

MINNESOTA TWINS (28-27) AT HOUSTON ASTROS (32-22)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023 - 7:10 PM (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Louie Varland (2-1, 4.24) vs. RHP Hunter Brown (5-1, 3.12)

GAME 56

ROAD GAME 28

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows for games 6/1 through 6/5.

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics: Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, Record in home series, Record in road series, Series Openers, Series Finales, Rubber Games, Sweeps/Swept, March/April, May, June, July, August, September/October, Day Games, Night Games, vs. American League East, vs. American League Central, vs. American League West, vs. National League, Games vs. LH Starter, Games vs. RH Starter, Twins score first, Opponent scores first, Come-from-behind wins, Leading after 7/8 inn., Trailing after 7/8 inn., Tied after 7/8 inn., Extra-innings, 1-run games, Twins out-hit opp., Opp. out-hit Twins, Twins/Opp. have = hits, Run Differential, Twins get Quality Start, Twins starter goes 6+ IP, Most games over .500, Most games under .500, Longest win-streak, Longest losing-streak, When Twins score 4+, When Twins score 3+, Twins get 10+ hits, Days in First Place, Days in Second Place, Days in Third Place, Days in Fourth Place, Days in Fifth Place, Walk-Off WL, Shutouts WL, Complete Games (Twins), Average Time of Game (Twins), Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2023/All-Time.

THE TWINS: After completing their six-game, seven-day homestand with a record of 2-4 (1-2 vs. the Giants and 1-2 vs. the Blue Jays), the Twins began their short three-game roadtrip in Houston by splitting the first two games against the Astros...tonight, the Twins will play the three-game series finale at Minute Maid Park...after tonight's game, the Twins will travel back home for a quick four-game series/homestand against the Guardians from Thursday-Sunday...the Twins have gone 16-12 at Target Field and 12-15 on the road.

Twins are 3-6 in rubber games this season...they have lost their last three rubber games: May 17 at Los Angeles-NL, May 21 at Los Angeles-AL and May 28 vs. Toronto.

WE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THAT JOE RYAN: The Twins lost to the Astros last night at Minute Maid Park by a score of 5-1...Joe Ryan (7-2) was the starter and loser, allowing a season-high five runs on four hits in a season-low 4.0 innings pitched, with three walks and six strikeouts...he allowed home runs to Alex Bregman (solo) and Chas McCormick (2-run), both in the second inning... Ryan entered the start having allowed just four homers all season and none in his previous six starts...the offense recorded just six hits, including two from Christian Vazquez, who drove in the Twins' only run with a fifth-inning single...they also struck out 12 times, marking their ninth-straight game with double-digit strikeout totals and 13th time in their last 14 games.

SUMMER MADNESS: With one game remaining in May, below are the hitting (top) and pitching (bottom) comparisons through the first two months of the season:

Table comparing hitting and pitching stats for MAR./APR. and MAY.

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ADDITIONALLY: Last June, the Twins hit .261 (252-for-967) with 51 doubles, 40 home runs, 134 runs scored, a .320 on-base percentage, a .450 slugging percentage and a .770 OPS...pitchers went 13-15, 4.18 ERA (247.1 IP, 115 ER) with 84 walks, 200 strikeouts and a .237 opponent batting average.

MAY IS FOR THE K'S: The Twins pitchers have 258 strikeouts this month, second most in May in club history with their most being 260 in 2019 (below)...their record for any month is 274, done in April.

Table showing K/9.0 and STRIKEOUTS for 2019, 2023 (26 games), 2022 (30 games), and 2018 (28 games).

* indicates club record for May

KIRILLOFF IS ON: Alex Kirilloff has reached base safely in eight of his last nine plate appearances and in 13 of his last 19 PA...in his last four games he has posted a .667 on-base percentage, drawing seven walks and recording five hits...since being recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on May 5, Kirilloff has hit .303 (20-for-66) with three doubles, three home runs, seven RBI, 14 walks, a .439 on-base percentage and an .924 OPS in 22 games.

He is hitting .405 (15-for-37) with four extra-base hits off fastballs this season.

FREE BAGS: The Twins have walked 199 times this season, tied with Baltimore for the most in the AL...additionally, they have seen 3.93 pitches-per-plate appearance, third most in the AL, trailing Los Angeles (3.96) and Boston (3.93).

This month, they have drawn an AL-most 110 walks...Byron Buxton and Joey Gallo have each drawn 16 of those apiece, tied for sixth most in the AL in May...Carlos Correa and Alex Kirilloff have each drawn 14 walks, tied for 10th most in the AL in May.

ONE MORE TIME FOR HOUSTON: The Twins and Astros are playing each other today for the final time in 2023...the Twins are 38-44 all-time against the Astros in the regular season, including a record of 27-35 since Houston joined the American League in 2013.

The Twins are 3-2 vs. Houston this season...a win tonight and the Twins will secure the season series for the first time since 2021, when they went 4-3 vs. the Astros.

2022 and 2023 comparison vs. Houston in the right margin >>>

SERIES STUFF: The Twins are seeking their eighth series victory this season and first since taking two of three from the Cubs from May 12-14...they entered this series having lost four-straight, their longest series loss streak since dropping five straight from April 8-28, 2021... they are 7-9-1 in series play this season, going 6-3-0 at home and 1-6-1 on the road (results to the right)...they are looking to win their first series over the Astros in Houston since taking three of four at Minute Maid Park from August 5-8, 2021.

LOU GEHRIG DAY: The Twins, in partnership with local chapters of the ALS Association and IAM ALS, will host Lou Gehrig Day on Friday, June 2 at Target Field, as the club hosts Cleveland...pregame ceremonies and club social media posts will raise awareness of, and funds for, ALS research by honoring the strength and courage of individuals and families living with the disease...Lynn Giovannelli of St. Louis Park, MN, who was diagnosed with ALS in July 2020, and her family will be honored on the field prior to the game; since her diagnosis, Lynn, her husband and her three sons have become fierce ambassadors for the fight to find a cure, while showing everyone what it looks like to say "yes" as often as possible - to travel, to live music, to social gatherings, and to not missing their sons' music and sporting events...additionally, the club will acknowledge two Twins legends who both lost a parent to ALS (Kent Hrbek and Terry Steinbach), will encourage participation in local ALS Association fundraising events, and will celebrate club partner Carrier, who makes a financial donation to the ALS Association through the Strike Out ALS campaign for every strikeout a Twins pitcher records at Target Field...the Twins are also hosting 300 members of the ALS community for an evening at the ballpark.

ANALYST ANALYSIS: Fast facts on Bally Sports North pre- and in-game analysts Glen Perkins and Trevor Plouffe vs. Houston:

Glen Perkins pitched in three career games at Minute Maid Park, posting a 9.00 ERA (3.0 IP, 3 ER) with two saves in three chances...his final game against the Astros came at Target Field on August 28, 2015, pitching 1.0 scoreless inning, striking out Twins first base coach Hank Conger, inducing an infield pop out to Jake Marisnick and striking out Jose Altuve.

Trevor Plouffe had seven hits in his first eight at-bats in this ballpark on September 2 and 3, 2013, including a home run in both games...one of his three career-high four-hit games came here on September 3, 2013.

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing players and their current stats vs. milestones within reach.

STREAKS

Table listing current streak and last 5, 10, 15, 20 games.

TWINS VS. ASTROS

Table listing 2023 record, current streak, 2023 at home, 2023 at Houston, Under Baldelli (since 2019), Under Baldelli at Houston, All-Time Record, All-Time at Home, All-Time at Houston.

2023 Game Logs:

Table listing game logs with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save.

CURRENT ROADTRIP (1-1)

Table listing batting average, runs per game, home runs, RISP, errors.

Table listing team ERA, starters W-L, starters ERA, relievers W-L-S, relievers ERA, saves/opps.

TWINS AND 'STROS

Table listing 2022 vs. HOU and 2023 vs. HOU records for runs, OPS, ERA, BAA.

2023 SERIES RESULTS

Table listing dates/opp, record, W/L for various series.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions: 5/30 MiLB IF White traded to NYM, 5/29 OF Kepler reinstated from 10-day IL, 5/23 OF Larnach placed on 10-day IL, 5/20 IF Polanco placed on 10-day IL, 5/19 UTL Gordon placed on 10-day IL, 5/16 RHP De Leon contract selected from AAA, 5/15 RHP Rodriguez claimed off waivers by ATL, 5/13 RHP Rodriguez optioned to AAA.

