



MINNESOTA TWINS vs. TORONTO BLUE JAYS

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POSTSEASON GM 1

RHP Pablo López vs. RHP Kevin Gausman

POSTSEASON HOME GM 1

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
10/4	vs. TOR	RHP Sonny Gray vs. RHP José Berríos	3:38 pm (CT)	ESPN	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com

POSTSEASON AT A GLANCE

Record as Twins (since 1961):	25-45
Record as MIN/WAS (since 1901):	33-56
Home Record:	16-19
Road Record:	9-26
AL Wild Card:	0-3
Division Series:	5-20
ALCS:	9-12
World Series:	11-10
Game One:	9-7
Game Two:	4-12
Game Three:	1-14
Game Four:	3-6
Game Five:	3-4
Game Six:	3-0
Game Seven:	2-1
Facing Elimination:	7-12
Games vs. LH Starter:	15-21
Games vs. RH Starter:	10-24
Twins score first:	15-18
Opponent scores first:	10-27
Come-from-behind wins:	11
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	20-5/22-2
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	0-36/0-38
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	5-5/3-4
Extra-innings:	4-5
1-run games:	7-10
Twins out-hit opp.:	16-9
Opp. out-hit Twins:	4-35
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	5-2
Run Differential:	-89 (253-342)
Longest win-streak:	5, 10/11-20/91
Longest losing-streak:	18, 10/6/04-now
When Twins score 4+:	19-11
When Twins score 3-:	6-34
Team-high hits:	15, 2x, last 10/24/87 (WS Game 6 vs. St. Louis)
Team-high runs:	11, 2x, last 10/5/02 (ALDS Game 4 vs. Oakland)
Opp.-high hits:	18, 2x, last 10/13/02 (ALCS Game 5 at Anaheim)
Opp.-high runs:	14, Atlanta, 10/24/91 (WS Game 5 at Atlanta)
When Twins get 10+ hits:	14-10
W/L in last at-bats:	4-12

THE TWINS: Finished their 63rd season in Minnesota with a record of 87-75, winning the AL Central on September 22...they finished 9.0 games ahead of Detroit (78-84)...it marked their ninth AL Central title in club history (2002, '03, '04, '06, '09, '10, '19 & '20)...prior to the current divisional alignment, the Twins won the AL West division four times (1969, '70, '87 & '91).
 ☞ The Twins last appeared in the Postseason in 2020 and hosted the Houston Astros in the AL Wild Card Series, getting swept in two games by scores of 1-4 and 1-3.

SECOND SEASON: The Twins are playing in the Postseason for the 15th time in their history...below are the results from previous Postseasons (since 1961):

YEAR	CLINCHED	FINISHED	YEAR	CLINCHED	FINISHED
1965	AL (102-60)	Lost 4-3 to LAD in WS	2006	AL-C (96-66)	Swept in 3 by OAK in ALDS
1969	AL-W (97-65)	Swept in 3 by BAL in ALCS	2009	AL-C (87-76)	Swept in 3 by NYY in ALDS
1970	AL-W (98-64)	Swept in 3 by BAL in ALCS	2010	AL-C (94-68)	Swept in 3 by NYY in ALDS
1987	AL-W (85-77)	Beat STL 4-3 in WS	2017	AL-WC (85-77)	Lost 8-4 in 1 game at NYY
1991	AL-W (95-67)	Beat ATL 4-3 in WS	2019	AL-C (101-61)	Swept in 3 by NYY in ALDS
2002	AL-C (94-67)	Lost 4-1 to ANA in ALCS*	2020	AL-C (36-34)	Swept in 2 by HOU in ALWCS
2003	AL-C (90-72)	Lost 3-1 to NYY in ALDS	2023	AL-C (87-75)	- - -
2004	AL-C (92-70)	Lost 3-1 to NYY in ALDS**			

*Twins last Postseason series win came in five games over Oakland in the 2002 ALDS.
 **Twins last Postseason win came in Game 1 on October 5, 2004 at New York (Santana/Mussina).

ALSO: The Twins enter today with an 18-game Postseason losing streak, the longest in baseball history.

WIN-NESOTA: The Twins finished the regular season with a home record of 47-34 (.580), the fourth-most home wins in the AL and eighth most in baseball...after the All-Star break, they went 21-12 at Target Field for a .636 winning percentage, trailing only Texas (.639 — 23-13) for highest home win % in the AL in that span...Minnesota's 47 wins at Target Field this season were the third most in the Target Field era (since 2010), trailing their totals from 2010 (53-28) and 2018 (49-32).

☞ Twins are 16-19 all-time in Minnesota during the Postseason, going 3-4 at Met Stadium, 13-10 at the Metrodome and 0-5 at Target Field...their last playoff win in Minnesota came in a 2-1 victory over the Angels at the Dome in Game 1 of the 2002 ALCS on October 8.

NORTHERN LIGHTS: The Twins and Blue Jays are playing in a Postseason series for the second time in their history...these two met in the 1991 ALCS as the Twins went 4-1, splitting two games at the Metrodome, then winning three-straight at the SkyDome (Rogers Centre) and advanced to win their second World Championship in seven games against Atlanta.

☞ The Twins went 3-3 against the Blue Jays during the regular season, losing a three-game series 1-2 at Target Field from May 26-28 and winning a three-game series 2-1 at Rogers Centre from June 9-11.

☞ The Twins have gone 22-18 against the Blue Jays since 2017.
 ☞ Carlos Correa is hitting .311 (33-for-106) with six doubles, seven home runs, 23 RBI and a .958 OPS in 27 career regular and Postseason games vs. the Jays...has reached safely in 12 straight vs. Toronto and in 25 of his 27 career regular and Postseason games.
 ☞ Jorge Polanco is hitting .299 (41-for-137) with nine doubles, five home runs, 17 RBI, 17 walks and an .851 OPS in 35 career games vs. the Jays...he has reached safely in nine straight vs. Toronto...Polanco's .299 average is his third best vs. any AL opponent (Seattle - .317 and Houston - .322).

THE HEART BEAT: Twins starters combined to go 49-45, 3.82 ERA (895.0 IP, 380 ER) with 223 walks, 970 strikeouts and a .240 opponent batting average...below are Twins starting pitching ranks among MLB teams during the regular season:

INNINGS	QS	OBP	K/BB	FIP	WHIP	K's	OPS
SEA - 901.1	MIN - 76	SEA - 288	MIN - 4.35	TB - 3.61	SEA - 1.14	MIN - 970	TB - .684
HOU - 900.0	SD - 75	TB - 289	TB - 4.11	MIN - 3.73	MIN - 1.16	TOR - 922	MIL - .691
PHI - 899.0	SEA - 74	MIN - 291	SEA - 4.08	SEA - 3.93	MIL - 1.17	ATL - 874	SEA - .694
MIN - 895.0	CHC - 71	MIL - 292	SF - 3.84	SF - 4.06	TB - 1.17	CWS - 873	MIN - .695
TOR - 894.2	3 tied - 70	DET - 300	PHI - 3.42	PHI - 4.07	PHI - 1.22	SD - 870	SD - .700

NOTE: The Twins 970 strikeouts from their starters set a new club record and ranks 14th on baseball's all-time list for a single season...additionally, the Twins' staff record and MLB-best 1,560 strikeouts this season, also setting a club record and landing in a tie for 15th most in baseball history.

SECOND HALF SURGE: Below are the offensive numbers and MLB ranks pre-All-Star break vs. post-All-Star break:

	AVG	R/G	H	HR	BB	OBP	SLG	OPS	TB	K%
PRE:	.232 (25)	4.2 (24)	708 (22)	115 (8)	297 (16)	.309 (25)	.400 (20)	.709 (22)	1219 (20)	.167 (10)
POST:	.257 (7)	5.6 (4)	627 (7)	118 (3)	297 (1)	.346 (4)	.462 (3)	.808 (3)	1127 (5)	.205 (3)

ROCTOBER: Rocco Baldelli has a career managerial record of 375-333 (.530) since being named the Twins skipper prior to the 2019 season...his .530 winning percentage is the second best in Twins history (minimum 400 games), trailing only Sam Mele, who had a managerial win percentage of .548 (522-431) from 1961-67...Baldelli has managed the Twins to an AL Central title three times (2019, '20 & '23) in five seasons (since 2019).

☞ Since being named manager in 2019, only three other AL managers have won more games than Rocco: Kevin Cash (421-287), Aaron Boone (409-299) and Terry Francona (376-332).

