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WORLD CHAMPIONS '24 '87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (41-55) vs. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (46-48)

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021 - 7:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM

RHP Kenta Maeda (4-3, 4.71) vs. LHP Andrew Heaney (5-7, 5.56)

GAME 97

HOME GAME 48

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows for 7/23, 7/24, and 7/25.

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Season statistics table including Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, Record in home series, Record in road series, Series Openers, Series Finales, Rubber Games, Sweeps/Swept, April, May, 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, Leading after 7/8 inn., Trailing after 7/8 inn., Tied after 7/8 inn., Extra-innings, 1-run games, Twins out-hit opp., Opp. out-hit Twins, Opp. have = hits, Run Differential, Twins get Quality Start, Twins starter goes 6+ IP, Most games over .500, Most games under .500, Longest win-streak, Longest losing-streak, When Twins score 4+, When Twins score 3+, Twins get 10+ hits, Days in First Place, Days in Second Place, Days in Third Place, Days in Fourth Place, Days in Fifth Place, Walk-Off W/L, Shutouts W/L, Complete Games, Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2021/AH-Time.

THE TWINS: Completed their seven-game roadtrip with a record of 2-5, going 0-3 against the Tigers and 2-2 against the White Sox...tonight they will begin a seven-game homestand with four against the Angels through the weekend and three against the Tigers from Monday-Wednesday...the Twins have gone 22-25 at home this season and 19-30 on the road.

TWINS COMPLETE SOUTH SIDE SCHEDULE WITH SPLIT: The Twins beat the White Sox last night at Guaranteed Rate Field by a score of 7-2, splitting the four-game series by taking games one and four...Michael Pineda (4-5) was the starter and winner, allowing one run on four hits in 5.0 innings pitched...the offense recorded 11 hits, two coming from Max Kepler and three from Jorge Polanco (who was a triple shy of the cycle)...both Kepler and Polanco homered, Kepler's 12th and Polanco's 14th.

GARVER'S EXPECTING: The Twins announced today that they have placed catcher Mitch Garver on the Paternity List...Garver and his wife, Sarah, are awaiting the arrival of their first child...the 30-year-old was reinstated from the 10-day Injured List on Monday and has gone 2-for-6 with two home runs in two games since...he's batting .230 (28-for-122) with eight doubles, 10 home runs, 19 RBI, 19 runs scored and an .884 OPS in 43 games overall this season...to replace Garver on the 26-man roster, the Twins have recalled catcher Ben Rortvedt from Triple-A St. Paul...Rortvedt, who was optioned to the Saints on Monday, is making his third stint with the Twins this season and has gone 9-for-70 (.129) with one double, two home runs and five RBI in 30 games.

TWINS AND HALOS: Tonight marks the fourth of seven scheduled meetings with the Angels this season...the Twins went 1-2 against the Angels in Anaheim earlier this season...they played one game on April 16 then had two games from April 17-18 canceled due to Twins COVID testing and contact tracing...Twins made those games up with a doubleheader on May 20 and split, losing game one and winning game two...Twins have won six of their last eight against the Angels...the Angels' last trip to Target Field came from May 13-15, 2019 as the Twins won two of three.

Angels manager Joe Maddon was one of four managers Rocco Baldelli had during his playing career (Lou Piniella - 2003-05, Maddon - 2006-08, '10 and Terry Francona - 2009). Josh Donaldson is hitting .338 (22-for-65) with nine doubles, two home runs, 12 RBI and 14 walks in his last 18 games against the Angels.

Max Kepler is hitting .314 (27-for-86) with five doubles, five home runs, 11 RBI, 16 walks, a .427 on-base percentage and a .974 OPS in 27 career games against the Angels...he has reached safely in 21 of his last 24 vs. the Halos.

Miguel Sanó is hitting .308 (28-for-91) with seven doubles, seven home runs, 19 RBI, 12 walks and a 1.004 OPS in 24 career games vs. the Angels...in his last 16 he is hitting .365 (23-for-62) with six home runs and a 1.133 OPS.

Luis Arraez is hitting .381 (8-for-21) with two walks and a .417 OBP in six career games against LAA.

