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MINNESOTA TWINS [58-75] AT TAMPA BAY RAYS [84-50]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 - 7:10 P.M. (ET) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Randy Dobnak (1-6, 7.83) vs. RHP Michael Wacha (2-4, 5.70)

GAME 134

ROAD GAME 66

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
9/4	at Tampa Bay	LHP Andrew Albers (1-0, 0.96) vs. RHP Chris Archer (0-1, 4.35)	3:05 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North / FS1	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
9/5	at Tampa Bay	RHP Griffin Jax (3-3, 6.71) vs. RHP Luis Patiño (4-3, 4.24)	12:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	195-160
Home Record:	32-36
Road Record:	26-39
Record in series:	13-25-6
Record in home series:	9-13-1
Record in road series:	5-12-5
Series Openers:	19-24
Series Finales:	18-24
Rubber Games:	8-11
Sweeps/Swept:	3/6
April:	9-15
May:	13-16
June:	11-14
July:	11-17
August:	14-13
September/October:	0-1
Day Games:	26-34
Night Games:	32-41
vs. American League East:	9-13
vs. American League Central:	28-32
vs. American League West:	13-20
vs. National League:	8-10
Games vs. LH Starter:	14-31
Games vs. RH Starter:	45-44
Twins score first:	38-33
Opponent scores first:	20-42
Come-from-behind wins:	25
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	45-5/46-5
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	5-54/2-54
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	7-9/8-8
Extra-innings:	11-10
1-run games:	22-18
Twins out-hit opp.:	39-13
Opp. out-hit Twins:	13-54
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	6-8
Run Differential:	-103 (602-705)
Twins get Quality Start:	20-11
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	26-15
Most games over .500:	3, 4/8
Most games under .500:	18, 3x, last 8/5
Longest win-streak:	5, 6/16-21
Longest losing-streak:	5, 3x, last 6/29-7/3
When Twins score 4+:	47-25
When Twins score 3-:	11-50
Twins get 10+ hits:	26-18
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	7
Days in Fourth Place:	72
Days in Fifth Place:	61
Walk-Off W/L:	9/7
Shutouts W/L:	6/7
Complete Games:	7/19 (G1) Berrios at CWS
Attendance High:	29,342, 8/28 vs. MIL
Attendance Total:	1,064,924
Attendance Average:	15,894
Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time:	8/181

THE TWINS: The Twins are coming off a two-game series sweep at the hands of the Chicago Cubs, losing by scores of 1-3 on Tuesday night and 0-3 on Wednesday night...tonight the Twins will begin a three-game weekend series against the Rays at Tropicana Field...after Sunday afternoon's series finale, they will travel to Cleveland for four games at Progressive Field from Monday-Thursday...the Twins have gone 32-36 at home this season and 26-39 on the road.

☞ The Twins have gone 5-3-0 in series play since August 5, with four of the five series victories coming against first-place teams (Houston, Chicago-AL, Tampa Bay and Milwaukee).

TWINS SHUT OUT AND SWEPT OUT OF MINNESOTA: The Twins lost to the Cubs on Wednesday night at Target Field by a score of 3-0, suffering the two-game sweep while getting outscored 1-6 in the series...they were shut out for the seventh time this season and first time at home... Joe Ryan (0-1) made his major league debut as the club's starter and allowed three runs on three hits in 5.0 innings pitched, with one walk and five strikeouts...his only runs allowed came on a two-out three-run homer from Frank Schwindel in the third inning...the bullpen combined for 4.0 innings of scoreless relief with one hit allowed...the offense recorded just two hits, both coming from Brent Rooker, who singled twice and was hit by a pitch.

WELCOME TO THE SHOW: Joe Ryan, who was acquired via trade with Tampa Bay in exchange for Nelson Cruz on July 22, became the eighth different Twin to make their major league debut in 2021...below is the list of Twins to debut this season:

PLAYER	DEBUT	NOTES
Ben Rortvedt	April 30 vs. Kansas City	1-for-3, 1B, RBI, BB, R
Nick Gordon	May 6 vs. Texas	1-for-2, 1B, BB, 2 SB
Trevor Larnach	May 8 at Detroit	0-for-4, HBP
Bailey Ober	May 18 vs. Chicago-AL	ND, 4.0 IP, 5 H, 4 ER, 2 HR, BB, 4 K (start)
Gilberto Celestino	June 2 at Baltimore	0-for-2, K
Griffin Jax	June 8 vs. New York-AL	ND, 1.0 IP, 3 H, 3 ER, 2 HR, 0 BB, 1 K (relief)
Charlie Barnes	July 17 at Detroit	L, 4.2 IP, 4 H, ER, HR, BB, K (start)
Joe Ryan	September 1 vs. Chicago-NL	L, 5.0 IP, 3 H, 3 ER, HR, BB, 5 K (start)

NOTE: Eight debuts this season are tied for sixth-most in the AL.

'PEN PALS: In its last six games, the Twins bullpen has posted a 0.38 ERA (23.2 IP, 1 ER) with 16 hits allowed, three walks, 25 strikeouts, a .193 opponent batting average and a .492 opponent OPS...in 27 games since August 3, the 'pen has combined to post a 3.53 ERA (114.2 IP, 45 ER) with 109 strikeouts and a .215 opponent batting average — the fifth-best opponent average in baseball in that span (2nd in the AL).

RAY MATTER: The Twins and Rays are playing for the fourth of six scheduled meetings in 2021...their last meeting came August 13-15 at Target Field as the Twins won the three-game series, winning games two and three after losing game one...the Twins have won 10 of their last 14 over the Rays dating back to July of 2018.

☞ Twins are 82-83 all-time against the Rays...they went 44-29 over Tampa Bay from 1998-2006 and have gone 38-54 since 2007.

☞ Twins have won three consecutive series over Tampa Bay, dating back to May of 2019...it marks their longest series-win streak against Tampa since taking five straight from July 2004-September 2006.

☞ Luis Arraez is 8-for-21 (.381) with one double, one home run, four RBI and three walks in five career games against Tampa Bay.

☞ Byron Buxton is hitting .317 (20-for-63) with two doubles, three triples, one home run, seven RBI and four stolen bases in 18 career games against the Rays.

