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MINNESOTA TWINS [71-88] AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS [73-86]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021 - 7:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP John Gant (5-10, 3.74) vs. RHP Jonathan Heasley (0-1, 3.86)

GAME 160

ROAD GAME 79

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
10/2	at Kansas City	RHP Griffin Jax (3-5, 6.78) vs. TBA	6:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
10/3	at Kansas City	TBA vs. TBA	2:10 pm (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	208-173
Home Record:	38-43
Road Record:	33-45
Record in series:	16-29-6
Record in home series:	9-16-1
Record in road series:	7-13-5
Series Openers:	24-27
Series Finales:	21-29
Rubber Games:	8-14
Sweeps/Swept:	4/6
April:	9-15
May:	13-16
June:	11-14
July:	11-16
August:	14-13
September/October:	13-14
Day Games:	27-40
Night Games:	44-48
vs. American League East:	13-20
vs. American League Central:	35-38
vs. American League West:	13-20
vs. National League:	10-10
Games vs. LH Starter:	19-36
Games vs. RH Starter:	52-52
Twins score first:	49-40
Opponent scores first:	22-48
Come-from-behind wins:	30
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	56-7/57-5
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	5-62/2-64
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	8-11/9-10
Extra-innings:	11-12
1-run games:	25-19
Twins out-hit opp.:	50-15
Opp. out-hit Twins:	15-65
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	6-8
Run Differential:	-108 (712-820)
Twins get Quality Start:	21-11
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	27-17
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+:	57-28
When Twins score 3-:	15-59
Twins get 10+ hits:	33-18
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	7
Days in Fourth Place:	72
Days in Fifth Place:	87
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:	1,310,199
Attendance Average:	16,377
Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time:	8/181

THE TWINS: Completed their seven-game homestand with a record of 4-3, going 2-2 against the Blue Jays and 2-1 against the Tigers...tonight they will begin their final series of the season with the first of three games against the Royals at Kauffman Stadium over the weekend...the Twins have gone 38-43 at home this season and 33-45 on the road...Twins are 6-3 in their last nine games.
 ☞ The Twins will begin their 2022 schedule on March 31 in Chicago against the White Sox.

TWINS MAKE IT (PURPLE) RAIN ON PRINCE NIGHT: The Twins lost to the Tigers last night in the final home game of 2021 by a score of 10-7...Joe Ryan was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing six runs on six hits in 4.2 innings pitched...the offense recorded 10 hits, including three from Byron Buxton...Buxton doubled once and homered twice, giving him a single-season career-high of 18 home runs (4th career multi-homer game)...Brent Rooker hit his 10th homer while Josh Donaldson hit his 25th of the season and 250th of his career.
 ☞ Caleb Thielbar pitched 1.0 scoreless inning, extending his scoreless inning streak to 10.1, tied for eighth-longest active streak in the American League.
 ☞ The paid attendance was announced at 21,186 for a total of 1,310,199 on the season (16,377 average)...after restrictions were lifted beginning July 5, the Twins averaged 20,215 fans over their final 41 home games (828,828).

BYRON BICEPS: Byron Buxton hit his 17th and 18th home runs of the season last night, marking a new single-season career-high, passing his previous high of 16 done in 2017...he has 18 home runs over 221 at-bats this season (58 games) for a 12.28 AB/HR ratio, fourth-best in the American League (minimum 200 at-bats), trailing Tampa Bay's Mike Zunino (10.13), Chicago-AL's Yasmani Grandal (11.74) and Los Angeles-AL's Shohei Ohtani (11.76), and ahead of Kansas City's Salvador Perez (12.71)...in fact, in his last 162 games, he has 40 doubles, 41 home runs, 94 RBI, a .581 slugging percentage and an .899 OPS.

