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MINNESOTA TWINS (64-83) AT TORONTO BLUE JAYS (82-64)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 - 7:07 P.M. (ET) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Michael Pineda (6-8, 3.87) vs. LHP Hyun Jin Ryu (13-8, 4.11)

GAME 148

ROAD GAME 74

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
9/18	at Toronto	RHP Bailey Ober (2-2, 4.12) vs. LHP Steven Matz (12-7, 3.87)	2:07 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/19	at Toronto	TBA vs. TBA	12:07 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	201-168
Home Record:	34-40
Road Record:	30-43
Record in series:	14-27-6
Record in home series:	8-15-1
Record in road series:	6-12-5
Series Openers:	20-27
Series Finales:	20-27
Rubber Games:	8-13
Sweeps/Swept:	3/6
April:	9-15
May:	13-16
June:	11-14
July:	11-16
August:	14-13
September/October:	6-9
Day Games:	27-38
Night Games:	37-45
vs. American League East:	10-16
vs. American League Central:	33-37
vs. American League West:	13-20
vs. National League:	8-10
Games vs. LH Starter:	16-33
Games vs. RH Starter:	48-50
Twins score first:	43-37
Opponent scores first:	21-46
Come-from-behind wins:	26
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	50-5/1-5
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	5-6/02-61
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	8-11/9-9
Extra-innings:	11-12
1-run games:	23-19
Twins out-hit opp.:	45-14
Opp. out-hit Twins:	13-61
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	6-8
Run Differential:	-111 (658-769)
Twins get Quality Start:	21-11
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	27-16
Most games over .500:	3, 4/8
Most games under .500:	19, 2x, last 9/17
Longest win-streak:	5, 6/16-21
Longest losing-streak:	5, 3x, last 6/29-7/3
When Twins score 4+:	51-28
When Twins score 3-:	13-55
Twins get 10+ hits:	29-18
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	7
Days in Fourth Place:	72
Days in Fifth Place:	74
Walk-Off W/L:	9/8
Shutouts W/L:	8/7
Complete Games:	7/19 (G2) Berrios at CWS
Attendance High:	29,342, 8/28 vs. MIL
Attendance Total:	1,173,201
Attendance Average:	16,071
Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time:	8/181

THE TWINS: Completed their three-game series against Cleveland at Target Field this week with a record of 1-2, splitting a doubleheader on Tuesday, followed by a loss on Wednesday evening...tonight they will begin their penultimate roadtrip of the 2021 season...they will play three with the Blue Jays in Toronto over the weekend, then travel to Chicago to enjoy an off-day on Monday, followed by two games against the Cubs at Wrigley Field on Tuesday and Wednesday...the Twins have gone 34-40 at home this season and 30-43 on the road.

TWINS TRUNCED BY TRIBE IN GAME THREE: The Twins lost to Cleveland on Wednesday night at Target Field by a score of 12-3, dropping the three-game series...Griffin Jax (3-4) was the starter and loser, allowing five runs (three earned) on seven hits in 4.2 innings pitched...the offense recorded three hits, two coming from Miguel Sanó, who hit his 20th double and his 28th home run...despite the loss, the Twins finished the season 11-8 vs. the Indians, winning the season series in consecutive seasons (7-3 in 2020) for the first time since 2008-10.

ROSTER MOVES: The Twins have reinstated outfielder Brent Rooker from the Paternity List and have selected the contract of right-handed pitcher Nick Vincent from Triple-A St. Paul.

- ☛ Rooker and his wife, Allie, welcomed their first child, a daughter named Blair Evelyn, in Minneapolis on Monday morning...the 26-year-old has appeared in 44 games for the Twins this season, hitting .203 (31-for-153) with eight doubles, seven home runs, 13 RBI, 21 runs scored and 12 walks.
- ☛ Vincent, who is making his second stint with the Twins this season, allowed one run on four hits in 4.1 innings pitched with one walk and four strikeouts in two appearances for Minnesota during his prior stint from August 10-18...the 35-year-old has appeared in 35 games for the Saints this season, going 3-1 with a 4.55 ERA (31.2 IP, 16 ER), six saves, seven walks and 38 strikeouts.
- ☛ To make room on the 28-man roster, the Twins have placed shortstop Andrelton Simmons on the Restricted List and optioned left-handed pitcher Andrew Albers to Triple-A St. Paul... Simmons has appeared in 122 games for the Twins this season, hitting .223 (87-for-390) with 12 doubles, three home runs, 30 RBI, 36 runs scored and 31 walks...Albers, who has spent three stints with the Twins this season, has gone 1-2 with a 7.58 ERA (19.0 IP, 16 ER), nine walks and 12 strikeouts in five games (three starts) for Minnesota.

