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MINNESOTA TWINS [66-85] AT CHICAGO CUBS [67-84]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 - 6:40 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Joe Ryan (1-1, 2.12) vs. RHP Kyle Hendricks (14-6, 4.81)

GAME 152

ROAD GAME 78

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
9/23	vs. Toronto	RHP Michael Pineda (7-8, 3.74) vs. LHP Steven Matz (13-7, 3.84)	6:40 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/24	vs. Toronto	RHP Bailey Ober (2-3, 4.34) vs. RHP José Berríos (12-8, 3.45)	7:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/25	vs. Toronto	TBA vs. LHP Robbie Ray (12-6, 2.72)	6:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/26	vs. Toronto	RHP Griffin Jax (3-4, 6.75) vs. RHP Alek Manoah (7-2, 3.36)	1:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	203-170
Home Record:	34-40
Road Record:	32-45
Record in series:	14-28-6
Record in home series:	8-15-1
Record in road series:	6-13-5
Series Openers:	22-27
Series Finales:	20-28
Rubber Games:	8-14
Sweeps/Swept:	3/6
April:	9-15
May:	13-16
June:	11-14
July:	11-16
August:	14-13
September/October:	8-11
Day Games:	27-40
Night Games:	39-45
vs. American League East:	11-18
vs. American League Central:	33-37
vs. American League West:	13-20
vs. National League:	9-10
Games vs. LH Starter:	17-34
Games vs. RH Starter:	49-51
Twins score first:	45-38
Opponent scores first:	21-47
Come-from-behind wins:	29
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	51-6/52-5
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	5-60/2-61
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	8-11/9-10
Extra-innings:	11-12
1-run games:	23-19
Twins out-hit opp.:	47-14
Opp. out-hit Twins:	13-63
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	6-8
Run Differential:	-109 (679-788)
Twins get Quality Start:	21-11
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	27-16
Most games over .500:	3, 4/8
Most games under .500:	20, 9/21
Longest win-streak:	5, 6/16-21
Longest losing-streak:	5, 3x, last 6/29-7/3
When Twins score 4+:	53-28
When Twins score 3-:	13-57
Twins get 10+ hits:	31-18
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	7
Days in Fourth Place:	72
Days in Fifth Place:	78
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: Have gone 2-2 on their current five-game, six-day roadtrip, losing a three-game series in Toronto over the weekend, followed by a victory over Chicago-NL last night...tonight they will complete their penultimate roadtrip of the 2021 season with the two-game series finale on the Northside against the Cubs...following tonight's game, they will travel back to Minnesota to begin their final homestand of the season, which includes four games against the Blue Jays from Thursday-Sunday, an off-day on Monday, then three games against the Tigers from Tuesday-Thursday...the Twins have gone 34-40 at home this season and 32-45 on the road.

TWINS FLY THE W IN GAME ONE: The Twins beat the Cubs last night at Wrigley Field by a score of 9-5, scoring multiple runs in four different innings...Griffin Jax was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing three runs on four hits in 3.0 innings pitched...Kyle Barraclough (2-0) earned the win with 1.2 scoreless innings of relief...the Twins used seven total pitchers on the night, combining to record 14 strikeouts — tied for fifth-most this season and most since fanning 14 on July 31 at St. Louis...the offense recorded 16 hits — tied for second-most this season and most since recording 16 on August 14 vs. Tampa Bay.
 ☞ Josh Donaldson, Max Kepler, Nick Gordon and Mitch Garver each had three hits...it marked the first time the club had four different players with at least three hits in the same game since August 17, 2019 at Texas (Miguel Sanó, Jorge Polanco, Marwin Gonzalez, Jake Cave).
 ☞ It marked the second time this season that the Twins have scored at least nine runs and hit just one home run, also doing so on May 21 at Cleveland (10 runs, 1 homer).

'PEN PALS: In its last 24 games, since August 27, the Twins bullpen has posted a 2.41 ERA (101.0 IP, 27 ER) with 80 hits allowed, 38 walks, 106 strikeouts, a .220 opponent batting average and a .645 opponent OPS...below are their ranks in the AL since that date:

ERA	BAA	OPS	WHIP
Minnesota - 2.41	Chicago - .204	Chicago - .567	Chicago - .099
Chicago - 2.91	Houston - .213	Kansas City - .629	Toronto - 1.12
Detroit - 3.30	Toronto - .216	Minnesota - .645	Minnesota - 1.17
Kansas City - 3.31	Minnesota - .220	Detroit - .670	Kansas City - 1.18
Boston - 3.48	Kansas City - .225	Houston - .672	Houston - 1.22

INTERLEAGUE PLAY: The Twins have gone 9-10 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, 2-1 vs. Milwaukee from August 27-29, 0-2 vs. Chicago-NL from August 31-September 1 and 1-0 this series...tonight marks their final IL game of the 2021 season.

- ☞ The Twins need to win tonight at Wrigley Field to finish with a .500 record against the NL in 2021...all-time the Twins have 10 winning seasons against the NL, 12 losing seasons and three splits.
- ☞ Twins are 241-220 all-time in IL Play, fifth-most wins in baseball, trailing Boston (275-184), New York-AL (271-191), Los Angeles-AL (254-210) and Oakland (249-215).
- ☞ Josh Donaldson is hitting .313 (161-for-514) with 29 doubles, 32 home runs, 103 RBI, 102 runs scored and a .965 OPS in 143 career IL games...his IL OPS and on-base percentage (.401) both rank second among actives, his slugging percentage (.564) ranks fifth and his batting average ranks sixth (minimum 300 plate appearances).
- ☞ Miguel Sanó has reached safely in 53 of his last 57 Interleague games, posting a .369 on-base percentage in those games (58 hits, 29 walks).
- ☞ Andrelton Simmons is hitting .375 (9-for-24) with one double, four RBI, two walks and a .423 on-base percentage in seven IL road games this season.

TWINS-CUBS: The Twins and Cubs are playing the last of four scheduled games in 2021...the Twins are 16-20 all-time against the Cubs, including a record of 7-12 at Wrigley Field...Twins have won three straight at Wrigley, dating back to September 19, 2020, their longest streak on the Northside...in those three games, they have outscored the Cubs 21-6.

BYE BYE BYRON: Byron Buxton is hitting .323 (31-for-96) with 10 doubles, nine home runs, 14 RBI, a .708 slugging percentage and a 1.065 OPS in 24 games this season...among all players in baseball with a minimum of 100 road plate appearances, he ranks first in slugging percentage and third in OPS...he enters tonight with a five-game hitting streak on the road.
 ☞ In fact, in his last 29 road games, dating back to September 15, 2020, he is hitting .339 (39-for-115) with 10 doubles, 13 home runs, 20 RBI and a 1.137 OPS.

SWEEPS WEEK: The Twins are looking for their fourth sweep of the season...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...their last sweep of a National League opponent came in two games against Pittsburgh at Target Field from August 3-4, 2020...their last road sweep of an NL opponent came in two games at St. Louis from May 7-8, 2018...the Twins only sweep of the Cubs came in three games from June 23-25, 2006 at the Metrodome.
 ☞ The Twins are 3-4 this season when facing an opportunity to sweep...1-2 on the road.

FALL BALL: Major League Baseball today announced the Arizona Fall League's 2021 schedule, which is set to open on Wednesday, October 13...the Twins will join the Giants, Indians, Rays and Red Sox to comprise the Scottsdale Scorpions club...the Twins played for the Salt River Ratters each of the last two AFL seasons...this marks the third time they have partnered with Scottsdale, the previous two being 2015 and 1996...full rosters will be released at a later date.

MINORS MATTER: Double-A Wichita and Single-A Cedar Rapids are both in their respective league's championship series' right now:
 ☞ The Wind Surge lost game one last night to Northwest Arkansas by a score of 7-5...Jordan Balazovic was the starter, allowing four runs on six hits in 3.2 innings pitched...the score was tied 5-5 after seven innings but the Travs scored two in the bottom of the eighth to take the lead...game two in the best-of-five series is at 6:30 p.m. (CT) at NW Arkansas as Cole Sands take the hill for the Wind Surge.
 ☞ The Kernels beat Quad Cities last night in game one of the HACL Championship Series by a score of 2-1...Louie Varland was the starter for the Kernels, allowing one run on six hits in 7.0 innings pitched, while Jair Camargo highlighted the offense with a solo home run...game two in the best-of-five series is at 6:35 p.m. (CT) in Cedar Rapids as Sean Mooney gets the start for the Kernels.