☞ Rocco Baldelli has a career managerial record of 7-3 against the Rays, going 3-1 at Tropicana Field and 4-2 at Target Field (since 2019).

ALL THE JUICE: The Twins last trip to Tropicana Field came May 30-June 2, 2019, winning the four-game series with three-straight wins to close out the series...the Twins current three-game winning streak at the Trop is their longest since winning four straight here from April 23, 2014-August 26, 2015...their longest winning streak in this ballpark is five games, from May 6, 2005-September 5, 2006.

☞ **NOTABLES AT THE TROP:** Jorge Polanco is hitting .343 (121-for-35) with four doubles and six home runs in nine career games at Tropicana Field...he has reached safely in all nine games...Miguel Sanó is hitting .313 (15-for-48) with four doubles, four home runs, 13 RBI, a .646 slugging percentage and a .992 OPS in 12 career games at Tropicana Field.

TOUCHING BASE WITH NUMBER 20: Josh Donaldson enters tonight's game having reached base in a season-long nine-straight games, dating back to August 24...in that span, he is hitting .355 (11-for-31) with three doubles, four home runs, six walks, a .474 on-base percentage and a 1.312 OPS...on the season, he has drawn 59 walks, which leads the team and is 12 more than Miguel Sanó, who ranks second with 47...since 2013, he ranks third among active American League players in walks with 518, trailing Mike Trout (789) and Carlos Santana (728).

CAN'T SPELL SIMMONS WITHOUT TWO S'S: Andrelton Simmons enters today third among all shortstops in baseball in defensive runs saved with 10, trailing Texas' Isiah Kiner-Falefa (16) and Houston's Carlos Correa (14)...among all players in baseball he ranks 11th, the MLB leader being Colorado's third baseman/second baseman Ryan McMahon with 22.

☞ Simmons is hitting .290 (9-for-31) with two RBI, two walks and a .353 on-base percentage in his last 11 games.

FYI: Jorge Polanco's dribbler to first baseman Rowdy Tellez in the first-inning on August 28 vs. Milwaukee that was originally scored as an error on Brewers pitcher Adrian Houser, has been overturned by Major League Baseball and scored as a single.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 2010, after using eight pitchers — including two starters in Scott Baker and Nick Blackburn — the previous day in a 13-inning loss to Detroit, the Twins turned to rookie Matt Fox to start a key game against the Rangers...Fox delivered in his major league debut, pitching 5.2 innings with two runs allowed after being called up from Triple-A Rochester in the middle of the night, helping the Twins win 4-3, increasing the Twins lead in the division over Chicago to 6.0 games.

TWINS ON A STICK: The 2021 Minnesota State Fair is taking place in St. Paul through Labor Day...the Twins Experience is located on the south end of Cooper Street at Judson Avenue, next to the International Bazaar, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, rain or shine, throughout the fair's duration...fans can have the opportunity to meet T.C. Bear, play wiffle ball home run derby/batting practice, win giveaway items, shop for their favorite Twins clothing and merchandise and much more.

STREAKS

Current Streak	2 losses
Last 5 games	2-3
Last 10 games	4-6
Last 15 games	6-9
Last 20 games	10-10

TWINS VS. RAYS

2021 Record:	2 wins
Current Streak:	2 wins
2021 at Home:	2-1
2021 at Tampa Bay:	
All-Time Record:	82-83
All-Time at Home:	46-41
All-Time at Tampa Bay:	36-42

2021 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
8/13	MIN	4-10	McClanahan/Pineda/Phillips
8/14	MIN	12-0	Maeda/Wacha
8/15	MIN	5-4	Colomé/Wisler
9/3	TB		6:10 pm (CT)
9/4	TB		3:05 pm (CT)
9/5	TB		12:10 pm (CT)

LAST SERIES [0-2]

Batting average	.186
Runs Per Game	0.50
Home Runs	0
RISP	.091
Errors	1

Team ERA	3.00
Starters W-L	0-2
Starters ERA	4.50
Relievers W-L-S	0-0-0
Relievers ERA	1.13
Saves/Opps	0/0

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

San Francisco	201
Toronto	197
Atlanta	195
Los Angeles-NL	188
Cincinnati	186
Minnesota	185

BARRELS/PLATE APPEARANCE %

Fernando Tatis Jr., SD	13.5%
Shohei Ohtani, LAA	13.2%
Josh Donaldson, MIN	11.6%
Vladimir Guerrero Jr., TOR	10.8%
Rhys Hoskins, PHI	10.8%
(minimum 250 batted ball events)	

TONIGHT'S LINEUP LIFETIME VS. WACHA

1) Luis Arraez	2-for-3, HR, 3 RBI
2) Byron Buxton	0-for-2, K
3) Jorge Polanco	0-for-3, K
4) Josh Donaldson	2-for-4, 2B, 2 BB, K
5) Max Kepler	1-for-3, HR, RBI
6) Miguel Sanó	1-for-3, 2B, RBI, K
7) Nick Gordon	-
8) Ryan Jeffers	-
9) Andrelton Simmons	3-or-8, 2B, RBI
TOTALS	9-for-26 (.346), 2 HR, 2 2B, 6 RBI, 4 K

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/1	RHP Ryan contract selected from AAA
	RHP Dobnak returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 60-day IL
	RHP Maeda transferred to 60-day IL
	RHP García cleared waivers and outrighted to AAA
8/29	C Rortvedt recalled from AAA
	LHP Barnes optioned to AAA
8/27	OF Buxton returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from IL
	C Garver placed on 10-day IL
	RHP Alcalá reinstated from 10-day IL
	RHP Gibaut contract selected from AAA
	RHP Barraclough optioned to AAA
	RHP García optioned to AAA
	RHP Farrell transferred to 60-day IL

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MANAGER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Rocco Baldelli	195 wins	Needs 5 to reach 200 managerial wins.
Josh Donaldson	247 doubles	Needs 3 to reach 250 for career.
Max Kepler	117 home runs	Needs 2 to tie Eddie Rosario (119) for 15th on the Twins all-time list (since 1961).
	696 games	Needs 4 to reach 700 for career.
Andrelton Simmons	199 doubles	Needs 1 to reach 200 for career.
Miguel Sanó	154 home runs	Needs 9 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).

