

Meet our 2009 first game kids and sponsors:

Monday April 6 Twins vs. Mariners 7:10 p.m. [sponsor Loretta #270](#)

First game: Molly 11 months old from Hudson Wisconsin in section 217 with her mom Kathy and dad Rob. Molly was wearing a pretty pink TC shirt!

Minnesota: 1 Run, 6 Hits, 0 Errors.

Seattle: 6 Runs, 6 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Hernandez 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Liriano 0 and 1.

([Recap](#)) Francisco Liriano was solid over seven innings, but he received little support, as the Twins totaled just six hits by six different players, five of them singles, in the 28th and final opener in the Metrodome.

Tuesday April 7 Twins vs. Mariners 7:10 p.m. [sponsor Judy #452](#) [Happy Birthday Judy!](#)

First game: Gideon 14 months from Columbus Ohio in section 215 with his mom Kelly and dad Jarrod. It was great to meet you and I hope you are enjoying your trip to Minnesota! What a great game you saw!

Have a safe trip home.

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Seattle: 5 Runs, 11 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Luis Ayala 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Brandon Morrow 0 and 1.

([Recap](#)) Alexi Casilla drilled a two-run single to cap a three-run ninth-inning comeback and gave the Twins their first victory of the regular season in dramatic fashion. Denard Span knocked two RBI singles, and Michael Cuddyer added a two-run single of his own to the winning mix.

Wednesday April 8 Twins vs. Mariners 7:10 p.m. [sponsors Richard #6 & Emmy Lou #32](#)

First game: Julian 8 months old from Coon Rapids Minnesota in section 217 with his mom Shelly, dad Rick and brothers Jacob 6 & John 8. Julian was wearing a very sporty baseball outfit and the little glove was just perfect!

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Seattle: 5 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Kevin Slowey 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Carlos Silva 0 and 1.

([Recap](#)) Justin Morneau notched his first hit of the season, a two-run homer, in the first inning before Denard Span followed with a two-run homer in the second. Morneau and Jason Kubel came through with RBI doubles in the fifth off former teammate Carlos Silva.

Thursday April 9 Twins vs. Mariners 12:10 p.m. [sponsor Sarah #236](#) [Happy Birthday Sarah!](#)

First game: Triplets Jason, Nathan & Haley age 10 from Mankato Minnesota in section 216 with their mom Sue and dad Jeff.

Minnesota: 0 Runs, 5 Hits, 0 Errors.

Seattle: 2 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Jarrod Washburn 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Glen Perkins 0 and 1

([Recap](#)) Glen Perkins controlled the Mariners after allowing a run in the first, giving up the lone run over eight games. Unfortunately for the Twins, they couldn't get anything going against Seattle starter Jarrod Washburn as they settled for a series split.

Monday April 13 Twins vs. Blue Jays 7:10 p.m. [Sponsor Anna #93](#)

First game: Ben 2, Sam 5 & Noah 8 from Omaha, Nebraska in section 212 with their mom Joanna and dad Jason.

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 13 Hits, 0 Errors.

Toronto: 8 Runs, 19 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Jason Frasor 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Luis Ayala 1 and 1.

([Recap](#)) Jason Kubel's solo homer was the biggest blast for the Twins, but the club spread the offense around, as eight of its nine starters got hits. But a two-run homer allowed by Luis Ayala in the eighth inning broke a tie and sent the Twins to a loss.

Tuesday April 14 Twins vs. Blue Jays 7:10 p.m.

This missed game sponsored by [Loretta #270](#) was made up 4/19 on Joe's Birthday

Wednesday April 15 Twins vs. Blue Jays 7:10 p.m. [Kate #159](#)

Jacob 9 from Savage Minnesota in section 224 with his dad Greg.

Minnesota: 2 Runs, 4 Hits, 0 Errors.

Toronto: 12 Runs, 16 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Scott Richmond 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Scott Baker 0 and 1.

[Recap](#)) Scott Baker was ineffective in his first start of the season back from injury. The Twins' ace was chased from the game after giving up four home runs in four innings. Philip Humber struggled as well in relief of Baker, giving up three runs on five hits in 1 2/3 innings of work.

Thursday April 16 Twins vs. Blue Jays 7:10 p.m. sponsor **Ann #50**

First game: Benjamin 3 from Gresham Oregon in section 215 with his mom Sarah, dad Chris, brother Beckham 5 months (1st game also), grandma Fern and grandpa Lee.

Minnesota: 2 Runs, 9 Hits, 1 Error.

Toronto: 9 Runs, 14 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Roy Halladay 3 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Francisco Liriano 0 and 3.

[\(Recap\)](#) Francisco Liriano had a solid outing for the Twins, lasting six innings and giving up two run. However, Minnesota relievers ran into problems in the seventh, giving up seven runs, including two homers. Michael Cuddyer notched his first homer of the season in the eighth inning.

Friday April 17 Twins vs. Angels 7:10 p.m. **Marty #1**

Hunter 10 months from Grand Forks ND in section 101 with his mom Kari, grandma Lynn and great grandma Clarine. On 4/18 Hunters dad is coming home from the service!

