# MINNESOTA TWINS [6-11] vs. PITTSBURCH PIRATES [9-10] <br> FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021-7:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF 



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SEASDN AT A GLANCE

## Under Baldelli (since '19):

 Home Record:Record in series:
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Series Openers:
Series Finales:
Rubber Games:
Sweeps/Swept:
April:.
June:...
July:
August:
September/October:
Day Games:
Night Games
vs. American League East:
vs. American League Central:
vs. American League West:
vs. National League:
Games vs. LH Starter
Games vs. RH Starter
Twins score first:
Opponent scores first:
Come-from-behind wins
Trailing after $7 / 8$ inn.
Tied after 7/8 inn.:....
Extra-innings:
1 -run games:.
Twins out-hit opp.:
Opp. out-hit Twins:
Twins/Opp. have $=$ hits:
Run Differential
Run Differential:
Twins get Quality Start:
Twins starter goes $6+$ IP
Most games over .500.
Most games under .500
Longest win-streak:
Longest losing-strea
When Twins score 4
When Twins score 3-:
Iwins get $10+$ hits.:
Days in first Place..
Days in Second Place
Days in hird Place.
Days in Fourth Place
Walk-Off W/L.
Shutouts W/L:
Complete Games:
Attendance High:
Attendance Total:
Attendance Average:
Target Field Sellouts - 20210.i.aili-i......... 8,501

## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

4/23 IF Sanó placed on 10-day IL
IF Blankenhorn optioned to alternate site
C Telis returned to alternate site
IF Gordon recalled from alternate site
IF Lin contract selected
OF Kirilloff recalled from alternate site
$4 / 21$ IF Riddle placed on COVID IL
C Telis contract selected
4/20 LHP Thorpe added as 27 th man OF Garlick placed on COVID IL OF Kepler placed on COVID IL LHP Thielbar placed on COVID IL
OF Rooker reinstated from 10-day IL IF Blankenhorr recalled from alternate site RHP Farrell contract selected
4/17 LHP Smeltzer recalled from Taxi Squad LHP Thorpe optioned to Taxi Squad
4/16 LHP Thorpe recalled from alternate site
RHP Anderson optioned to alternate site

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THE TWINS: The Twins completed their roadtrip with a record of 0-4, going 0-1 in Anaheim and 0-3 in Oakland...today the Twins will play a three-game weekend series against Derek Shelton and the Pittsburgh Pirates at Target Field...atter this series, the Twins will travel to Cleveland for a short three-game roadtrip at Progressive Field from Monday-Wednesday...the Twins are 2-5 at home this season and 4-6 on the road.

COLLAPSE AT THE COLISEUM: The Twins lost to the A's in Oakland on Wednesday afternoon by a score of $13-12$ in 10 innings, making them $0-4$ in extras this season...Kenta Maeda was the starter, allowing seven runs on eight hits in 3.0 innings pitched, his high in runs since joining the Twins and low in innings as well...Alex Colomé was dealt the loss, allowing four runs, three of which were unearned as the defense committed two two-out errors in the bottom of the 10th inning...the offense set a season-high with 18 hits, four from both Josh Donaldson and Jorge Polanco...Byron Buxton hit his sixth home run and Nelson Cruz hit his fifth and sixth, his second multi-homer game of the season and 38th of his career.

BUCK BECOMING: Byron Buxton enters today with a 97.7 mph average exit velocity, a 70.6 hard hit percentage and a 32.4 barrel percentage....below is his progression over the five

> | seasons in each category: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2017 | 88.1 mph avg. exit velocity |
| 2018 | 87.8 mph avg. exit velocity |
| 2019 | 90.0 mph avg. exit velocity |
| 2020 | 91.2 mph avg. exit velocity | $2020 \quad 97.2 \mathrm{mph}$ avg. exit velocity

2021 avg. exit velocity
NOTE: Among all players in baseball, Bux 32.3 hard hit \% hard hit \% and 100th percentile in barrel \%.

HARD AND FAST: Below are the only players in baseball in the 90th percentile or better in both hard hit percentage and sprint speed average:
Buxton
Mike Trout

| Buxton |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Mike Trout | Ronald Acuña Jr. | Avisaíl García |  |
| Hard Hit\%: | 100th (70.6\%) | $98 t h(63.9 \%)$ | $93 \mathrm{rd}(58.5 \%)$ | 94 th $(57.8 \%)$ |
| Sprint Speed: | 96 th $(29.1 \mathrm{mph})$ | $97 \mathrm{th}(29.2 \mathrm{mph})$ | $98 \mathrm{th}(29.3 \mathrm{mph})$ | $93 \mathrm{rd}(28.6 \mathrm{mph})$ |

ALL ABOUT BUCK: Byron Buxton has hit safely in 11 of 12 games played this season and has homered in six of those 12...he enters today leading all of baseball (minimum 45 plate appearances) in batting average (.432), slugging percentage (.977), OPS (1.456) and isolated power (.545)...additionally, he is tied for sixth in total bases (43), despite playing in just 12 games.

MAKIN' MOVES: Earlier today, the Twins placed infielder Miguel Sanó on the 10-day Injured List with a right hamstring strain, optioned infielder Travis Blankenhorn to the alternate training site and returned catcher Tomás Telis to the alternate training site...to fill those three spots on the 26-man active roster, the Twins have recalled infielder Nick Gordon and outfielder Alex Kirilloff, and selected the contract of infielder Tzu-Wei Lin....Gordon will be looking to make his major league debut and last appeared in a game at the minor league level on August 2, 2019...Lin has played in 101 career major league games across four seasons for the Red Sox, hitting . 223 ( 43 -for-193) with nine doubles, three triples, one home run, 12 RBI and 27 runs scored...when he appears in a game, Lin will become the first Taiwanese-born player in Twins/Senators history.
NATIONAL EXPOSURE: The Twins have gone 2-1 in Interleague Play this season, taking a three-game series in Milwaukee to start the season....after this series, their IL schedule is as follows: two vs. Cincinnati June 21-22, three at St. Louis July 30-August 1, two at Cincinnati August 3-4, three vs. Milwaukee August 27-29, two vs. Chicago-NL August 31-September 1 and two at Chicago-NL September 14-15. $\Phi$ Twins are 234-211 all-time in IL Play, the fifth-most wins in baseball, trailing Boston (263-180), New York-AL (260-184), Los Ange-les-AL (243-201) and Oakland (241-208)
$\Phi$ Josh Donaldson is hitting 315 ( 152 -for-482) with 27 doubles, 31 home runs, 97 RBI, 98 runs scored and a .975 OPS in 130 career IL games....in his last 12 IL games, he is hitting 432 ( 16 -for- 37 ) with a .500 OBP, six doubles, three home runs and 13 RBI
$\Phi$ Nelson Cruz is hitting. 280 (195-for-697) with 30 doubles, 52 home runs, 146 RBI and a .913 OPS in 197 career Interleague games. among actives, he ranks third in homers (Pujols - 66, Cabrera - 57) and RBI (Pujols - 229, Cabrera - 200).
TWINS AND BUCS: The Twins are 22-14 all-time against the Pirates, going 2-4 at Three Rivers Stadium, 8-4 at the Metrodome, 8-4 at PNC Park and 4-2 at Target Field...the Twins went 3-1 against Pittsburgh last season, going 2-0 at Target Field August 3-4 and 1-1 at PNC Park August 5-6...they are playing the Bucs for the third time in their last four seasons, dating back to 2018...Twins have won six of their last seven games vs. Pittsburgh, dating back to April of 2018.
$\Phi$ Tonight's starter, J.A. Happ, made 11 starts for the Pirates in 2015, going 7-2, 1.85 ERA ( $63.1 \mathrm{IP}, 56 \mathrm{ER}$ )...he was acquired by Pittsburgh from Seattle at the trade deadline, in exchange for right-handed pitcher Adrian Sampson.
玉 Pirates Manager Derek Shelton served as the Bench Coach for two seasons in Minnesota, spending 2018 under Paul Molitor and 2019 under Rocco Baldelli...Shelty managed two games for the Twins on July 28 and 29, 2018, losing both as Molitor traveled to Cooperstown for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
$\Phi$ Twins hitting coach Edgar Varela is in his fourth season in the Twins organization...Varela spent 10 seasons in the Pirates organization from 2008-17 holding various managing and coaching roles.