TWINS AND JAYS: The Twins are playing the first of seven games vs. the Blue Jays this season...they will host the Jays for four games at Target Field from September 23-26...they last played Toronto in 2019, going 1-3 at Target Field from April 15-18 and 3-0 at Rogers Centre from May 6-8...the Twins have won the season series against the Blue Jays in three consecutive chances, going 4-3 in 2019, 4-2 in 2018 and 4-3 in 2017...the Twins have gone just 26-42 vs. the Jays since 2010, but have gone 8-3 in their last 11, dating back to May 2018.

- ☛ Byron Buxton is hitting .333 (18-for-54) with four doubles, five home runs, 12 RBI and a 1.064 OPS in 14 career games vs. the Jays...he is hitting .375 (9-for-24) at Rogers Centre...Buck hit three home runs in this ballpark on August 27, 2017.
- ☛ Jorge Polanco is hitting .341 (28-for-82) with eight doubles, three home runs, nine RBI, 10 walks, a .413 on-base percentage and a .962 OPS in 21 career games against the Jays...he has reached safely in 10 straight against Toronto, hitting .514 (19-for-37) with eight walks and a .600 on-base percentage in that span...in his last game at Rogers Centre on May 8, 2019, he went 5-for-5 with a double and a home run.

OLD STOMPING GROUNDS: Josh Donaldson played parts of four seasons with the Blue Jays from 2015-18, hitting .281 (492-for-1749) with 105 doubles, 116 home runs and 316 RBI...he was a two-time All-Star with the Jays in 2015 and 2016 and earned the AL MVP Award in '15 after hitting .297 (184-for-620) with 41 doubles, 41 home runs and an AL-best 123 RBI.

- ☛ Additionally, Donaldson has an average exit velocity this season of 94.1 mph (also below), the best of his career, ahead of his 2019 mark of 92.9 mph and his 2015 MVP season, which was 92.5 mph.

EXIT ROWS: Minnesota enters the day fourth in baseball in average exit velocity, while Toronto ranks first...below are the team average ranks among all of baseball and individual team leaders:

TEAM	AVG EXIT VELO	TEAM LEADERS
Toronto	90.3 mph	Vladimir Guerrero Jr. - 94.9 mph, Teoscar Hernández - 91.8 mph
New York-AL	89.8 mph	Aaron Judge - 95.8 mph, Giancarlo Stanton - 95.1 mph
Boston	89.8 mph	Rafael Devers - 92.5 mph, J.D. Martinez - 91.8 mph
Minnesota	89.7 mph	Josh Donaldson - 94.1 mph, Miguel Sanó - 93.1 mph
Houston	89.6 mph	Yordan Alvarez - 93.1 mph, Kyle Tucker - 91.7 mph

POLO POP: Since July 1, Jorge Polanco is hitting .301 (80-for-266) with 17 doubles, one triple, 21 home runs, 57 RBI, a .339 on-base percentage, a .609 slugging percentage and a .948 OPS...below are his American League ranks since July 1 (among qualifiers):

HITS	RBI	HR	SLG	OPS	TOTAL BASES
Polanco, MIN - 80	Perez, KC - 64	Perez, KC - 26	Polanco, MIN - .609	Lowe, TB - .957	Polanco, MIN - 162
France, SEA - 80	Polanco, MIN - 57	Polanco, MIN - 21	Perez, KC - .599	Polanco, MIN - .948	Perez, KC - 151
Hernández, TOR - 79	Hernández, TOR - 56	Semien, TOR - 20	Lowe, TB - .595	Hernández, TOR - .934	Semien, TOR - 146
Lopez, KC - 79	Abreu, CWS - 55	Seager, SEA - 20	Springer, TOR - .565	Perez, KC - .928	Guerrero Jr., TOR - 142
2 tied - 77	Seager, SEA - 50	Guerrero Jr. - TOR - 19	Hernández, TOR - .563	Springer, TOR - .912	Hernández, TOR - 142

BRIEFLY: Catcher Mitch Garver is set to begin a rehab assignment with Triple-A St. Paul tonight as the Saints play in Indianapolis at 6:05 p.m. (CT)...Garver was placed on the 10-day Injured List on August 17 with low back tightness.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1988, Jeff Reardon became the first pitcher to collect 40 saves in both leagues, finishing a 3-1 win over the White Sox; he also had 42 saves for the 1985 Expos...in 2015, Torii Hunter hit his 20th home run of the season in the first inning vs. Los Angeles-AL, reaching the 20-homer mark for the seventh time as a Twin...only three Twins have more 20-home run seasons: Harmon Killebrew - 13; Kent Hrbek - 10; Bob Allison - 8.

HBD, J-BALL: Double-A Wichita right-handed pitcher Jordan Balazovic is celebrating his 23rd birthday today...the 6-foot-5, 215-pounder has gone 5-4, 3.62 ERA (97.0 IP, 39 ER) with 38 walks and 102 strikeouts in 20 starts for the Postseason-bound Wind Surge this season...the Mississauga, Ontario native was selected by the Twins in the fifth round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft out of St. Martin Secondary School...Balazovic grew up approximately 25 kilometers west of Rogers Centre...he is ranked as the club's third-best prospect by MLB.com.