Minnesota: 11 Runs, 13 Hits, 1 Error.

LA Angels: 9 Runs, 12 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Matt Guerrier 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Jason Bulger 0 and 1.

Joe Nathan picked up his second save.

[\(Recap\)](#) After the Angels walked Justin Morneau to load the bases and pitch to Jason Kubel in the eighth, Kubel made them paid dearly by hitting a no-doubt grand slam -- sealing a seven-run comeback frame and becoming the ninth Minnesota player to hit for the cycle in the franchise's history.

Saturday April 18 Twins vs. Angels 6:10 p.m. **Jean #2**

Landen 2 from Burnsville Minnesota in section 103 with his dad Mike and uncle Garrett.

Minnesota: 9 Runs, 12 Hits, 1 Error.

LA Angels: 2 Runs, 7 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Kevin Slowey 2 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Kevin Jepsen 0 and 2.

[\(Recap\)](#) Jason Kubel, coming off a cycle the game before, came through with four more hits -- including a go-ahead two-run double in the Twins' five-run inning -- allowing Kevin Slowey to settle in for his best performance of the year. Slowey allowed two runs over seven innings for the win.

Sunday April 19 Twins vs. Angels 1:10 p.m. sponsor **Loretta #270**

Henrick 15 months in section 115 from Andover Minnesota with his dad Tony, mom Nicole, grandma, grandpa and a host of others from the Mauer friends and family game.

Minnesota: 3 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

LA Angels: 1 Runs, 4 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Glen Perkins 1 and 1.

Losing pitcher: Shane Loux 0 and 1.

[\(Recap\)](#) Jose Morales drove in his first big league run with a two-out RBI single in the second. Morales later doubled and scored the go-ahead run in the fifth. Glen Perkins pitched eight innings for the third straight game, picking up his first victory.

Monday April 27 Twins vs. Rays 7:10 p.m. sponsor **Anna #93**

Riley 6 months in section 217 from Savage Minnesota with her mom Amanda, dad Jon and friend Kara. Riley was wearing a cute little Twins shirt and that little glove was almost a perfect fit!

Minnesota: 1 Run, 5 Hits, 0 Errors.

Tampa Bay: 7 Runs, 9 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Jeff Niemann 2 and 2.

Losing pitcher: Scott Baker 0 and 3.

[Recap](#)) Scott Baker yielded four runs on six hits in six innings as the Twins fell to the Rays. Joe Crede hit a solo home run in the sixth inning, his first long ball at the Metrodome as a member of the Twins.

Tuesday April 28 Twins vs. Rays 7:10 p.m. sponsor **Loretta #270**

ory 7 in section 221 from Brooklyn Center, MN with his mom Debbie, dad Patrick, brother Jacob 10 and sister Danielle 11. It was the whole family's first game and what a game they saw!

Minnesota: 4 Runs, 9 Hits, 0 Errors.

Tampa Bay: 3 Runs, 9 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Joe Nathan 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: J.P. Howell 0 and 2.

([Recap](#)) Justin Morneau's walk-off RBI fielder's-choice grounder lifted the Twins to a win. Morneau drilled a two-run home run in the first inning. Francisco Liriano allowed two runs over 6 2/3 innings.

Wednesday April 29 Twins vs. Rays 7:10 p.m. sponsor **Joe #8**

Sienna 3 in section 222 from Chaska, MN with her mom Kechi, dad Mike, sister Sophia, and brothers Matthew & Edric who sang the National anthem with his chool group from Chanhassen.

Minnesota: 8 Runs, 12 Hits, 0 Errors.

Tampa Bay: 3 Runs, 10 Hits, 2 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Nick Blackburn 2 and 1.

Losing pitcher: Scott Kazmir 3 and 2.

([Recap](#)) The Twins batted around and scored four runs in the first inning en route to the victory. Brendan Harris and Justin Morneau each had three hits and one RBI. Nick Blackburn earned his second straight win.

Saturday May 2 Twins vs. Royals 6:10 p.m. **Ron #345**

Jackson 2 in section 205 from Brainerd, MN with his mom Katie, dad Tyler, cousin Brooklynn, aunt Brandi, aunt Maggie, uncle Tony, uncle Joe, grandpa Steve and grandma Kelly. I hope all the pictures turned out and that Bert circled you! GREAT signs!

Minnesota: 7 Runs, 14 Hits, 2 Errors.

Kansas City: 10 Runs, 15 Hits, 2 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Joakim Soria 1 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Craig Breslow 0 and 1.

([Recap](#)) Glen Perkins had issues keeping the Royals off the scoreboard on Saturday, but the Twins' bats were hot, paced by Michael Cuddyer's solo shot and Delmon Young's two-run single. However, a pair of Minnesota relievers were unable to take control in the 11th, as Kansas City scored three in the frame to even the series.

Sunday May 3 Twins vs. Royals 1:10 p.m. sponsor **Isabel #63 Happy Birthday!**

Alexander 3 in section 208 from Champlain, MN with his dad Mike and friends Anthony, Becky, Sofia, Austin, Chelsea, A.J., Kris, Scott & Bob.

