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Minnesota Twins Rally For Wildlife Forever

Nearly the entire Minnesota Twins team showed up at Maynard's on Lake Minnetonka in **Minnesota** to help #16 first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz raise \$50,000 for Wildlife Forever and wildlife conservation.

The Doug Meintkiewicz Bass Fishing Classic was held Monday, June 23, 2003. Early morning thunderstorms threatened to delay the "gentlemen's" tournament. But by 8:15 AM the sky had started to clear allowing the boats to leave on time. For the 1:00 PM weigh-in, blue skies brought out a large crowd to watch each Minnesota Twin weigh-in with his bass pro guide and amateur angler.

The tournament was a catch and release event with 99% of the 141 bass returned to the water. After each team weighed their maximum of five fish, Meintkiewicz declared #17 Twin Dustan Mohr the winner along with his fishing teammates of pro angler Brad Cline and amateur Steve Burke of Chanhassen. Their total weight was 18.13 lbs.

The Doug Meintkiewicz Bass Fishing Classic was a rare type of fundraising event in that nearly 90% of gross proceeds were given to Wildlife Forever. Frequently, charity events provide a small percentage of gross revenue to the charity due to high costs. Expenses were kept very low thanks to the donated support of the Minnesota Pro/Am Bass Tour,

Maynard's, the Minnesota Twins and volunteer pro bass anglers.

"Wildlife Forever is very fortunate to the beneficiary of the Twins' generosity," said Douglas H. Grann, President and CEO of Wildlife Forever. "Mother Nature threw us a curveball with the severe weather

forecast but in the end she smiled warmly on the event."

Sponsors of the tournament included: Genmar, WCCO Radio, Twin City Co-ops Federal Credit Union, Jiffy Pop Popcorn, Waste Management, ST Specialties, Cambria, and Cabela's.



Meintkiewicz, #16 laughs it up with Twins manager Ron Gardenhire during the weigh-in at the first Doug Meintkiewicz Bass Fishing Classic.