



MICHAEL PINEDA

#35

Height: 6-7 Weight: 280 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/19/89 in Yaguaje, DR)

2019: 7-5, 4.15 ERA CAREER: 47-46, 4.07 ERA

- He is making his 22nd start of the season.
• He is making his 139th career appearance, all starts.

2019 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 individual games and monthly/seasonal totals.

THE RETURN: The Minnesota Twins announced today that the right-hander has been reinstated from the 10-day Injured List after missing the last 12 games with a right triceps strain.

☞ Marked his second stint on the IL this season after missing eight games (5/28-6/7) with right knee tendinitis.

LAST START: Pineda did not factor into the decision in his last start on August 1 vs. the Marlins in Miami...pitched a perfect first inning before allowing his only run of the game in the second on a Harold Ramirez triple that scored Starlin Castro who reached on an infield single...gave up two hits in the third and fourth innings and one in the fifth before exiting after the sixth with Bryan Holaday stranded on first after reaching on a throwing error from Jorge Polanco.

- ☞ Has lasted at least 6.0 innings in 11 starts this season, including five of his last six dating back to June 29 vs. the Chicago White Sox.
☞ Recorded his 11th quality start of the season despite allowing the most hits over his last seven starts.

PINEDA PUTTING IN WORK: Pineda is 3-2, with a 2.72 ERA (53.0 IP, 16 ER) over his last nine starts as he ranks sixth in the AL for ERA since June 13 (minimum 50.0 innings pitched)...the Twins have went 6-3 over that stretch (Pineda is 3-2)...he has allowed 47 hits, with 12 walks, 50 strikeouts and an opponents' slash line of .237/.282/.359.

☞ Pineda has now limited teams to three earned runs-or-less in 14 of his last 15 starts, dating back to May 5 at New York-AL...he owns a 3.48 ERA (88.0 IP, 34 ER) while striking out 81 batters over that stretch (Twins are 9-6), with 10 quality starts.

WALK TALK: Pineda is T-3rd in all of baseball with 23 free passes this season, and has the fewest in the American League among starters with at least 20 starts (excludes openers)...his walks-per-nine innings rate is 1.77, which ranks ninth-best in the majors among starters with at least 115.0 IP and is second in the American League behind Mike Leake (1.25)...has seven starts without walking a batter this season and nine with walking just one.

☞ Michael also averages one walk per 0.48 batters he faces, which is eighth lowest in baseball among pitchers with at least 115.0 IP (2nd-best in the AL, behind Leake), while his 4.88 strikeout-to-walk rate sits 18th (8th in the AL).

TEXAS FOREVER: Pineda is making his eighth career start against the Rangers and his second this season...he is 1-4, 5.05 ERA (41.0 IP, 23 ER) with nine walks and 46 strikeouts over his seven career starts...he made his Major League debut against Texas April 5, 2011 at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, when he tossed 6.0 innings, allowing three runs on five hits with one walk and four strikeouts as a member of the Seattle Mariners; received the loss as the Mariners lost 3-2...his last time out against the Rangers came on July 6 at Target Field, when he earned the win after throwing 6.0 innings, allowing just one run on five hits while striking out a season-high nine batters in a 7-4 Twins win.

☞ Is 3-1, 4.46 ERA (40.1 IP, 20 ER) with 13 walks and 36 strikeouts while holding batters to a .240 average over seven starts against AL West opponents this season...however, over 33 career starts vs. AL West teams, Pineda is 12-11, 4.65 ERA (195.1 IP, 101 ER) with 49 walks and 184 strikeouts and holds batters to a .251 average.

THE REPERTOIRE: Table with columns: PITCH, NUMBER, vs. RHB/LHB/AVG, PERCENTAGE. Lists Fastball, Slider, Changeup, and Sinkers.

2019 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 7.0, 2x, last: 7/26 at CWS
SO's: 9, 7/6 vs. TEX
Walks: 5, 7/21 vs. OAK
Hits: 9, 4/30 vs. HOU
Home Runs: 3, 2x, last: 5/16 at SEA
Win-Streak: 2, 3x, last: 6/29-7/6
Loss-Streak: 3, 4/18-5/11

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: 1, 6/28/15 at HOU
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: 7, 6/28/15 at HOU
Innings: 8.0, 3x, last: 6/28/15 at HOU
SO's: 16, 5/10/15 vs. BAL
Walks: 5, 3x, last: 7/21/19 vs. OAK
Hits: 11, 6/22/15 vs. PHI
Home Runs: 4, 4/24/16 vs. TB
Win-Streak: 4, 4/12-28/11
Loss-Streak: 3, 3x, last: 4/18/19-5/11/19

