# MINNESDTA TWINS [46-63] at HOUSTON ASTROS [65-५५] 

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021 - 7:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF
GAME 110
RHP Bailey Ober (1-1, 4.94) vs. RHP Zack Greinke (10-3, 3.65)


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 BOS in exchange for RHP Robles LHP Barnes recalled from AAA

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THE TWINS: Have gone 3-3 through six games on their season-long nine-game roadtrip, going trip with the second of four in Houston through the weekend.....tter this series, the Twins will travel home to play a nine-game homestand with three against the White Sox (August 9-11), travel home to play a nine-game homestand with three against the White (Aox (August 9-1.t,
three against the Rays (August 13-15) and three against the Indians (August 16-18)..the Twins have gone 24-30 at home this season and 22-33 on the road.

TWINS OPEN IN HOUSTON WITH A W: The Twins beat the Astros last night in Houston by a score of 5-3, scoring four runs in the top of the second inning...Griffin Jax (2-1) was the starter and
earned his second career win, allowing one run on three hits (1 home run) in 5.1 innings pitched... Caleb Thielbar earned his seventh hold, Tyler Duffey earned his 14th hold and Alexander Colomé earned his tourth save with 0.1 inning pitched...the offense recorded nine hits, two from Rob Refsnyder, who singled and had one of the Twins' three doubles....Andretion Simmo
two of the club's five runs and went 1 -for-4 with his first career RBI bunt single.

- Refsnyder reached base four times last night ( $1 \mathrm{~B}, 2 \mathrm{~B}, 2 \mathrm{BB}$ ) in his first game back from the 10 -day Injured List, tying his career-high for the third time overall and second time
this season, previously done May 17 vs. Chicago-AL (31B, 2B).
single-game career high ba reaching base
BAROMETERS OF SUCCESS: Last night's 5-3 win met a pair of pitching barometers that have often equaled success for the Twins this season...Griffin Jax pitched 5.1 innings; in the 71 games this year that their starter has worked at least 5.0 frames, the Twins are 38 - 33 (.535)... Minnesota's pitchers also combined to allow just three runs; in 63 games this season holding opponents to five-or-fewer runs, the Twins are 43-20 (.683).
TWINS-ASTROS: The Twins and Astros are playing each other for the fifth of seven scheduled meetings in 2021...the Twins went 1-2 against Houston over a three-game series at Target Field from June 11-13...the Twins are 33-35 all-time against the Astros in the regular season, including a record of 22-26 since Houston joined the American League in 2013.

42 RBI 11 walk hitting. 323 (J)-or-217) with 16 doubles, two triples, 13 home runs, safely in 16 of his last 17 games vs. Houston.
any and
$\Phi$ Jorge Polanco is hitting. 341 (29-for-85) with three doubles, two triples, four home runs,
$\Phi$ Twins have dealt Zack Greinke a loss nine times in 24 career games ( 20 starts)...only the Chicago White Sox (10 losses) and Cleveland Indians (9 losses) have beat Greinke as many times.
EXIT ROWS: Below are the team average exit velocity figures among all of baseball:
Toronto......
Boston.
Atlanta.
QUITE A PAIR: Since July 4, Jorge Polanco has nine home runs, tied with Cleveland's Franmil Reyes for most in the AL...Max Kepler has eight in that span, tied for third:
PLAYER
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { PLAYER } & \text { HOME RUNS SINCE JULY } 4 \\ \text { Jorge Polanco, MIN.... HOME RUNS ON SEASON }\end{array}$ Jorge Polanco, MIN.
Franmil Reyes, CLE.
Max Kepler, MIN.
Matt OIson, OAK.
Kyle Seager, SEA ....
George Springer, TO
RED HOT JORGE: Jorge Polanco's numbers in his first 50 games vs. his last 51 games (since June 3): $\begin{array}{llrrrrrrrrrrr} & \text { AVG } & \text { R } & \text { H } & \text { 2B } & \text { 3B } & \text { HR } & \text { RBI } & \text { BB } & \text { K } & \text { OBP } & \text { SLG } & \text { OPS } \\ \text { FIRST } 50 & .227 & 26 & 41 & 12 & 1 & 5 & 22 & 19 & 37 & .302 & .387 & .689 \\ \text { LAST 51 } & .314 & 38 & 65 & 10 & 0 & 13 & 35 & 15 & 31 & .364 & .551 & .915\end{array}$
I LOVE LUEY: Luis Arraez has hit safely in eight of his last nine games, hitting. 448 (13-for-29) being reinstated from the 10-day Injured List on July 31 , beginning July 4 , he has hit safely in 16 of 18 games, batting . 429 (27-for-63) with 12 runs scored, six doubles, four RBI, six walks, a 471 on-base percentage and a .995 OPS in that span.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JG: Right-handed pitcher John Gant is celebrating his 29th birthday today....he has never appeared in a major league game on his birthday...Gant shares a birthday with former Twins catcher/minor league coach Chris Heintz, who turns 47 today...also celebrating birthdays today are former U.S. First Lady Edith Roosevelt, inventor of penicillin Alexander Fleming, comedian Lucille Ball and artist Andy Warhol.

## THIS AND THAT:

$\Phi$ Luis Arraez is hitting 337 (66-for-196) with a 385 on-base percentage and an . 819 OPS against right-handed pitching this season..
in his last 17 games against righties, he is hitting . 442 (23-for-52) with a 1.022 OPS.
$\Phi$ Since being recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on July 23, Brent Rooker has hit safely in nine of 11 games.
$\Phi$ Miguel Sanó has reached base in nine straight games, posting a 442 on-base percentage in that span with 11 hits and eight walks.

CURRENT NO.
243 doubles...
115 home runs.. 597 games...
197 doubles.
.148 home runs...

MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Needs 7 to reach 250 for career.
Needs 4 to tie Eddie Rosario (119) for 15th on the Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Needs 3 to reach 600 for career.
. Needs 3 to reach 200 for career.
.Needs 15 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).

## BAILEY DBER

Height: 6-9 Weight: 260
B/: R/R Age: 26 (7/12/1995 in Huntersville, NC)
2021: 1-1, 4.94 ERA CAREER: 1-1, 4.94 ERA
\$ Rookie is making his 12 th career start and appearance.
© Making his second career start and appearance against Houston.
$\boldsymbol{\Phi}$ Selected by the Twins in the 12th round of the 2017 First-Year Player Draft out of the College