ON TO OCTOBER: Below are the monthly comparisons for 2021:

	AVG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	K	OBP	SLG	OPS
APRIL	.241	111	193	40	2	31	74	208	.311	.413	.723
MAY	.237	135	231	55	3	41	109	264	.319	.426	.744
JUNE	.258	117	222	38	5	43	69	199	.317	.464	.782
JULY	.244	124	218	40	2	37	95	222	.322	.418	.740
AUGUST	.233	115	212	45	3	33	97	249	.317	.398	.715
SEPT.	.230	110	204	47	2	39	78	241	.298	.420	.718

	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA
APRIL	9	15	4	206.1	181	109	93	32	64	203	4.06
MAY	13	16	8	256.0	262	158	142	42	100	243	4.99
JUNE	11	14	7	221.0	246	155	145	47	77	187	5.90
JULY	11	16	5	232.2	224	136	126	32	69	228	4.87
AUGUST	14	13	8	241.0	230	144	132	47	86	216	4.93
SEPT.	13	14	9	236.1	222	118	111	38	78	215	4.23

TWINS AND ROYALS: The Twins and Royals are playing the 17th of 19 meetings in 2021...Twins are 7-9 against the Royals this season, going 4-5 at Target Field and 3-4 at Kauffman Stadium...these two last met at Target Field from September 10-12 as the Twins won just the middle game of the three-game series.

- ☞ The Twins need to sweep the three-game series to win the season series over the Royals, which would mark the second time in the last three seasons (5-5 in 2020, 14-5 in 2019).
- ☞ The Twins have homered 29 times against KC this season, the most for any opponent against the Royals in 2021...also the Twins second-most against any opponent in 2021, trailing Detroit (34).
- ☞ Miguel Sanó has 19 career home runs against the Royals, including two this season, both at Kansas City...he has 64 career RBI against KC, his most vs. any opponent...he has 12 career home runs at Kauffman Stadium — his most in any opposing park...since 2017, he has 11 homers at Kauffman, the most among opponents (26 games).
- ☞ Luis Arraez is hitting .321 (27-for-84) with four doubles, one triple, six RBI, 13 walks and a .420 OBP in 24 career games vs. the Royals, reaching safely in 21 of those 24.
- ☞ Josh Donaldson is hitting .330 (36-for-109) with 12 doubles, seven home runs, 20 RBI and a 1.036 OPS in 30 career games at Kauffman Stadium...he is 10-for-24 (.417) with six doubles and two home runs in his last six games in this park.
- ☞ Jorge Polanco is hitting .356 (21-for-59) with six doubles and four home runs in 15 games against KC this season...he has multiple hits in eight of those 15.

BYE BYE BYRON: Byron Buxton is hitting .330 (32-for-97) with 11 doubles, nine home runs, 14 RBI, a .722 slugging percentage and a 1.084 OPS in 25 road games this season...among all players in baseball with a minimum of 100 road plate appearances, he ranks first in slugging percentage and second in OPS, trailing Washington's Juan Soto (1.086)...he enters tonight with a six-game hitting streak on the road.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY:

- ☞ In 1989, Kirby Puckett and San Diego's Tony Gwynn each won batting titles on the final day of the regular season...Puckett went 2-for-5 to edge Carney Lansford, .339 to .336; Gwynn went 3-for-4 to beat Will Clark, .336 to .333...Puckett led the AL with 215 hits that season and earned the only batting title of his career.
- ☞ In 2002 at Oakland, the Twins played their first playoff game since Game 7 of the 1991 World Series...after falling behind 5-1 after two innings, the Twins rallied to score six runs between the third and seventh innings, highlighted by home runs from Corey Koskie and Doug Mientkiewicz in a 7-5 victory...the Twins went on to win the series 3-2 over the "Moneyball" A's.
- ☞ In 2006, the Twins clinched the AL Central on the final day of the regular season with a 5-1 victory over Chicago-AL...they finished with a record of 96-66, ahead of Detroit, who finished 95-67...the Twins went 71-33 from June 8 through the rest of the season...Joe Mauer went 2-for-4 on the day to finish with a .347 batting average, winning his first career batting title, outlasting Derek Jeter (.343) and Robinson Cano (.342).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE GOAT: Twins legend and Hall of Famer Rod Carew is celebrating his 76th birthday today...additionally, Triple-A St. Paul lefty Charlie Barnes turns 26, and former Twins closer and 1987 World Series Champion Jeff Reardon turns 66.