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LOUIE VARLAND

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Height: 6-2 Weight: 220 B/T: L/R Age: 25 (12/09/1997 in St. Paul, MN)

2023: 2-1, 4.24 ERA CAREER: 3-3, 4.05 ERA

- ☞ Making his seventh start of the season and fourth road start of 2023...also his 12th career start and appearance.
- ☞ Facing Houston for the first time in his career...is 1-3, 4.12 ERA (39.1 IP, 18 ER), with nine walks and 32 strikeouts in seven career starts when facing an opponent for the first time.
- ☞ Recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on May 3, taking the place of right-hander Tyler Mahle (Tommy John surgery) in the Twins rotation.
- ☞ Selected by the Twins in the 15th round of the 2019 First-Year Player Draft out of Division II Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

2023 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K
4/14	at NYY	ND	6.0	6	3	3	3	1	8	2-3/4-3	Career high 6.0 IP, 8 K	83/57 (68.7%)
APRIL TOTALS 0-0 6.0 6 3 3 3 1 8 4.50 ERA												
5/3	at CWS	ND	4.2	7	4	4	1	2	6	4-4/4-6	Shortest start of his career	87/59 (67.8%)
5/9	vs. SD	ND	6.0	5	1	0	2	6	1-1/1-6	First career Interleague start	95/66 (69.5%)	
5/14	vs. CHC	W1	6.1	4	3	3	2	1	7	8-2/16-3	Career high 6.1 IP, 97 pitches	97/64 (66.0%)
5/20	at LAA	W2	5.0	6	2	2	1	1	4	4-2/6-2	First consecutive Ws in his career	92/60 (65.2%)
5/26	vs. TOR	LI	6.0	7	3	3	2	0	3	1-3/1-3	100 pitches for 1st time in career	100/75 (75.0%)
MAY TOTALS 2-1 28.0 29 13 13 6 6 26 4.18 ERA												
RECORD IP H R ER HR BB SO ERA												
2023 MLB TOTALS			2-1	34.0	35	16	16	9	7	34	4.24	
CAREER MLB TOTALS			3-3	60.0	61	27	27	13	13	55	4.05	

2023 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K
4/7	vs. IOW	W1	5.0	4	1	1	0	1	9	2-1/6-2	2nd time recording 9 K in AAA	76/50 (65.8%)
4/22	vs. SWB	ND	4.2	7	5	5	1	1	8	5-4/6-11	Most ER allowed in career	86/56 (65.1%)
4/27	at ROC	W2	5.1	4	1	1	0	2	8	3-1/5-1	8+ K in 5 of last 7 MiLB starts	94/65 (69.1%)
APRIL TOTALS 2-0 15.0 15 7 7 1 4 25 4.20 ERA												
RECORD IP H R ER HR BB SO ERA												
2023 MiLB TOTALS			2-0	15.0	15	7	7	1	4	25	4.20	
CAREER MiLB TOTALS			20-10	253.0	223	88	76	23	80	323	2.70	

LAST TIME OUT: Took his first loss of the season, despite recording a quality start, in the 3-1 Twins defeat on May 26 vs. Toronto at Target Field, opposite Kevin Gausman...pitched 6.0 innings and allowed three runs on seven hits, with no walks and three strikeouts...tossed 100 pitches for the first time in his career; 75 percent were strikes, the highest single-start strike percentage of his career...yielded all three runs in the top of the third inning by two home runs; a solo shot from centerfielder Kevin Kiermaier and a two-run home run by shortstop Bo Bichette (Bichette's home run was just the second off Varland with men on base in his career)...relieved by Emilio Pagán in the seventh inning as the bullpen combined to pitch 3.0 scoreless innings.

- ☞ Recorded his fourth quality start of the season, tied with Sonny Gray for the third most on the Twins staff (Joe Ryan — 8, Pablo López — 6).
- ☞ Tied with Josh Winder for the third-most quality starts through a pitcher's first 11 starts with the Twins since 1961, trailing Pablo López (6 in 2023) and Bob Miller (6 from 1968-69).

TWO STARTS AGO: Won in consecutive starts for the first time in his career, earning the victory on May 20 at Los Angeles-AL in the Twins 6-2 win...went 5.0-plus innings, allowed two runs on six hits, with one walk and four strikeouts...opposed left-hander Patrick Sandoval, who took the loss...allowed one run in the fourth inning on a RBI groundout by infielder Jared Walsh...allowed a solo home run to designated hitter Shohei Ohtani to lead off the sixth inning; was relieved by Jovani Moran after he allowed the first three batters to reach in the sixth...Twins bullpen pitched 4.0 scoreless innings and the offense recorded 12 hits in the victory, including three from infielder Kyle Farmer.

- ☞ **At 25 years old, became youngest Twins pitcher to win back-to-back starts since Randy Dobnak won two straight from September 20-25, 2019 at 24 years old.**
- ☞ Became the fourth Minnesota starter this year (also, Bailey Ober, Joe Ryan and Sonny Gray) to go undefeated in their first five starts of the season...marks the most starters in one season to go undefeated through their first five starts in Twins history (since 1961), surpassing the 1965 team which had three starters go undefeated through five starts (Camilo Pascual, Mudcat Grant and Dick Stigman).

SPACE ODYSSEY: Making his first career start against the Astros; Houston will become the eighth different team he has faced since his debut last season...in seven previous starts when facing a new opponent, Varland is 1-3, 4.12 ERA (39.1 IP, 18 ER) with nine walks and 32 strikeouts...Astros first baseman José Abreu is the only active Houston batter to have faced Varland, going 0-for-2 against him on October 5, 2022 at Guaranteed Rate Field as a member of the Chicago White Sox...tonight marks his third career start against an American League West opponent, having faced the Los Angeles Angels once both in 2022 and 2023; went 1-1, 4.22 ERA (10.2 IP, 5 ER) with two walks and seven strikeouts in those two starts, with the Twins splitting the two games.

BACK TO THE ROAD: Varland is making his fourth road start of the year tonight and first since May 20 vs. Los Angeles-AL, when he defeated the Angels (5.0 IP, 2 R/ER, 6 H, 1 BB, 4 K)...in his three road starts this season, he is 1-0, 5.17 ERA (15.2 IP, 9 ER) with four walks and 18 strikeouts, with the Twins going 2-1 in those three games...at home this year, he is 1-1, 3.44 ERA (18.1 IP, 7 ER) with three walks and 16 strikeouts...is 2-1, 4.35 ERA (31.0 IP, 15 ER) with seven walks and 33 strikeouts in six career starts at on the road...Minute Maid Park will become the sixth ballpark Varland has pitched in since his debut...in five previous starts when pitching in a new ballpark, he is 2-2, 4.65 ERA (26.0 IP, 11 ER) with six walks and 22 strikeouts.

LEFTIES VS. RIGHTIES: Through his first six starts this season, left-handed hitters are batting .267 (12-for-45) with 14 strikeouts against Varland, while righties are hitting .256 (23-for-90) with 20 strikeouts...while righties have posted a lower batting average (.259) against Varland in his career than lefties (.264), right-handed hitters have hit for more power (6 doubles, 1 triple, 10 home runs, .517 slugging percentage) than left-handed hitters (4 doubles, 1 triple, 3 home runs, .437 slugging percentage).

PITCH BREAKDOWN: Varland has used a four-pitch mix in his first six starts of 2023, including a four-seam fastball, cutter, slider and changeup, according to Baseball Savant...threw 43 cutters in his last start on May 26 vs. Toronto, his most in any start of his career and all to right-handed batters; also recorded all three strikeouts with his four-seamer in his last start...allowed both home runs on a slider...below is a look at his repertoire:

PITCH (AVG. MPH)	PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB)	RESULTS
4-Seam Fastball (95.0)	43.3% (240 pitches, 152/88)	250 (14-for-56), 2 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 16 K
Cutter (89.6)	28.7% (159 pitches, 128/31)	314 (11-for-35), 2 2B, 1 HR, 7 K
Slider (83.6)	15.5% (86 pitches, 69/17)	200 (5-for-25), 2 HR, 4 K
Changeup (84.7)	12.5% (69 pitches, 28/41)	263 (5-for-19), 1 2B, 1 HR, 7 K

☞ Has averaged 10.7 inches of horizontal movement on his slider this season, the most slider horizontal movement on the Twins staff in 2023, according to Baseball Savant.

WITH THE SAINTS: In his three starts with Triple-A Saint Paul this season, Varland went 2-0, 4.20 ERA (15.0 IP, 7 ER) with four walks and 25 strikeouts...in his last start with the Saints on April 27, earned the win in a 5-1 Saint Paul victory at Rochester...pitched 5.1 innings, allowed one run on four hits, walked one batter and fanned eight...is 20-10, 2.70 ERA (253.0 IP, 76 ER) with 80 walks and 323 strikeouts in 50 career minor league appearances (45 starts).

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP PABLO LÓPEZ (2023: 3-3, 4.11 ERA // CAREER: 31-34, 3.96 ERA)

Pablo López is set to start the four-game series opener vs. the Cleveland Guardians tomorrow night at Target Field...won his last start on May 27 vs. Toronto, a 9-7 Twins victory; went 5.2 innings, allowing four runs on five hits, with three walks and six strikeouts...marked his first win since April 28 vs. Kansas City...facing the Guardians for the second time in his career and first time since April 23, 2019; earned the win, pitching 6.1 innings with one unearned run and two hits allowed, two walks and six strikeouts in a 3-1 Marlins win at Progressive Field...is 7-3, 3.64 ERA (81.2 IP, 33 ER) with 17 walks and 85 strikeouts in 14 career starts in June...in six career starts vs. American League Central opponents, he is 3-1, 2.79 ERA (38.2 IP, 12 ER) with eight walks and 45 strikeouts.

