

Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (5/27/94 in Bayamón, PR)

2020: 4-3, 4.15 ERA CAREER: 47-37, 4.20 ERA

- Today he makes his 11th start of the season and the 114th of his career.
• He enters tonight's game a perfect 3-0 against National League opponents this season...also riding a season-high three-game winning streak, which began on August 20 vs. Milwaukee.

2020 DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes totals for 2020 and career.

LAST TIME OUT: In his previous start, Berríos faced the Chicago White Sox in a Twins loss, 1-3, on September 14 at Guaranteed Rate Field...he was effective despite walking away with a no-decision after pitching 5.0 innings, allowing one earned run, walking one and striking out two...marked just the fifth time in his career he's pitched at least five innings and struck out two-or-fewer batters...the game remained tied at one run apiece entering the eighth inning, but then the South Siders mounted a two-run rally to take the first of four games in the series.

BERRÍOS AND THE CUBS: Berríos has faced Chicago-NL just once in his career – starting in a Twins loss, 6-10, at Wrigley Field on June 29, 2018...he maneuvered through 4.1 innings on the mound while giving up six earned runs, allowing two homers with four walks and two strikeouts...in a 96-degree affair, Jason Heyward and Addison Russell (grand slam) hit the longballs for the Cubs...Joe Mauer finished a triple shy of the cycle after he went 3-for-5 with five RBI, a double and a home run out of the leadoff position...brother-in-law, Javier Báez, plays shortstop for the Cubs...has never faced him in the regular season, but has retired him twice in two All-Star Game at-bats.

RIGHTING THE SHIP: Berríos didn't pitch to his usual standard in his first five starts of 2020, posting a 5.92 ERA (24.1 IP, 16 ER) with a 1-3 record...in his last five starts, though, he's flipped the script with a 2.60 ERA (27.2 IP, 8 ER) and a 3-0 record...as a team, Minnesota went 2-3 in his first five starts and 3-2 in his most recent five...here is a further juxtaposition between the two stretches:

Table comparing 'FIRST 5 STARTS' and 'LAST 5 STARTS' metrics like RECORD, ERA, INNINGS PITCHED, etc.

LEAVING DUCKS ON THE POND: This season, Berríos has frequently stifled his opponents in high-leverage at-bats...with runners in scoring position, he's holding opposing hitters to a .189 batting average (7-for-37), which ranks fifth in the American League and 10th in the majors (min. 45 batters faced with RISP).

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Traditionally, Berríos has preferred starting in his home ballpark, and 2020 has proved no different...in his career, he's 28-16 with a 3.52 ERA (322.1 IP, 126 ER) when working from him his home rubber, including 3-2 with a 2.67 ERA (27.0 IP, 8 ER) this season...away from Target Field, he's 19-21 all-time with a 4.88 ERA (326.1 IP, 177 ER), including 1-1 with a 5.76 ERA (25.0 IP, 16 ER) in 2020...additionally, he's allowed a home run in four of his last five road starts.

AN INTERLEAGUE RUNDOWN: This season, Berríos has made three total Interleague starts, and is 3-0 with a 2.12 ERA (17.0 IP, 4 ER)...his IL ERA is 6th-best in the AL and 13th-best in the majors (min. 15.0 IP in IL Play)...2020 IL victories came against Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and St. Louis...in his career, Berríos has started 18 games in Interleague Play, of which 10 have been quality starts...he's made eight starts against the NL Central, five starts against the NL East and five starts against the NL West...in total against the National League, he owns a 9-8 record and a 3.58 ERA (103.0 IP, 41 ER) with 37 walks and 108 strikeouts...he's also holding NL opponents to a .195 batting average (72-for-369).

A TALE OF TWO HANDEDNESSES: In his career, Berríos has held right-handed hitters to a .251 batting average and left-handed hitters to .238...although he's been limiting opposing hitters to lower averages across the board recently, Berríos has seen a notable disparity in his efficiency with regard to the two orientations...righties are hitting .304 (34-for-112), with a .347 OBP and .731 OPS...lefties are hitting just .163 (14-for-86), with a .305 OBP and .677 OPS...his .163 opp. BA vs. lefties ranks second in the American League and sixth in the majors (min. 75 left-handed batters faced)... additionally, left-handed hitters are a combined 1-for-17 in Berríos' last three starts (16.0 IP).