Minnesota: 5 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

Kansas City: 7 Runs, 10 Hits, 3 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Gil Meche 2 and 2.

Losing pitcher: Scott baker 0 and 4.

([Recap](#)) Scott Baker did not allow a hit through his first six innings of work. But in the seventh, he faced five batters, all of whom got hits, most notably Jose Guillen, who smacked a three-run homer. All five runners scored. Michael Cuddyer led the Twins with two hits and two RBIs.

Friday May 8 Twins vs. Mariners 7:10 p.m. **Anna #93**

Tijs 8 months in section 217 from Edina with his mom Karlijn, dad Jeroen and 2nd cousin Karin. That glove was just about the right size for Tijs' little hand!

Minnesota: 11 Runs, 13 Hits, 0 Errors.

Seattle: 0 Runs, 5 Hits, 2 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Scott Baker 1 and 4.

Losing pitcher: Chris Jakubauskas 1 and 4.

([Recap](#)) Minnesota opened its six-game homestand the right way, bashing four homers to back Scott Baker. Brendan Harris' three-run shot gave the Twins a five-run edge in the second, and Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau went deep in the fifth before Brian Buscher drove a three-run shot out.

Saturday May 9 Twins vs. Mariners 6:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**

Michael 14 months in section 206 from Clark, S.D. with mom Michelle, dad Jason and sisters Amber & Brandy.

Minnesota: 9 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Seattle: 6 Runs, 10 Hits, 2 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Francisco Liriano 2 and 4.

Losing pitcher: Felix Hernandez 4 and 2.

Joe Nathan picked up his fifth save of the season.

([Recap](#)) A day after slugging four home runs, the Twins turned the power back on, adding three more dingers. Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau went back-to-back for the second consecutive day and Michael Cuddyer hit a three-run blast to help make a winner of Francisco Liriano..

Sunday May 10 Twins vs. Mariners 1:10 p.m. **Deb #341**

Jonah 17 months in section 201 from Chanhassen, MN with mom Sara, dad Doug, sister Allie, grandma Pauline, grandpa Tim, cousin Hannah, aunts Sara & JoEllen and uncles Nick & Chad.

Minnesota: 3 Runs, 7 Hits, 0 Errors.

Seattle: 5 Runs, 10 Hits, 2 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Miguel Batista 2 and 0.

Losing pitcher: Jessie Crain 1 and 1.

[\(Recap\)](#) The Twins were destined to reach .500 with a sweep of the Mariners today after Nick Blackburn tossed seven shutout innings, but the Minnesota bullpen was ineffective in Seattle's four-run eighth inning, ruining the right-hander's effort in the process.

Tuesday May 12 Twins vs. Tigers 7:10 p.m. **Margaret Hinrichs**

David 2 in section 100 from Minneapolis, MN with his mom Krystin and friend Matt. Sorry to hear about the ball hitting your leg and hope it feels better soon.

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Detroit: 2 Runs, 9 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Kevin Slowey (5-1)

Losing pitcher: Armando Galarraga (3-3).

[\(Recap\)](#) Joe Mauer and Joe Crede hit two-run homers and Kevin Slowey consistently worked out of trouble as the Twins won the series opener over the Tigers. Crede, returning after missing three games, went deep in the second before Mauer added on in the third. Slowey allowed eight hits and walked two, but only gave up one run.

Wednesday May 13 Twins vs. Tigers 7:10 p.m. **Bill Hinrichs**

Max 1 in section 234 from Inver Grove Heights, MN with his mom Karen, dad Steve. It was Max's first birthday today! Happy Birthday!

Minnesota: 14 Runs, 17 Hits, 0 Errors.

Detroit: 10 Runs, 14 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Jesse Crain (2-1)

Losing pitcher: Brandon Lyon (1-3).

[\(Recap\)](#) The Twins followed up on Tuesday night's offensive burst with more of the same, and they needed it. Before Joe Crede ended the 13-inning affair with a walk-off grand slam, Justin Morneau belted a two-run homer early on and Jason Kubel tied the game with a two-run homer in the eighth that sent the game to extras.

Thursday May 14 Twins vs. Tigers 12:10 p.m. **Marty #1**

Isaac 1 in section 215 from Desert Hot Springs, CA with his mom Michelle, dad Jon and brother Andrew.

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 9 Hits, 0 Errors.

Detroit: 5 Runs, 9 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Craig Breslow (1-1).

Losing pitcher: Bobby Seay (0-1).

Joe Nathan picked up his 6th save.

[\(Recap\)](#) Having already struck out 13 times against Justin Verlander in 6 1/3 innings, the Twins mounted an unlikely comeback to score six times in the seventh inning to complete the sweep. Joe Crede had two RBIs, while Jason Kubel had three hits.

Hey! It was MY first game on 5/14 too!! Patrick 3 in section 215 from Merrill, IA with his mom DeAnn & dad Tom.