THIS AND THAT:

- ☞ Jorge Polanco has 94 RBI on the season, needing one to tie Roy Smalley's 1979 total of 95 for most in club history (since 1961) in a single-season for a switch hitter.
- ☞ Josh Donaldson has drawn 72 walks this season, 15th most in the American League.
- ☞ Mitch Garver is hitting .390 (16-for-41) with five doubles, five RBI, five runs scored, eight walks and a .481 on-base percentage in his last 13 games.

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 loss
Last 5 games	2-3
Last 10 games	6-4
Last 15 games	8-7
Last 20 games	9-11

TWINS VS. ROYALS

2021 Record:	7-9
Current Streak:	1 loss
2021 at Home:	4-5
2021 at Kansas City:	3-4
All-Time Record:	430-405
All-Time at Home:	230-185
All-Time at Kansas City:	200-220

2021 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
4/30	MIN	9-1	Pineda/Singer
5/1	MIN	3-11	Duffy/Shoemaker
5/2	MIN	13-4	Berrios/Keller
5/28	MIN	3-8	Bubic/Dobnak
5/29	MIN	6-5	Happ/Santana/Rogers
5/30	MIN	3-6	Keller/Shoemaker/Holland
6/3	KC	5-6	Junis/Robles/Barlow
6/4	KC	5-14	Keller/Shoemaker
6/5	KC	5-4	Berrios/Minor/Robles
6/6	KC	2-1	Farrell/Singer/Rogers
7/2	KC	4-7	Lovelady/Happ/Barlow
7/3	KC	3-6	Zimmer/Jax/Barlow
7/4	KC	6-2	Maeda/Keller
9/10	MIN	4-6 (11)	Santana/Minaya/Holland
9/11	MIN	9-2	Pineda/Singer
9/12	MIN	3-5	Brentz/Alcala/Barlow
10/1	KC		7:10 pm (CT)
10/2	KC		6:10 pm (CT)
10/3	KC		2:10 pm (CT)

LAST HOMESTAND [4-3]

Batting average	.248
Runs Per Game	4.00
Home Runs	9
RISP	.164
Errors	3
Team ERA	3.86
Starters W-L	3-2
Starters ERA	4.13
Relievers W-L-S	1-1-3
Relievers ERA	3.56
Saves/Opps	3/4

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

Toronto	251
San Francisco	238
Atlanta	234
Los Angeles-NL	229
Minnesota	224

MLB LEADERS - TEAM HR'S AS A CATCHER

Tampa Bay	38
Kansas City	34
New York-AL	32
Detroit	31
Minnesota	30

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

9/29	RHP Ryan reinstated from Family Medical Emergency/Bereavement List LHP Barnes optioned to AAA
9/28	RHP Ober placed on 10-day IL LHP Barnes recalled from AAA
9/25	RHP Gant reinstated from 10-day IL RHP Ryan placed on Family Medical Emergency/Bereavement List
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 Rortved 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

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Byron Buxton	96 doubles	Needs 4 to reach 100 for career.
Max Kepler	120 home runs	Needs 12 to tie Jacque Jones (132) for 14th on the Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Jorge Polanco	147 doubles	Needs 3 to reach 150 for career.
Miguel Sanó	161 home runs	Needs 2 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Andrelton Simmons	493 runs scored	Needs 7 to reach 500 for career.