POST-CC-SON: In 79 career Postseason games, Carlos Correa has hit .272 (82-for-301) with 16 doubles, 18 home runs, 59 RBI, 37 runs scored, 30 walks, a .344 on-base percentage and an .849 OPS...in three Wild Card Series games, he is 3-for-10, including a home run against the Twins in Game 2 of the 2020 ALWCS for Houston at Target Field...he ranks sixth on baseball's all-time Postseason list in RBI, trailing Bernie Williams (80), Manny Ramirez (78), David Justice (63), Derek Jeter (61) and David Ortiz (61)...additionally, his 18 career Postseason home runs are tied for seventh most all-time...his last Postseason game came on November 2, 2021 as the Braves defeated the Astros in Game 6 of the World Series.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: The Twins led baseball with the most rookies to post an OPS+ of over 120 in Edouard Julien (130), Matt Wallner (139) and Royce Lewis (150)...the last team to have three rookies to post an OPS+ of at least 120 was the 1930 St. Louis Cardinals: George Fisher (138), Gus Mancuso (126) and George Watkins (141)...Lewis was named Sept. AL Rookie of the Month earlier today.

☞ The Twins have never had three rookies in the starting lineup for a Postseason game...the only time the Twins have had three rookie position players play in the same Postseason game was October 14, 1965 in Game 7 of the World Series vs. the Dodgers (Joe Nosssek, Frank Quilici and Sandy Valdesano).

POSTSEASON CRED: Of the 28 players on the roster, 16 have appeared in a Postseason game...pitchers (6): Sonny Gray, Pablo López, Kenta Maeda, Chris Paddack, Emilio Pagán and Caleb Thielbar...catchers (2): Ryan Jeffers and Christian Vázquez...infielders (4): Carlos Correa, Kyle Farmer, Jorge Polanco and Donovan Solano...outfielders (4): Max Kepler, Alex Kiriloff, Andrew Stevenson and Michael A. Taylor.

REST IN PEACE, JIM CAPLE: The Twins are sending thoughts to the family of Jim Caple...the former Pioneer Press and ESPN writer recently passed away.

2023 POSTSEASON DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	Record	Attendance	Total Home Attendance	Winner/Loser/Save
10/3	Toronto	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/4	Toronto	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/5*	Toronto	--	--	--	--	--	--

* - if necessary

TWINS VS. JAYS (REG. SEASON)

2023 Record:	3-3
Current Streak:	1 loss
2023 at Home:	1-2
2023 at Toronto:	2-1
Under Baldelli (since '19):	14-13
All-Time Record:	183-233
All-Time at Home:	99-113
All-Time at Toronto:	84-120

2023 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
5/26	MIN	1-3	Gausman/Varland/Romano
5/27	MIN	9-7	P. López/Bassitt/Stewart
5/28	MIN	0-3	Berríos/Ober/Romano
6/9	TOR	3-2 (10)	Duran/Cimber
6/10	TOR	9-4	J. López/Cimber
6/11	TOR	6-7	Pearson/Pagán/Romano

CURRENT SERIES

Batting average	.....
Runs Per Game	.....
Home Runs	.....
RISP	.....
Errors	.....

Team ERA	.....
Starters W-L	.....
Starters ERA	.....
Relievers W-L-S	.....
Relievers ERA	.....
Saves/Opps	.....

MLB LEADERS - xBA

Pablo López, MIN	.213
Zach Efflin, TB	.223
Corbin Burnes, MIL	.224

MLB STRIKEOUT LEADERS

Spencer Strider, ATL	281
Kevin Gausman, TOR	237
Pablo López, MIN	234
Blake Snell, SD	234

AL LEADERS - HR SINCE 8/23

Aaron Judge, NYY	13
Royce Lewis, MIN	11
Julio Rodríguez, SEA	11

AL LEADERS - RBI SINCE 8/23

Royce Lewis, MIN	35
José Abreu, HOU	34
Anthony Santander, BAL	30

HITTING STRIDE

TWINS, R/G BY MONTH (AL & MLB RANKS)	
March/April	4.62 (7th/13th)
May	4.52 (11th/18th)
June	3.52 (14th/29th)
July	4.96 (5th/10th)
August	4.93 (6th/11th)
Sept/Oct.	6.25 (1st/1st)

MLB BULLPEN LEADERS

STRIKEOUT % IN SEPT/OCT	
Minnesota	30.6%
Tampa Bay	30.6%
Chicago-NL	29.0%
Philadelphia	28.7%

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PABLO LÓPEZ

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Height: 6-4 Weight: 214 B/T: L/R Age: 27 (3/7/1996 in Cabimas, VZ)

2023: 11-8, 3.66 ERA CAREER: 39-39, 3.86 ERA

- ⚔ Making his second career Postseason start, first with Minnesota...only other Postseason start was with Miami on October 7, 2020 at Atlanta in Game 2 of National League Division Series.
- ⚔ Facing Toronto for the second time this season and third time in career...earned the win on May 27 vs. the Blue Jays in a 9-7 Twins' win at Target Field (5.2 IP, 5 H, 4 R/ER, 2 HR, 3 BB, 6 K).
- ⚔ Acquired by the Twins from Miami on January 20, 2023, along with infielder Jose Salas and outfielder Byron Chourio, in exchange for infielder/outfielder Luis Arraez.

2023 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K
3/30	at KC	W1	5.1	2	0	0	0	3	8	2-0/2-0	1st career Opening Day start	85/50 (58.8%)
4/5	at MIA	ND	7.0	3	1	1	1	1	8	1-1/2-5	3rd time in career w/ 8+ K in b2b GS	88/60 (68.2%)
4/11	vs. CWS	ND	7.2	3	2	2	0	1	10	3-2/4-3	Retired final 23 batters in order	98/70 (71.4%)
4/16	at NYY	L1	6.0	7	2	2	1	1	7	0-2/0-2	7th QS in last 8 starts	103/67 (65.0%)
4/22	vs. WAS	L2	4.0	8	5	5	0	2	6	1-5/4-10	Shortest start since 9/10/22 vs. NYM	83/60 (72.3%)
4/28	vs. KC	W2	6.0	8	6	6	1	1	7	8-4/8-6	Most ER allowed in W in career	92/68 (73.9%)
MAR/APR TOTALS 2-2 36.0 31 16 16 3 9 46 4.00 ERA												
5/4	at CWS	ND	7.0	6	2	2	1	1	8	2-2/7-3	9th career GS with 7.0+ IP, 8+ K	101/71 (70.3%)
5/10	vs. SD	ND	6.1	2	1	1	1	4	8	2-1/4-3	4th career GS with ≤ 2 H, 8+ K	98/56 (67.1%)
5/15	at LAD	ND	4.2	5	5	5	3	0	4	2-5/8-9	Tied career high w/ 3 HR allowed	92/68 (73.9%)
5/21	at LAA	L3	6.0	5	2	2	0	3	9	1-1/2-4	8th career QS w/ 9+ K	101/64 (63.3%)
5/27	vs. TOR	W3	5.2	5	4	4	2	3	6	7-4/9-7	Snapped 4-start winless streak	88/54 (61.4%)
MAY TOTALS 1-1 29.2 23 14 14 7 11 35 4.25 ERA												
6/1	vs. CLE	ND	5.2	8	6	6	0	1	5	3-6/7-6	Season-high 76.1 strike percentage	88/67 (76.1%)
6/7	at TB	ND	7.0	5	1	1	1	1	6	0-1/1-2	Retired 13 of last 15 batters faced	92/63 (68.5%)
6/13	vs. MIL	ND	6.0	4	3	3	0	1	9	2-3/7-5	10th career GS with 9+ K	97/64 (66.0%)
6/19	vs. BOS	L4	5.2	6	5	4	0	3	9	3-3/3-9	B2b GS w/ 9+ K for 1st time in career	104/69 (66.3%)
6/24	at DET	L5	6.0	7	3	3	0	1	10	2-3/2-3	Tied season high with 10 K	100/74 (74.0%)
6/30	at BAL	W4	6.0	3	1	1	1	3	6	8-1/8-1	10th quality start of the season	100/66 (66.0%)
JUNE TOTALS 1-2 36.1 33 19 18 2 10 45 4.46 ERA												
7/5	vs. KC	W5	9.0	4	0	0	0	0	12	5-0/5-0	1st career complete-game shutout	100/76 (76.0%)
7/15	at OAK	ND	5.2	8	7	7	2	3	7	7-1/0-7	Season-high 7 R allowed	106/67 (63.2%)
7/20	at SEA	L6	5.0	6	2	2	1	2	7	0-2/0-5	Shortest start since 5/15	98/60 (61.2%)
7/25	vs. SEA	ND	7.0	6	2	2	2	1	8	6-2/7-9	Twins allowed 7 runs in final 2.0 innings	94/63 (67.0%)
JULY TOTALS 1-1 26.2 24 11 11 5 6 34 3.71 ERA												
8/1	at STL	W6	6.0	4	1	1	0	0	5	3-1/3-2	2nd start of '23 with 6.0+ IP, 0 BB	94/65 (69.1%)
8/7	at DET	W7	7.0	5	0	0	0	0	8	9-0/9-3	14th QS of '23, tying career high	96/70 (72.9%)
8/12	at PHI	W8	6.0	4	0	0	0	1	7	8-0/8-1	Set new career high w/ 180 K	92/60 (65.2%)
8/18	vs. PIT	W9	6.0	6	0	0	0	2	7	3-0/5-1	Career-high 19-straight scoreless IP	99/58 (68.6%)
8/24	vs. TEX	ND	5.0	10	5	5	3	1	4	3-5/7-5	Season-high 10 H allowed	91/58 (63.7%)
8/29	vs. CLE	L7	6.0	8	3	2	1	3	5	1-3/2-4	4th loss in QS this season	97/62 (63.9%)
AUG. TOTALS 4-1 36.0 37 9 9 4 7 36 2.00 ERA												
9/4	at CLE	W10	6.0	8	1	1	0	3	3	18-1/20-6	Career-high-tying 10th W	89/57 (64.0%)
9/10	vs. NYM	ND	8.0	2	0	0	0	14	0	0-0/0-2	Career-high 14 strikeouts	106/73 (68.9%)
9/16	at CWS	L8	5.0	8	5	5	2	0	8	1-5/6-7	Allowed all 5 R in the first inning	85/62 (72.9%)
9/22	vs. LAA	W11	6.0	5	3	3	1	1	7	4-3/8-6	20th quality start of the season	90/61 (67.8%)
9/27	vs. OAK	ND	4.1	5	3	3	0	1	6	2-1/6-4	32nd GS of '23, tying career high	77/53 (68.8%)
SEP. TOTALS 2-1 29.1 28 12 12 3 5 38 3.68 ERA												
2023 TOTALS 11-8 194.0 176 81 79 24 48 234 3.66												
CAREER TOTALS 39-39 704.0 639 315 302 83 190 723 3.86												

