

MINNESOTA TWINS (66-62) vs. TEXAS RANGERS (72-55)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023 - 7:10 PM (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Sonny Gray (6-6, 3.15) vs. RHP Dane Dunning (9-5, 3.19)

GAME 129

HOME GAME 64

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics such as Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, etc.

THE TWINS: After completing their two-game roadtrip in Milwaukee with two losses to the Brewers, the Twins began their seven-game homestand with a victory over the Rangers last night...

TEXAS LONG BALLS: The Twins beat the Rangers last night at Target Field by a score of 7-5, scoring three runs in the bottom of the eighth for their 30th comeback win this season...

RANGER THINGS: The Twins and Rangers are playing each other tonight for the second of seven meetings in 2023...the Twins went 2-5 against the Rangers last season, going 1-2 from July 8-10 at Globe Life Field and 1-3 at Target Field from August 19-22...

STARTERS ONLY: Twins starters have combined to go 4-1, 3.11 ERA (55.0 IP, 19 ER) with 19 walks and 56 strikeouts in their last 10 games...below is a look at the Twins starting staff through games of August 24 last season, compared to this season...

Table comparing ERA, BAA, OPS, FIP, WHIP, K/9.0, BB/9.0 for 2022 and 2023

WET HOT MINNESOTA SUMMER: The Twins have gone 11-4 in 15 home games since the All-Star break for a .733 winning percentage, the third best in baseball, trailing Washington (.778 - 14-4) and Los Angeles-NL (.737 - 14-5)...

ROOKIES THAT RAKE: After starting the season hitting .182 (6-for-33) with a .576 OPS in his first eight games, Royce Lewis has hit .380 (35-for-92) with a .984 OPS in his last 26 games, including seven three-plus-hit games...

AMERICA'S NEXT TOP JEFF: Since the All-Star break, Ryan Jeffers is hitting .329 (25-for-76) with four doubles, six home runs, 17 RBI, 10 walks, a .420 on-base percentage, a .618 slugging percentage and a 1.039 OPS...

10,000 RAKES: The Twins have hit 62 home runs since the All-Star break, the most in the AL and second most in baseball, trailing Atlanta (71)...on the season, they have homered 177 times, tied with Texas for third most in the AL and tied for fifth most in baseball.

TWINS ON A STICK: The Minnesota Twins Experience is now at the Minnesota State Fair through Monday, September 4...interactive games, giveaways and special appearances are part of the team's daily lineup...

DID SOMEONE ORDER A HAMBURGER? ...WELL DONE: On this day in 2008, the Twins acquired old friend and left-handed pitcher Eddie Guardado from the Rangers in exchange for minor league right-handed pitcher Mark Hamburger...

STREAKS

Table showing current streaks for 1 win, last 5 games (2-3), last 10 games (6-4), last 15 games (7-8), last 20 games (11-9)

TWINS VS. RANGERS

Table showing 2023 Record (1-0), Current Streak (1 win), 2023 at Home (1-0), 2023 at Texas, Under Baldelli (since 2019) (13-9), All-Time Record (since 1972) (283-282), All-Time at Home (151-129), All-Time at Texas (132-153)

2023 Game Logs:

Table with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save

CURRENT HOMESTAND (1-0)

Table showing batting average (.333), Runs Per Game (7.00), Home Runs (5), RISP (.125), Errors (0)

Table showing Team ERA (5.00), Starters W-L (0-0), Starters ERA (9.00), Relievers W-L-S (1-0-1), Relievers ERA (0.00), Saves/Opps (1/1)

TWINS STARTERS - Ks PER SEASON

Table showing Ks per season for 1) 1967 (870), 2) 2019 (844), 3) 2023 (781)

MLB FIP LEADERS

Table showing FIP leaders: Sonny Gray, MIN (2.78), Kevin Gausman, TOR (2.86), Spencer Strider, ATL (2.86)

MLB PITCHING LEADERS

Table showing Home Runs Allowed (min. 125.0 IP) for Sonny Gray, MIN (5), Marcus Stroman, CHC (8), Justin Steele, CHC (11)

MLB OPPONENT SLG LEADERS

Table showing SLG leaders: Sonny Gray, MIN (.314), Marcus Stroman, CHC (.323), Blake Snell, SD (.323)

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with columns: PLAYER/MANAGER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions such as RHP Ortega placed on 15-day IL, RHP Balazovic recalled from AAA, etc.

TWINSPRESSBOX.COM

Get the latest Twins Game Notes, Roster, Stat Packs, Clips, Press Releases, 2023 Media Guide as well as other team related information at: www.twinspressbox.com

SONNY GRAY

54

Height: 5-10 Weight: 190 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (11/7/1989 in Smyrna, TN)

2023: 6-6, 3.15 ERA CAREER: 96-83, 3.52 ERA

- Making his 273rd career appearance and 264th career start...also his 26th start/appearance this season. Owns the fifth-lowest ERA (3.15) among qualified American League pitchers... Facing Texas for the first time since August 22, 2022... Acquired by the Twins on March 13, 2022 in a trade with the Cincinnati Reds...

