

MINNESOTA TWINS



2021 GAME NOTES

WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS '69 '70 '87 '91

CENTRAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS '02 '03 '04 '06 '09 '10 '19 '20

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS '25 '33 '65 '87 '91

WORLD CHAMPIONS '24 '87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS (43-60) AT ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (51-51)

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021 - 7:15 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Griffin Jax (1-1, 7.48) vs. LHP Wade LeBlanc (0-2, 4.58)

GAME 104

ROAD GAME 50

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics including Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, etc.

THE TWINS: Completed their seven-game homestand with a record of 2-5, going 1-3 against the Angels and 1-2 against the Tigers...

TWINS LOSE SLUGFEST TO TIGERS: The Twins lost to the Tigers on Wednesday afternoon by a score of 17-14...J.A. Happ (5-6) was the starter and loser, allowing nine runs on 10 hits in 3.0 innings pitched...

AUGUST RUSH: With two July games remaining, below are comparisons from April, May, June and July:

Summary statistics table for April, May, June, and July including AVG, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, BB, K, OBP, SLG, OPS.

DEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS...TWINS ACQUIRE MARTIN AND WOODS RICHARDSON FOR BERRIOS:

IF/OF Austin Martin, 22, has batted .281 (55-for-196) with 10 doubles, two triples, two home runs, 16 RBI, 43 runs scored, 37 walks, a .424 on-base percentage and an .807 OPS in 55 games...

STREAKS

Table showing current streak (2 losses), last 5 games (1-4), last 10 games (3-7), last 15 games (5-10), last 20 games (8-12).

TWINS VS. ST. LOUIS

Record summary table for Twins vs St. Louis including 2020 Record (3-1), Current Streak (1 loss), 2020 at Home (2-0), etc.

2020 Game Logs:

Game log table for 2020 with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save.

LAST HOMESTAND (2-5)

Table showing batting average (.246), runs per game (5.0), home runs (13), RISP (.237), errors (3).

Team ERA (5.45), Starters W-L (0-3), Starters ERA (4.65), Relievers W-L-S (2-2-1), Relievers ERA (6.75), Saves/Opps (1/2).

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

Table listing home run leaders: Toronto (153), Minnesota (151), San Francisco (151), Atlanta (145), Los Angeles-NL (143).

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

7/30 IF/OF Martin and RHP Woods Richardson acquired via trade with TOR in exchange for RHP Berrios...

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NATIONAL TREASURE: The Twins have gone 4-4 in Interleague Play this season, going 2-1 at Milwaukee from April 1-4, 1-2 vs. Pittsburgh from April 23-25 and 1-1 vs. Cincinnati from June 21-22...

TWINS AND BIRDS: Twins and Cardinals are playing each other for the second-straight season...they last played the Cardinals for four games in 2020, going 2-0 at Target Field July 28-29 and 1-1 at Busch Stadium in a doubleheader on September 8...

ROOKER RAKING: Since being recalled July 23, Brent Rooker is hitting .348 (8-for-23) with two doubles, three home runs, three RBI and a 1.271 OPS in six games...

OLYMPIC W FOR RYAN: While you were sleeping, Twins No. 6 prospect Joe Ryan led Team USA to an 8-1 win over Team Israel at the Tokyo Olympics this morning...

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with columns: PLAYER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH. Includes Josh Donaldson (243 doubles), Max Kepler (115 home runs), etc.



GRIFFIN JAX

#83

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (11/22/1994 in Phoenix, AZ)

2021: 1-1, 7.48 ERA CAREER: 1-1, 7.48 ERA

- Making his third career start and seventh appearance, as well as his first in the majors since July 19 at Chicago-AL (4.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R/ER, 1 HR, 1 BB, 6 K).
Making his first career start and appearance in Interleague Play.
On June 8, became the first Air Force Academy graduate ever to play in the majors...originally selected by the Twins in the third round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft.

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

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 6/8 vs. NYY ND, 6/9 vs. NYY ND, 6/15 at SEA ND, 6/25 vs. CLE W1, and various totals.

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

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 5/7 at OMA ND, 5/12 vs. IOW W1, 5/18 vs. IND L1, 5/23 vs. IND W2, 5/28 at IOW W3, and various totals.

LAST TIME OUT, UP AND DOWN: Jax last pitched in the majors on July 19, making the start for the Twins in the first game of a doubleheader against the White Sox in Chicago...worked 4.0 strong innings, allowing just one run on one hit, a third-inning solo homer by Tim Anderson...walked one batter and fanned a career-high-tying six, including striking out the side in the first inning after Anderson reached on an error...departed with a blister issue after completing 4.0 innings, as the Twins ultimately prevailed, winning 3-2 in extra innings.
Jax's last Triple-A start occurred on July 25 in Omaha...did not factor into the decision in a quality start, working 6.0 innings and allowing three runs on five hits (1 HR), with one walk and five strikeouts...the Storm Chasers scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat the Saints, 9-6.