CAREER NOTES

- Spent the entire 2018 season on the Injured List, recovering from "Tommy John" surgery on right elbow.
• Appeared in four minor league games in 2018, allowing two runs over 12.0 innings pitched.
• Was shut down due to right knee discomfort suffered while throwing a bullpen in late August.
• Struck out 207 batters over 175.2 innings pitched in 2016, setting the fifth-lowest innings total for a pitcher who recorded 200+ strikeouts in American League history.
• Was an AL All-Star in 2011 as a member of the Seattle Mariners, posting a 3.03 ERA (113.0 IP, 38 ER) with 113 strikeouts and an opponents average of .198 in the first half, and finished the year fifth in the AL Rookie of the Year voting.
• In 2011, he became one of 27 rookie pitchers in the Expansion Era (1961-present) to throw at least 171.0 innings and strikeout 173 or more batters, and first since Daisuke Matsuzaka (Boston, 2007).
• Was signed by Seattle as a 16-year-old undrafted free agent December 12, 2005.
• He owns a farm in his native Dominican Republic, where he raises chickens in addition to growing a number of crops.

2019 MISC. NUMBERS

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

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Includes rows for 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, and TOTALS.

2019 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Shows data for innings 1 through 9.

MORE 2019 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: PINEDA, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Shows 125 base runners, 0 pick-offs, 7-8 SB-ATT, 10 GIDP.

PINEDA VS. TEXAS

2019 vs. Texas (1 start): 1-0, 1.50 ERA (6.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 9 SO
2019 vs. Texas at Home (1 start): 1-0, 1.50 ERA (6.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 9 SO
2019 vs. Texas on Road: --
Career vs. Texas (7 starts): 1-4, 5.05 ERA (41.0 IP, 23 ER), 9 BB, 46 SO
Career vs. Texas at Home (5 starts): 1-3, 5.28 ERA (29.0 IP, 17 ER), 6 BB, 38 SO
Career vs. Texas on Road (2 starts): 0-1, 4.50 ERA (12.0 IP, 6 ER) 3 BB, 8 SO

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Pineda vs. the Rangers, Payano vs. the Twins. Lists players and their stats.

TWINS STARTERS IN 2019

Table with columns: Pitcher, Last Start (IP-H-R-ER-BB-K-HR), Dec., Starts, QS, Team Rec., Run Supp., RS, AVG. Lists Berrios, Gibson, Odorizzi, Perez, Pineda, Smeltzer, Stewart, Thorpe.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - JAKE ODORIZZI [SEASON: 13-5, 3.44 ERA // CAREER: 60-53, 3.89 ERA]

Odorizzi is making his 24th start of the season tomorrow evening against the Texas Rangers...in his last outing, August 10 vs. Cleveland, he earned his team-leading 13th win on the year after pitching 5.2 scoreless innings with six hits, four walks and six strikeouts...marked his 13th start this season with one or less earned runs...has faced the Rangers seven times over his career going 4-1, 3.38 ERA (37.1 IP, 14 ER) with nine walks and 38 strikeouts...earned his first career win against Texas on April 4, 2014...his last start against the Rangers came June 23 of last season, where he allowed six runs on six hits with a walk and three strikeouts over just 1.2 innings pitched as a member of the Tampa Bay Rays.



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All game times are listed as Central
* - Denotes Sellout (9 in 2019) ^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 4-6 in extra-innings)
- PPD game from 4/12 vs. DET ### - PPD game from 4/19 at BAL # - PPD game from 5/22 at LAA

2019 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [3]
Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Lists 3 walk-off victories.

2019 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [46]
Pitchers: (30)
Adams, Justin rhp, Berrios, José rhp*, De Jong, Chase rhp, Dobnak, Randy rhp, Duffey, Tyler rhp, Dyson, Sam rhp, Eades, Ryan rhp, Gibson, Kyle rhp*, Harper, Ryne rhp*, Hildenberger, Trevor rhp*
Position Players: (16)
Arraz, Luis inf, Adrianza, Ehre inf*, Astudillo, Williams c/inf/of*, Buxton, Byron of*, Castro, Jason c*, Cave, Jake of*, Littell, Zack rhp, Magill, Matt rhp, May, Trevor rhp*, Mejía, Adalberto lhp*, Morin, Mike rhp, Moya, Gabriel lhp, Odorizzi, Jake rhp*, Parker, Blake rhp*, Pérez, Martín lhp*, Pineda, Michael rhp*, Poppen, Sean rhp, Rogers, Taylor lhp*, Romero, Fernando rhp, Romo, Sergio rhp, Stashak, Cody rhp, Stewart, Kohl rhp, Smeltzer, Devin lhp, Thorpe, Lewis lhp, Torres, Carlos rhp, Vasquez, Andrew lhp
Rosario, Eddie of*, Sanó, Miguel inf, Schoop, Jonathan inf*, Wade Jr., LaMonte of, Kepler, Max of*, Polanco, Jorge inf* (* - on Opening Day roster)