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RANDY DOBNAK

#68

Height: 6-1 Weight: 230 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (1/17/95 in South Park, PA)

2021: 1-6, 7.83 ERA CAREER: 9-11, 4.85 ERA

- Was returned from his rehab assignment with Triple-A St. Paul and reinstated from the 60-day Injured List on Wednesday...missed the Twins' previous 61 games with a right middle finger strain.
Is making his 14th appearance and sixth start of the season, but first since June 19...also marks his 33rd career appearance and 21st start.
This season marks his third pitching in the big leagues - all with the Twins...on March 29, signed a five-year contract extension through 2025, with three club options for 2026, 2027 and 2028.

2021 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY (ITALICS INDICATES RELIEF)

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 4/1, 4/5, 4/13, 4/16, 4/21, 4/28, APRIL TOTALS, 5/1, 5/21, 5/28, MAY TOTALS, 6/2, 6/9, 6/13, 6/19, JUNE TOTALS, RECORD, and CAREER TOTALS.

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

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 5/6, 5/11, 5/16, MAY TOTALS, 8/21, 8/26, AUG TOTALS, RECORD, 2021 MLB TOTALS, and CAREER MLB TOTALS.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE: Dobnak is set to make his first major league start and appearance since June 19 at Texas, when he pitched 5.0 innings of the Twins' 3-2 victory over the Rangers...had been hampered by injury and the resulting ineffectiveness, and was placed on the 10-day Injured List with a right middle finger strain on June 24 (retroactive to June 21)...

In his last big league start and appearance back on June 19, Dobnak held the Rangers to two runs on four hits (including a two-run, third-inning homer by Isiah Kiner-Falefa) over 5.0 innings, with one walk and one strikeout in a no-decision...departed with the score tied 2-2; Twins eventually won, 3-2, in the middle contest of a three-game sweep in Arlington.

WORKING HIS WAY BACK: Dobnak made a pair of minor league starts while on a rehab assignment, pitching for Single-A Fort Myers on August 21 and for Triple-A St. Paul on August 26...combined to work 7.2 innings, allowing one run on five hits with four walks and seven strikeouts.

- Tossed 3.0 perfect innings for the Mighty Mussels at Dunedin, compiling five strikeouts on just 32 pitches (24 strikes).
Worked 4.2 frames for the Saints at Toledo, yielding one run on five hits (4 singles and 1 double)...walked four and struck out two, while throwing 78 pitches (47 strikes).
Threw a bullpen session at Target Field on August 29 and was deemed ready to return.

RANDY, MEET THE RAYS: Tonight marks Dobnak's first career start and appearance against Tampa Bay...he's 0-3, 7.53 ERA (14.1 IP, 12 ER) in four career games (3 starts) against the American League East division; all three losses have come in his three 2021 outings, with an 8.10 ERA (13.1 IP, 12 ER)...

HOPING TO END ON A HIGH NOTE: Beginning tonight, Dobnak hopes to fashion a September to remember after an otherwise rocky 2021 campaign...he entered this season 8-5, 3.12 ERA (75.0 IP, 26 ER) with a .266 opponent batting average (77-for-290) and a 1.27 WHIP over his first 19 major league appearances (15 starts); however, has scuffled in 2021, going 1-6, 7.83 ERA (43.2 IP, 38 ER) with a .324 opponent batting average (60-for-185) and a 1.65 WHIP in 13 games (5 starts).

- Opened the season in the Twins bullpen and struggled, going 0-3, 8.16 ERA (14.1 IP, 13 ER) over his first seven appearances before being sent to Triple-A St. Paul on May 3.
Was recalled on May 21 and started that night in Cleveland, blanking the Indians on three hits over 6.0 innings (2 BB, 5 K) to earn his lone win of the season in a 10-0 Twins victory.
However, went 0-3, 9.64 ERA (23.1 IP, 25 ER) with a .379 opponent batting average (39-for-103) in five games (4 starts) from May 28-June 19 before landing on the IL on June 24.

THE ARSENAL: Dobnak has thrown four pitches throughout his major league career, with his primary weapon of choice being his sinker...below is a breakdown of his 2021 offerings.

Table with columns: PITCH (AVG. MPH), PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB), RESULTS. Lists pitches like Sinker (91.6), Slider (84.3), 4-Seam Fastball (92.2), and Changeup (85.4).

WELL GROUNDED: As noted above, Dobnak's primary pitch is his sinker, which is the ideal tool for inducing ground-ball contact...since his debut on August 9, 2019, Dobnak ranks among the major league leaders (min. 400 BF) in ground ball/fly ball ratio (4th, 3.21), ground ball percentage (5th, 57.8) and opponent grounded into double plays-per-9.0 IP (1st, 1.44).

- Those numbers, however, are down (and balls in play off Dobnak are up in the air) across the board this season, as Dobnak has a 2.87 ground ball/fly ball ratio, a 55.6 ground ball percentage and is inducing 1.24 double plays-per-9.0 IP.
Dobnak has also yielded a career-worst 11 home runs in just 43.2 innings pitched (2.27 HR-per-9.0 IP)...entering this season, he had allowed just four longballs in 75.0 career innings (0.48 HR-per-9.0 IP).