BIG LEAGUE BREAKDOWN: Jax is in his fourth stint with the Twins this season, after being with the club from June 5-15, June 24-July 7 and on July 19 as the 27th man for the doubleheader...the 26-year-old right-hander has appeared four times out of the bullpen, including his June 8 major league debut, and made two starts, on July 3 at Kansas City and July 19 at Chicago-AL...he's gone 1-1, 7.48 ERA (21.2 IP, 18 ER), nine walks and 20 strikeouts across those outings.
Had his contract selected June 5, while his big league debut came at Target Field on June 8 vs. the New York Yankees...pitched the ninth inning, fanning Tyler Wade for his first career strikeout.
Also pitched June 9 vs. the Yankees and June 15 at Seattle...was optioned following his 4.0-inning, six-strikeout, 93-pitch effort vs. the Mariners...was recalled just nine days later and earned his first career win in relief on June 25 vs. Cleveland (4.1 IP, 3 H, 3 R/ER, 1 HR, 2 BB, 2 K)...also started July 3 at Kansas City (5.0 IP, 8 H, 6 R/ER, 1 HR, 3 BB, 3 K) and July 19 at Chicago-AL, in the second game of the doubleheader (see note above).

LOTS OF LOVE FOR THE LEFTIES: Jax has held left-handed batters to a .156 (5-for-32) batting average, with two doubles, one homer, five walks and eight strikeouts so far in his major league career...this compares to the .340 (18-for-53) batting average that right-handed batters have posted against him.
EARLY DOMINANCE: Jax is holding opposing hitters to just 2-for-25 (.080) combined in innings one through three so far in his career...he hasn't fared as well when tasked with pitching in the middle innings of games, as opponents are batting .271 (13-for-48) against him in innings four through six, including a 6-for-14 (.429) mark in the fourth inning alone.

THE ARSENAL: Jax has used four different offerings so far in his major league career, relying primarily on his four-seam fastball...here's a look at the rookie's repertoire so far, per Baseball Savant.
PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) RESULTS
4-Seam Fastball (92.2)...49.2% (196 pitches, 113/83)...283 (13-for-46), 2 2B, 4 HR, 7 K
Slider (83.5)...27.1% (108 pitches, 89/19)...321 (9-for-28), 2 2B, 3 HR, 11 K
Changeup (84.7)...15.8% (63 pitches, 7/56)...111 (1-for-9), 2 K
Curveball (79.9)...7.8% (31 pitches, 14/17)...000 (0-for-2)

ACROSS THE RIVER: Jax did not play an official professional game in 2020 and was not part of the Twins' 60-man player pool...participated in the Twins Fall Instructional League in Fort Myers in October 2020...opened 2021 in the rotation for Triple-A St. Paul, going 3-1, 3.33 ERA (27.0 IP, 10 ER) in five starts during May...did not pitch upon being optioned to the Saints on June 16 and returned to the Twins on June 24...made one start for the Saints during his most recent Triple-A stint, on July 25 at Omaha (6.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R/ER, 1 BB, 5 K).
Has pitched at least 5.0 innings in all six of his Triple-A starts, while cresting the 90-pitch plateau in four of his seven efforts...is 4-1, 3.09 ERA (32.0 IP, 11 ER) overall with the Saints.
Has held opponents to one-or-zero runs in five of his seven Saints starts...in fact, taking away his lone poor outing in a May 18 loss to Indianapolis (5.0 IP, 7 ER), he has posted a 4-0 mark with a 1.91 ERA (33.0 IP, 7 ER) in his other six outings...bounced back from his lone loss five days later to hold that same Indians club to one run on seven hits, with a walk and eight strikeouts, in 6.0 innings.
In his final Triple-A start before his first major league stint on May 28 at Iowa, established a career high across any level with 10 strikeouts over 6.0 innings of one-hit, shutout ball (2 walks).
Did not factor into the decision in his lone outing during his most recent Triple-A stint, pitching a quality start on July 25 at Omaha.