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 win
Last 5 games	2-3
Last 10 games	4-6
Last 15 games	7-8
Last 20 games	8-12

TWINS VS. CUBS

2021 Record:	1-2
Current Streak:	1 win
2021 at Home:	0-2
2021 at Chicago:	1-0
All-Time Record:	16-20
All-Time at Home:	9-8
All-Time at Chicago:	7-12

2021 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
8/31	MIN	1-3	Rodriguez/Gant/Wick
9/1	MIN	0-3	Steele/Ryan/Alzolay
9/21	CHI	9-5	Barraclough/Mills
9/22	CHI		6:40 pm (CT)

CURRENT ROADTRIP [2-2]

Batting average	.241
Runs Per Game	5.3
Home Runs	7
RISP	.281
Errors	3

Team ERA	4.50
Starters W-L	1-2
Starters ERA	8.56
Relievers W-L-S	1-0-0
Relievers ERA	1.77
Saves/Opps	0/0

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

Toronto	241
San Francisco	228
Atlanta	224
Minnesota	213
Los Angeles-NL	210

AL OPS LEADERS SINCE JULY 1

Vladimir Guerrero Jr., TOR	.931
José Ramírez, CLE	.928
Lourdes Gurriel Jr., TOR	.926
Teoscar Hernández, TOR	.924
Jorge Polanco, MIN	.923

MLB XBH LEADERS SINCE AUGUST 1

Bryce Harper, PHI	36
Jorge Polanco, MIN	29
Marcus Semien, TOR	29
Frank Schwindel, CHC	27
Yordan Alvarez, HOU	27

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/21	SS Simmons reinstated from Res. List
	C Garver returned from rehab assign. and reinstated from 10-day IL
	IF Maggi optioned to AAA
	C Rortvedt optioned to AAA
	LHP Thorpe transferred to 60-day IL
9/18	OF Refsnyder placed on 10-day IL
	IF Maggi contract selected from AAA
	LHP Rogers transferred to 60-day IL
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

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MANAGER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Byron Buxton	93 doubles	Needs 7 to reach 100 for career.
Josh Donaldson	249 home runs	Needs 1 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	160 home runs	Needs 3 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Andrelton Simmons	492 runs scored	Needs 8 to reach 500 for career.



JOE RYAN

#74

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 25 (6/5/1996 in San Francisco, CA)

2021: 1-1, 2.12 ERA CAREER: 1-1, 2.12 ERA

- ☞ Making his fourth career start and appearance.
- ☞ Currently ranked as the No. 6 prospect in the Twins organization, per MLB.com.
- ☞ Acquired by the Twins from Tampa Bay on July 22, alongside right-handed pitcher Drew Strotman, in exchange for Nelson Cruz.

2021 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K																	
9/1	vs. CHC	L1	5.0	3	3	3	1	1	5	0-3/0-3	3-R HR in 3rd were only R allowed	89/60 (74.6%)																	
9/8	at CLE	W1	7.0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2-0/3-0	Perfect through 6.1; 1st career win	85/61 (71.8%)																	
9/14	vs. CLE(1)	ND	5.0	3	1	1	1	1	5	1-1/1-3	Left in 6th after being struck by ball	67/50 (74.6%)																	
SEPT. TOTALS	1-1	17.0	7	4	2	2	14	2.12 ERA																					
			RECORD			IP			H			R			ER			HR			BB			SO			ERA		
2021 TOTALS			1-1			17.0			7			4			4			2			2			14			2.12		
CAREER TOTALS			1-1			17.0			7			4			4			2			2			14			2.12		

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

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K																	
5/5	at MEM	W1	5.0	2	0	0	0	0	9	3-0/4-0	1st career AAA start/appearance	59/44 (74.6%)																	
5/11	vs. JAX	L1	5.0	3	4	4	1	2	5	1-4/3-4	--	83/56 (67.5%)																	
5/16	vs. JAX	L2	2.2	6	6	6	1	3	4	3-6/4-7	Tied career high w/ 6 ER	54/34 (63.0%)																	
5/22	vs. CLT	ND	4.0	2	3	1	0	0	8	4-3/8-7	9th career GS w/ 8+ K & 0 BB	72/49 (68.1%)																	
5/27	at JAX	W2	5.0	2	0	0	0	1	6	4-0/5-0	2nd GS of 5.0 shutout IP	65/40 (61.5%)																	
MAY TOTALS	2-2	21.2	15	13	11	2	6	32	4.57 ERA																				
6/11	vs. CLT	ND	4.0	3	1	1	0	1	4	2-4/4-5	1st G back from Olympic qualifier	56/40 (71.4%)																	
6/17	at NOR	ND	5.0	4	2	1	1	4	2	2/6-10	--	75/51 (68.0%)																	
6/23	at JAX	L3	5.0	2	2	2	0	5	1	2/1-3	--	74/56 (75.7%)																	
6/29	vs. GWN	W3	5.1	2	1	0	1	9	6	1-8/3-8	Season-high-tying 9 K & 83 pitches	83/55 (66.2%)																	
JUNE TOTALS	1-1	19.1	11	6	3	3	22	2.79 ERA																					
7/4	vs. GWN	ND	5.0	5	4	1	0	7	4	4-4/5-4	Season-high-tying 83 pitches	83/57 (68.7%)																	
7/11	at NOR	W4	7.0	1	0	0	1	9	1	0/1-0	Career-high-tying 7.0 IP	83/60 (72.3%)																	
7/18	vs. JAX	ND	4.0	3	2	2	0	5	5	2/6-3	Placed on temp. inactive list 7/20	59/39 (66.1%)																	
----- On July 22, traded to Minnesota from Tampa Bay alongside RHP Drew Strotman in exchange for DH Nelson Cruz -----																													
JULY TOTALS	1-0	16.0	9	6	6	3	1	21	3.38 ERA																				
8/20	vs. IOW	ND	4.0	1	1	1	1	9	6	1-7/4-4	Twins organization debut	67/49 (73.1%)																	
8/25	at TOR	ND	5.0	4	1	1	0	1	8	0-1/2-4	b2b 8+ K GS for 1st time season	81/52 (64.2%)																	
AUG. TOTALS	0-0	9.0	5	2	2	2	17	2.00 ERA																					
			RECORD			IP			H			R			ER			HR			BB			SO			ERA		
2021 MILB TOTALS			4-3			66.0			40			27			25			9			12			92			3.41		
CAREER MILB TOTALS			15-8			226.0			143			76			67			19			53			326			2.67		

LAST TIME OUT: Ryan's last start came in the first game of the Twins' September 14 doubleheader vs. Cleveland; did not factor into the decision of a 3-1 Minnesota loss...allowed one run on three hits (1 HR), with one walk and a career-high-tying five strikeouts in 5.0 innings...tossed 4.0 scoreless innings before yielding a Bradley Zimmer solo homer in the fifth...departed in the sixth with the score tied at 1-1, after being hit on the right wrist by a Myles Straw liner; Cleveland scored two runs in the top of the seventh to take the lead.

☞ Ryan allowed just four base runners (3 H, 1 BB) in the start...became the first pitcher in MLB history to work at least 5.0 innings and allow four-or-fewer base runners in each of his first three career games.

TWO STARTS AGO: Ryan started on September 8 in Cleveland, pitching the first 7.0 innings of a 3-0 Twins shutout victory and earning his first career win...allowed one hit and no walks, with four strikeouts...was perfect through the first 6.1 frames and retired the first 19 batters he faced, before yielding a one-out single to Amed Rosario in the seventh, his only base runner of the outing...some additional notes from the start are below.

- ☞ Ryan became the first pitcher in American League history to toss seven-or-more shutout innings and allow one-or-fewer base runners within his first two career starts. (*Stats Perform*)
- ☞ Ryan retired the first 19 batters he faced, becoming the first Twins pitcher to do so since Francisco Liriano retired the first 19 Rangers on June 12, 2011 vs. Texas. (*Elias Sports Bureau*)
- ☞ Ryan became the third Twins pitcher to toss at least 7.0 shutout innings in a start this season, joining Michael Pineda on April 15 vs. Boston (7.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB, 6 K) and J.A. Happ on April 23 vs. Pittsburgh (7.1 IP, 1 H, 2 BB, 3 K)...he also became the first Twins starter with at least 7.0 shutout innings in a road start since José Berrios on July 31, 2019 at Miami (7.0 IP, 2 H, 0 BB, 11 K).

COUNTER THE CUBS: Ryan is facing the Cubs for the second time in his career tonight...faced Chicago-NL in his major league debut on September 1 at Target Field, starting and taking the loss as the Twins were shut out, 3-0...allowed three runs on three hits (1 HR), with one walk and five strikeouts in 5.0 innings...fanned Ian Happ in the first for his first career strikeout...also worked a three-up, three-down second inning before running into trouble in the third...walked leadoff batter Alfonso Rivas and allowed a one-out double by Andrew Romine to start the inning before yielding a two-out, three-run homer to Frank Schwindel...the four base runners he allowed in the third were his only of the outing.

HEY BATTER, BATTER, BATTER: Ryan has never had a plate appearance in his professional career...his last time facing live pitching in a game scenario occurred on February 21, 2017, for California State University, Northridge at Pepperdine University, in a 13-7 Matador win...entered the game in relief in the bottom of the eighth and came up second in the top of the ninth...after the leadoff man was hit by a pitch and stole second base, Ryan swung and missed on a slider and was thrown out at first by the catcher...marked his only plate appearance of his collegiate baseball career.

THE ARSENAL: Ryan has displayed a four-pitch mix in his first two career starts, relying primarily on his 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 (91.4)	64.7% (156 pitches, 65/91)	.121 (4-for-33), 1 2B, 1 HR, 6 K
Slider (81.3)	15.4% (37 pitches, 37/0)	.154 (2-for-13), 1 2B, 4 K
Changeup (83.5)	11.6% (28 pitches, 1/27)	.125 (1-for-8), 1 HR, 3 K
Curveball (73.1)	8.3% (20 pitches, 2/18)	.000 (0-for-4), 1 K

SAINTS SUMMARY: Ryan made his Twins organization debut with Triple-A St. Paul on Friday, August 20 vs. Iowa; did not factor into the decision as the Saints won, 7-4...allowed just one hit – a fourth-inning solo homer by Nick Martini – and walked one batter while striking out nine, including the first six batters he faced, in 4.0 innings of work...his performance earned him the Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week award for that timeframe.