UNBALANCED LEVERAGE: In another mark of his 2021 difficulties, last season Dobnak held opposing hitters to a .205 (9-for-44) batting average with three doubles and 13 RBI with runners in scoring position, along with an equally-impressive mark of .143 (3-for-21) with two doubles and three RBI with runners in scoring position and two outs...by contrast, he's struggled in high-leverage situations this season, with opponents batting .385 (15-for-39) against him with RISP and .333 (5-for-15)

2021 HIGHS (SP & RP)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.0, 2x, last: 5/28 vs. KC
SO's: 5, 5/21 at CLE
Walks: 3, 6/9 vs. NYY
Hits: 11, 6/9 vs. NYY
Home Runs: 4, 6/9 vs. NYY
Win-Streak: 1, 5/21
Loss-Streak: 3, 2x, last: 5/28-present

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: --
Innings: 6.0, 4x, last: 5/28/21 vs. KC
SO's: 6, 9/25/19 at DET
Walks: 3, 6/9/21 vs. NYY
Hits: 12, 8/29/20 at DET
Home Runs: 4, 6/9/21 vs. NYY
Win-Streak: 5, 7/31-8/22/20
Loss-Streak: 3, 2x, last: 5/28/21-present

CAREER NOTES

- Signed five-year contract extension on March 29, 2021 with three club options for '26, '27 & '28.
Named Bill Boni Award winner for Twins Most Outstanding Rookie, an award voted on by the Twin Cities Chapter of the BBWAA.
Signed as an undrafted free agent on July 28, 2017.
Made his major league debut August 9, 2019 vs. Cleveland, becoming just the sixth reliever in Twins history, first since Francisco Oliveras on May 3, 1989 vs. Milwaukee, to throw 4.0-or-more shutout innings in his MLB debut.
He won Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week for the week ending on July 28, 2019 after making two starts, going 2-0 with a 1.46 ERA (12.1 IP, 2 ER) for Triple-A Rochester.
He was named winner of the 2019 Jim Rantz award, given annually to the Twins minor league Pitcher of the Year...went 12-4 with a 2.07 ERA (135.0 IP, 35 ER) in 24 games (21 starts) across three minor league levels.
Started Game 2 of the 2019 ALDS, becoming the fourth rookie pitcher in Twins history (6th occurrence) to start a Postseason game.
Prior to joining the Twins organization, Dobnak spent six weeks playing amateur ball for the Utica Unicorns of the United Shore Professional Baseball League.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS (SP & RP)

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

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Rows for 2019, 2020, and TOTALS.

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (SP & RP)

Table with columns: DOBNAK, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Values: 73, 0, 1-2, 6.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (SP & RP)

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Values for innings 1 through 9+.

DOBNAK VS. AL EAST

2021 vs. AL East (3 games, 2 starts): 0-3, 8.10 ERA (13.1 IP, 12 ER), 6 BB, 3 K
2021 vs. AL East at Home (2 games, 1 start): 0-2, 10.57 ERA (7.2 IP, 9 ER), 4 BB, 0 K
2021 vs. AL East on Road (1 game, 1 start): 0-1, 4.76 ERA (5.2 IP, 3 ER), 2 BB, 3 K
Career vs. AL East (4 games, 3 starts): 0-3, 7.53 ERA (14.1 IP, 12 ER), 7 BB, 5 K
Career vs. AL East at Home (2 games, 1 start): 0-2, 10.57 ERA (7.2 IP, 9 ER), 4 BB, 0 K
Career vs. AL East on Road (2 games, 2 starts): 0-1, 4.05 ERA (6.2 IP, 3 ER), 3 BB, 5 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Dobnak vs. the Rays (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Wacha vs. the Twins (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO). Lists batters like Simmons, Donaldson, Riddle, Arraez, Garver, Kepler, Maeda, Polanco, Refsnyder, Rooker, Sanó, and Buxton.

START ME UP: Dobnak enters tonight's game 9-8, 4.24 ERA (93.1 IP, 44 ER) in 20 career major league starts...was 7-2, 1.81 (49.2 IP, 10 ER) in his first 11 starts (through August 22, 2020), but is just 2-6, 7.01 ERA (43.2 IP, 34 ER) in his nine starts since.

- Has an opponent slash line of .271/.334/.392 as a starter, with opposing batters going 98-for-362 with 17 doubles and nine home runs...has issued 27 walks, while striking out 55.
Between September 3, 2019 (his first major league start, as an opener) and the end of the 2020 season, Dobnak's .336 opponent slugging percentage in 16 outings (15 starts and 1 relief appearance) ranked second in the American League (min. 15 starts), behind only Cleveland's Shane Bieber (.326).

UNDER THE DOME: Tonight will be Dobnak's third time pitching indoors in the big leagues, all in 2021...took the relief loss on Opening Day at Milwaukee's American Family Field, entering in the 10th inning and facing two batters (a single and a run-scoring fielder's choice)...also had a no-decision in his start June 19 at Texas' Globe Life Field (5.0 IP, 4 H, 2 R/ER, 1BB, 1 K).
Started in Milwaukee on August 10, 2020, but the roof was open that evening.

HE'LL GIVE YOU A LYFT: Dobnak, who drove for both Uber and Lyft during offseasons and while playing in the minors, signed a marketing deal with Lyft this spring centered on athletes, musicians and entertainers who drove to make ends meet before making it in their field.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - LHP ANDREW ALBERS (2021 SEASON: 1-0, 0.96 ERA // CAREER: 8-6, 3.88 ERA)

Albers is due to toe the rubber tomorrow night in the middle contest of this three-game series at Tampa Bay...35-year-old southpaw is coming off an historic evening in his last start August 27 vs. Milwaukee...marked his first major league start since September 30, 2017 (with Seattle) and his first for the Twins since September 4, 2016...was the winning pitcher in Minnesota's 2-0 victory, earning his first win in a Twins uniform since August 12, 2013 - a span of eight years and 15 days, the sixth-longest stretch between individual pitching wins in Twins/Senators history...tossed 5.1 scoreless innings, holding the Brewers to three singles, with one walk and two strikeouts...is now 1-0, 0.96 ERA (9.1 IP, 1 ER) with five hits allowed, two walks and six strikeouts in two games (1 start) since having his contract purchased from Triple-A St. Paul on August 19...is set to face the Rays for just the second time in his career, with the other coming on September 14, 2013...started and lost 7-0 that evening at Target Field, allowing four runs on six hits in 4.0 innings pitched, with one walk and one strikeout.

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

- ☞ In its last 6 games, Twins 'pen has posted a 0.38 ERA (23.1 IP, 1 ER) with 3 BB, 25 K and a .193 BAA (16-for-83)...lone run allowed came via a solo HR by CHC's Ian Happ on Tuesday.
☞ In their last 27 games (since 8/3), Twins relievers are 8-0-8, 3.53 ERA (114.2 IP, 45 ER), 17 holds, 44 BB, 109 K and a .215 BAA (91-for-423), while stranding 20-of-27 inherited runners (74.1%).