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 loss
Last 5 games	1-4
Last 10 games	4-6
Last 15 games	6-9
Last 20 games	9-11

TWINS VS. BLUE JAYS

2019 Record:	4-3
Current Streak:	3 wins
2019 at Home:	1-3
2019 at Toronto:	3-0
All-Time Record:	173-223
All-Time at Home:	94-106
All-Time at Toronto:	79-117

2019 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
4/15	MIN	3-5	Gaviglio/Mejia/Biagini
4/16	MIN	5-6	Sanchez/May/Giles
4/17	MIN	4-1	Odorizzi/Thornton/Parker
4/18	MIN	4-7	Biagini/Pineda/Giles
5/6	TOR	8-0	Pérez/Stroman
5/7	TOR	3-0	Berrios/Sanchez/Rogers
5/8	TOR	9-1	Gibson/Thornton

LAST SERIES [1-2]

Batting average	.192
Runs Per Game	3.3
Home Runs	2
RISP	.357
Errors	2

Team ERA	6.26
Starters W-L	0-1
Starters ERA	8.68
Relievers W-L-S	1-1-1
Relievers ERA	7.50
Saves/Opps	1/1

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

Toronto	233
San Francisco	223
Atlanta	216
Los Angeles-NL	207
Minnesota	206

BARRELS/PLATE APPEARANCE %

Shohei Ohtani, LAA	12.5%
Salvador Pérez, KC	11.2%
Josh Donaldson, MIN	11.1%
Bryce Harper, PHI	10.9%
Vladimir Guerrero Jr., TOR	10.8%

(minimum 300 batted ball events)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/17	OF Rooker reinstated from Pat. List
	RHP Vincent contract selected from AAA
	SS Simmons placed on Restricted List
	LHP Albers optioned to AAA
9/14	RHP Gant placed on 10-day IL
	LHP Albers recalled from AAA
	LHP Barnes added as 29th man
9/13	OF Rooker placed on Paternity List
	RHP Barraclough recalled from AAA
9/11	LHP Moran contract selected from AAA
	LHP Albers optioned to AAA
	RHP Dobnak transferred to 60-day IL
9/9	RHP Dobnak placed on 10-day IL
	LHP Albers recalled from AAA

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MANAGER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Byron Buxton	91 doubles	Needs 9 to reach 100 for career.
Tyler Duffey	248 games	Needs 2 to reach 250 for career.
Josh Donaldson	247 home runs	Needs 3 to reach 250 for career.
Max Kepler	118 home runs	Needs 1 to tie Eddie Rosario (119) for 15th on the Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Miguel Sanó	159 home runs	Needs 4 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).



MICHAEL PINEDA

#35

Height: 6-7 Weight: 280 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (1/18/1989 in Yaguatae, DR)

2021: 6-8, 3.87 ERA CAREER: 59-54, 4.01 ERA

- Tonight marks his 20th appearance of the season and 19th start...also his 168th career appearance and 167th start.
Is making his first start vs. Toronto since April 18, 2019...is 2-5, 4.48 ERA (78.1 IP, 39 ER), with 23 walks and 62 strikeouts in 14 career starts vs. the Blue Jays.

2021 DAY-BY-DAY (ITALICS INDICATE RELIEF)

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Rows include game logs from 4/4 to 9/11 and season totals.

LAST TIME OUT: Pineda won his second-consecutive decision last Saturday, September 11 vs. Kansas City in a 9-2 Twins victory at Target Field...permitted just one run on five hits, with no walks (one hit batter) and three strikeouts in 5.0 innings pitched...

- Marked his fifth start of the season of at least 5.0 innings and no walks.
Received six runs of support in the outing, which tied his season high for the third time, also receiving six on April 4 at Milwaukee and July 21 at Chicago-AL...entered his start with a run support average of 4.30...

START PRIOR: Big Mike earned the win in his first career MLB relief appearance September 6 at Progressive Field, working 3.0 scoreless innings, with two hits, one walk and three strikeouts in a 5-2 Twins victory over Cleveland...

- Pineda was reinstated from the 10-day Injured List earlier that day...was used in a relief role to help ease him back into major league action without a rehab assignment, as well as manage Bailey Ober's workload.
Marked his first career MLB relief appearance and first professional relief outing that was not part of a rehab assignment since May 16, 2009 while pitching for Single-A High Desert in Seattle's minor league system.

NORTH OF THE BORDER: Pineda is making his 15th career start vs. Toronto, tying Baltimore and Tampa Bay for his most against any opponent...is 2-5, 4.48 ERA (78.1 IP, 39 ER), with 23 walks and 62 strikeouts vs. the Blue Jays.