ARRAEZ TO THE TOP: Luis Arraez is hitting .429 (15-for-35) with seven walks and a .524 on-base percentage at the top spot in the Twins batting order...among all players in baseball, he ranks first in both average and OBP while there...the Twins have collectively hit .347 ( 25 -for-72) with eight doubles, nine walks and a .420 on-base percentage from the leadoff spot in the lineup (Arraez - 9 starts, Garver - 5 starts, Polanco - 2 starts, Buxton -1 start)...they rank second in baseball in on-base percentage (Atlanta -.446 ) and third in batting average (Atlanta - .380 , Miami - 351 ) from that spot in the order.
BRINGER OF OFFENSE: Since returning from the Injured List on April 14 (right hamstring strain), Josh Donaldson is hitting .556 (10-for-18) with one double, one home run, three RBI, two walks and a 1.378 OPS in six games... he has hit safely in all six games he has played this season...in fact, in his last' 21 games, dating back to September 8, 2020, he is hitting . 328 (21-for-64) with five home runs, nine RBI, 12 walks, a . 442 on-base percentage and a 1.035 OPS.
ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1980, Angels pitcher Bruce Kison settled for a one-hitter when Minnesota's Ken Landreaux hit a ninth-inning double in a California 17-0 win...for Landreaux, the hit marked the beginning of a 31 -game hitting streak, the longest in Twins history.

49 home runs.


玉 Making his third start of the season．．．marks his 301st career start and 327th appearance．玉 Is making his 11th career start against Pittsburgh．．．is 4－3，2．95 ERA（61．0 IP， 20 ER）vs．the Pirates． $\Phi$ Played for the Pirates for a portion of the 2015 season．．．posted a 7－2 record over 11 starts．


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| Date Opp．Dec． | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | So |  | Left／Final |  | Notes |  |  |  | ches／K |
| 7／30 at BAL ND | 4.0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  | 5－4／8－6 |  | 2 HR for 1 | time s | 8／19／19 |  | 3．8\％） |
| JULY TOTALS 0－0 | 4.0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ． 00 ERA |
| $8 / 5$ at PH（1）L1 | 3.0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 |  | 3－4／7－11 |  | Shortest | since 7 | （2．2 PP） |  | （8．5\％） |
| 8／16 vs．BOS W1 | 5.2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  | 4－1／4－2 |  | Earned W | b2b G |  |  | （58．7\％） |
| $8 / 29$ vs．NYM ND | 7.1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |  | 1－0／2－1 |  | 1st of 2 H | less st | y year |  | 71．1\％ |
| AUG TOTALS 1－1 | 16.0 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | B1 ERA |
| 9／3 at NYM ND | 5.0 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 |  | 4－4／7－9 |  | 2nd－high | K\％of | on so far |  | （6．7\％） |
| 9／8 at TOR L2 | 6.1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 |  | 1－2／1－2 |  | 11th care | GS w／ | t 10 K | 113／6 | （ $0.2 \%)$ |
| 9／13 vs．BAL ND | 5.0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |  | 1－1／3－1 |  | 2nd GS w | BB on |  |  | 1．2\％） |
| 9／19 at BOS W2 | 8.0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |  | 7－0／8－0 |  | Season－hi | 8.01 P |  | 113／7 | （6．4\％） |
| 9／25 vs．MIA ND | 5.0 | A | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | ， |  | 2－3／3－4 |  | Allowed H | in 7 of |  |  | 1．2\％） |
| SEPT TOTALS 1－1 | 29.1 | 24 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 31 |  |  |  | ER | HR | BB | 3.07 ERA |  |
| RECORD |  |  |  |  | IP |  |  |  | H | R |  |  |  | SO | ERA |
| 2020 TOTALS | 2－2 |  |  |  | 49.1 |  |  |  | 19 |  | 19 | 8 | 15 | 42 | 3.47 |

LAST TIME OUT：Made his first start as a Twin at Target Field on April 13 in the first game of the series vs．Boston．．．tossed 4.2 innings，allowing two runs on four hits（ 1 HR ），with one walk and three strikeouts in a no－decision．．．．worked 4.0 scoreless innings and retired the first two batters he faced in the top of the fifth frame before allowing two runs on three hits，including a Hunter Renfroe solo shot and departing with the game tied 2－2．
TWO STARTS AGO：Made his season debut on April 6 in Detroit．．．did not factor into the deci－ sion in the Twins 4－3， 10 －inning loss．．．．yielded one run on three hits in 4.0 innings，with three walks and four strikeouts，and threw 89 pitches．．．held opposing hitters to 2 －for－11＇（．182）with runners on base．

AYE AYE MATEY：Today marks Happ＇s 11th career start and appearance against Pittsburgh．．．．has made at least 10 starts against nearly half of all major league baseball teams including：Balti－ more，Detroit，Houston，Milwaukee，New York－AL，New York－NL，Boston，St．Louis and Tampa Bay．
$\Phi$ Last faced the Pirates on August 13，2017，posting eight strikeouts over 6.0 innings．．． has has made five career home starts vs．Pittsburgh，going 4－0，1．74 ERA（31．0 IP， 6 ER）with 30 strikeouts．

A PIRATE＇S LIFE FOR HAPP：J．A．Happ started the 2015 season with the Seattle Mariners．．． on July 31， 2015 he was traded to the Pirates in exchange for RHP Adrian Sampson．．．during his 11 starts with Pittsburgh he posted a 7－2 record while collecting 1.85 ERA， 69 strikeouts and just 13 walks．

INTERLEAGUE PLAY：Throughout his major league career，Happ has made 33 appearances （ 32 starts）during Interleague play．．．．has pitched a total of 186.0 innings while collecting 157 strikeouts and 14 quality starts．．．．．wns a record of 14－9 in Interleague games．

क Happ has made 51 career starts against the NL Central．．．his last time facing the division
was during the 2017 season while playing for Toronto． was during the 2017 season while playing for Toronto．
RISP AND NO REWARD：Happ held opposing hitters to a 156 opponent batting average（ 5 －for－ 32）with runners in scoring position last season．．．．his BAA in scoring situations ranked second among American League starting pitchers（min． 30 opp．at－bats），trailing only TEX＇s Lance Lynn （．145），and ninth among all major league starting pitchers．．．．yielded just two extra－base hits in scoring situations all season（2B on Sept． 3 at NYM and HR on Sept． 25 vs．MIA）．
$\Phi$ In his first first two starts of 2021，Happ held opposing hitters to 1 －for－7 with runners
in scoring position．．．opponents also went just 3 －for－14（．214）with runners on base．
A DIFFERENT 300 CLUB：Happ＇s last start was the 300th of his career．．．．he＇s the 10th active pitcher to reach the 300 －start plateau，joining：Zack Greinke（463），Justin Verlander（454），Jon Lester（423），Erwin Santana（385），Max Scherzer（372），Clayton Kershaw（358），Adam Wainwright （320），David Price（311）and Johnny Cueto（311）．