## IDEI MAJJR LEAEUE DAY-BY-DAY

| Date Opp. Dec. | IP | H | R |  | HR | BB |  |  | Left/Final |  | Notes |  |  |  | ches/K |
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| 5/18 vs. CWS ND | 4.0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 |  | 1-4/5-4 |  | Twins tied | 8th an | walked of | 82/5 | (68.3\%) |
| MAY TOTALS 0 -0 | 4.0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 00 ERA |
| 6/6 at KC ND | 4.0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |  | 1-1/2-1 |  | Retired 1 | batte |  |  | 2.5\%) |
| 6/11 vs. HOU ND | 5.0 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |  | 3-2/4-6 |  | Career-hi |  |  | 73/5 | 1.2\%) |
| $6 / 16$ at SEA ND | 4.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |  | 3-0/7-2 |  | 1st 3.01 P | e perfect |  | 63/4 | (63.5\%) |
| 6/22 vs. CIN ND | 4.1 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |  | 2-3/7-10 |  | 1st caree | rt w/ 2 |  | 78/5 | (67.9\%) |
| 6/30 at CWS L1 | 3.1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 |  | 1-4/3-13 |  | Shortest | of care |  | 80/4 | (1.3\%) |
| JUNE TOTALS 0-1 | 20.2 | 23 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 22 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 23 ERA |
| 7/5 vs.CWS W1 | 5.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 |  | 3-0/8-5 |  | 1st care | ; 2nd | less |  | (1.3\%) |
| $7 / 10$ vs. DET ND | 3.1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 |  | 0-3/9-4 |  | Twins sco | $R \mathrm{R}$ in in | ngs 6-8 | in79/4 | (62.0\%) |
| 7/20 at CWS ND | 5.0 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 |  | 2-4/5-9 |  | CWS scor | R in 8 t | to win |  | 2.7\%) |
| $7 / 25$ vs. LAA ND | 5.1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |  | 2-2/2-6 |  | Career-hi | 5.1P |  |  | (67.6\%) |
| 7/31 at STL ND | 4.0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 |  | 7-1/8-1 |  | 3rd-cons | ive GS | $\mathrm{h} \leq 3 \mathrm{ER}$ |  | (68.8\%) |
| JULY Totals 1-0 | 22.2 | 18 | 11 | 10 | 4 | ${ }^{8}$ | 25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 97 ERA |
|  |  |  | RECOR |  |  | IP |  |  | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO | ERA |
| 2021 TOTALS |  |  | 1-1 |  |  | 47.1 |  |  | 46 | 27 | 26 | 11 | 14 | 51 | 4.94 |
| CAREER TOTALS |  |  | 1-1 |  |  | 47.1 |  |  | 46 | 27 | 26 | 11 | 14 | 51 | 4.94 |

LAST START: Ober did not factor into the decision from the Twins' 8-1 victory in St. Louis on July 31 after allowing just one run on four hits over 4.0 innings of work, with one walk and six strikeouts... Harrison Bader singled in the bottom of the fourth sending in the Cardinals' lone run of the game... marked the fourth time in his career he allowed one-or-fewer runs in an outing....also marked Ober's second Interleague start and appearance.
$\Phi$ Has allowed just three earned runs combined in his last two starts ( 9.1 IP ) after allowing seven in the two prior ( 8.1 PP ).
START PRIOR: Ober started on July 25 vs. Los Angeles-AL at Target Field; did not factor into the decision in a $6-2$ Twins loss...allowed two runs on three hits ( 1 HR ), with one walk and four strikeouts in a career-high 5.1 innings of work, pitching into the sixth inning for the tirst time in his career...Halos
catcher Max Stassi did all of the damage against Ober, tripling in a run in the second and hitting a catcher Max Stassi did all of the damage against Ober, tripling in a run in the second and hitting a in the sixth; Coulombe surrendered a go-ahead homer to Shohei Ohtani, the first batter he faced.

HOWDY HOUSTON: Today marks Ober's second career start against Houston, after facing them on June 11 at Target Field...he did not factor into the decision after allowing two runs on a career-high seven
$\Phi$ Holds a record of 0-0, 2.51 ERA (14.1 IP, 4 ER) in three starts against the American League
West division this season, also against Los Angeles-AL and Seattle.
LOW RISP, HIGH REWARD: Through his first 11 career major league starts, Ober is holding opponents to a 226 batting average (7-for-31) with runners in scoring position as well as a. 143 (2-for-14) mark with RISP and two outs...has allowed multiple hits with runners in scoring position
just once in his career, on July 20 at Chicago-AL ( 2 -for-5)...in his four starts for Triple-A St. Paul, just once in his career, on July 20 at Chicago-AL (2-for-5)...in his four starts for Triple-A St. Paul,
Ober held opposing hitters to just a . 182 (4-for-22) batting average with runners in scoring position.
2021 ARSENAL: Here's a look at the rookie's repertoire, per Baseball Savant.
PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (\#, vs. RHB/LHB)

RESULTS
 Changeup (84.6) $\qquad$ 286 (4-for-14), 12 B, 2 HR, 4 K

## § Ranks in the upper 75th percentile with a 30.4 chase rate

LOW TRAFFIC: Ober struck out 100 batters and walked just nine in 2019, good for an MiLB-best 11.11 strikeout-to-walk ratio (min. 75.0 IP)...that season, he also ranked second in the minors in WHIP (0.81) and base runners-per-9.0 IP (7.55), and was fifth in walks-per-9.0 IP (1.03).

T In 11 MLB starts this season, Ober has allowed 61 total base runners in 47.1 innings, good averaging 9.70 strikeouts-per- 9.0 IP...he has walked just 14 batters compared to 51 strikeouts, recording a 3.64 strikeout-to-walk ratio.
YOUTH MOVEMENT: Ober is one of seven players to make his major league debut for the Twins this season and one of three pitchers...the others are: C Ben Rortvedt (April 30), IF/OF Nick Gordon (May 6), OF Trevor Larnach (May 8), OF Gilberto Celestino (June 2), RHP Griffin Jax (June 8) and LHP Charlie Barnes (July 17).

SAINTLY SUMMARY: Ober made four starts for Triple-A St. Paul this season, going 1-0, 2.81 ERA (16.0 IP, 5 ER), five walks, 21 strikeouts and a 217 opponent batting average ( 13 -for- 60 )...two of the starts occurred prior to his call-up on May 18 and two after...made his season debut in the Saints' fifth game on May 8 at Omaha, taking a no-decision after working 3.0 innings and allowing one run on three hits, with two walks and three strikeouts; the run scored on a fielder's choice in his final frame of work... with a then-season-high five strikeouts in another no-decision...earned his lone victory of the season on May 25 at lowa, working 5.0 innings of one-run ball and allowing just four hits while walking none and fanning five as the Saints exploded for 17 runs en route to a 17-5 rout of the I-Cubs...his other start came in the finale of that same six-game series in Des Moines, fanning a season-high eight batters in 4.0 strong innings as St. Paul won 7-3 and completed a six-game sweep.
CAREER REDUX: Selected by the Twins in the 12th round of the 2017 First-Year Player Draft out of the College of Charleston, the 25 -year-old has gone 18-3, 2.41 ERA (197.2 IP, 53 ER) with 26 walks 244 strikeouts and a . 222 opponent batting average (163-for-734) over 38 career minor league appearances ( 35 starts) from 2017-21...was added to the Twins' 40-man roster on November 20, 2020...spent part of the offseason working out in Colorado with fellow Twins staffmate Taylor Rogers and last night's pitcher Griffin Jax

Among all minor leaguers between 2017-21 (min. 180.0 IP), Ober ranks second with a 9.38 strikeout-to-walk ratio, second only to reigning American League Cy Young Award winner Shane Bieber (who posted a 14.06 mark over the 2017-18 seasons).
innings, fourth by walking just 1.18 batters-per-9.0-innings and sixth in WHIP (0.96).
SKOL TWINS: Ober attended Charlotte Christian School in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he was batterymates on the baseball team and friends with Vikings center Garrett Bradbury...Bradbury had just arrived in the Twin Cities for OTAs at the time of Ober's debut on May 18, and attended the game with his wife, Carson...Carson is also the older sister of Kansas City Royals №. 4 prospect Jackson Kowar.
\#82 IN YOUR PROGRAMS, \#1 IN YOUR HEART: Ober is the first player in Twins history to wear uniform number 82...former hitting coach James Rowson is the only other uniformed personnel to wear \#82, doing so while presiding over 2019's "Bomba Squad."
NO RUNS: Ober posted a miniscule 0.69 ERA (78.2 IP, 6 ER) in 2019, his most recent full professional season...his mark led all minor league pitchers (min. 75.0 IP) and he also became the first Twins minor league pitcher to allow six-or-fewer earned runs in 78.2-or-more innings pitched since at (min 75.0 IP ) trailing only Erasmo Ramírez's 0.51 ERA (88. 0 IP 5 ER) in 2009 for the VSL Mariners.