Friday May 22 Twins vs. Brewers 7:10 p.m. **Linda #17 & Larry #18**

Karadyn 8 months from Tomah Wisconsin in section 216 with her mom Camille, dad Troy and brothers Gavin & Jaxsen.

Minnesota: 11 Runs, 12 Hits, 1 Error.

Milwaukee: 3 Runs, 9 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Kevin Slowey (6-1).

Losing pitcher: Manny Parra (3-5).

[\(Recap\)](#) Michael Cuddyer couldn't have had a better first taste of Interleague Play, ripping all four varieties of hits needed for a cycle to pace an 11-run onslaught that easily helped topple the Brewers. Kevin Slowey was solid over 7 1/3 frames, and Justin Morneau and Joe Mauer added a pair of RBIs apiece to the mix.

Saturday May 23 Twins vs. Brewers 6:10 p.m. **Clyde #314**

Hunter 5 from Wahpeton North Dakota. Hunter was located in section 104 with

his mom Jennifer, dad Travis, aunt Paula & uncle Nick

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

Milwaukee: 2 Runs, 8 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Anthony Swarzak (1-0).

Losing pitcher: Braden Looer (4-3).

(Recap) Right-hander Anthony Swarzak became the first Twins pitcher to toss seven scoreless innings in his Major League debut, and Joe Crede and Joe Mauer both homered and drove in two runs to lead Minnesota to its third straight win.

Hey! It was MY first game on 5/23 too! Mabel 1 from Brooklyn Park Minnesota in section 216 with her mom Shelley and dad Nate.

Sunday May 24 Twins vs. Brewers 1:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**

Brennon 1 from Sleepy Eye, MN. Brennon was located in section 212 with his mom Heather, dad Josh, aunts Carmine & Caitlyn, uncle Jon, cousin Angelina, grandma Laurie and grandpa Dan.

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 6 Hits, 0 Errors.

Milwaukee: 3 Runs, 7 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Scott Baker (2-5).

Losing pitcher: Dave Bush (3-1).

(Recap) Joe Mauer ripped his 10th homer of the season in the first inning, and Justin Morneau put the game out of reach with a grand slam in the seventh to back Scott Baker's 8 1/3 strong innings as the Twins completed a sweep of the Brewers.

Monday May 25 Twins vs. Red Sox 1:10 p.m. **Marty #1**

Erin age 5 from Lakeville, MN in section 223 with her mom Tamie, dad Steve and aunt Ginny.

Minnesota: 5 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Boston: 6 Runs, 16 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Brad Penny (5-1).

Losing pitcher: Francisco Liriano (2-6).

(Recap) Joe Mauer entered with two outs in the ninth and delivered a pinch-hit two-run homer to put Boston's lead to one. But Delmon Young, who fanned three times, flied out to end the game. Francisco Liriano put Minnesota in an early hole with four innings of five-run ball.

Wednesday May 27 Twins vs. Red Sox 7:10 p.m. **Ron #345**

Melissa age 11 from Brandon, MN in section 236 with her mom Julie and 43 other 5th & 6th graders from Brandon Public School.

Minnesota: 4 Runs, 13 Hits, 1 Error.

Boston: 2 Runs, 6 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Kevin Slowey (7-1).

Losing pitcher: Daisuke Matsuzaka (0-3).

(Recap) Joe Nathan picked up his 8th save of the season.

Kevin Slowey turned in his fourth straight quality start and team-leading sixth this season, working out of a few jams to hold Boston to two runs in six innings. Speedy Denard Span led the support, tying a career high with four hits -- two of them infield singles -- while scoring a pair of runs and stealing a base.

Thursday May 28 Twins vs. Red Sox 12:10 p.m. **Anna #93**

Mara 7 months from Ham Lake Minnesota in section 216 with her mom Debbie, dad Jason, brothers Phillip & Peter and sisters Charlotte, Caroline & Hannah.

Minnesota: 1 Run, 5 Hits, 0 Errors.

Boston: 3 Runs, 6 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Josh Beckett (5-2).

Losing pitcher: Anthony Swarzak (1-1).

(Recap) Making his presence felt after missing three games, Joe Crede blasted a solo homer in the second. But Anthony Swarzak, whose only blemishes came against Jason Varitek, wasn't provided enough support, and a questionable play at the plate gave the Red Sox an edge.

Tuesday June 16 Twins vs. Pirates 7:10 p.m. **Isabel #63**

Ethan 4 from Maplewood Minnesota in section 210 with his mom Susan, dad Marty and brother Matthew

Minnesota: 8 Runs, 16 Hits, 1 Error.

Pittsburgh: 2 Runs, 11 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Glen Perkins (2-3).

Losing pitcher: Paul Maholm (4-3).

[Recap](#)) The Twins may not have used towering home runs and crowd-awing plays, but a slew of multihit nights and a little small ball were all Minnesota needed to emerge victorious in the opener. Joe Mauer led the way with four hits and two runs to support fresh-off-the-DL starter Glen Perkins, who tossed six innings of two-run ball.