PITCH SELECTION：After featuring five pitches last season，Happ seems to be sticking with what works for him．．．here is Happ＇s 2021 repertoire，according to Baseball Savant：

| PITCH | NUMBER（vs．RHB－LHB）／AVG MPH | PERCENTAGE |
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| Four seamer． | ．．．．．．．．． 100 pitches（90－10）／90．1．．．． | ．．．．．．．．． 56.8 |
| Sinker．． | 42 pitches（35－7）／87．6． | 23.9 |
| Slider．． | ． 30 pitches（26－4）／83．4． | 17.0 |
| Curveball | ．．．．． 3 pitches（3－0）／83．6． |  |


| Curveball． | ．．． 3 pitches（3－0）／83．6 | 1.7 |
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| Changeup． | 1 pitches（1－0）／85．6．．． | 0.6 |

## 2020 NOTES：

ד Spent third season with New York－AL，his second full season with the Yankees．
$\Phi$ Made the start in the Yankees＇fifth game on July 30 at Baltimore，his first of nine starts on the season．
क Set season－high in strikeouts on September 8 at Toronto，fanning 10 batters in 6.1 innings．．． marked his 11th career double－digit strikeout game and sixth on the road．．．also marked his third career start of at least 10 strikeouts in less than 7.0 innings．
$\boldsymbol{\Phi}$ Set season high in innings pitched on September 19 at Boston，pitching 8.0 shutout innings with four hits allowed，no walks and nine strikeouts．．．marked just his third career start with no walks in at least 8.0 innings．
$\Phi$ Did not allow more than four earned runs in any start
$\Phi$ Ranked second on club in innings pitched（49．1）and fourth in strikeouts（42）
क Led all American League left－handed pitchers with a ． 208 opponent batting average （minimum 45.0 IP），while ranking second in WHIP（1．05）and sixth in opponent OPS（．655）．
$\Phi$ Appeared in relief in Game 2 of the American League Division series on October 6 vs．Tampa Bay and was dealt the loss，allowing four runs on five hits in 2.2 innings pitched．
\＄Signed a one－year deal with Minnesota on January 22， 2021.

| 201 HIEH5 | CAREER HIGHS |
| :---: | :---: |
| CG＇s：－－ | CG＇s：4，last：8／30／10 vs．STL |
| SHO＇s：－－ | SHO＇s： 3 ，last：8／30／10 vs．STL |
| CG Low Hit：－－ | CG Low－Hit：2，8／30／10 vs．STL |
| Innings：4．2，4／13 vs．BOS | Innings： $9.0,3 \mathrm{x}$ ，last：8／30／10 vs．STL |
| SO＇s：4，4／6 at DET | SO＇s： $12,8 / 7 / 14$ vs．BAL |
| Walks： $3,4 / 6$ at DET | Walks：7，2x，last： $5 / 2 / 13$ vs．BOS |
| Hits：4，4／13 vs．BOS | Hits： $11,2 x$ ，last： $6 / 23 / 19$ vs．HOU |
| Home Runs： $1,4 / 13$ vs．BOS | Home Runs：3，10x，last：8／9／19 at TOR |
| Win－Streak：－－ | Win－Streak：11，6／11－8／17／16 |
| Loss－Streak：－－ | Loss－Streak：7，5／19－7／7／11 |

## CAREER NDTES

－Ranks fourth among active left－handed pitchers in wins（123）and starts（300），while is fifth in innings pitched（1750．0）and seventh in strikeouts（1546）．
－In 2020，led all American League left－handed pitchers with a 208 opponent batting aver－ age（minimum 45.0 IP），while ranking second in WHIP（1．05）and sixth in opponent OPS （．655）．．．did not allow more than four earned runs in any start．
－Has made 12 Opening Day rosters with six teams：Philadelphia（2009－10），Houston（2011 12），Toronto（2013，＇16－18），Seattle（2015），New York－AL（2019－20）and Minnesota（2021）， －Enters 2021 with 14 MLB seasons under his belt，with the Phillies（2007－10），Astros（2010－ 12），Blue Jays（2012－14，＇16－18），Mariners（2015），Pirates（2015）and Yankees（2018－20）． －Made his 300th career major league appearance and 275th career start on June 23， 2019 vs．Houston．
－Compiled a career－best 19．1－inning scoreless streak from August 26－September 12－G1， 2019，the AL＇s eighth－Iongest scoreless streak in 2019 and longest by a Yankee．
－Finished sixth in 2016 AL Cy Young Award voting after going 20－4，3．18 ERA for Toronto and tying for the second－most wins in baseball．．．marks his only career 20－win season and is one of just seven pitchers in the majors（and one of two southpaws）with a 20 －win campaign in that span．
－Finished second in 2009 BBWAA NL Rookie of the Year balloting to Florida＇s Chris Coghlan．．．．appeared on all 32 ballots，receiving 10 first－place votes．．．won the 2009 Play－ ers＇Choice Award for NL Outstanding Rookie．．．named 2009 NL Rookie of the Year by The Sporting News．
－Selected by Philadelphia in the third round of the 2004 First－Year Player Draft out of Northwestern University．．．debuted for the Phillies on June 30， 2007.

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| Road： | 0 | 0 | 2.25 | 1／1 | 4.0 | 1 | Vs．Right： | ． 241 | 7 | 29 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Day： | 0 | 0 | 3.12 | $2 / 2$ | 8.2 | 3 | TOTALS： | ． 219 | 7 | 32 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Night： | － | － | －－ | －／－ | －．－ | － |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grass： | 0 | 0 | 3.12 | $2 / 2$ | 8.2 | 3 | None 0n： | ． 222 | 4 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Turf： | － | － | －－ | －／－ | －．－ | － | Runners On | n：． 214 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 5 |


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| YEAR | STARTS | 6＋IP | QS | YEAR | STARTS | 6＋IP | QS |
| 2007 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2015 | 31 | 18 | 16 |
| 2008 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2016 | 32 | 23 | 21 |
| 2009 | 23 | 16 | 14 | 2017 | 25 | 16 | 14 |
| 2010 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 2018 | 31 | 28 | 15 |
| 2011 | 28 | 14 | 11 | 2019 | 30 | 8 | 8 |
| 2012 | 24 | 15 | 14 | 2020 | 9 | 3 | 3 |
| 2013 | 18 | 5 | 5 | 2021 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2014 | 26 | 18 | 13 | TOTALS | 300 | 166 | 146 |

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| RUNS／HITS：0／0 | 0／1 | 0／1 | 1／2 | 2／3 | －／－ | －／－ | －／－ | －／－ |

## HAPP VS．PITTSBURGH［REGULAR SEASDN］

2017 vs．Pittsburgh（ 1 start）：1－0，1．50 ERA（6．0 IP， 1 ER）， 3 BB， 8 K
2017 vs．Pittsburgh at Home（1 start）：1－0， 1.50 ERA（ $6.0 \mathrm{IP}, 1 \mathrm{ER}$ ）， $3 \mathrm{BB}, 8 \mathrm{~K}$
2017 vs．Pittsburgh on Road：
Career vs．Pittsburgh（10 starts）：4－3，2．95 ERA（ $61.0 \mathrm{IP}, 20$ ER）， $27 \mathrm{BB}, 53 \mathrm{~K}$
Career vs．Pittsburgh at Home（ 5 starts）：4－0，1．74 ERA（31．0 IP， 6 ER ）， $14 \mathrm{BB}, 30 \mathrm{~K}$
Career vs．Pittsburgh on Road（ 5 starts）：0－3，4．20 ERA（ $30.0 \mathrm{IP}, 14 \mathrm{ER}$ ）， $13 \mathrm{BB}, 23 \mathrm{~K}$