POSTSEASON PABLO: Making his second career Postseason start today...started for Miami in Game 2 of the 2020 National League Division Series at Atlanta, taking the loss in a 2-0 Marlins' defeat...pitched 5.0 innings and allowed two runs on three hits (2 HR), with no walks and seven strikeouts...yielded solo home runs to Dansby Swanson (2nd inning) and Travis d'Arnaud (4th inning)...today is his first Postseason start with the Twins and first at home.

⚔ López will be the fourth pitcher in club history (1961-) to start the Twins' Postseason opener in his first season with Minnesota, joining Jack Morris (Game 1 of 1991 ALCS vs. Toronto), Brian Duensing (Game 1 of 2009 ALDS at New York-AL) and teammate Kenta Maeda (Game 1 of 2020 ALWC vs. Houston).

CAREER YEAR: Here are López's 2023 numbers and how they ranked among qualified American League starters (* denotes single-season career best):

STATISTIC	LÓPEZ'S #s	AL RANK
Strikeouts.....	234*	2nd
Quality Starts.....	20*	T-3rd
WAR.....	4.8*	5th
Innings Pitched.....	194.0*	5th
FIP.....	3.33	6th

REELIN' IN THE STRIKEOUTS: Ranked second in the American League with a career-high 234 strikeouts this year; trailed only Kevin Gausman (237), his counterpart in today's game...marked the highest single-season strikeout total by a Twin since Johan Santana struck out 235 in 2007...tied with Dean Chance's 1968 season for the seventh-most strikeouts by a Twin in club history (since 1961); only Santana (4 times) and Bert Blyleven (twice) have totaled more strikeouts in a single season for Minnesota...López's 10.86 strikeouts-per-9.0-innings ratio in 2023 was the highest single-season ratio in Twins history (1961-) among qualified pitchers.

LÓ VS. TORONTO: Facing Toronto for the second time this season and third time in his career...earned the win on May 27 vs. the Blue Jays at Target Field; pitched 5.2 innings and allowed four runs on five hits (2 HR), with three walks and six strikeouts in the Twins' 9-7 victory...allowed solo home runs to Bo Bichette (1st inning) and Cavan Biggio (4th inning)...also yielded a two-run triple to Bichette in the third inning...issued a two-out walk to Whit Merrifield in the sixth inning and was relieved by Jovani Moran, who held Minnesota's 7-4 lead...Twins added two insurance runs and hung on to win the second game of the three game series.

⚔ Only other start vs. Toronto was with Miami on June 2, 2021 at Sahlen Field in Buffalo, taking a no-decision in a 6-5 Marlins' loss (4.0 IP, 5 H, 2 R/ER, 2 HR, 1 BB, 9 K).

⚔ Notable Blue Jays hitters vs. López: Brandon Belt – 3-for-12 (.250), 1 HR; Kevin Kiermaier – 3-for-8 (.375), 1 HR; Bo Bichette – 2-for-5 (.400), 1 3B, 1 HR.

BAKER'S DOZEN, COMING IN HOT: In his last 13 starts since July 20, López went 6-3 with a 2.79 ERA (77.1 IP, 24 ER), 15 walks and 89 strikeouts...recorded nine quality starts in that span and pitched 6.0-or-more innings in 10 of the 13 starts...Twins went 8-5 in his last 13 starts and gained 7.0 games in the American League Central standings in that span...ranked tied for second in strikeouts and tied for eighth in ERA (min. 10 GS) among AL pitchers from July 20 through the end of the regular season.

ON TARGET: López went 5-3, 4.21 ERA (98.1 IP, 46 ER) with 25 walks and 123 strikeouts in 16 home starts this year...Twins went 11-5 in his 16 starts at Target Field...here are his numbers in his last eight home starts since July 5 and how they rank among American League pitchers at home in that span (min. 8 GS):

STATISTIC	LAST 8 HOME GS	AL HOME RANK
ERA.....	2.63	1st
Innings Pitched.....	51.1	3rd
Walks-per-9.0 Innings.....	1.58	3rd
Strikeouts-per-9.0 Innings.....	11.05	3rd
WHIP.....	1.07	3rd

PITCH BREAKDOWN: Used a five-pitch mix in the regular season, per Baseball Savant...primarily used his sweeper and sinker against right-handed hitters, favoring his changeup and curveball against left-handed hitters...threw 33 sweepers on May 27 vs. Toronto (37.5% usage), his most in any start this season...here is a look at his 2023 arsenal:

PITCH (AVG. MPH)	PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB)	RESULTS
4-Seam Fastball (94.9).....	34.5% (1,043 pitches, 447/596).....	268 (62-for-231), 13 2B, 11 HR, 86 K
Sweeper (84.4).....	21.4% (646 pitches, 443/203).....	173 (26-for-150), 4 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, 57 K
Changeup (88.4).....	21.1% (638 pitches, 226/412).....	257 (47-for-183), 6 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR, 45 K
Curveball (82.5).....	12.5% (377 pitches, 95/282).....	202 (19-for-94), 1 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 39 K
Sinker (94.5).....	10.6% (320 pitches, 312/8).....	278 (22-for-79), 2 2B, 1 HR, 6 K

⚔ Ranked in the 95th percentile in baseball with a career-high 34.3 chase percentage this year, per Baseball Savant...also ranked in the 94th percentile with a career-low 2.98 xERA.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP SONNY GRAY (2023: 8-8, 2.79 ERA // CAREER: 98-85, 3.47 ERA)

Sonny Gray is set to start Game 2 of the American League Wild Card Series vs. Toronto at Target Field tomorrow...will be his fifth career Postseason start, first since October 17, 2017 with New York-AL in Game 4 of the ALCS vs. Houston (ND – 5.0 IP, 1 ER)...is 0-2, 2.95 ERA (21.1 IP, 7 ER) with 12 walks and 18 strikeouts in four previous Postseason starts, two with Oakland in 2013 and two with New York-AL in 2017...facing the Blue Jays for the second time this season and 16th time in his career...took a no-decision on June 9 at Rogers Centre in the Twins' 3-2 win; pitched 5.0 innings and allowed one run on five hits, with two walks and five strikeouts...lone run scored on an RBI single by Bo Bichette...his 2.79 ERA this year was the lowest by a Twins starter (min. 20 GS) since Johan Santana (2.77) in 2006.