Thursday June 18 Twins vs. Pirates 12:10 p.m. **Regent of Burnsville
Bryant 7 months from Lake City Minnesota in section 223 with his mom Angela,
dad Chris and sister Brooklyn**

Minnesota: 5 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

Pittsburgh: 1 Run, 6 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Nick Blackburn (6-2).

Losing pitcher: Zach Duke (7-5).

[\(Recap\)](#) Nick Blackburn was magnificent, twirling his first career complete game to close out the Twins' series against the Bucs on a high note. While Blackburn starred in the matinee, the offense picked up where it left off after the series opener, as Michael Cuddyer and Brian Buscher each ripped a homer in the win.

Friday June 19 Twins vs. Astros 7:10 p.m. **Dianna #279**

**Bryce 12, Brady 10, Aiden 8, Ashlyn 2 & Liam 5 months from Pheonix Arizona in
section 207 with their mom Shannon.**

Minnesota: 5 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

Houston: 2 Runs, 5 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Kevin Slowey (10-2).

Losing pitcher: Roy Oswalt (3-4).

Joe Nathan picked up his 16th save.

[Recap](#)) Kevin Slowey struck out six over six strong innings of one-run ball to notch his 10th victory, which tied him for the Major League lead. Nick Punto's perfect suicide squeeze in the fifth put the Twins ahead for good, and Delmon Young added a two-run double in the opening win.

**Hey! It was MY first game on June 19th too! Zachary age 6 from North Oaks
Minnesota in section 235 with Heidi.**

Sunday June 21 Twins vs. Astros 1:10 p.m. **Dorothy Campbell**

**Beckett 1 from Shakopee in section 216 with his mom Breanna, dad Brian, great
aunt Josaphine, grandma Jan and grandpa Jim. I met Beckett and his family on
the light rail on the way to the game. Beckett was wearing a Twins t-shirt and
mom and dad put a tattoo & sideburns on him. That little glove was just about the
right size for his little hand too!**

Minnesota: 1 Run, 2 Hits, 0 Errors.

Houston: 4 Runs, 11 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Wandy Rodriguez (6 and 6).

Losing pitcher: Glen Perkins (2 and 4).

[\(Recap\)](#) Glen Perkins allowed three runs in the first inning, and the Twins -- playing without Justin Morneau and Jason Kubel -- couldn't erase the deficit. Minnesota rapped just two hits, one of them Michael Cuddyer's 11th homer of the season.

Friday July 3 Twins vs. Tigers 7:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**

**Aidan 9 from Fairbanks, AK in section 203 with his mom Timona, dad Jerry,
brother Thys, cousins Blake & Walker, uncles Ron & Bob and grandma
Isabel. Minnesota: 9 Runs, 18 Hits, 1 Error.**

Detroit: 11 Runs, 17 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Freddy Dolsi (1-0).

Losing pitcher: R.A. Dickey (1-1).

[Recap](#)) After rallying from a six-run deficit to send the game to extra innings and then scrambling to tie the score again in the 14th inning, the Twins finally ran out of steam. Starter Kevin Slowey struggled but the offense took him off the hook with a five-run

sixth inning.

Saturday July 4 Twins vs. Tigers 6:10 p.m. **Anna #93**
Ryleigh 13 from Fremont, NE in section 210 with her mom Cyndi, dad Mike and brother Jeffrey. Have a great trip and glad you got to see a Twins win!

Minnesota: 4 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors

Detroit: 3 Runs, 5 Hits, 0 Errors

Winning pitcher: Matt Guerrier (4-0).

Losing pitcher: Brandon Lyon (3-4).

Joe Nathan grabbed his 22nd save of the season.

(Recap) Nick Punto came through in the eighth, hitting a bloop RBI single to give the Twins a holiday win. Michael Cuddyer was a triple shy of the cycle, and his fourth hit, an RBI single, tied the game in the seventh. Francisco Liriano settled for a no-decision after allowing a homer in the seventh.

Tuesday July 7 Twins vs. Yankees 7:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
Adam 6 from Albertville, MN in section 216 with his mom Kristy, dad Brian and friends Bjorn & Caroline.

Minnesota: 2 Runs, 4 Hits, 0 Errors.

New York: 10 Runs, 16 Hits, 0 Errors .

Winning pitcher: CC Sabathia (8-5).

Losing pitcher: Scott Baker (6-7).

(Recap) Michael Cuddyer's solo shot in the second inning and two infield singles was all the offense the Twins could mount off CC Sabathia. Scott Baker was knocked out having allowed five runs on nine hits over three-plus innings, and Minnesota pitchers walked seven.

Thursday July 9 Twins vs. Yankees 12:10 p.m. **Marty #1**
Amanda 4 months from Brooklyn Center, MN in section 207 with her mom Jennifer and brothers Andrew, Nick & Alex.

Minnesota: 4 Runs, 6 Hits, 1 Error.

New York: 6 Runs, 8 Hits, 2 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Jonathan Albaladejo (4-1).

Losing pitcher: Francisco Liriano (4-9).

Mariano Rivera picked up his 23rd save.

