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MINNESOTA TWINS (14-27) AT LOS ANGELES ANGELS (18-24)

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 - 1:07 P.M. (PT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

G1 - LHP Lewis Thorpe (0-1, 4.50) vs. RHP Alex Cobb (1-2, 5.48)

G2 - RHP José Berríos (3-2, 3.74) vs. RHP Griffin Canning (3-2, 4.78) ROAD GAMES 19 & 20

GAMES 42 & 43

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table with various statistics: Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, etc.

THE TWINS: Completed their six-game homestand with a record of 2-4, going 1-2 against Oakland last weekend and 1-2 against Chicago-AL this week...

TWINS TWO-HIT ON WAY TO SERIES DEFEAT: The Twins lost to the White Sox yesterday afternoon by a score of 2-1... Matt Shoemaker (2-5) was the starter and loser...

DOUBLE VISION: Today marks the Twins' third doubleheader this season, going 0-4... last season the Twins played four doubleheaders...

DATE GAME 1 GAME 2 NOTES: 4/14 vs. BOS... L, 2-3... L, 1-7... Twins 10 total hits on the day...

TWINS AND HALOS: Today marks the second and third of seven scheduled meetings with the Angels this season as today's games are makeups from the April 17 and 18 cancellations...

NELLIE, ANGELIC: Nelson Cruz is hitting .285 (196-for-687) with 28 doubles, 50 home runs, 125 RBI, 57 walks and 106 runs scored in 187 career games vs. the Angels...

TOP 50: Nelson Cruz hit his 427th career home run yesterday afternoon, tying Mike Piazza for 50th on baseball's all-time home run list...

Table with columns: PLAYER, HOME RUNS, PLAYER, HOME RUNS. Lists players like Jeff Bagwell, Vladimir Guerrero Sr., etc.

POLO PUNCH: Jorge Polanco has reached safely in 10 of his last 11 games, hitting .318 (14-for-44) with four doubles, two home runs, six RBI, six walks, a .400 on-base percentage...

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1970, Hall-of-Famer Rod Carew hit for the first cycle in Twins history in a 10-5 win in Kansas City... In 1989, Randy Bush tied a team record with eight RBI in a 19-3 rout against the Texas Rangers...

THIS AND THAT:

- Alex Kirilloff went 2-for-3 with a single and a two-run home run last night for Triple-A St. Paul... Kirilloff has missed the Twins' last 14 games with a right wrist sprain... prior to landing on the Injured List, he hit safely in seven straight, going 9-for-28 (.321) with four home runs...

STREAKS

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

TWINS VS. ANGELS

Table with columns: 2021 Record, Current Streak, 2021 at Home, 2021 at Angels, All-Time Record, All-Time at Home, All-Time at Angels

2021 Game Logs:

Table with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Lists game logs for 4/16 LAA, 4/17 LAA, 4/18 LAA, 5/20 LAA, 7/22 MIN, 7/23 MIN, 7/24 MIN, 7/25 MIN

LAST HOMESTAND [2-4]

Table with columns: Batting average, Runs Per Game, Home Runs, RISP, Errors

Table with columns: Team ERA, Starters W-L, Starters ERA, Relievers W-L-S, Relievers ERA, Saves/Opps

BARRELS SINCE APRIL 23

Table with columns: Player, Home Runs. Lists Josh Donaldson, Shohei Ohtani, Giancarlo Stanton, Aaron Judge, Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Ronald Acuña Jr.

NELSON CRUZ - HR BY OPPONENT

Table with columns: Opponent, Home Runs. Lists Los Angeles-AL, Oakland, Kansas City, Cleveland, Detroit

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns: Date, Transaction. Lists LHP Thorpe added as 27th man, RHP Pineda placed on 10-day IL, RHP Farrell contract selected from AAA, etc.