NELLIE, ANGELIC: Nelson Cruz is hitting .286 (197-for-689) with 28 doubles, 50 home runs, 125 RBI, 57 walks and 106 runs scored in 188 career games vs. the Angels...the hits, homers, RBI, walks, runs and games are all his most vs. any opponent...he has reached safely 14-straight against the Angels...Cruz leads all actives vs. LAA in homers, RBI and total bases (375)...only Alex Rodriguez (70) has more home runs all-time against the Angels franchise...among active players, only Albert Pujols has as many home runs against any single opponent (vs. HOU - 62, vs. CHC - 57 and PIT - 50).

JORGE HEATING: Jorge Polanco's numbers in his first 50 games vs. his last 38 games:

Table comparing AVG, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, BB, K, OBP, SLG, OPS for FIRST 50 and LAST 38 games. Includes ADDITIONALLY note about Polanco's 88 games lead the club.

LEFT SIDE IS OUR BEST SIDE: The Twins are hitting .256 (279-for-1090) with a .446 slugging percentage and a .760 OPS vs. lefties this season, compared to .238 (504-for-2119) with a .420 slugging and a .736 OPS against righties.

Twins lead baseball in home runs (48) against lefties...they also rank third in slugging percentage and seventh in OPS.

Nelson Cruz is hitting .362 (38-for-105) with seven doubles, six home runs and a 1.010 OPS vs. lefties this season...his average against lefties ranks second in the AL (minimum 100 AB's), trailing only Los Angeles-AL's David Fletcher (.381).

Lifetime against Andrew Heaney: Josh Donaldson is hitting .429 (3-for-7) with one home run and four RBI...Nelson Cruz is hitting .263 (5-for-19) with three home runs, four RBI and two walks.

DRAFT SIGNS: The Twins have come to terms with 12 of their 2021 draft picks: left-handed pitcher Cade Povich (RD 3) from the University of Nebraska, third baseman Christian Encarnacion-Strand (RD 4) from Oklahoma State University, right-handed pitcher Travis Adams (RD 6) from Cal State University (Sacramento), third baseman Jake Rucker (RD 7) from the University of Tennessee, third baseman Ernie Yake (RD 10) from Gonzaga University, outfielder Kyle Fedko (RD 12) from the University of Connecticut, right-handed pitcher David Festa (RD 13) from Seton Hall University, right-handed pitcher Pierson Ohl (RD 14) from Grand Canyon University, infielder Mikey Perez (RD 15) from UCLA, right-handed pitcher Jonathan Lavallee (RD 16) from Long Beach State University, outfielder Dylan Neuse (RD 17) from Texas Tech University and left-handed pitcher Jaylen Nowlin (RD 19) from Chipola College.

They have also signed two undrafted players: right-handed pitcher AJ Labas from LSU and right-handed pitcher Logan Campbell from the University of Charleston.

STREAKS

Streaks table: Current Streak (1 win), Last 5 games (2-3), Last 10 games (5-5), Last 15 games (8-7), Last 20 games (8-12)

TWINS VS. ANGELS

Twins vs. Angels stats: 2021 Record (1-2), Current Streak (1 win), 2021 at Home, 2021 at Angels (1-2), All-Time Record (351-377), All-Time at Home (176-187), All-Time at Angels (175-190)

2021 Game Logs:

Game logs table with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes games from 4/16 to 7/25.

LAST ROADTRIP (2-5)

Last road trip stats: Batting average (.222), Runs Per Game (2.86), Home Runs (9), RISP (.189), Errors (6), Team ERA (4.78), Starters W-L (1-3), Starters ERA (5.11), Relievers W-L-S (1-2-1), Relievers ERA (3.60), Saves/Opvs (1/3)

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

MLB team home run leaders: San Francisco (144), Toronto (144), Minnesota (138), Los Angeles-NL (136), Atlanta (129)

AL TEAM OPS LEADERS

AL team OPS leaders: Toronto (.783), Houston (.775), Boston (.766), Chicago (.761), Los Angeles (.759), Minnesota (.744)

NELSON CRUZ - HR BY OPPONENT

Nelson Cruz HR by opponent: Los Angeles-AL (50), Oakland (37), Kansas City (31), Houston (27), Cleveland (27), Detroit (26)

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Upcoming milestones table with columns: Player, Current No., Milestone Within Reach. Includes Nelson Cruz, Josh Donaldson, Andrelton Simmons, Miguel Sanó.

