

MICHAEL PINEDA

#35

Height: 6-7 Weight: 280 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (1/18/1989 in Yaguete, DR)

2021: 2-1, 2.30 ERA CAREER: 55-47, 3.97 ERA

- Making his sixth start of the season and his fifth-straight at Target Field.
Making the 154th start and appearance of career.
Was given an extra day's rest after being hit in the right wrist by a comebacker last Friday vs. KC.

2021 DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes APRIL TOTALS, RECORD, and 2021 CAREER TOTALS.

2020 DAY-BY-DAY

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

LAST TIME OUT: Pineda opened the Twins' current homestand with a 9-1 win last Friday night against Kansas City...

Was struck on the right (pitching) wrist by a comebacker off the bat of Michael A. Taylor with one out in the fifth...

FIVE AND FLY: "Big Mike" was pushed back one day in the rotation for an extra recovery day after getting hit by the comebacker in his last start...

MICHAEL PINEDA, STOPPER: Looking to snap a two-game losing streak, salvage a split in the series vs. the Rangers and claim their first winning homestand of the 2021 season...

AWESOME APRIL: Pineda toes the rubber today for his first start in May, following an April in which he posted his first month with five-plus starts (5) and a sub-3.00 ERA (2.30)...

Table with columns: MONTH, YEAR (TEAM), STARTS, ERA (IP, ER). Lists performance by month from 2014 to 2021.

A LOOK AT THE LEADERBOARD: Pineda enters today's start 1.2-innings shy of qualifying for the American League leaderboard...

PINEDA VS. THE RANGERS: Today's start will be Pineda's ninth career outing vs. Texas, and his third in a Twins uniform.

HOME COOKING: Pineda takes the mound this afternoon for his fifth-straight and 22nd overall start at Target Field as a member of the Twins...

THE "RIGHT" STUFF: Beginning with his first start of the 2020 season (which came September 1), Pineda has held right-handed batters to a .167/.216/.255 slash line...

MINNESOTA MIKE: Big Mike has made 36 starts in a Minnesota uniform, going 15-6, 3.69 ERA (200.0 IP, 82 ER)...

BIG MIKE, BIG PERFORMANCES: Pineda's ERA as a Twin stood at 5.02 (80.2 IP, 45 ER) through his first 15 starts of the 2019 season...

2020 NOTES: Reinstated from Restricted List September 1 after missing the Twins' first 36 games, serving his suspension after violating MLB's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP MATT SHOEMAKER (2021 SEASON: 1-3, 7.83 ERA // CAREER: 44-36, 4.00 ERA) Shoemaker is scheduled to take the mound in tomorrow night's series opener in Detroit...

2021 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 7.0, 4/15 vs. BOS
SO's: 6, 2x, last: 4/15 vs. BOS
Walks: 2, 2x, last: 4/30 vs. KC
Hits: 6, 4/24 vs. PIT
Home Runs: 2, 2x, last: 4/24 vs. PIT
Win-Streak: 1, 2x, last: 4/30
Loss-Streak: 1, 4/24

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: 1, 6/28/15 at HOU
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: 7, 6/28/15 at HOU
Innings: 8.0, 3x, last: 6/28/15 at HOU
SO's: 16, 5/10/15 vs. BAL
Walks: 5, 3x, last: 7/21/19 vs. OAK
Hits: 11, 6/22/15 vs. PHI
Home Runs: 4, 4/24/16 vs. TB
Win-Streak: 8, 7/26/19-4/4/21
Loss-Streak: 3, 3x, last: 4/18/19-5/11/19

CAREER NOTES

- Missed last 21 games of 2019, the entire ALDS and the first 36 contests of 2020 due to a 60-game suspension for violating MLB's Joint Drug and Prevention Treatment Program.
Spent the entire 2018 season on the Injured List, recovering from Tommy John surgery on right elbow...also missed the entire 2012 campaign with New York-AL recovering from right shoulder surgery, and was out of the majors in 2013 while rehabbing.
Struck out 207 batters over 175.2 innings pitched in 2016, setting the fifth-lowest innings total for a pitcher who recorded 200+ strikeouts in American League history.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS

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

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Lists starts from 2011 to 2021 with a TOTALS row.

2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Shows PINEDA: 20, 0, 0-0, 1.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING (1-9), RUNS/HITS. Shows slash line for each inning: 0/1, 4/4, 2/4, 1/3, 2/6, 0/0, 0/1, -/-, -/-.