BERRÍOS' WINNING WAYS: Berríos has 44 wins since the start of 2017, ranking third in the American League and trailing Justin Verlander (DET/HOU, 53) and Charlie Morton (HOU/TB, 47)... MLB-wide in that span, 44 wins rank tied for ninth in the majors with Trevor Bauer (CLE/CIN)... his 593 strikeouts rank seventh in the AL in that span, trailing Verlander (816), Chris Sale (BOS, 763), Gerrit Cole (HOU/NYY, 689), Morton (638), Bauer (602) and Carrasco (616).

PITCH SELECTION: Table showing breakdown of Berríos' repertoire by pitch type (Curveball, Fastball, Sinkers, Changeup) with counts and percentages.

PITCH MOVEMENT: In Berríos' first 10 starts in 2019, he went 6-2 (7 QS), with a 3.39 ERA (63.2 IP, 24 ER), 11 walks, 60 strikeouts, a .249 opponent batting average (61-for-245) and a .697 opponent OPS...conversely, in his 10 starts this season, Berríos is 4-3 (3 QS) with a 4.15 ERA (52.0 IP, 24 ER), 23 walks, 57 strikeouts, a .242 opponent batting average (48-for-198) and a .706 opponent OPS... here are Berríos pitch movement metrics, as they compare between 2019 and 2020:

PITCH MOVEMENT 2019/2020: Table comparing vertical and horizontal movement for Fastball, Curveball, Sinkers, and Changeup.

STARTING PITCHER

2020 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.0, 3x, last: 9/2 vs. CWS
SO's: 9, 8/20 vs. MIL
Walks: 4, 2x, last: 8/26 at CLE
Hits: 8, 8/9 at KC
Home Runs: 1, 6x, last: 9/8 at STL
Win-Streak: 3, 8/20-present
Loss-Streak: 2, 8/9-8/15

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: 3, last: 9/27/19 at KC
SHO's: 1, 4/1/18 at BAL
CG Low-Hit: 3, 4/1/17 at BAL
Innings: 9.0, 2x, last: 6/7/18 vs. CWS
SO's: 12, 6/24/18 vs. TEX
Walks: 6, 8/9/18 at CLE
Hits: 12, 5/13/19 vs. LAA
Home Runs: 3, 5x, last: 4/20/19-G1 at BAL
Win-Streak: 5, 4/14-5/7/19
Loss-Streak: 6, 8/6-9/27/16

CAREER NOTES

- Selected to the 2019 MLB All-Star Game, pitching a scoreless third inning.
• Started Game 1 of the 2019 ALDS against New York-AL, yielding one earned run across 4.0 innings pitched, with six strikeouts and three walks.
• In 2019, teamed with Jake Odorizzi (11 Ks on March 30 against the Indians) to become just the second pair of pitchers in baseball history (since 1893, when the mound was placed at its current distance to home plate) to start a team's season with consecutive double-digit strikeout totals...the only others to ever do it were Hall of Famer Randy Johnson, along with Curt Schilling, for the 2001 Arizona Diamondbacks.
• Given the 2018 Joseph W. Haynes Award for Twins Pitcher of the Year, voted on by the Twin Cities Chapter of BBWAA...also won the Carl R. Pohlad Community Service Award.
• Became 21st pitcher in Twins history to reach the 200-strikeout mark in a season (202 in 2018).
• Named to 2018 AL All-Star team, threw 1.0 scoreless inning in the All-Star Game.
• Pitched for Team Puerto Rico in the 2017 World Baseball Classic, going 1-0, 8.10 ERA (6.2 IP, 6 ER) with two walks and 10 strikeouts.

2020 MISC. NUMBERS

Table showing 2020 miscellaneous numbers for Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO, etc.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table showing 6.0-plus IP/Quality Starts for years 2016-2018 and totals.

MORE 2020 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table showing more 2020 miscellaneous numbers for Berríos: Base Runners, Pick-offs, SB-Att, GIDP.

2020 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table showing 2020 runs/hits per inning for Inning 1-9.

