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

WORLD CHAMPIONS '24 '87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS [57-72] vs. MILWAUKEE BREWERS [78-52]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 - 1:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM

RHP Griffin Jax (3-2, 6.29) vs. LHP Aaron Ashby (0-0, 4.15)

GAME 130

HOME GAME 66

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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

SEASON AT A GLANCE

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THE TWINS: After completing their roadtrip with a record of 1-5 (0-3 at New York-AL and 1-2 at Boston), the Twins beat the Brewers on consecutive nights at Target Field...

TWINS BEAT THE BREWERS AND THE RAIN: The Twins beat the Brewers last night by a score of 6-4 at Target Field, securing the series win, their 13th of the season (13-24-6)...

ROSTER MOVE: The Twins have recalled catcher Ben Rortvedt from Triple-A St. Paul...Rortvedt has appeared in 30 games for the Saints this season, hitting .236 (26-for-110) with five doubles, four home runs and 18 RBI...

BORDER BATTLE: The Twins are 239-227 all-time against the Brewers (games since 1970) and are 66-53 against them in Interleague Play, since Milwaukee's move to the NL in 1998...

INTERLEAGUE PLAY: The Twins have gone 8-7 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, 1-2 at St. Louis from July 30-August 1, 1-1 at Cincinnati from August 3-4 and 2-0 vs. Milwaukee thus far this weekend...

POLO POP: Since July 1, Jorge Polanco is hitting .305 (60-for-197) with nine doubles, one triple, 15 home runs, 45 RBI, a .350 on-base percentage, a .589 slugging percentage and a .939 OPS...below are his American League ranks since July 1 (among qualifiers):

Table with columns: HITS, RBI, AVG, OBP, SLG, OPS, XBH, TB

CHECK THE RADAR, MIGHT BE RAIN: Josh Donaldson is hitting .319 (15-for-47) with three doubles, four home runs, 12 RBI, four walks, a .638 slugging percentage and a 1.023 OPS in his last 12 games...

BRING THE BROOMS FOR THE BREWS: The Twins are looking for their fourth sweep of the season this afternoon...their previous three sweeps of 2021 came against Baltimore in three games from May 24-26 at Target Field, three games in Texas from June 18-20 and four games against Detroit at Target Field from July 8-11...

TWINS ML WEEKLYS: Double-A Wichita infielder/outfielder Trey Cabbage and Single-A Cedar Rapids right-handed pitcher Sawyer Gipson-Long have been named Twins minor league Player and Pitcher of the Week.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1963, the Twins set a club record with eight home runs in a game vs. Washington, only to be out-done by the 1919 Bomb Squad who did it twice that season: April 20 (Game 2) at Baltimore and May 23 at Los Angeles-AL...in 1996, the Twins traded third baseman Dave Hollins to Seattle for a player to be named later (David Ortiz).

TWINS ON A STICK: The 2021 Minnesota State Fair is taking place in St. Paul through Labor Day...the Twins Experience is located on the south end of Cooper Street at Judson Avenue, next to the International Bazaar, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, rain or shine...

STREAKS

Table with columns: Streak Type, Value

TWINS VS. BREWERS

Table with columns: Statistic, Value

2021 Game Logs:

Table with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save

CURRENT HOMESTAND [2-0]

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MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

Table with columns: Team, Home Runs

MLB ALL-TIME IL WIN PERCENTAGE

Table with columns: Team, Win Percentage

TWINS SWITCH-HITTER HR LEADERS

Table with columns: Player, Home Runs

BARRELS/PLATE APPEARANCE %

Table with columns: Player, Percentage

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table with columns: Player/Manager, Current No., Milestone Within Reach



GRIFFIN JAX

#83

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

2021: 3-2, 6.29 ERA CAREER: 3-2, 6.29 ERA

- Making his eighth career start and 12th appearance.
Facing Milwaukee for the first time in his career...making his second career Interleague start and appearance, after taking a no-decision at St. Louis on July 30 (Twins lost, 5-1).
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, 6/9, 6/15, 6/25, JUNE TOTALS, 7/3, 7/19, 7/30, JULY TOTALS, 8/5, 8/10, 8/16, 8/24, AUG TOTALS, RECORD, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, ERA, 2021 TOTALS, CAREER TOTALS.