## BATTER－PITCHER MATCH－UPS

## Happ vs．the Pirates

| PLAYER | AVG | AB | H | HR | BB | SO |
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Brubaker vs．the Twins
PLAYER AVG AB H HR BB SO $\begin{array}{lrlllll}\text { Cruz } & .000 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \text { Polanco } & 1.000 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \text { Buxton } & .000 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}$

POSTSEASON CAREER：Has reached the Postseason six times with three different clubs：Philadelphia（2008－09），Toronto（2016）and the Yankees（2018－20）．．．is 1－4 with a $5.86 \mathrm{ERA}(27.2 \mathrm{IP}, 36 \mathrm{H}, 18 \mathrm{ER}, 16 \mathrm{BB}, 26 \mathrm{~K}, 6 \mathrm{HR}$ ）in 15 career postseason ap－ pearances（4 starts）．．．earned his lone Postseason win in 2016 ALDS Game 2 at Texas 5．0 IP，1 ER）．．．in 11 Postseason appearances as a reliever，has posted a 4.97 ERA 12．2 IP， 14 H， 7 ER， 11 BB， 11 K， 4 HR）．．．．won the 2008 World Series with Philadelphia but did not pitch in the World Series vs．Tampa Bay．．．made two relief appearances for the Phillies in the 2009 World Series vs．the Yankees（2．2 IP， 1 ER）．

SPRING RECAP：Missed the start of spring training due to COVID－19．．．went 1－1， 9.35 ERA（8．2 IP，9 ER）with three walks and seven strikeouts in three games（2 GS）in spring play．．．cleared to return to action and made his first official Grapefruit League appearance on March 15 at Atlanta

## TOMORROW＇S STARTER－RHP MICHAEL PINEDA［己D己 SEASON：1－0， 1.00 ERA I／CAREER：54－46， 3.96 ERA］

Pineda is due to start the second game of the series vs．Pittsburgh tomorrow－will mark his second career start and appearance vs．the Pirates．．．．will be his fourth start of the season．．．has recorded two quality starts so far this season．．．his last quality start was recorded on April 15 vs．Boston，pitching 7.0 innings while fanning batters with six strikeouts and allowing just two hits．．．is currently 3rd for WHIP（0．72）and opponents OPS（．464）and 5th for ERA（1．00）and opponents batting average（．159，10－for－63）among AL pitchers．．．enters tomorrow＇s game with a a 10.0 －inning scoreless streak．

## TEAM BULLPEN NDTES

The Twins bullpen is $1-7-3,5.04$ ERA ( $60.2 \mathrm{IP}, 34 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $22 \mathrm{BB}, 68 \mathrm{~K}, 12 \mathrm{H}$ and a .254 BAA in 17 games of season...'pen started w/ 2.64 ERA in first 8 but has 7.50 ERA in last 9 (since $4 / 11$ ). $\Phi$ 2nd in AL w/ 12 holds and ranks T-6th in MLB... pen also ranks 7 th in AL by averaging 16.8 pitches/inning... 4 blown saves rank 3rd in AL (Tampa Bay - 6 , Chicago - 5 ).
Has a 3.09 K/BB ratio ( 68 K, 22 BB), good for 2nd in AL behind New York-AL (3.77) and 4th in MLB...averaging just 3.26 BB/9, 4th-lowest rate in MLB and 2nd in AL (New York-AL, 3.00). I Is 1-3-0, 5.09 ERA (23.0 IP, 13 ER), 9 BB, 23 K and a . 275 BAA ( 25 -for- 91 ) in 7 home games, compared to 0-4-3, 5.02 ERA ( $37.2 \mathrm{IP}, 21 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $13 \mathrm{BB}, 45 \mathrm{~K}, .241 \mathrm{BAA}$ ( 35 -for- 145 ) in 10 road games this year. $\Phi$ In 3 IL games this season, the bullpen allowed 8 runs (2 earned) with 6 BB and 36 K in 27.0 innings ( 0.67 ERA).
$\Phi$ Allowed 43 runs this season, only 34 of which have been earned... 9 unearned runs are the most in AL and second most in baseball (San Diego - 10).

## JIREE ALCALA - RHP <br> Height: 6-3 Weight: 205

Roadtrip: $\quad 0-0-0,18.00$ (1.0 IP, 2 ER), $2 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series at OAK: 0-0-0, 27.00 ( 0.2 IP, 2ER), $2 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left 429 vs, Right 000
$\Phi$ Allowed GS to M. Olson in Game $14 / 21$ at OAK, 1st career GS allowed...recorded final out of 7th Friday night at LAA.... worked 9th 4/13 vs. BOS allowing solo HR to R. Devers...career 0.57 ERA/. 255 BAA in 12 home G, compared to 5.17 ERA ( 15.2 IP, 7 ER)/. 196 BAA in 12 career road G
I Is 1-0, 3.00 ERA (9.0 IP, 3 ER ) W/ $3 \mathrm{BB}, 6 \mathrm{~K}$ \& . 194 BAA in 7 career IL games... 2 G vs. PIT last season ( $3.0 \mathrm{IP}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{R}, 2 \mathrm{ER}, 1 \mathrm{BB}, 4 \mathrm{~K}$ )
$\Phi$ Made 2 consecutive appearances (4/11 \& 4/13) in 9th inning; 1st time pitching in 9 th in consecutive $G$ since $9 / 21 / 19$ \& $9 / 26 / 19$, his first career appearances...fastball is averaging 96.5 MPH this season and has thrown 8 of 10 fastest pitches by MIN pitching this year.
$\Phi$ Has allowed 2 HR in last 3 appearances, after yielding none in previous 6 outings... 4 of 5 career HR allowed have come on the road.

## ALEX CDLDME - RIP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 225 Roadtrip: 0-1-0, 5.40 (1.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 2 BB

Age: 32 (12/31/88 in Santo Domingo, DR) Series at OAK Domingo, DR) Acquired: Signed as FA, 2/12/21 Roadtrip: $\quad 0-1-0,5.40$ (1.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 2 BB Series at 0AK: 0-1-0, 5.40 (1.2 IP, 1ER), 1 K, 2 BB vs. Left . 467 vs. Right 200 $\Phi$ Suffered 3rd BS of season $4 / 22$ at OAK as infield defense committed 2 errors...threw 49 pitches, 4th most in career for relief appearance. Has allowed at least 1 run in 4 of 7 games and in 3 of last 4 .
क Is 6-5-18, 4.20 ERA ( 49.1 IP, 23 ER) w/ 7 HR, 19 BB and 54 K in 45 career G in IL Play... 1 career G vs. PIT ( $6 / 27 / 17$ at PNC Park).

- Earned second save $4 / 7$ in Detroit, his 2nd career 2.0 -inning save (also, $5 / 24 / 16$ at MIA)...on $4 / 1$ at MIL ( 0 pening Day), recorded 1 st BS since 8/28/20; became 1st MIN RP to record BS while allowing 0 ER, 1 HB and at least 2 H since Terry Leach on 8/15/1990.
$\Phi$ LHB are hitting 467 (7-for-15), while RHB are hitting . 200 (4-for-20)...opponents are batting 286 ( 4 -for-14) off him with RISP.
$\Phi$ Ranks third in baseball in saves since 2016 w/ 140, trailing K. Jansen (174) and E. Díaz (143).