- Last pitched vs. Toronto on April 18, 2019 at Target Field, taking the loss in a 7-4 Twins defeat (3.2 IP, 7 H, 6 R/ER, 2 HR, 1 BB, 1 K).
Is 1-4, 3.35 ERA (43.0 IP, 16 ER), with 12 walks and 34 strikeouts in seven career starts at Rogers Centre...tonight marks his first start at Rogers Centre as a Twin and first overall since June 2, 2017 while pitching for New York-AL (L, 5.0 IP, 10 H, 5 R/ER, 2 HR, 3 BB, 1 K).
Worked a career-high-tying 8.0 innings on May 5, 2015 vs. Toronto, earning the win in a 6-3 Yankees victory.

RETURN TO FORM?: Since being reinstated from the 10-day Injured List on September 6, Big Mike has gone 2-0, 1.13 ERA (8.0 IP, 1 ER), with one walk and six strikeouts across one relief appearance and one start.

- Pineda has limited opposing hitters to a .233 (7-for-30) batting average in that span, including .143 (1-for-7) with runners in scoring position...in his most recent start, Kansas City went just 1-for-6 with RISP.
Has lowered his ERA from a season-high 4.13 to 3.87 over his current stretch...the last time his season ERA was under 4.00 was August 7 (3.83).

2021 ARSENAL: Below is a breakdown of Pineda's 2021 three-pitch repertoire, according to Baseball Savant, which follows a similar pattern to what he featured in 2020.

PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) RESULTS. Table showing percentages and results for 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, and Changeup.

- At his best against the best: Pineda has pitched his best against the heart of opposing lineups, limiting the number two to five hitters to a combined .193 batting average (34-for-176) with six doubles, seven home runs, six walks and 40 strikeouts...by contrast, leadoff batters are slashing .490/.519/.745 (25-for-51) with five doubles, one triple, two home runs and three walks...
Big Mike has been especially stingy against opposing five-hole hitters, limiting those batters to seven hits in 41 at-bats (.171), with three doubles, no walks, six strikeouts and a .415 OPS.
Opposing cleanup hitters are also just 8-for-44 (.182), with two doubles, two home runs, two walks, 11 strikeouts and a .581 OPS.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP BAILEY OBER (2021 SEASON: 2-2, 4.12 ERA // CAREER: 2-2, 4.12 ERA)

Rookie right-hander Ober is due to toe the rubber tomorrow afternoon in the second game of the three-game set in Toronto...last pitched on Sunday, September 12 vs. Kansas City, taking a no-decision after allowing three runs on five hits (1 HR), with no walks and six strikeouts in 4.1 innings pitched...marked his second start of the season with at least six strikeouts and no walks, previously done June 16 at Seattle (also 6 K)...tomorrow will mark Ober's first career start vs. Toronto and second vs. the American League East...

2021 HIGHS

- CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 7.0, 4/15 vs. BOS
SO's: 8, 5/26 vs. BAL
Walks: 3, 5/13 at CWS
Hits: 12, 7/7 vs. CWS
Home Runs: 2, 4x, last: 8/13 vs. TB
Win-Streak: 2, 9/6-present
Loss-Streak: 3, 2x, last: 8/1-8/13

CAREER HIGHS

- CG's: 1, 6/28/15 at HOU
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: 7, 6/28/15 at HOU
Innings: 8.0, 3x, last: 6/28/15 at HOU
SO's: 16, 5/10/15 vs. BAL
Walks: 5, 3x, last: 7/21/19 vs. OAK
Hits: 12, 7/7/21 vs. CWS
Home Runs: 4, 4/24/16 vs. TB
Win-Streak: 8, 7/26/19-4/4/21
Loss-Streak: 3, 5x, last: 8/1-8/13/21

CAREER NOTES

- Missed last 21 games of 2019, the entire ALDS and the first 36 contests of 2020 due to a 60-game suspension for violating MLB's Joint Drug and Prevention Treatment Program.
Spent the entire 2018 season on the Injured List, recovering from Tommy John surgery on right elbow...also missed the entire 2012 campaign with New York-AL recovering from right shoulder surgery, and was out of the majors in 2013 while rehabbing.
Struck out 207 batters over 175.2 innings pitched in 2016, setting the fifth-lowest innings total for a pitcher who recorded 200+ strikeouts in American League history.
Was an AL All-Star in 2011 as a member of the Seattle Mariners, posting a 3.03 ERA (113.0 IP, 38 ER) with 113 strikeouts and an opponents average of .198 in the first half, and finished the year fifth in the AL Rookie of the Year voting.
In 2011, he became one of 27 rookie pitchers in the Expansion Era (1961-present) to throw at least 171.0 innings and strikeout 173 or more batters, and first since Daisuke Matsuzaka (Boston, 2007).
Was signed by Seattle as a 16-year-old undrafted free agent December 12, 2005...signed by Patrick Guerrero, brother of Fred Guerrero, Twins' Director of Latin American Scouting & U.S. Integration.
He owns a farm in his native Dominican Republic, where he raises chickens in addition to growing a number of crops.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS

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

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS and YEAR, STARTS, 6.0+ IP, QS. Rows include 2011-2016 and TOTALS.