2023 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.1, 5/14 vs. CHC
SO's: 8, 4/14 at NYY
Walks: 2, 2x, last 5/9 vs. SD
Hits: 7, 2x, last 5/26 vs. TOR
Home Runs: 3, 4/14 at NYY
Win-Streak: 2, 5/14-5/20
Loss-Streak: 1, 5/26-present

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.1, 5/14/23 vs. CHC
SO's: 8, 4/14/23 at NYY
Walks: 2, 4x, last 5/9/23 vs. SD
Hits: 9, 9/17/22 at CLE (G1)
Home Runs: 3, 4/14/23 at NYY
Win-Streak: 3, 10/5/22-5/20/23
Loss-Streak: 2, 9/17-9/29/22

CAREER NOTES

- Made his major league debut in game one of a doubleheader on September 7, 2022 at New York-AL, becoming the 10th player to make his major league debut for the Twins in 2022 (5th pitcher).
- Earned first major league win October 5, 2022 at Chicago-AL (5.0 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 5 K).
- Had allowed three-or-fewer earned runs in 18-straight minor league starts from May 18-August 31, 2022, going 4-4, 2.85 ERA (94.2 IP, 30 ER) with 31 walks and 111 strikeouts in that span...his teams went 12-6.
- Went 7-4, 3.34 ERA (105.0 IP, 39 ER) with 39 walks and 119 strikeouts in 20 games (19 starts) for Wichita in 2022 — was promoted to Triple-A St. Paul on August 8.
- Earned the win in his first career Triple-A start/appearance on August 12, 2022 vs. Columbus (5.1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 8 K).
- Led all Twins minor leaguers in strikeouts (146) and innings pitched (126.1), tied for first in games started (23) and was second in ERA (3.06), second in winning percentage (.615), fourth in opponent batting average (.242) and WHIP (1.26), and tied for fifth in wins (8) in 2022.
- Named Jim Rantz Award winner as Twins minor league Pitcher of the Year in 2021 and 2022, one of two pitchers to ever win the award twice, joining José Berrios (2014-15).
- One of 32 Minnesota natives to play for the Twins and one of 16 to pitch...was one of three Minnesota natives on the Twins roster at one point in 2022 (also, Caleb Thielbar and Matt Wallner).
- Named starting pitcher on 2021 Twins MiLB.com organizational All-Star team.
- In 2019, made his professional debut with Rookie-Elizabethton...made three appearances, including one start...struck out 10 batters in 8.2 innings pitched.
- Selected by Twins in 15th round of 2019 First-Year Player Draft out of Concordia University in St. Paul.
- Debuted wearing uniform number 49, but switched to 37 during 2022-23 offseason when the Twins acquired Pablo López from Miami.

2023 MISC. NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G/GS	IP	ER	AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	SO
Home:	1	1	3.44	3/3	18.1	7	.267	12	45	2	2	14
Road:	1	0	5.17	3/3	15.2	9	.256	23	90	7	5	20
Day:	1	0	4.26	1/1	6.1	3	.259	35	135	9	7	34
Night:	1	1	4.23	5/5	27.2	13						
Grass:	2	1	4.24	6/6	34.0	16						
Turf:	-	-	-	-/-	-	-						
None On:							.295	26	88	7	5	19
Runners On:							.191	9	47	2	2	15

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS	YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS
2022	5	0	0	2023	6	4	4
TOTALS		11	4	4			

MORE 2023 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

	BASE RUNNERS	PICK-OFFS	SB-ATT	GIDP
VARLAND:	43	0	1-1	1

2023 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

INNING:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
RUNS/HITS:	5/6	0/4	3/5	4/9	0/4	2/6	2/1	-/-	-/-

VARLAND VS. HOUSTON

2023 vs. Houston (0 games/starts): --
2023 vs. Houston at Home (0 games/starts): --
2023 vs. Houston on Road (0 games/starts): --
Career vs. Houston (0 games/starts): --
Career vs. Houston at Home (0 games/starts): --
Career vs. Houston on Road (0 games/starts): --

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Varland vs. the Astros							Brown vs. the Twins						
PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO	PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Abreu	.000	2	0	0	0	0	Buxton	.333	3	1	0	0	0
							Gordon	.000	3	0	0	0	0
							Solano	.333	3	1	0	0	1
							Farmer	.000	2	0	0	1	0
							Jeffers	.000	2	0	0	0	2
							Taylor	.000	2	0	0	0	1

RUNNERS ON, LOUIE'S ON: Varland has been at his best with runners on base this season, holding opposing batters to a .191 (9-for-47) average with a .580 OPS, 15 strikeouts and just two walks...his .191 opponent batting average with runners on base ranks eighth in the American League and his .580 opponent OPS ranks 11th in the AL (min. 6 GS)...by comparison, opposing hitters are batting .295 (26-for-88) with a .936 OPS, 19 strikeouts and five walks with nobody on base against Varland in 2023...his career opposing batting average with runners on base is .209 (19-for-91)...only two of his 13 career home runs allowed have been with runners on (3-run homer by CWS's Luis Robert Jr. on May 3 & 2-run homer by TOR's Bo Bichette on May 26).

ROOKIE RANKINGS: Varland's numbers through six starts are near the top of the American League rookie leaderboards this year...here are his numbers and how they rank among AL rookie starters in 2023 (min. 4 GS):

STATISTIC	VARLAND'S #s	AL ROOKIE RANK
Walks-per-9.0 Innings	1.85	3rd
Pitches-per-Inning	16.3	6th
WHIP	1.24	6th
Opponent BABIP	.283	7th
Strikeouts	34	T-7th
Games Started	6	T-8th

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

⚡ Sands, Moran & Jax combined for 4.0 scoreless IP w/ 1 H, 2 BB & 4 K in last night's loss...pen has 127 K since 4/26, T-4th most in AL since that date...pen also has just 4 BB in last 5 G (18.1 IP).
⚡ Twins relievers have thrown 628 offspeed pitches, 2nd most in baseball, most in AL (CIN - 726)...they have averaged 90.2 mph, 7th-hardest throwing 'pen in MLB (4th in AL).
⚡ Relievers are 1-2-1, 2.58 ERA (38.1 IP, 11 ER), w/ 11 BB, 52 K and a .217 (31-for-143) BAA in last 11 games, since 5/19; 'pen is 3rd in MLB w/ 4.73 K/BB ratio in span.
⚡ 'Pen is 2-0-1, 2.12 ERA (17.0 IP, 4 ER) w/ 5 BB, 20 K and a .197 (12-for-61) BAA in 5 games vs. HOU this season...pen has 3.63 ERA (34.2 IP, 14 ER), 11 BB, 41 K in last 9 G at Minute Maid Park.
⚡ Twins relievers have combined to allow just 5 HR in their last 19 G, holding opponents to .665 OPS in that span.
⚡ After ranking 3rd in MLB with 654.1 IP in 2022, 'pen has thrown 188.0 IP in 2023, 8th fewest in baseball...they rank 4th in MLB in BAA (.220)...5th in lowest HR/9.0 IP ratio in MLB (0.81).

JOSÉ DE LEÓN - RHP #87

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 Age: 30 (8/7/92 in Isabela, PR) Acquired: Minor League free agent, 12/9/22

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .154 vs. Right .333

⚡ Tossed 2.0 IP in emergency relief 5/28 vs. TOR, entering after Pagán departed w/ injury in 7th...worked around 1 IR for scoreless 7th; allowed 1 UER in 8th when Springer scored on Castro's error...was his longest MLB app. since 4/30/21 vs. CHC (w/ CIN) (also 2.0 IP).
⚡ 1 career app. vs. HOU, 8/29/19 at HOU w/ TB; earned win after working 1.0 IP w/ 1 H, 1 R/0 ER, 1 BB and 1 K.
⚡ Lefties are 2-for-13 w/ 2B, RBI, 1 BB & 5 K, while righties are 5-for-15 w/ 5 singles, 1 BB & 5 K.
⚡ Contract selected 5/16 from AAA StP; went 0-2, 3.62 ERA (27.1 IP, 11 ER), 12 BB, 26 K in 9 G/4 GS for Saints prior to joining Twins.
⚡ 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 71 pitches (56.3%), changeup - 25 pitches (19.8%), slider - 15 pitches (11.9%), cutter - 15 pitches (11.9%)...opponents hitting .176 (3-for-17) off 4S-FB...has 55.6% GB percentage and has allowed 2 FB with Twins.
⚡ Twins mark 6th org: LAD - 2013-16, TB - 2017-19, CIN - 2020-21, BOS - 2021 & TOR - 2022...former MLB top-30ish prospect in 2016 & '17.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 5/28 vs. TOR, 5/26 vs. TOR, 5/24 vs. SF, 5/21 at LAA, 5/17 at LAD, 5/10 vs. IND, 5/3 vs. MAS, 4/26 at ROC, 4/20 vs. SWB.

JHOAN DURAN - RHP #59

Height: 6-5 Weight: 259 Age: 25 (1/8/98 in Esperanza, DR) Acquired: Trade with ARI, 7/27/18

Roadtrip: 1-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 1-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB vs. Left .103 vs. Right .175

⚡ Earned W Monday, tossing 2.0 scoreless IP over 9th & 10th inn.; sent Astros 1st 3 batters in lineup down in order to end game in 10th.
⚡ On 5/24 vs. SF, threw 104.0, 104.4 & 104.6 mph, career highs and highest in Twins history...T-8th fastest pitch in baseball in Statcast Era...the first 2 were foul balls by W. Flores and the 104.0 mph pitch struck out C. Schmitt...averaged 102.9 during the outing and never went below 100.3.
⚡ Has 0 ER in 14 of last 15 games (0.53 ERA, 2 UER)...has not allowed ER in 9-straight G (11.0 IP)...3 of last 6 outings have been 2.0 IP.
⚡ 7 saves (8 opps), T-10th in AL...has 87.5 SV%, 6th best in AL...only BS came on 4/11 vs. CWS...has converted 5 successful saves since.
⚡ Has 1 W & 1 SV in 3 scoreless app. vs. HOU this season (3.1 IP, 1 BB, 6 K)...career 1-0, 1 SV, 4.1 scoreless IP, 2 BB, 6 K in 4 app. vs. HOU.
⚡ Has appeared in 17 of Twins 28 wins & Twins are 17-3 in games which he has appeared...Twins are 58-19 in games which he's appeared (since '22).
⚡ 138 of 324 pitches at least 100 mph, topping out at 104.6 to W. Flores on 5/24 vs. SF (foul)...138 pitches rank 2nd in MLB trailing J. Hicks - 195...has thrown 530 pitches over 100 mph since start of last season, the most in baseball.
⚡ Ranks in the 96th percentile in baseball in whiff% (38.0)...also in the 99th percentile in xBA (.136) and 99th in xSLG (.211).
⚡ Batters are 2-for-26 (.077) off his splitter this season - W. Calhoun 1B 4/25 & Urshela 1B 5/20...4 hits allowed on FB and 4 hits off curve.
⚡ Avg velos are up on all pitches this season from 2022: Fastball 100.8 < 101.7, offspeed 96.4 < 98.8, breaking pitches 88.0 < 88.2.