BERRÍOS VS. CHICAGO-NL

2018 vs. Chicago-NL (1 start): 0-1, 12.46 ERA (4.1 IP, 6 ER), 4 BB, 2 SO
2018 vs. Chicago-NL at Home (0 starts): --
2018 vs. Chicago-NL on Road (1 start): 0-1, 12.46 ERA (4.1 IP, 6 ER), 4 BB, 2 SO
Career vs. Chicago-NL (1 start): 0-1, 12.46 ERA (4.1 IP, 6 ER), 4 BB, 2 SO
Career vs. Chicago-NL at Home (0 starts): --
Career vs. Chicago-NL on Road (1 start): 0-1, 12.46 ERA (4.1 IP, 6 ER), 4 BB, 2 SO

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table showing batter-pitcher match-ups for Berríos vs. the Cubs and Darvish vs. the Twins.

SETTLING IN: This season, opposing batters are hitting .278 on Berríos' first 15 pitches of the game, followed by .231 on pitches 16-30 and .333 on pitches 31-45...in his next three groups of 15-pitch intervals, though, they're hitting .206 on pitches 46-60, .171 on pitches 61-75 and .167 on pitches 76-90...furthermore, opponents combine to hit .274 (32-for-117) in the first three innings, compared to .139 (10-for-72) in the fourth and fifth innings combined.

WALK THIS WAY: Berríos has issued a walk in 20 consecutive starts, dating back to his start on August 6, 2019 vs. Atlanta...his last start without a free pass was on July 31, 2019 at Miami, and, since then, has a 3.58 walks-per-9.0 rate...3.58 BB/9.0 IP is seventh-highest in the American League and 11th-highest in the majors in that time frame (min. 80.0 IP).

WINNER, BY PKO: Berríos has picked off two runners this season, already the second most he's had in a single campaign (3, 2019)...he's currently tied for first place in the American League and tied for fifth in the majors in pickoffs.

QUOTABLE: September 14 - José Berríos, on limiting the White Sox to one run, despite traffic on the bases 9/14:

"We had a plan before the game, obviously. They are hot, so far. They are playing well this year. They have a good offense, but I need to go out there and be aggressive with them. They are going to have good at-bats, but we are going to throw and execute good pitches. They scored in the second inning with a bloop to rightfield, so that's part of the game. Like I said, we had a plan and we executed it."

September 14 - José Berríos, on his lack of strikeouts 9/14: "Their offense is like ours was last year. Tonight was also the third time I've faced them this year. At the same time, I went out there and (pitched with) my plan. I didn't get the chance to get many strikeouts, but we had chances to get the hitters out."

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes categories like Most Runs, Game (Team), Most Hits, Inning (Team), etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Score by Inning table with columns: Opponent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, XTRA, TOTAL. Rows for Twins and Opponent.

NOTE: The Twins' eighth-inning run in Game 2 vs. DET on Sept. 4 is noted as an extra-inning run here, not an eighth-inning run, because it occurred in a doubleheader.

INJURED LIST

Injured List table with columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed. Lists players like Jake Odorizzi, Willians Astudillo, etc.

BOLD indicates currently on IL

EJECTIONS

Ejections table with columns: Date, Player/MGR/CH, Umpire, Reason, Career. Lists ejections for 8/18 vs. MIL, 9/15 at CWS, etc.

2020 OPENERS

2020 Openers table with columns: Date, Opponent, Pitcher, Line (IP-H-R-ER-BB-K-HR), Final Score, Team Record as Opener.

STARTS BY POSITION

Starts by Position table with columns: Player, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Starts by Batting Order table with columns: Player, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

MOST USED LINEUP (4, 2X)