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 daily performance and totals for 2023 and career.

LAST TIME OUT: Took the loss and snapped his season-long five-game quality start streak in his last start on August 19 vs. Philadelphia...pitched 6.2 innings and allowed four runs on four hits...

Has pitched at least 6.0 innings in six-straight starts, his longest streak as a Twin and his longest since another six-start streak from August 20-September 17, 2019 with Cincinnati (career high is 13 in 2015 with Oakland).

TWO STARTS AGO: Earned the win in his fifth-consecutive quality start on August 13 against Philadelphia at Citizens Bank Park...pitched 6.0 scoreless innings and allowed a season-long tying two hits, three walks and seven strikeouts in a 3-0 Twins' victory...

Extended his quality start streak to five games, his longest quality start streak as a Twin... went 2-1 with a 2.61 ERA (31.0 IP, 9 ER), four walks and 34 strikeouts in that span.

LIMITING THE LONGBALL: Gray has allowed only five home runs in 25 starts this season, the fewest in baseball among pitchers with at least 15 starts...his 0.31 home runs-per-9.0 inning ratio is the lowest by a qualified pitcher in Twins' history (1961-)...

BIG TEX: Gray is looking to avoid extending his two-game losing streak against the Rangers, dating back to July 8, 2022...owns a 5.91 ERA (10.2 IP, 7 ER) with three walks and six strikeouts in those games...is 9-5, 3.17 ERA (105.0 IP, 37 ER) with 32 walks and 89 strikeouts in 17 appearances against Texas...

Owns the second-lowest ERA against the Rangers since 2014 (min. 15 GS), trailing only Justin Verlander (2.62)...also owns the third-lowest opponent batting average (.235), trailing Félix Hernández (.205) and Verlander (.218).

THE ARSENAL: Gray has used a six-pitch mix this season, per Baseball Savant...currently uses his 4-seam fastball the most at 25.9 percent...recorded five of his seven strikeouts using his sweeper in his last start on August 19 vs. Pittsburgh...

PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) RESULTS. Table showing pitch types and their effectiveness against right and left-handed batters.

Sweeper (84.2)...19.1% (427 pitches, 309/118)...121 (18-for-149), 4 2B, 82 K Curveball (79.5)...18.4% (411 pitches, 136/275)...275 (25-for-91), 7 2B, 1 HR, 20 K Sinker (92.7)...15.8% (353 pitches, 312/41)...244 (20-for-82), 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 24 K Cutter (87.5)...14.3% (320 pitches, 238/82)...228 (13-for-57), 5 2B, 10 K Changeup (87.6)...6.6% (147 pitches, 5/142)...200 (6-for-30), 1 2B, 1 3B, 2 K

Owns a .200 (82-for-409) opponent batting average across all of his secondary pitches (curveball, sweeper, sinker, cutter and changeup).

Owns the lowest opponent batting average against a sweeper in the majors (min. 100 PA)...also owns the highest whiff percentage against a sweeper (43.9, min. 150 PA).

SPINNIN' LIKE A BALLERINA: Gray fastball currently has a spin rate of 2552, the third highest in his career (2541 in 2022 and 2526 in 2019)...ranks in the 96th percentile in baseball and is the highest on the Twins pitching staff.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - TBA

2023 HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low-Hit: -- Innings: 7.0, 3x, last: 8/3 at STL SO's: 13, 4/7 vs. HOU Walks: 4, 3x, last: 7/17 at SEA Hits: 10, 6/3 vs. CLE Home Runs: 1, 5x, last: 8/3 at STL Win-Streak: 4, 4/1-4/30 Loss-Streak: 4, 6/3-7/17

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: 1, 6x, last: 9/12/17 vs. HOU SHO's: 1, 4x, last: 7/28/15 at LAD CG Low-Hit: 2, 2x, last: 7/12/15 at CLE Innings: 9.0, 5x, last: 8/7/15 vs. HOU SO's: 13, 4/7/23 vs. HOU Walks: 7, 5/3/15 at TEX Hits: 11, 2x, last: 5/3/16 vs. SEA Home Runs: 3, 5x, last: 7/25/21 vs. STL Win-Streak: 5, 2x, last: 7/30-9/1/21 Loss-Streak: 4, 2x, last: 6/3-7/17/23

CAREER NOTES

- Twins are fourth organization (Oakland 2011-17, New York-AL 2017-18 and Cincinnati 2019-21). Acquired by Minnesota on March 13, 2022 in a trade with the Reds, along with right-handed pitcher Francis Peguero, in exchange for right-handed pitcher Chase Petty. Has made eight Opening Day rosters with the Athletics (2014-2016), Yankees (2018), Reds (2019-2020) and Twins (2022-2023). Named to American League All-Star team in 2015 for Oakland and the National League squad in 2019 for Cincinnati (did not pitch in either). 2019 recipient of the Johnny Vander Meer Award as the Reds' Most Outstanding Pitcher and finished second to Atlanta's Josh Donaldson in voting for the MLBPA's National League Comeback Player of the Year Award. Named to Baseball America's 2019 major league All-Star second team...named American League Pitcher of the Month for April in 2014...in 2013 was the Athletics' Minor League Pitcher of the Year and a Baseball America Triple-A All-Star. Originally selected by Oakland in first round (18th overall) in 2011 First-Year Player Draft out of Vanderbilt University...led Vandy to its first NCAA College World Series berth in 2011. Is 0-2, 2.95 ERA (21.1 IP, 7 ER) with 12 walks, 18 strikeouts and a .189 opponent batting average in four career Postseason starts.