2023 HIGHS

- CG's: 1, 7/5 vs. KC
- SHO's: 1, 7/5 vs. KC
- CG Low-Hit: 4, 7/5 vs. KC
- Innings: 9.0, 7/5 vs. KC
- SO's: 14, 9/10 vs. NYM
- Walks: 4, 5/10 vs. SD
- Hits: 10, 8/24 vs. TEX
- Home Runs: 3, 2x, last 8/24 vs. TEX
- Win-Streak: 4, 8/1-8/18
- Loss-Streak: 2, 2x, last 6/19-6/24

CAREER HIGHS

- CG's: 1, 7/5/23 vs. KC
- SHO's: 1, 7/5/23 vs. KC
- CG Low-Hit: 4, 7/5/23 vs. KC
- Innings: 9.0, 7/5/23 vs. KC
- SO's: 14, 9/10/23 vs. NYM
- Walks: 5, 8/26/18 vs. ATL
- Hits: 12, 7/31/22 vs. NYM
- Home Runs: 3, 5x, last 8/24/23 vs. TEX
- Win-Streak: 4, 2x, last 8/1-8/18/23
- Loss-Streak: 3, 3x, last 7/31-8/17/22

CAREER NOTES

- On April 21, 2023, signed a four-year contract extension through the 2027 season with Minnesota.
- In 2022, set career highs in wins (10), games started (32), innings pitched (180.0) and strikeouts (174) as number two starter for Miami.
- 489 career strikeouts with Miami are 11th on their all-time list and is one of 16 pitchers in Marlins history to reach 500.0 innings pitched.
- In 2021, spent fourth season with Miami, holding opponents to two-or-fewer runs in 15 of his 18 starts and posting a career-low 1.12 WHIP.
- Made first career Postseason appearance October 7, 2020, going 5.0 innings and allowing three hits and two runs while striking out seven in a loss to Atlanta in Game 2 of the National League Division Series.
- Received 2020 Marlins Charlie Hough Good Guy Award, voted on by Miami chapter of BBWAA recognizing a Miami player who fostered a strong relationship with reporters.
- In 2020, spent entire season on active roster and led Marlins in innings pitched (57.1), games started (11), wins (6) and strikeouts (59).
- Made only 21 starts in 2019 after missing over two months on the Injured List with a right shoulder strain, posting a 5.09 ERA in 111.1 innings pitched with 95 strikeouts.
- Made major league debut on June 30, 2018 vs. New York-NL and earned first career victory, tossing 6.0 innings with five strikeouts while limiting the Mets to two runs.
- Started 2018 season with Double-A Jacksonville, earning Southern League Midseason All-Star honors before being promoted to Triple-A New Orleans.
- Acquired by Miami along with outfielder Brayan Hernandez, right-handed pitcher Brandon Miller and right-handed pitcher Lukas Schiraldi from Seattle in exchange for right-handed pitcher David Phelps on July 20, 2017.
- Spent 2017 season at High-A level in Seattle and Miami organizations.
- Went 6-1, 1.88 ERA (71.2 IP, 15 ER) in 17 appearances (13 starts) for Low-A Clinton (Seattle) in 2016.
- Missed 2014 season following Tommy John surgery on November 11, 2013.
- Made professional debut with Venezuelan Summer League Mariners on May 23, 2013.
- Originally signed by Seattle as international free agent on July 4, 2012.

2023 MISC. NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G/GS	IP	ER	AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	SO	
Home:	5	3	4.21	16/16	98.1	46	Vs. Left:	.271	101	373	13	27	104
Road:	6	5	3.10	16/16	95.2	33	Vs. Right:	.205	75	365	11	21	130
Day:	3	4	4.25	11/11	65.2	31	TOTALS:	.238	176	738	24	48	234
Night:	8	4	3.37	21/21	128.1	48	None On:	.239	109	457	17	26	144
Grass:	11	8	3.85	30/30	180.0	77	Runners On:	.238	67	281	7	22	90
Turf:	0	0	1.29	2/2	14.0	2							

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS	YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS
2018	10	6	5	2021	20	10	10
2019	21	9	9	2022	32	16	14
2020	11	4	4	2023	32	21	20
		TOTALS		126		66	

MORE 2023 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

LÓPEZ:	BASE RUNNERS	PICK-OFFS	SB-ATT	GIDP
	233	4	8-11	10

2023 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

INNING:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
RUNS/HITS:	17/39	9/24	18/28	12/27	8/23	13/29	4/5	0/1	0/0

LÓPEZ VS. TORONTO

- 2023 vs. Toronto (1 start): 1-0, 6.35 ERA (5.2 IP, 4 ER), 3 BB, 6 K
- 2023 vs. Toronto at Home (1 start): 1-0, 6.35 ERA (5.2 IP, 4 ER), 3 BB, 6 K
- 2023 vs. Toronto on Road (0 games): - -
- Career vs. Toronto (2 starts): 1-0, 5.59 ERA (9.2 IP, 6 ER), 4 BB, 15 K
- Career vs. Toronto at Home (1 start): 1-0, 6.35 ERA (5.2 IP, 4 ER), 3 BB, 6 K
- Career vs. Toronto on Road (1 start): 0-0, 4.50 ERA (4.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 9 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

López vs. the Blue Jays							Gausman vs. the Twins						
PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO	PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Belt	.250	12	3	1	1	3	Vázquez	.192	26	5	1	2	12
Kiermaier	.375	8	3	1	1	0	Correa	.214	14	3	0	3	5

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

- Twins relievers posted a 3.95 ERA (556.1 IP, 244 ER) with a .231 opponent batting average, a .700 opponent OPS, 79 holds and 38 saves in 66 opportunities this season.
- Pen threw 1,605 offspeed pitches, 4th most in baseball trailing NYY (2,148), DET (1,760) & CIN (1,691)...averaged 90.1 mph on all pitches, 7th-hardest throwing 'pen in MLB (4th in AL)... finished T-4th in fewest hits (478) among all MLB bullpens...in Sept./Oct. the Twins 'pen led baseball with a 30.6 strikeout percentage.
- Pen in 2020 Wild Card Series went 0-2, 3.38 ERA (8.0 IP, 3 ER) w/ 9 H, 1 HR, 3 BB, 4 K and 1 HLD in 2 games vs. HOU.
- Pen went 23-14, 3.87 ERA (286.1 IP, 123 ER) w/ 124 BB, 302 K and .226 BAA in 79 home games compared to 15-16, 4.03 ERA (270.0 IP, 121 ER) w/ 96 BB, 288 K and .236 BAA in 81 road games.

JHOAN DURAN - RHP #59
 Height: 6-5 Weight: 259 Age: 25 (1/8/98 in Esperanza, DR) Acquired: Trade with ARI, 7/27/18
 Career PS: -- 2023 WC: -- vs. Left -- vs. Right --

Finished 0-2, 2.27 ERA (31.2 IP, 8 ER), 22 H, 3 HR, 12 BB, 47 K, 1 HLD, 13 SV (16 opps) in 30 home games this season.
 Threw 104.8 mph pitch to SEA's E. Suárez in 9th inning on 7/19; fastest pitch in MLB this season and T-10th fastest pitch by any pitcher in the Statcast Era (2015-)...has 9 career pitches of 104.0+ mph, 3rd most in MLB since 2015 behind A. Chapman (47) and J. Hicks (13).
 27 saves (32 opps), 7th most in AL...has 84.4 SV%, 9th best in AL...his 5 BS were 4/11 vs. CWS, 6/21 vs. BOS, 7/2 at BAL, 7/28 at KC, 8/30 vs. CLE.
Has never appeared in a Postseason game...is 1-0, w/ 5.2 scoreless IP, 5 H, 2 BB, 7 K and 2 HLD in 5 career G vs. TOR.
 Appeared in 47 of Twins' 87 wins & Twins went 47-12 in games which he appeared this season...Twins are 88-28 in games which he's appeared since '22.
 473 of 1017 pitches 100+ mph; 1st in MLB...thrown 865 pitches 100+ mph since start of '22, the most in baseball.
 Struck out multiple batters in 6-straight app. from 5/15-6/2, T-7th best streak in Twins history.
 Lefties went 23-for-112 (.205) w/ 3 BB, 14 BB & 51 K...RHH went 23-for-110 (.209) w/ 5 BB, 6 HR, 11 BB & 33 K.
 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB (avg. 101.8 mph) - 457 pitches (44.9%), curveball (avg. 87.7 mph) - 282 pitches (27.7%) splitter (avg. 98.4 mph) - 278 pitches (27.3%)...has .213 BAA on 4-Seam FB, .159 on curveball and .241 on splitter...curveball typically putaway pitch, w/ whiff% of 45.9.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/30 at COL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9/27 vs. OAK	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3
9/22 vs. LAA	S27	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	1
9/20 at CIN	W3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
9/16 at CWS	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/12 vs. TB	S26	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/8 vs. NYM	S25	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
9/2 at TEX	S24	1.0	2	1	0	0	0	2
9/1 at TEX	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8/30 vs. CLE	BS5	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1
8/27 vs. TEX	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8/26 vs. TEX	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
8/23 at MIL	L6	1.2	2	2	0	0	1	1
8/20 vs. PIT	S23	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2