RECENT APPEARANCES

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GRIFFIN JAX - RHP #22

Height: 6-1 Weight: 195 Age: 28 (11/22/94 in Phoenix, AZ) Acquired: 3rd RD, 2016 Draft

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .195 vs. Right .315

⚡ Worked 1-2-3 8th last night...has 4-straight scoreless G for 1st time since 5 straight 4/7-4/16...has 6 losses this season, T-3rd most in baseball.
⚡ 17 of 26 outings have been scoreless...has 5.63 ERA (16.0 IP, 10 ER) in last 17 G, after posting 2.16 ERA (8.1 IP, 2 ER) in his first 9 outings.
⚡ T-1st on club in G (25)...Baldelli told media 5/19 they're trying to get Jax in less high leverage situations to get back on track & back in set-up role.
⚡ 3 scoreless app. & 1 HLD vs. HOU this season, tossing 3.0 IP w/ 3 K...owns 0.96 ERA (9.1 IP, 1 ER) & .097 (3-for-31) BAA in 5 career G vs. HOU.
⚡ In 92nd percentile in MLB in chase rate at 34.2%...has 57.4% GB rate, highest of career...ranks in 94th percentile in MLB in lowest barrel% (2.9).
⚡ Has 2.70 xERA but 4.63 ERA on season...2.70 xERA is lowest of career...has 8.6 BB%, the highest of career (6.9 BB% in 2022).
⚡ Lefties are 8-for-41 w/ 3 2B, 4 BB, 15 K and righties are 17-for-54 w/ 5 BB and 11 K this season...203 BAA off sweeper w/ 21 K.
⚡ Arsenal: sweeper - 242 pitches (61.3%), 4-seam FB - 98 pitches (24.8%), changeup - 26 pitches (6.6%), cutter - 18 pitches (4.6%), sinker - 11 pitches (2.8%).
⚡ Led MLB in avg FB velo increase from 2021-22, improving 2.8 mph, from 92.6 mph to 95.4 mph...up again in 2023 at 95.5 mph (0.1 increase).

RECENT APPEARANCES

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JORGE LÓPEZ - RHP #48

Height: 6-4 Weight: 206 Age: 30 (2/10/93 in Caguas, PR) Acquired: Trade with BAL, 8/2/22

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .161 vs. Right .255

⚡ Worked scoreless 8th Monday, 1st scoreless app. since 5/20 at LAA...did not record an out on 5/27, entering G w/ 9-4 lead (Stewart got SV).
⚡ Has 7.36 ERA w/ .302 BAA in last 12 G since 5/2 after starting season w/ 0.00 ERA & .140 BAA in first 13 G from 3/30-4/29.
⚡ Has posted 7.2% weak contact, the best of career; previous best was 6.9% in 2022...solid contact percentage is just 2.9%, lowest since 2018.
⚡ Is 1-0 w/ 1 HLD, 3.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R/0 ER, 3 K, .111 (1-for-9) BAA in 3 app. vs. HOU this season...4 career app. vs. HOU as reliever, allowing 1 UER in 4.0 IP.
⚡ Lefties are 5-for-31 w/ 5 BB and 9 K this season and righties are 14-for-55 w/ 2 BB and 10 K...1st XBH to RHB on 5/21 at LAA (Moniak 2B).
⚡ Has average breaking ball velo of 86.8 mph, the highest of career...up 1.5 mph from 2022.
⚡ 2023 arsenal: sinker - 96 pitches (28.5%), slider - 70 pitches (20.8%), 4-seam FB - 60 pitches (17.8%), curveball - 59 pitches (17.5%), changeup - 52 pitches (15.4%)...ranks in the 94th percentile in MLB in fastball velocity (97.3 mph)...ops 1-for-15 off changeup & 1-for-16 off slider this season.

RECENT APPEARANCES

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JOVANI MORAN - LHP #71

Height: 6-1 Weight: 199 Age: 26 (4/24/97 in Mayaguez, PR) Acquired: 7th RD, 2015 Draft

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .172 vs. Right .218

⚡ Used more in high leverage situations over last few weeks...15 IR are most among Twins relievers...just 1 IR has scored for 6.7 IR%, T-3rd best in MLB.
⚡ Has walked just 4 batters in last 12 G (12.0 IP) after starting season with 9 walks in first 9 G (11.2 IP)...T-1st in AL in holds (6) since 5/10.
⚡ Has 0.82 ERA (11.0 IP, 1 ER) w/ 4 BB, 13 K & .118 BAA in last 11 G, including 6 HLD...lefties are 1-for-18 in that span, righties are 4-for-23.
⚡ 2 career app. vs. HOU, on 4/8 at Target Field & last night; allowed 2 ER on 4 H in 0.2 IP, w/ 1 K on 4/8...has allowed 0 ER (1 UER) in his last 6 road appearances since 5/4; worked 6.0 IP (2 H, 1 UER) w/ 1 BB, 6 K & .118 (2-for-17) BAA in span.
⚡ LHB are 5-for-29 (all singles), 8 BB & 11 K against him and RHB are 12-for-55 (2 HR - J. Peña & M. Duffy), 5 BB & 16 K.
⚡ 2023 arsenal: changeup - 187 pitches (46.5%), 4-seam FB - 177 pitches (44.0%), slider - 38 pitches (9.5%)...used slider exclusively vs. LHB so far, throwing 38 sliders to LHB and 0 to RHB...changeup has .125 BAA (6-for-48)...ranks in 89th percentile in MLB in avg. exit velo (84.2) & 91st in whiff % (34.4).

RECENT APPEARANCES

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EMILIO PAGÁN - RHP #15

Height: 6-3 Weight: 216 Age: 32 (5/7/91 in Simpsonville, SC) Acquired: Trade with SD, 4/7/22

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .406 vs. Right .135

⚡ Left game on 5/28 vs. TOR in 7th inn. w/ left hip flexor strain, after plunking M. Chapman...tossed 2.0 perfect innings 5/26 vs. TOR.
⚡ Allowed go-ahead GS to J. Outman 5/17 at LAD, allowing 2 IR to score; the HR was his 1st in 16 G this season (had 12 HR & 1.71 HR/9.0 IP in 2022).
⚡ Held opponents scoreless in 11 of last 14 G since 4/26, posting 2.63 ERA (13.2 IP, 4 ER) in that span w/ BAA of .160 and 17 K.
⚡ 1.1 scoreless IP (2 H) 4/9 vs. HOU...career 0-1-3, 5.61 ERA (25.2 IP, 16 ER), 4 BB, 24 K in 19 games vs. HOU.
⚡ Lefties are 13-for-32 w/ 6 2B, 5 BB & 9 K this season, while righties are 7-for-52 w/ 2 2B, 3 BB and 14 K.
⚡ Has 9.55 K/9.0 IP ratio this season, 3rd-lowest of career...has fanned 15 in last 12 G after starting season with 8 K in first 8 G.
⚡ 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 184 pitches (49.7%) cutter - 119 pitches (32.2%), splitter - 42 pitches (11.4%), curveball - 25 pitches (6.8%)...most effective pitch in 2023 has been cutter as opponents are 3-for-29 (.103)...has .178 xBA on 4S-FB with actual BA of .268 on that pitch.

RECENT APPEARANCES

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COLE SANDS - RHP #77

Height: 6-3 Weight: 226 Age: 25 (7/17/1997 in Tallahassee, FL) Acquired: 5th RD, 2018 Draft

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.1 IP, 0 ER), 4 K, 2 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.1 IP, 0 ER), 4 K, 2 BB vs. Left .182 vs. Right .240

⚡ Tossed season-high 2.1 IP last night...6 of 7 app. this season have been scoreless...has pitched 2.0+ IP in 5 of 7 G for Twins.
⚡ Has 8.1 active scoreless IP streak...has allowed just 4 H in last 5 G (8.1 IP)...has 1 ER in 7.1 IP (1.23 ERA) in 4 road games this season.
⚡ Recalled 5/13 from AAA StP...2nd stint w/ MIN this season (also, Opening Day-April 14).
⚡ 3 career appearances vs. HOU, 2 in 2022 and last night; has 2.84 ERA (6.1 IP, 2 ER) w/ 6 H, 1 HR, 2 BB and 11 K in those outings.
⚡ 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 83 pitches (37.2%), split finger - 58 pitches (26.0%), curveball - 34 pitches (15.2%), sinker - 31 pitches (13.9%), cutter - 17 pitches (7.6%)...opponents are 2-for-17 off 4S-FB (.176 BAA) and 2-for-13 (.154 BAA) off split finger.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include 5/30 at HOU, 5/28 vs. TOR, 5/22 vs. SF, 5/17 at LAD, 5/13 vs. CHC, 4/3 at MIA, 4/13 at NYY.

