detroit. Justin Morneau drove in four runs, and Perkins gave up five runs (three earned) in 5 2/3 innings. [Wrap], MIN HR: None, DET HR: Cabrera (32) Ordonez (18) Ryan (1), Time: 3:06, Attendance: 31,236

Thu Sep 11, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Dianna #272

First game: Hugh 4 from St. Paul, MN

Hugh was located in section 212 with his dad; Andy. He was very polite and thanked me more than once for his little glove and all the goodies. Game recap:

The Twins 80-66 lost to the Royals 62-83 yesterday by a score of 3-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Ramirez (3-2), Losing Pitcher: Guerrier (6-8), MIN: Runs 2 Hits 8 Errors 0, KC: Runs 3 Hits 9 Errors 1, Francisco Liriano gave up two runs early before settling in to pitch six scoreless innings, including six strikeouts and no walks, but the southpaw's performance wasn't enough as Minnesota dropped its finale to Kansas City in the 10th. [wrap], Time: 2:42, Attendance: 20,138

Tue Sep 23, 2008 Twins/White Sox

Sponsor: Joe #8

First game: Easton 2 from Ramsey, MN

Easton was located in section 210 with his mom; April, dad; Dan, sister; Megan, uncle; Michael & friend; Lindsay. Easton was a very polite little guy who thanked me for his little glove. He got to see quite a game, too! Game recap: The Twins 85-72 beat the White Sox 96-70 by a score of 9-3 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Baker (10-4), Losing Pitcher: Vazquez (12-5), MIN: Runs 9 Hits 6 Errors 0, CWS: Runs 3 Hits 12 Errors 0. Scott Baker shut down the White Sox as his offense beat up on Javier Vazquez, led by Jason Kubel, who went deep twice and drove in three runs, and Justin Morneau, who set a club record with his 47th double. Minnesota moved within 1 1/2 games in the AL Central. [Wrap], MIN HR: Kubel 2 (20) Young (10), CWS HR: Griffey (2), Time: 2:43, Attendance: 35,225

Wed Sep 24, 2008 Twins/White Sox

Sponsor: Tom #237

First game: Austin 3 from Savage, MN

Austin was located in section 206 with his dad; Tom. Austin thanked me for his little glove and got to see a great game! Game recap: The Twins 86-72 beat the White Sox 86-71 by a score of 3-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Blackburn (11-10), Losing Pitcher: Buehrle (14-12), Save: Nathan (39), MIN: Runs 3 Hits 9 Errors 0, CWS: Runs 2 Hits 9 Errors 0, The Twins have done exactly what they needed to do by taking the first two games of the critical AL Central showdown with the White Sox to creep to within a half-game of first place. Joe Mauer drove in two runs without a hit. Nick Blackburn earned the win with his damage control. [Wrap], MIN HR: None, CWS HR: Griffey (3), Time: 2:42, Attendance: 42,126

Thu Sep 25, 2008 Twins/White Sox

Sponsor: Sarah #236

First game: Reid 9 from Sauk Rapids, MN

Reid was located in section 221 with his mom; Kelly and he got to see one crazy game! Game recap: The Twins 87-72 beat the White Sox 86-72 by a score of 7-6 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Nathan (1-2), Losing Pitcher: Jenks (3-1), MIN: Runs 7 Hits 15 Errors 1, CWS: Runs 6 Hits 7 Errors 0, After Denard Span tied the game with a triple in the eighth, Joe Nathan threw two scoreless innings, then Nick Punto scored in the 10th on Alexi Casilla's game-winning single, completing a three-game sweep of the White Sox that put the Twins in first place in the AL Central by a half-game. [Wrap], MIN HR: None, CWS HR: Cabrera (8), Time: 3:27, Attendance: 43,601

Fri Sep 26, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Richard #6 & Emmy Lou #32

First game: Jack 20 months from Lake Elmo, MN

Jack was located in section 214 with his mom; Marlene & dad; Jeremy. Jack gave that little glove a pretty good toss. Maybe I should have given him a baseball instead. Game recap: The Twins 87-73 lost to the Royals 74-86 by a score of 8-1 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Davies (9-7), Losing Pitcher: Liriano (6-4), MIN: Runs 1 Hits 6 Errors 0, KC: Runs 8 Hits 16 Errors 0, Francisco Liriano lasted just 4 1/3 innings before a homer sent him to the showers, and though Denard Span tripled and scored in the sixth, the Minnesota bats never really got going. Nevertheless, the Twins maintained a half-game lead as the White Sox lost to the Indians. [Wrap], MIN HR: None, KC HR: Butler (11) Aviles (10), Time: 2:50, Attendance: 30,674

Sat Sep 27, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Shawn #12

First game: Morgan 4 from Crosby, MN

Morgan was located in section 208 with her mom; Deanna, dad; Jimmy and friends; Lily, Sarah & Craig. Morgan was a very polite little girl and thanked me for her little glove. Game recap: The Twins 87-74 lost to the Royals 75-86 yesterday by a score of 4-2 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Meche (14-11), Losing Pitcher: Guerrier (6-9), MIN: Runs 2 Hits 8 Errors 0, KC: Runs 4 Hits 12 Errors 2, Glen Perkins left with the lead, but once Boof Bonser came on in relief, the Royals tied the game, and then they took the lead for good against Matt Guerrier. Despite the loss, the Twins remain a half-game in front in the AL Central, as the White Sox lost Saturday night. [Wrap], Time: 3:34, Attendance: 38,072

Sun Sep 28, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Anna #93

First game: Madison 2 from Mankato, MN.

Madison was located in section 215 with her mom; Elizabeth and dad; Mike. Game recap: The Twins 88-74 beat the Royals 75-87 by a score of 6-0 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Baker (11-4), Losing Pitcher: Duckworth (3-3), MIN: Runs 6 Hits 7 Errors 0, KC: Runs 0 Hits 5 Errors 2, With the White Sox winning, the Twins needed a victory of their own to stay in first place in the AL Central, and they got one, thanks to Scott Baker's masterful start. Minnesota will win the title if Chicago loses its makeup game on Monday or play a tiebreaker otherwise. [Wrap], Time: 3:10, Attendance: 42,942

Sun Sep 28, 2008 Twins/Royals

Sponsor: Ryan #439

First game: Tygan 2 from Madison, MN

Tygan was located in section 208 with his mom; Jennifer, dad; Jayson, brother; Jordan & sisters; Brittany and McKenkie. Game recap: The Twins 88-74 beat the Royals 75-87 by a score of 6-0 at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. [Box], Winning Pitcher: Baker (11-4), Losing Pitcher: Duckworth (3-3), MIN: Runs 6 Hits 7 Errors 0, KC: Runs 0 Hits 5 Errors 2, With the White Sox winning, the Twins needed a victory of their own to stay in first place in the AL Central, and they got one, thanks to Scott Baker's masterful start. Minnesota will win the title if Chicago loses its makeup game on Monday or play a tiebreaker otherwise. [Wrap], Time: 3:10, Attendance: 42,942