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## **JUSTIN MORNEAU NAMED AMERICAN LEAGUE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Becomes Fourth Twins Player To Win Award, First Since 1977

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN — The Minnesota Twins were informed today that first baseman **Justin Morneau** has been named the American League Most Valuable Player. He is the youngest player to win the award since Frank Thomas in 1993.

Morneau, 25, batted .321 (190-592) with 37 doubles, one triple, 34 home runs and 130 rbi in 157 games this season. He finished the 2006 season second in the league in rbi, fifth in total bases (331), seventh in batting and eighth in extra-base hits (72). Morneau's 34 homers were the most by a Twins player since 1987 and his 130 rbi rank as the second highest total on the Twins' All-Time single season list (Killebrew, 140 in 1969).

Through games of June 7, the Twins were 25-33, 11.5 games out of first place. From June 8 through the end of the season, the Twins went 71-33. During that time, Morneau batted .362 (highest in the Major Leagues), with 23 home runs and 92 rbi in leading the Twins to the Central Division Championship.

This represents the fourth time a Twins player has won the American League Most Valuable Player Award. Below is a list of the past Minnesota winners.

### **TWINS' AMERICAN LEAGUE MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS:**

1965 Zolio Versalles, ss  
1969 Harmon Killebrew, 1b  
1977 Rod Carew, 2b  
2006 Justin Morneau, 1b

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