KODY FUNDERBURK - LHP #55
 Height: 6-4 Weight: 230 Age: 26 (11/27/96 in Mesa, AZ) Acquired: 15th RD, 2018 Draft
 Career PS: -- 2023 WC: -- vs. Left -- vs. Right --

Has never appeared in a Postseason game...went 2-0, 0.75 ERA (12.0 IP, 1 ER), 6 H, 1 HR, 5 BB, 19 K and 1 HLD in 11 G this season.
 Earned 1st W in ML debut tossing 2.0 scoreless IP w/ 3 K in 8/28 win vs. CLE...first ML strikeout of Ramón Laureano in 5th inn.
 1st Twins pitcher to earn the win in ML debut since Fernando Romero (start) on May 2, 2018 and first to do so in relief since Todd Ritchie on April 3, 1997.
 Twins selected contract on 8/28...went 4-1 with a 2.60 ERA (52.0 IP, 15 ER), 21 BB, 75 K, a 1.06 WHIP, a .183 BAA and a 13.0 K/9.0 IP ratio in 37 G for Triple-A St. Paul this season...began season with Double-A Wichita, appearing in 5 G.
 Selected by the Twins in the 15th round of 2018 Draft out of Dallas Baptist University and has spent parts of 5 seasons in the Twins organization.
 2023 MLB arsenal: 4-seam FB - 93 pitches (48.4%), slider - 49 pitches (25.5%), sinker - 45 pitches (23.4%) and changeup - 5 pitches (2.6%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
10/1 at COL	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3
9/29 at COL	W2	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	3
9/24 vs. LAA	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
9/19 at CIN	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
9/15 at CWS	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
9/9 vs. NYM	H1	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	1
9/6 at CLE	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/3 at TEX	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/2 at TEX	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1

GRIFFIN JAX - RHP #22
 Height: 6-1 Weight: 195 Age: 28 (11/22/94 in Phoenix, AZ) Acquired: 3rd RD, 2016 Draft
 Career PS: -- 2023 WC: -- vs. Left -- vs. Right --

Went 6-10, 3.86 ERA (65.1 IP, 28 ER) w/ 19 BB, 68 K, 23 HLD and 4 SV (11 opps) in 71 G this season.
 Led club in G (71), appeared in all but 5 series (5/5-7 at CLE, 6/26-28 at ATL, 7/3-5 vs. KC, 8/7-10 at DET & 9/22-24 vs. LAA)...since start of 2022, leads Twins in G w/ 136 and is 6th in the AL in that span.
Has never appeared in a Postseason game...is 0-1, 3.97 ERA (11.1 IP, 5 ER) w/ 8 H, 2 HR, 1 BB, 9 K and 4 HLD in 8 career games (1 GS) vs. TOR.
 Posted team-best and career-best 19.1-inning scoreless streak from May 22-July 15...also recorded at least one K in 15-straight appearances since August 24, longest streak for a Twin on season.
 Lefties went 25-for-105 (.238) w/ 2 HR, 11 BB & 35 K...righties went 33-for-145 (.228) w/ 3 HR, 8 BB & 33 K this season...197 BAA off sweeper w/ 47 K.
 Arsenal: sweeper - 553 pitches (52.8%), 4-seam FB - 232 pitches (22.2%), sinker - 139 pitches (13.3%), changeup - 93 pitches (8.9%), cutter - 30 pitches (2.9%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/30 at COL	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
9/27 vs. OAK	S4	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/26 vs. OAK	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/20 at CIN	S3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
9/17 at CWS	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/15 at CWS	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/13 vs. TB	L10	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	0
9/10 vs. NYM	L9	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	2
9/8 vs. NYM	H23	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/5 at CLE	W6	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2

KENTA MAEDA - RHP #18
 Height: 6-1 Weight: 185 Age: 35 (4/11/1988 in Osaka, JPN) Acquired: Trade with LAD, 2/10/2020
 Career PS: 2-1, 2.87 ERA (37.2 IP, 12 ER), 15 BB, 44 K 2023 WC: -- vs. Left .214 vs. Right .200

Finished 6-7, 4.28 ERA (101.0 IP, 48 ER) w/ 26 BB, 112 K and a .243 BAA in 20 starts this season.
 Made 1 relief app. taking the loss after tossing 3.1 IP, allowing 1 R on 1 H w/ 2 BB & 5 K in 9/28 loss vs. OAK...1st loss in relief since September 25, 2018 at ARI...5 Ks tied his outing on September 2, 2019 vs. Colorado for his 3rd most as a reliever (career high is 6 K, done twice previously).
Last relief app. in Postseason game came with LAD on October 9, 2019 vs. WAS, tossing 1.0 perfect IP w/ 3 K in Game 5 of NLDS.
 Is 7-4, 2.66 ERA (67.2 IP, 20 ER) w/ 15 BB, 90 K, a .202 (50-for-247) BAA and a 0.96 WHIP in 56 career relief app. (including Postseason).
 One career start in WC Series; tossed 5.0 scoreless IP and allowed 2 H w/ 3 BB and 5 K for MIN in Game 1 of ALWCs vs. HOU on 9/29/2020.
 Lefties went 45-for-187 (.241) w/ 9 BB, 6 HR, 18 BB & 53 K against him this season...righties went 49-for-207 (.237) w/ 13 BB, 11 HR, 10 BB & 64 K.
 2023 arsenal: split finger - 542 pitches (31.9%), slider - 521 pitches (30.6%), 4-seam FB - 466 pitches (27.4%), sinker - 109 pitches (6.4%) and curveball - 62 pitches (3.6%)...opponents are 25-for-137 off split finger (.182) w/ 47 K.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/28 vs. OAK	L8	3.1	1	1	1	1	2	5
9/19 at CIN	W6	5.0	1	0	0	0	1	8
9/14 at CWS	W5	7.0	4	2	2	1	1	8
9/9 vs. NYM	W4	5.1	5	2	2	1	1	2
9/3 at TEX	ND	5.0	9	3	3	1	2	3
8/28 vs. CLE	ND	4.0	7	6	6	1	1	3
8/23 at MIL	ND	5.0	4	3	3	1	2	6
8/16 vs. DET	ND	4.0	7	3	3	2	1	6
8/10 at DET	L7	6.0	3	1	1	1	1	4
8/5 vs. ARI	W3	6.0	2	1	1	1	0	7
7/30 at KC	L6	5.0	4	2	2	1	2	7

CHRIS PADDACK - RHP #20
 Height: 6-5 Weight: 217 Age: 27 (1/8/1996 in Austin, TX) Acquired: Trade with SD, 4/7/22
 Career PS: 0-1, 23.14 ERA (2.1 IP, 6 ER), 0 BB, 1 K 2023 WC: -- vs. Left .429 vs. Right .714

Returned from rehab assignment and reinstated from the 60-day IL on 9/24 vs. LAA...entered but did not pitch due to 50-min. rain delay when approaching the infield dirt...underwent Tommy John surgery on his right elbow on May 18, 2022.
 Made official return on 9/26 vs. OAK throwing a 99.0 mph fastball to Zack Gelof, making it fastest career pitch after missing 507 days.
 Earned 1st and only W tossing 3.0 scoreless IP in 9/30 win at COL...first W since May 2, 2022 at BAL.
 Pitched at three levels of the Twins organization during his rehab assignment, going 0-1 with a 3.72 ERA (9.2 IP, 4 ER), 3 BB, 15 K and a .222 (8-for-36) BAA in 3 G (2 GS) between Low-A Fort Myers, Double-A Wichita and Triple-A St. Paul...topped out at 98.2 mph in velocity on 9/19.
One career Postseason start w/ SD in Game 1 of 2020 NLWCs, taking the loss while tossing 2.1 IP & allowing 6 R on 8 H w/ 1 K vs. STL on 9/30.
 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 35 pitches (44.3%), changeup - 29 pitches (36.7%), curveball - 12 pitches (15.2%) and slider - 3 pitches (3.8%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/30 at COL	W1	3.0	2	0	0	0	0	4
9/26 vs. OAK	ND	2.0	4	3	3	1	1	4
9/24 vs. LAA	ND	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AAA Game Logs								
9/19 vs. TOL	ND	3.0	2	0	0	0	1	5
AA Game Logs								
9/12 vs. MID	L1	4.0	4	2	2	1	0	6
A Game Logs								
9/6 vs. BRD	ND	2.2	2	2	2	0	2	4