(Recap) There were times when Francisco Liriano had it figured out, but then there were instances when he just struggled to make the pitch to get Minnesota out of a jam. With that, the Twins were unable salvage the finale vs. the Yanks.

Friday July 10 Twins vs. White Sox 7:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
Mathew 4 from Dickenson, ND in section 214 with his mom Tina, dad Mark and sister Makaila.

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 7 Hits, 0 Errors.

Chicago: 4 Runs, 9 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Nick Blackburn (8-4).

Losing pitcher: Octavio Dotel (1-3).

Joe Nathan picked up his 23rd save.

(Recap) The Twins scored four runs in the first inning thanks in part to four straight walks to start the game, but fell dormant after that until the seventh inning when Joe Mauer hit an RBI single. Mauer's RBI helped earn a win for Nick Blackburn, who pitched seven solid innings.

Sunday July 12 Twins vs. White Sox 1:10 p.m. **Addison #486**
Luke 2 from Meadowlands, MN in section 214 with his mom Angie, dad Larry, great grandpa Larry, grandpa Ike and grandma Kathy.

Minnesota: 13 Runs, 15 Hits, 0 Errors.

Chicago: 7 Runs, 12 Hits, 2 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Scott Baker (7-7).

Losing pitcher: Mark Buehrle (9-3).

(Recap) Move over Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau. The Twins found new power sources in the series finale as Denard Span, Carlos Gomez and Brendan Harris all went

deep to stake Minnesota to a large early lead. Other than a Jim Thome homer, Scott Baker did the rest and contained Chicago.

Tuesday July 28 Twins vs. White Sox 7:10 p.m. **Ann #50**
Logan 2 from St. Cloud, MN in section 202 with his mom Sara, dad Todd and sister Dakotah. Happy Birthday Logan!

Minnesota: 5 Runs, 5 Hits, 0 Errors.

Chicago: 3 Runs, 7 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Jose Mijares (1-2).

Losing pitcher: Mark Buehrle (11-4).

Joe Nathan picked up his 28th save.

[\(Recap\)](#) The Twins were unable to get a baserunner against Mark Buehrle until the sixth inning, but that seemed like ancient history as they tagged him for four runs in the seventh. In the end, Scott Baker bested Buehrle's effort, as he gave up just one run in six innings of work to earn the win.

Friday July 31 Twins vs. Angels 7:10 p.m. **Richard #6 Happy 85th!**
Violet 11 months from (forgot to ask city) in section 234 with mom Brooke, dad Chris, grandma Jill, grandpa Bruce and cousins Briell & Trey

Minnesota: 5 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

Anaheim: 11 Runs, 19 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Kevin Jepsen (3-2).

Losing pitcher: Bob Keppel (0-1).

[\(Recap\)](#) After giving up a two-run first inning, Nick Blackburn settled in to give 6 2/3 effective innings while Joe Mauer blasted a three-run homer in the third. The Twins received RBIs from Nick Punto and Denard Span before Minnesota lost in extras, snapping its four-game win streak.

HEY! It was MY first game on 8/31/09 too! Emmylou from Hopkins, MN in section 234 with her mom Stephanie, great aunt Joni, great uncle Eric, second cousins Christin, Carlos, Caitie, Katrina, Connor & Sam and great grandma Emmy Lou and great grandpa Richard (celebrating his 85th birthday)

Sunday August 2 Twins vs. Angels 1:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
McCoy 18 months from Sleepy Eye, MN in section 216 with mom Cindy, dad Dell, sisters Jamie, Hannah & Natalie, aunt Gina, uncle Wayne, cousins Kolten, Martina & Winsten, grandma Mary & grandpa Gardell.

Minnesota: 4 Runs, 6 Hits, 1 Error.

Anaheim: 13 Runs, 15 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Jered Weaver (11-3).

Losing pitcher: Glen Perkins (6-7).

[\(Recap\)](#) The Twins will be happy to see the Angels depart the Metrodome after Twins pitchers gave up a total of 35 runs in the series. Glen Perkins fared no better, getting chased in the fifth. Orlando Cabrera did however collect his first home run as a Twin in the fourth inning.

Thursday August 13 Twins vs. Royals 12:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
Kevin 3 months from Browerville, MN in section 211 with his mom Stacy, dad Jeff & sisters Abby and Natalie.

Minnesota: 4 Runs, 7 Hits, 0 Errors.

Kansas City: 5 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Gil Meche (5-9).

Losing pitcher: Carl Pavano (10-9).

[\(Recap\)](#) Playing as the designated hitter against the Royals, Joe Mauer roped an RBI double to put the Twins on the board then smashed a three-run shot in the fifth. Orlando Cabrera extended his career-long hit streak to 22 games and Carl Pavano settled down after a rough start to pitch seven innings, but still took the loss.

Sunday August 16 Twins vs. Indians 1:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
Jake 1 from St. Michael, MN in section 236 with his mom Jess, dad Leonard, brother Ben and uncle Tony.

Minnesota: 4 Runs, 8 Hits, 1 Error.