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
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .212 vs. Right .252

- ☞ Was reinstated from 10-day Injured List on 8/27 after missing 15 games...has pitched twice since, logging a combined 3.0 scoreless IP (3 H, 3 K) while picking up a hold in each game (a 2-0 win 8/27 vs. MIL and a 3-2 victory 8/30 at DET).
☞ Has fashioned a 0.96 ERA (9.1 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 12 K and .194 BAA (6-for-31) in his last 7 outings (since 7/27), going 1-1 w/ 3 holds...last 6 appearances have come in a Twins win, while he pitched in the 7th inning or later in 4 of those contests.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against DET, MIL, HOU, etc.

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
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .302 vs. Right .217

- ☞ Led American League and T-1st in majors with 8 saves in August...went 2-0-8 (10 opps.), 2.92 ERA (12.1 IP, 4 ER), 5 BB, 5 K and a .213 BAA (10-for-47) in 13 games (11 scoreless) last month...recorded 3rd straight save on 8/30 at DET, his last appearance.
☞ Is T-3rd (w/Thielbar) on the Twins with 47 appearances...has held LHB to a .212 avg. (14-for-66) but w/ .500 slugging percentage (6 HR, 2B)...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against DET, MIL, HOU, etc.

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
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .225 vs. Right .235

- ☞ Matched his career high w/ 3rd win 8/18 vs. CLE (now 3-1; also went 3-1 w/ OAK in 2016)...has not allowed ER in 7 of his last 8 outings.
☞ Is 3-1, 2.74 ERA (23.0 IP, 7 ER), 5 BB, 23 K and a .229 BAA (19-for-83) in 21 relief outings this season...has also stranded 3-of-4 inherited runners (75.0%)...made Twins debut with start as opener 6/25 vs. CLE (1.2 IP, 1 ER)...

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against CHC, MIL, BOS, etc.

TYLER DUFFEY - RHP

#21
Height: 6-3 Weight: 220 Age: 30 (12/27/90 in Houston, TX) Acquired: 5th Round, 2012 Draft
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB vs. Left .270 vs. Right .235

- ☞ 2nd on Twins w/ 52 appearances (41 w/out allowing an ER)...recorded his team-leading 16th hold on 8/27 vs. MIL (0.1 IP, 1 K).
☞ 2.25 ERA (8.0 IP, 2 ER) in 10 outings (8 w/out allowing ER) during August...inherited bases-loaded, no-out jam in 7th inning Tues. vs. CHC and struck out all 3 batters faced to escape jam unscathed.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against CHC, MIL, BOS, etc.

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
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 1 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 1 BB vs. Left .118 vs. Right .211

- ☞ Has a 1.74 ERA (10.1 IP, 2 ER), 1 hold, 2 BB, 9 K, a .167 BAA (6-for-36) and a 0.77 WHIP in 8 appearances w/ Twins since being recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on 8/14...appeared in 9 G for HOU prior to being claimed by Twins off waivers on 8/4, going 1-2, 4.09 ERA (11.0 IP, 5 ER), 7 BB, 14 K, a .262 BAA (11-for-42) and a 1.64 WHIP...5 of his last 7 G w/ Astros were scoreless.
☞ Drops down for a sidearm delivery vs. RHB, holding them to a .211 avg. (4-for-19), 1 HR, 1 BB, 5 K w/ Twins...comes more over-the-top vs. LHB, who are 2-for-17 (.118), 1 HR, 1 BB, 4 K since joining Twins.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against CHC, MIL, BOS, etc.

IAN GIBAUT - RHP (PRONOUNCED JIH-BOH)

#32
Height: 6-3 Weight: 250 Age: 27 (11/19/93 in Houston, TX) Acquired: Claimed off waivers from TEX, 10/30/20
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .364 vs. Right .000

- ☞ Has opened Twins career w/ 5.0 scoreless innings (4 H, 1 BB, 3 K) over 1st 2 G (2.0 IP on 9/1 vs. CHC and 3.0 IP 8/29 vs. MIL)...outing vs. Brewers marked 1st appearance in majors since 8/25/20 (vs. OAK, with TEX) and longest outing of his career.
☞ Had contract selected from Triple-A St. Paul on 8/27...appeared in 27 games (1 start) for Saints this season, going 1-3, 7.20 ERA (40.0 IP, 32 ER), 20 BB, 46 K and a .311 BAA...was unscored upon in 3 of his final 4 outings with St. Paul, with 1.69 ERA (5.1 IP, 1 ER), 3 BB and 6 K.
☞ Originally selected by TB in 11th round of 2015 draft and made MLB debut w/ Rays on 7/12/19 at BAL, working final 2.0 innings of a 16-4 victory at BAL (1 H, 2 R/ER, 2 BB, 2 K)...was only appearance w/ Rays before being acquired by TEX on 7/28/19...faced TB on 9/11/19 w/ TEX, pitching 2.0 scoreless innings (2 BB, 1 K).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against CHC, MIL, etc.

JUAN MINAYA - RHP

#49
Height: 6-4 Weight: 210 Age: 30 (9/18/90 in Loma De Cabrera, DR) Acquired: Signed as minor league free agent, 11/9/20
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .200 vs. Right .175

- ☞ Is 1-0-0, 1.13 ERA (16.0 IP, 2 ER), 9 BB, 18 K and a .161 BAA (9-for-56) in his last 12 outings (11 scoreless efforts)...has made 19 appearances overall for Twins, going 2-0-0, 2.96 ERA (27.1 IP, 9 ER), 14 BB, 27 K and a .184 BAA (18-for-98)...has also stranded all 3 inherited runners.
☞ Is holding LHB to a .200 avg. (7-for-35), 7 BB, 9 K and a .229 slugging pct. (1 2B)...RHB are hitting .175 (11-for-63), 7 BB, 18 K and a .413 slugging pct. (6 2B, 3 HR).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against CHC, MIL, etc.