BROCK STEWART - RHP #61

Height: 6-3 Weight: 218 Age: 31 (10/3/91 in Normal, IL) Acquired: Minor league free agent, 7/14/22

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 18.00 (1.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 18.00 (1.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .208 vs. Right .143

⚡ Allowed 1st R of season, go-ahead grand slam to Altuve in 7th Monday; 1st GS allowed in MLB career...2 R were his, 2 R were IR from Gray.
⚡ Tossed 14.0 scoreless IP to begin MIN career, from 4/27-5/27; 14 G was 3rd-longest scoreless game streak to start Twins career, trailing C. Thielbar (17 in 2013) and D. Reyes (16 in 2008).
⚡ In 22 G between MIN (15 G) & StP (7 G), has posted 1.52 ERA (23.2 IP, 4 ER) & .191 BAA...in that span, opponents have scored just 4 R.
⚡ Been used in high leverage situations since roughly 5/10, earning 1 SV & 4 HLDs in that span...4 HLDs since 5/10 are T-3rd most in AL.
⚡ Lefties are 5-for-24 w/ 4 BB and 7 K and righties are 4-for-28 with 1 2B, 1 HR, 7 BB and 10 K; 2B & HR came to Dubón & Altuve yesterday.
⚡ 2023 MLB arsenal: 4-Seam FB - 90 pitches (35.9%), cutter - 57 pitches (22.7%), sweeper - 56 pitches (22.3%), changeup - 26 pitches (10.4%), sinker (22 pitches (8.8%))...has .176 (3-for-17) BAA, 8 K on sweeper...ranks in 93rd percentile in MLB in FB spin (2,572 rpm).

RECENT APPEARANCES

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2023 BULLPEN INFO

Table with columns: Player name, 1st Batter Avg, BB/9, K/9, Saves/Opps, Holds, IRS%, WHIP, HR, Last game, 2 games ago, 3 games ago. Rows include Jose De Leon, Jhoan Duran, Griffin Jax, Jorge Lopez, Jovani Moran, Emilio Pagan, Cole Sands, Brock Stewart.

BYRON BUXTON - OF #25

Height: 6-3 Weight: 201 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (12/18/1993 in Baxley, GA)
 2023 Average: .221 Strike: 0-7 Series at HOU: 0-3
 Roadtrip: 0-3 Home Runs: 10 (4 1-run, 3 2-run, 3 3-run)

- 0-for-3, BB 5/30 at HOU...went 4-for-25, HR, 2 RBI, HBP, R, 2 SB in 6 games on homestand....1-for-4, SB 5/24 vs. SF...2-for-4, HR, 2 RBI, SB, R 5/23; 8th career G w/ HR & SB, 11th most in MIN history...2-for-4, 2B, BB, 2 SB, 2 R 5/16 at LAD; 3rd career 2-SB game, 1st since 4/12/18...2B in 9th inning 5/15 had exit velo of 115.1 mph, 2nd-hardest-hit ball by MIN hitter this season.
- Career 1-for-3 vs. Brown...is 4-for-17, HR, 3 RBI, BB, 3 R in 4 games vs. HOU this season...career .222 (4-for-18, 2 2B, 2 BB, SB, 2 R in 6 games at Minute Maid.
- Had career-best 24-game on-base streak 4/25-5/24...last longer streak by MIN hitter was J. Polanco's 37-game run in 2019.
- Is 6-for-36 (.167), 2 2B, HR, 2 RBI vs. LHP & 34-for-145 (.234), 7 2B, 3B, 9 HR, 21 RBI vs. RHP.
- Hitting .228 (23-for-101), 4 2B, 8 HR, 18 RBI, 15 R in 25 home games & .213 (17-for-80), 5 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 5 RBI in 23 road games...hitting .221 (15-for-68) w/ runners on and .132 (5-for-38) w/ RISP.
- His 108 HR are 18th on Twins' all-time list (1961-present); next up is R. Smalley (110 HR)...his 2-R HR in 1st inning 4/11 vs. CWS; 100th HR of career, 20th player to reach 100 career HR w/ Twins, 1st since Max Kepler in 2020 (now 21, w/ J. Polanco).

WILLI CASTRO - UTL #50

Height: 6-1 Weight: 206 B/T: S/R Age: 26 (4/24/1997 in Rio Piedras, PR)
 2023 Average: .265 Strike: 5g, 8-1R, 2 HR, 2B, 3 RBI Series at HOU: 2-5
 Roadtrip: 2-5 Home Runs: 4 (2 1-run, 2 2-run)

- 2-for-5, SB, R 5/29 at HOU...had 1st career 2-HR G & tied career high w/ 3 RBI 5/27 vs. TOR...leads MIN w/ 9 SB this season, tying single-season career high (also done in 2021-22)...has hit safely in 14 of his last 16 starts, since 4/30; hitting .323 (20-for-62), 4 2B, 3 HR, 7 RBI, BB, 9 SB, 12 R in span.
- Never faced Brown...is just 6-for-38, 2 2B, RBI, 3 R in 11 career G vs. HOU.
- Is 18-for-64 (.281), 4 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI, 11B & 9-for-38 (.237), 2 2B, 4 RBI as RHB this season.
- Played 2 positions in game 5x this season and 3 positions in single game 3x this season (4/20 at BOS, 5/13 vs. CHC, 5/17 at LAD)...games by position in 2023: 1 G/0 GS at P, 5 G/3 GS at 2B, 10 G/7 GS at 3B, 7 G/0 GS at SS, 18 G/12 GS in LF, 6 G/2 GS in CF, 2 G/1 GS in RF.
- Tied career high w/ 3 H for 12th time 5/21...go-ahead HR in 7th inning 5/19, 1st career go-ahead HR in 7th-or-later...2B on 5/12 had exit velocity of 114.2 mph, 2nd-hardest-hit ball by MIN this season.

CARLOS CORREA - SS #4

Height: 6-4 Weight: 215 B/T: R/R Age: 28 (9/22/1994 in Santa Isabel, PR)
 2023 Average: .211 Strike: 1g, 1-4 Series at HOU: 1-9
 Roadtrip: 1-9 Home Runs: 6 (6 1-run)

- 1-for-4 5/30 at HOU; extended on-base streak to 16 G, w/ .384 OBP in span...also hit safely in 13 of his last 16 games since 5/10; has .793 OPS, 6 2B, HR, 9 RBI, 12 BB, 4 R in span.
- Never faced Brown...originally selected by HOU 1st overall in 2012 MLB Draft...is 2-for-18, 2B, 2 BB, R in 4 G vs. HOU this year...just 2-for-20, RBI, BB, R in 5 career G at Minute Maid as a visitor.
- Is 9-for-35 (.257), 2 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 8 BB vs. LHP this season and 30-for-150 (.200), 9 2B, 3B, 4 HR, 20 RBI, 17 BB vs. RHP...hitting .185 (25-for-135), 8 2B, 4 HR, 13 RBI, 16 BB in innings 1-6; is 14-for-50 (.280), 3 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 11 RBI, 9 BB in innings 7+.
- Had career-high-tying 3 BB in b2b G for 1st time in career, 5/19-5/20...5/10-5/14, had XBH in 5-straight G, T-2nd-longest streak of career...went 1-for-3, HR, RBI, BB, 2 R 4/27 vs. KC; 10th career HR vs. KC, 7th different team he's hit 10+ HR against.

KYLE FARMER - IF #12

Height: 6-0 Weight: 202 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (8/17/1990 in Atlanta, GA)
 2023 Average: .268 Strike: 1g, 1-2 Series at HOU: 1-2
 Roadtrip: 1-2 Home Runs: 3 (1 1-run, 1 2-run, 1 3-run)

- 1-for-2, R 5/29 at HOU...went 2-for-22, 2 BB, 2 R in 6 G on 'stand...hitting .288 (19-for-66), 2B, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 5 BB, 12 R in last 18 G, since IL reinstatement.
- Career 0-for-2, BB vs. Brown...6-for-13, 2B, HR, 4 RBI, BB, 4 R in 4 G vs. HOU this season...career .563 (9-for-16), 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 BB, 6 R in 7 G vs. HOU; 1st series at Minute Maid.
- Hitting .286 (14-for-49), 2 HR, 13 RBI, 5 BB w/ runners on this season and .357 (10-for-28), 2 HR, 13 RBI w/ RISP this season...is 8-for-24 (.333), HR, 6 RBI, 3 BB vs. LHP & 18-for-73 (.247), 2 2B, 2 HR, 8 RBI, 4 BB vs. RHP this season.
- Returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL 5/10...missed 24 games w/ facial laceration sustained on 4/12 vs. CWS, after being hit on face by pitch from L. Giolito.

JOEY GALLO - OF/1B #13

Height: 6-5 Weight: 245 B/T: L/R Age: 29 (11/19/1993 in Henderson, NV)
 2023 Average: .200 Strike: 0-8 Series at HOU: 1-9
 Roadtrip: 1-9 Home Runs: 11 (5 1-run, 2 2-run, 4 3-run)

- 0-for-4, BB 5/30 at HOU...has .378 OBP in last 9 G, since 5/20...is 8-for-39, 2 2B, 3 HR, 7 RBI, 7 BB, 6 R in 12 G out of leadoff spot...averaging 6.24 PA/BB, 4th in AL/8th in MLB (min. 150 PA).
- Enters 3rd in MLB in hard hit % (60.8; 99th percentile) and 12th in avg exit velo (93.5 mph; 96th percentile)...also 7th in barrels/BBE (20.3; 98th percentile)...his 11 HR are T-11th in AL.
- Never faced Brown...is 1-for-10, 3 BB in 3 games vs. HOU this season...is just 1-for-his-last-34, 6 BB in his last 11 games vs. HOU.
- His 174 HR since 2017 are 4th in AL behind Judge (234), Trout (194) & Ramirez (179).
- Snapped 0-for-25 w/ 7th-inning 1B 5/9...streak of 5-straight G w/ XBH 4/24-4/28; streak was T-longest of career...returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL 4/19; missed 10 G w/ right intercostal strain.

