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MINNESOTA TWINS (43-61) AT ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (52-51)

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021 - 6:15 P.M. (CT) - TV: FS1 / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Bailey Ober (1-1, 5.19) vs. RHP Jake Woodford (2-2, 4.25)

GAME 105

ROAD GAME 51

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with 6 columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Includes game 8/1 through 8/4.

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Season statistics table including Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, Record in home series, Record in road series, Series Openers, Series Finals, 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, 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 Win, Shutouts WL, Complete Games, Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time.

THE TWINS: After completing their seven-game homestand with a record of 2-5 (1-3 against the Angels and 1-2 against the Tigers), the Twins began their roadtrip with a loss to the Cardinals last night...tonight they will continue the trip with the second of three in St. Louis... they will enjoy another off-day on Monday, then play two games in Cincinnati August 3-4 and four games in Houston August 5-8...the Twins have gone 24-30 at home this season and 19-31 on the road.

TWINS DROP GAME ONE IN ST. LOUIS: The Twins lost to the Cardinals last night in St. Louis by a score of 5-1...Griffin Jax was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing one run on two hits in 5.0 innings pitched...Tyler Duffey (2-3) was issued the loss after allowing three runs on three hits in 1.0 inning of relief...the offense recorded nine hits, three apiece from Jorge Polanco, Willians Astudillo and Andrelton Simmons...the club went 2-for-6 with runners in scoring position and left nine men on base.

AUGUST RUSH: With one July game remaining, below are comparisons from April, May, June and July:

Table comparing monthly stats for APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY across categories: AVG, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, BB, K, OBP, SLG, OPS.

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ROSTER MOVE: The Twins have reinstated infielder/outfielder Luis Arraez from the 10-day Injured List...Arraez, who missed the last nine games with a right knee strain, has hit .305 (74-for-243) with nine doubles, four triples, one home run, 23 RBI, 39 runs scored, 24 walks, a .368 on-base percentage and a .754 OPS in 68 games for the Twins this season...to make room on the 26-man roster, the Twins have optioned outfielder Gilberto Celestino to Triple-A St. Paul...Celestino has played in 23 games for the Twins this season across three stints, with three doubles, two home runs, three RBI, three walks and seven runs scored.

DEADLINE RECAP: After the Twins traded José Berríos, they acquired three more players...the Twins traded Hansel Robles to Boston for Alex Scherff and J.A. Happ to St. Louis for John Gant and Evan Sisk...below is a recap after José:

- Alex Scherff, 23, has gone 3-1, 2.45 ERA (29.1 IP, 8 ER), four saves, 13 walks, 46 strikeouts and a .196 opponent batting average in 23 games combined between Single-A Greenville and Double-A Portland this season...a fifth-round pick by the Red Sox in the 2017 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of Colleyville Heritage High School (Colleyville, TX), the right-hander has gone 10-18, 4.41 ERA (228.2 IP, 112 ER), four saves, 92 walks, 212 strikeouts and a .276 opponent batting average in 67 games (43 starts) across three minor league seasons in the Boston system...Scherff will report to Double-A Wichita.
John Gant, 28, has gone 4-6, 3.42 ERA (76.1 IP, 29 ER) and a .229/.365/.343 opponent slash line (64-for-280 with 56 walks, 10 doubles, 2 triples and 6 home runs) in 25 games (14 starts) this season for the Cardinals...in 11 outings out of the Cardinals bullpen since June 28, the 6-4, 200-pound right-hander has fashioned a 1.54 ERA (11.2 IP, 2 ER) with a .167 opponent batting average (7-for-42)...Gant opened the season in the St. Louis rotation, posting a 3.76 ERA (64.2 IP, 27 ER) as a starter...originally drafted by the New York Mets out of high school in the 21st round of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft, the Savannah, Georgia native made his major league debut in 2016 with Atlanta and was acquired by the Cardinals from the Braves during the 2016 offseason...Gant owns a career 23-21 record with a 3.72 ERA (339.0 IP, 140 ER), three saves, 185 walks, 289 strikeouts and a .229 opponent batting average (286-for-1249) in 159 career big league appearances (42 starts) with Atlanta (2016) and St. Louis (2017-21).
Evan Sisk, 24, has gone 2-0 with four saves, a 3.31 ERA (32.2 IP, 12 ER), 20 walks, 46 strikeouts and a .246 opponent batting average in 26 relief appearances combined across Single-A Peoria and Double-A Springfield this season...he is 5-6 with a 2.90 ERA (124.1 IP, 40 ER), 58 walks, 137 strikeouts and a .245 opponent batting average in 87 career appearances (1 start) across three minor league seasons...the Pineville, North Carolina native was selected by the Cardinals in the 16th round of the 2018 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of the College of Charleston, where he was teammates for two seasons with tonight's starter Bailey Ober...Sisk will be assigned to Double-A Wichita.