| 20¢ HIEHS | CAREER HISHS |
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| CG's: -- | CG's: -- |
| SHO's: -- | SHO's: - |
| CG Low Hit: -- | CG Low-Hit: -- |
| Innings: 5.1, 7/25 vs. LAA | Innings: 5.1, 7/25/21 vs. LAA |
| SO's: 7, 2x, last: 7/5 vs. CWS | SO's: 7, 2x, last: 7/5/21 vs. CWS |
| Walks: $3,7 / 5 \mathrm{vs}$. CWS | Walks: 3, 7/5/21 vs. CWS |
| Hits: 7, 6/11 vs. HOU | Hits: 7, 6/11/21 vs. HOU |
| Home Runs: $3,6 / 30$ at CWS | Home Runs: $3,6 / 30 / 21$ at CWS |
| Win-Streak: 1, 7/5-present | Win-Streak: 1, 7/5/21-present |
| Loss-Streak: 1, 6/30 | Loss-Streak: 1, 6/30/21 |

## CAREER NOTES

- Made his MLB debut on May 18, 2021, starting for the Twins against Chicago-AL. - In 2020, spent spring training on minor league side of CenturyLink Sports Complex in Fort Myers, FL...was not part of Twins' 60 -man Player Pool for season.
- Added to Twins 40-man roster on November 20, 2020.
- Split the 2019 season between three levels of Twins organization, combining to go 8-0, 0.69 ERA ( $78.2 \mathrm{IP}, 6 \mathrm{ER}$ ) with nine walks, 100 strikeouts and a 194 opponent batting average in 14 games ( 13 starts) for GCL Twins, Single-A Fort Myers and Double-A Pensacola.
- Led all minor league pitchers (min. 75.0 IP) with a 0.69 ERA (78.2 IP, 6 ER) and ranked second in the minors with a 0.81 WHIP...also became the first Twins minor league pitcher to allow six-or-fewer earned runs in 78.2-or-more innings pitched since at least 1961. - Named Florida State League Pitcher of the Week for Fort Myers on April 14 and Southern League Pitcher of the Week for Pensacola on September 2
- Named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week twice during the 2019 season: once for Fort Myers on August 4 ( 6.1 IP, 0 ER, 6 H in 1 start) and again on August 25 with Pensacola (1-0, 7.0 IP, 0 ER, 3 H, 0 BB, 12 K ).
- In 2018, was named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week in consecutive weeks: July 7, going 1-0 with 7.0 shutout innings and 12 strikeouts vs. Wisconsin for the Kernels, and again July 14, going 1-0 with two runs allowed in 7.0 innings and 10 strikeouts vs. Fort Wayne...became first ever Twin to win the award twice in a season.
Selected by Twins in 12th round of 2017 First-Year Player Draft; signed by scout Seth Moir...originally selected by Los Angeles-NL in the 23rd round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft, but elected to return to the College of Charleston for the 2017 season.
- Attended College of Charleston from 2014-17, missing the 2015 season recovering from Tommy John Surgery on right elbow...compiled a 24-9 record with a 2.91 ERA and 254 strikeouts in 259.2 innings over the course of his collegiate career.


## 20el MISC. NUMBEFS

|  | W | ERA | G/GS | IP | ER |  |
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| Home: | 1 | 0 | 5.33 | $6 / 6$ | 27.0 | 16 |
| Road: | 0 | 1 | 4.43 | $5 / 5$ | 20.1 | 10 |
| Day: | 0 | 0 | 5.82 | $4 / 4$ | 17.0 | 11 |
| Night: | 1 | 1 | 4.45 | $7 / 7$ | 30.1 | 15 |
| Grass: | 1 | 1 | 4.94 | $11 / 11$ | 47.1 | 26 |
| Turf: | - | - | .--- | $-/-$ | .-- | - |


|  | AVG | H | AB | HR | BB | SO |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Vs. Left: | .303 | 27 | 89 | 6 | 10 | 21 |
| Vs. Right: | .204 | 19 | 93 | 5 | 4 | 30 |
| TOTALS: | .253 | 46 | 182 | 11 | 14 | 51 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None On: | .225 | 25 | 111 | 8 | 10 | 32 |
| Runners On: 296 | 21 | 71 | 3 | 4 | 19 |  |

## 6.0-PLUS IPIDUALITY STARTS

| YEAR | STARTS | $6+$ IP | QS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 2021 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 11 | 0 | 0 |

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| INNING: | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ |
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| RUNS/HITS: | $3 / 9$ | $6 / 8$ | $8 / 10$ | $5 / 12$ | $5 / 7$ | $0 / 0$ |

## DBER V5. HOUSTON

2021 vs. Houston ( 1 start): 0-0, 3.60 ERA (5.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 7 K
2021 vs. Houston at Home (1 start): $0-0,3.60$ ERA ( 5.0 IP, 2 ER), $1 \mathrm{BB}, 7 \mathrm{~K}$
2021 vs. Houston on Road (0 games):
Career vs. Houston (1 start): 0-0, 3.60 ERA ( $5.0 \mathrm{IP}, 2 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $1 \mathrm{BB}, 7 \mathrm{~K}$
Career vs. Houston at Home (1 start): 0-0, 3.60 ERA ( $5.0 \mathrm{IP}, 2 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $1 \mathrm{BB}, 7 \mathrm{~K}$ Career vs. Houston on Road (0 games):

## BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

| Ober vs. the Astros |  |  |  |  |  |  | Greinke vs. the Twins |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| PLAYER | AVG | AB | H | HR | BB | SO | PLAYER | AVG | AB | H | HR | BB | SO |
| Altuve | . 333 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | Simmons | . 188 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brantley | 1.000 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Riddle | . 444 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alvarez | . 500 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Maeda | . 167 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Bregman | . 000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Donaldson | . 333 | 6 | 2 | 0 |  | 1 |
| Gurriel | . 000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Kepler | . 333 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Maldonado | . 500 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sanó | . 000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Tucker | . 500 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Polanco | . 500 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Correa | . 000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Buxton | . 000 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Pineda | . 000 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Garlick | 1.000 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

WALKING TALL: Standing six feet, nine inches tall, Ober is one of just five players 6-8-ortaller to suit up for the Twins and Senators, as well as just the third pitcher of that height to debut for Minnesota or Washington...he's also the first pitcher 6-9-or-taller to make at least 11 starts in the majors since Alex Meyer started 13 times for Los Angeles-AL in 2017 the other pitchers 6-8-or-taller to play for the Twins are


## TEAM BULLPEN NDTES

$\Phi$ Twins bullpen is $21-26-26,4.95 \mathrm{ERA}(394.2 \mathrm{IP}, 217 \mathrm{ER}), 158 \mathrm{BB}, 406 \mathrm{~K}, 55$ holds and a. $254 \mathrm{BAA}(380$-for-1496) in 108 games this season...last season the 'pen went $0-2,3.38$ ERA ( $8.0 \mathrm{IP}, 3$ ER ) with one hold, 3 BB \& 4 K in two games in AL Wild Card Series at Target Field vs. HOU.... in four games this season pen is $0-1,10.43 \mathrm{ERA}(14.2 \mathrm{IP}, 17 \mathrm{ER}$ ) with 6 BB \& 16 K vs. HOU.
$\Phi$ 'Pen has allowed 58 of 115 inherited runners to score this season ( $50.4 \%$ ), still the highest percentage in baseball... is $5-10-9-5.43 \mathrm{ERA}(106.0 \mathrm{PP}, 64 \mathrm{ER}), 38 \mathrm{BB}, 111 \mathrm{~K}, .267 \mathrm{BAA}$ ( 109 -for-408) in 30 games vs. AL West this season.
Ф Twins bullpen is $9-14-14,4.70$ ERA ( $189.2 .0 \mathrm{IP}, 99 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $84 \mathrm{BB}, 210 \mathrm{~K}, 24$ holds and a 246 BAA ( 177 -for- 719 ) in 54 road games this season.

