



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: 0-0, 5.91 ERA CAREER: 1-2, 4.42 ERA

Making his third start of the season and his first home start of 2023...also his eighth career start. Facing San Diego for the first time in his career...also making his first career Interleague start and appearance.

Currently ranked as the No. 10 prospect in the Twins organization, per MLB.com. 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

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 4/14 at NYY, APRIL TOTALS, 5/3 at CWS, MAY TOTALS, RECORD, and 2023 MLB CAREER MLB TOTALS.

2023 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

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LAST TIME OUT: Took a no-decision in a 6-4 Twins defeat on May 3 against the Chicago White Sox at Guaranteed Rate Field, opposite Dylan Cease...pitched 4.2 innings, marking the shortest start of his career...

TWO STARTS AGO: Recorded his first career quality start in his 2023 Twins debut, taking a no-decision in a 4-3 Twins victory against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium, opposite Nestor Cortes...

STRIKEOUTS THROUGH SEVEN: Varland has recorded 35 strikeouts in 36.2 innings pitched through his first seven major league starts...his 35 strikeouts are the sixth most in Twins history (since 1961) through a pitcher's first seven games of his career...

PADRES PREMIERE: Facing the Padres for the first time in his career...tonight also marks his first career Interleague start and appearance...San Diego will be the fifth team he has faced since his major league debut on September 7, 2022...

HOME FOR THE WEEK: Varland will take the mound to start Minnesota's six-game homestand...tonight is his third career start at home and first this season...in his two career home starts, he is 0-1, 4.22 ERA (10.2 IP, 5 ER) with three walks and six strikeouts...

LEFTIES VS. RIGHTIES: After his first two starts this season, left-handed hitters are batting .313 (5-for-16) with seven strikeouts against Varland, while righties are hitting .286 (8-for-28) with seven strikeouts...all his runs allowed this season have been to righties, including four home runs...

PITCH BREAKDOWN: Varland has used a four-pitch mix in his first two starts of 2023, including a four-seam fastball, slider, cutter and changeup according to Baseball Savant...has utilized his cutter the most after only throwing the pitch 18.5 percent of the time in five starts with Minnesota last year...

Table with columns: PITCH (AVG. MPH), PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB), RESULTS. Lists pitch types like Cutter, 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider with their usage percentages and results.

Varland has averaged 10.4 inches of horizontal movement on his slider this season, which ranks second most among Twins pitchers in 2023 (Bailey Ober - 11.2).

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 three 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...

MINNESOTA MADE: Varland was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota and attended North St. Paul High School, where he was an All-Metro East Conference performer and letterwinner in three sports (baseball, wrestling and football)...

With his MLB debut on September 7, 2022, became the eighth Minnesota-born player to make a start for the Twins...is one of 32 Minnesota natives to play for the Twins (1961-present). Varland, Caleb Thielbar (Northfield, MN) and Matt Wallner (Forest Lake, MN) became the first three Minnesota-born Twins teammates since Joe Mauer (St. Paul, MN), Glen Perkins (St. Paul, MN) and Thielbar in 2015.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP PABLO LÓPEZ (2023: 2-2, 3.77 ERA // CAREER: 30-33, 3.92 ERA)

Right-hander Pablo López is scheduled to start the second game of the three-game series vs. the San Diego Padres at Target Field tomorrow night...did not factor into the decision in his last start May 4 at Chicago-AL, going 7.0 innings with two runs and six hits allowed, one walk and eight strikeouts...

2023 HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 6.0, 4/14 at NYY SO's: 8, 4/14 at NYY Walks: 2, 5/3 at CWS Hits: 7, 5/3 at CWS Home Runs: 3, 4/14 at NYY Win-Streak: -- Loss-Streak: --

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low-Hit: -- Innings: 6.0, 4/14/23 at NYY SO's: 8, 4/14/23 at NYY Walks: 2, 3x, last 5/3/23 at CWS Hits: 9, 9/17/22 at CLE (G1) Home Runs: 3, 4/14/23 at NYY Win-Streak: 1, 10/5/22-4/14/23 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 Berríos (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

Table with columns: Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO, Vs. Left, Vs. Right, TOTALS, None On, Runners On. Shows various performance metrics across different conditions.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Shows quality starts for 2022 and 2023.

MORE 2023 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: VARLAND, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Shows miscellaneous statistics for 2023.

2023 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Shows runs and hits per inning for 2023.

VARLAND VS. SAN DIEGO

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

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Varland vs. the Padres (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Wacha vs. the Twins (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO). Lists individual batter-pitcher matchups.

- 2022 NOTES: Began season with Double-A Wichita...struck out minor league season-high 10 batters in second start April 14 at Northwest Arkansas (5.2 IP). Promoted to Triple-A St. Paul August 9...made four starts for the Saints from August 12-31, going 1-1, 1.69 ERA (21.1 IP, 4 ER) with three walks and 27 strikeouts. Named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week four times: June 12 with Wichita, July 3 with Wichita, August 14 with St. Paul and August 28 with St. Paul. Contract selected as 29th man for doubleheader September 7, one of four stints with the Twins (2 as a 29th player). Made major league debut in game one of doubleheader September 7 at New York-AL, allowing two runs on three hits in 5.1 innings pitched with one walk and seven strikeouts. Led all Twins minor leaguers in strikeouts (146) and innings pitched (126.1), was tied for first in games started (23) and was second in ERA (3.06).







