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Twin Facts

Jacob Parker

• First-born

Birthdate: 5/14/01

Birthweight: 3 lbs. 9 oz.

Joshua Dylan

Birthdate: 5/14/01

Birthweight: 4 lbs. I oz.

Jacob & Joshua are fraternal twins but as of now, we think they could pass as identical.

Minnesota Twins

- The Washington Senators moved to Minnesota at the beginning of the 1961 season and became the Minnesota Twins.
- The Twins nickname comes from the "Twin Cities", Minneapolis and St. Paul, which are just across the Mississippi river from each other.
- The Twins won the American League pennant in 1965, but lost the World Series to the Los Angeles Dodgers.
- The Twins also won the American League Pennant in 1987 and 1991, winning the World Series both times.

The Surprising Twins!

In 1991, a remarkable thing happened in major league baseball. Two teams who had both finished in last place in their respective divisions the previous year, met in the World Series. The Atlanta Braves and the Minnesota Twins were both trying to go "from worst to first".

It was a classic series that went to a decisive seventh game. Game 7 was a scoreless tie going into extra innings.

Being a
Dodger fan, I was
rooting against
the Braves, who
had overtaken the
Dodgers in the
last week of the
season to knock

them out of post-season contention. The Twins were my team that year.

In the bottom of the 10th inning, the Twins scored the only run of the game to win the World Series!

Since then, there hasn't been much to root about for the Twins. Last year, they were the worst team in baseball. However, this year, the Twins are trying to duplicate their amazing feat of 10 years ago. Currently, the Twins are atop the Central Division, and Twin fans once again have something to cheer about.

For Jennifer and me, we

have another reason to root for the Twins.

On May 14th, we were matched with a birth mom who was expecting to deliver on July 5th.

Later that same day, we were told that our birth mom had gone into labor.

The next morning on May 15th (our 8th wedding



Joshua Dylan (left) and Jacob Parker (right)

anniversary), we received a call telling us that our birthmother had given birth to surprise Twins!

Nobody knew that our birth mom was carrying Twins, including the doctors. Two sonograms had missed the 2nd baby.

We instantly became fans of the twins and began rooting for them as they spent their time in the Oakland Children's Hospital Intensive Care Nursery.

We were initially told that they would probably be in the hospital until close to their due date.

But if we've learned

anything from history, the Twins will surprise you when you least expect it.

Last Thursday, we drove from Lake Tahoe to Oakland to pay our twins a visit. We expected them to be in the hospital about 3 more weeks. However, when we arrived at the hospital, we were asked if

we had brought our car seats.

To our surprise, the twins were ready to be discharged, 3 weeks ahead of schedule.

The twins are home with us now and they're doing great. They're eating on their own and they're

sleeping a lot. They're healthy and they're growing.

When the World Series rolls around this fall, I'm not sure if Minnesota fans will still be cheering for their Twins. But I know that come this fall, we will still be rooting for our "surprise twins."

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