JORIE ALCALA - RHP


RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $88 /$ at CIN | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 881 at STL | ND | 2.0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $7 / 28$ vs. DET | ND | 3.0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| $7 / 17$ at Det | ND | 1.1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 6/12 vs. CWS | ND | 1.2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 |


| RECENT APPEARANCES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| DATE | DEC IP | H | R | ER | HR |  |  |
| 8/5 at HOU | S4 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $8 / 3$ at CIN | S3 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| $7 / 31$ at STL | No 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| $7 / 26$ vs. Det | BS4 1.0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |  |
| $7 / 25$ vs. LAA | ND 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| $7 / 23$ vs.LAA | ND 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $7 / 21$ at CWS | ND 1.1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 7/20 at CWS | ND 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 7110 vs. DET | H5 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |



## DAI <br> DATE DEC IP APPEAIANLES

 $8 / 5$ at HOU$8 / 3$ a CIN $8 / 3$ at CIN
$8 / 1$ at STL

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 $7 / 27$ vs. DET$\qquad$
$7 / 25$ vs. LAA
$7 / 22$ vs. LAA
TYLER DUFFEY - RHP
Height: 6-3 Weight: 220 Age: 30 (12/27/90 in Houston, TX) Acquired: 5th Round, 2012 Draft
Height: 6-3 Weight: 220 Age: 30 (12/27/90 in Houston, TX) Acquired: 5th Round, 2012 Draft
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Roadtrip: $\quad 0-1-0,13.50$ (2.0 IP, 3 ER), $3 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series at HOU: $0-0-0,0.00$ (1.0 IP, 0 ER ), $2 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 250 vs. Right 215
$\Phi$ Has pitched 1 x in 4 th, 6 x in 5th, 10 x in 6th, 17 x in 7 th, 8 x in 8 th, 3 x in 9 th, 4 x in extras so far this season...has not allowed ER in 34 of 43 G...has allowed 11 of 19 inherited runners to score this season, T-12th most in MLB...recorded 14th hold last night, the most among active

Twins...T-1st in app. (43) among active Twins (w/ Jorge Alcala)...Was born and resides in Houston, IX....attended Rice University from 2010-12
© Career 1-0, one hold, 4.15 ERA (17.1 IP, 8 ER) with 6 BB \& 21 K over 8 games vs. HOU, including two app. in AL Wild Card Series last season, allowing 1 ER on three hits in 1.0 IP (G1) and 1.0 scoreless IP (G2).
© Has posted a 4.43 ERA (22.1 IP, 11 ER ) and . 274 BAA in 22 road G , compared to 2.84 ERA (19.0 IP, 6 ER) and .169 BAA in 21 home G this season.

- Has held RHB to . 215 BAA (20-for-93) w/ 12 BB, 25 K and .301 SLG...LHB are hitting . 250 (14-for-56) w/ $10 \mathrm{BB}, 10 \mathrm{~K}$ and .375 SLG.

Ф 2021 arsenal: Curveball $-52.6 \%$ (378 pitches), 4 -Seam Fastball - $44.4 \%$ ( 319 pitches), Sinker $-2.9 \%$ ( 21 pitches).

## JOHN GANT - RHP <br> Weight: 200 <br> Age: 29 (8/6/1992 in Savannah, GA)

LHP J.A. Happ...career 1.2 IP, 2 ER, 2 BB \& 2 K' in only two app. vs. $\mathrm{HOU}(7 / 26$ \& 7/28, 2019)...career 7.0 IP 7 ER, 6 BB \& 2 Kvs . AL West ( 7 G )
$\Phi$ Went 4-6, 3.42 ERA (76.1 IP, 29 ER), 56 BB, $56 \mathrm{~K}, .229 / .365 / .343$ opponent slash line ( 64 -for- 280 ) in 25 games (14 starts) for STL this season.
© Began year in STL rotation; pitched exclusively out of 'pen since 6/28, posting 1.54 ERA (11.2 IP, 2 ER) and . 167 BAA (7-for-42) in 11 outings. 2021 arsenal: Sinker - 38.1\% (546 pitches), Changeup - 21.8\% (312 pitches), 4-Seam Fastball - 12.4\% (177 pitches), Slider - 10.5\% (150 pitches), Cutter $-9.8 \%$ (141 pitches), Curveball - $7.4 \%$ (106 pitches).

## JUAN MINAYA - RHP

Height: 6-4 $\qquad$ Age: 30 ( $9 / 18 / 90$ in Loma De Cabrera, DR) Acquired: Signed as minor league free agent, 11/9/20 Roadtrip: $\quad 0-0-0,0.00(3.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}), 7 \mathrm{~K}, 3 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series at HOU: $0-0-0,0.00(0.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}), 0 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 143 vs. Right . 226
क Career one SV, one hold, 7.2 IP, 5 BB 6 K over 7 games vs. HOU...career 1-1, 2 holds, 1.84 ERA (29.1 IP, 6 ER) with 16 BB \& 34 K at Minute Maid $\Phi$ Worked career-high 3.0 IP on $7 / 28$ vs. DET, allowing career-high-tying 4 ER...earned $W$ on $7 / 23$, 1st $W$ since $9 / 12 / 18$ at KC (w/ CWS).
$\Phi$ DFA-ed on $6 / 5$ \& outrighted to AAA St. Paul on $6 / 8$...contract selected on $7 / 17$, allowed 4 ER in 8.0 IP, 5 BB, 12 K in 5 games since return $\Phi$ Has appeared in 17 games for the Saints this season, going 2-3, 3.41 ERA (29.0 IP, 11 ER), 15 walks and 37 strikeouts.
क Has appeared in 9 games for the Twins this season, going 1-0-0, 4.40 ERA (14.1 IP, 7 ER ), $8 \mathrm{BB}, 16 \mathrm{~K}$ and 192 BAA ( 10 -for- 52 )
$\Phi$ Career 7-4-10, with a 3.97 ERA (142.2 IP, 63 ER) with 74 BB \& 158 K over 134 ML games (2016-2019 w/ CWS \& 2021 w/ MIN).