## RANDY DOBNAK - RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: $230 \quad$ Age: 26 (1/17/95 in South Park, PA) Roadtrip: $\quad 0-1-0,13.50$ ( $3.1 \mathrm{IP}, 5 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $4 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series at $0 \mathrm{AK}: 0-0-0,0.00$ ( $1.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $0 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 313 vs. Right. 346
$\Phi$ Is $0-3,10.61$ ERA ( $9.1 \mathrm{IP}, 11 \mathrm{ER}$ ) in 5 games this season... has allowed 5 runs in 2 different outings ( $4 / 5$ at DET \& $4 / 16$ at LAA).
$\Phi 1$ career G vs. Pittsburgh, starting $8 / 5$ at PNC Park, pitching 6.0 shutout innings with 3 hits allowed, 9 BB and $1 \mathrm{~K} \ldots$...grew up in South Park Township, approximately 14 miles south of PNC Park.

- 3 of 5 appearances have been 2.0-plus IP and 2 have been 3.0 -plus... 2 relief G of $3.0+\mathrm{IP}$ is T-1st in MLB w/ 5 others.
$\Phi$ Earned 2nd career save 4/5 at DET, working final 3.0 innings...became 2nd pitcher in Twins/Senators history to allow 5 ER \& earn save (D. Goltz, 6/6/1973 at CLE, 3.0 IP/8 ER)...allowed walk-off H in 10 th on $4 / 1$. Ist MIN pitcher to work 0.0 IP, 0 ER \& take loss since R. Mahay, 4/28/2010 © Signed five-year contract extension $3 / 29$ with three club options for 2026, '27 \& '28.
$\Phi$ In 2020, led MLB w/ $62.1 \mathrm{~GB} \%$ (min. 45.0 IP ) and 9 GIDPs were T-3rd most in AL.



## LUKE FARRELL - RHP

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 Age: 29 (6/7/1991 in Westlake, 0H) Acquired: Signed as ml FA, 12/14/20 Roadtrip: $\quad 0-0-0,0.00$ ( $1.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $1 \mathrm{~K}, 2 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series at OAK: $0-0-0,0.00$ ( $1.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $1 \mathrm{~K}, 2 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ vs. Left . 000 vs. Right .000 $\Phi$ Twins debut w/ scoreless 5th in G1 4/20 at OAK (2 BB, 1 K).... had contract selected 4/20 (Thielbar - IL)...began roadtrip on Taxi Squad.
\$ 3 career appearances vs. PIT, allowing 3 runs on three hits in 3.2 innings pitched, games coming in 2017-18.
$\Phi$ Made 7 Grapefruit League appearances for the Twins in 2021, pitching 6.1 scoreless innings W/ . 167 BAA (4-for-24), $0 \mathrm{BB}, 10 \mathrm{~K}, 0.63$ WHIP.
$\Phi$ Is son of former Red Sox and Blue Jays manager, John Farrrell.
$\Phi$ Appeared in 4 G for TEX in 2020, posting 8.44 ERA ( $5.1 \mathrm{IP}, 5 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $1 \mathrm{HR}, 5 \mathrm{BB}, 8$ K...signed w/ MIN as ml free agent 12/14/2020.

## HANSEL RDBLES - RHP <br> Height: 6-0 Weight: 220 <br> Age: 30 ( $8 / 13 / 90$ in Bonao, DR) <br> Acquired: Signed as \#57

Roadtrip: $\quad 0-0-0,10.80$ ( 1.2 IP, 2 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series at OAK: $0-0-0,10.80$ (1.2 IP, 2ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left. 167 vs. Right. 083
$\Phi 5$ runs allowed in last 2 games ( 21 IP).... 6 of 8 appearances this season have been scoreless...recorded 5th hold $4 / 22$ at OAK, despite allowing 2 ER in 0.2 IP...leads Twins 'pen in games (8) and holds (5)
$\Phi$ 1st in AL in holds (5) and is T-3rd in MLB w/ LAD's V. Gonzalez, behind SF's Ty. Rogers (8) and LAD's B. Treinen (6).
$\Phi$ Has opponent BA of . 125 (3-for-24) and WHIP of 0.86...LHB hitting . 167 (2-for-12) while RHB hitting . 083 (1-for-12)
Is 4-4 5.33 ERA (50.2 IP, 30 ER) w/ 21 BB and 57 K in 46 career IL games.. has 20 scoreless IL appearances this season.
$\Phi$ Has 4 career appearances vs. Pirates, allowing 2 runs ( 1 earned) on 6 hits in 5.2 innings pitched with 1 BB and 4 K .
$\Phi$ Went 0-2, 4.91 ERA (11.0 IP, 6 ER ) w/ $16 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{HR}, 2 \mathrm{BB} \& 12 \mathrm{~K}$ in team-leading 11 games...5th career OD roster, first with MIN.

## TAYLUR ROUERS - LIIP <br> Height: 6-3 Weight: 190 <br> Age: 30 (12/17/90 in Denver, CO) <br> Acquired: 11th Round, 2012 Draft

Roadtrip: $\quad 0-0-0,0.00$ (2.1 IP, 0 ER), $3 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series at OAK: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.1 IP, 0ER), $3 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ vs. Left. 111 vs. Right 294
$\Phi 5$ of 6 appearances have been scoreless $w /$ just 1 unearned run allowed ( $4 / 10$ vs. SEA).
क Is 4-4, 4.75 ERA (41.2 IP, 22 ER ) w/ 11 BB \& 58 K in 45 career IL games... is 2-1, 3.86 ERA (4.2 IP, 2 ER ) in 6 career G vs. PIT; 2 G in 2020.
Ф Has opponent BA of . 231 ( 6 -for-26) w/ 0.91 WHIP...LHB hitting . 111 (1-for-9) w/ 12 2B and RHB hitting 294 ( 5 -for-17) w/ 12 B

$\Phi$ Leads Twins in games since '16 (285) and most saves since '19 ( 39 )...3rd in AL in games since ' 16 (most among lefties).
$\Phi 2020$ arsenal: Sinker $-53.4 \%$, Slider $-43.3 \%$, Curveball $-2.2 \%, 4-$ S Fastball $-1.1 \% \ldots$... ${ }^{2}$ AA of .366 on Sinker...posted a $4.4 \mathrm{BB} \%$, top $7 \%$ of MLB
$\Phi$ Went 2-4 4.05 ERA (20.0 IP 9 , ER) w/ 9 saves (11 opps), 4 BB \& 24 K in 21 Gin $2020 . . .9$ saves led club and were tied for 5 th in AL/T-11 in MLB.