ALL-TIME HOME RUN LIST

All-time home run list: 42) Dave Kingman (442), 43) Jason Giambi (440), 44) Paul Konerko (439), 45) Andre Dawson (438), 46) Nelson Cruz (436), 47) Carlos Beltrán (435)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

7/22 C Garver placed on Paternity List, C Rortvedt recalled from AAA, 7/21 OF/1B Kirilloff placed on 10-day IL, C/IF Astudillo recalled from AAA, 7/19 C Garver returned from rehab assignment and reinstated from 10-day IL, C Rortvedt optioned to AAA, RHP Jax added as 27th man, LHP Coulombe reinstated from Pat. List, RHP Burrows optioned to AAA, 7/17 RHP Law placed on 10-day IL, LHP Coulombe placed on Paternity List, RHP Minaya contract selected from AAA, RHP Burrows recalled from AAA, LHP Smeltzer transferred to 60-day IL, RHP Dobnak transferred to 60-day IL, LHP Barnes added as 27th man

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KENTA MAEDA

#18

Height: 6-1 Weight: 185 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (4/11/1988 in Osaka, Japan)

2021: 4-3, 4.71 ERA CAREER: 57-39, 3.84 ERA

- Making his 16th start and appearance of the season...just his fifth start of the season at home. Making his 164th career appearance and 130th start. Facing Los Angeles-AL for the first time in a Twins uniform...could face countryman Shohei Ohtani for the fourth time in the majors and first since July 23, 2019...Ohtani is 2-for-5 with a homer off Maeda.

2021 DAY-BY-DAY

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

LAST TIME OUT: Maeda last started on Saturday, July 17 in the second game of a doubleheader at Detroit, taking a no-decision in an eventual 5-4 Twins loss...allowed three runs on three hits, with one walk and eight strikeouts in 5.0 innings of work...

START PRIOR: Maeda started on July 9 vs. Detroit at Target Field, taking a no-decision in an eventual 4-2 Twins win...worked 5.0 shutout innings and allowed just two singles, with two walks and seven strikeouts...

JULY HEAT: Maeda enters tonight 1-0, 1.69 ERA (16.0 IP, 3 ER) with four walks, 25 strikeouts and a .130 opponent batting average (7-for-54) in three July starts...

Maeda enters tonight leading the majors with a .130 (7-for-54) opponent batting average this month (min. 50 AB)...he's also eighth in the American League in ERA this month (min. 15.0 IP).

HELLO, HALOS: Tonight marks Maeda's seventh career appearance and sixth start against the Angels, as well as his first outing vs. Los Angeles-AL as a Twin...he's 2-3, 4.56 ERA (25.2 IP, 13 ER) with nine walks, 32 strikeouts and a .200 (19-for-95) opponent batting average...

Maeda went 1-1, 2.70 ERA (16.2 IP, 5 ER) in his first three career starts vs. Los Angeles-AL, but is 0-2, 8.31 ERA (8.2 IP, 8 ER) in his last two. Maeda could be facing his countryman Shohei Ohtani for the fourth time in an MLB game and first since July 23, 2019...Ohtani is 2-for-5 with one homer and two RBI off Maeda.

GO WEST: Tonight marks Maeda's sixth start of the season against the American League West division, going 2-0, 5.40 ERA (21.1 IP, 13 ER) with seven walks and 22 strikeouts in his five prior starts...

COMFORTS OF HOME: Just four of Maeda's 15 starts so far this season have come at home, and he's 1-1, 2.41 ERA (18.2 IP, 5 ER), seven walks and 22 strikeouts in those starts...this compares to 3-2, 5.50 ERA (54.0 IP, 33 ER) in 11 starts away from Target Field this season.