JOHN GANT

#33

Height: 6-4 Weight: 200 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (8/6/1992 in Savannah, GA)

2021: 5-10, 3.74 ERA CAREER: 24-25, 3.78 ERA

- ☞ Making his 21st start and 39th appearance of the season tonight, including his seventh start and 14th appearance for the Twins.
- ☞ Acquired by Minnesota from St. Louis on July 30, along with minor league LHP Evan Sisk, in exchange for LHP J.A. Happ.

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

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K
4/6	at MIA	ND	4.0	4	1	0	0	3	4	0-1/4-2	--	82/48 (58.5%)
4/12	vs. WSH	L1	5.0	6	3	3	0	3	4	1-2/2-5	--	85/48 (56.5%)
4/18	at PHI	L2	5.0	5	2	2	1	5	5	0-2/0-2	--	88/51 (58.0%)
4/24	vs. CIN	W1	6.0	3	0	0	0	2	5	2-0/2-0	--	80/52 (65.0%)
4/30	at PIT	W2	5.0	3	1	1	0	5	2	3-1/7-3	--	99/55 (55.6%)
APRIL TOTALS 2-2 25.0 21 7 6 1 18 20 2.16 ERA												
5/6	vs. NYM	L3	4.1	5	2	1	0	6	5	1-1/1-4	--	98/57 (58.2%)
5/12	at MIL	ND	5.0	3	1	0	0	3	4	0-0/1-4	--	91/51 (56.0%)
5/18	vs. PIT	W3	5.1	5	2	2	0	1	3	5-0/5-2	--	81/53 (65.4%)
5/26	at CWS	W4	5.0	5	0	0	0	3	3	1-0/4-0	--	94/58 (61.7%)
MAY TOTALS 2-1 19.2 18 5 3 0 13 15 1.37 ERA												
6/1	at LAD	ND	6.0	4	0	0	0	3	4	2-0/3-2	--	95/57 (60.0%)
6/6	vs. CIN	ND	4.0	7	7	2	3	2	0	0-7/7-8	--	80/49 (61.3%)
6/12	at CHC	L4	1.2	1	5	5	1	5	1	1-3/2-7	--	65/34 (52.3%)
6/17	at ATL	L5	5.1	4	3	3	1	2	4	0-2/0-4	--	82/52 (63.4%)
6/23	at DET	L6	3.0	2	3	3	1	4	4	2-3/2-6	--	70/34 (48.6%)
6/28	vs. ARI	ND	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1-1/7-1	--	17/12 (70.6%)
6/30	vs. ARI	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0-7/1-4	--	31/16 (51.6%)
JUNE TOTALS 0-3 22.2 21 18 5 18 15 7.15 ERA												
7/2	at COL	ND	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2-3/9-3	--	11/7 (63.6%)
7/3	at COL	ND	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2-3/2-3	--	5/3 (60.0%)
7/6	at SF	ND	0.2	0	1	1	0	1	0	6-3/6-5	--	12/7 (58.3%)
7/7	at SF	ND	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1-3/2-5	--	22/13 (59.1%)
7/10	at CHC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6-0/6-0	--	17/9 (52.9%)
7/19	vs. CHC	ND	2.1	2	1	1	0	0	0	8-3/8-3	--	36/19 (52.8%)
7/21	vs. CHC	ND	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2-2/3-2	--	12/6 (50.0%)
7/24	at CIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3-5/3-5	--	17/8 (47.1%)
7/28	at CLE	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2-7/2-7	--	24/9 (37.5%)
Traded from St. Louis to Minnesota on July 30												
JULY TOTALS 0-0 9.0 4 2 2 0 7 6 2.00 ERA												
8/1	at STL	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1	2-4/3-7	1st G as a Twin, faced former team	16/11 (68.8%)
8/3	at CIN	ND	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	2	4-5/7-5	Worked 1.2 of 'pen's 4.0 scoreless IP	22/12 (54.5%)
8/6	at HOU	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3-5/4-4	Retired all 3 BF (2 K, GO)	17/10 (58.8%)
8/7	at HOU	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-2/0-4	3-straight app. w/ multiple K	13/10 (76.9%)
8/10	vs. CWS	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4-3/4-3	Earned 2nd hold; 4-straight scoreless app.	11/8 (72.7%)
8/13	vs. TB	ND	2.0	4	5	3	1	3	4	4-10/4-10	Career high in pitches as RP	41/30 (73.2%)
8/16	vs. CLE	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4-0/4-4	Preserved tie game with 1-2-3 inning	17/11 (64.7%)
8/19	at NYY	L7	3.1	3	4	4	0	4	0	0-4/5-7	First GS as a Twin	61/35 (57.4%)
8/26	at BOS	L8	4.0	3	4	4	1	3	3	0-4/2-12	Consecutive GS w/ 4 R and ≤ 4 IP	68/41 (60.3%)
8/31	vs. CHC	L9	5.0	3	2	2	1	0	5	1-2/1-3	First GS w/ 0 BB since 8/14/18	89/57 (64.0%)
AUGUST TOTALS 0-3 21.0 17 16 14 3 6 25 6.00 ERA												
9/7	at CLE	W5	5.0	3	0	0	0	4	7	1-0/3-0	Tied career high with 7 K	96/57 (59.4%)
9/13	at NYY	ND	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0/5-6	Left in 1st w/ left abdominal strain	12/5 (41.7%)
9/25	vs. TOR	L10	3.0	3	2	1	1	2	1	1-2/1-6	1st game back from IL	47/32 (68.1%)
SEPT TOTALS 1-1 8.2 6 2 1 1 7 8 1.04 ERA												
RECORD IP H R ER HR BB SO ERA												
2021 TOTALS	5-10		106.0	87	50	44	10	69	89	3.74		
CAREER TOTALS	24-25		368.2	309	180	155	34	198	322	3.78		