Cleveland: 7 Runs, 12 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Aaron Laffey (7-3).

Losing pitcher: Nick Blackburn (8-8).

[Recap](#)) The Twins were hoping Nick Blackburn's start on Tuesday against the Royals was an aberration, but it is now back-to-back starts in which the right-hander has not made it through three innings. Blackburn allowed six runs in the third inning, including three home runs, after his club had given him a three-run lead.

Monday August 24 Twins vs. Orioles 7:10 p.m. **Judy #487**
Kyla 3 from Mankato, MN in section 208 with her mom Steph, and friends Molly & Andy. Kyla was so polite, thanking me for her goodies and I think I saw her on the BIG screen at the game!

Minnesota: 2 Runs, 6 Hits, 0 Errors.

Baltimore: 1 Run, 4 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Scott Baker (12-7).

Losing pitcher: Chris Tillman (1-2).

Joe Nathan picked up his 32nd save.

[Recap](#)) The Twins broke through vs. the O's in the sixth when Alexi Casilla tripled and scored on a wild pitch and Jason Kubel followed with a sac fly. Scott Baker delivered a quality start but the Twins remained 4 1/2 back in the AL Central race.

Friday August 28 Twins vs. Rangers 7:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
Theresa 11 from Spring lake park, MN in section 237 with her brother Chris and friend Cally.

Minnesota: 3 Run, 7 Hits, 0 Errors.

Texas: 2 Runs, 7 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Brian Duensing (2-1).

Losing pitcher: Tommy Hunter (6-3).

Joe Nathan picked up his 33rd save.

[Recap](#)) Brian Duensing dazzled in his third big league start, allowing just one run on three hits in seven innings. The Twins rapped out four hits in the first inning to plate three runs, including Jason Kubel's RBI triple, and though they didn't score again, Duensing's effort held up.

Saturday August 29 Twins vs. Rangers 6:10 p.m. **Richard #6**
Trenton 3 from LeCenter, MN in section 213 with his mom Trisha, dad Brad, brother Brandan and friend Alex.

Minnesota: 0 Run, 4 Hits, 0 Errors.

Texas: 3 Runs, 8 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Scott Feldman (14-4).

Losing pitcher: Carl Pavano (11-10).

[Recap](#)) With the Tigers and White Sox having lost earlier in the day, the second-place Twins had a chance to improve their position in the American League Central, but their bats went cold against Rangers right-hander Scott Feldman and a solid effort from Carl Pavano was squandered.

Sunday August 30 Twins vs. Rangers 1:10 p.m. **Isabel #63**
Laura 2 from Princeton, MN in section 239 with her mom Jessie, dad Kyle and brothers James & Timothy.

Minnesota: 5 Run, 10 Hits, 1 Error.

Texas: 3 Runs, 8 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Jon Rauch (4-3).

Losing pitcher: C.J. Wilson (4-6).

Joe Nathan picked up his 34th save.

[Recap](#)) After Scott Baker gave up the lead in the seventh, the Twins chipped away in

the eighth, as pinch-runner Carlos Gomez moved to third on Brendan Harris' game-tying single, then scored on Mike Redmond's fielder's choice. Nick Punto added a suicide squeeze, and Minnesota held on despite Joe Nathan's shaky ninth.

Sunday September 13 Twins vs. A 1:10 p.m. **Chris #404**
Gustav 2 1/2 from Chaska, MN in section 235 with his dad Eric, aunt Linda, uncle Adam, cousins A.J., Anna & David, grandma Debbie & grandpa Jim.

Minnesota: 8 Runs, 12 Hits, 0 Errors.

Oakland: 0 Runs, 10 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Brian Duensing (3-1).

Losing pitcher: Gio Gonzalez (5-6).

[Recap](#)) Minnesota salvaged the finale vs. Oakland to keep its playoff hopes alive. But the Tigers won, so the Twins remained 5 1/2 back in the AL Central. Joe Mauer, Michael Cuddyer and Denard Span had multihit games to back Brian Duensing's victory.

Hey! It was MY 1st game on 9/13 too! David from St. Joseph, MN

Hey! It was MY 1st game on 9/13 too! A.J. from St. Joseph, MN

Hey! It was MY 1st game on 9/13 too! Anna from St. Joseph, MN

Monday September 14 Twins vs. Indians 7:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
Azumi 3 from Honolulu, HI in section 134 with her mom Donna, dad Brandon, sister Caidy, aunt Mandy, uncle Dan, aut Julie, uncle Tim, uncle Kodye, cousin Sydney, grandma Sue and grandpa Brian.

Minnesota: 6 Runs, 11 Hits, 0 Errors.

Cleveland: 3 Runs, 8 Hits, 1 Error.

Winning pitcher: Ron Mahay (2-1).

Losing pitcher: Ron Mahay (2-1).

Joe Nathan picked up his 39th save.

[Recap](#)) The eighth inning started out with a little luck -- Orlando Cabrera reached on an error and Joe Mauer walked -- and continued with a lot of power when Michael Cuddyer hit a three-run homer followed by Jason Kubel's two-run blast. Carl Pavano kept the Twins in the game, giving up three runs on six hits while striking out four.