RYAN JEFFERS - C #27

Height: 6-4 Weight: 237 B/T: R/R Age: 25 (6/3/1997 in Raleigh, NC)
 2023 Average: .254 Strike: 1g, 3-5, HR, 2 RBI Series at HOU: 3-5, HR, 2 RBI
 Roadtrip: 3-5, HR, 2 RBI Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 2-run)

- 3-for-5, HR, 2 RBI, R 5/29 at HOU; hit go-ahead HR in 10th inn., 1st MIN catcher w/ extra-inning go-ahead HR since Wynegar on 7/15/77 at OAK...HR had exit velo of 117.4 mph, hardest-hit ball by MIN hitter in Statcast Era (2015-) and 5th-hardest-hit ball in MLB this season.
- Career 0-for-2 vs. Brown...3-for-7, HR, 2 RBI, BB in 2 games vs. HOU this season...career 6-for-28, 2B, 2 HR, 3 RBI, BB, 2 R in 9 regular season games vs. HOU.
- Is 4-for-24, 2 2B, 4 BB vs. LHP and 14-for-47, 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 7 RBI, 5 BB vs. RHP this season.
- Had RBI sac bunt 5/16 at LAD; 2nd career sac bunt and 1st career RBI sac bunt...2-for-2, HBP, BB, 2 R 5/13 vs. CHC; reached safely 4x in game for 2nd time in career (also 7/28/21).

EDOUARD JULIEN - IF #47

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 B/T: L/R Age: 23 (4/30/1999 in Québec City, CAN)
 2023 Average: .228 Strike: 2g, 2-8 Series at HOU: 2-8
 Roadtrip: 2-8 Home Runs: 4 (3 1-run, 1 2-run)

Julien continued...
 1-for-4 5/30 at HOU...3-for-5, 2 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 2 R 5/27 vs. TOR; 1st career 3 XBH game & 1st career doubles...reached safely in 10 of his last 26 PA (2 1B, 2 2B, 2 HR, 4 BB)...5 of 13 career hits have gone to the left side of the field...1-for-3, leadoff HR, sac fly 5/24 vs. SF; 1st career leadoff HR...recalled from AAA 5/20 (Polanco - IL)...2nd stint w/ MIN this season (4/12-4/21).
 Facing HOU for 1st time this series...went 3-for-4, HR, 2 RBI, HBP 4/19 at BOS...2-for-5, HR, 2 R 4/13 at NYY; both hits came in 1st inning, 8th player in MLB since 1961 w/ 1st 2 career hits in same inning (Elias)...MLB debut 4/12 vs. CWS (0-for-2, BB)...1 of 2 players to debut w/ MIN so far this season (also, Brent Headrick on 4/19).
 11th Canadian to play for MIN, 2nd from Québec (Georges Maranda in 1962)...wearing jersey No. 47, after wearing No. 95 in 2023 spring; 47 was also worn by Manitoba native Corey Koskie for Twins from 1998-2004...currently ranked as No. 4 prospect in MIN system per MLB.com.

MAX KEPLER - OF #26

Height: 6-4 Weight: 227 B/T: L/L Age: 30 (2/10/1993 in Berlin, Germany)
 2023 Average: .194 Strike: 0-17, RBI Series at HOU: 0-9
 Roadtrip: 0-9 Home Runs: 6 (4 1-run, 2 2-run)

- 0-for-4 5/30 at HOU & is 0-for-his-last-17, since 5/10...reinstated from 10-day IL 5/29; missed 14 games w/ left hamstring strain.
- Never faced Brown...0-for-9, R in 2 games vs. HOU this season...career .214 (27-for-126), 6 2B, 2 HR, 13 RBI, 13 BB, 13 R in 35 games vs. HOU.
- Hitting .256 (11-for-43), 3 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI in 13 home games and 10-for-65 (.154), 2 2B, 4 HR, 7 RBI, 6 BB in 17 road games this season...also hitting .280 (14-for-50), 3 2B, 5 HR, 9 RBI, 4 BB, 12 R in 14 night games this season.
- Hit 15th career leadoff HR (2nd this season) 4/28 vs. KC; 3rd most in MIN history (1961-).

ALEX KIRILLOFF - OF/1B #19

Height: 6-2 Weight: 214 B/T: L/L Age: 25 (11/9/1997 in Pittsburgh, PA)
 2023 Average: .303 Strike: 2g, 3-4 Series at HOU: 3-4
 Roadtrip: 3-4 Home Runs: 3 (3 1-run)

- 1-for-2, 2 BB 5/30 at HOU; has 2+ BB in career-best 3-straight games, longest streak by MIN hitter since Kepler in 2021...2-for-2, R, 3 BB 5/29; reached safely 5x in game for 1st time in career.
- Reached safely in 13 of his last 21 PA (5 H, 8 BB) in last 5 games.
- Never faced Brown...made MLB debut vs. HOU on 9/30/20, in Game 2 of Wild Card Series at Target Field; went 1-for-3, becoming 1st player in MLB history w/ Postseason hit before RS one...is 7-for-18 (.389), 7 BB, R, .560 OBP in 7 regular season games vs. HOU.
- Went 3-for-3, 2B, 2 HR, 2 RBI 5/13 vs. CHC; 3rd career multi-HR G, 1st since 7/5/22, and 1st career G w/ 3 XBH...2-for-4, BB, walkoff RBI 1B in 11th 5/10; 1st career walkoff PA.
- Recalled from AAA St. Paul 5/5 (Thielbar - IL)...began season on 10-day IL recovering from right wrist surgery; returned from rehab, reinstated from IL & optioned to AAA 4/30.

ROYCE LEWIS - IF #23

Height: 6-0 Weight: 213 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (6/5/1999 in Aliso Viejo, CA)
 2023 Average: .333 Strike: 5g, 8-22, 2 HR, 2 2B, 8 RBI Series at HOU: 3-9, HR, 2B, 4 RBI
 Roadtrip: 3-9, HR, 2B, 4 RBI Home Runs: 1 (3 1-run)

- 1-for-4, 2B, R 5/30 at HOU...2-for-5, R, HR, career-high-tying 4 RBI 5/29, 1st MLB game since 5/29/22.
- Returned from rehab, reinstated from 60-day IL 5/29, on 1 year anniversary of ACL injury; began season on Injured List after undergoing ACL reconstruction surgery last June...hit .333 (13-for-39), 2 2B, 4 HR, 11 RBI, 3 BB, 10 R, .395 OBP, 1.087 OPS in 10 rehab games between AA Wichita & AAA St. Paul.
- Never faced Brown...5 career games vs. HOU, hitting .300 (6-for-20), 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 2 R...career .273 (9-for-33), 2 2B, HR, 4 RBI in 10 home G & 6-for-16, 3 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, BB in 4 road games.
- Currently ranked as No. 2 prospect in MIN system, per MLB.com...made MLB debut 5/6/22 vs. OAK; went 1-for-4...hit .300 (12-for-40), 4 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, BB, 5 R in 12 games for MIN in 2022.

DONOVAN SOLANO - IF #39

Height: 5-8 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/17/1987 in Barranquilla, COL)
 2023 Average: .267 Strike: 0-1 Series at HOU: 1-3
 Roadtrip: 1-3 Home Runs: 6 (3 1-run, 3 2-run)

- Lineout as PH in 9th 5/30 at HOU...hitting .303 (10-for-33), 2 2B, 3 BB, 3 R in last 12 games...is 5-for-13, 2B, 2 RBI, BB in 14 pinch-hit opp. this season.
- Career 1-for-3, 2B, RBI vs. Brown...is 5-for-14, 2B, RBI, 2 BB, 2 R in 5 games vs. HOU this season...career .395 (17-for-43), 5 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 3 BB, 5 R in 12 games vs. HOU.
- Is 13-for-43 (.302), 5 2B, 3 RBI, 3 BB vs. LHP and 18-for-73 (.247), 3 2B, 2 RBI, 8 BB vs. RHP...also hitting .305 (18-for-59), 3 2B, 3 RBI, 6 BB in 22 home games and .228 (13-for-57), 5 2B, 2 RBI, 5 BB in 22 road games this year.
- Had his 11-game hit streak snapped w/ 0-for-4 night 4/18 at BOS; streak is longest by a Twins hitter this season and his 5th career streak of 10+ games (career best is 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: .212 Strike: 0-3 Series at HOU: 1-5, RBI
 Roadtrip: 1-5, RBI Home Runs: 6 (3 1-run, 3 2-run)

- 0-for-2, BB 5/30 at HOU...is just 4-for-38, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 3 R in his last 12 games...has 6 SB this season, T-2nd most on MIN w/ Buxton, behind Castro (9 SB).
- Career 0-for-2 vs. Brown...is 3-for-16, 2B, RBI, BB in 5 games vs. HOU this season...career 7-for-35, 3 2B, 3 RBI, 5 BB, 5 R in 11 games at Minute Maid.
- Hitting .230 (17-for-74), 2 2B, 4 HR, 11 RBI in 25 home games and just .190 (12-for-63), 2 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI in 24 road games this season.
- Has 60 defensive runs saved since 2017, 4th most among MLB OFs in span trailing Mookie Betts (101), Kevin Kiermaier (80) and Byron Buxton (61), per Fangraphs.
- Bunt double in 4th inn. 4/28, the 55th bunt double in MLB history, per Fangraphs...is donating to Uplifting Athletes, which helps kids w/ rare diseases, for each HR he hits this season.