NATIONAL TREASURE: The Twins have gone 4-5 in Interleague Play this season, going 2-1 at Milwaukee from April 1-4, 1-2 vs. Pittsburgh from April 23-25, 1-1 vs. Cincinnati from June 21-22 and 0-1 vs. St. Louis last night...after this series, their IL schedule is as follows: 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 21-22.
Twins are 236-215 all-time in IL Play, the fifth-most wins in baseball, trailing Boston (274-184), New York-AL (266-189), Los Angeles-AL (251-206) and Oakland (247-212).

TWINS AND BIRDS: Twins and Cardinals are playing each other for the second of three games this season...prior to this season, the Twins 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...Twins are 16-15 all-time against St. Louis in the regular season (since 1997) and 8-3 in their last 11...they were 2-7 all-time in the regular season at the old Busch Stadium (1997-2001) and are 5-5 all-time at the new Busch Stadium (2009-21).
After his three-hit game last night, Andrelton Simmons is batting .391 (27-for-69) with two doubles, two home runs, seven RBI and a .916 OPS in 19 career games vs. the Cardinals, including hits in his last six.

POLO, PROFESSIONAL HITTER: Jorge Polanco recorded his third-consecutive multi-hit game last night and is batting .390 (23-for-59) with three doubles, four home runs, 13 RBI, 10 runs scored, four walks, a .429 on-base percentage and a 1.073 OPS in his last 15 games...he's batting .323 (32-for-99) in 25 games in July, good for third in the American League and 12th in the majors (min. 85 at-bats in July)...his 32 hits this month are fourth most among all major league hitters and are the most by a Twins hitter in a single calendar month since Luis Arraez also had 32 in September 2019...Polanco, whose birthday is July 5, is batting .313 (40-for-137) in July over the last two seasons, his best mark in any month in that span...he's also batting .333 (6-for-18) with a .400 on-base percentage across his last four Interleague games this season.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY In 1989, the Twins traded the previous season's AL Cy Young Award winner, Frank Viola, to the Mets for five players, including pitchers Rick Aguiera, David West and minor leaguer Kevin Tapani...Viola became the first Cy Young Award winner to be traded during the following season, while Aguiera (42 saves), West (4 wins) and Tapani (16-9, 2.99 ERA) all helped the Twins win the 1991 World Series...in 2018, the Twins traded second baseman Brian Dozier to the Dodgers, in exchange for second baseman Logan Forsythe, outfielder Luke Raley and left-handed pitcher Devin Smeltzer.

STREAKS

Current Streak: 3 losses; Last 5 games: 1-4; Last 10 games: 3-7; Last 15 games: 4-11; Last 20 games: 8-12

TWINS VS. ST. LOUIS

2021 Record: 0-1; Current Streak: 2 losses; 2021 at Home: 0-1; 2021 at St. Louis: 0-1; All-Time Record: 16-15; All-Time at Home: 9-3; All-Time at St. Louis: 7-12

2020 Game Logs:

Table with 5 columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes games 7/30, 7/31, 8/1.