LAST TIME OUT: Gant made his return from the 10-day Injured List last Saturday, September 25 and shouldered his 10th loss of the season in the Twins' 6-1 defeat vs. Toronto at Target Field...allowed two runs (1 ER) on three hits (1 HR), with two walks and one strikeout in 3.0 innings pitched...worked around a leadoff walk in a scoreless first inning before running into trouble in the second...allowed a leadoff homer to Teoscar Hernández before an additional unearned run scored on an error by Twins rightfielder Brent Rooker...rebounded to pitch a scoreless third and departed with the Twins down, 2-1.

TWO OUTINGS AGO: Gant started on September 13, taking a no-decision in the Twins' eventual 6-5, extra-inning defeat in a makeup game at Yankee Stadium...worked 0.2 inning with one walk before exiting due to injury, marking the shortest start of his career...the Twins went on to lose on a Gary Sánchez walk-off single in the 10th inning.

☞ Was placed on the 10-day Injured List the following day with a left abdominal strain.

GATEWAY TO THE TWIN CITIES: On July 30, Gant was acquired by Minnesota from St. Louis, along with minor league LHP Evan Sisk, in exchange for LHP J.A. Happ just before the trade deadline...prior to his acquisition, he went 4-6, 3.42 ERA (76.1 IP, 29 ER), with 56 walks and 56 strikeouts in 25 games (14 starts) for the Cardinals...since being acquired by the Twins, he has gone 1-4, 4.55 ERA (29.2 IP, 15 ER), with 13 walks and 33 strikeouts in 13 games (6 starts).

☞ Simply swapped clubhouses at Busch Stadium when he was traded, as the Twins were on a roadtrip in St. Louis at the time of the transaction.

☞ His Twins debut came against his former team, entering in relief of Michael Pineda in the fifth inning on August 1 at St. Louis (1.0 IP, 2 H, 1 R/ER, 1 K).