☞ His last Triple-A start prior to his call-up came on August 25 in Toledo; had no part in the decision as the Saints fell to the Mud Hens, 4-2 (5.0 IP)...allowed one run on four hits, with one walk and eight strikeouts in 5.0 innings of work...fanned at least eight batters for the sixth time in 13 starts this season, as well as the 21st time in 42 career minor league starts.

RAYS MINOR LEAGUE SEASON SUMMARY: Ryan began 2021 with Triple-A Durham – his first career taste of Triple-A baseball...made his season debut on May 5 at Memphis, earning the win after K-ing nine batters and walking none over 5.0 shutout innings (2 hits)...yielding 10 runs combined from May 11-16, including a career-high-tying six runs in 2.2 innings of work on May 16 vs. Jacksonville...finished May with a 4.57 ERA (21.2 IP, 11 ER); rebounded with a strong June, going 1-1, 2.79 ERA (19.1 IP, 6 ER), three walks and 22 strikeouts in four outings (3 starts)...missed time at the end of May/early June to play for Team USA in the WBSC Baseball Americas Olympic Qualifier (more on that in the note below).

☞ Was named the Triple-A East Pitcher of the Week for July 5-11, after allowing just one hit and one walk, with a season-high-tying nine strikeouts, over a career-high-tying 7.0 shutout innings on July 11 at Norfolk.

MEDAL MAN: Ryan played an important role on Team USA's silver medal-winning baseball squad at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics...started twice for the Stars and Stripes, going 1-0, 1.74 ERA (10.1 IP, 2 ER) with one walk and eight strikeouts...was traded to the Twins while in Japan with Team USA...started and won Team USA's Olympic opener vs. Israel, becoming the first Twins farmhand to record an Olympic victory since Brian Duensing earned the win for Team USA over Team Canada on August 16, 2008 at the Beijing Olympics.

- ☞ Ryan left Triple-A Durham from May 30-June 11 to participate in the WBSC Baseball Americas Qualifier...started once for Team USA against the Dominican Republic on June 1, taking a no-decision after allowing three runs on four hits, with one walk and 10 strikeouts; two of those 10 K's were against former Toronto Blue Jays slugger José Bautista, who was punched out twice by Ryan...Team USA won that game, 8-6, and went on to win the qualifier and clinch an Olympic berth.
- ☞ In 2014, Ryan also played for the Team USA 15U squad that finished second at the WBSC World Cup in Mexico...was teammates with Twins' No. 2 prospect (and trade deadline acquisition from Toronto) Justin Morneau on that team, the only two players to compete during the tournament.

TOMORROW'S STARTER – RHP MICHAEL PINEDA (2021 SEASON: 7-8, 3.74 ERA // CAREER: 60-54, 3.99 ERA)

Veteran right-hander Pineda is due to start tomorrow night's series opener vs. Toronto at Target Field...will be making his 21st appearance and 20th start of the year...faced the Blue Jays in his last start on September 17 at Rogers Centre, leading the Twins to a 7-3 win...yielded just three runs (1 ER) on three hits (1 HR), with two walks and two strikeouts in 5.2 innings of work and earned his third-straight win...is 3-0, 1.32 ERA (13.2, 2 ER) in three appearances (two starts) since being reinstated from the 10-day Injured List on September 6.

2021 HIGHS (MLB)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 7.0, 9/8 at CLE
SO's: 5, 2x, last: 9/14-G1 vs. CLE
Walks: 1, 2x, last: 9/14-G1 vs. CLE
Hits: 3, 2x, last: 9/14-G1 vs. CLE
Home Runs: 1, 2x, last: 9/14-G1 vs. CLE
Win-Streak: 1, 9/8
Loss-Streak: 1, 9/1

CAREER HIGHS (MLB)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: --
Innings: 7.0, 9/8/21 at CLE
SO's: 5, 2x, last: 9/14/21-G1 vs. CLE
Walks: 1, 2x, last: 9/14/21-G1 vs. CLE
Hits: 3, 2x, last: 9/14/21-G1 vs. CLE
Home Runs: 1, 2x, last: 9/14/21-G1 vs. CLE
Win-Streak: 1, 9/8/21
Loss-Streak: 1, 9/1/21

CAREER NOTES

- Currently ranked as the No. 6 prospect in the Twins organization, per MLB.com...2021 marks his fourth professional season, including 2020.
- Helped Team USA win the silver medal in baseball at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics...went 1-0, 1.74 ERA (10.1 IP, 2 ER), one walk and eight strikeouts in two starts.
- Acquired by the Twins on July 22, 2021 from the Tampa Bay Rays, alongside right-handed pitcher Drew Strotman, in exchange for designated hitter Nelson Cruz...learned about the trade while in Japan with Team USA.
- In 2020, was part of the Rays 60-man player pool and spent the summer at the alternate training site in Port Charlotte, Florida...ranked by *Baseball America* as the No. 12 prospect in the Rays system following the season.
- In 2019, was named Rays minor league Pitcher of the Year after going 9-4, 1.96 ERA (123.2 IP, 27 ER) in his first full professional season...divided the year between Single-A Bowling Green (6 starts), Single-A Charlotte (15 games, 13 starts) and Double-A Montgomery (3 starts).
- Garnered several other awards in 2019, including: MiLB.com organization All-Star honors, *Baseball America* High Class A All-Star, two-time Florida State League Pitcher of the Week (June 17-23 and August 5-11) and Rays minor league Pitcher of the Month for July and August.
- Made professional debut in 2018 for Short-A Hudson Valley...went 2-1, 3.72 ERA (36.1 IP, 15 ER) in 12 games (7 starts) for the Renegades, with 14 walks and 51 strikeouts...earned the win in his professional debut on June 22 vs. Vermont, tossing 2.0 scoreless innings (2 H, 3 K).
- Selected by the Rays in the seventh round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Division II California State University, Stanislaus...went 8-1, 1.65 ERA (98.1 IP, 18 ER) in 14 starts as a senior and led all divisions of college baseball with 127 strikeouts...earned three selections to All-America teams, including first team All-America honors by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association...pitched three seasons at California State University, Northridge before transferring to Stanislaus.
- Was selected by San Francisco in the 39th round of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft out of Sir Francis Drake High School (CA), but did not sign.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS (MAJORS AND MINORS COMBINED)

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	ER		AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	K
Road:	1	3	4.91	10	9	44.0	24	Vs. Left:	.185	25	135	6	8	43
Home:	4	1	1.15	7	7	39.0	5	Vs. Right:	.143	22	154	5	6	63
Day:	1	0	1.59	3	3	17.0	3	TOTALS:	.163	47	289	11	14	106
Night:	4	4	3.55	14	13	66.0	26	None On:	.138	29	210	6	11	78
Grass:	5	4	3.14	17	16	83.0	29	Runners On:	.228	18	79	5	3	28
Turf:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--							

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS (MLB)

YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS
2021	3	1	1
TOTALS	3	1	1

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (MLB)

	BASE RUNNERS	PICK-OFFS	SB-ATT	GIDP
RYAN:	9	0	1-1	0

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (MLB)

INNING:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+
RUNS/HITS:	0/0	0/1	3/3	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/1	-/-	-/-

RYAN VS. CHICAGO-NL

2021/Career vs. Chicago-NL (1 start): 0-1, 5.40 ERA (5.0 IP, 3 ER), 1 BB, 5 K
2021/Career vs. Chicago-NL at Home (1 start): 0-1, 5.40 ERA (5.0 IP, 3 ER), 1 BB, 5 K
2021/Career vs. Chicago-NL on Road (0 games/starts): --

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Ryan vs. the Cubs							Hendricks vs. the Twins						
PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO	PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Ortega	.000	3	0	0	0	0	Simmons	.125	8	1	0	0	1
Alcantara	.000	2	0	0	0	2	Donaldson	.429	7	3	0	2	2
Happ	.500	2	1	0	0	1	Buxton	.200	5	1	0	0	2
Heyward	.000	2	0	0	0	0	Cave	.333	3	1	0	0	1
An. Romine	.500	2	1	0	0	0	Garver	.000	3	0	0	0	2
Au. Romine	.000	2	0	0	0	0	Polanco	.000	3	0	0	0	2
Schwindel	.500	2	1	1	0	0	Riddle	.000	3	0	0	0	1
Wisdom	.000	2	0	0	0	1	Sanó	.000	3	0	0	0	1
Rivas	.000	1	0	0	1	1	Gant	.000	1	0	0	0	0
							Pineda	1.000	1	1	0	0	0

CAREER YEAR: Ryan dominated in 2019, his most recent full professional season, going 9-4, 1.96 ERA (123.2 IP, 27 ER), 27 walks and 183 strikeouts in 24 games (22 starts) across three different levels of the Rays organization (Single-A Bowling Green – 6 starts, Single-A Charlotte – 15 games/13 starts, Double-A Montgomery – 3 starts)...the campaign also marked his first full pro year, after being drafted in 2018...he was named the Rays minor league Pitcher of the Year and an MiLB.com organization All-Star for his performance, and finished the year ranked as the No. 10 prospect in the Rays organization.

TAKE THE BACK ROAD: Ryan grew up in Marin County, California, across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco...his father, Kurtis, is an ultra-marathon runner and extreme athlete whose family has lived in Marin County for five generations...when Joe was younger, Kurtis used to take him on week-long camping trips and hiking and hunting after school...baseball wasn't his central focus, though; his main sport was water polo, which he played year-round, even during baseball season.

