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MINNESOTA TWINS [31-21] AT CHICAGO CUBS [30-20]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 - 7:15 P.M. (CT) - TV: FOX SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

LHP Rich Hill (2-1, 3.81) vs. RHP Kyle Hendricks (5-4, 3.29)

GAME 53

ROAD GAME 27

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table with various season statistics like Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, etc.

THE TWINS: Have gone 1-3 through four games on their seven-game roadtrip, losing two at Guaranteed Rate Field on Monday and Tuesday night...

TWINS LOSE SERIES ON SOUTH SIDE: The Twins lost to the White Sox yesterday afternoon at Guaranteed Rate Field by a score of 4-3, dropping just their fourth series of the season (11-4-2)...

THE TWINS AND THE NORTH SIDERS: The Twins are 13-17 all-time against the Cubs, including a record of 4-11 at Wrigley Field...they last played the Cubs in the regular season from June 29-July 1, 2018 at Wrigley Field...

KING OF THE HILL: Fast facts on tonight's starter Rich Hill: Hill was drafted by the Cubs in 2002 and made his major league debut at Wrigley Field on June 15, 2005 vs. Florida...

WE'RE OUT OF THEIR LEAGUE: The Twins are 10-4 this season in Interleague Play, going 3-1 vs. St. Louis, 3-1 vs. Pittsburgh and 4-2 vs. Milwaukee...Twins have a .714 IL winning percentage, best in the AL and third best in baseball...

NATIONAL TREASURES: Notable individual numbers in Interleague games: Eddie Rosario has five home runs and 13 RBI in 13 games vs. NL opponents this season...since the start of last season, he has 11 home runs and 28 RBI...

ABOVE AVERAGE DEFENSE: Per Statcast, the Twins' four Outs Above Average (OAA) this season are third best in the American League and eighth best in the majors...similarly, the Twins' infield has accrued five OAA so far, tied with three other clubs for fifth best in the majors...

BIG BUCK HUNTER: Byron Buxton hit his 11th and 12th home runs yesterday afternoon, giving him four homers in his last three games and seven in his last nine games...since coming off the 10-day Injured List on September 1, he is hitting .349 (15-for-43) with two doubles, seven home runs, 12 RBI, an .884 slugging percentage, a 1.233 OPS and just seven strikeouts...

THE BOMBA SQUAD: After hitting three home runs yesterday, the Twins have hit 81 home runs on the season, sixth most in baseball and third in the AL, trailing New York (88) and Chicago (83)...additionally, the Twins' 32 home runs this month are third most in baseball, trailing Atlanta (36) and New York-AL (35).

STREAKS

Table with columns: Current Streak, Last 5 games, Last 10 games, Last 15 games, Last 20 games

TWINS VS. CUBS

Table with columns: 2018 Record, Current Streak, 2015 at Home, 2018 at Chicago, All-Time Record, All-Time at Home, All-Time at Chicago

2018 Game Logs:

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

CURRENT ROADTRIP (1-3)

Table with columns: Batting average, Runs Per Game, Home Runs, RISP, Errors, Team ERA, Starters W-L, Starters ERA, Relievers W-L-S, Relievers ERA, Saves/Opps

THROUGH GAMES OF THIS DATE IN 2019

Table with columns: RECORD, GAMES BACK/AHEAD

GONE IN 60

Table with columns: MIN/WAS FRANCHISE RECORDS OVER THE FIRST 60 GAMES OF A SEASON (SINCE 1901)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns: Date, Transaction details

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

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

RICH HILL

#44

Height: 6-5 Weight: 221 B/T: L/L Age: 40 (3/11/1980 in Boston, MA)

2020: 2-1, 3.81 ERA CAREER: 67-43, 3.82 ERA

- He is making his seventh start and appearance of the season, as well as his second road start.
• He is making his 163rd career start and 291st appearance.
• He made his major league debut for the Cubs at Wrigley Field on June 15, 2005 vs. Florida...