## CALEB THIIELBAR - L|P <br> Weight: 205

Age: 34 (1/31/87 in Northfield, MN)
Acquired Cigned as mi Fh 1129
Height: 6-0 Series at HOU: $0-0-0,00$ ( 0.2 IP OFR) OK OBB vs. Left 220 Fs. Right 239
Roadtrip: $0-0-0,0.00$ (2.2 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 1 BB $\qquad$
$\Phi$ Career 2-0, 6.0 IP, 2 BB \& 3 K over 6 games vs. HOU...including postseason debut in G1 of AL Wild Card Series ( $9 / 29 / 20$ ) vs. HOU, pitching 0.1 scoreless inning with one hit allowed...earned 7th hold of the season last night...career 1-0, 3.1 scoreless IP with $2 \mathrm{~K} \&$ a BAA of .091 at Minute Maid Park (3 games).
क Is 3-0, 3.73 ERA (41.0 IP, 17 ER) w/ 7 holds, 13 BB and 52 K in 38 games overall this season... 19 of last 23 appearances have been scoreless.
$\Phi$ Earned 3rd W on 7/26...13th among qualified left-handed AL relievers this season by striking out 11.41 batters-per- 9.0 innings pitched.
$\Phi$ Has allowed 10 of 16 inherited runners to score this season, 10 th most in AL.... 0 wns a $2.84 \mathrm{ERA}(25.1 \mathrm{IP}, 8 \mathrm{ER}$ ) w/ 5 holds, $7 \mathrm{BB}, 30 \mathrm{~K}$ in 23 home app. this season, compared to a 5.17 ERA ( $15.2 \mathrm{IP}, 9 \mathrm{ER}$ ) with 6 BB and 22 K in 15 road games.
$\Phi 2021$ arsenal: 4-Seam FB - $50.0 \%$ (359 pitches), Slider $-36.4 \%$ ( 261 pitches), Curveball - $13.4 \%$ ( 96 pitches), Changeup - $0.3 \%$ ( 2 pitches).

## RELENT APPEARANCES DATE DEC IP H R ER HR BB SO

 $8 / 5$ at HOU$7 / 30$ at STL
$7 / 27$ vs. DET
$\qquad$ $7 / 21$ at CWS ND $7 / 19$ at CWS (1) W
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RECENT APPEARANCES DATE DEC IP H $\quad$ R ER HR BB SO $\begin{array}{lll}13 \mathrm{at} \mathrm{STL} & \text { ND } \\ 1.0\end{array}$ $7 / 30$ - Traded from STL to MIN. Appearances below are with STL. $7 / 28$ at CLE ND
$7 / 24$ at CIN 121 vs. CHC 719 vs. CHC ND 2.1

## RECENT APPEARANCES

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| 5 at HOU | H7 | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 at CIN | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $7 / 31$ at STL | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 27 vs. DET | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| /26 vs. DET | W3 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 vs. LAA | ND | 1.1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 21 at CWS | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 7/20 at CWS | ND | 0.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 7/9 vs. DET | ND | 1.0 |  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $7 / 7$ vs. CWS | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |


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| Player name | 1st Batter Avg | BB/9 | K/9 | Saves/Opps | Holds | IRS\% | WHIP | HR | Last game | 2 games ago | 3 games ago |
| Jorge Alcala | . 275 | 2.14 | 8.36 | 0/4 | 12 | 28.6\% (4/14) | 1.10 | 9 | 1.0 IP (14) | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Beau Burrows | . 500 | 6.14 | 3.68 | 0/0 | 0 | 66.7\% (2/3) | 1.91 | 2 | 0.0 IP (0) | 1.0 IP (13) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Alex Colome | . 447 | 3.86 | 8.39 | 4/8 | 9 | 22.2\% (2/9) | 1.49 | 6 | $0.1 \mathrm{IP}(7)$ | 0.0 IP (0) | 1.0 IP (20) |
| Danny Coulombe | . 462 | 1.02 | 10.70 | 0/0 | 2 | 33.3\% (1/3) | 1.02 | 4 | 0.2 IP (17) | 0.0 IP (0) | 1.1 IP (13) |
| Tyler Duffey | . 237 | 4.79 | 7.62 | 2/4 | 19 | 57.9\% (11/19) | 1.35 | 3 | 1.0 IP (21) | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| John Gant | . 000 | 3.38 | 10.13 | 0/0 | 0 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 1.50 | 0 | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.0 IP (0) | 1.2 IP (22) |
| Juan Minaya | . 250 | 5.02 | 10.05 | 0/0 | 1 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 1.26 | 2 | 0.0 IP (0) | 2.0 IP (44) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Caleb Thielbar | . 219 | 2.85 | 11.41 | 0/0 | 14 | 62.5\% (10/16) | 1.17 | 5 | 0.2 IP (8) | 1.0 IP (22) | 0.0 IP (0) |

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HITTERS

## LUIS ARRAEZ - IF/DF $\quad$ [PRONOUNCED AH-RISE] $\begin{aligned} & \text { Height: 5-10 Weight: } 175 \\ & \text { B/T: L/R }\end{aligned}$ Age: 23 (4/9/97 in San Felipe, VZ) 2021 Average: 3 oadtrip: 6, 3 2B, 2 RB Streak: 3g, 6-9, 2 2B Series at HOU: Home Runs:

$\Phi$ Went 1-for-1 as sub last night...tied career high by reaching base $5 x$ in game $8 / 4$ at CIN (also, $4 / 4 / 21$ at MIL)...has $83+$ H games, 2nd-most on MIN...reinstated from 10-day IL 7/31 missed 9 GW right knee strain...has a hit in 16 of last 18 G (including 8 multi-hit games), batting. 429 (27-for-63), 12 R, 6 2B, 4 RBI, 6 BB, 471 OBP...was 3 -for- $4,2 \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{BB} 7 / 4$, reaching base 4x for 8th time in career; 3rd-inning 1B was his 200th career hit...went 3-for-4, 2B, 23 B RBI, 8 TB $6 / 25$ vs. CLE; 4th Twin w/ 2B, 23 in game, joining Gómez (9/25/08), Knoblauch 6/29/96) \& Carew (5/8;77)...reinstated from 10-day IL 6/14; batting . 356 (42-for-118) w/ 9 2B, 3 3B, 11 RBI, $10 \mathrm{BB}, 21$ R in 34 G since after missing 19 G w/ right shoulder strain.
$\Phi$ Has 3 career games vs. HOU (RS \& PS), going 1-for-7, 2 BB.

## WILLIANS ASTUIILLD - C/IF $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Series at HOU: } & \begin{array}{l}1-3, \mathrm{RBI} \\ \text { Home Runs: } \\ 5(51-\text { run })\end{array}\end{array}$

$\Phi$ Was 1-for-3, R, RBI last night; drove in MIN's 1st run in 2nd inn...on 7/31 at STL, had 4th career PH \& 2nd PH RBI...on 7/30, went 3-for-4 \& had b2b 3-H G for 1st time in career.. recalled 7/21 (Kirilloff - IL);
Career 3-for-10, 2 R, HR, 2 RBI in 5 games vs. HOU (RS and PS)...on 6/16 at SEA, went 1-for-2 R, 2 BB; 1st MLB game w/ 2 BB, 1st as pro since 5/2/17 w/ AAA Reno.