☞ Ryan told *Sports Illustrated* in May 2021 that all those years of water polo set the foundation for his mechanics on the mound, particularly his release point, and the movement and spin he gets on his fastball: "In water polo you learn how to skip the ball. I spent 10 years trying to skip the ball in water polo, and it's the same concept as throwing a fastball: Get the shoulder in position and then let the hand work and get it out front. Throwing a baseball feels the same way. You get that zip right at the end. The ball just takes off. There's not a lot of stress on the body. There's nothing on the TrackMan to suggest that this pitch is anything crazy. But I guess it looks like I'm throwing harder than it is."

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

☞ Twins bullpen has gone 5-4-8 w/ an AL-best 2.41 ERA (101.0 IP, 27 ER) since 8/27 (24 games)...has 38 BB, 106 K & a .220 BAA (80-for-364) in that span...is 5-3-5 with 2.46 ERA (80.1 IP, 22 ER) with 24 BB & 92 K in 19 Interleague games this season...is 32-30-37, 4.46 ERA (575.0 IP, 285 ER), 77 holds, 231 BB, 582 K in 150 games overall this season...has allowed 74 of 163 inherited runners to score (45.4%), which is still the highest percentage in baseball...is 14-15-20, 4.39 ERA (282.2 IP, 138 ER), 35 holds, 127 BB, 307 K and a .243 BAA (259-for-1067) in 76 road games this season.

JORGE ALCALA - RHP

#66
 Height: 6-3 Weight: 205 Age: 25 (7/28/95 in Bajos De Haina, DR) Acquired: Trade with HOU, 7/27/18
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .237 vs. Right .227

☞ Has a 0.84 ERA (10.2 IP, 1 ER) in 9 games since being reinstated from 10-day IL on 8/27...1st career appearance vs. CHC last night and recorded his 9th hold of the season (4th among Twins in holds)...has stranded 3 of 5 inherited runners in that span.
 ☞ 0 ER in 12 of last 14 appearances overall, posting a 1.06 ERA (17.0 IP, 2 ER), 3 BB, 19 K & a .193 BAA (11-for-57)...T-3rd on Twins w/ 54 appearances...holding LHB to a .237 avg. (18-for-76) but w/ .500 slugging...RHB are 27-for-119 (.227) w/ .353 slugging.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/21 at CHC	H9	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/14 vs. CLE/G1ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/12 vs. KC	L6	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	1
9/10 vs. KC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1

KYLE BARRACLOUGH - RHP

#45
 Height: 6-3 Weight: 229 Age: 31 (5/23/1990 in Santa Clara, CA) Acquired: Signed as ml free agent, 6/20/21
 Roadtrip: 1-0-0, 0.00 (3.1 IP, 0 ER), 5 K, 3 BB Series at CHC: 1-0-0, 0.00 (1.2 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 1 BB vs. Left .333 vs. Right .200

☞ Recalled from AAA on 9/13...is 2-0, 4.82 ERA (9.1 IP, 5 ER), 6 BB, 11 K in 7 games w/ Twins this season (4 scoreless)...earned 2nd W of the season last night (1.2 IP, 1 BB & 3 K) vs. CHC...now career 2-1 with 3 holds, 2.84 ERA (12.2 IP, 4 ER) with 9 BB & 18 K in 13 games vs. CHC
 ☞ Was previously w/ Twins 8/19-27...also is 4-1, 2.49 ERA (25.1 IP, 7 ER), 10 BB, 38 K and a .172 BAA in 21 games for the Saints this season.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/21 at CHC	W2	1.2	2	0	0	0	1	3
9/18 at TOR	ND	1.2	1	0	0	0	2	2
9/14 vs. CLE/G2W1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/13 at NYY	ND	1.2	1	1	1	0	1	0
8/26 at BOS	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	1

ALEX COLOME - RHP

#48
 Height: 6-1 Weight: 225 Age: 32 (12/31/88 in Santo Domingo, DR) Acquired: Signed as FA, 2/12/21
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .296 vs. Right .219

☞ T-1st in saves (12) since 8/1...is 2-0-12 (15 opps.), 2.08 ERA (21.2 IP, 5 ER), 6 BB, 17 K & a .222 BAA (18-for-81) in 22 games (19 scoreless IP) in that span including last night...is 7/8 saves w/ 0.73 ERA (12.1 IP, 1 ER), 2 BB, 14 K, .222 BAA (10-for-45) & a 0.97 WHIP since 8/27 (12 G)
 ☞ Leads MIN w/ 62 games overall...career 6-5-21 with three holds, 3.86 ERA (56.0 IP, 24 ER) with 23 BB & 60 K in 52 Interleague games.
 ☞ Career 3 saves, a 4.50 ERA (6.0 IP, 3 ER) with three walks and three strikeouts in 6 games vs. CHC.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/21 at CHC	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/14 vs. CLE/G2S14	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/13 at NYY	BS7	1.1	1	1	1	1	0	0
9/10 vs. KC	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2

DANNY COULOMBE - LHP (PRONOUNCED KOO-LOHM)

#53
 Height: 5-10 Weight: 190 Age: 31 (10/26/1989 in St. Louis, MO) Acquired: Signed as minor league free agent, 11/9/20
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 6.75 (2.2 IP, 2 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 27.00 (0.2 IP, 2 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .250 vs. Right .276

☞ Is 3-2, 3.64 ERA (29.2 IP, 12 ER), 7 BB, 29 K and a .268 BAA (30-for-112) in 26 relief outings this season, including 2 ER on 2 hits last night vs. CHC...made Twins debut with start as opener 6/25 vs. CLE (1.2 IP, 1 ER).
 ☞ Career 4.2 IP, 3 BB & 5 K in 4 games vs. CHC...career 2-1, 4 holds, 2.60 ERA (27.2 IP, 8 ER) with 8 BB & 36 K in 27 Interleague games.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/21 at CHC	ND	0.2	2	2	2	0	0	0
9/19 at TOR	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	2
9/11 vs. KC	ND	2.0	4	1	1	0	0	1
9/9 at CLE	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1

TYLER DUFFEY - RHP

#21
 Height: 6-3 Weight: 220 Age: 30 (12/27/90 in Houston, TX) Acquired: 5th Round, 2012 Draft
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 5 K, 0 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .275 vs. Right .201

☞ 8 of last 9 appearances have been scoreless (9.1 IP, 3 ER), while averaging 13.50 K/9.0 IP - including striking out all 3 batters faced on 9/17... also unscored upon in 12 of last 14 games, w/ 2.70 ERA (13.1 IP, 4 ER), 5 BB, 18 K and a .174 BAA (8-for-46) since 8/10.
 ☞ 2nd on Twins w/ 59 appearances (47 w/out allowing an ER) and leads team w/ 17 holds...has 2.25 ERA (24.0 IP, 6 ER) and .160 BAA in 27 home G this season, compared to 4.45 ERA (32.1 IP, 16 ER) and .270 BAA in 32 road G.
 ☞ Career 1 hold, 3.0 scoreless innings vs. CHC...career 2-3, 13 holds, 5.31 ERA (39.0 IP, 23 ER) with 40 K in 31 Interleague games.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/21 at CHC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3
9/13 at NYY	ND	2.0	1	3	3	1	2	1
9/10 vs. KC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/7 at CLE	S3	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/6 at CLE	H17	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1

LUKE FARRELL - RHP

#51
 Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 Age: 29 (6/7/1991 in Westlake, OH) Acquired: Signed as ml FA, 12/14/20
 Roadtrip: 0-1-0, 45.00 (1.0 IP, 5 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .207 vs. Right .259

☞ 5th career GS on 9/19 at TOR; allowed 5 ER in 1.0 IP; was 1st start since 9/28/19 vs. NYY w/ TEX...career 4.70 ERA in 7 Interleague games.
 ☞ 14 of 17 appearances w/ Twins this season have been scoreless, going 1-1, 3.32 ERA (21.2 IP, 8 ER), 8 BB, 22 K and a .241 BAA (20-for-83).
 ☞ 5.1 scoreless IP over 4 outings since 9/5 (returned from IL)...LHB are hitting .207 (6-for-29) with 3 BB, 9 K and 1 XBH, while RHB are hitting .259 (14-for-54) w/ 5 BB, 13 K and 7 XBH allowed this season...opposing hitters are 4-for-16 (.250) w/ RISP.
 ☞ Two career app appearances vs. CHC, one hold, 4.0 IP, two walks & three strikeouts (last 10/1/17 with CIN).