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
Homestand: 0-0-0, 9.00 (1.0 IP, 1 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series vs CHC: 0-0-0, 9.00 (1.0 IP, 1 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .203 vs. Right .248

- ☞ Is 4-0-0, 2.41 ERA (18.2 IP, 5 ER), 3 holds, 5 BB, 20 K and a .175 BAA (11-for-63) in 17 games post-All-Star Break (14 scoreless efforts), while ranking 7th among AL relievers with 1.29 WPA (per Fangraphs)...recorded his 9th hold of the season on 8/25 at BOS and earned his 6th win on 8/28 vs. MIL (2.0 IP, 3 K).
☞ Is now 6-0, 3.81 ERA (52.0 IP, 22 ER) w/ 9 holds, 15 BB and 66 K in 47 games this season and 8-1, 3.38 (72.0 IP, 27 ER) w/ 10 holds, 24 BB and 88 K since rejoining Twins (and returning to majors for 1st time since 2015) for 2020 season...has not allowed ER in 25 of last 32 app.
☞ T-3rd on Twins w/ 47 appearances and 3rd w/ 9 holds...has held LHB to a .205/.231/.356 slash line (15-for-73 w/ 5 2B, 2 HR, 3 BB and 24 K).
☞ Has stranded 9 of his last 11 inherited runners (beginning June 21), with 1 of those 2 that scored coming across on an error...is 4-0, 2.45 ERA (33.0 IP, 9 ER), 8 BB and 39 K in 29 home app. this season, compared to 2-0, 6.16 ERA (19.0 IP, 13 ER), 7 BB and 27 K in 18 road games.
☞ Career 1.93 ERA (4.2 IP, 1 ER) in 6 games vs. TB...tossed 1.1 scoreless innings (1 H) in 5-4 Twins win on 8/15, his 1st G vs. Rays since 4/24/14.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include appearances against CHC, MIL, etc.

2021 BULLPEN INFO

Table with columns: Player name, 1st Batter Avg, BB/9, K/9, Saves/Opps, Holds, IRS%, WHIP, HR, Last game, 2 games ago, 3 games ago. Includes stats for Jorge Alcala, Alex Colomé, etc.

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: .300 Streak: 0-1 Series vs CHC: 2-5, 2B Home Runs: 2 (2 2-run)

0-for-1 as PH Wednesday...snapped skid of 5-straight hitless games w/ 2-for-4, 2B, R Tuesday...snapped tied career high...8/3-8/18, had 14-G on-base streak, 2nd-longest run of career...on 8/15, snapped season-high 10-G hit streak...10 G is T-longest by a Twins player this season. Hit safely in 30 of last 40 G (13 multi-hit G), batting .336 (46-for-137), 20 R, 9 2B, HR, 11 RBI, 15 BB, .399 OBP & .822 OPS...MLB ranks since July 4 (min. 130 PA): 6th in AVG, T-11th in OBP. Went 2-for-4 with HR, 3 RBI & BB 8/14 vs. TB (402-foot HR was longest of his career)...tied career high by reaching base 5x in game 8/4 at CIN (also, 4/4/21 at MIL)...has 27 multi-hit games and 8 3+ H games, both 2nd most on MIN...on IL 3x this season: 5/4-11 (concussion), 5/26-6/14 (right shoulder strain), 7/24-31 (strained right knee). Batting .323 (21-for-65), 5 2B, 3 RBI, 8 R, 6 BB in last 19 road games. Career 2-for-3, HR, 3 RBI vs. Wacha...2-for-7, 2 R, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, .444 OBP, 1.159 OPS in 2 games vs. TB this season...career .381 (8-for-21), 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 5 R, 3 BB, .458 OBP in 5 games vs. TB.

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: .254 Streak: 0-3 Series vs CHC: 0-3 Home Runs: 7 (5 1-run, 2 2-run)

Was 0-for-3 Wednesday vs. CHC...HR on 8/26 went 412 ft., 2nd-longest HR of career; also made 4th pitching appearance of season (scoreless 8th inn.) & 5th of career. Recalled 7/21 (Kirilloff - IL)...batting .264 (14-for-53), 3 2B, 3 HR, 7 RBI, .781 OPS in 15 starts since...is 15-for-59 (25B) in 22 G since overall. 0-for-3, HBP in 2 G vs. TB this season...is 5-for-24, 2B, 3 RBI in 8 career G vs. TB.

BYRON BUXTON - OF #25

Height: 6-2 Weight: 212 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (12/18/93 in Baxley, GA)
2021 Average: .317 Streak: 0-7 Series vs CHC: 1-8 Home Runs: 10 (5 1-run, 5 2-run)

Went 0-for-4 Wednesday and is 2-for-23, R, 2B, BB in 6 G since return from IL...returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL 8/27; missed 55 G w/ left hand fracture...went 4-for-13 (.308), 2B, HR, 2 RBI in 4 rehab G for AAA St. Paul...placed on IL on 6/22 after being plunked by CIN's T. Mahle on 6/21...marked 2nd IL stint of season (5/7-6/19, strained right hip). Batting .468 (22-for-47) w/ runners on base and .346 (9-for-26) with RISP this season...enters tonight 9th in MLB in avg. sprint speed (min. 25 opp.), w/ 29.8 ft./sec. Last faced TB in 2019, going 5-for-13, 2B, 3B, HR, 3 RBI, 4 R, .429 OBP, 1.275 OPS in 4 G...career .317 (20-for-63), 2 2B, 3 3B, HR, 7 RBI, 12 R, .343 OBP in 18 games vs. TB. Ended the month of April hitting .426 (29-for-68) w/ 8 2B, 8 HR, 14 RBI & .897 SLG - 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: .184 Streak: 0-3 Series vs CHC: 0-2 Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 3-run)

Went 0-for-2 as sub Tuesday vs. CHC...1-for-5, 3-R HR in 10th 8/25; 1st career HR in 10th-or-later & 1st career 3-R HR (2 GS)...2 HR, 4 RBI in last 7 G; had 1 HR in prior 51 G...reinstated from 60-day IL 7/24; missed 64 G w/ stress reaction in low back...hit .367 (11-for-30), 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 5 BB, .972 OPS in 8 rehab G...is 11-for-52 (.212), 5 R, 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 4 BB in 27 G since return. 1-for-5, 2 RBI in 2 G vs. TB this season...batting .269 (7-for-26), 2 2B, 3B, 4 RBI, 5 R in 8 career G vs. TB; has never played at Tropicana Field...career def. positions: 142 in CF, 76 in RF, 46 in LF...in 2021: 27 G/18 GS in CF, 25 G/10 GS in LF, 8 G/6 GS in RF.