2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Row for PINEDA: 114, 2, 9-14, 5.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING (1-9) and RUNS/HITS. Row: 5/17, 11/18, 11/20, 6/17, 5/16, 5/6, 0/1, -/-, -/-

PINEDA VS. TORONTO

2019 vs. Toronto (1 start): 0-1, 14.73 ERA (3.2 IP, 6 ER), 1 BB, 1 K
2019 vs. Toronto at Home (1 start): 0-1, 14.73 ERA (3.2 IP, 6 ER), 1 BB, 1 K
2019 vs. Toronto on Road (0 games): --
Career vs. Toronto (14 starts): 2-5, 4.48 ERA (78.1 IP, 39 ER), 23 BB, 62 K
Career vs. Toronto at Home (7 starts): 1-1, 5.86 ERA (35.1 IP, 23 ER), 11 BB, 28 K
Career vs. Toronto on Road (7 starts): 1-4, 3.35 ERA (43.0 IP, 16 ER), 12 BB, 34 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Pineda vs. the Blue Jays (Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Ryu vs. the Twins (Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO). Rows include Springer, Dickerson, Dyson, Semien, Lamb, Grichuk, Polanco, Hernández, Jansen, Simmons, Donaldson, Sanó, Riddle.

- START 'EM WITH STRIKE ONE, THEN GET 'EM TO CHASE: This season, Pineda has poured in strike one at a 68.1 percent clip, the third best among all American League pitchers (min. 375 batters faced)...he has also induced opposing batters to chase a career-best 34.6 percent of the time to rank in the 96th percentile among all big league hurlers...
When Pineda starts a batter with strike one this season, those opposing hitters are hitting just .230 (48-for-209) with 10 doubles, two triples, nine home runs, 10 walks and 58 strikeouts.
Once Big Mike gets to a two-strike count, opposing batters are 37-for-189 (.196) with five doubles, three home runs, 13 walks and 79 strikeouts.
Pineda has only allowed 18 free passes in 387 opponent plate appearances, good for a 4.7 walk percentage which also ranks in the 96th percentile.

- SOLID STRETCH: From July 21-August 7, Pineda fashioned a 3.00 ERA (21.0 IP, 7 ER), with two walks (1 intentional) and 15 strikeouts in four starts following the All-Star Break...it marked a return to form for "Big Mike," after he stumbled to an 0-3 mark with an 8.10 ERA (16.2 IP, 15 ER), three walks, eight strikeouts and a .387/.405/.627 opponent slash line (29-for-75 with 8 doubles, 2 triples, 2 home runs) in four starts from June 1-July 7.
Despite the 3.00 ERA, Pineda went just 1-2 in those four starts (Minnesota was 2-2).

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: .290 Streak: 1g, 1-4 Series vs CLE: 1-7
Homestand: 1-7 Home Runs: 2 (2 2-run)

Was 1-for-4 Wednesday vs. CLE; had 1 of MIN's 3 H...is 3-for-12, 2B, R in last 3 G; was 0-for-11 in his prior 4 G...batting .375 (9-for-24), 2B, 3B, R, 4 RBI, BB, .400 OBP in last 6 road G
Leads MIN w/ career-high 5 3B this season...also ranks 2nd on MIN w/ 30 multi-hit games, 2nd w/ 9 3+ hit games and 2nd w/ 110 hits (trailing J. Polanco in all categories)
From 8/3-8/18, had 14-G on-base streak, 2nd-longest run of career; batted .413 (19-for-46) w/ .500 OBP during streak...on 9/6, had 1st career multi-H G as sub (5th by MIN this season)
On 8/14 vs. TB, hit 402-ft. HR, longest of career...has been on IL 3x this season: 5/4-11 (concussion), 5/26-6/14 (right shoulder strain), 7/24-31 (strained right knee)
Hit safely in 36 of last 53 G (16 multi-hit G), batting .306 (56-for-183), 22 R, 10 2B, 3B, HR, 16 RBI, 19 BB, .368 OBP & .756 OPS...AL ranks since 7/4 (min. 175 PA): 11th in OBP, 9th in AVG
Never faced TOR...batting .234 (15-for-64), 2 2B, HR, 8 RBI, 6 BB in 16 G vs. AL East this season...career .300 (30-for-100), 4 2B, HR, 11 RBI, 15 BB, .391 OBP in 27 G vs. AL East

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: .245 Streak: 1g, 1-3, 2B, RBI Series vs CLE: 1-3, 2B, RBI
Homestand: 1-3, 2B, RBI Home Runs: 7 (5 1-run, 2 2-run)

1-for-3, game-tying RBI 2B in 4th inn. of G2 vs. CLE Tuesday; 3rd game-tying RBI of season...HR on 8/26 at BOS went 412 ft., 2nd-longest HR of career
Recalled 7/21 (Kirilloff - IL)...games by position this season: P - 4 G, C - 9 G/4 GS, 1B - 24 G/19 GS, 2B - 4 G/2 GS, 3B - 29 G/22 GS, RF - 1 G/1 GS
Just 2-for-12, R in 3 career games vs. TOR...is 7-for-46 (.152) in 15 G this season vs. AL East