EMILIO PAGÁN - RHP #15
 Height: 6-3 Weight: 216 Age: 32 (5/7/91 in Simpsonville, SC) Acquired: Trade with SD, 4/7/22
 Career PS: 1-0, 2.25 ERA (8.0 IP, 2 ER), 4 BB, 5 BB 2023 WC: -- vs. Left .083 vs. Right .300

Started in his final appearance of 2023 on 9/30 at COL, tossing a 1-2-3 inning in his first career ML start...became the 1st Twin in club history (since 1961) to start a game immediately following a save in the previous game (credit Elias).
 Posted a 3.03 ERA (68.1 IP, 23 ER) w/ 21 BB, 65 K, 9 HLD and 1 SV in 65 games as a reliever...ranked 2nd on club in games (66) and T-3rd in holds (9).
 Is 1-0, 0.00 ERA (3.2 IP, 0 ER) w/ 2 H, 2 BB, 3 K, 1 HLD and a .154 BAA in 4 career WC Series appearances with both TB ('19) and SD ('20).
 Went 2-1, 1.27 ERA (35.1 IP, 5 ER) in 34 home games this season, compared to 3-1, 4.76 ERA (34.0 IP, 18 ER) in 32 away games.
 Allowed just 5 HR posting a 0.65 HR/9.0 ratio, best of career (prev. low 1.25 in 2017)...1.83 HR% also career best.
 Lefties went 22-for-107 (.206) w/ 8 BB, 2 HR, 11 BB & 33 K, while righties went 23-for-141 (.163) w/ 4 BB, 2 HR, 3 HR, 10 BB & 32 K.
 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 584 pitches (55.0%), cutter - 319 pitches (30.1%), split finger - 131 (12.3%) and curveball - 27 pitches (2.5%)...opponents are 12-for-84 off cutter (.143).

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/30 at COL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/29 at COL	S1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/27 vs. OAK	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3
9/23 vs. LAA	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/19 at CIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/17 at CWS	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1
9/13 vs. TB	ND	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	1
9/8 vs. NYM	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/5 at CLE	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/2 at TEX	BS5	1.0	0	1	1	0	3	1
8/30 vs. CLE	L2	0.2	0	2	1	0	1	0

BROCK STEWART - RHP #61
 Height: 6-3 Weight: 218 Age: 32 (10/3/91 in Normal, IL) Acquired: Minor league free agent, 7/14/22
 Career PS: -- 2023 WC: -- vs. Left -- vs. Right --

Returned from rehab assignment and reinstated from the 60-day IL on 9/26 vs. OAK...reached 98.1 mph with FB, averaging 96.9 mph.
 Appeared in 3 rehab G with Triple-A STP, pitching 3.0 scoreless innings, with 0 H allowed, 2 BB and 5 K, while topping out at 98.9 mph in velocity.
 27 of 28 G were scoreless w/ Twins...one blemish was GS to Altuve on 5/31 at HOU...finished w/ 13-cons. scoreless appearance streak (12.2 IP).
 Finished season w/ 0.65 ERA, 1st in MLB among relievers (min. 25.0 IP)...also lowest in Twins history (1961-) among pitchers with at least 25 app...struck out 39 batters this season, setting single-season career high (29 w/ LAD in 2017).
Has never appeared in a Postseason game...owns 3.0 scoreless IP w/ 2 H, 4 K and 1 SV in 3 career G vs. TOR.
 Lefties went 7-for-38 (.184) w/ 4 BB and 17 K while righties went 12-for-59 (.203) w/ 1 HR, 7 BB and 22 K; HR was hit by Altuve on 5/31 at HOU.
 14.0 scoreless IP to begin MN career, from 4/27-5/27; 14 G 3rd-longest scoreless G streak to start Twins career, trailing C. Thielbar (17 in '13) and D. Reyes (16 in '08).
 2023 MLB arsenal: 4-seam FB - 171 pitches (39.0%), sweeper - 94 pitches (21.4%), cutter - 50 pitches (20.5%), sinker - 47 pitches (10.7%), changeup - 37 pitches (8.4%)...has .071 BAA (1-for-14) using cutter...2-for-12 (.167) off sinker...16 K in 34 PA off 4-S FB w/ 51.1 whiff %.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
10/1 at COL	H8	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/29 at COL	ND	0.2	3	0	0	0	0	1
9/26 vs. OAK	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
AAA Rehab Game Logs								
9/22 vs. TOL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
9/19 vs. TOL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
9/15 at IOW	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MLB Game Logs								
6/25 at DET	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6/23 at DET	H7	1.2	2	0	0	0	0	3
6/21 vs. BOS	ND	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	2
6/17 vs. DET	H6	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CALEB THIELBAR - LHP #56
 Height: 6-0 Weight: 216 Age: 36 (1/31/87 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Minor league free agent, 11/29/19
 Career PS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (0.1 IP, 0 ER), 0 BB, 0 K 2023 WC: -- vs. Left 1.000 vs. Right .000

Went 3-1, 3.23 ERA (30.2 IP, 11 ER) w/ 6 BB, 36 K and 14 HLD in 36 appearances this season.
 Ranked T-10th in the AL in holds among lefties (14), despite appearing in just 36 games.
One career app. in 2020 Wild Card Series vs. HOU, tossing 0.1 IP and allowing 1 H in Game 1 on 9/29.
 Lefties went 6-for-46 (.130) w/ 2 BB, 3 BB, 0 BB & 14 K this season, while righties went 17-for-67 (.254) w/ 3 BB, 7 HR, 6 BB & 22 K.
 Has 288 career appearances, all with the Twins, 7th most in club history among lefties (next Taylor Rogers - 319).
 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 251 pitches (52.2%), sweeper - 103 pitches (21.4%), curveball - 99 pitches (20.6%), slider - 28 pitches (5.8%).
 opponents are 13-for-66 (.197) off 4-S FB and 4-for-22 (.182) off sweeper.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/30 at COL	ND	0.1	2	2	2	2	0	1
9/29 at COL	ND	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/27 vs. OAK	ND	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	2
9/22 vs. LAA	ND	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	1
9/19 at CIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/13 vs. TB	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/12 vs. TB	H14	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/9 vs. NYM	H13	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/8 vs. NYM	W3	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2

LOUIE VARLAND - RHP #37
 Height: 6-1 Weight: 205 Age: 25 (12/09/1997 in St. Paul, MN) Acquired: 15th RD, 2019 Draft
 Career PS: -- 2023 WC: -- vs. Left -- vs. Right --

Combined to go 11-4, 4.27 ERA (149.2 IP, 71 ER) w/ 43 BB & 159 K in 33 games (25 starts) between Minnesota and Triple-A St. Paul.
 Went 1-0, 1.50 ERA (12.0 IP, 2 ER) w/ 1 BB, 17 K and 2 HLD in 7 relief app from 9/6-

HITTERS

WILLI CASTRO - UTL #50

Height: 6-1 Weight: 206 B/T: S/R Age: 26 (4/24/1997 in Rio Piedras, PR)

2023 Average: .257
Home Runs: 9 (5 1-run, 4 2-run)

- Last game: 1-for-3, 2 BB 10/1 at COL...from 9/19-22, XBH in 3-straight G, tying career-best streak...hit .316 (25-for-79), 3 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 8 RBI, 10 BB, 18 R, .959 OPS in last 22 regular season games.
- Led MIN w/ career-high 33 SB this season, 4th most in AL and 10th most in MLB...also set single-season career highs in R (60), hits (92), 2B (18, tied), HR (9, tied) and BB (34).
- Career 1-for-3, 2B vs. Gausman in RS...hit .222 (4-for-18), 2 HR, 3 RBI, 2 HBP, 2 SB, 4 R in 6 games vs. TOR in 2023.
- Playing in Postseason for first time in career.
- Played 2 positions in game 38x this season and 3 positions in single game 7x this season... games by position in 2023: 3 G/0 GS at P, 10 G/4 GS at 2B, 41 G/23 GS at 3B, 8 G/1 GS at SS, 53 G/34 GS in LF, 45 G/29 GS in CF, 4 G/2 GS in RF, 3 G/0 GS at DH...also 2-for-12 as PH this season.