## JAKE CAVE - DF $\begin{aligned} & \text { Height: 6-0 Weight: } 200 \text { B/T: L/L Age: } 28 \text { (12/4/92 in Hampton, VA) }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 2021 Average: } 175 & \text { Streak: } 0-2 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Series at HOU: } \\ \text { Roadtrip: } \\ \text { Home Runs: }\end{array} \\ & \text { 1-4 (11-run) }\end{array}$

$\Phi$ Went 0-for-1 as PH Wednesday...had 3rd career PH 7/31 at STL...reinstated from 60-day 7124 missed 64 G w/ stress 5/13)...hit . 367 (11-for-30) w/ 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 5 BB, . 972 OPS in 8 rehab games w/AAA St. Paul. © Is 3 -for-13, 2 BB in 9 games since return from IL...last start came on $7 / 26$ vs. DET.
$\Phi$ Went 0 -for-1 vs. HOU in 2020 WC Series...career 1 -for-14, BB in 6 games vs. HOU (RS and S)...last faced HOU in the regular season in 2019, from 4/29-4/30 at Target Field...is just
$\Phi$ Career def. positions: 133 in CF, 75 in RF, 38 in LF...in $2021: 17 \mathrm{G} / 8 \mathrm{GS}$ in LF, $17 \mathrm{G} / 11 \mathrm{GS}$ in CF, $7 \mathrm{G} / 5 \mathrm{GS}$ in RF.
JISH IDNALISDN - 3B $\begin{array}{llll}\begin{array}{lll}\text { Height: } 6-1 & \text { Weight: } 210 & \text { B/T: R/R }\end{array} \quad \text { Age: } 35(12 / 8 / 85 \text { in Pensacola, FL) } \\ 2021 \text { Average: } 245 & \text { Streak: } 0-9 & \text { Series at HOU: } 0-3\end{array}$
2021 Average: 245 treak: 0-9 Series at Hov:

Was 0-for-3, 2 BB last night in 1st start since 7/27 (7th G at DH)...had BB in 5-straight 7/24-7/28, longest streak since career-best 8-G run from 9/2-9/10/19...leads MIN w/ 51 BB ( -12 th in AL), also 4th w/ 16 multi-hit games...2nd RBI on $7 / 26$ was 700 th of career, becoming Oth active player to reach 700 career RBI...has 9 go-ahead RBI, T-3rd on Twins...recorded rd career PH 7/10, 1 st since 8/20/14...missed 5 G w/ right hamstring tightness, $7 / 3-7 / 7$ HR in 3-straight G 6/27-6/30, 10th time in career....went 2-for-4 6/24 in 1st start since 6/16 marked 1st multi-hit game since 6/11...recorded 22nd multi-HR game 6/11.
 s. HOU this season...career . 323 ( 70 -for-217), 41 R, 16 2B, $23 \mathrm{~B}, 13 \mathrm{HR}, 42$ RBI, 41 BB 448 OBP, 1.042 oPs in 62 regular season games vs. HOU ...this includes . 324 (35-for-108), , 1

## MITCH GARVER -

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220
B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM)
2021 Average: ${ }_{3-19} 228$ HR, 3 RBI Streak: 0-7 Series at HOU: 0-5

Was 0-for-5 last night went 2-for-5 3-R HR Tuesday at CIN - 5 come w/ROB batting 242 (8-for-33) 6 R 22B 4 HP 10 RBI 3 BB 12 HR this season hav come w/ ROB...batting . 242 ( 8 -for- 33 ), 6 R, 2 2B, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 3 BB, 1.009 OPS in 10 games since return from IL on 7/19...hit 1st career grand slam in 1st inn. 7/27...went 2-for-3, 2B, BB, HBP 7/26 vs. DET; 6th career game w/ 22 2 \& 18th career game w/ multiple XBH...on 22B, 2 HR 8 RBI in 7 games since son's birth went 2-for-3 2 HR 2 RBI in 72 on; has 2B, 2 HR, 8 RBI in 7 games since son's birth.....ent 2-10r-3, 2 mised 39 in GZ on $7 / 19$ th career multi-HR game \& 2nd this season (also $4 / 28$ at CLE) missed 39 games w/groin contusion sustained $6 / 1$ at BAL (placed on IL 6/2).
Career 4-for-26, HBP, 2 BB, 5 R in 9 career games vs. HOU (RS and PS)...career 3-for-17, 2

- Had career-long 8-G hitting streak 5/17-5/29, batting 391 (9-for-23) w/ 5 2B 2 HR 4 RB


## $\begin{array}{lll}\text { RYAN JEFFERS - [ } & & \text { \#27 } \\ \text { Height: } 6-4 & \text { Weight: } 235 & \text { B/T: R/R }\end{array}$


历 Did not play last night....went 2-for-3, RBI, BB Wednesday....had HR in b2b G for 2nd time in career 7/28-7/31 (also $9 / 11-9 / 13 / 20$ )... on 7/28 vs. DET set career highs w/ 2 HR \& 6 RBI hit first caree rand slam in 4th inn marked 3rd career G w/ 2 XBH (aso b 2 at 7123 vs. (AA) has 10 RBI in last 3 G and is batting .355 (11-for-31), 2 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 1.121 OPS in last 10 games W/ Mitch Garver, marks 1 st time in MIN history that 2 different catchers each hit a grand slam in same season...had XBH in career-high 3-straight G 6/13-16...career 1-for-12, R, HR in 4 games vs. HOU, in both RS and PS.

## MAX KEPLER - DF $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Height: 6-4 } & \text { Weight: } 225 \quad \text { B/T: L/L }\end{array}$ \#ge: 28 (2/10/93 in Berlin, Germany) <br> $\square$ Streak: 0-1

| 2021 Average: 207 |
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| Roadtrip: $\quad 2-19,22 B$ | Series at HOU:

Home Runs: MIIN 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, 3rd time this season....has 10+ HR in 5 of 7 MLB seasons...had XBH in 3-straight G from 7/4-7/6...had 10th career multi-HR G on 7/5, 1st since 7/24/2020 at

Kepler, continued..
CWS...became 12th player w/ $10+$ multi-HR $G$ as Twin....went 2 -for- $4, R, 2 \mathrm{BB} 6 / 21$; reached base $4 x$ for 1 st time since $8 / 4 / 2020$ vs. PIT...is 28 -for-139, 20 R, $42 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{~B}, 9 \mathrm{HR}, 18 \mathrm{RBI}, 13$ $\mathrm{BB}, 3 \mathrm{SB}, .284$ OBP and .723 OPS in 38 G since return from IL on $6 / 18$; missed 17 G w/ left hamstring strain...2nd on team w/ 8 SB; 8 SB are career high... 30 of 56 hits this season have been XBH (13 2B, 3 3B, 14 HR).
Career . 227 (20-for- 88 ), 11 R, 4 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 13 BB, .317 OBP, .658 OPS in 26 games

## TTEVDD LTOT <br> Thevin Landach -

Height: 6-4 Weight: 223 B/T: L/R Age: 24 (2/26/1997 in Walnut Creek, CA $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 2021 Average: } .227 \\ \text { Roadtrip: } & 4-17,32 \mathrm{~B}, 4 \mathrm{RBI} \quad \text { Streak: } 2 \mathrm{~g}, 2-6,22 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{RBI} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Series at HOU: } \\ \text { Home }\end{array} \quad 1-2,2 \mathrm{LB}, \mathrm{RBI}\end{array}$
$\Phi$ Went 1-for-2, 2B, RBI, 2 BB last night; tied career high w/ 3 TOB, doing so for 5th time...als has RBl in b2b G for 1st time since 7/7-7/9 (3-straight G)...has reached base 2+x in 30 of 3 career G (41.1\%)...went 1-for-3, RBI, BB $7 / 23$; 1st RBI since $7 / 9$ vs. DEI.... went 2 -for-4 w/ 11th multi-hit G 7/18...5 of 7 HR have traveled 400+ feet...had 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-5th mos among all MLB rookies...has 3 of MIN's 10 PH this season...is 4 -for-13 in 4 career G vs. HOU Hit a 461-foot homer on 5/24, going 2-for-4 w/ R, HR \& 2 RBI in first career game vs. BAL...is 2nd-longest HR by a Twin this season (Statcast), 17th longest in Target Field history by any

JORBE POLANCD - IF
Height: 5-11 Weight: 208 B/: S/R Age: 28 (7/5/93 in San Pedro De Macorís, DR