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with columns: PLAYER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH. Lists Nelson Cruz (427 home runs), Mitch Garver (46 home runs), Andrelton Simmons (192 doubles), Miguel Sanó (137 home runs)

ALL-TIME HOME RUN LIST

Table with columns: Player, Home Runs. Lists Andre Dawson (438), Carlos Beltrán (435), Juan Gonzalez (434), Andruw Jones (434), Cal Ripken Jr. (431), Nelson Cruz (427), Mike Piazza (427)



LEWIS THORPE

#43

Height: 6-1 Weight: 218 B/T: R/L Age: 25 (11/23/1995 in Melbourne, AUS)

2021: 0-1, 4.50 ERA CAREER: 3-4, 5.83 ERA

- Making his fourth appearance and third start of the season.
Making his 23rd career appearance and sixth start.
Owns one career start against Los Angeles-AL, earlier this season on April 16 at Angel Stadium... worked 4.0 innings and allowed two runs on three hits, with one walk and two strikeouts.
Is one of nine Australian-born players to debut with the Twins.

2021 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY (ITALICS INDICATES RELIEF)

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 4/16 at LAA, 4/20 at OAK-IND, APRIL TOTALS, 5/5 vs. TEX, and 2021/CAREER TOTALS.

2021 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY (ITALICS INDICATES RELIEF)

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 5/12 vs. IOW, 5/16 vs. IOW, and 2021 TOTALS.

SEASON SUMMARY: Thorpe was recalled from Triple-A St. Paul as the 27th man for today's doubleheader, his fourth major league stint this season (also, April 16-17, April 20, May 5)...

Thorpe has also made a pair of scoreless relief appearances for Triple-A St. Paul, working in games on the Saints' current homestand...pitched 3.0 empty frames on May 12 vs. Iowa, followed by another scoreless outing four days ago, also vs. Iowa (2.0 IP, 1 BB, 1 K).

LAST TIME OUT: Thorpe's last MLB outing came in a start on May 5 vs. Texas...matched his career high with 5.0 innings of work but was saddled with the loss after allowing three runs on five hits...

HELLO, HALOS: Thorpe's season debut came on April 16 at Angel Stadium, his lone career outing against the Angels...worked 3.0 scoreless innings to begin his start, retiring 10 of the first 11 batters he faced...

ALL ABOUT THE WEST: All three of Thorpe's major league appearances so far this season have come against the teams of the American League West division, a trend that continues today...

DOUBLE THE FUN: Thorpe has appeared in a doubleheader thrice in his career, including one start and two relief appearances...his lone start came in the second game on September 14, 2019 at Cleveland...

STARTER AND RELIEVER: Thorpe has just 22 major league appearances under his belt entering today, including five starts...his starts have varied in length (5.0 IP, 3.2 IP, 4.0 IP, 4.0 IP, 5.0 IP)...

Thorpe's career relief appearances have lasted anywhere between 0.1 and 4.0 innings, and he's 3-2, 5.57 ERA, 10 walks, 26 strikeouts and a .331 opponent batting average (44-for-133) in 17 career appearances out of the bullpen.

TAKING A RISP: Has held opposing hitters to a .250 batting average (12-for-48) with runners in scoring position in his career, far below his career opponent batting average of .323...he's yielded multiple hits with RISP just twice, August 3, 2020 vs. Pittsburgh (2-for-5) and August 29, 2020 at Detroit (2-for-6)...

With RISP and two outs, Thorpe has held opposing hitters to just 2-for-15 (.133) in his career.

YOU CAN GET ON BASE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY THERE: In 2020, posted a 77.5 left on base percent (per Fangraphs), just above league average and well above the 66.2% mark he posted in 2019...

Thorpe is averaging just 9.00 base runners-per-9.0 IP this season, second fewest among Twins pitchers (min. 10.0 IP) behind Jorge Alcala (8.27).

PITCH SELECTION: Thorpe has consistently thrown four different offerings to opposing hitters across his time in the majors...here's a look at his 2021 repertoire, per Baseball Savant.

PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (#. vs. RHB/LHB) RESULTS table listing 4-Seaam Fastball, Slider, Changeup, and Curveball with their respective percentages and results.

2020 RECAP:

- Made Twins Opening Day roster from summer camp...was previously optioned to minor leagues March 9 while the club was in spring training.
Pitched back-to-back scoreless appearances to start the year July 26 at Chicago-AL (2.2 IP) and July 30 vs. Cleveland (2.0 IP).
Appeared in four games August 3-19, allowing 10 earned runs on 17 hits in 10.0 innings pitched and was optioned to alternate site August 20.
Made one start on the year, working 4.0 innings against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Target Field on August 3...allowed three runs on six hits (1 HR), with a career-high four walks allowed and three strikeouts.
Added to Twins Taxi Squad August 24 during a 10-game roadtrip...later added as 29th man for doubleheader in Detroit August 29, pitching 1.2 innings.

2021 HIGHS (SP)

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 5/5 vs. TEX
SO's: 2, 2x, last: 5/5 vs. TEX
Walks: 1, 2x, last: 5/5 vs. TEX
Hits: 5, 5/5 vs. TEX
Home Runs: --
Win-Streak: --
Loss-Streak: 1, 5/5

CAREER HIGHS (SP)

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 2x, last: 5/5/21 vs. TEX
SO's: 7, 6/30/19 at CWS
Walks: 4, 2x, last: 8/3/20 vs. PIT
Hits: 7, 9/14/19 at CLE
Home Runs: 2, 2x, last: 8/19/20 vs. MIL
Win-Streak: 2, 7/22-9/3/19
Loss-Streak: 1, many times

CAREER NOTES

- Made major league debut June 30, 2019 at Chicago-AL, allowing two runs on five hits in 5.0 innings pitched with seven strikeouts.
Became the sixth Twins pitcher to record seven-or-more strikeouts in debut, joining Boof Bonser (8 in 2006), Yohan Pino (7 in 2014), Darrell Jackson (7 in 1978), Bert Blyleven (7 in 1970) and Devin Smeltzer (7 on May 28, 2019).
Earned first major league win July 22, 2019 vs. New York-AL, allowing one run on four hits in 2.2 innings of relief.
Became just the eighth Australian-born player to don a Twins uniform, joining James Beresford (2016), Liam Hendriks (2013), Luke Hughes (2012), Justin Huber (2009), Glenn Williams (2005), Grant Balfour (2004) and Brad Thomas (2004)...Aaron Whitefield became the ninth when he debuted in 2020.
Became the seventh Twin to debut in 2019, joining Ryne Harper, Devin Smeltzer, Ryan Eades, Luis Arraez, Sean Poppen and LaMonte Wade, Jr.
Named recipient of the 2018 Jim Rantz Award as the Twins minor league Pitcher of the Year after pitching to a combined 3.54 ERA (129.2 IP, 51 ER) in 26 games (25 games) between Double- and Triple-A...second Aussie to win award (Liam Hendriks - 2011).
Named a 2018 Double-A Southern League Postseason All-Star, alongside Brent Rooker.
Pitched for the World Team in the SiriusXM Futures Game at Nationals Park July 15, 2018...appeared in relief, allowing four runs on three hits in 0.2 innings pitched.
Thorpe went 991 days between professional appearances (August 31, 2014 for Single-A Cedar Rapids-May 19, 2017 for Single-A Ft. Myers).
Owns a 3.46 ERA (429.2 IP, 165 ER) with 514 strikeouts in 93 games (84 appearances) in the minors.
Signed by the Twins as a 16-year-old undrafted free agent in 2012.
Has a four-year-old pet kangaroo named Skippy at his home in Melbourne, Australia.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS (SP & RP)

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

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Shows 2019 (2), 2020 (1), 2021 (2), and TOTALS (5).

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (SP & RP)

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Shows Thorpe: 10, 0, 0-0, 1.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (SP & RP)

Table with columns: INNING (1-9), RUNS/HITS. Shows values for each inning.