2020 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notables, Pitches/K (Pct.). Rows include 7/29 vs. STL, JULY TOTALS, 8/19 vs. MIL, 8/25 at CLE, 8/31 vs. CWS, AUG TOTALS, 9/6 vs. DET, 9/12 vs. CLE, and SEPT TOTALS.

LAST TIME OUT: Hill earned his second win of the season in his last start against Cleveland on Saturday, September 12 at Target Field...matched his season high with 5.0 innings of work, while fanning a season-best seven batters...

Hill's seven strikeouts in the start matched Terry Mulholland (7 on July 8, 2004 vs. Detroit, age 41.121) for the second-highest single-start total in Twins history...

AGAINST THE CUBS: Hill was drafted by Chicago-NL in 2002 and spent the first four years of his major league career with the Cubs (2005-2008)...he's faced his former team just three times since departing the organization in 2009...

AT WRIGLEY FIELD: Rich made his major league debut at Wrigley Field on June 15, 2005 vs. Florida, pitching 1.0 inning in relief in a 15-5 Cubs loss to the Marlins (3 H, 2 ER, 0 BB, 2 K)...

INTERLEAGUE REDUX: Tonight is Rich's third Interleague start of the season, first on the road...he previously faced St. Louis on July 29 and Milwaukee on August 19, going 1-1 with a 4.70 ERA (7.2 IP, 4 ER)...

Rich has pitched in both the National and American Leagues in his long career...he's 48-32 with a 3.66 ERA (686.1 IP, 279 ER) in 138 games (122 starts) against the Senior Circuit...

RICH'S PITCHES: The wily veteran Hill has thrown six different offerings to opposing hitters this season (four seamer, curve, cutter, slider, sinker, changeup)...

PITCH NUMBER (vs. RHB-LHB)/AVG MPH PERCENTAGE table with rows: Four Seamer, Curve, Cutter, Slider, Sinker, Changeup.

TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE: Hill has thrown his curve 43.2 percent of the time this season, his second-most-used pitch so far, behind only his four seamer (46.3 percent)...

Hill's four seamer has also climbed the horizontal pitch movement leaderboards lately...his four seamer is averaging 64 percent more horizontal break than similar four seamers at his velocity...

FIVE-YEAR STRONG: Since 2015, Hill ranks among the major league pitching leaders in a number of different categories (min. 400.0 IP), including:

STAT NUMBER ML RANK table with rows: Opponent Slugging Percentage, Hits/9.0 IP, Opponent Batting Average, Opponent OPS, Earned Run Average, Batting Average on Balls in Play, WHIP, Baserunners per 9.0 IP.

HILL ON THE ROAD: Tonight marks just Hill's second road start of the season, with five of his six starts so far coming at Target Field...did not factor into the decision in his last road start on August 25 against the Indians at Progressive Field...

2020 HIGHS

- CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 4x, last: 9/12 vs. CLE
SO's: 7, 9/12 vs. CLE
Walks: 4, 8/31 vs. CWS
Hits: 6, 9/6 vs. DET
Home Runs: 1, 3x, last: 9/12 vs. CLE
Win-Streak: 5, 5/17/19-7/29/20
Loss-Streak: 1, 8/19

CAREER HIGHS

- CG's: 4x, last: 8/23/17 at PIT
SHO's: 2x, last: 9/25/15 vs. BAL
CG Low-Hit: 1, 8/23/17 at PIT
Innings: 9.0, 3x, last: 8/23/17 at PIT
SO's: 11, 3x, last: 7/1/17 at SD
Walks: 7, 5/24/17 vs. STL
Hits: 10, 7/4/07 at WAS
Home Runs: 1, 3x, last: 9/12 vs. CLE
Win-Streak: 9, 5/7-9/10/16
Loss-Streak: 5, 8/5/05-5/20/06