JAX AND THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY: Jax was able to play baseball full-time through 2019 while concurrently serving in the Air Force through the Air Force's World Class Athlete Program (WCAP); he was accepted into the program in April 2018, following baseball's readmittance as an Olympic sport, as a Second Lieutenant (the rank all cadets receive after graduating from the academy).
The WCAP program was established in 1995 in honor of Tuskegee Airman Malvin G. Whitfield, who in 1952 became the first active-duty American serviceman to win an Olympic gold medal, doing so while simultaneously serving as a Korean War tail gunner.
The program allows active duty soldiers to train for the Olympics as their full-time job responsibility, while still maintaining active duty status in the military...Jax continued to complete all mandatory Air Force trainings, continuing education, fitness assessments, etc.
While part of the WCAP, he was paid by the Air Force as he could not have an outside source of income while on active duty...thanks to a special deal arranged between MLB and the Air Force, the Twins paid for his equipment, travel, etc.
Completed his two-year active duty commitment in 2019 and was transferred to the Air Force Reserve in November 2019, while continuing with his five-year Reserve requirement with around 24 days per year of military activity.
His wife, Savannah, is also in the Air Force and completed a six-month deployment to Afghanistan within the last 18 months.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP BAILEY OBER (2021 SEASON: 1-1, 5.19 ERA // CAREER: 1-1, 5.19 ERA)

Rookie right-hander Ober is due to toe the rubber in the middle game of this three-game Interleague series in St. Louis...did not factor into the decision in his last start on July 25 vs. Los Angeles-AL, working a career-high 5.1 innings and allowing two runs on three hits (1 HR), with one walk and four strikeouts...tomorrow will mark his second career Interleague start and appearance, after he took a no-decision on June 22 vs. Cincinnati, allowing four runs on six hits, with two walks and two strikeouts in 4.1 innings.

2021 HIGHS (SP & RP)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 7/3 at KC
SO's: 6, 2x, last: 7/19 at CWS
Walks: 3, 2x, last: 7/3 at KC
Hits: 8, 7/3 at KC
Home Runs: 2, 2x, last: 6/15 at SEA
Win-Streak: 1, 6/25
Loss-Streak: 1, 7/3

CAREER HIGHS (SP & RP)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 7/3/21 at KC
SO's: 6, 2x, last: 7/19/21 at CWS
Walks: 3, 2x, last: 7/3/21 at KC
Hits: 8, 7/3/21 at KC
Home Runs: 2, 2x, last: 6/15/21 at SEA
Win-Streak: 1, 6/25/21
Loss-Streak: 1, 7/3/21

CAREER NOTES

- Made his major league debut on June 8, 2021, becoming the first Air Force Academy graduate to ever play in the majors...is a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve, after completing his two-year active duty commitment in 2019.
Enters his sixth year as a member of the Twins organization in 2021; did not play in 2020 when the minor league season was cancelled due to COVID-19.
In 2019 for Double-A Pensacola, was a two-time Southern League Pitcher of the Week on May 5 (1-0, 0.75 ERA, 12.0 IP, 1 ER, 3 BB, 7 K) and June 30 (1-0, 0.69 ERA, 13.0 IP, 1 ER, 2 BB, 8 K)...also named SL Midseason All-Star, after going 2-2, 1.92 ERA (51.2 IP, 11 ER) with 11 walks and 34 strikeouts in 10 starts pre-break.
Named best control in Twins minor league system by Baseball America in 2019.
Selected by Twins in third round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft out of the Air Force Academy...was rated 95th-best prospect entering the draft by Baseball America.
Pitched for Air Force for three seasons, going 15-20 with a 4.28 ERA (298.2 IP, 142 ER), 76 walks and 205 strikeouts in 46 appearances (44 starts).
Finished his junior season at the U.S. Air Force Academy going 9-2 with a school-record 2.05 ERA (105.1 IP, 24 ER), 20 walks and 90 strikeouts in 15 starts...in 2016, was named the Mountain West co-Pitcher of the Year and All-Mountain West First-Team after leading the MWC in ERA, innings, complete games (6) and shutouts (2).

2021 MISC. NUMBERS (SP & RP)

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Includes rows for 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. Includes rows for 2021 and TOTALS.

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (SP & RP)

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Includes row for JAX.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (SP & RP)

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Includes rows for 1 through 9+.

JAX VS. ST. LOUIS

2021 vs. St. Louis (0 games/starts): --
2021 vs. St. Louis at Home (0 games/starts): --
2021 vs. St. Louis on Road (0 games/starts): --
Career vs. St. Louis (0 games/starts): --
Career vs. St. Louis at Home (0 games/starts): --
Career vs. St. Louis on Road (0 games/starts): --

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO. Includes rows for Jax vs. the Cardinals and LeBlanc vs. the Twins.