CHRISTIAN VÁZQUEZ - C #8

Height: 5-9 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (8/21/1990 in Bayamón, PR)
 2023 Average: .233 Strike: 1g, 2-4, RBI Series at HOU: 2-4, RBI
 Roadtrip: 2-4, RBI Home Runs: 2

- 2-for-4, RBI 5/30 at HOU; 8th multi-H game of season...hitting .290 (9-for-31), 4 RBI, 3 BB in last 9 games...is just 13-for-72 (.181), 7 RBI, 7 BB in his last 22 G, since 4/22, after starting the season hitting .318 (14-for-44), 3 2B, 4 RBI, 5 BB, 6 R in his first 14 G.
- Never faced Brown...traded from BOS to HOU 8/1/22 for Willy Abreu and Emmanuel Valdez and played 35 games for Astros...is 4-for-10, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 2 R in 3 games vs. former club this season...hitting .351 (20-for-57), 3 2B, 2 HR, 12 RBI, 2 BB, 6 R in last 17 G vs. HOU.
- Has yet to HR in 36 games this season; 4th longest HR-less streak to begin season in career (high is 50 in 2014)...hitting .182 (10-for-55), 2B, 7 RBI, 8 BB in 18 home games this season and .279 (17-for-61), 2 2B, 4 RBI, 4 BB in 18 road games.

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

<p>MULTI-HOMER GAMES (5x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gallo (4/2 at KC) Taylor (4/13 at NYY) Miranda (4/26 vs. NYY) Kiriloff (5/13 vs. CHC) Castro (5/27 vs. TOR) 	<p>BACK-TO-BACK (5x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taylor/Julien (4/13 at NYY) Julien/Correa (4/13 at NYY) Buxton Correa (4/27 vs. KC) Gallo/Kiriloff (5/13 vs. CHC) Castro/Wallner (5/27 vs. TOR) 	<p>BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK (1x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taylor/Julien/Correa (4/13 at NYY) <p>INSIDE-THE-PARK (0x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<p>RUNNERS ON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solo - 42 2-run - 19 3-run - 13 GS - 0 	<p>GRAND SLAM (0x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None <p>WALK-OFF (0x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<p>LEADOFF (3x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kepler (4/3 at MIA) Kepler (4/28 vs. KC) Julien (5/24 vs. SF)
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HITTERS INFO

Player	LAST HOME RUN				LAST GRAND SLAM			VS. CURRENT OPPONENT 2023					VS. CURRENT OPPONENT CAREER								
	Multi-Hit	Multi-RBI	Season Hit-Strreak	Season High Hits	Date	Opp.	On	Pitcher	Date	Opp.	#	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI
Byron Buxton	11	6	8, 4/25-5/4	2, 5/23	5/23/23	vs. SF	1	Cobb	5/18/19	at SEA	2	.235	4	17	1	3	.200	16	80	1	5
Willi Castro	7	2	8, 5/12-5/21	3, 5/21	5/27/23	vs. TOR	0	Cimber			0	.400	2	5	0	0	.158	6	38	0	1
Carlos Correa	8	7	5, 5/20-5/28	3, 4/22	5/13/23	vs. CHC	0	Hughes	7/27/19	at STL	1	.111	2	18	0	0	.103	3	29	0	1
Kyle Farmer	7	3	7, 5/10-5/16	3, 5/20	5/16/23	at LAD	1	Bruhl	9/26/21	vs. WSH	1	.462	6	13	1	4	.563	9	16	2	5
Joey Gallo	5	6	5, 4/24-4/28	3, 4/2	5/20/23	at LAA	0	Weiss	5/31/19	vs. KC	1	.100	1	10	0	0	.158	44	279	13	39
Ryan Jeffers	5	2	3, 4/21-4/25	3, 5/29	5/29/23	at HOU	1	Abreu	7/28/21	vs. DET	1	.429	3	7	1	2	.214	6	28	2	3
Edouard Julien	3	3	2, 4/19-4/20	3, 5/27	5/27/23	vs. TOR	0	Garcia			0	.250	2	8	0	0	.250	2	8	0	0
Max Kepler	6	3	4, 5/3-5/6	3, 4/24	5/10/23	vs. SD	0	Lugo	5/23/22	vs. DET	3	.000	0	9	0	0	.214	27	126	2	13
Alex Kirilloff	6	2	4, 5/17-5/21	3, 5/13	5/21/23	at LAA	0	Moore			0	.750	3	4	0	0	.389	7	18	0	0
Royce Lewis	1	1	2, 5/29-5/30	2, 5/29	5/29/23	at HOU	2	France	5/13/22	vs. CLE	1	.333	3	9	1	4	.300	6	20	1	4
Donovan Solano	6	0	11, 4/5-4/16	2, 4/20	9/21/22	vs. BOS	0	German			0	.357	5	14	0	1	.395	17	43	1	4
Michael A. Taylor	5	4	6, 4/11-4/16	2, 4/24	5/23/23	vs. SF	0	Cobb	9/08/17	vs. PHI	2	.188	3	16	0	1	.185	12	65	0	4
Christian Vazquez	8	3	4, 4/8-4/13	3, 5/15	10/05/22	vs. PHI	0	Plasmeyer	9/26/20	at ATL	2	.400	4	10	0	3	.315	34	108	3	19

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Most Runs, Game (Team)	16, 5/14 vs. CHC
Most Runs, Inning (Team)	9, 1st inn., 4/13 at NYY
Most Hits, Game (Team)	18, 5/14 vs. CHC
Most Hits, Inning (Team)	8, 1st inning, 4/13 at NYY
Most Strikeouts, Batters (Team)	16, 3x, last 5/22 vs. SF
Longest Hitting Streak (Individual)	11, Solano, 4/5-16
Consecutive Hits (Individual)	4, 2x, last Wallner 5/27
Consecutive Hitless At-Bats (Individual)	26, Buxton, 5/4-5/15
Consecutive Scoreless Innings (Batters)	15, 1st inn 4/4-6th inn 4/5
Most Runs Allowed (Team)	12, 4/26 vs. NYY
Most Runs Allowed, Inning (Team)	6, 2x, last 4th inn, 4/26 vs. NYY
Most Hits Allowed (Team)	15, 4/22 vs. WAS
Most Hits Allowed, Inning (Team)	7, 3rd inn, 4/20 at BOS
Pitchers Used (Team)	6, 3x, last 5/24 vs. SF
Cons. Batters Retired (Team)	24, 1st-8th inn., 4/11 vs. CWS
Scoreless Innings Streak (Team/Pitchers)	19.0, 1st inn 3/30-1st inn 4/2
Most Runs, Starter	10, Maeda, 4/26 vs. NYY
Most Home Runs, Starter	3, 2x, last López, 5/15 at LAD
Most Walks, Starter	4, 2x, last López, 5/10 vs. SD
Most Strikeouts, Starter	13, Gray, 4/7 vs. HOU
Most Strikeouts, Pitchers (Team)	17, 4/8 vs. HOU
Most Walks, Pitchers (Team)	8, 5/4 at CWS
Most Cons. Scoreless Innings (Individual)	16.0, Gray, 4/18-4/30
Most Cons. Batters Retired (Individual)	23, López, 1st inn-8th inn, 4/11 vs. MIA
Longest Game, Innings	12, 2x, last 5/15 at LAD
Longest Game, Time (9 Inn.)	3:09, 4/22 vs. WAS
Longest Game, Time (X Inn.)	3:48, 5/15 at LAD (12 inn.)
Fastest Game, Time (9 Inn.)	1:57, 4/4 at MIA
Largest Margin, Victory	13 (16-3), 5/14 vs. CHC
Largest Margin, Loss	6, 3x, last 4/26 vs. NYY (6-12)
Lineups Used	50

SCORE BY INNING

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	XTRA	TOTAL
Opponent	26	17	29	29	12	9	39	16	22	9	208
Twins	31	22	45	28	14	30	27	28	8	15	248

INJURED LIST

PLAYER	INJURY	DATE ON	RETRO	DATE OFF	GAMES MISSED
Chris Paddock#	Right UCL Surgery	2/23			55
Royce Lewis#	Right ACL Surgery	2/26		5/29	53
Gilberto Celestino#	Left Thumb Surgery	3/30	3/27		55
Ronny Henriquez^	Right Elbow Inflammation	3/30	3/27	5/12	37
Alex Kirilloff*	Right Wrist Surgery	3/30	3/27	4/30	29
Jorge Polanco*	Left Knee Inflammation	3/30	3/27	4/21	19
Josh Winder^	Right Shoulder Strain	3/30	3/27	4/27	25
Max Kepler*	Right Patellar Tendinitis	4/8	4/5	4/15	10
Joey Gallo*	Right Intercostal Strain	4/11	4/8	4/19	10
Kyle Farmer*	Facial Laceration	4/13		5/10	24
Kenta Maeda^	Right Triceps Strain	4/29	4/27		30
Tyler Mahle#	Right Arm Posterior Impingement/Flexor Pronator Strain	5/3	4/30		27
Caleb Thielbar^	Right Oblique Strain	5/5	5/3		25
Max Kepler*	Left Hamstring Strain	5/13		5/29	14
Jorge Alcalá^	Right Forearm Extensor Muscle Strain	5/16	5/15		14
Nick Gordon#	Right Tibia Fracture	5/19	5/18		11
Jorge Polanco*	Left Hamstring Strain	5/20	5/18		11
Trevor Larnach*	Pneumonia	5/23	5/22		8

BOLD indicates currently on IL
* - 10-day IL ^ - 15-day IL # - 60-day IL

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Buxton	453 ft, 4/30 vs. KC
Taylor	444 ft, 4/23 vs. WAS
Kepler	440 ft, 5/5 at CLE
Jeffers	433 ft, 5/24 vs. SF
Gallo	433 ft, 5/17 at LAD
Farmer	433 ft, 5/11 vs. SD
Gallo	432 ft, 4/24 vs. NYY
Gallo	431 ft, 4/2 at KC