2023 MISC. NUMBERS

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Includes Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf statistics.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

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

MORE 2023 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Shows miscellaneous stats for Gray.

2023 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

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

GRAY VS. TEXAS

2022 vs. Texas (2 starts): 0-2, 5.91 ERA (10.2 IP, 7 ER), 3 BB, 6 K 2022 vs. Texas at Home (1 start): 0-1, 3.00 ERA (6.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 6 K 2022 vs. Texas on Road (1 start): 0-1, 9.64 ERA (4.2 IP, 5 ER), 2 BB, 0 K Career vs. Texas (17 games/16 starts): 9-5, 3.17 ERA (105.0 IP, 37 ER), 32 BB, 89 K Career vs. Texas at Home (9 games/8 starts): 3-4, 4.06 ERA (51.0 IP, 23 ER), 13 BB, 45 K Career vs. Texas on Road (8 games/starts): 6-1, 2.33 ERA (54.0 IP, 14 ER), 19 BB, 44 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table comparing Gray vs. the Rangers and Dunning vs. the Twins. Columns include Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.

BACK HOME: Gray is making his second-consecutive home start...marks his 13th home start of the season; is 3-3, 3.23 ERA (69.2 IP, 25 ER) with 22 walks and 74 strikeouts in his 12 prior home outings...has allowed three-or-fewer earned runs in 10 of his 12 home starts this season; yielded six runs in 6.0 innings on July 8 vs. Baltimore and four runs in 6.2 innings in his last start on August 19 vs. Pittsburgh...also has five quality starts at home this year...is 7-5, 2.95 ERA (137.1 IP, 45 ER) with 47 walks and 152 strikeouts in 25 home starts since becoming a Twin.

Owns the seventh-lowest opponent batting average at home since 2022 (.222) among American League pitchers with at least 25 home starts in that span.

RIGHT WAY: Gray has seen more success against right-handed hitters as opposed to left-handed hitters this season...Gray has held righties to a .216 (61-for-283) batting average with 84 strikeouts as opposed to lefties who are batting .243 (62-for-255) with 63 strikeouts...allowed all four hits to righties (4-for-14) in his last start on August 19 vs. Pittsburgh, lefties went 0-for-10...since becoming a Twin, lefties are slashing .225/.281/.330 against him while righties are batting .228/.305/.330.

Owns the fourth-lowest OPS against righties (.571) among qualified pitchers this season (3rd best in the American League).

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table listing various statistical highs and lows for the team, such as 'Most Runs, Game (Team)', 'Most Hits, Game (Team)', 'Longest Hitting Streak (Individual)', etc.

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table listing the longest home runs by player, including distance and opponent, such as 'Buxton: 466 ft, 6/22 vs. BOS'.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table listing the highest exit velocities by player, including velocity in mph and opponent, such as 'Jeffers: 117.4, 5/29 at HOU (HR)'.

SCORE BY INNING

Table showing the score by inning for the game against the Twins, including columns for Inning (1-9, XTRA) and Total score.

INJURED LIST

Table listing injured players, the nature of their injuries, the date they were injured, and the number of games missed.

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

STARTS BY POSITION

Table showing the number of starts by player for various positions: C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table showing the number of starts by player for various batting orders: 1 through 9.

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Table listing the most used lineup combinations for three consecutive games, including player names and positions.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table listing outfield assists by player, including the number of assists.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

Text detailing various milestones for the Twins, such as 'Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time)', 'Grand Slam: M. Wallner, 8/15/23 vs. DET (2 as a team in 2023)', etc.

AGAINST THE TWINS

Text detailing various milestones against the Twins, such as 'Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time)', 'Grand Slam: B. Witt Jr., 7/28/23 at KC (4 allowed as team in 2023)', etc.

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

List of pitching milestones for the Twins, including 'No-Hitter: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time)', 'One-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time)', etc.

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

List of pitching milestones against the Twins, including 'No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time)', 'One-Hitter: D. Cease, 9/3/22 at CWS (25 all-time)', etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Miscellaneous milestones for the Twins, such as 'Triple Play: J. Miranda/C. Correa, 8/22/22 vs. TEX - N. Lowe hitting (17 all-time)', 'Position Player Pitching: J. Luplow, 8/11/23 at PHI (3 in 2023)', etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Miscellaneous milestones against the Twins, such as 'Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time)', 'Position Player Pitching: Z. Short, 8/7/23 at DET (5 in 2023)', etc.

2023 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table listing weather-related delays and postponements for 2023, including dates, reasons, and original start times.

Summary table showing the total number of PPD (Postponed) and DEL (Delayed) games for each year from 2010 to 2023.