BYRON BUXTON - OF **#25**

Height: 6-2 Weight: 212 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (12/18/93 in Baxley, GA)
2021 Average: .287 Streak: 0-10 Series vs CLE: 0-9
Homestand: 0-9 Home Runs: 14 (9 1-run, 5 2-run)

0-for-3, R, BB yesterday and is 0-for-his-last-10...from 9/11-9/13, had 3-straight multi-H G, T-2nd longest streak of career (4 G, 4/8-4/13/21)...9/10-9/11 HR-ed in b2b G for 11th time in career...has 4 career leadoff HR; 2 this season...HR on 9/10 traveled 457 ft, longest of career
Reinstated from 10-day IL 8/27; missed 55 G w/ left hand fracture...marked 2nd IL stint of season (5/7-6/19, strained right hip)...is 13-for-75, 12 R, 3 2B, 4 HR, 5 RBI, 4 BB in 19 G since
Batting .333 (26-for-78), 8 2B, 9 HR, 13 RBI, 18 R, 4 BB, .366 OBP, 1.148 OPS in 20 road games this season...batting .359 (23-for-64) w/ runners on base this season...enters tonight 8th in MLB in avg. sprint speed (min. 50 ft./sec.), w/ 29.8 ft./sec.
Career .333 (18-for-54), 4 2B, 5 HR, 12 RBI, 9 R in 14 G vs. TOR, incl. 375 (9-for-24) in 6 G in TOR.
Named recipient of the AL Player of the Month for April, becoming the 16th Twins player to win award & first since Delmon Young in July 2010.

JAKE CAVE - OF **#60**

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (12/4/92 in Hampton, VA)
2021 Average: .189 Streak: 0-3 Series vs CLE: 0-3
Homestand: 0-3 Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 3-run)

0-for-3 Wednesday vs. CLE...batting .300 (6-for-20), HR, 7 RBI, 2 R, .450 SLG, .750 OPS in last 5 starts...1-for-5, 3-R HR in 10th 8/25 at BOS; 1st career HR in 10th-or-later & 1st career 3-R HR (has 2 GS)...reinstated from 60-day IL 7/24; missed 64 G w/ stress reaction in low back
Career def. positions: 144 in CF, 76 in RF, 51 in LF...in 2021: 29 G/18 GS in CF, 30 G/13 GS in LF, 8 G/6 GS in RF...career .300 (3-for-10), 2 2B, RBI, 2 R, 4 BB, .500 OBP in 6 games vs. TOR.

JOSH DONALDSON - 3B **#20**

Height: 6-1 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/8/85 in Pensacola, FL)
2021 Average: .244 Streak: 0-7 Series vs CLE: 1-8, 2B
Homestand: 1-8, 2B Home Runs: 22 (12 1-run, 9 2-run, 1 3-run)

Was 0-for-4 Wednesday vs. CLE...is just 9-for-55 (.159) in 15 G in September so far, but 4 of 9 H have been XBH (3 2B, HR)...his 3-R HR on 9/10 had exit velo of 113.6 MPH, his hardest-hit HR of Statcast Era (2015-).
2nd RBI on 7/26 was 700th of career, becoming 30th active player to reach 700 career RBI...has 15 go-ahead RBI, 2nd on Twins...3rd on MIN w/ 62 RBI overall...leads MIN w/ 63 BB this season
Played parts of 4 seasons for TOR from 2015-18; hit 116 HR, was 3x AL All-Star and 2015 AL MVP...career .429 (3-for-7), 2 2B, HR, RBI vs. H. Ryu...last faced TOR in 2019 w/ ATL, going 3-for-15 (.231), 2B, HR, 5 RBI in 4 G...career .290 (263-for-908), 62 2B, 63 HR, 169 RBI in 246 G at Rogers Centre.
Enters tonight 4th in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/PA (11.1), 5th in avg. exit velocity (94.1 mph), 10th in barrels/BPE (16.9) and 10th in hard hit % (53.0).

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: .231 Streak: 0-3 Series vs CLE: 2-8, RBI
Homestand: 2-8, RBI Home Runs: 2 (2 1-run)

0-for-2, BB Wednesday vs. CLE...2-for-3, go-ahead RBI 1B in G2 Tuesday; 4th career go-ahead RBI...batting .304 (7-for-23), 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 2 R, 2 BB, .385 OBP in last 9 G...on 9/5 at TB, went 3-for-5 & tied single-game career high in H; also 1st career G w/ 3 H & 2 RBI
Has 8 SB this season (6th among AL rookies, 9th in MLB), most by MIN rookie in single season since Buxton in 2016 (10 SB)...career games by position: 2B - 17 G/13 GS, SS - 7 G/2 GS, 3B - 2 G/0 GS, CF - 33 G/23 GS, LF - 4 G/3 GS
Never faced TOR...batting .250 (10-for-40), 3 2B, 4 RBI, HBP, BB, 5 R in 13 G vs. AL East.
4th stint w/ MIN (4/23-4/25, 5/4-5/10, 5/23-8/4, 8/16-pres.)...ML debut on 5/6 vs. TEX, recorded his 1st MLB hit and went 1-for-2 w/ BB, 1st player in Twins history with 2+ SB in debut.
Career 1-for-8 in 4 Interleague games, against CIN and STL...batting .277 (18-for-65) in 25