JOSH DONALDSON - 3B #20

Height: 6-1 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/8/85 in Pensacola, FL)
2021 Average: .254 Streak: 0-7 Series vs CHC: 0-6 Home Runs: 21 (12 1-run, 9 2-run)

0-for-3, BB Wednesday; leads MIN w/ 59 BB (17th in AL)...has 5 multi-hit games in his last 9, going 11-for-31 (.355) w/ .839 SLG in that span...also batting .311 (19-for-61), 4 2B, 5 HR, 14 RBI, .382 OBP, .623 SLG, 1.005 OPS in last 16 G (7 multi-H G in span)...5 HR in last 11 G, after none in 14 prior G. 2nd RBI on 7/26 was 700th of career, becoming 30th active player to reach 700 career RBI...has 14 G-ahead RBI, 2nd on Twins...59 RBI overall rank 3rd on Twins. Batting .333 (4-for-12), 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R, BB in 3 games vs. TB this season...career .248 (61-for-246), 11 2B, 15 HR, 32 RBI, 39 R in 69 G vs. TB. Enters tonight 3rd in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/PA (11.6), 3rd in barrels/BBE (17.8), 4th in avg. exit velocity (94.2 mph) and 9th in hard hit % (53.1).

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: .219 Streak: 0-12 Series vs CHC: 0-1 Home Runs: 1 (1 1-run)

0-for-1 as sub Tuesday night vs. CHC; 3rd career G at SS...2-for-5, 2B, R, 2 RBI 8/24; 1st career G w/ both 2+ H & 2+ RBI...recalled from AAA St. Paul 8/16, 4th stint w/ MIN (also 4/23-4/25, 5/4-5/10, 5/23-8/4)...was 9-for-43 (.209), 6 R, 2 HR, 5 RBI in 10 G w/ Saints since 8/5. Made ML debut on 5/6 vs. TEX, recorded his 1st MLB hit, went 1-for-2 w/ BB, 1st player in Twins history with 2+ SB in debut...1st career HR on 6/4 at KC. Batting .227 (29-for-128), 13 R, 5 2B, 3B, HR, 8 RBI, 8 BB, .587 OPS in 49 G w/ Twins...career G by position: 2B - 13 G/10 GS, SS - 3 G/0 GS, 3B - 1 G/0 GS, CF - 32 G/22 GS, LF - 2 G/1 G. Never faced TB...career 6-for-30, 4 R, 2 2B, 2 RBI, BB, HBP in 10 games vs. AL East.

RYAN JEFFERS - C #27

Height: 6-4 Weight: 235 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (6/3/97 in Raleigh, NC)
2021 Average: .197 Streak: 0-11 Series vs CHC: 0-4 Home Runs: 11 (6 1-run, 3 2-run, 1 3-run, 1 GS)

0-for-3 Wednesday vs. CHC; has played in each of MIN's last 8 G...8/25 at BOS, became 1st MIN C w/ 2 HBP in G since Pierzynski on 4/10/2003...8/14-8/16, HR-ed in b2b G for 3rd time in career (last, 7/28-7/31/21)...2-for-5, 2 R, HR, RBI in 2 career games vs. TB.

Jeffers, continued...

All 11 of his HR this season have come while playing C, setting a new record for most ever by a Twins rookie backstop (since 1961); broke tie w/ Butch Wynegar (10 in 1976).

MAX KEPLER - OF #26

Height: 6-4 Weight: 225 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (2/10/93 in Berlin, Germany)
2021 Average: .211 Streak: 2g, 2-6, 2B Series vs CHC: 1-3 Home Runs: 16 (12 1-run, 2 2-run, 2 3-run)

1-for-3, BB last night...has .415 OBP (12 H, 14 BB, HBP) in last 15 G, reaching safely in 14 of 15...on 8/27, had 18th multi-H G, 9th SB and 14th G reaching base 3+ times of season...4 3B this year tie career high (also, 2018)...2-for-3, 3 R, 2 2B, 2 BB 8/15 vs. TB (2nd career G w/ 2+ XBH & 2+ BB). 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). 2nd on team w/ career-high 9 SB...38 of 72 hits this season have been XBH (18 2B, 4 3B, 16 HR). Is 3-for-6, 6 R, 2 2B, HR, RBI, 4 BB in 2 games vs. TB this season...is just 18-for-104 (.173), 5 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 15 BB in 28 G vs. TB, including 7-for-43 in 12 G at Tropicana Field.

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: .274 Streak: 0-4 Series vs CHC: 1-6, RBI Home Runs: 24 (11 1-run, 8 2-run, 5 3-run)

0-for-4 Wednesday vs. CHC...his 24 HR this year are a career high (previous was 22 in 2019)...24 HR are tied w/ R. Smalley (1979) for 2nd-highest single-season total by switch hitter in MIN history (1961-), behind C. Davis (29 HR in 1991)...batting .322 (19-for-59), 8 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 15 RBI in last 14 games (6 multi-hit games). His 9 HR in August tied E. Escobar for 2nd most in single month by MIN switch hitter, behind C. Davis (10 HR in June 1991)...his 27 RBI in August were T-3rd most in MIN history in that month. Batting .303 (64-for-211), 10 2B, 3B, 15 HR, 47 RBI, .573 SLG & .921 OPS in 53 G since 7/1; AL ranks in span (among qualifiers): 2nd in RBI, T-3rd in HR (T-6th in MLB), 4th in SLG, 6th in AVG. Hitting .278 (86-for-309) w/ 15 2B, 3B, 17 HR, 51 RBI as LHB; .266 (45-for-169), 12 2B, 3B, 7 HR, 27 RBI as RHB this year...leads MIN w/ 39 multi-hit G, 10 G w/ 3+ H & 20 multi-RBI G. Is 0-for-10, RBI, HBP, 3 BB, 2 R in 3 games vs. TB this season...career .244 (21-for-86) in 21 games vs. TB, incl. .343 (12-for-35), 4 2B, 6 RBI, 9 R, 3 BB, .400 OBP in 9 G at Tropicana Field.

