

2006 MINNESOTA TWINS

96-66 1st
MGR Ron Gardenhire (#35)

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Justin Morneau #33	.321	3		126	-	152	261	264	AR	SD	1B153	L R
Luis Castillo #1	.296	25		111	113	125	254	254	AAR	SD	2B142	B R
Jason Bartlett #18	.309	10		111	112	132	263	256	AAR		SS99	R R
Nick Punto #8	.290	17		-	113	131	255	252	AAR		3B89, SS26, 2B17, OF3(CF/LF)	B R
Michael Cuddyer #5	.284	6	PK	123	125	153	253	251	AR	T-1	OF143(RF), 1B6	R R
Torii Hunter #48	.278	12		126	131	143	246	246	AAR	SD/T-1	OF143(CF)	R R
Lew Ford #20	.226	9		114	115	125	234	226	AAR		OF92(LF/RF/CF), DH	R R
Joe Mauer #7	.347	8		115	121	144	313	313	AR	SD	C120, DH	L R
Rondell White #24	.246	1	MW	115	116	135	236	235	AR		DH, OF38(LF)	R R
Jason Kubel #16	.241	2		122	-	134	234	234	AR		OF37(LF/RF), DH	L R
Jason Tyner #12	.312	4		-	112	121	255	262	AAR		OF50(LF/CF), DH	L L
Tony Batista #77	.236	0		116	-	143	233	233	AR		3B50	R R
Mike Redmond "Red Dog" #55	.341	0	MW	-	-	134	314	311	SLO	SD	C43	R R
Shannon Stewart #23	.293	3		112	113	123	254	253	AAR	T-1	OF34(LF), DH	R R
Juan Castro #17 +	.231	1	MW	111	114	125	235	231	AR		SS50	R R
Luis Rodriguez #38	.235	0		114	-	126	235	232	AR		3B29, 2B14, SS2, 1B1	B R
Phil Nevin #15 *	.190	0	PW PK	115	-	124	215	215	SLO		DH, 1B5	R R
Josh Rabe #11	.286	0	MW PK	131	-	135	255	251	AR		DH, OF11(LF/RF)	R R
Terry Tiffie #32	.244	0		124	-	133	241	234	AR	LD	3B6, DH, 1B3	B R
Ruben Sierra #21	.179	0	PK	-	-	122	215	212	AR		PH, DH	B R
Alexi Casilla #25	.250	0		-	-	-	236	236	AAR		2B4, SS2	B R
Pitcher R	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			
	ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV					
Johan Santana #57 SD	2.77	234	124	531	34	34	0	.000	L L			
Carlos Silva #52	5.94	180	122	636	36	31	0	.333	R R			
Brad Radke #22	4.32	162	123	625	28	28	0	.000	R R			
Francisco Liriano #47	2.16	121	131	514	28	16	1	.200	L L			
Boof Bonser #26	4.22	100	125	554	18	18	0	.000	R R			
Scott Baker #30	6.37	83	122	566	16	16	0	.000	R R			
Matt Garza #21 LD	5.76	50	141	564	10	9	0	.000	R R			
Jesse Crain #28	3.52	77	125	561	68	0	1	.000	R R			
Juan Rincon #39	2.91	74	132	552	75	0	1	.000	R R			
Matt Guerrier #54	3.36	70	131	623	39	1	1	.000	R R			
Joe Nathan #36	1.58	68	126	446	64	0	36	.000	R R			
Kyle Lohse #49 +	7.07	64	134	566	22	8	0	.000	R R			
Willie Eyre #27	5.31	59	134	633	42	0	0	.000	R R			
Dennys Reyes #37	0.89	51	132	535	66	0	0	.000	R L			
Pat Neshek #17 #72	2.19	37	122	446	32	0	0	.000	B R	(last name pronounced NEE-shek)		
Glen Perkins #60	1.59	6	111	525	4	0	0	.000	L L	"Perk"		
Mike Smith #19	12.00	3	164	644	1	1	0	.000	R R			

The American League Central Division race in '06 was as exciting as they come between the Twins, Tigers, and White Sox. Detroit burst out to an 8 ½ game lead over the Twins and Chicago by July 26th, the latter two tied at 59-41. Minnesota had gotten off to a rocky start for the year; they were 25-33 on June 7th. During this time, the Twins dropped underperforming veterans and replaced them with young blood from Triple A. The Twins took off with a speedy, young ball club White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen called "The Little Piranhas." Minnesota won several critical series along the way, put distance between themselves and Chicago, and finally had the Tigers in their sites. Detroit was badly wounded after a sweep of their final season series by the bottom-feeding Royals allowing the Twins to clinch first place the last day of the regular season. It was the first time in major league history that had happened; the Twins NEVER spent a day holding sole possession of first place. They were a combined 18-20 versus the Tigers and White Sox. Minnesota's odyssey ended after being swept from the ALDS by Oakland, three games to none...Hometown boy Joe Mauer won the first batting title ever by an American League catcher. He hit 13 homers and drove in 84 runs. A. L. MVP Justin Morneau led the team with 34 home runs, 130 RBI, and 190 base hits. Michael Cuddyer (24 homers, 109 RBI) scored the most runs (102). Torii Hunter popped 31 home runs and knocked in ninety-eight. The Twins led the league in batting average (.287); they were thirteenth with 143 home runs...Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana won 19 games, lost six, and led the pitching staff with 245 strikeouts. He was seventh in MVP balloting. Brad Radke and rookie Francisco Liriano (144 K's) both won twelve times; the latter's season ended early following left elbow surgery. Outstanding closer Joe Nathan came in fifth in Cy Young voting. He struck out ninety-five for the season. The staff's ERA finished second in the A. L. (3.95) while they led the league in strikeouts (1,164).