RYAN JEFFERS - C **#27**

Height: 6-4 Weight: 235 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (6/3/97 in Raleigh, NC)
2021 Average: .199 Streak: 0-3 Series vs CLE: 3-6, HR, 2B, 4 RBI
Homestand: 3-6, HR, 2B, 4 RBI Home Runs: 13 (7 1-run, 4 2-run, 1 3-run, 1 GS)

Jeffers, continued...

Was 0-for-4 Wednesday vs. CLE...3-for-3, 2B, HR 4 RBI in G2 Tuesday; tied career highs w/ 3 H & 2 XBH...also 2nd career 4+ RBI game...played in 19 of MIN's last 22 G; his 76 G lead MLB rookie C...76 G are 6th most in a season by MIN rookie catcher
Never faced TOR...career .208 (11-for-53), 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 6 RBI, 2 HBP in 16 G vs. AL East
All 13 of his HR this season have come while playing C, most ever by a Twins rookie backstop (since 1961)...also most HR by MIN rookie since Cave in 2018 (also 13 HR).

MAX KEPLER - OF **#26**

Height: 6-4 Weight: 225 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (2/10/93 in Berlin, Germany)
2021 Average: .208 Streak: 0-6 Series vs CLE: 0-5
Homestand: 0-5 Home Runs: 17 (13 1-run, 2 2-run, 2 3-run)

0-for-3, BB, R Wednesday vs. CLE...2-for-3, BB, 2B, HR 9/11 vs. KC; 6th G this season w/ 2 XBH...8/19-9/8, had 14 G on-base streak
10 SB this season are career high...w/ J. Polanco (10 SB), MIN has 2 players w/ 10+ SB in season for 1st time since 2017 (3: Buxton, Polanco, Dozier)...also has career-high-tying 4 3B this season
Hit 13th career leadoff HR 8/16 vs. CLE, breaking a tie w/ Dan Gladden for sole possession of 4th in Twins history (1961-present)...next up is Chuck Knoblauch in 3rd w/ 14 HR...was 4th of season, all at home (also 5/6 vs. TEX, 7/25 vs. LAA and 8/14 vs. TB)
41 of 79 hits this season have been XBH (20 2B, 4 3B, 17 HR)...has .409 OBP in last 6 G (5 H, 4 BB).
Career .213 (17-for-80), 6 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 13 RBI in 22 G vs. TOR; 4-for-10, 2B, 3 R in last 2 G.

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: .276 Streak: 0-4 Series vs CLE: 1-10
Homestand: 1-10 Home Runs: 30 (14 1-run, 11 2-run, 5 3-run)

0-for-4 Wednesday vs. CLE...1-for-5, 2-R HR Monday at NYY; HR was 30th of season (see note below)...3-for-5, 2 HR, 3 RBI 9/11 vs. KC; 4th career multi-HR G, 3rd this season
Has career-high 30 HR this season (previous high was 22 in 2019), most single-season HR by a switch hitter in MIN history...2nd 2B/SS in MIN history w/ 30+ HR season, joining B. Dozier (2x)...ranks 2nd among MLB switch hitters in HR this season, behind CLE's J. Ramirez (33 HR)
On 9/6, had 3 2B, HR, RBI, 2 R; tied MIN/WSN (1901-) single-G record w/ 4 XBH, for 13th time (11th different player), 1st since N. Cruz on 7/26/20 at CWS.
Has 28 XBH since 8/1, 1st in AL & 2nd in MLB, behind PHI's B. Harper (33 XBH)
Batting .309 (68-for-220), 16 2B, 3B, 18 HR, 45 RBI, .636 SLG, .984 OPS in 56 G since ASG; AL ranks in span (qualifiers): 4th in SLG, 4th in RBI, T-2nd in HR (T-3rd in MLB)
Hitting .276 (97-for-352) w/ 19 2B, 3B, 22 HR, 60 RBI as LHB; .276 (50-for-181), 15 2B, 3B, 8 HR, 28 RBI as RHB this year...leads MIN w/ 43 multi-hit G (T-7th in AL), 14 G w/ 3+ H (T-7th in AL) & 24 multi-RBI G.
Career .341 (28-for-82), 8 2B, 3 HR, 9 RBI, 18 R, 10 BB, .413 OBP in 21 games vs. TOR.