MILESTONE MAN: Maeda surpassed two career milestones in his start against the Mariners in Seattle on June 14...at the end of his second inning of work he reached 700 career MLB innings, becoming the 10th Japanese-born pitcher to hit that plateau in the majors...he became just the fifth Japanese-born pitcher in major league history to reach 800 career strikeouts, joining Nomo (1,918), Darvish (1,520), Tanaka (991) and Kuroda (986).

2021 ARSENAL: Maeda's slider has surpassed his four-seam fastball as his most-used pitch over the last two seasons...he threw them equally in his rookie 2016 campaign and his four-seamer was his most frequent offering from 2017-19...however, his slider has been his top pitch since the start of 2020, followed by his split finger...here's a breakdown of his 2021 offerings and the results:

OPPOSING COUNTS: Opponents are hitting .394 (13-for-33) off Maeda's first offering of an at-bat...however, opponents are batting .187 (29-for-155) off Maeda with two strikes, above the .087 (13-for-150) mark he held them to in 2020 and his career mark of .147 (232-for-1582)...the league average mark this season with two strikes is .163.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - LHP J.A. HAPP (2021 SEASON: 5-5, 6.15 ERA // CAREER: 128-97, 4.09 ERA)

Veteran southpaw Happ is due to start tomorrow night's game against the Angels...took the loss in his last start on Sunday, July 18 at Detroit as the Twins were shut out 7-0...yielded seven runs on a season-high 11 hits (2 HR), with one walk and four strikeouts in 7.0 innings of work...

2021 HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 6.0, 2x, last: 7/4 at KC SO's: 10, 7/4 at KC Walks: 5, 6/29 at CWS Hits: 8, 3x, last: 6/29 at CWS Home Runs: 3, 2x, last: 4/27 at CLE Win-Streak: 2, 5/3-6/20 Loss-Streak: 2, 4/14-4/27

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 8.1, 5/10/17 vs. PIT SO's: 13, 6/10/16 vs. SD Walks: 5, 2x, last: 6/29/21 at CWS Hits: 9, 3x, last 5/11/18 vs. CIN Home Runs: 4, 4/22/17 at ARI Win-Streak: 7, 8/10/19-8/24/20 Loss-Streak: 6, 6/11-7/29/19

CAREER NOTES

- Finished second in the 2020 American League Cy Young Award voting, accruing 92 total votes (Cleveland's Shane Bieber was the unanimous winner). Named Joseph W. Haynes Award winner for Twins Pitcher of the Year in 2020, voted on by the Twin Cities Chapter of the BBWAA...also named the starting pitcher on 2020 All-MLB Second Team. Pitched 8.0 no-hit innings on August 18, 2020 vs. MIL before bid was broken up in the ninth...longest no-hit bid of career, and set Twins record with eight-straight K's. Is the third Japanese-born player in Twins franchise history, after Micheal Nakamura (2003) and Tsuyoshi Nishioka (2011-12). Owns the fifth-most strikeouts in MLB history among Japanese-born pitchers. His 16 wins in 2016 were the second-most wins ever by a Los Angeles-ML rookie, behind only Rick Sutcliffe (17-10, 1979), and tied for the second-most ever in a single season by a Japanese pitcher. In 2016, led qualifying MLB rookie starting pitchers in starts (32), wins (16), opponents' batting average (.229), WHIP (1.14), innings pitched (175.2) and strikeout-to-walk ratio (3.58). Named to the 2016 Baseball America Major League All-Rookie Team, and finished third in the NL Rookie of the Year voting. Pitched 6.0 scoreless innings in his major league debut, also hitting a solo home run in his second career at-bat.

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 statistics.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Shows data for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and TOTALES.

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table showing MAEDA: BASE RUNNERS (103), PICK-OFFS (0), SB-ATT (2-3), GIDP (3).

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING (1-9), RUNS/HITS. Shows runs and hits per inning.