## DEVIN SMELTZER - L|P <br> Height: 6-3 Weight: 195 <br> $$
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 vs. Left - - Vs. Right -क Recalled from Taxi Squad Saturday...went 0-2, 15.75 ERA (4.0 IP, 7 ER), five walks and five strikeouts in three spring training games (1 GS).
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$\Phi 1$ career game in IL Play, coming in a start $5 / 28 / 19$ vs. MIL (ML debut), pitching 6.0 shutout innings w/ 3 hits, 0 BB and 7 K (ND).
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क Appeared in seven games for MIN in 2020 , including 1 GS, going 2-0, 6.75 ERA (16.0 IP, 12 ER)...third career season, after debuting in 2019.
$\Phi$ IS 2-1-1 (1-for-1 SVO), 5.10 ERA (30.0 IP, 17 ER), $8 \mathrm{BB}, 29 \mathrm{~K}, .303$ BAA ( 37 -for-122) in 11 career relief G, compared to $2-2 \mathrm{w} / 4.11 \mathrm{ERA}$ ( 35.0
IP, 16 ER), 9 BB, 24 K, . 242 BAA (32-for-132) in 7 career GS.
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| 201 BULLPEN INFD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | TEAM BULLPEN USAGE |  |  |
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| Player name | 1st Batter Avg | BB/9 | K/9 | Saves/Opps | Holds | IRS\% | WHIP | HR | Last game | 2 games ago | 3 games ago |
| Jorge Alcala | . 167 | 1.59 | 6.35 | 0/0 | 2 | 50.0\% (2/4) | 0.71 | 2 | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) | $0.2 \mathrm{PP}(22)$ |
| Alex Colome | . 333 | 2.25 | 9.00 | 2/5 | 0 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 1.63 | 1 | 1.2 IP (49) | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Randy Dobnak | . 200 | 1.93 | 4.82 | 1/1 | 0 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 1.71 | 2 | 1.0 IP (10) | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Tyler Duffey | . 200 | 10.80 | 7.20 | 0/0 | 2 | 80.0\% (4/5) | 2.00 | 0 | 1.0 IP (11) | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Luke Farrell | . 000 | 18.00 | 9.00 | 0/0 | 0 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 2.00 | 0 | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) | 1.0 IP (29) |
| Hansel Robles | . 143 | 3.86 | 11.57 | 0/0 | 6 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 0.86 | 0 | 0.2 IP (27) | 1.0 IP (13) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Taylor Rogers | . 333 | 1.17 | 10.57 | 0/1 | 3 | 100.0\% (5/5) | 0.91 | 0 | 2.1 IP (27) | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Devin Smeltzer | . 000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0/0 | 0 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 0.00 | 0 | $0.0 \mathrm{IP}(0)$ | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |

## LIIS ARRAEZ - IF [PRONOUNCED AH-RISE] Height: 5-10 Weight: 175 B/T: L/R <br> 2021 Average: 309 <br> $\qquad$ Streak: 2g, 3-8, 2B <br> ge: 23 (4/9/97 in San Felipe, VZ

© Career 351 (33-for-94), 16 R, 9 2B, 12 RBI, 11 BB in 27 Interleague G...also 388 (19-for-49) in 15 career IL G at target Field...however, is just $1-$ for- $10 \mathrm{~W} / \mathrm{R}, 2 \mathrm{~B}$ in 3 career G vs. PII. - Recorded his third career OF assist 4/20 (G2) \& first since September 19, 2019 vs. KC.
$\Phi$ Hitting .412/.500/.471 (7-for-17 W/ 3 R, 2B, 2 RBI and 3 BB in last 5 games since 4/15.

- Second on Twins with 66 PA, third in hits (17) and 3rd in total bases (22).
© Career games by position including 2021: 2B-87G, 3B-28G, LF - 25 G, SS - 8 G
Snapped an 0 -for-11 on $4 / 15$ with a first-inning single, his ninth career leadoff hit, went 4 -for-5 and is now a career .379 ( 36 -for-95) hitter out of the top spot in the batting order. reached base safely four times via hit in a single game for the third time in his career and first this season...he has now reached base 27 times in 66 plate appearances this season, good for a . 409 OBP (16 games)...ranks 9 th in AL in OBP this season and 16th in AVG (.309)
Hitting . 429 ( 15 -for-35) w/ . 524 OBP in 9 games batting first this season.


## WILLIANS ASTUIILLD - CIIIIIF

Height: 5-9 Weight: $225 \quad$ B/T: R/R Age: 29 (10/14/91 in Barcelona Anzoategui, VZ)

\& Hitting . 293 (10-for-35) w/ R, 2 2B, 5 RBI \& a . 621 OPS in 12 games this season...never faced PIT and has hit . 250 (13-for-52) W/ 8 R, 2B, 3B, HR, 4 RBI in 16 career Interleague games...made 2nd career appearance as P on $4 / 16$ at LAA (last $7 / 14 / 18 \mathrm{vs}$. TB)...threw a 46 MPH strike in a 1-2-3 inning (7 pitches)
$\Phi$ Career 292 (28-for-96) vs. LHP (49 games) \& career . 294 (70-for-238) vs. RHP (98 games)
1st player in Twins history 5-9 or shorter w/ at least 20 career $G$ at first base.

## BYRDN BUXTON - DF

Height: 6-2 Weight: $212 \quad B / T: R / R$ 2021 Average: . 432 Streak: $2 \mathrm{~g}, 4-9, \mathrm{HR}, 2 \mathrm{~B}, 2 \mathrm{RBI} \quad$ Series at OAK: $\quad 4-12, \mathrm{HR}, 2 \mathrm{BB}, 2 \mathrm{RBI}$

Went 3-for-6 w/ 2 R, 2B and go-ahead 2-R HR in 10th inning Wednesday at OAK...marked 3rd career extra-inning go-ahead HR...is now 19-for-44 (.432) with 62B, 5 HR \& 9 RBI in 11 games to start the season...has 3 G w/ 2+ XBH, T-1st in MLB... 12 XBH overall are T-3rd in MLB.
$\Phi$ Missed 4 G w/ right hamstring issue....hit safely in each of his 1 st $10 \mathrm{G}(4 / 1-4 / 20)$, marked
second longest hit streak of his career, trailing only his 12-game streak from 8/10-21/17.
Entered today T-1st in AL and T-2nd in MLB in HR (6) w/ Cruz and others....his 3 games w/
$3+$ hits are T-3rd most in AL...leading Twins in 2B (6), T-1st in HR (6), SLG (.977) \& OPS

( 56 -for-238) in 72 career IL games.
Enters today in 100th percentile in both barrel \% and hard hit \%, and in 99th percentile
In average exit velocity.
Since $4 / 6$ is hitting . 444 (16-for-36) w/ 8 R, 5 2B, 4 HR, 8 RBI
Extended his hitting streak to nine games with a first-inning $2 B$ and finished the game 2 -for-5 base hits in the 1st 10 G, matching Cristian Guzmán (2001) for the most XBH through the first 10 team games of the season in Twins/Senators history.

## JAKE CAVE - DF <br> Height: 6-0 Weight: $200 \quad \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{T}: \mathrm{L} / \mathrm{L} \quad$ Age: 28 (12/4/92 in Hampton, VA) 2021 Average: 122

Just 4 career G vs. PIT, . 154 (2-for-13), R, RBI, HBP, BB, 6 K... 35 career Interleague games, going 18-for-90 (.200), 14 R, 4 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 4 HBP, 5 BB
क Career . 298 (45-for-151) w/ 8 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 27 RBI \& . 952 OPS vs. NL Central at Target Field Career def. positions: 122 in CF, 70 in RF \& 31 in LF.. 207 G in OF since July of ' 18 . 3rd most on team - Played in 42 games; started in 29 in 2020: all as 0 F- 19 in CF, 5 in LF \& 5 in RF.

## NEL5DN CRUZ - IH

Height: 6-2 Weight: $230 \quad$ B/T: R/R Age: 40 (7/1/80 in Las Matas De Santa Gruz, DR) 2021 Average: 353 Streak: 1g, 2-5, 2 HR, 4 RBI Series at OAK: 2-10, 2 HR, 4 RBI Home Runs: 6 (3 1-run, 2 2-run, 1 GS) Recorded 38th career multi-HR game Wednesday, tied w/ Gary Sheffield \& Carlos Beltrán for 37th most all time...marked 11th as a Twin, matching Tom Brunansky for 9th most in Twins/Senators history...his 13 multi-nR G since turning 38 are also the most ail time.
Entered today T-2nd in MLB in HR \& Gth in OPS als 2 \& a 1.142 OLG (745) and 7th in AVG. क Hitting . 280 (195-for-697), 30 2B, 52 HR, 146 RBI, .913 OPS in 197 career IL games... ranks third among actives in IL HR (Pujols - 66, Cabrera - 57) and RBI (Pujols - 229, Cabrera - 200) © Went 0-for-3 4/20 (G1) snapping his 11-game hitting streak, went 0-for-5 w/ HBP in DH.