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/19 at TOR	L1	1.0	7	5	5	1	0	1
9/13 at NYY	ND	2.1	0	0	0	0	1	2
9/11 vs. KC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/9 at CLE	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
6/22 vs. CIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1
6/21 vs. CIN	ND	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	2

RALPH GARZA JR. - RHP

#32
 Height: 6-2 Weight: 206 Age: 27 (4/6/94 in Edinburg, TX) Acquired: Claimed off waivers from HOU, 8/4/21
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .143 vs. Right .194

☞ Has a 1.69 ERA (16.0 IP, 3 ER) w/ 4 BB, 13 K, .175 BAA (10-for-57) and a 0.88 WHIP in 14 appearances (11 w/o allowing ER) w/ Twins since being recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on 8/14...handed 10th inning relief loss on 9/13 at NYY (0.1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 K).
 ☞ Drops down for a sidearm delivery vs. RHB, holding them to a .194 BAA (7-for-36), 1 HR, 2 BB, 8 K w/ Twins...comes more over-the-top vs. LHB, who are 3-for-21 (.143), 2 HR, 2 BB, 5 K since joining Twins.
 ☞ Career 1.0 scoreless inning vs. CHC (8/31)...career 0-1, 6.00 ERA in 3 Interleague games...claimed by Twins off waivers from HOU on 9/4.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/18 at TOR	ND	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0
9/13 at NYY	L3	0.1	1	1	0	0	0	1
9/10 vs. KC	ND	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/9 at CLE	ND	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	1
9/4 at TB	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
9/3 at TB	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8/31 vs. CHC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1

JUAN MINAYA - RHP

#49
 Height: 6-4 Weight: 210 Age: 31 (9/18/90 in Loma De Cabrera, DR) Acquired: Signed as minor league free agent, 11/9/20
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 5 K, 1 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .227 vs. Right .179

☞ Has posted a 1.48 ERA (24.1 IP, 4 ER) in his last 18 outings (15 scoreless, since 7/31), w/ 13 BB, 31 K and a .186 BAA (16-for-86).
 ☞ 25 G overall w/ Twins, going 2-1-0, 4 holds, 2.78 ERA (35.2 IP, 11 ER), 18 BB, 40 K & a .195 BAA (25-for-128), while stranding all 5 inherited runners...holding LHB to .227 BAA (10-for-44), 8 BB, 12 K & .341 SLG...RHB are 15-for-84 (.179), 10 BB, 28 K & .357 SLG (6-2B, 3 HR).
 ☞ Career 0-1, 3.54 ERA (20.1 IP, 8 ER) with 6 BB & 23 K in 20 Interleague games...career 1.50 ERA (6.0 IP, ER) with 5 K in 6 games vs. CHC.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/19 at TOR	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	5
9/14 vs. CLE/G2H4	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/12 vs. KC	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1
9/10 vs. KC	L2	2.0	2	2	1	2	2	2
9/7 at CLE	H3	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
9/4 at TB	ND	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	3

JOVANI MORAN - LHP (PRONOUNCED JOE-VAH-NEE MO-RAN)

#71
 Height: 6-1 Weight: 167 Age: 24 (4/24/97 in Mayaguez, PR) Acquired: 7th Round, 2015 Draft
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 13.50 (1.1 IP, 2 ER), 1 K, 4 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .400 vs. Right .308

☞ Made MLB debut on 9/12 vs. KC with 1.1 scoreless IP...allowed 1 of 2 IR to score when 1st batter faced (W. Merrifield) doubled...made 2nd appearance 9/15 vs. CLE...appeared on 9/18, w/ 4 BB & 1 K; left w/ bases loaded & 2 IR scored off Barraclough...no career app vs. CHC.
 ☞ Contract selected from Triple-A St. Paul on 9/11...split the 2021 season between Double-A Wichita and Triple-A St. Paul, combining to go 4-2-3, 2.41 ERA (67.1 IP, 18 ER), 32 BB, 109 K, a .124 BAA (28-for-225) and a 1.05 WHIP...club's 26th-best prospect per MLB.com.
 ☞ Selected by the Twins in the 7th round of the 2015 Draft out of the Carlos Beltrán Academy in Puerto Rico...has appeared in 112 minor league games (7 starts) over 5 seasons in the Twins organization, going 18-10-11, 2.64 ERA (225.1 IP, 66 ER), 11 107 BB, 333 K, a .168 BAA and a 1.05 WHIP.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/18 at TOR	ND	1.1	0	2	2	0	4	1
9/15 vs. CLE	ND	1.2	4	4	4	0	0	1
9/12 vs. KC	ND	1.1	2	0	0	0	2	2

CALEB THIELBAR - LHP

#56
 Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 Age: 34 (1/31/87 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Signed as ml FA 11/29/19
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 2 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 1 BB vs. Left .222 vs. Right .241

☞ 6-straight scoreless efforts (6.0 IP, 6 H, 3 BB, 6 K) in that span since 9/7...is 4-0, 5 holds, 2.13 ERA (25.1 IP, 6 ER), 10 BB, 27 K and a .200 BAA (18-for-90) in 24 games post-All-Star-Break (20 efforts w/o allowing ER).
 ☞ T-3rd on Twins w/ 54 appearances...is now 6-0, 3.53 ERA (58.2 IP, 23 ER) w/ 11 holds, 20 BB and 73 K this season and 8-1, 3.20 (78.2 IP, 28 ER) w/ 12 holds, 29 BB and 95 K since rejoining Twins (and returning to majors for 1st time since 2015) for 2020 season.
 ☞ Is 4-0, 2.38 ERA (34.0 IP, 9 ER) in 30 home app. this season, compared to 2-0, 5.11 ERA (24.2 IP, 14 ER) in 23 road games.
 ☞ Only three career appearances vs. CHC, 3.00 ERA (3.0 IP, ER) with 4 strikeouts...1-1, 1.16 ERA with 31 strikeouts in 25 Interleague games.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/21 at CHC	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1
9/19 at TOR	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
9/13 at NYY	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9/11 vs. KC	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	2
9/8 at CLE	H11	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/7 at CLE	H10	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	2
9/5 at TB	ND	0.2	1	1	1	1	2	1

NICK VINCENT - RHP

#58
 Height: 5-10 Weight: 185 Age: 35 (7/12/86 in Poway, CA) Acquired: Signed as ml free agent, 6/22/21
 Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 1 BB Series at CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .125 vs. Right .286

☞ Contract selected from Triple-A St. Paul on 9/17 for 2nd stint w/ Twins this season (previously, 8/10-8/18)...signed to a minor league contract by MIN on 6/22...pitched twice for Twins in 1st stint (4.1 IP, 4 H, 1 R/ER, 1 BB, 4 K)...made his Twins debut and 1st MLB appearance since 9/26/20 on 8/13 vs. TB.
 ☞ Career 1-0, 7.1 IP with 8 strikeouts vs. CHC...2-4 with 16 holds, 3.12 ERA (61.2 IP, 21 ER) with 13 BB & 64 K in 56 Interleague games.
 ☞ Has pitched in parts of 10 major league seasons with San Diego, Seattle, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Miami and now Minnesota, going 22-23-7, 3.35 ERA (405.1 IP, 151 ER), 102 BB and 401 K in 408 career games (2 starts).

RECENT APPEARANCES

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: .285 Streak: 1g, 1-3 Series at CHC: 1-3
 Roadtrip: 1-11 Home Runs: 2 (2 2-run)

- 1-for-3, 2 R, 3 BB last night; set career high in BB...is just 4-for-34 (.118), 2B, RBI, 3 R, 5 BB in last 10 games...batting .286 (10-for-35), 2B, 3B, 3 R, 4 RBI, 4 BB...359 OBP in last 9 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/ career-high 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 37 of last 56 G (16 multi-hit G), batting .294 (57-for-194), 24 R, 10 2B, 3B, HR, 16 RBI, 22 BB, .362 OBP & .734 OPS...AL ranks since 7/4 (min. 200 PA): 17th in OBP, 15th in AVG.
- Is 3-for-8, 2B, 3 R in 3 games vs. CHC this season/in his career...batting .351 (20-for-57), 6 2B, 7 RBI, 8 R, 11 BB, .443 OBP in 17 Interleague games this season.

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: .240 Streak: 0-4 Series at CHC: 0-1
 Roadtrip: 0-4 Home Runs: 7 (5 1-run, 2 2-run)

- Grounded out as PH last night...1-for-3, game-tying RBI 2B in 4th inn. of G2 vs. CLE 9/14; 3rd game-tying RBI of season...HR on 8/26 at BOS went 412 ft., 2nd-longest HR in career.
- Recalled 7/21 (Kirilloff - IL)...games by position this season: P - 4 G, C - 9 G/4 GS, 1B - 25 G/20 GS, 2B - 4 G/2 GS, 3B - 29 G/22 GS, RF - 1 G/1 GS.
- Career .273 (3-for-11), 3B, 3 RBI, R in 4 games vs. CHC; all 3 H have come at Wrigley Field.

BYRON BUXTON - OF **#25**

Height: 6-2 Weight: 212 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (12/18/93 in Baxley, GA)
 2021 Average: .286 Streak: 4g, 5-18, 2 2B, RBI Series at CHC: 2-5
 Roadtrip: 5-18, 2 2B, RBI Home Runs: 14 (9 1-run, 5 2-run)

- 2-for-5, 2 R last night; 7-for-22 (.318) in last 5 road G...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 18-for-93, 15 R, 5 2B, 4 HR, 6 RBI, 4 BB in 23 G since.
- Batting .323 (31-for-96), 10 2B, 9 HR, 14 RBI, 21 R, 4 BB, .356 OBP, 1.065 OPS in 24 road games this season...batting .371 (26-for-70) w/ runners on base this season...enters tonight 6th in MLB in avg. sprint speed (min. 50 opp.) w/ 29.9 ft./sec.
- Is 6-for-29 in 8 career G vs. CHC...batting .200 (9-for-45), 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI in 13 Interleague G this season.
- 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: .182 Streak: 0-9 Series at CHC: 0-1
 Roadtrip: 0-6 Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 3-run)

- 0-for-1 as PH last night...batting .250 (6-for-24), HR, 7 RBI, 2 R in last 6 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, 53 in LF...in 2021: 29 G/18 GS in CF, 32 G/14 GS in LF, 8 G/6 GS in RF...career .316 (6-for-19), 2B, 3B, HR, 2 RBI, 4 R in 8 G vs. CHC.