CURRENT ROADTRIP (0-1)

Batting average: .257; Runs Per Game: 1.00; Home Runs: 0; RISP: .333; Errors: 0

Team ERA: 5.63; Starters W-L: 0-0; Starters ERA: 1.80; Relievers W-L-S: 0-1-0; Relievers ERA: 12.00; Saves/Opps: 0/0

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

Toronto: 155; Minnesota: 151; San Francisco: 151; Atlanta: 146; Los Angeles-NL: 144

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 7/31 IF/OF Arraez reinstated from 10-day IL; OF Celestino optioned to AAA; 7/30 IF/OF Martin and RHP Woods Richardson acquired via trade with TOR in exchange for RHP Berríos; RHP Garcia claimed off waivers from CIN; RHP Jax recalled from AAA; RHP Gant and LHP Sisk acquired via trade with STL in exchange for LHP Happ and cash considerations; RHP Scherff acquired via trade with BOS in exchange for RHP Robles; LHP Barnes recalled from AAA; 7/27 LHP Rogers placed on 10-day IL; RHP Burrows recalled from AAA

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with 3 columns: PLAYER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH. Includes Josh Donaldson (243 doubles), Max Kepler (115 home runs), Andrelton Simmons (197 doubles), Miguel Sanó (148 home runs, 298 walks).



LUIS ARRAEZ - IF/OF [PRONOUNCED AH-RISE] #2

Height: 5-10 Weight: 175 B/T: L/R Age: 23 (4/9/97 in San Felipe, VZ)

2021 Average: .305 Streak: 4g, 6-13, 2B Series at STL: 0-0 Home Runs: 1 (1 2-run) Roadtrip: 0-0

Reinstated from 10-day Injured List today; missed 9 games w/ right knee strain...last played 7/20 at CWS (1-for-2)...has a hit in 12 of last 13 G, batting .426 (20-for-47), 10 R, 3 2B, 2 RBI, 3 BB, .460 OBP...from 7/4-7/5 reached base at least 3x in consecutive games...

WILLIAMS ASTUDILLO - C/IF #64

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

2021 Average: .271 Streak: 3g, 7-14, HR, 2 2B Series at STL: 3-4, 2B Home Runs: 3-4, 2B Roadtrip: 3-4, 2B

Late add to lineup last night; went 3-for-4 & has b2b 3-H games for 1st time in career... recalled 7/21 (Kiriloff - IL); 2nd stint w/ MIN (Opening Day-6/19) - batting .364 (8-for-22) in 6 G since return...

JAKE CAVE - OF #60

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (12/4/92 in Hampton, VA)

2021 Average: .170 Streak: 0-3 Series at STL: 0-1 Home Runs: 1 (1 1-run) Roadtrip: 0-1

Def. repl. last night...returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 60-day IL 7/24...missed 64 games w/ stress reaction in low back and was placed on IL on 5/15 (retro to 5/13)...hit .367 (11-for-30) w/ 2B, HR, 5 BB, .972 OPS in 8 rehab games w/ AAA St. Paul.

JOSH DONALDSON - 3B #20

Height: 6-1 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/8/85 in Pensacola, FL)

2021 Average: .250 Streak: 0-3 Series at STL: 0-0 Home Runs: 16 (11 1-run, 5 2-run) Roadtrip: 0-0

Late scratch last night w/ right hamstring tightness; is day-to-day...has BB in 5-straight G, longest streak since career-best 8-G run from 9/2-9/10/19...leads MIN w/ 49 BB (T-10th in AL), also 4th w/ 16 multi-hit games...

MITCH GARVER - C #8

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM)

2021 Average: .231 Streak: 0-7 Series at STL: 0-4 Home Runs: 11 (7 1-run, 1 2-run, 2 3-run, 1 GS) Roadtrip: 0-4

Was 0-for-4 last night...hit 1st career grand slam in 1st inn. 7/27 (1st HR since son's birth); plunked on right wrist/hand in 10th and removed from game...went 2-for-3, 2 2B, BB, HBP 7/26 vs. DET; 6th career game w/ 2 2B & 18th career game w/ multiple XBH...