CAREER NOTES

- 2020 marks his 16th major league season and 19th in professional baseball...the Twins are his 11th different organization, at both the major and minor league levels: Chicago-NL (2002-08), Baltimore (2009), Boston (2010-12, '15), St. Louis (2010), Cleveland (2013), Los Angeles-AL (2014), New York-AL (2016) and Los Angeles-NL (2016-19).
• Since 2016 (min. 400.0 IP), ranks fourth in baseball in opponent batting average (.207), sixth in ERA (2.96), ninth in WHIP (1.07) and 13th in strikeouts-per-9.0 IP (10.51).
• He's fifth among active pitchers (min. 3250 opponent AB) with a .281 opponent batting average on balls in play (BABIP).
• Surpassed 900.0 career innings pitched in the first inning on May 22, 2019 at Tampa Bay...also struck out his 1,000th career batter on September 24, 2019 at San Diego.
• Made his major league debut on June 15, 2005 with Chicago-NL against the Florida Marlins, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out two batters in 1.0 inning of relief.
• Selected by Chicago-NL in the fourth round (112th overall) of the 2002 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Michigan, where he pitched for three seasons from 2000-2002.

2020 MISC. NUMBERS

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Rows include Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf and Vs. Left, Vs. Right, TOTALS, None On, Runners On.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Rows include years 2005-2012 and TOTALS.

MORE 2020 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: HILL, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Row: HILL: 36, 1, 3-4, 2

2020 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Rows include 1-9.

HILL VS. CHICAGO-NL (REGULAR SEASON)

2019 vs. Chicago-NL (1 start): 1-0, 3.86 ERA (7.0 IP, 3 ER) 0 BB, 7 SO
2019 vs. Chicago-NL at Home (1 start): 1-0, 3.86 ERA (7.0 IP, 3 ER) 0 BB, 7 SO
2019 vs. Chicago-NL on Road (1 start): --
Career vs. Chicago-NL (3 games, 2 starts): 1-0, 1.98 ERA (13.2 IP, 3 ER), 2 BB, 15 SO
Career vs. Chicago-NL at Home (2 games, 1 start): 1-0, 3.52 ERA (7.2 IP, 3 ER), 0 BB, 9 SO
Career vs. Chicago-NL on Road (1 start): 0-0, 0.00 ERA (6.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 BB, 6 SO

BATTER-PITCHER MATCHUPS

Table with columns: Hill vs. the Cubs (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Hendricks vs. the Twins (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO). Rows include Maybin, Baez, Bryant, Hamilton, Rizzo, Schwarber, Contreras, Heyward, Kipnis, Bote, Happ, Adrianza, Avila, Donaldson, Rosario, Buxton, Cruz.

OVER THE HILL: Hill's 1.35 WHIP this season is the lowest single-season mark by a Twins/Senators starting pitcher age 40+ (min. 5 starts) since Connie Marrero posted a 1.22 WHIP in 20 games (10 starts) in 1953 for the Senators...Rich is in his 16th major league season and his 19th overall in professional baseball...he and Nelson Cruz became the first 40-year-olds to both make the Opening Day roster in Twins history...

Entering this year, the last MLB team to have multiple 40-year-olds play for it in a single season was the 2017 Atlanta Braves, which featured Bartolo Colon (age 44) and R.A. Dickey (age 42)...the last AL team was the 2016 Boston Red Sox, with David Ortiz (age 40) and Koji Uehara (age 41).

Hill's 22 strikeouts are seventh most in Twins history (1961-present) by a pitcher 40 or older...with three strikeouts tonight, he'd match Hall of Famer Steve Carlton (25) for sixth most...all-time, his 1.35 WHIP with the Twins is the lowest mark by a pitcher 40+ in Twins history and fourth lowest in Twins/Senators history.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP MICHAEL PINEDA [2020: 1-0, 3.57 ERA // CAREER: 52-46, 4.03 ERA]

Pineda is due to start tomorrow night's contest against the Cubs at Wrigley Field...will mark his fourth start of the season, after being reinstated from the Restricted List on September 1... "Big Mike" last pitched on Sunday, September 13 against Cleveland, allowing three runs on eight hits in 4.2 innings, with one walk and eight strikeouts...marked a season low in innings pitched, as well as his first career start of 4.2 innings or less in which he struck out at least eight batters...the Twins won that game, 7-5, sweeping the Indians...Pineda last faced a National League club on August 1, 2019 in Miami, taking a no-decision despite a quality start (6.0 IP, 7 H, 1 R/ER, 1 BB, 3 K) in a 5-4 Twins loss...he went 1-1 with a 2.74 ERA (23.0 IP, 7 ER) in four Interleague starts in 2019 and is 8-4 with a 2.91 ERA (105.1 IP, 34 ER) in 18 career starts in Interleague Play...this includes two starts against Chicago-NL, going 1-0 with a 2.74 ERA (12.0 IP, 2 ER) across those outings.