PINEDA VS. TEXAS

2019 vs. Texas (2 starts): 2-0, 3.27 ERA (11.0 IP, 4 ER), 2 BB, 15 K
2019 vs. Texas at Home (1 start): 1-0, 1.50 ERA (6.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 9 K
2019 vs. Texas on Road (1 start): 1-0, 5.40 ERA (5.0 IP, 3 ER), 1 BB, 6 K
Career vs. Texas (8 starts): 2-4, 5.09 ERA (46.0 IP, 26 ER), 10 BB, 52 K
Career vs. Texas at Home (5 starts): 1-3, 5.28 ERA (29.0 IP, 17 ER), 6 BB, 38 K
Career vs. Texas on Road (3 starts): 1-1, 4.76 ERA (17.0 IP, 9 ER), 4 BB, 14 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table comparing Pineda vs. the Rangers and Lyles vs. the Twins across various categories (AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) for players Holt, Davis, Calhoun, Gallo, Trevino and Cruz, Donaldson, Simmons.

STRIKE ONE: Among all American League pitchers that have worked at least 25.0 IP thus far in 2021, Pineda ranks fourth in first-strike percentage (68.2%)...he is 10th in all of MLB.

FLAILING AWAY: Pineda has induced hitters to swing at pitches outside the zone 33.3 percent of the time...his overall chase rate ranks in the 90th percentile among all major league pitchers.

TROUBLE WITH THE LONG BALL: The one bugaboo for Pineda thus far has been the home run ball, yielding five in his 27.1 innings (all solo)...extrapolated over a full season, his 1.65 HR/9.0 rate and 4.67 home run percentage would be the second-highest marks of his career.

2021 ARSENAL: Below is a breakdown of Pineda's 2021 three-pitch repertoire, according to Baseball Savant, which follows similar to what he featured in 2020.

In two-plus seasons with the Twins, he has used his four-seam fastball more than half the time (54.9% in 2021, 50.1% in 2020, 54.1% in 2019)...after a career-high 59.5% use rate as a Mariners rookie, he never topped 47.7% as a Yankee.
PITCH (AVG. MPH).....PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHP/LHB).....RESULTS
4-Seam Fastball (90.5)..... 54.1% (219 pitches, 120/99)..... .211 (12-for-57), 1 2B, 4 HR, 13 K
Slider (81.7)..... 32.6% (132 pitches, 103/29)..... .152 (5-for-33), 2 2B, 1 HR, 13 K
Changeup (85.0)..... 13.3% (54 pitches, 7/47)..... .200 (2-for-10), 1 K

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^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 0-4 in extra innings)
* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 2 in 2020)
- PPD game from April 12 vs. BOS ## - PPD game from April 19 at OAK ### - PPD games from April 17 & 18 at LAA

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [1]
Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Row: 4/15 vs. BOS, 4-3, Kepler singles in Arraez from second base with 1 out in bot 9

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [39]
Pitchers: (18)
Alcala, Jorge - RHP*
Anderson, Shaun - RHP
Berrios, Jose - RHP*
Colomé, Alex - RHP*
Dobnak, Randy - RHP*
Duffey, Tyler - RHP*
Farrell, Luke - RHP
Happ, J.A. - LHP*
Maeda, Kenta - RHP*
Pineda, Michael - RHP*
Robles, Hansel - RHP*
Rogers, Taylor - LHP*
Shoemaker, Matt - RHP*
Smeltzer, Devin - LHP
Stashak, Cody - RHP*
Thielbar, Caleb - LHP*
Thorpe, Lewis - LHP
Waddell, Brandon - LHP
Position Players: (21)
Arraez, Luis - IF*
Astudillo, Williams - C/IF/OF*
Blankenhorn, Travis - IF
Buxton, Byron - OF*
Cave, Jake - OF*
Cruz, Nelson - DH*
Donaldson, Josh - 3B*
Garlick, Kyle - OF*
Garver, Mitch - C*
Gordon, Nick - IF
Jeffers, Ryan - C*
Kepler, Max - OF*
Kirilloff, Alex - OF
Lin, Tzu-Wei - IF
Polanco, Jorge - IF*
Riddle, JT - IF
Rooker, Brent - OF
Rortvedt, Ben - C
Sanó, Miguel - IF*
Simmons, Andrelton - SS*
Telis, Tomás - C
(* - on Opening Day roster)