LAST TIME OUT: Jax was saddled with his second career loss in his last start in Boston on August 24, as the Twins fell 11-9 in the series opener against the Red Sox...allowed a career-high nine runs on seven hits (3 HR), with a career-high four walks and four strikeouts in 4.2 innings of work...tossed a one-two-three first and maneuvered around a two-out walk to complete a scoreless second before yielding a Travis Shaw solo homer in the third...Boston tacked on three more runs in the fourth and chased Jax with a five-spot in the fifth; he departed after allowing a two-run homer to Hunter Renfroe, his career-high third homer allowed in the outing (and Renfroe's second homer of the night)...marked the third instance a Twins starting pitcher allowed nine runs in a start this season, after J.A. Happ did so twice.

START PRIOR: Jax did not factor into the decision on August 16 vs. Cleveland, as the Twins defeated the Indians, 5-4, in 10 innings on Jorge Polanco's walk-off double. Jax recorded his second career quality start (and second consecutive), after allowing four runs (2 ER) on seven hits (1 HR), with two walks and three strikeouts over a career-high-tying 6.0 innings of work...yielded a leadoff walk followed by a two-run homer to Bradley Zimmer in the second inning, the first extra-base hit he's allowed in the first or second inning in his career...plunked Owen Miller in the second inning, his first career hit batter...allowed unearned single tallies in the fifth and sixth innings, and departed with the score tied 4-4; the Twins later walked off in the 10th.

The following night, August 17, fellow rookie starting pitcher Bailey Ober also recorded a quality start, marking the first time the Twins had quality starts by rookies in back-to-back games since August 18-19, 2012 vs. Seattle, when Scott Diamond (August 18; 6.2 IP, 2 ER) and Samuel Deduno (August 19; 6.0 IP, 2 ER) each did so.

NATIONAL HISTORY: Jax is making his second career Interleague start and appearance this afternoon, as he faces Milwaukee for the first time in his career...his other Interleague start occurred on July 30 at St. Louis, as he took a no-decision in a 5-1 Twins loss...worked 5.0 innings, allowing one run on just two hits, with two walks and two strikeouts in the outing...departed with the score tied 1-1; the Cardinals scored four runs off the Twins' bullpen to win.

STRONG STRETCH: In five starts between July 19-August 16, Jax went 2-0, 2.73 ERA (26.1 IP, 8 ER), seven walks, 21 strikeouts and a .188 (18-for-96) opponent batting average...that run came in the wake of allowing six earned runs in his first career start on July 3 at Kansas City...his opponent batting average in that span ranked third in the majors (min. .95 AB), behind Los Angeles-NL's Walker Buehler (.179) and Seattle's Marco Gonzales (.184)...his .248 opponent on-base percentage also ranked third in the majors under those same criteria in that span, behind St. Louis's Adam Wainwright (.226) and Gonzales (.238).

EARLY DOMINANCE: Jax is holding opposing hitters to a .176 (15-for-85) batting average the first time through the lineup so far in his major league career...this increases to .274 (20-for-73) the second time around and jumps further to .400 (12-for-30) the third time he sees opposing hitters...these numbers correspond to his numbers in each respective inning, as he is holding opposing hitters to a .132 (9-for-68) batting average in the first three innings combined...this pattern was especially true in his last start, as he held the Red Sox scoreless in the first and second innings, and most of the damage against him occurred in the fifth frame, as he faced the Red Sox lineup for the third time.