THORPE VS. LOS ANGELES-AL

2021 vs. Los Angeles-AL (1 start): 0-0, 4.50 ERA (4.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 2 K
2021 vs. Los Angeles-AL at Home (0 games): --
2021 vs. Los Angeles-AL on Road (1 start): 0-0, 4.50 ERA (4.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 2 K
Career vs. Los Angeles-AL (1 start): 0-0, 4.50 ERA (4.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 2 K
Career vs. Los Angeles-AL at Home (0 games): --
Career vs. Los Angeles-AL on Road (1 start): 0-0, 4.50 ERA (4.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 2 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table comparing Thorpe vs. the Angels and Cobb vs. the Twins with columns for Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.

AUSTRALIAN-BORN PLAYERS TO MAKE THEIR MLB DEBUT FOR THE TWINS

Aaron Whitefield, OF..... July 25, 2020 at CWS
Lewis Thorpe, LHP..... June 30, 2019 at CWS
James Beresford, IF..... Sept. 10, 2016 vs. CLE
Liam Hendriks, RHP..... Sept. 6, 2011 vs. CWS
Luke Hughes, IF..... April 28, 2010 vs. DET
Glenn Williams, IF..... June 7, 2005 at ARI
Grant Balfour, RHP..... July 22, 2001 vs. SEA
Brad Thomas, LHP..... May 26, 2001 vs. OAK (2)

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

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

SCORE BY INNING

Table with 11 columns: Opponent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, XTRA, TOTAL. Shows scores for Twins vs various opponents.

INJURED LIST

Table with 6 columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed. Lists injured players and their status.

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Distance. Lists longest home runs by player.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Velocity. Lists highest exit velocities by player.

EJECTIONS

Table with 5 columns: Date, Player/Mgr/Ch, Umpire, Reason, Career. Lists ejections by date and player.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 10 columns: Player, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH. Shows starts by position for each player.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with 10 columns: Player, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Shows starts by batting order for each player.

MOST USED LINEUP [2X]

Table with 2 columns: Player and Pos. Lists most used lineup positions for each player.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Assists. Lists outfield assists by player.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

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: B. Buxton, 4/27/21 at CLE (1 in 2021). 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: A. Kirilloff, 4/30/21 vs. KC (4 as team in 2021). Three-Home Run Game: M. Sanó, 5/18/21 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2021, 13 all-time). Back-to-Back Home Runs: B. Buxton/J. Donaldson, 4/28/21 at CLE (1 as team in 2021). 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: K. Garlick, 5/7/2021 at DET (3 as a team in 2021). Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: B. Buxton/J. Donaldson, 4/28/21 at CLE. 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. Berrios, 4/5/21 at MIL (1 as team in 2021). 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: 5/6/19 & 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). 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: D. Mendick, 5/17/21 vs. CWS (4 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: M. Canha, 5/14/21 vs. OAK (1 allowed in 2021). 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: A. Benintendi, 5/1/21 vs. KC (5 allowed in 2021). Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR. Back-to-Back Home Runs: M. Perez/K. Newman, 4/24/21 vs. PIT (2 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: J. Luplow, 4/26/21 at CLE (1 allowed in 2021). Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time). Leadoff Home Run: T. Anderson, 5/13/21 at CWS (2 allowed in 2021). 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: 11, Giolito, 5/19/21 vs. CWS (1 time in 2021). 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).

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, 5/26/00 vs. TEX. Home Run in First ML At-Bat: C. Richard, 7/17/00 vs. STL.

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Delayed/PPD, Notes. Lists weather-related game delays and postponements.

Table with 3 columns: Year, PPD, DEL. Lists PPD and DEL counts by year.

** Target Field has experienced 55 delayed games, 25 postponed games, 1 suspended game and 1 rain-shortened game in the park's history (since 2010). Longest delay: 4:50. **