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

Pen has a 2.53 ERA (103.0 IP, 29 ER), .238 BAA (91-for-383) and .659 opponent OPS in 26 home games this season (Twins are 21-5 at home)...conversely, pen has 4.93 ERA (96.2 IP, 53 ER), .247 BAA (94-for-378) and .782 opponent OPS in 26 road games (twins are 10-16 on the road)...

JORGE ALCALA - RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 25 (7/28/95 in Bajos De Haina, DR) Acquired: Trade with HOU, 7/27/18 #66

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 3.38 (2.2 IP, 1 ER), 4 K, 0 BB Series at CWS: 0-0-0, 3.38 (2.2 IP, 1ER), 4 K, 0 BB vs. Left .379 vs. Right .163

Earned win 9/5 after pitching eighth and ninth, allowing 2 H and had 3 K's...recorded career-high innings (3.0) and strikeouts (6) 8/21 at KC...earned 1st career win and had 2.0 scoreless IP in 8/18 extra-inning victory vs. MIL...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/15, 9/14, 9/8, 9/5, 9/2, 8/29, 8/25.

TYLER CLIPPARD - RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 200 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (2/14/85 in Lexington, KY) Acquired: Signed as free agent, 12/20/19 #36

Roadtrip: 0-1-0, 11.57 (2.1 IP, 3 ER), 1 K, 1 BB Series at CWS: 0-1-0, 11.57 (2.1 IP, 3ER), 1 K, 1 BB vs. Left .235 vs. Right .200

Career 2-0 w/ 9 holds, 2.39 ERA (26.1 IP, 7 ER), 9 BB, 28 K, .161 BAA (15-for-93) in 26 G vs. CHC...last G vs. CHC was 7/27/2017 as a member of Chicago-AL...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/17, 9/15, 9/12, 9/8, 9/5, 9/4, 8/31.

TYLER DUFFEY - RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (12/27/90 in Houston, TX) Drafted: 5th round, 2012 Draft #21

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (3.0 IP, 0 ER), 4 K, 1 BB Series at CWS: 0-0-0, 0.00 (3.0 IP, 0ER), 4 K, 1 BB vs. Left .162 vs. Right .143

Ranks T-1st in MLB w/ 11 holds (OAK's J. Diekman)...pitched 2.0 perfect innings Wednesday, longest perfect G since 5/31/18 vs. CLE (2.0 IP)...allowed 1st inherited runner to score 9/12--had stranded all 5 previous IR...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/16, 9/14, 9/12, 9/6, 9/4, 8/31, 8/29, 8/26, 8/22.

TREVOR MAY - RHP

Height: 6-5 Weight: 240 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (9/23/89 in Longview, WA) Acquired: Trade with PHI, 12/6/12 #65

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.2 IP, 0 ER), 4 K, 0 BB Series at CWS: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.2 IP, 0ER), 4 K, 0 BB vs. Left .225 vs. Right .297

Logged 3rd hold with 0.2 scoreless IP last night at CWS, becoming first Twin in 2020 to strand the bases loaded without allowing a run...struck out the side in the 9th Wednesday to close out the win...2nd save of the season 9/4 vs. DET...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/17, 9/16, 9/13, 9/12, 9/6, 9/4, 8/31, 8/29, 8/24.