MAEDA VS. LOS ANGELES-AL

2019 vs. Los Angeles-AL (2 starts): 0-2, 8.31 ERA (8.2 IP, 8 ER), 5 BB, 11 K. 2019 vs. Los Angeles-AL at Home (1 start): 0-1, 6.23 ERA (4.1 IP, 3 ER), 2 BB, 7 K. 2019 vs. Los Angeles-AL on Road (1 start): 0-1, 10.38 ERA (4.1 IP, 5 ER), 3 BB, 4 K. Career vs. Los Angeles-AL (6 games, 5 starts): 2-3, 4.56 ERA (25.2 IP, 13 ER), 9 BB, 32 K. Career vs. Los Angeles-AL at Home (4 games, 3 starts): 2-2, 4.02 ERA (15.2 IP, 7 ER), 4 BB, 19 K. Career vs. Los Angeles-AL on Road (2 games/starts): 0-1, 5.40 ERA (10.0 IP, 6 ER), 5 BB, 13 K.

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table comparing Maeda vs. the Angels and Heaney vs. the Twins. Columns include Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.

TWO HALVES OF ONE WHOLE: Maeda has historically performed better prior to the All-Star Break than after...he's 33-23, 3.69 ERA (431.2 IP, 177 ER) in 83 games (79 starts) prior to the break, compared to 18-15, 4.46 ERA (230.0 IP, 114 ER) in 69 games (39 starts) after the break...his lowest career post-All-Star ERA to date (not including 2020) occurred in 2017, when he went 6-2, 3.99 ERA (56.1 IP, 25 ER) in 13 appearances (11 starts) for the Dodgers.

NOT TOO HARD: Per Baseball Savant, Maeda's 24.7 hard hit percent in 2020 was the second lowest among qualified MLB pitchers, behind only Atlanta's Max Fried (23.8)...held opponents to an 85.3 average exit velocity, fourth lowest among qualifiers last season. This season, however, Maeda has allowed a 38.9 hard hit percent through 15 starts, far above his 2020 mark and just below his career mark of 29.1 percent...he's also allowing an 88.2 average exit velocity on batted balls, once again above the 85.3 mark he posted last season and above his 86.4 career mark...additionally, his soft contact percent (per Fangraphs) is down to 21.6 percent, below the career-best mark of 28.5 percent that he recorded last season but on par with his career mark of 21.2 percent.

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

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

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Home Run Details. Includes rows for Larnach, Cruz, Buxton, Sanó, Garlick.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Exit Velocity. Includes rows for Cruz, Larnach, Cruz, Buxton, Cruz.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with 11 columns: Opponent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, XTRA, TOTAL. Rows for TWINS and TWINS.

INJURED LIST

Table with 6 columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed. Lists various players and their injury details.

EJECTIONS

Table with 5 columns: Date, Player/Mgr/Ch, Umpire, Reason, Career. Lists ejection incidents.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 10 columns: C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH. Rows for various players like Luis Arraez, Willians Astudillo, etc.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with 9 columns: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Rows for various players like Luis Arraez, Willians Astudillo, etc.

MOST USED LINEUP [2X]

Table with 2 columns: Player, Pos. Lists the most common lineup combinations.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player, Assists. Lists outfielders and their assist counts.

FASTEST PITCHES

Table with 2 columns: Player, Speed. Lists pitchers and their fastest pitch speeds.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time). Grand Slam: M. Sanó, 5/21/21 G2 at LAA (2 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).

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time). Grand Slam: J. Rogers, 7/11/21 vs. DET (5 allowed as team in 2021). Inside-the-Park Home Run: A. Mondesi, 4/2/19 at KC (44 allowed all-time).

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).

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).

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: M. Sanó/A. Simmons/N. Gordon, 6/6/21 at KC - N. Lopez hitting (15 all-time). Position Player Pitching: W. Astudillo, 6/4/21 at KC (3 in 2021). Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adriansza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017).

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).

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with 3 columns: DATE, DELAYED/PPP, NOTES. Lists game dates, whether they were delayed or postponed, and reasons.

** Target Field has experienced 57 delayed games, 26 postponed games, 1 suspended game and 1 rain-shortened game in the park's history (since 2010). Longest delay: 4:50. **

Main table containing game logs from April to July. Columns include Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-sections for APRIL (9-15), MAY (13-16), and JULY (8-10).

Table containing game logs from July to August. Columns include Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sub-sections for JULY (8-10) and AUGUST (-). Includes a '2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [5]' section and a '2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [49]' section.