NICK GORDON - IF/OF #1

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

2021 Average: .236 Streak: 0-6 Series at STL: 0-4 Home Runs: 1 (1 1-run) Roadtrip: 0-4

Went 2-for-5, R 7/28; 7th multi-hit G...went 1-for-4, R, 2-R 3B, 2 RBI 7/5; 1st career 3B, 1st career multi-RBI G...career games by position: 2B - 9 G/GS, SS - 2 G/GS, CF - 25 G/15 GS...

RYAN JEFFERS - C #27

Height: 6-4 Weight: 235 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (6/3/97 in Raleigh, NC)

2021 Average: .205 Streak: 1g, 2-3, 2 HR, 6 RBI Series at STL: 0-0 Home Runs: 8 (4 1-run, 3 2-run, 1 GS) Roadtrip: 0-0

Went 2-for-3, 2 HR, 6 RBI 7/28 vs. DET; set career highs w/ 2 HR & 6 RBI, and hit first career grand slam in 4th inn...marked 3rd career G w/ 2 XBH (also 6/2 at BAL, 7/23 vs. LAA)...w/ M. Garver (GS on 7/27), became 1st MIN catchers to each hit a GS the same season.

Jeffers, continued...

OPS in last 8 games...batting .286 (6-for-21), HR, 3 RBI, 2 HBP, 3 R, 4 BB, .444 OBP, .873 OPS in 9 career Interleague games, including 1-for-1, HBP, BB in 1 game vs. STL.

Recalled from AAA 6/2 (Garver - IL), 2nd stint w/ MIN in 2021 (Opening Day-4/29).

MAX KEPLER - OF #26

Height: 6-4 Weight: 225 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (2/10/93 in Berlin, Germany)

2021 Average: .213 Streak: 0-1 Series at STL: 0-1 Home Runs: 14 (10 1-run, 2 2-run, 2 3-run) Roadtrip: 0-1

Went 0-for-1 as PH last night...was 1-for-5, HBP, 2 R, HR 7/28...hit walk-off 1B in 10th 7/26 vs. DET; 9th career WO PA, 2nd this season - 9 WO PA are T-4th in MIN history...hit 11th career leadoff HR (2nd this season) 7/25...7/20-7/21, HR-ed in consecutive G for 18th time in career...

TREVOR LARNACH - OF #24

Height: 6-4 Weight: 223 B/T: L/R Age: 24 (2/26/1997 in Walnut Creek, CA)

2021 Average: .223 Streak: 0-8 Series at STL: 0-4 Home Runs: 7 (7 1-run) Roadtrip: 0-4

Went 0-for-4 last night and is just 1-for-his-last-18...went 1-for-3, RBI, BB 7/23; 1st RBI since 7/9 vs. DET...has reached base 2+x in 28 of 68 career G (41.2%)...went 2-for-4 w/ 11th multi-hit G 7/18...5 of 7 HR have traveled 400+ feet...recorded 1st career stolen base 7/5...had 3-straight multi-hit G, 7/2-4...tied career high w/ 3 H on 6/20...plunked 7x, T-3rd most among all MLB rookies...

JORGE POLANCO - IF #11

Height: 5-11 Weight: 208 B/T: S/R Age: 28 (7/5/93 in San Pedro De Macoris, DR)

2021 Average: .270 Streak: 4g, 8-19, HR, 2B, 2 RBI Series at STL: 3-5 Home Runs: 15 (6 1-run, 6 2-run, 3 3-run) Roadtrip: 3-5

Went 3-for-5, last night; 3rd-straight multi-hit game (5th in his last 9 games) & 15th game reaching base at least 3x in a game this season...leads team w/ 29 multi-hit G & 9 G w/ 3+ H...batting .409 (18-for-44), 3 2B, 3 HR, 8 RBI, .447 OBP and 1.129 OPS in last 11 G...batting .390 (23-for-59), 3 2B, 4 HR, 13 RBI, .429 OBP, 1.073 OPS in last 15 G...