Was 1-for-4, RBI, BB last night...from 8/1-/84, HR-ed in 3-straight G for 2nd time in career, behind only career-high 4-G run 8/21-8/23/17...had XBH in 4-straight G 7/31-8/4, matching areer-best streak for 4th time, 1st since 8/17-8/20/19...eads team w/ 31 multi-hit G \& 9 G w $3+$ H...is 366 ( 15 -for-41), 2 2B, 4 HR, 8 RBI, . 422 0BP, 1.130 OPS in current $9-G$ hit hit streak क Batting . 322 (39-for-121) since 7/1; ranks 2nd in AL and 9th in MLB in AVG in that span (min. 100 AB)...hit walk-off, 3-R HR on $7 / 11$ vs. DET; went 3-for-6 w/ 3-R HR, 2 RBI 1 B and set new career high w/ 5 RBI...had 2 nd career mutt-homer game $6 / 9$ vs. NYY (also, 8/29/17 vs. CWS) Hitting . 276 ( 67 -for-243) w/ 11 2B, 13 HR, 34 RBI as LHB vs. . 269 ( 39 -for-145), 11 2B, $3 \mathrm{~B}, 5$
HR, 23 RBI as RHB this year...is 4 -for-12, R, HR, 4 RBI in 3 G vs. HOU this season...career . 326 HR, 23 RBI as RHB this year.... is 4 -for-12, R, HR, 4 RBI in 3 G vs. HOU this seas
(30-for-92), 12 R, $32 \mathrm{~B}, 23 \mathrm{~B}, 4 \mathrm{HR}, 13$ RBI in 24 games vs. HOU (RS and PS).

##  <br> Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (3/26/1991 in Seoul, South Korea) 2021 Average: 339 Streak: $1 \mathrm{~g}, 2-3,2 \mathrm{~B}, 2 \mathrm{BB} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Series at HOU } \\ & \text { Hin }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Series at HOU: } & \text { 2-3, } 2 \mathrm{~B} \\ \text { Home Runs: } & 2(21 \text {-run) }\end{array}$

$\Phi$ Went 2-for-3, 2B, 2 R, 2 BB last night in 1st MLB game since $6 / 13$; tied career high w/ 4 TOB (also, 5/17/21 and 9/30/15)...marked 7th multi-hit game of season.
Returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day Injured List yesterday; missed 43 games w/ lef in 10 rehab games w/ AAA St. Paul.
in 10 rehab games W/ AAA St. Pau
Career 2-for-16, 3 R, 5 BB in 8 games vs. HOU (RS and PS)...is just 4-for-14, 3 R, 2 RBI, 2B $4 \mathrm{BB}, 421$ OBP in 6 games VS. AL West this season.
He is the 2nd South Korean-born player in Twins/Senators history, alongside ByungHo Park.

| BRENT RODKER - DF |  |  | \#50 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Height: 6-3 | Weight: 225 | B/T: R/R | Age: 26 (11/1/94 in | mantown, TN) |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2021 \text { Average: } 19 \\ & \text { Roadtrip: } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 2B, RBI | k: 1g, 1-4, 2B | Series at HOU: Home Runs: | $\begin{aligned} & 1-4,2 B \\ & 4 \text { (4 1-run) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

क Was 1-for-4, 2B last night has a 896 OPS and 340 OBP with 4 2B, 3 HR 4 RBI, 9 R in las 0 games went 2-for-4 HR 7/28. from $27-728$ had multiple H in 2 b G for st time hit 460 -foot HR $7 / 26$, 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 7/25 (b2b w/Kepler)...recalled from AAA 7/23; at the time of recall, was T-1st in AAA in HR, T-5th among MiLB hitters.
$\Phi$ Faced HOU for 1st time last night...is 4 -for-26, 32B, HR, RBI, 2 R, BB in 7 career G vs. AL West Career .333 (13-for-39) hitter w/ 4 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI, 1.089 OPS in 12 G at Target Field, compared to .138 (8-for-58) in 15 road G...currently ranked as the No. 12 prospect in Twins system per MLB.com

## - Missed Gon 10-dayILw/ cervical strain (4/7-4/20)...2nd stint w/ MiN this season (4/3-4/29).

## MIFUEL 5AND - IF

Height: 6-4 Weight: 272 B/T: R/R Age: 28 (5/11/93 in San Pedro De Macorís, DR 2021 Average: 210
© Was 1-for-5, R last night...extended on-base streak to 9 games, batting 314 w/ 4 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 8 BB, .442 OBP and 1.042 OPS in span...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 on MIN this season \& 4th longest by MIN hitter in Statcast Era (2015-)...stole 3B in 4th inn. 7/22, 3rd career SB (1st since 5/14/16) \& 1st of 3B

- Hit 2nd career walk-off HR in 12th 6/21 (3rd career W0 PA)...has 148 career HR, 11 th place on Twins' all-time list (1961-present) - next up is T. Brunansky w/ 163 in 10th.
Is 4-for-17, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 2 R in 4 games vs. HOU this season....has 7 XBH in 25 games vs AL West this season...is just . 167 (17-for-91), 3 2B, 4 HR, 9 RBI, 10 R, 10 BB in 25 caree


## ANDTELTIN SIMMONS - 55 <br>  $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 2021 Average: } .221 \\ \text { Roadtrip: } & 6-18,5 \mathrm{RBI} & \text { Streak: } 1 \mathrm{lg}, 1-4,2 \mathrm{RBI}\end{array} \begin{aligned} & \text { Series at HOU: } \\ & \text { Home Runs: }\end{aligned} \begin{aligned} & 1-4,2 \mathrm{RBI} \\ & 3(32-\text { run })\end{aligned}$

क Had 1st career RBI bunt 1B last night and finished w/ 6th multi-RBI game of season....has 3 multi-hit G this season....went 1 -for-4, R, SB 7/21 at CWS; 1st SB of season \& 1st since 9/9/2020...on 7/6, recorded 8th career game w/ 2 errors, 1st this season...had 1st career RB IR since $5 / 16$ vs. OAK (115 PA b/w) his 12 outs above average (Statcast) are T-5th in MI hind ARI's N Ahmed (17) NYM' F F indor (16) AAK's M eage (15) \& K' $N$ behind ARI's N. Ahmed (17), NYM's F. Lindor (16), OAK's M. Chapman (15) \& KC's N. Lopez (13)
Is just 2-for-13, R, 2B, 2 RBI, HBP, BB in 4 games vs. HOU this season...career . 265 (82-for-310),



| LONEEST HOME RUNS | HIEHEST EXIT VELOCITY |
| :---: | :---: |
| Sanó...... $473 \mathrm{ft}, 7 / 28$ vs. DET (Jiménez) | Sanó................ 117.1, 7/31 at STL (1B) |
| Larnach ... $461 \mathrm{ft}, 5 / 24$ vs. BAL (Means) | Cruz..................116.6, 4/5 at DET (HR) |
| Rooker . . $460 \mathrm{ft}, 7 / 26$ vs. DET (Manning) | Cruz................116.5, $6 / 21$ vs. CIN (HR) |
| Cruz.... $457 \mathrm{ft}, 6 / 10$ vs. NYY (Chapman) | Sanó...............116.4, $7 / 23$ vs. LAA (2B) |
| Buxton ....... $456 \mathrm{ft}, 4 / 1$ at MIL (Yardley) | Larnach ............... 116.0, 7/3 at KC (HR) |
| Cruz......... $453 \mathrm{ft}, 6 / 30$ at CWS (Cease) | Larnach ..........116.0, $5 / 17$ vs. CWS (2B) |
| Buxton ...... $451 \mathrm{ft}, 4 / 6$ at DET (Cisnero) | Cruz.................115.9, 4/23 vs. PIT (1B) |


| STARTS EY POSITION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | C | 1B | 2B | SS | 3B | LF | CF | RF | DH |
| Luis Arraez | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 21 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Willians Astudillo | 4 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Byron Buxton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| Jake Cave | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| Gilberto Celestino | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Nelson Cruz | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Josh Donaldson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Kyle Garlick | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 13 | 0 |
| Mitch Garver | 39 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nick Gordon | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Ryan Jeffers | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Max Kepler | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 48 | 4 |
| Alex Kirilloff | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| Trevor Larnach | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Jorge Polanco | 0 | 0 | 76 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Rob Refsnyder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 0 |
| JT Riddle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brent Rooker | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| Ben Rortvedt | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miguel Sanó | 0 | 69 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Andrelton Simmons | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



## LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

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)
Pinch-Hit Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (2 as a team in 2019)
Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: M. LeCroy, 9th inning, 5/19/04 at TOR (15 all-time)
Five-Hit Game: B. Buxton, 4/27/21 at CLE (I' in 2021)
Six-Hit Game: K. Puckett, $5 / 23 / 91$ vs. TEX (2 all-time, both Puckett)
Two Hits, One Inning: M. Sanó, 4th inning, $7 / 28 / 21$ vs. DET (2 as a team in 2021) Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, 8/23/09 at KC (1 all-time)
Two-Home Run Game: M. Sanó/R. Jeffers, $7 / 28 / 21$ vs. DET ( 12 as team in 2021)
Three-Home Run Game: M. Sanó $5 / 18 / 21$ vs. CWS ( 1 as a team in 2021 . 13 )
Three-Home Run Game: M. Sanó, $5 / 18 / 21$ vs. CWS ( 1 as a team in 2021, 13 all-time)
Back-to-Back Home Runs: M. Kepler/B. Rooker $7 / 28 / 21$ vs. DFT (4 as team in 2021 )
Back-to-Back Home Runs: M. Kepler/B. Rooker, $7 / 28 / 21$ vs. DET (4 as team in 2021 )
Three Consecutive Home Runs: N. Cruz/E. Rosario/C. Cron $4 / 26 / 19$ vs. BAL (1 in 2019
Three Home Runs, One Inning: C. Cron/J. Polanco/N. Cruz (2nd), 8/3/19. vs. KC (5 in 2019) Four Home Runs, One Inning: M. Sanó/ R. Jeffers/M. Kepler/B. Rooker 7/28/21 vs. DET Walk-Off Home Run: J. Polanco, 7/11/21 vs. DET ( 3 as a team in 2021)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, $8 / 5 / 19$ vs. ATL (10 all-time) Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (10 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: M. Kepler, $7 / 25 / 2021$ vs. LAA (4 as a team in 2021)
Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/25/21 vs. LAA (2 as team in 2021) Three Consecutive Home Runs to Start Game: B. Buxton/J. Donaldson/N. Cruz, 4/28/21 at CLE catcher pitching in relief, $9 / 3 / 18$ at TEX

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):
No-Hitter: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time)
One-hter: E. Santana, 4517
10+ Innings Pitched: B. Radke ( 10.0 innings), $9 / 21 / 97$ vs. MIL
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$10+$ Strikeouts: 10 , J. Berríos, $7 / 6 / 21$ vs. CWS (4 as team in 2021 )
Complete Game Shutout: J. Berríos, 4/1/18 at BAL (1 as a team in 2018)
Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Mays/C. Silva, $5 / 19-20 / 05$ vs. TOR/vs. MIL
Back-to-Back Shutouts: 5/6/19 \& 5/7/19 at TOR (2 games, 8-0 and 3-0)
Four Strikeouts in an Inning: Z. Duke, 3/29/18 at BAL (7th inning) (4 times since 1961)

## 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. Adrianza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017)
Steal of Home: C. Thomas, $8 / 3 / 13$ vs. HOU
Pure Steal of Home: R. Becker, 9/27/97 at CLE
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Home Run in First ML At-Bat: E. Rosario, $5 / 6 / 15$ vs. OAK (1st PA, 1st pitch)

## 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)
Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: J. Sands, 8/8/15 at CLE
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Five-Hit Game: D. Gregorius $7 / 23 / 19$ vs. NYY
Six-Hit Game: J. Segura, $5 / 28 / 13$ at MIL ( 3 allowed all-time)
Two Hits, One Inning: W. Merrifield, 1st inning, 6/4/21 at KC (2 allowed in 2021)
Two Home Runs, One Inning: D. Nilsson, 5/17/96 vs. MIL
Two-Home Run Game: Y. Grandal, 6/30/21 at CWS (8 allowed in 2021)
Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson, 8/28/16 at TOR
Back-to-Back Home Runs: E. Suárez/T. Barnhart, 8/3/21 at CIN (7 allowed in 2021)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: A. Jones/J. Castilla/J. Franco, 6/11/02 vs. ATL
Three Home Runs, One Inning: N. Lopez/J. Soler/S. Perez, 8/8/20 at KC (2 in 2020)
Four Home Runs, One Inning: C. Everett//. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhart, 7/3/00 vs. BOS
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time)
Consecutive Home Runs to Lead Off Game: S. Smith/M. Machado, $7 / 7 / 17$ vs. BAL (1 in '17)
Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Jon Lester, $7 / 1 / 18$ at CHC
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
Two-Hitter: R. Halladay, $10+$ Innings Pitched: A. Fernández ( 10.0 innings), 10/1/95 at CHW
$10+$ Strikeouts: 11, L. Giolito, $5 / 19 / 21$ vs. CWS (2 times in 2021)
Complete Game Shutout: S. Manaea, 4/20/21 (G1) at OAK (1 time in 2021)
Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, 5/1-2/12 at LAA
Back-to-Back Shutouts: 4/20/21 Game 1 \& 4/20/21 Game 2 at OAK (2 games, 7-0 and 1-0)
Four Strikeouts in an Inning: F. Hernández, 6/3/10 vs. SEA (8th inning)

## 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)
Steal of Home: R. Davis, $8 / 1 / 18$ vS. CLE
Pure Steal of Home: S. Green, 5/26/00 vs. TEX
Home Run in First ML At-Bat: C. Richard, 7/17/00 vs. STL

| 民DEl TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS |  |  |
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| DATE | DELAYED/PPD | NOTES |
| 4/8 vs. Seattle | Delayed | Home Opener delayed for 16 minutes in the 4th inning due to quick rain shower. Grounds crew pulled tarp quick after rain and both starters remained in game. |
| $5 / 5$ vs. Texas | Delayed | Scheduled 6:40 p.m. game delayed for 31 minutes due to rain in the area. Grounds crew began pulling tarp around 6:25 p.m. and game started at 7:11 p.m. |
| $5 / 24$ vs. Baltimore | Delayed | Game was stopped at 9:05 p.m. in the top of the seventh inning due to rain; play resumed at 9:50 p.m. after a 45 -minute delay. |
| 6/9 vs. New York-AL | Delayed | A pregame deluge (followed by a rainbow that spanned the entire ballpark) pushed a scheduled 7:10 p.m. first pitch back to 7:21 p.m., for an 11-minute delay. |
| $6 / 26$ vs. Cleveland | Postponed | Scheduled 1:10 p.m. game postponed due to inclement weather in the area. Game was rescheduled to be part of a split doubleheader on September 14. |

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