CAPTAIN JAX: Jax is the first graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy to ever play in the major leagues...became the sixth Academy product ever to be drafted (now 9) when he was selected by the Twins in the third round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft.
Received the email informing him of his promotion to Captain on June 5, his first day in a big league uniform...with that honor, matched the current rank of his wife, Savannah, who is an intelligence officer in the Air Force based out of Moody Air Force Base in Georgia...Savannah has also completed a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan within the last 18 months.

CAREER RECAP: A third-round selection by Minnesota in 2016 out of the Air Force Academy, Jax has already achieved a lot in his short professional career...he's the first Air Force Academy graduate to both play in the majors and play above the Single-A level...the son of former NFL offensive lineman Garth Jax, who spent 11 years playing between Arizona and Dallas, Jax is also off-season throwing partners with Twins reliever Taylor Rogers.
In 2020, Jax did not play an official professional game and was left off the Twins' 60-man Player Pool...participated in the Twins Fall Instructional League in Fort Myers, FL.
In 2018, he spent the season with Single-A Fort Myers after being activated from the Military List on June 1...allowed three earned runs or fewer in nine of his first 10 appearances with a 3.41 ERA (60.2 IP, 23 ER)...played for Salt River Rrafters of the Arizona Fall League, going 1-1, 3.86 ERA (21.0 IP, 9 ER) with 11 walks and 14 strikeouts in six games (5 starts).
In 2017, combined to go 2-2, 2.61 ERA (31.0 IP, 9 ER) with seven walks and 20 strikeouts in five starts between Rookie-Elizabethton and Single-A Cedar Rapids...was placed on the Military List July 26 for the remainder of the season.
In 2016, made his professional debut for Rookie-Elizabethton, striking out eight batters across four relief appearances (8.2 IP).

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.

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Home Run Details. Includes Sanó (73 ft), Larnach (461 ft), Rooker (460 ft), etc.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Exit Velocity. Includes Cruz (116.6 mph), Cruz (116.5 mph), Sanó (116.4 mph), etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Score by Inning table with columns for Inning (1-9, XTRA) and Total. Rows for OPPONENT and TWINS.

INJURED LIST

Table listing injured players, their injuries, dates on/retro/off, and games missed. Includes Edwar Colina, Josh Donaldson, Brent Rooker, etc.

EJECTIONS

Table listing ejections with columns for Date, Player/Mgr/Ch, Umpire, Reason, and Career. Includes April 11 vs. Seattle, May 19 vs. Chicago-AL, etc.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table showing starts by position for various players across C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table showing starts by batting order (1-9) for various players.

MOST USED LINEUP [2X]

Table listing most used lineup with Player and Position. Includes Arraez (2B), Donaldson (3B), Larnach (RF), etc.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table listing outfield assists for players like Jake Cave, Luis Arraez, Gilberto Celestino, etc.

FASTEST PITCHES

Table listing fastest pitches with pitcher, speed, and opponent. Includes Alcalá (100.7 mph), Alcalá (100.4 mph), etc.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time); Grand Slam: R. Jeffers, 7/28/21 vs. DET (4 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); etc.

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time); Grand Slam: E. Haase, 7/27/21 vs. DET (6 allowed as team in 2021); Inside-the-Park Home Run: A. Mondesi, 4/2/19 at KC (44 allowed all-time); etc.

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table listing weather delays with columns for Date, Delayed/PPD, and Notes. Includes 4/8 vs. Seattle (Delayed), 5/5 vs. Texas (Delayed), 5/24 vs. Baltimore (Delayed), 6/9 vs. New York-AL (Delayed), 6/26 vs. Cleveland (Postponed).

** 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. **

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include APRIL (9-15) and MAY (13-16) games.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include MAY (13-16) and JUNE (11-14) games.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JUNE (11-14) and JULY (10-15) games.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JULY (10-15) and ALL STAR BREAK games.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JULY (10-15) and AUGUST (- - -) games.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include AUGUST (- - -) and SEPT/OCT (- - -) games.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include SEPT/OCT (- - -) and HOME GAMES/ROAD GAMES indicators.

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 7-10 in extra innings)
* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 8 in 2021)
- PPD game from April 12 vs. BOS ## - PPD game from April 19 at OAK ### - PPD games from April 17 & 18 at LAA
- PPD game from May 9 at DET ##### - PPD game from June 26 vs. CLE ##### - PPD game from June 28 at CWS
- PPD game from July 16 at DET

Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Rows include 4/15 vs. BOS, 5/18 vs. CWS, 6/10 vs. NYY, 6/21 vs. CIN, 7/11 vs. DET, 7/26 vs. DET.

Table with columns: Pitchers: (25), Position Players: (24). Lists names and roles of the team's pitching and position players.