- First player in Twins franchise history to hit three HR over his first two starts of the season
$\Phi$ Recorded his 37th career multi-homer game on 4/5 and 10th since joining the Twins (7th against an AL Central opponent)...his 37 career multi-homer games are tied for 39th alltime with Ted Williams, Alfonso Soriano, Mike Piazza, Stan Musial and Edwin Encarnación. On 4/1, became first player age $40+$ in Twins history to pinch hit on OD...at age 40.274, became the oldest player in MLB to pinch hit on OD since Ichiro Suzuki did so at age 42.166 on 4/5/2016 Leads baseball in home runs since 2014 with $266 . .$. ranks 53 rd on MLB all-time list in homers with 423, next is Edwin Encarnación (424), Billy Williams (426) and Mike Piazza (427)
$\Phi$ Hit 150 HR prior to turning $33 \mathrm{y} / 0$, has 272 HR since turning 33 , incl. $440+$ HR seasons.


## JISH IONALISDN - 3B <br> Height: 6-1 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/8/85 in Pensacola, FL) 2021 Average: 556 Streak: $6 \mathrm{~g}, 10-18, \mathrm{HR}, 2 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{RBI} \quad$ Series at OAK: $\quad 6$-11, HR, 2 RBI

 Went 4-for-6 w/ 3 R, HR, 2 RBI Wednesday at OAK....marked 13th career G w/ at least 4 H and1 st since $9 / 16 / 17$ at MIN...hitting .529 ( 9 -for-17) w/ HR, RBI, 2 walks and a 1.265 OPS in 5 games since IL return (4/14).
Hitting . 315 (152-for-482) with 27 2B, 31 HR, 97 RBI, 98 R, 975 OPS in 130 career IL games... his AVG in IL play is 4th among actives (min. 300 IL AB)...hitting . 432 (16-for- 37 ), .500 OBP, 6 2B, 3 HR and 13 RBI in last 12 IL games
Is just 9 -for-46 (.196) in 13 career games vs. PIT...hit safely in each of last 3 games
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क Hitting. 556 ( 10 -for-18) w/ 4 R, 2 XBH, 3 RBI \& a 1.378 OPS in 6 games this season (H in each G) Hit safely in both games of DH on 4/20 (5th time in his career)
$\Phi$ Signed largest free agent contract in Twins history on $1 / 22 / 20-4$ years, $\$ 92$ million.

## MITCH GARVER - [ <br> Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM) 

Ф 213 G (180 GS/1638.1 Inn.) as C with . 993 FPct. Has a 86.1 SB\% (99 SB/16 CCS).
3 career G vs. PIT ( 0 -for-9, 2 R, 3 BB)...hitting . 284 ( 38 -for-134), 25 R, 4 2B, 12 HR, 21 RB 8 BB in 42 career Interleague G...matched Twins single-season record w/ 9 IL HR in 2019 Hit his 2nd HR of the season on 4/8, it was the second-longest home run of his career and it marked the first three-run homer for the Twins this season...it was his 41st career home as a catcher, fourth most in club history, trailing Joe Mauer (91), Tim Laudner (74) and Brian Harper (46)
$\Phi$ Career . 245 ( 123 -for-502) w/ 27 2B, 2 3B, 27 HR, 87 RBI, 5 HBP \& 49 BB in 211 G vs. RHP NIEK BDRDON - IF

## Height: 6-0 Weight: 160 B/T: L/R Age: 25 (10/24/1995 in Avon Park, FL)

 $\begin{array}{lll}2021 \text { Average: -- Streak:-- } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Series at OAK: } \\ \text { Roadtrip: }\end{array} \\ \text { Home Runs: }\end{array}$Recalled today and is looking to make his major league debut
© Hit . 200 (2-for-10) w/R in 11 ST games in 2021...missed entire 2020 season with injury last appeared in professional game action on 8/2/19, for Triple-A Rochester.
1st round selection (5th overall) by Twins in 2014 First-Year Player Draft.
Is the son of three-time All-Star RHP Tom "Flash" Gordon and half-brother of MLB infielder/ outfielder Dee Strange-Gordon.

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क Started his 8th game of the season as C Wednesday...Twins are $3-5$ when he starts as $C$ this season ( 66.2 Innings)...is now 5 -for-28 (.179) with a 3 R, RBI, 2 BB \& 14 K this season. $\Phi$ Made MLB debut in Interleague Play, 8/20/20 vs MIL (2-for-3, RBI)...career . 364 (4-for-11) R, RBI, $2 \mathrm{HBP}, \mathrm{BB}, 4 \mathrm{~K}$ in 6 games vs. National League (Twins are 5-1 in those games).
C Caught 25 games, making 18 starts; 25 starts marked the most of the club in 2020.
Hit . 273 (15-for-55) w/ 3 HR, 7 RBI, 5 BB \& . 355 OBP in 26 G in 2020.
Started 18 games at catcher last season, all in the Twins' final 35 games... 25 total games caught ranked third among MLB rookies.

## ALEX KIRILLDFF - DF <br> Height: 6-2 <br> Weight: 195 <br> B/T: L/L <br> Age: 23 (11/9/97 in Pittshurg PA <br> 2021 Aver Roadtrip: <br> Streak: 0-3 Series at OAK:

क Recalled from the alternate site for 2nd time this season (4/14-DH)...looking for his first career regular season hit...is the club's No. 2-ranked prospect per MLB.com,
Made his first career regular season appearance on 4/14 as PH/LF and went 0-for-3 (1 K) after making his ML debut in Game 2 on AL Wild Card series vs. HOU last season....Went 1-for-4 and became first player in baseball history to record a Postseason hit before a regular season hit.
 game, joining Kansas City's Adalberto Mondesi (2015 WS) and Oakland's Mark Kiger (2006

## TZII-WEI LIN - IF



Weight: 180
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$\Phi$ Contract selected today...when he appears in a game, will become the first Taiwanese-born player in Twins/Senators history.
Hit .300 (6-for-20), w/ 4 R, 3 2B, HR, 2 RBI and 4 BB in 17 ST games for MIN in 2021
$\Phi$ Never faced PIT...career 6-for-30 (.200) w/ 4 R, 2B, RBI, BB in 14 career IL games.
Has appeared in 101 games across 4 major league seasons w/ BOS...signed by MIN as m

## JORGE PILANCD - IF

Height: 5-11 Weight: 208
2021 Average: .212
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Went 4 for- 6 Wednesday at 0 Kk, 1 9/4/2020 \& 5/19/19)..batting . 381 (8-for-21), 3 R, 2B, RBI over last 6 games.
$9 / 4 / 2020$ \& $5 / 19 / 19$ )...batting .381 ( 8 -for-21), 3 R, 2 B, RBI over last 6 games.
$\Phi$ Career 2-for-2 vs. JT Brubaker...career. 348 ( 8 -for-23) w/ 5 R, 2B, 3 RBI in 7 G vs. PIT
$\Phi$ Recorded his second multi-hit game of the season on $4 / 14$ \& first since April 5 in Detroit
.
Drove in the Twins first run on $4 / 13$ on a sacrifice fly \& was HBP...marked the first Twins batter with both a sac fly and a hit-by-pitch in a game since Ehire Adrianza on April 3, 2019 $\Phi$ Has 49 HR, needs 1 to reach 50 for career.