LOTS OF LOVE FOR THE LEFTIES: Jax has held left-handed batters to a .217 (15-for-69) batting average, with five doubles, four homers, 10 walks and 13 strikeouts so far in his major league career...this compares to the .269 (32-for-119) batting average, six doubles, 10 home runs, nine walks and 26 strikeouts that right-handed batters have posted against Jax.

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, per Baseball Savant.

PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) RESULTS
4-Seam Fastball (92.4)46.0% (376 pitches, 224/152).... .247 (23-for-93), 5 2B, 8 HR, 11 K Slider (83.3)30.8% (252 pitches, 208/44).... .242 (16-for-66), 4 2B, 5 HR, 25 K Changeup (85.1)14.2% (116 pitches, 24/92)..... .286 (6-for-21), 2 2B, 2 K Curveball (79.7)9.0% (74 pitches, 30/44)..... .250 (2-for-8), 1 HR, 1 K

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 has appeared four times out of the bullpen, including his June 8 major league debut, and made seven starts...he's gone 3-2, 6.29 ERA (48.2 IP, 34 ER), 19 walks and 39 strikeouts cumulatively 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.

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 seven of his Triple-A starts, while cresting the 90-pitch plateau in four of his seven efforts...is 4-1, 3.32 ERA (38.0 IP, 14 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.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP BAILEY OBER (2021 SEASON: 1-2, 4.06 ERA // CAREER: 1-2, 4.06 ERA)

Rookie right-hander Ober is due to toe the rubber tomorrow afternoon in the Twins' makeup game in Detroit...will be making his 16th career start and appearance; Minnesota is 9-6 in his starts this season...did not factor into the decision in his last outing on August 25 in Boston, despite tossing 5.0 shutout innings and allowing four hits and one walk, with a career-high-tying seven strikeouts...the Twins won, 9-6, in 10 innings...is due to face the Tigers for the second time in his career, after a no-decision on July 10 at Target Field (3.1 IP, 4 H, 4 R/ER, 2 HR, 2 BB, 4 K); the Twins also won that game, 9-4...has gone 0-1, 3.86 ERA (30.1 IP, 13 ER) in seven career road starts, compared to 1-1, 4.23 ERA (38.1 IP, 18 ER) in eight career starts at Target Field.

2021 HIGHS (SP & RP, MLB)

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.0, 2x, last: 8/16 vs. CLE
SO's: 10, 8/10 vs. CWS
Walks: 4, 8/24 at BOS
Hits: 8, 7/3 at KC
Home Runs: 3, 8/24 at BOS
Win-Streak: 2, last: 8/5-8/10
Loss-Streak: 1, 2x, last: 8/24

CAREER HIGHS (SP & RP, MLB)

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low-Hit: --
Innings: 6.0, 2x, last: 8/16/21 vs. CLE
SO's: 10, 8/10/21 vs. CWS
Walks: 4, 8/24/21 at BOS
Hits: 8, 7/3/21 at KC
Home Runs: 3, 8/24/21 at BOS
Win-Streak: 2, 8/5-8/10/21
Loss-Streak: 1, 2x, last: 8/24/21

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 (MAJORS AND MINORS COMBINED)

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

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS (MLB)

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Rows: 2021, TOTALS.

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (SP & RP, MLB)

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Row: JAX.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (SP & RP, MLB)

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Rows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9+.

JAX VS. MILWAUKEE

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

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Jax vs. the Brewers, Ashby vs. the Twins, PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.

JAX AND THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY: 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 when he was selected by the Twins in the third round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft...played 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.

Received the email informing him of his promotion to Captain on June 5, his first day in a big league uniform (made his MLB debut June 8)...matched the current rank of his wife, Savannah, who is an intelligence officer in the Air Force based out of Moody Air Force Base (GA)...Savannah also completed a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan within the last 18 months.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sections for APRIL (9-15), MAY (13-16), JUNE (11-14), and JULY (11-16).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Includes sections for JULY (11-16), AUGUST (13-11), SEPT/OCT (---), and EJECTIONS. Also includes 2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [7] and 2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [56].