ROB REFSNYDER - OF #38

Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (3/26/1991 in Seoul, South Korea)
2021 Average: .257 Streak: 0-3 Series vs CHC: 1-4 Home Runs: 2 (2 1-run)

Was 0-for-3 Wednesday night vs. CHC...hit .167 (14-for-84), 3 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 18 BB in 40 G for TB in 2018; batting .320 (8-for-25) in 12 career G vs. former team. Returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL 8/5; missed 43 G w/ left hamstring strain. 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: .201 Streak: 2g, 3-4 Series vs CHC: 3-4 Home Runs: 6 (5 1-run, 1 2-run)

2-for-2, HBP Wednesday; 6th career G w/ 3+ TOB...2nd career G w/ 2 BB on 8/26 (also, 7/28/21)...batting .344 (11-for-32), 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 8 R, 6 BB, 5 HBP, .512 OBP, 1.074 OPS in last 12 G...1st career OF assist 8/16...4-for-5, HR, 2 RBI 8/13 setting single-game career high in hits. Hit 460-foot HR 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 .317 (19-for-60) in 18 home G compared to .108 (8-for-74) in 20 road G this season. Is 6-for-9, 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R in 2 career G vs. TB, including 1-for-3, 2B vs. Michael Wacha...batting .400 (6-for-15), 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 5 R, HBP, 3 BB, .526 OBP in 5 career G 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: .139 Streak: 1g, 1-2 Series vs CHC: 1-2 Home Runs: 2 (2 1-run)

Recalled from Triple-A St. Paul Sunday...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. 1-for-2 Tuesday night in 1st MLB G since 7/19 at CWS...has 5 CWS w/ MIN this season, 2nd most on club (Jeffers - 6)...made MLB debut on 4/30 vs. KC...all 10 of his career hits have come at home. Never faced TB...is 0-for-4 in 2 career games vs. AL East, facing BAL and NYY.

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: .218 Streak: 0-6 Series vs CHC: 1-7 Home Runs: 23 (12 1-run, 8 2-run, 2 3-run, 1 GS)

0-for-3, BB Wednesday...has career-high 2 SB this season...hit 495-ft. HR 8/25, longest in MLB this year & 2nd-longest by MIN hitter in Statcast Era (2015-), behind his 496-ft. HR 9/17/19. Reached safely in 28 of last 31, w/ 7 2B, 8 HR, 26 RBI, 18 BB, .370 OBP & .905 OPS in that span...reinstated from PL 8/23; daughter, Danea, born 8/20...HR-ed in b2b G 8/18-8/19, 25th time in career...has 4 HR and 12 RBI in last 11 games (11-for-43, .581 SLG, .901 OPS). 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 154 career HR, 11th in Twins history (since 1961). 4-for-11 (.364), 2B, R, 3 RBI in 3 G vs. TB this season...career .313 (15-for-48) in 12 G at the Trop.

ANDRELTON SIMMONS - SS #9

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 31 (9/4/89 in Mundo Novo, Curaçao)
2021 Average: .220 Streak: 0-4 Series vs CHC: 0-4 Home Runs: 3 (3 2-run)

0-for-2 Wednesday vs. CHC...has 18 multi-H G this season and 3 in last 10 G...batting .368 (7-for-19), RBI, 2 BB, 3 R, .429 OBP in last 6 road games...has 199 career 2B, 1 shy of 200. On defense, his 14 outs above average (Statcast) are 5th in MLB, behind ARI's N. Ahmed (19), NYM's F. Lindor (17), OAK's M. Chapman (16) and KC's N. Lopez (15). Career 3-for-8, 2B, RBI vs. Michael Wacha...2-for-10, 2B, RBI in 3 games vs. TB this season...career .333 (33-for-100), 10 2B, 3B, 15 RBI, 11 R, 6 BB in 29 career games vs. TB.

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

Table with columns for player names and home run statistics: Multi-Homer Games (13x), Walk-Off (3x), Runners On, Grand Slam (4x), Leadoff (6x), Back-to-Back (4x), Inside-the-Park (0x).

HITTERS INFO

Table with columns for Player, Multi-Hit, Multi-RBI, Season Hit-Strike, Season High Hits, Date, Opp., On, Pitcher, Career #, Avg, H, AB, HR, RBI, Vs. Current Opponent 2021, Vs. Current Opponent Career.

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Most Runs, Game (Team), Most Hits, Game (Team), Longest Hitting Streak, etc.

LONGEST HOME RUNS table with columns: Player, Distance, Date, Opponent.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY table with columns: Player, Velocity, Date, Opponent.

SCORE BY INNING

Score by Inning table with columns: Inning (1-9, XTRA), Opponent (Twins), Total.

INJURED LIST

Injured List table with columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed.

STARTS BY POSITION

Starts by Position table with columns: Player, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Starts by Batting Order table with columns: Player, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Most Used Lineup table with columns: Player, Pos.

FASTEST PITCHES

Fastest Pitches table with columns: Player, Time, Opponent.

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).

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).

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table with 3 columns: DATE, DELAYED/PPD, NOTES. Lists weather-related game delays and postponements.

** Target Field has experienced 57 delayed games, 26 postponed games, 1 suspended game and 1 rain-shortened game in the park's history (since 2010). Longest delay: 4:50. **

Main table containing game logs for Minnesota from April to July, including columns for Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, and Winner/Loser/Save.

Main table containing game logs for Minnesota from July to September, including columns for Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, and Winner/Loser/Save.

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 9-10 in extra innings)
* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 8 in 2021)
- PPD game from April 12 vs. BOS
- PPD game from April 19 at OAK
- PPD games from April 17 & 18 at LAA
- PPD game from May 9 at DET
- PPD game from June 26 vs. CLE
- PPD game from June 28 at CWS
- PPD game from July 16 at DET
- PPD game from August 22 at NYY

EJECTIONS table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Includes entries for Matt Shoemaker, Tyler Duffey, Jim Reynolds, Rocco Baldelli, and Jeff Reynolds.

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [7] table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Lists walk-off hits by Polanco, Cruz, and Kepler.

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [57] table with columns: Pitchers (33) and Position Players (24). Lists names and roles of the team's roster.