CARLOS CORREA - SS #4

Height: 6-4 Weight: 215 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (9/22/1994 in Santa Isabel, PR)

2023 Average: .230
Home Runs: 18 (15 1-run, 1 2-run, 1 3-run, 1 GS)

- Missed last 11 games of regular season w/ plantar fasciitis, which he had battled all year... despite this, led MIN in games played (135)...HR 9/8 had exit velo of 114.2 mph, hardest-hit HR of career...has 5 multi-H games in his last 13...8/29 vs. CLE, snapped 19-G on-base streak; streak was season best and 3rd longest of career...9-game hit streak 8/5-8/15.
- Career 3-for-14, 2B, 3 BB vs. Gausman in RS...hit .316 (6-for-16), 2 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 4 BB, 3 R in 5 games vs. TOR in 2023.
- His 79 career Postseason games at T-5th most among active players...career .272 (82-for-301), 16 2B, 18 HR, 59 RBI, 30 BB, 37 R, .849 OPS in those games.
- Hit 29-for-117 (.248), 7 2B, 5 HR, 14 RBI, 17 BB vs. LHP this season and 89-for-397 (.224), 22 2B, 2 3B, 13 HR, 51 RBI, 42 BB vs. RHP.

KYLE FARMER - IF #12

Height: 6-0 Weight: 202 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (8/17/1990 in Atlanta, GA)

2023 Average: .253
Home Runs: 11 (7 1-run, 2 2-run, 2 3-run)

- Co-managed w/ Polanco 9/30 at COL...had career-high-tying 10-G hit streak 9/18-9/29, hitting .333 (13-for-39), 3 2B, 8 RBI, 3 BB, 6 R, .395 OBP, .806 OPS...HR 8/24 traveled 435 ft, longest of career.
- Career 2-for-7 vs. Gausman in RS...went 2-for-15, 2 BB, R in 6 games vs. TOR in 2023.
- Is 0-for-9, RBI in 6 career Postseason games.
- Hit .346 (28-for-81), 5 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 36 RBI w/ RISP this season...went 33-for-114 (.289), 8 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 16 RBI, 10 BB vs. LHP and 52-for-222 (.234), 6 2B, 3B, 9 HR, 30 RBI, 12 BB vs. RHP this season.
- Games by position in 2023: 4 G/0 GS at 1B, 45 G/20 GS at 2B, 43 G/32 GS at 3B, 40 G/27 GS at SS, 3 G/0 GS in LF, is 2-for-15, 2 2B, 3 RBI, 2 BB as a PH this season.

RYAN JEFFERS - C #27

Height: 6-4 Weight: 237 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (6/3/1997 in Raleigh, NC)

2023 Average: .276
Home Runs: 14 (7 1-run, 6 2-run, 1 3-run)

- Went 2-for-5, R 10/1 at COL...3-for-4, game-tying solo HR 9/29 at COL; matched career high in H for 8th time...1-for-3, HR, 3 RBI, R as DH 9/28 vs. OAK; 3+ RBI in b2B G for 2nd time in career...2-for-4, 3B, HR, 3 RBI, 2 R 9/24 vs. LAA; 2nd career game w/ 3B & HR, 2nd C in MIN history w/ multiple such career G (also G. Mitterwald, 4x)...career-best 14-game hit streak 7/15-8/9; streak was longest by MIN hitter this season.
- Never faced Gausman in RS...went 0-for-13, R in 5 games vs. TOR in 2023.
- Led all catchers (min. 250 AB) in OPS+ (136.5) and was 7th in WAR (2.7).
- Is 0-for-5 in 2 career Postseason games, both in 2020 Wild Card Series vs. HOU.
- Tied career high w/ 14 HR in 2023; MIN went 13-0 when he homered.

EDOUARD JULIEN - IF #47

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 B/T: L/R Age: 23 (4/30/1999 in Québec City, CAN)

2023 Average: .263
Home Runs: 16 (12 1-run, 2 2-run, 2 3-run)

- Went 1-for-4, RBI, BB 10/1 at COL...HR 9/30 at COL went 452 ft, longest of career...2nd career leadoff HR 9/27 vs. OAK...ended season w/ 21-G on-base streak, .404 OBP in span...his 64 BB in 2023 are 5th most in a single season by MIN rookie...4-for-5, 2 RBI, R 8/16 vs. DET; set single-game career high w/ 4 H, 3rd different MIN rookie w/ 4-H G in 2023 (also; Lewis & Wallner)...22 multi-H G this season were on MIN...career-best 9-game hit streak 7/8-7/21.
- Finished among rookie leaders in (min. 250 AB) in OBP (.381, 2nd), SLG (.459, 10th), OPS (.839, 7th), BABIP (.371, 3rd) & AVG (.263, 13th)...also 4th in batting WAR (1.7) and 5th in BB (64).
- Hit .272 (75-for-276), 14 2B, 3B, 12 HR, 29 RBI, 57 BB, 3 SB, 52 R, .396 OBP, .856 OPS in 90 G since rejoining MIN on 6/10 (3rd stint w/ MIN this season, also 4/12-4/21 & 5/20-6/1).
- Career 1-for-3, 2B, 3 BB vs. Gausman in RS...hit .353 (6-for-17), 4 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 5 BB in 5 G vs. TOR in 2023.

MAX KEPLER - OF #26

Height: 6-4 Weight: 227 B/T: L/L Age: 30 (2/10/1993 in Berlin, Germany)

2023 Average: .60
Home Runs: 24 (15 1-run, 5 2-run, 4 3-run)

- Led MIN w/ 24 HR this season...4-for-4, R 9/27 vs. OAK; tied single-game career high in H for 5th time...hit .345 (20-for-58), 2 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 10 RBI, .435 OBP, 1.004 OPS in last 16 G... hit .306 (72-for-235), 17 2B, 2 3B, 12 HR, 36 RBI, 27 BB, 45 R, .377 OBP, .926 OPS in 66 games since ASB (7/14).
- Career 3-for-11, HR, 2 RBI, BB vs. Gausman in RS...went 2-for-9, HR, 3 RBI, R in 3 games vs. TOR in 2023.
- Career 1-for-18, 2B, 7 BB, R in 6 Postseason games.
- In 2023, hit .291 (60-for-206), 11 2B, 2 3B, 12 HR, 34 RBI, 21 BB in 61 home games and 54-for-232 (.233), 11 2B, 12 HR, 32 RBI, 24 BB in 69 road games.

ALEX KIRILLOFF - OF/1B #19

Height: 6-2 Weight: 214 B/T: L/L Age: 25 (11/9/1997 in Pittsburgh, PA)

2023 Average: .270
Home Runs: 11 (7 1-run, 4 2-run)

- 1-for-4, 2B, R 9/30 at COL...1-for-2 as sub 9/29 at COL...1-for-2, 2 SF, go-ahead HR, 3 RBI; 2nd player in MIN history w/ HR & 2 SF in game, also J. Kubel on 7/6/07-1.
- Career 1-for-5, RBI, BB vs. Gausman...4-for-21, 2 2B, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 3 R in 6 G vs. TOR in 2023.
- Made major league debut in Game 2 of ALWC 9/30/20 vs. HOU, batting sixth and starting in RF...1-for-4, singling in second at-bat off José Uquidy...became 1st player in baseball history to record a Postseason hit before a regular season hit...became 3rd player in baseball history to make major league debut in Postseason game, joining Kansas City's Adalberto Mondesi (2015 World Series) and Oakland's Mark Kiger (2006 ALCS) – first player to ever start.

STARTS BY POSITION

	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
Byron Buxton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Willi Castro	0	0	4	1	23	33	29	2	0
Carlos Correa	0	0	0	134	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Farmer	0	0	20	27	32	0	0	0	0
Joey Gallo	0	36	0	0	0	34	6	6	1
Kyle Garlick	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0
Nick Gordon	0	0	8	0	0	4	11	0	0
Ryan Jeffers	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Edouard Julien	0	2	66	0	0	0	0	0	25
Max Kepler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	2
Alex Kirilloff	0	58	0	0	0	4	0	8	3
Trevor Larnach	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	11	2
Royce Lewis	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	8
Jordan Luplow	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	1
Jose Miranda	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	3
Jorge Polanco	0	0	54	0	11	0	0	0	13
Donovan Solano	0	64	10	0	13	0	0	0	8
Andrew Stevenson	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0
Michael A. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	0	1
Christian Vazquez	91	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Matt Wallner	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	20	8

ROYCE LEWIS - IF #23

Height: 6-0 Weight: 213 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (6/5/1999 in Aliso Viejo, CA)

2023 Average: .309
Home Runs: 15 (6 1-run, 2 2-run, 3 3-run, 4 GS)

- Missed last 9 games of season w/ left hamstring strain...hit .381 (8-for-21), 3 HR, 8 RBI, 1.328 OPS in last 6 regular season games...9/15 at CWS hit 4th grand slam, new MIN single-season record; also tied single-season MLB rookie record (CWS A. Ramirez in 2008)...1st player in MLB history w/ 5 GS within 1st 16 career HR.
- 8/27-8/29, 1st MIN rookie w/ HR in 3-straight games since Kirilloff from 4/30-5/2/21...2-for-4, HR, 4 RBI, BB, 2 R 8/28 vs. CLE; 1st player in MIN history w/ grand slam in consecutive games & 2nd in MLB history, joining Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. (April 1999)...his 15 HR this season are T-11th most in MIN rookie history (1961-) w/ D. Ford (1975) and J. Miranda (2022).
- Ranked among rookie leaders in: AVG (.309, 1st), SLG (.548, 1st), OBP (.372, 2nd), OPS (.921, 2nd) and BABIP (.354, 4th).
- Career 2-for-2, RBI vs. Gausman...went 7-for-8, 2 RBI, R in 2 games vs. TOR in 2023 regular season...making Postseason debut this series.