JOSH DONALDSON - 3B **#20**

Height: 6-1 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/8/85 in Pensacola, FL)
 2021 Average: .251 Streak: 1g, 3-3, 2B, 2 RBI Series at CHC: 3-3, 2B, 2 RBI
 Roadtrip: 6-13, 2 HR, 2 2B, 5 RBI Home Runs: 24 (13 1-run, 10 2-run, 1 3-run)

- 3-for-3, 2B, BB, 2 R, 2 RBI last night; 4 TOB for 3rd time this year (also, 4/21 & 5/31)...HR-ed in b2b G 9/17-9/18...just 15-for-68 (.221) in 19 G in Sept. so far, but 8 of 15 H have been XBH (5 2B, 3 HR)...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 16 go-ahead RBI, 2nd on Twins...3rd on MIN w/ 67 RBI overall...leads MIN w/ 66 BB this season.
- Originally selected by CHC in 1st round of 2007 draft; traded to OAK in July 2008...is 3-for-9, 3 BB in 3 G vs. CHC this season...career 15-for-64 in 19 G vs. CHC...batting .333 (10-for-33), 3 2B, HR, 6 RBI, 6 BB in 14 Interleague games this season...career .313 (161-for-514), 29 2B, 3 3B, 32 HR, 103 RBI, 76 BB, .401 OBP, .564 SLG, .965 OPS in 143 IL games.
- Enters tonight 1st in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/PA (11.3), 3rd in avg. exit velocity (94.0 mph), 7th in barrels/BBE (17.2) and 8th in hard hit % (52.9).

MITCH GARVER - C **#8**

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM)
 2021 Average: .251 Streak: 3g, 5-13, RBI Series at CHC: 3-5, RBI
 Roadtrip: 3-5, RBI Home Runs: 13 (8 1-run, 1 2-run, 3 3-run, 1 GS)

- 3-for-5, RBI last night; 1st 3-H game since 8/12/2020 at MIL...batting .429 (12-for-28), 3 2B, RBI, 3 R, 7 BB, .543 OBP in last 9 G...had b2b multi-hit 8/13-8/14 for 2nd time this season.
- Returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL yesterday; missed 25 games w/ low back tightness...went 2-for-10, BB, R in 3 rehab G for AAA St. Paul...2nd IL stint this season (6/2-7/19, groin contusion).
- Hit 1st career grand slam in 1st inn. 7/27 vs. DET...went 2-for-3, 2 HR, 2 RBI in G2 on 7/19 at CWS; 7th career multi-HR game & 2nd this season...5 of 13 HR this season have come w/ ROB.
- On Paternity List 7/22-7/25; he and his wife, Sarah, welcomed son Gamble Lynn, on 7/22.
- Career .391 (9-for-23), HR, 6 RBI, 3 R, BB, .417 OBP, .938 OPS in 7 games vs. CHC...is just 8-for-34 (.235), 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 B, BB in 9 Interleague games this season.

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: .246 Streak: 3g, 5-11, HR, 2B, 4 RBI Series at CHC: 3-5, HR, 2 RBI
 Roadtrip: 5-11, HR, 2B, 4 RBI Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 2-run)

Gordon, continued...

- 3-for-5, go-ahead 2-R HR, SB last night; 1st MIN rookie w/ HR, SB of 3B in game since T. Hunter on 4/15/1999...also 1st career multi-run HR...batting .353 (12-for-34), 3 2B, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 3 R, 3 BB, .421 OBP in last 12 G.
- Has 9 SB this season (7th among AL rookies, T-4th in MLB), most by MIN rookie in single season since Byron Buxton in 2016 (10 SB)...career games by position: 2B - 17 G/13 GS, SS - 9 G/4 GS, 3B - 2 G/0 GS, CF - 33 G/23 GS, LF - 5 G/4 GS.
- 3-for-6, HR, 2 RBI, R, SB in 2 career G vs. CHC...just 5-for-19, 2B, HR, 2 RBI BB in 7 career Interleague G.
- In 4th stint w/ MIN (4/23-4/25, 5/4-5/10, 5/23-8/4, 8/16-present)...made MLB debut 5/6.

RYAN JEFFERS - C **#27**

Height: 6-4 Weight: 235 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (6/3/97 in Raleigh, NC)
 2021 Average: .198 Streak: 0-6 Series at CHC: 0-0
 Roadtrip: 1-7 Home Runs: 13 (7 1-run, 4 2-run, 1 3-run, 1 GS)

- 0-for-4 Saturday...1-for-3, BB, R Friday; 21st G this season w/ 2 TOB...3-for-3, 2B, HR 4 RBI in G2 9/14; tied career highs w/ 3 H & 2 XBH, 2nd career 4+ RBI game...his 78 G lead MLB rookie C...78 G are also 6th most in a season by MIN rookie catcher.
- Career 0-for-4 in 3 G vs. CHC...batting .222 (10-for-45), 2 HR, 7 RBI in 16 Interleague games.
- 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: .207 Streak: 1g, 3-5, 2 RBI Series at CHC: 3-5, 2 RBI
 Roadtrip: 3-16, 2 RBI Home Runs: 17 (13 1-run, 2 2-run, 2 3-run)

- Snapped 0-for-18 w/ 3-for-5, 2 RBI night last night; had game-tying RBI 1B in 4th & 3rd 3-H G of season...2-for-3, BB, 2B, HR 9/11 vs. KC; 6th G this season w/ 2 XBH.
- 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...has 4 leadoff HR this season, all at home (also 5/6 vs. TEX, 7/25 vs. LAA and 8/14 vs. TB).
- 41 of 82 hits this season have been XBH (20 2B, 4 3B, 17 HR)...is 4-for-8, R, BB, 2 RBI in 2 G vs. CHC this season...career .370 (10-for-27), 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 6 R in 8 G vs. CHC.

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: .272 Streak: 0-13 Series at CHC: 0-6
 Roadtrip: 3-18, HR, 2 RBI Home Runs: 31 (14 1-run, 12 2-run, 5 3-run)

- 0-for-6 last night and is 0-for-his-last-13...hit 1st of 3-straight HR for MIN in 3rd inning 9/17 - see notes below...9/11, 4th career multi-HR G, 3rd this season.
- Has career-high 31 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 (35 HR).
- Reached 90 RBI this season 9/17, extending career high...RBI total is 3rd in MIN history among switch hitters, trailing only R. Smalley (95 in 1979) and C. Davis (93 in 1991).
- Has 29 XBH since 8/1, T-1st in AL (TOR's M. Semien) & 2nd in MLB, behind PHI's B. Harper (36 XBH).
- Batting .298 (71-for-238), 16 2B, 3B, 19 HR, 47 RBI, .613 SLG, .951 OPS in 60 G since ASG; AL ranks in span (qualifiers): 4th in SLG, T-4th in RBI, T-2nd in HR (T-3rd in MLB).
- Hitting .271 (99-for-365) w/ 19 2B, 3B, 22 HR, 60 RBI as LHB; .274 (51-for-186), 15 2B, 3B, 9 HR, 30 RBI as RHB this year...leads MIN w/ 44 multi-hit G (T-9th in AL), 15 G w/ 3+ H (T-4th in AL) & 25 multi-RBI G.
- Career .174 (4-for-23), 2B, RBI, R, BB in 6 games vs. CHC...batting .298 (14-for-47), 3 2B, 3 HR, 6 RBI, 8 R, 2 BB, .873 OPS in last 11 Interleague games.

BRENT ROOKER - OF **#50**

Height: 6-3 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (11/1/94 in Germantown, TN)
 2021 Average: .205 Streak: 0-6 Series at CHC: 0-1
 Roadtrip: 2-8, HR, 2B, 2 RBI Home Runs: 8 (7 1-run, 1 2-run)

- 0-for-1 as PH last night...2-for-4, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, R Friday; 2nd career G w/ 2 XBH (also, 8/14 vs. TB)...reinstated from Paternity List 9/17; he and wife, Allie, had first child, daughter Blair Evelyn, on 9/13...batting .290 (9-for-31), 2 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R, BB, HBP, .333 OBP, .882 OPS in last 11 G.
- Hit 460-foot HR on 7/26, 5th longest by a MIN hitter this season...2nd stint w/ MIN this season (4/3-4/29, 7/23)...at the time of last recall, was T-1st in AAA in HR, T-5th among MiLB hitters.
- Batting .294 (20-for-68) in 20 home G compared to .140 (13-for-93) in 27 road G this season...career 3-for-5, HBP, .667 OBP vs. CHC...just 7-for-37 in 12 career Interleague games.

MIGUEL SANÓ - IF **#22**

Height: 6-4 Weight: 272 B/T: R/R Age: 28 (5/11/93 in San Pedro De Macoris, DR)
 2021 Average: .222 Streak: 6g, 7-23, 2 HR, 3 2B, 5 RBI Series at CHC: 1-5, 2B, RBI
 Roadtrip: 4-17, HR, 2 2B, 2 RBI Home Runs: 29 (16 1-run, 9 2-run, 3 3-run, 1 GS)

- 1-for-5, R, 2B, RBI last night...9/15-9/17, HR-ed in b2b G for 27th time in career/5th this season...H in 7 of last 8 games, batting .323 (10-for-31), 2 2B, 3 HR, 7 RBI, 1.073 OBP in span.
- Enters tonight 2nd in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/BBE (18.2) & 4th in hard hit % (55.3).
- Hit 150th career HR in 2.062nd PA 8/9 vs. CWS, 2nd-fastest to 150 HR in MIN history (Killebrew: 2,043)...has 160 career HR, 11th in MIN history (since 1961); 3 shy of T. Brunansky (10th - 163).
- Is just 3-for-23, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 2 R, BB in 6 career games vs. CHC...HR-ed on 9/19/20 at Wrigley.
- 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.