Friday September 18 Twins vs. Tigers 7:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**
Oliver 1 1/2 from Miller, SD in section 215 with his mom Megan, dad Dan, brother Owen, aunts Jenn and Jill, uncles Seth and Dave, cousins Jack, Sam, Eli, Miles and Ava, granpa Doug and grandma Janet.

Minnesota: 3 Runs, 9 Hits, 0 Errors.

Detroit: 0 Runs, 5 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Brian Duensing (4 and 1).

Losing pitcher: Rick Porcello (13 and 9).

Joe Nathan picked up his 42nd save.

[Recap](#)) The Twins received brilliant work from rookie Brian Duensing and a two-run homer from Michael Cuddyer as they pared the Tigers' advantage in the AL Central to just three games. Duensing allowed just four hits, two of them in the seventh inning, over 6 1/3 shutout frames. Jason Kubel had two hits and scored twice.

Saturday September 19 Twins vs. Tigers 6:10 p.m. **Isabel #63**
Alexa 3 months from Luderdale, MN in section 230 with her mom Amy, dad Cuck, aunt Jenna & uncle Jeff.

Minnesota: 3 Runs, 9 Hits, 0 Errors.

Detroit: 0 Runs, 5 Hits, 0 Errors.

Winning pitcher: Brian Duensing (4 and 1).

Losing pitcher: Rick Porcello (13 and 9).

Joe Nathan picked up his 42nd save.

[Recap](#)) Held in check most of the day by Justin Verlander, the Twins received new life when Detroit's Don Kelly lost an Orlando Cabrera drive in the Metrodome roof, setting off Jason Kubel's go-ahead double and Michael Cuddyer's three-run homer. Two weeks ago, the Twins trailed the Tigers by seven games. Now, it's only two.

Sunday September 20 Twins vs. Tigers 1:10 p.m. **Jackie Lueth**
Josiah 4 from Brooklyn Park, MN in section 237 with his dad All and uncle Paul.

Minnesota: 2 Runs, 7 Hits, 1 Error.
Detroit: 6 Runs, 13 Hits, 0 Errors.
Winning pitcher: Nate Robertson (2-2).
Losing pitcher: Scott Baker (13-9).

[\(Recap\)](#) After frustrating the Tigers in the first two games of the series, the Twins weren't able to complete the sweep. Scott Baker was chased as Detroit scored three times in the fifth to take the lead, and Minnesota finished the weekend three games behind Detroit in the AL Central. The Twins had won six games in a row.

Final series at the Metrodome

Friday October 2 Twins vs. Royals 7:10 p.m. **Isabel #63**

Madysen 4 from Wasilla, AK in section 216 with her mom Charlee, dad Zach, grandma Tammy and friend Rick.

Minnesota: 10 runs, 11 hits, 1 errors.
Kansas City: 7 runs, 14 hits, 2 error.
Winning pitcher: Jeff Manship (1-1)
Losing pitcher: Lenny DiNardo (0-3)
Joe Nathan picked up his 46th save.

[\(Recap\)](#) The final regular-season series at the Metrodome kicked off in grand fashion, with the Twins cruising to a win after Delmon Young's first-inning granny. Jeff Manship's first big league win came at the right time as Minnesota trimmed its deficit in the AL Central to one game.

Saturday October 3 Twins vs. Royals 6:10 p.m. **Michael #507**

Indsay 3 from Armstrong, IA in section 216 with her mom Karey and dad Mark. Such a polite and sweet little girl and BOY did you get to see a GREAT first game!

Minnesota: 5 runs, 8 hits, 0 errors.
Kansas City: 4 runs, 7 hits, 0 errors.
Winning pitcher: Jon Rauch (7-3)
Losing pitcher: Dusty Hughes (0-2)
Joe Nathan picked up his 47th save.

[\(Recap\)](#) Michael Cuddyer's homer in the eighth, His 31st tater of the season, carried the Twins over the Royals. The Tigers 85 and 76 also lost yesterday which makes us TIED going into today's games.

Sunday October 4 Twins vs. Royals 1:10 p.m. **Loretta #270**

Justin 6 months from Minneapolis, MN in section 218 with his mom Beth, dad Will, uncle Randy, uncle Daniel and friend Matthew.

Minnesota: 13 runs, 11 hits, 0 errors.
Kansas City: 4 runs, 12 hits, 0 errors.
Winning pitcher: Carl Pavano (14-12)
Losing pitcher: Luke Hochevar (7-13)

[\(Recap\)](#) Jason Kubel muscled up for a pair of three-run jacks and Delmon Young socked two solo shots as the Twins remained knotted with the Tigers atop the American League Central. The Metrodome, closing after 2009, will host Tuesday's tiebreaker, game No. 163 at 1:10 pm. Pitching for Minnesota right-handed Scott Baker 15 and 9 against Detroit's right-handed Rick Porcello 14 and 9.

The game will be televised on TBS.