JORGE POLANCO - IF #11

Height: 6-0 Weight: 211 B/T: S/R Age: 29 (7/3/1993 in San Pedro de Macoris, DR)

2023 Average: .255
Home Runs: 14 (9 1-run, 3 2-run, 2 3-run)

- Co-managed game on 9/30 w/ Kyle Farmer; pair has perfect 1-0 record...1-for-3 9/29 at COL; removed w/ right ankle soreness...HR on 9/17 was 111th of career, most by switch hitter in MIN history (1961-)...reinstated from Bereavement List 9/13.
- Hit .258 (47-for-182), 9 2B, 9 HR, 32 RBI, 29 BB, 27 R in 50 games since IL return; missed 41 G w/ left hamstring strain...hitting .295 (18-for-61), .834 OPS in high leverage situations this season.
- Career 2-for-9, RBI, BB vs. Gausman...did not face TOR in 2023 RS...career .299 (41-for-137), 9 2B, 5 HR, 17 RBI, .851 OPS in 35 games vs. TOR.
- Career .227 (5-for-22), HR, 2 RBI, HBP, 4 BB, 3 R in 6 Postseason games.
- Went 50-for-215 (.233), 15 2B, 10 HR, 42 RBI, 33 BB as LHB this season and 27-for-87 (.310), 3 2B, 4 HR, 16 RBI as RHB...hit .361 (13-for-36), 4 2B, 3 HR, 23 RBI w/ RISP & 2 outs.

DONOVAN SOLANO - IF #39

Height: 5-8 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/17/1987 in Barranquilla, COL)

2023 Average: .282
Home Runs: 5 (3 1-run, 1 2-run, 1 3-run)

- 2-for-5, HBP 10/1 at COL; ranked 2nd on MIN in multi-H games...1-for-3, HBP, BB, 1 R 9/30 at COL...4-for-4, 2B, BB 9/26 vs. OAK; matched single-game career highs in H and B by reaching base 5x...15 HBP in 2023 were career high...hit .313 (46-for-147), 6 2B, 3B, 15 RBI, 7 HBP, 7 BB, 17 R, .373 OBP, .760 OPS in his last 42 RS games.
- Career 2-for-9, HR, 2 RBI, BB, SF vs. Gausman...hit .400 (6-for-15), 2 2B, HR, RBI, 3 BB, 4 R in 5 games vs. TOR in 2023.
- Career 0-for-8, RBI in 5 Postseason games.
- Averaged a career-high 4.01 pitches/GA (previous most was 3.96 in 2019 w/ SF)...had career-high 40 BB in 450 PA & career-best 11.25 PA/BB (previous was 13.76 in 2021 w/ SF).

ANDREW STEVENSON - OF #45

Height: 5-11 Weight: 191 B/T: L/L Age: 29 (6/1/1994 in Lafayette, LA)

2023 Average: .189
Home Runs: 2

- Sub in LF 9/30 at COL...scored go-ahead R as PR in 9th 9/29 at COL...def. repl. in LF 9/24 vs. LAA...1-for-4 9/23 vs. LAA...1-for-2, 2 SB 9/1 at TEX; 1st career game w/ 2 SB.
- Contract selected from AAA StP 9/1 (Miranda - 60-day IL)...played in 106 G for the Saints this season, hitting .317 (132-for-416), 23 2B, 7 3B, 16 HR, 57 RBI, 91 R, 42 BB, 44 SB (49 attempts), .395 OBP, .522 SLG, .916 OPS.
- Career 0-for-1 vs. Gausman...career 1-for-5, BB, SB in 5 RS games vs. TOR.
- R in lone career Postseason game, 10/1/19.
- 2nd round selection by WAS in 2015 MLB draft; debuted for WAS on 7/23/17.

MICHAEL A. TAYLOR - OF #2

Height: 6-4 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (3/26/1991 in Fort Lauderdale, FL)

2023 Average: .220
Home Runs: 21 (12 1-run, 9 2-run)

- HR on 9/29 traveled 468 ft, longest HR by MIN hitter this season...reinstated from 10-day IL 9/18; missed 14 G w/ right hamstring strain...21 HR this season are new career high.
- Career 3-for-10, 2B, RBI vs. Gausman...hit .211 (4-for-19), HR, 3 RBI, SB, 2 R in 5 games vs. TOR in 2023.
- 4th on MIN in games played (129) this season...13 SB this season, 2nd on MIN (Castro - 33).
- Career .316 (12-for-38), 4 HR, 10 RBI, HBP, 4 BB, 7 R, 1.027 OPS in 16 Postseason games, including .360 (9-for-25), 3 HR, 6 RBI, HBP, 2 BB, 6 R in last 9.

CHRISTIAN VÁZQUEZ - C #8

Height: 5-9 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (8/21/1990 in Bayamón, PR)

2023 Average: .223
Home Runs: 6 (4 1-run, 1 2-run, 1 3-run)

- Hit .346 (9-for-26), 2 2B, 4 RBI, 2 BB, SB, 3 R in last 7 games of regular season...2-for-3, 2B, BB, SB, 2 R 9/20 at CIN; SB for 1st time since 6/11/22...2-for-2, HR, RBI, 2 BB, R 9/5 at CLE; hit go-ahead solo HR in 6th and matched single-game career high by reaching base 4x...threw out 2 runners attempting to steal 8/26 vs. TEX, tying career high for 10th time.
- Career 5-for-26, HR, RBI, 2 BB vs. Gausman...went 0-for-11, HBP in 4 games vs. TOR in regular season.
- Career .250 (23-for-92), 2 2B, 2 HR, 11 RBI, 5 BB, 11 R in 31 Postseason games...2-time WS champ, w/ BOS and HOU.

MATT WALLNER - OF #38

Height: 6-5 Weight: 246 B/T: L/R Age: 25 (12/12/1997 in Forest Lake, MN)

2023 Average: .249
Home Runs: 14 (8 1-run, 3 2-run, 1 3-run, 2 GS)

- Hit .354 (17-for-48), 5 2B, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 8 BB, 11 R, .456 OBP, 1.102 OPS in last 17 G of regular season...career-best 11-game on-base streak 8/27-9/8...owns 2 longest grand slams by MIN in Statcast Era (2015-), 450 ft, on 8/15 and 463 ft, on 9/26.
- Plunked 13x this season, T-4th among all rookies and a MIN single-season rookie record...his .370 OBP ranked 5th among rookies (min. 200 PA)...average HR distance of 424 ft was 4th in MLB (min. 100 batted ball events).
- Never faced Gausman...went 6-for-7, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, R in 3 games vs. TOR in 2023...also making Postseason debut in this series.
- OF throw in 6th inn. 8/1 at STL was 100.4 mph, 3rd-fastest OF assist by MIN since 2015... averaging 97.9 mph on OF throws, 3rd highest in MLB since 2020 (min. 100 throws).

Player	vs. TOR 2023 REGULAR SEASON					POSTSEASON CAREER				
	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI
Willi Castro	.222	04	18	2	3	.000	0	0	0	0
Carlos Correa	.316	6	19	1	4	.272	82	301	18	59
Kyle Farmer	.133	2	15	0	0	.000	0	9	0	0
Ryan Jeffers	.000	0	13	0	0	.000	0	5	0	0
Edouard Julien	.353	6	17	1	2	.000	0	0	0	0
Max Kepler	.222	2	9	1	3	.250	1	4	0	0
Alex Kirilloff	.190	4	21	0	3	.250	1	4	0	0
Royce Lewis	.875	7	8	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0
Jorge Polanco	.000	0	0	0	0	.227	25	110	3	13
Donovan Solano	.400	6	15	1	1	.000	0	0	0	0
Andrew Stevenson	.000	0	2	0	0	.000	0	8	0	1
Michael A. Taylor	.211	4	19	1	3	.316	12	38	4	10
Christian Vázquez	.000	0	11	0	0	.250	23	92	2	11
Matt Wallner	.857	6	7	1	3	.000	0	0	0	0