ANDRELTON SIMMONS - SS **#9**

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (9/4/89 in Mundo Nobo, Curaçao)
 2021 Average: .223 Streak: 0-2 Series at CHC: 0-0
 Roadtrip: 0-0 Home Runs: 3 (3 2-run)

- Reinstated from Restricted List yesterday; missed TOR series over weekend...200th career 2B in G1 9/14...is 6-for-18 (.333), 2B, 2 RBI, BB, R, .368 OBP in last 7 G...20 multi-H G & 8 G reaching base 3-x.
- On defense, his 15 outs above average (Statcast) are 5th in MLB, behind ARI's N. Ahmed (18), NYM's F. Lindor (17), KC's N. Lopez (17) and OAK's M. Chapman (16).
- Is just 18-for-97 (.186), 5 2B, 2 HR, 8 RBI, 12 R, 9 BB in 28 career G vs. CHC...batting .375 (9-for-24), 2B, 4 RBI, 3 R in 7 road Interleague games this season.

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

MULTI-HOMER GAMES (14x) • Cruz (4/5 at DET) • Cruz (4/21 at OAK) • Garver (4/28 at CLE) • Kirilloff (4/30 vs. KC) • Sanó (5/18 vs. CWS) • Donaldson (6/3 at KC) • Polanco (6/9 vs. NYY) • Donaldson (6/11 vs. HOU) • Kepler (7/5 vs. CWS) • Garver (7/19 at CWS-2)	MULTI-HOMER GAMES (14x) • Jeffers (7/28 vs. DET) • Sanó (7/28 vs. DET) • Polanco (8/8 at HOU) • Polanco (9/11 vs. KC) WALK-OFF (3x) • Cruz (6/10 vs. NYY) • Sanó (6/21 vs. CIN) • Polanco (7/11 vs. DET)	BACK-TO-BACK (6x) • Buxton/Donaldson (4/28 at CLE) • Gordon/Sanó (6/4 at KC) • Kepler/Rooker (7/25 vs. LAA) • Kepler/Rooker (7/28 vs. DET) • Buxton/Polanco (9/11 vs. KC) BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK (1x) • Polanco/Donaldson/Sanó (9/17 at TOR)	RUNNERS ON • Solo - 129 • 2-run - 59 • 3-run - 21 • GS - 4 INSIDE-THE-PARK (0x) • None	GRAND SLAM (4x) • Cruz (4/5 at DET) • Sanó (5/20 at LAA, G2) • Garver (7/27 vs. DET) • Jeffers (7/28 vs. DET)	LEADOFF (7x) • Buxton (4/28 at CLE) • Kepler (5/6 vs. TEX) • Garlick (5/7 at DET) • Kepler (7/25 vs. LAA) • Kepler (8/14 vs. TB) • Kepler (8/16 vs. CLE) • Buxton (9/10 vs. KC)
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HITTERS INFO

Player	Multi-Hit	Multi-RBI	Season Hit-Strk	Season High Hits	LAST HOME RUN				LAST GRAND SLAM				VS. CURRENT OPPONENT 2021					VS. CURRENT OPPONENT CAREER				
					Date	Opp.	On	Pitcher	Date	Opp.	Carer #	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI	
Luis Arraez	30	9	10, 8/3-8/14	4, 4/15	8/14/21	vs. TB	1	Wacha			0	.375	3	8	0	0	.375	3	8	0	0	
Williams Astudillo	8	4	8, 4/27-5/14	3, 7/30	8/26/21	at BOS	1	Sale			0	.000	0	4	0	0	.273	3	11	0	3	
Byron Buxton	15	5	9, 5/4-6/21	5, 4/28	9/13/21	at NYY	0	Gil	5/18/19	at SEA	2	.231	3	13	0	0	.207	6	29	0	1	
Jake Cave	6	4	2, 8/24-8/25	2, 9/5	8/25/21	at BOS	2	Robles	7/26/20	at CWS	2	.000	0	3	0	0	.316	6	19	1	2	
Josh Donaldson	26	20	6, 8/13-8/18	4, 4/21	9/18/21	at TOR	1	Matz	9/28/18	at KC	5	.333	3	9	0	2	.234	15	64	2	5	
Mitch Garver	15	8	8, 5/17-5/29	3, 9/21	8/06/21	at HOU	0	Greinke	7/27/21	vs. DET	1	.600	3	5	0	1	.391	9	23	1	6	
Nick Gordon	11	5	5, 6/2-6/10	3, 9/21	9/21/21	at CHC	1	Mills			0	.500	3	6	1	2	.500	3	6	1	2	
Ryan Jeffers	10	9	4, 8/13-8/18	3, 9/14	9/14/21	vs. CLE	1	Stephan	7/28/21	vs. DET	1	.000	0	4	0	0	.000	0	4	0	0	
Max Kepler	20	12	4, 9/10-9/13	3, 9/21	9/11/21	vs. KC	0	Singer	8/26/17	at TOR	2	.500	4	8	0	2	.370	10	27	1	5	
Jorge Polanco	44	25	10, 7/26-8/6	4, 9/6	9/17/21	at TOR	1	Ryu			0	.083	1	12	0	1	.174	4	23	0	1	
Brent Rooker	6	4	5, 7/24-7/28	4, 8/13	9/17/21	at TOR	0	Merryweather			0	.600	3	5	0	0	.600	3	5	0	0	
Miguel Sanó	19	18	9, 6/4-6/13	3, 9/13	9/17/21	at TOR	0	Stripling	5/20/21	at LAA	2	.167	2	12	0	1	.130	3	23	1	2	
Andrelton Simmons	20	6	7, 5/31-6/10	3, 7/30	6/27/21	vs. CLE	1	Hentges	4/22/17	vs. TOR	2	.000	0	4	0	0	.186	18	97	2	8	

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Most Runs, Game (Team)	15, 4/5 at DET
Most Runs, Inning (Team)	9, 4th inn, 5/21 at CLE
Most Hits, Game (Team)	18, 4/21 at OAK
Most Hits, Inning (Team)	8, 4th inn, 7/28 vs. DET
Most Strikeouts, Batters (Team)	17, 4/1 at MIL
Longest Hitting Streak (Individual)	10, 4x, last: Arraez, 8/3-8/14
Consecutive Hits (Individual)	7, Buxton, 4/27-30
Consecutive Hitless At-Bats (Individual)	24, Sanó, 5/28-6/4
Consecutive Scoreless Innings (Batters)	17, 7th inn 4/16-4/20
Most Runs Allowed (Team)	17, 7/28 vs. DET
Most Runs Allowed, Inning (Team)	9, 1st inn, 6/4 at KC
Most Hits Allowed (Team)	20, 6/13 vs. HOU
Most Hits Allowed, Inning (Team)	6, 5x, last: 4th inn, 7/28 vs. DET
Pitchers Used (Team)	8, 8/18 vs. CLE (11)
Cons. Batters Retired (Team)	19, 9/8 at CLE
Scoreless Innings Streak (Team/Pitchers)	25, 5th inn, 9/6-2nd inn, 9/9
Most Runs, Starter	9, 6x, last: Albers, 9/4 at TB
Most Home Runs, Starter	4, 2x, last: Albers, 9/4 at TB
Most Walks, Starter	5, 4x, last: Barnes, 8/20 at NY
Most Strikeouts, Starter	12, Berrios, 4/3 at MIL
Most Strikeouts, Pitchers (Team)	17, 4/3 at MIL
Most Walks, Pitchers (Team)	9, 3x, last: 8/18 vs. CLE (11)
Most Cons. Scoreless Innings (Individual)	13, Ryan, 9/1-14
Most Cons. Batters Retired (Individual)	19, Ryan, 9/8 at CLE
Longest Game, Innings	12, 6/21 vs. CIN
Longest Game, Time (9 Inn.)	4:09, 8/24 at BOS
Longest Game, Time (X Inn.)	5:14, 6/21 vs. CIN
Fastest Game, Time (9 Inn.)	2:17, 4/23 vs. PIT
Fastest Game, Time (7 Inn.)	1:54, 7/19 at CWS (2)
Largest Margin, Victory	12 (12-0), 8/14 vs. TB
Largest Margin, Loss	12 (4-16), 5/17 vs. CWS
Lineups Used	139

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Sanó	495 ft, 8/25 at BOS (Pivetta)
Sanó	475 ft, 8/18 vs. CLE (Plesac)
Sanó	473 ft, 7/28 vs. DET (Jiménez)
Larnach	461 ft, 5/24 vs. BAL (Means)
Rooker	460 ft, 7/26 vs. DET (Manning)
Buxton	457 ft, 9/10 vs. KC (Lynch)
Cruz	457 ft, 6/10 vs. NYY (Chapman)
Buxton	456 ft, 4/1 at MIL (Yardley)

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Sanó	117.1, 7/31 at STL (HR)
Sanó	116.7, 8/25 at BOS (HR)
Sanó	116.7, 8/9 vs. CWS (HR)
Cruz	116.6, 4/5 at DET (HR)
Cruz	116.5, 6/21 vs. CIN (HR)
Sanó	116.4, 7/23 vs. LAA (2B)
Larnach	116.0, 7/3 at KC (HR)
Larnach	116.0, 5/17 vs. CWS (2B)

