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TWINS 10, CLEVELAND 6 Tuesday, 6-40 p.m. (B39)

Another day, another grand slam for Lewis

Blast helps Twins erase 4-0 deficit with six-run second.

By PHIL MILLER
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No team in the American League had allowed fewer home runs than the Cleveland Guardians. No team in the American League depends upon home runs for a larger share of its scoring.

Rocco Baldelli's attitude? Bring it on.

"They're going to have to beat us at our game, and we're going to have to beat them at their game," the Twins manager said before the first of three important games against their chief A.L. Central opponent. "Just do what your team does well."

Point taken. And, nine innings later, point made. Matt Wallner and Jorge Soler **TWINS** on C3 ▶



For the second consecutive game, Twins rookie Royce Lewis jogged around the bases after hitting a grand slam, the key blow in a six-run second inning at the Twins beat the Guardians.

Contributions by rookies could make team 'special'

JIM SOGHAN

Royce Lewis spent Monday morning at the State Fair, walking a cat named Doodles and eating corn dogs. Together by gathering a large group of people at home plate. Again.

He followed his visit to the Great Minnesota Get-Together by gathering a large group of people at home plate. Again.

On Sunday, Lewis hit a grand slam that started a comeback from five runs down and led to a 13-inning

victory over Texas. On Monday, he hit a grand slam that gave the Twins a two-run second-inning lead and led to a 10-6 victory over Cleveland at Target Field and a seven-game lead in the American League Central Division.

Lewis became the first Twins ever to hit grand slams in consecutive games and the first rookie to hit multiple grand slams in a season since Danny Valencia in 2010.

"It's so much fun," Lewis said. "This team is so special, and just to crack the team and be part of it is special."

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GOPHERS VOLLEYBALL VS. TEXAS Tuesday, 7 p.m. (B10)

Transfers soaring as Texas hits town

Gophers' portal additions bring experience and skill. BY JEFF DAVY
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It is the kind of statistic that careers and reputations are built on: Keegan Cook didn't have a player transfer in eight years as the volleyball coach at Washington.

But days after taking over the Gophers, he watched as two of Minnesota's best returning players entered the transfer portal and joined top programs — middle blocker Carter Booth at Wisconsin and outside hitter Owen Wenzel at Texas.

If Cook was unaccustomed to losing players to the portal, he is showing an eye for finding players there.

The Gophers moved up to No. 15 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll this week and have a three-game matchup with Wenzel and the No. 7 Longhorns at Maturi Pavilion on Thursday night.

Coming on the heels of two convincing wins over TCU and No. 10 Baylor, Minnesota has a quick turnaround against the defending national champion Longhorns. Texas opened the season ranked No. 1 and was shocked in its season opener, losing in four sets to Long Beach State.

Wenzel returns to Maturi Pavilion three days after Booth played there in the Big Ten Big 12 Challenge for Wisconsin. If it serves as a reminder of who left the Gophers, their own transfers have been making it easier to stomach.

Kylie Marr was a no-brainer addition at Oberlin. A program-defining player for Ohio State, she was named Big Ten defensive player of the year last season.

Two other additions, middle blocker Phoebe Amoleye from Loyola Marymount and opposite hitter Lydia Grote from Cal, might have only been familiar to the deeply knowledgeable college volleyball fan.

That is about to change. "I told them throughout training camp, you belong

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Hard to catch after catch

BY HEATHER HULLE
Special to the Star Tribune

Coon Rapids wide receiver Khiloban Cummings-Coleman responds to various nicknames. His football coaches and teammates affectionately referred to him as "KHC" during the first day of practice, and only after the main field is just south of Hwy. 10 in the north-west metro. Or there's "REC." The local TV station, CTN Coon Rap-

Cummings-Coleman emerges as Coon Rapids' game-breaker

ids, calls him "C-Squared" because of his last name. "Everybody knows who he is," senior quarterback Jackson Hervey said. "As a nickname, he's Mr. CR."

That moniker stuck when

senior season as a wide receiver for the Cardinals.

Cummings-Coleman led the football team the past two seasons in receiving yards, racking up 406 as a sophomore before compiling 902 yards on 27 catches with 11 touchdowns, plus 38 rushing yards, in his junior season.

Cardinals' football coach Nick Busin called Cummings-Coleman "an explosive athlete"

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Coon Rapids wide receiver Khiloban Cummings-Coleman — aka "Mr. CR" — caught 57 passes for 902 yards and 11 touchdowns last year.

Photo by HEATHER HULLE — jerry.hulle@startribune.com

New Gophers to watch

Here are seven newcomers — including receiver Corey Owens Jr., right — who could make a difference in the season opener and beyond. C2

GOPHERS FOOTBALL VS. NEBRASKA Thursday, 7 p.m. (E19)