$\Phi$ Is 2-for-21 w/ 2B, RBI, BB in 6 games this season...looking for 1st career Interleague hit क Reinstated from 10-day IL 4/20, went 0 -for-6 with two strikeouts in DH at OAK
क Hit . 237 (9-for-38) w/ 32B, HR, 3 RBI, BB \& 19 K in 18 spring games....optioned $3 / 29$
क Began 2020 in MIN player pool in STP...contract selected 9/4...first career hit (single) and RBI 9/4 vs. DET (G2)...first career HR 9/8 at STL (off Ponce de Leon).
$\Phi$ Hit . 316 ( 6 -for-19) in 7 G for MIN last season...HBP/fractured forearm $9 / 12$ vs. CLE, ending season.

- Ranked 12th best Twins prospect by MLB.com prior to season... 54 minor league home runs over 3 seasons ( 259 G)...35th overall pick by MIN in 2017 from Mississippi State.

| TWINS HDME RUN DATA |  |  |  |  |  |
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| MULTI-HOMER GAMES (2x) <br> - Cruz ( $4 / 5$ at DET) <br> - Cruz (4/21 at OAK) | BACK-TO-BACK (0x) <br> - None <br> WALK-OFF (0x) <br> - None | INSIDE-THE-PARK ( 0 x ) <br> - None | RUNNERS ON <br> - Solo-9 <br> - 2 -run - 7 <br> - 3 -run - 1 <br> - GS - 1 | GRAND SLAM (1x) <br> - Cruz, $4 / 5$ at DET | LEADOFF (0x) <br> - None |


| HITTERS INFO |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | LAST HOME RUN |  |  |  | LAST GRAND SLAM |  |  | VS. CURRENT OPPONENT 2021 |  |  |  |  | VS. CURRENT OPPONENT CAREER |  |  |  |  |
|  | Multi- | Multi- | Season Hit- | Season |  |  |  |  |  |  | Career |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Player | Hit | RBI | Streak | High Hits | Date | Opp. | On | Pitcher | Date | Opp. | \# | Avg | H | AB | HR | RBI | Avg | H | AB | HR | RBI |
| Luis Arraez | 5 | 2 | 4, 4/1-4/5 | 4, 4/15 | 4/08/21 | vs. SEA | 1 | Newsome |  |  | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 100 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 |
| Willians Astudillo | 3 | 1 | 2, 4/20-4/21 | 3,4/5 | 9/12/20 | vs. CLE | 0 | Plesac |  |  | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Byron Buxton | 5 | 3 | 10, 4/1-4/13 | 3, 4/21 | 4/21/21 | at OAK | 1 | Trivino | 5/18/19 | at SEA | 2 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 211 | 4 | 19 | 1 | 3 |
| Jake Cave | 1 | 0 | 2, 4/6-4/7 | 2, 4/6 | 9/23/20 | vs. DET | 0 | Ramirez | 7/26/20 | at CWS | 2 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 154 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 1 |
| Nelson Cruz | 4 | 3 | 11, 4/3-4/16 | 3,4/6 | 4/21/21 | at OAK | 0 | Montas | 4/05/21 | at DET | 10 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 351 | 20 | 57 | 3 | 15 |
| Josh Donaldson | 2 | 1 | 6, 4/1-4/21 | 4, 4/21 | 4/21/21 | at OAK | 0 | Montas | 9/28/18 | at KC | 5 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 196 | 9 | 46 | 3 | 9 |
| Mitch Garver | 3 | 2 | 1,4/20-4/20 | 2, 4/16 | 4/08/21 | vs. SEA | 2 | Gonzales |  |  | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Nick Gordon | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ryan Jeffers | 0 | 0 | 2, 4/14-4/15 | 1, 4/21 | 9/13/20 | vs. CLE | 1 | McKenzie |  |  | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alex Kirilloff | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tzu-Wei Lin | 0 | 0 |  |  | 9/21/18 | at CLE | 0 | Otero |  |  |  | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jorge Polanco | 3 | 2 | 2, 4/16-4/20 | 4, 4/21 | 9/04/20 | vs. DET | 0 | Boyd |  |  | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 348 | 8 | 23 | 0 | 3 |
| Brent Rooker | 0 | 0 | 1, 4/21-4/21 | 1, 4/21 | 9/08/20 | at STL | 1 | Ponce de Leon |  |  | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



## LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

HITTING:
Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time)
Grand Slam: N. Cruz, 4/5/21 at DET (1 as a team in 2021)
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)
Two Hits, One Inning: N. Cruz, 8th inning, 8/20/19 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2019)
Two Hits, One inning: N. Cruz, 8 th inning, $8 / 20 / 19$ vs. CWS (1 as a te
Two Home Runs, One Inning. $M$ Cuddyer $8 / 23 / 09$ at KC (1 all-time)
Two Home Runs, One inning: M. Cuddyer, $8 / 23 / 09$ at KC (1 all-time)
Three-Home Run Game: N. Cruz, $8 / 3 / 19$ vs. KC (3 as a team in 2019, 12 all-time)
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 team in '20)
Back-to-Back Home Runs: E. Rosario/M. Sanó, 9/12/20 vs. CLE (3 as 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: B. Buxton, 9/22/20 vs. DET (5 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 , J. Berríos, $4 / 5 / 21$ at MIL ( 1 as team in 2021)
Complete Game Shutout: J. Berríos, 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: $5 / 6 / 19$ \& 5/7/19 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, 8/7/19 vs. ATL - T. Flowers hitting (14 all-time) Position Player Pitching: W. Astudillo, 4/16 at LAA (1 in 2021)
Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adrianza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017)
Pure Steal of Heme R B,
Home Run in First ML At-Bat: E. Rosario, 5/6/15 vs. OAK (1st PA, 1st pitch)

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Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time)
Grand Slam: M. Olson, 4/20/21 at OAK, Game 1 (3 allowed as team in 2021)
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
Six-Hit Game: J. Segura, 5/28/13 at MIL (3 allowed all-time)
SIx-Hit Game: J. Segura, , $/ 28 / 13$ at MIL (3 allowed all-time)
Two Hits, One Inning: V. Reyes, 3rd inning, 8/31/19 at DET (1 allowed in 2019)
Two Hits, One Inning: V. Reyes, 3rd inning, $8 / 31 / 19$ at DE
Two Home Runs, One Inning: D. Nilsson, 5/17/96 vs. MIL
Two-Home Run Game: M. Olson, $4 / 21 / 21$ at OAK (3 allowed in 2021)
Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, $8 / 28 / 16$ at TOR
Back-to-Back Home Runs: J. Upton/J. Walsh, 4/16/21 at LAA ( 1 allowed in 2021)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: A. Jones/V. Castilla/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)
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: S. Manaea, 4/20/21 (G1) at OAK (1 time in 2021)
Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, $5 / 1-2 / 12$ at LAA
Back-to-Back Shutouts: 4/20/21 Game 1 \& 4/20/21 Game 2 at Oak (2 games, 7-0 and 1-0
Four Strikeouts in an Inning: F. Hernández, 6/3/10 vs. SEA (8th inning) 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: H. Castro, 4/5/21 at DET ( 1 in 2021)
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,
Home Run in First ML At-Bat: C. Richard, $7 / 17 / 00$ vs. STL

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| DATE <br> 4/8 vs. Seattle | DELAYED/PPD NOTES <br> Delayed Home | er delayed for 16 minute |
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