STARTS BY POSITION

	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
Luis Arraez	0	0	32	0	41	24	0	0	3
Willians Astudillo	4	20	2	0	22	0	0	1	0
Byron Buxton	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0
Jake Cave	0	0	0	0	0	13	18	6	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	85	0	0	0	30
Kyle Garlick	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	13	0
Mitch Garver	48	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nick Gordon	0	0	13	4	0	4	23	0	0
Ryan Jeffers	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max Kepler	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	82	4
Alex Kirilloff	0	25	0	0	0	11	0	19	0
Trevor Larnach	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	18	0
Jorge Polanco	0	0	104	26	0	0	0	0	7
Rob Refsnyder	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	7	0
JT Riddle	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Brent Rooker	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	5	9
Ben Rortvedt	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miguel Sanó	0	105	0	0	3	0	0	0	8
Andrelton Simmons	0	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	0

STARTS BY POSITION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Luis Arraez	64	1	1	9	11	3	3	3	5
Willians Astudillo	0	0	0	2	4	8	15	14	6
Byron Buxton	13	18	7	9	1	1	0	0	0
Jake Cave	0	0	0	0	2	7	10	11	7
Gilberto Celestino	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	9
Nelson Cruz	0	0	47	33	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Donaldson	0	68	18	29	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Garlick	10	4	0	3	2	0	1	3	1
Mitch Garver	5	1	2	13	9	12	6	2	0
Nick Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	7	24	10	3
Ryan Jeffers	0	0	0	0	13	9	16	25	8
Max Kepler	29	2	5	11	21	10	22	5	0
Alex Kirilloff	0	1	9	9	22	5	8	0	1
Trevor Larnach	1	2	18	10	10	14	10	4	0
Jorge Polanco	27	29	38	9	16	16	2	0	0
Rob Refsnyder	2	1	5	1	6	3	7	12	0
JT Riddle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brent Rooker	0	24	0	0	3	10	4	2	0
Ben Rortvedt	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	14
Miguel Sanó	0	0	1	13	31	46	21	4	0
Andrelton Simmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	86

SCORE BY INNING

OPPONENT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	XTRA	TOTAL
TWINS	81	95	89	89	124	78	76	68	63	25	788
TWINS	91	58	78	83	74	95	57	87	29	27	679

INJURED LIST

PLAYER	INJURY	DATE ON	RETRO	DATE OFF	GAMES MISSED
Edwar Colina	Right Elbow Inflammation	4/1			152
Josh Donaldson	Mild Right Hamstring Strain	4/3	4/2	4/14	9
Brent Rooker	Cervical Strain	4/7		4/20	9
Andrelton Simmons	COVID IL	4/14		4/26	10
Kyle Garlick	COVID IL	4/20		4/30	9
Max Kepler	COVID IL	4/20		4/30	9
Caleb Thielbar	COVID IL	4/20		4/24	4
JT Riddle	COVID IL	4/21		4/30	7
Miguel Sanó	Right Hamstring Strain	4/23	4/21	5/5	12
Luis Arraez	Concussion IL	5/4		5/11	5
Alex Kirilloff	Right Wrist Sprain	5/5	5/4	5/21	16
Byron Buxton	Right Hip Strain	5/7		6/19	39
Devin Smeltzer	Left Elbow Inflammation	5/12			119
Jake Cave	Stress Reaction in Low Back	5/15	5/13	7/24	64
Shaun Anderson	Left Quad Strain	5/18		5/31	13
Michael Pineda	Abscess	5/19	5/16	5/26	11
Kenta Maeda	Right Adductor Strain	5/23		6/14	20
Luis Arraez	Right Shoulder Strain	5/26	5/24	6/14	19
Max Kepler	Left Hamstring Strain	5/30		6/18	17
Mitch Garver	Groin Contusion	6/2		7/19	39
Rob Refsnyder	Concussion	6/2	6/1	6/8	6
Caleb Thielbar	Left Groin Strain	6/3		6/16	12
Shaun Anderson	Finger Blisters on Right Hand	6/6	6/5	6/15	9
Cody Stashak	Left Back Disc Injury	6/9	5/29		102
Kyle Garlick	Sports Hernia	6/9			92
Michael Pineda	Right Elbow Inflammation	6/14		7/7	19
Rob Refsnyder	Left Hamstring Strain	6/14		8/5	43
Byron Buxton	Left Hand Fracture	6/22		8/27	54
Randy Dobnak	Right Middle Finger Strain	6/24	6/21	9/1	61
Luke Farrell	Right Oblique Strain	6/25	6/23	9/5	62
Derek Law	Right Shoulder Impingement	7/17	7/13	9/5	47
Alex Kirilloff	Ligament Tear in Right Wrist	7/21	7/20		58
Luis Arraez	Right Knee Strain	7/24	7/21	7/31	9
Taylor Rogers	Left Middle Finger Sprain	7/27			51
Jorge Alcalá	Triceps Tendinitis	8/9		8/27	15
Michael Pineda	Left Mild Oblique Strain	8/14		9/6	20
Lewis Thorpe	Left Shoulder Impingement	8/19			31
Kenta Maeda	Right Forearm Tightness	8/24	8/23		28
Mitch Garver	Low Back Tightness	8/27	8/25	9/21	25
Randy Dobnak	Right Middle Finger Strain	9/9	9/8		14
John Gant	Left Abdominal Strain	9/14			8
Rob Refsnyder	Right Elbow Impingement	9/18			4

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

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Willians Astudillo	0	0	0	2	4	8	15	14	6
Byron Buxton	13	18	7	9	1	1	0	0	0
Jake Cave	0	0	0	0	2	7	10	11	7
Gilberto Celestino	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	9
Nelson Cruz	0	0	47	33	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Donaldson	0	68	18	29	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Garlick	10	4	0	3	2	0	1	3	1
Mitch Garver	5	1	2	13	9	12	6	2	0
Nick Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	7	24	10	3
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Max Kepler	29	2	5	11	21	10	22	5	0
Alex Kirilloff	0	1	9	9	22	5	8	0	1
Trevor Larnach	1	2	18	10	10	14	10	4	0
Jorge Polanco	27	29	38	9	16	16	2	0	0
Rob Refsnyder	2	1	5	1	6	3	7	12	0
JT Riddle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brent Rooker	0	24	0	0	3	10	4	2	0
Ben Rortvedt	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	14
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Andrelton Simmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	86

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Player	Pos.
Buxton	CF
Polanco	2B
Refsnyder	RF
Donaldson	DH
Sanó	1B
Rooker	LF
Jeffers	C
Astudillo	3B
Simmons	SS

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Jake Cave	4
Max Kepler	4
Trevor Larnach	4
Luis Arraez	2
Gilberto Celestino	2
Kyle Garlick	2
Alex Kirilloff	2
Rob Refsnyder	2
Nick Gordon	1
Brent Rooker	1

FASTEST PITCHES

Alcala	100.9, 8/5 at HOU (c. ball)
Alcala	100.7, 6/11 vs. HOU (out)

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING:
Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time)
Grand Slam: R. Jeffers, 7/28/21 vs. DET (4 as a team in 2021)
Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 55 all-time)
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 (1 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: J. Polanco, 9/11/21 vs. KC (14 as team in 2021)
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: B. Buxton/J. Polanco, 9/11/21 vs. KC (5 as team in 2021)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: J. Polanco/J. Donaldson/M. Sanó, 9/17/21 at TOR (1 in 2021)
Three Home Runs, One Inning: J. Polanco/J. Donaldson/M. Sanó, 9/17/21 at TOR (2 in 2021)
Four Home Runs, One Inning: M. Sanó/R. Jeffers/M. Kepler/B. Rooker, 7/28/21 vs. DET (1 in 2021)
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)
Leadoff Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/10/21 vs. KC (7 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
Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Last actual pitcher Jim Kaat, 6/11/72 at CLE; Chris Gimenez 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-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time)
Two-Hitter: E. Santana, 5/24/17 at BAL (43 all-time)
10+ Innings Pitched: B. Radke (10.0 innings), 9/21/97 vs. MIL
10+ Strikeouts: 10, G. Jax, 8/10/21 vs. CWS (5 as team in 2021)
Complete Game Shutout: J. Berrios, 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: 9/7/21 and 9/8/21 at CLE (2 games, 3-0 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, 8/26/21 at BOS (4 in 2021)
Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adriaena (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
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: K. Kiermaier, 8/13/21 vs. TB (45 allowed all-time)
Pinch-Hit Home Run: R. Grossman, 7/26/21 vs. DET (3 allowed in 2021)
Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: J. Sands, 8/8/15 at CLE
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: Y. Diaz/J. Luplow, 9/4/21 at TB (9 allowed in 2021)
Three Consecutive Home Runs: A. Jones/V. 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/T. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhart, 7/3/00 vs. BOS
Walk-off Home Run: G. Sheets, 7/19/21 G2 at CWS (3 allowed in 2021)
Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana, 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time)
Leadoff Home Run: R. Grossman, 7/17/21 G1 at DET (5 allowed in 2021)
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 CH

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

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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. Rows include April 11 vs. Seattle, May 19 vs. Chicago-AL, June 6 at Kansas City, Sept. 13 at New York-AL.

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [9] table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Rows include 4/15 vs. BOS, 5/18 vs. CWS, 6/10 vs. NYY, 6/21 vs. CIN, 7/11 vs. DET, 7/26 vs. DET, 8/15 vs. TB, 8/16 vs. CLE, 8/18 vs. CLE.

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [59] table with columns: Pitchers (34) and Position Players (25). Lists names and roles for various players.