TAYLOR ROGERS - LHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 190 B/T: L/L Age: 29 (12/17/90 in Denver, CO) Drafted: 11th round, 2012 Draft #55

Roadtrip: 0-1-0, 54.00 (0.1 IP, 2 ER), 0 K, 2 BB Series at CWS: 0-1-0, 54.00 (0.1 IP, 2ER), 0 K, 2 BB vs. Left .333 vs. Right .313

Earned 9th save Friday vs. CLE; ranks 5th/7-8th in AL/MLB in saves (9-for-11)...took 4th loss Monday night after 2 ER in 8th...1st 4 G were scoreless, since then has allowed runs in 7 of 14 games (6.39 ERA and .367 BAA)...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/14, 9/12, 9/11, 9/7, 9/4, 8/31, 8/24, 8/23.

SERGIO ROMO - RHP

Height: 5-11 Weight: 185 B/T: R/R Age: 37 (3/4/1983 in Brawley, CA) Acquired: Trade with MIA, 7/27/19 #54

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.1 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at CWS: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.1 IP, 0ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .207 vs. Right .171

Charged blown save last night at CWS after allowing 2 IRS (0 R)...T-3rd in MLB w/ 10 holds...4th SV in Sunday's W...opponents are 12-for-64 (.188) w/ 2 HR, 4 BB & 19 K...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/17, 9/13, 9/11, 9/8, 9/6, 9/4, 9/1, 8/31.

CODY STASHAK - RHP

Height: 6-2 Weight: 180 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (6/4/1994 in Somers Point, NJ) Drafted: 13th Round, 2015 Draft #61

Roadtrip: 1-0-0, 0.00 (2.1 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series at CWS: 1-0-0, 0.00 (2.1 IP, 0ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .095 vs. Right .238

Earned 1st career win Wednesday with 2.1 perfect IP after Odorizzi left the game; longest perfect outing of career...has never faced the Cubs, but is 0-0 with a 0.00 ERA (3.0 IP, 0 ER) vs. the NL Central, all games in 2020...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/16, 9/13, 9/7, 8/11, 8/8, 8/5.

CALEB THIELBAR - LHP

Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 B/T: R/L Age: 33 (01/31/1987 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Signed as free agent, 11/29/19 #72

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series at CWS: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .214 vs. Right .214

Pitched scoreless 8th last night at CWS--11th scoreless outing of season...earned 2nd W Sunday, but snapped his 11.1-inning scoreless streak...averaging just 68.8 mph on his curveball this season...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/17, 9/13, 9/8, 9/4, 9/1, 8/30, 8/24, 8/21.

MATT WISLER - RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 215 B/T: R/R Age: 28 (9/12/92 in Bryan, OH) Acquired: Claimed off Waivers from SEA, 10/29/19 #37

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.1 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 2 BB Series at CWS: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.1 IP, 0ER), 2 K, 2 BB vs. Left .074 vs. Right .160

0.1 IP last night, left bases loaded for Trevor May in 6th (stranded all 3 runners)...7.2 scoreless IP in 4 GS as Opener; 1.84 ERA (14.2 IP, 3 ER) in 11 G in relief...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances on 9/17, 9/14, 9/12, 9/8, 9/4, 9/1, 8/29, 8/23, 8/17.

2020 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 Jorge Alcala, Tyler Clippard, Tyler Duffey, Trevor May, Taylor Rogers, Sergio Romo, Cody Stashak, Caleb Thielbar, Matt Wisler.





Main schedule table with columns: Date, Opponent, Score, W/L, Record, Position, Games Ahead/Games Back, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes July (5-2), August (15-14), and September (11-5) sections.

All game times are listed as Central. ^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 2-0 in extra-innings) # - Sept. 9 at STL moved to DH on Sept. 8 at STL to create a Sept. off-day for Cardinals

2020 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [3]. Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Includes games 8/3 vs. PIT, 8/18 vs. MIL, and 9/5 vs. DET.

TWINS STARTERS IN 2020. Table with columns: Pitcher, Last Start (IP-H-R-ER-BB-K-HR), Dec., Starts, QS, Team Rec., Run Supp., RS AVG.

2020 PLAYERS [42]. Table with columns: Pitchers: (22) and Position Players: (20). Lists names and positions for both groups.