BRENT ROOKER - OF #50

Height: 6-3 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (11/1/94 in Germantown, TN)

2021 Average: .196 Streak: 0-4 Series at STL: 0-4 Home Runs: 4 (4 1-run) Roadtrip: 0-4

Was 0-for-4 last night, snapping 5-G H streak...went 2-for-4, HR 7/28; from 7/27-7/28, had multiple H in b2b G for 1st time...hit 460-foot HR 7/26, longest HR & 3rd-longest by a MIN hitter this season...HR-ed in b2b G for 1st time in career 7/25-7/26, after going 1-for-4, 1st-inn. HR Sunday (b2b w/ Kepler)...broke up R. Sandoval's no-hitter w/ 1-out 2B in 9th 7/24...

MIGUEL SANDO - IF #22

Height: 6-4 Weight: 272 B/T: R/R Age: 28 (5/11/93 in San Pedro De Macoris, DR)

2021 Average: .207 Streak: 0-3 Series at STL: 0-2 Home Runs: 17 (8 1-run, 6 2-run, 2 3-run, 1 GS) Roadtrip: 0-2

Went 0-for-2, R, 2 BB last night; ranks 3rd on MIN w/ 33 BB this season...was 3-for-4, 2 HR, 4 RBI, BB 7/28; 11th career multi-HR G, tied w/ N. Cruz and T. Brunansky for 8th in Twins history...2nd HR traveled 473 ft., longest HR by MIN hitter this season...marked 3rd G w/ 3 H and 3rd G w/ 4 RBI this season...has reached base multiple times in 6 of last 8 games w/ .417 OBP in span...stole 3B in 4th inn. 7/22, 3rd career SB (1st since 5/14/16) & 1st of 3B...went 2-for-4, 2 2B, R on 7/5; 9th career G w/ 2 2B, 2nd this season (also, 5/21).

ANDRELTON SIMMONS - SS #9

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 31 (9/4/89 in Mundo Nobo, Curaçao)

2021 Average: .221 Streak: 1g, 3-4, RBI Series at STL: 3-4, RBI Home Runs: 3 (3 2-run) Roadtrip: 3-4, RBI

Was 3-for-4, RBI single last night, driving in lone MIN run; 3rd 3-H game of season (also, 4/8 & 6/20)...has 13 multi-hit games this season...went 1-for-4, R, SB 7/21 at CWS; 1st SB of season & 1st since 9/9/2020...snapped 0-for-19 with 7th-inning 1B 7/10; went 1-for-3, BB, 2 R...on 7/6, recorded 8th career game w/ 2 errors, 1st this season...recorded 1st career RBI sac bunt on 7/5...has 197 career 2B, 3 away from 200...was 1-for-3 on 6/29...on 6/27, hit 1st HR since 5/16 vs. OAK (115 PA between)...on 6/20, went 3-for-4, 2; 2nd 3-hit game this season.

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

Table with columns: MULTI-HOMER GAMES (12x), MULTI-HOMER GAMES (12x), WALK-OFF (3x), RUNNERS ON, GRAND SLAM (4x), LEADOFF (4x). Lists players and their achievements.

HITTERS INFO

Table with columns: Player, Multi-Hit, Multi-RBI, Season Hit-Stream, Season High Hits, LAST HOME RUN (Date, Opp, On, Pitcher), LAST GRAND SLAM (Date, Opp, #), VS. CURRENT OPPONENT 2021 (Avg, H, AB, HR, RBI), VS. CURRENT OPPONENT CAREER (Avg, H, AB, HR, RBI).

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.

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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 (10-16) 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 (10-16) 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 JULY (10-16) games.

^ - 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

HOME GAMES ROAD GAMES

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [6]

Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Lists walk-off victories with dates and scores.

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [50]

Table with columns: Pitchers (26), Position Players (24). Lists player names and positions.