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Jeffers	117.4, 5/29 at HOU (HR)
Buxton	115.1, 5/15 at LAD (2B)
Castro	114.2, 5/12 vs. CHC (2B)
Correa	113.9, 4/18 at BOS (1B)
Buxton	112.9, 4/30 vs. KC (HR)
Wallner	112.9, 5/25 vs. SF (2B)
Gallo	112.6, 4/21 vs. WAS (HR)
Gallo	112.3, 4/3 at MIA (HR)

EJECTIONS

DATE	PLAYER/MGR/CH	UMPIRE	REASON	CAREER
4/15 at NYY	Rocco Baldelli	James Hoyer	German allowed to remain pitching despite concerns over foreign substance	10
5/6 at CLE	Rocco Baldelli	Dan Iassogna	Arguing that J. Ramirez ran out of the basepath	11

STARTS BY POSITION

	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
Byron Buxton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Willi Castro	0	0	3	0	7	12	2	1	0
Carlos Correa	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Farmer	0	0	3	7	13	0	0	0	0
Joey Gallo	0	23	0	0	11	0	4	0	0
Kyle Garlick	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Nick Gordon	0	0	8	0	0	4	11	0	0
Ryan Jeffers	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edouard Julien	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	1
Max Kepler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0
Alex Kirilloff	0	11	0	0	0	3	0	2	2
Trevor Larnach	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	10	0
Royce Lewis	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Jose Miranda	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	3
Jorge Polanco	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donovan Solano	0	21	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
Michael A. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0
Christian Vázquez	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Wallner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Byron Buxton	12	3	19	14	0	0	0	0	0
Willi Castro	0	0	0	0	1	5	9	6	4
Carlos Correa	0	33	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Farmer	0	0	0	4	6	5	6	2	0
Joey Gallo	10	1	0	0	4	4	17	2	0
Kyle Garlick	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Nick Gordon	1	0	0	2	3	6	7	3	1
Ryan Jeffers	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	7	4
Edouard Julien	4	4	1	2	2	1	0	2	0
Max Kepler	17	2	0	1	0	3	3	2	0
Alex Kirilloff	1	4	2	7	4	0	0	0	0
Trevor Larnach	1	1	5	12	6	6	0	3	0
Royce Lewis	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Jose Miranda	0	1	2	9	11	8	2	1	0
Jorge Polanco	0	4	7	2	9	1	0	0	0
Donovan Solano	9	2	4	2	2	7	0	1	0
Michael A. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	36
Christian Vázquez	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	10
Matt Wallner	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Player	Pos.
Kepler	RF
Correa	SS
Buxton	DH
Larnach	LF
Miranda	3B
Gordon	2B
Gallo	1B
Vázquez	C
Taylor	CF

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Willi Castro	2
Joey Gallo	1
Max Kepler	1
Matt Wallner	1
Total	5

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING:
Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time)
Grand Slam: N. Gordon, 8/30/22 vs. BOS (5 as a team in 2022)
Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 54 all-time)
Pinch-Hit Home Run: N. Gordon, 5/2/23 at CWS (2 as a team in 2023)
Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: M. LeCroy, 9th inning, 5/19/04 at TOR (15 all-time)
Five-Hit Game: B. Buxton, 4/28/21 at CLE (1 in 2021)
Six-Hit Game: K. Puckett, 5/23/91 vs. TEX (2 all-time, both Puckett)
Two Hits, One Inning: E. Julien, 1st inning, 4/13/23 at NYY (1 as a team in 2023)
Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, 8/23/09 at KC (1 all-time)
Two-Home Run Game: W. Castro, 5/27/23 vs. TOR (5 as team in 2023)
Three-Home Run Game: M. Sanó, 5/18/21 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2021, 13 all-time)
Back-to-Back Home Runs: W. Castro/M. Wallner, 5/27/23 vs. TOR (5 as team in 2023)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: M. Taylor/E. Julien/C. Correa, 4/13/23 at NYY (1 in 2023)
Three Home Runs, One Inning: M. Taylor/E. Julien/C. Correa, 4/13/23 at NYY (1 in 2023)
Four Home Runs, One Inning: M. Sanó/R. Jeffers/M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/28/21 vs. DET (1 in 2021)
Walk-Off Home Run: G. Urshela, 8/1/22 vs. DET (4 as a team in 2022)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (9 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: E. Julien, 5/24/23 vs. SF (3 as a team in 2023)
Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/25/21 vs. LAA (2 as team in 2021)
Three Consecutive Home Runs to Start Game: L. Arraez/B. Buxton/C. Correa, 6/9/22 vs. NYY
Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Last actual pitcher Jim Kaat, 6/11/72 at CLE; Chris Gimenez catcher pitching in relief, 9/2/18 at TEX

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):

No-Hitter: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time)
One-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time)
Two-Hitter: E. Santana, 5/23/17 at BAL (43 all-time)
10+ Innings Pitched: B. Radke (10.0 innings), 9/21/97 vs. MIL
10+ Strikeouts: 10, J. Ryan, 5/13/23 vs. CHC (5 as team in 2023)
Complete Game Shutout: J. Berrios, 4/1/18 at BAL (1 as a team in 2018)
Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Mays/C. Silva, 5/19-20/05 vs. TOR/vs. MIL
Back-to-Back Shutouts: 3/30/23 & 4/1/23 at KC (2 games, 2-0 and 2-0)
Four Strikeouts in an Inning: Z. Duke, 3/29/18 at BAL (7th inning) (4 times since 1961)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Miranda/C. Correa, 8/22/22 vs. TEX - N. Lowe hitting (17 all-time)
Position Player Pitching: W. Castro, 4/20/23 at BOS (1 in 2023)
Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adriansa (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017)
Steal of Home: W. Castro, 5/24/23 vs. SF - 1st since 2013 (Clete Thomas)
Pure Steal of Home: R. Becker, 9/27/97 at CLE
Home Run in First ML At-Bat: E. Rosario, 5/6/15 vs. OAK (1st PA, 1st pitch)

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING:
Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time)
Grand Slam: J. Outman, 5/17/23 at LAD (2 allowed as team in 2023)
Inside-the-Park Home Run: R. Arozarena, 6/10/22 vs. TB (46 allowed all-time)
Pinch-Hit Home Run: J. Gallo, 8/10/22 at LAD (1 allowed in 2022)
Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: J. Sands, 8/8/15 at CLE
Five-Hit Game: D. Gregorius, 7/23/19 vs. NYY
Six-Hit Game: J. Segura, 5/28/13 at MIL (3 allowed all-time)
Two Hits, One Inning: W. Merrifield, 1st inning, 6/4/21 at KC (2 allowed in 2021)
Two Home Runs, One Inning: D. Nilsson, 5/17/96 vs. MIL
Two-Home Run Game: M. Muncy, 5/15/23 at LAD (2 allowed in 2023)
Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR (26 allowed since 1961)
Back-to-Back Home Runs: W. Smith/M. Muncy, 5/15/23 at LAD (3 allowed in 2023)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: C. Bellinger/G. Lux/A. Barnes, 4/13/22 vs. LAD
Three Home Runs, One Inning: Y. Moncada/A. Vaughn/J. Harrison, 7/17/22 vs. CWS (2 in 2022)
Four Home Runs, One Inning: C. Everett/T. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhart, 7/3/00 vs. BOS
Walk-Off Home Run: T. Ward, 8/13/22 at LAA (3 allowed in 2022)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: F. Tatis, 5/11/23 vs. SD (3 allowed in 2023)
Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: S. Smith/M. Machado, 7/7/17 vs. BAL (1 in '17)
Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Jon Lester, 7/1/18 at CHC

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):

No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time)
One-Hitter: D. Cease, 9/3/22 at CWS (25 all-time)
Two-Hitter: R. Halladay, 5/29/05 at TOR (49 all-time)
10+ Innings Pitched: A. Fernández (10.0 innings), 10/1/95 at CHW
10+ Strikeouts: 12, R. Detmers, 5/19/23 at LAA (6 times in 2023)
Complete Game Shutout: G. Cole, 4/16/23 at NYY (2 times in 2023)
Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, 5/1-2/12 at LAA
Back-to-Back Shutouts: 5/31/22 (G2) & 6/1/22 at DET (2 games, 4-0 and 5-0)
Four Strikeouts in an Inning: F. Hernández, 6/3/10 vs. SEA (8th inning)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time)
Position Player Pitching: M. Mastrobuoni, 5/14/23 vs. CHC (3 in 2023)
Three or more Steals, One Game: W. Merrifield (3), 7/2/17 at KC (1 in 2017)
Steal of Home: R. Davis, 8/1/18 vs. CLE
Pure Steal of Home: S. Green, 5/26/00 vs. TEX
Home Run in First ML At-Bat: Se. Alcántara, 9/26/20 vs. DET

2023 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

DATE	DELAYED/PPD	NOTES
4/6 vs. Houston	Postponed	Home Opener rescheduled for next day, April 7, due to cold temps and forecasted snow/wet conditions.
4/28 vs. Kansas City	Delayed	Originally-scheduled 3:10 p.m. first pitch was delayed until 5:05 p.m. due to rain and wet conditions, a 1:57 delay.
5/13 vs. Chicago-NL	Delayed	Originally-scheduled 1:10 p.m. first pitch was delayed until 2:31 p.m. due to rain and wet conditions, a 1:21 delay.
2010: 1 PPD / 1 DEL / 1 SUS	2014: 3 PPD / 6 DEL	2018: 4 PPD / 5 DEL
2011: 3 PPD / 3 DEL	2015: 1 PPD / 3 DEL	2019: 1 PPD / 7 DEL
2012: 1 PPD / 4 DEL	2016: 3 PPD / 11 DEL	2020: 1 PPD / 2 DEL
		2022: 1 PPD / 6 DEL / 1 SUS
		2023: 1 PPD / 2 DEL

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