Most Used Lineup table with columns: Player, Pos. Lists Max Kepler, Jorge Polanco, etc.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Outfield Assists table with columns: Player, Assists. Lists Eddie Rosario, Byron Buxton, etc.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time) Grand Slam: Rosario, 8/10/20 (2 as a team in 2020) Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 55 all-time) Pinch-Hit Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (2 as a team in 2019) Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: M. LeCroy, 9th inning, 5/19/04 at TOR (15 all-time) Five-Hit Game: C. Cron, 5/23/19 at LAA (3 in 2019) Six-Hit Game: K. Puckett, 5/23/91 vs. TEX (2 all-time, both Puckett) Two Hits, One Inning: N. Cruz, 8th inning, 8/20/19 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2019) Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, 8/23/09 at KC (1 all-time) Two-Home Run Game: B. Buxton, 9/17/20 at CWS (7 as a team in 2020) Three-Home Run Game: N. Cruz, 8/3/19 vs. KC (3 as a team in 2019, 12 all-time) Back-to-Back Home Runs: E. Rosario/M. Sanó, 9/12/20 vs. CLE (3 as a team in '20) Three Consecutive Home Runs: N. Cruz/E. Rosario/C. Cron, 4/26/19 vs. BAL (1 in 2019) Three Home Runs, One Inning: C. Cron/J. Polanco/N. Cruz (2nd), 8/3/19 vs. KC (5 in 2019) Four Home Runs, One Inning: S. Mack/K. Puckett/K. Hrbek/H. Bush, 5/2/92 at NYY Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (1 as a team in 2019) Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (10 all-time) Leadoff Home Run: J. Polanco, 9/4/20 vs. DET (G1) (4 as a team in 2020) Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: J. Polanco/J. Donaldson, 9/4/20 vs. DET (G1) Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Last actual pitcher Jim Kaat, 6/11/72 at CLE; Chris Gimenez catcher pitching in relief, 9/3/18 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, 5/24/17 at BAL (43 all-time) 10+ Innings Pitched: B. Radke (10.0 innings), 9/21/97 vs. MIL 10+ Strikeouts: 12, Maeda, 8/18/20 vs. MIL (1 as a team in 2020) 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: 5/6 - 7/19 at TOR (2 games, 8-0 and 3-0) Four Strikeouts in an Inning: Z. Duke, 3/29/18 at BAL (7th inning) (4 times since 1961)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: M. Sanó/J. Schoop/C.J. Cron, 8/7 vs. ATL - T. Flowers hitting (14 all-time) Position Player Pitching: E. Adrianza, 8/19 vs. MIL (1 in 2020) Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adrianza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017) Steal of Home: C. Thomas, 8/3/13 vs. HOU 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: R. Rodriguez, 8/23/19 vs. DET (5 allowed as team in 2019) Inside-the-Park Home Run: A. Mondesi, 4/2/19 at KC (44 allowed all-time) Pinch-Hit Home Run: D. Smith, 7/17/19 vs. NYM (2 allowed in 2019) 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: V. Reyes, 3rd inning, 8/31/19 at DET (1 allowed in 2019) Two Home Runs, One Inning: D. Nilsson, 5/17/96 vs. MIL Two-Home Run Game: M. Piña, 8/11/20 (3 allowed in 2020) Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR Back-to-Back Home Runs: J. Soler/S. Perez, 8/8/20 at KC (2 allowed in 2020) Three Consecutive Home Runs: A. Jones/V. Castillo/J. Franco, 6/11/02 vs. ATL Three Home Runs, One Inning: N. Lopez/J. Soler/S. Perez, 8/8/20 at KC (2 in 2020) Four Home Runs, One Inning: C. Everett/T. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhart, 7/3/00 vs. BOS Walk-Off Home Run: H. Ramirez, 8/1/19 at MIA (1 allowed in 2019) Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time) Leadoff Home Run: V. Reyes, 9/5/20 vs. DET (4 allowed in 2020) 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: C. Kluber, 8/14/15 vs. CLE (23 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: 10, K. Hendricks, 9/18/20 at CHC (3 times in 2020, other 2 by S. Bieber) Complete Game Shutout: L. Giolito, 8/21/19 vs. CWS (1 time in 2019) Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, 5/1-2/12 at LAA Back-to-Back Shutouts: 4/6 - 4/8/2015 vs. DET (2 games, 0-4 and 0-11) 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: J. Gyorko, 8/12/20 at MIL (1 in 2020) 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: C. Richard, 7/17/00 vs. STL

2020 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with columns: Date, Delayed/PPD, Notes. Lists game delays and postponements for 8/14 vs. KC, 8/20 vs. MIL, 9/11 vs. CLE, and summary statistics from 2010 to 2020.

** Target Field has experienced 53 delayed games, 25 postponed games, 1 suspended game and 1 rain-shortened game in the park's history (since 2010). Longest delay: 4:50. **

