



HOPE DASHED IN SHADOWS OF AUTUMN

The Twins' best chance to get back into Game 3 of the ALDS on Tuesday at Target Field came when Royce Lewis, top, came up to bat trailing 5-0 with the bases loaded and two outs in the fifth inning. But Lewis, a late-season slugging hero, swung wildly for strike three and walked disconsolately, far left, back to the dugout. There were plenty of good moments, though, like when Twins left fielder Matt Wallner, far left, made a sliding grab of a fly ball. The game opened with former Twins pitching star Johan Santana — near left, at right, joined by Pablo López — throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. López brought the ball to Santana, and he, like Superman, removed his jacket to reveal he was wearing a López jersey. The Target Field faithful, right, never wavered in their support even as their team struggled.

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