ROB REFSNYDER - OF **#38**

Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (3/26/1991 in Seoul, South Korea)
2021 Average: .248 Streak: 1g, 1-3, 2B Series vs CLE: 1-5, 2B
Homestand: 1-5, 2B Home Runs: 2 (2 1-run)

1-for-5, 2B, 2B in Tuesday's doubleheader vs. CLE...tied career high w/ 4 TOB 9/4...batting .291 (23-for-79) in 29 home G, compared to .190 (11-for-58) in 21 road G this season
Returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL 8/5; missed 43 G w/ left hamstring strain
Is jus 1-for-20, 2B, R, BB, SB in 13 career games vs. TOR...last faced TOR in 2018, w/ TB...batting .280 (14-for-50), HR, 3 RBI, 6 R, 3 BB in 17 games vs. AL East this season
He is the 2nd South Korean-born player in Twins/Senators history, alongside ByungHo Park.

BRENT ROOKER - OF **#50**

Height: 6-3 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (11/1/94 in Germantown, TN)
2021 Average: .203 Streak: 1g, 1-3, 2B, 2 RBI Series vs CLE: 0-0
Homestand: 0-0 Home Runs: 7 (6 1-run, 1 2-run)

Reinstated from Paternity List today; he and wife, Allie, welcome first child, daughter Blair Evelyn, on Monday morning...batting .304 (7-for-23), 2B, HR, 3 RBI in last 8 G...2-for-2, HBP 9/1; 6th career G w/ 3+ TOB...1st career OF assist 8/16...career-best 4-for-5, HR, 2 RBI on 8/13
Hit 460-foot HR on 7/26, 5th longest by a MIN hitter this season...recalled from AAA 7/23 (Cruz traded to TB, 7/22); 2nd stint w/ MIN this season (4/3-4/29)...at the time of most recent recall, was T-1st in AAA in HR, T-5th among MiLB hitters
Batting .294 (20-for-68) in 20 home G compared to .129 (11-for-85) in 24 road G this season...facing TOR for 1st time; career .375 (6-for-16), 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 5 R in 6 games vs. AL East.

BEN RORTVEDT - C **#70**

Height: 5-10 Weight: 205 B/T: L/R Age: 23 (9/25/97 in Madison, WI)
2021 Average: .163 Streak: 2g, 3-6, RBI Series vs CLE: 1-2
Homestand: 1-2 Home Runs: 2 (2 1-run)

Last played in G1 Tuesday vs. CLE; batting .313 (5-for-16) in his last 3 starts...had 1st career multi-H game on 9/11...has 5 CCS w/ MIN this season, 2nd most on club (Jeffers - 7)
Recalled from Triple-A St. Paul 8/29...4th stint w/ MIN this season (also, 4/30-5/21, 5/30-7/19, 7/22-7/25)...batted .236 (26-for-110), 5 2B, 4 HR, 18 RBI, 7 BB in 30 G for Saints.
Never faced TOR...just 1-for-6, R, BB in 3 career games vs. AL East, vs. BAL, NYY, TB.

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: .221 Streak: 2g, 3-6, HR, 2B, 3 RBI Series vs CLE: 3-9, HR, 2B, 3 RBI
Homestand: 3-9, HR, 2B, 3 RBI Home Runs: 28 (15 1-run, 9 2-run, 3 3-run, 1 GS)

Went 2-for-3, 2B, 3-R HR Wednesday vs. CLE; had 2 of MIN's 3 H & recorded 6th multi-XBH game of season...batting .429 (6-for-14), 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R, BB, .467 OBP in last 4 games
Enters tonight 4th in MLB (among qualifiers) in hard hit % (55.5) & 6th in barrels/BPE (17.3).
Hit 150th career HR in 2,062nd PA 8/9 vs. CWS, 2nd-fastest to 150 HR in MIN history (Killebrew; 2,043)...now has 159 career HR, 11th in Twins history (since 1961).
Career 1-for-3 vs. H. Ryu...career .243 (9-for-37), 2 2B, HR, 7 RBI in 10 games vs. TOR.
Hit 495-ft. HR 8/25, longest in MLB this year & 2nd-longest by MIN hitter in Statcast Era (2015-), behind only his 496-foot HR on 9/17/2019 vs. CWS.

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

Table with 5 columns: MULTI-HOMER GAMES (14x), MULTI-HOMER GAMES (14x), BACK-TO-BACK (5x), RUNNERS ON, GRAND SLAM (4x), LEADOFF (7x). Lists player names and game details for various home run categories.

HITTERS INFO

Table with 4 main columns: LAST HOME RUN, LAST GRAND SLAM, VS. CURRENT OPPONENT 2021, VS. CURRENT OPPONENT CAREER. Sub-headers include Multi-Hit, Multi-RBI, Season Hit-Strike, Season High Hits, Date, Opp., On, Pitcher, Career #, Avg, H, AB, HR, RBI.

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^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 11-12 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
- PPD game from August 22 at NYY

EJECTIONS table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER.

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [9] table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES.

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [58] table with columns: Pitchers (34), Position Players (24).