☞ Had 56 strikeouts and 56 walks (1.00 K/BB ratio) in 25 games with St. Louis, compared to 33 strikeouts and just 13 walks (2.54 K/BB ratio) in his 13 games with Minnesota so far.

ROYAL RENDEZVOUS: Tonight marks Gant's first career start and fourth appearance vs. Kansas City...is 0-1, 3.38 ERA (2.2 IP, 1 ER), with one walk and two strikeouts over three relief appearances against the Royals.

☞ Last pitched vs. Kansas City on August 25, 2020 for St. Louis, taking the loss after allowing one run on two hits, with one walk and two strikeouts in 1.0 inning of relief.

☞ His only appearance at Kauffman Stadium came on August 14, 2019 (0.2 IP, 0 R/ER, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K).

☞ Owns a career 4-3, 2.36 ERA (45.2 IP, 12 ER), with 24 walks and 43 strikeouts in 19 games (7 starts) vs. the American League Central division.

ROLE REVERSAL: Gant has made nearly an equal number of starts and relief appearances this season...here is how he's fared in each role:

ROLE	G	W-L	ERA	IP	K/BB	OPP AVG	OPP OPS
STARTER	20	5-10	3.99	85.2	1.19	.230	.736
RELIEVER	18	0-0	2.66	20.1	1.90	.200	.587
TOTALS	38	5-10	3.74	106.0	1.29	.224	.707

☞ With the Twins, Gant is 1-4, 4.71 ERA (21.0 IP, 11 ER) in six starts, while posting a 4.15 ERA (8.2 IP, 4 ER) in seven relief outings (5 scoreless efforts).

SPLITS ROUNDUP: Gant is 3-6, 3.38 ERA (64.0 IP, 24 ER) and holding opposing hitters to a .201 (45-for-224) batting average in 24 games (13 starts) on the road, while going 2-4, 4.29 ERA (42.0 IP, 20 ER) and yielding a .256 (42-for-164) opponent batting average in 14 games (7 starts) at home...has performed better vs. left-handed hitters this season, limiting them to a .205 (34-for-166) average, compared to the .239 (53-for-222) mark he's allowed to righties; this trend coincides with his career numbers, as he's held lefties to a .217 batting average (131-for-604) while righties are hitting .236 (178-for-753) off of him.

☞ Gant has performed particularly well in scoring situations this season, limiting hitters to a .168 (18-for-107) mark with runners in scoring position, including .128 (6-for-47) with RISP and two outs; both of these numbers are substantially lower than his career marks of .227 (75-for-331) with RISP, and .207 (31-for-150) with RISP and two outs...his **128 opponent batting average with RISP and two outs this season is tied for sixth among all pitchers in baseball (min. 40 opp. AB).**

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP GRIFFIN JAX (2021 SEASON: 3-5, 6.78 ERA // CAREER: 3-5, 6.78 ERA)

Rookie right-hander Jax is due to toe the rubber tomorrow night in the second game of this series vs. Kansas City...last pitched on Sunday, September 26 vs. Toronto at Target Field, taking his fifth loss of the season after allowing four runs on six hits (2 HR), with no walks and two strikeouts over 5.0 innings...has allowed multiple home runs in seven of his 17 career starts...tomorrow will mark his third career start and appearance vs. the Royals...is 0-1, 8.18 ERA (11.0 IP, 10 ER), with four walks and seven strikeouts against Kansas City...made his first major league start vs. the Royals at Kauffman Stadium on July 3 (L, 5.0 IP, 8 H, 6 R/ER, 1 HR, 3 BB, 3 K).

2021 HIGHS (SP & RP)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.0, 2x, last: 6/1 at LAD
SO's: 7, 9/7 at CLE
Walks: 6, 5/6 vs. NYM
Hits: 7, 6/6 vs. CIN
Home Runs: 2, 6/6 vs. CIN
Win-Streak: 2, 2x, last: 5/18-5/26
Loss-Streak: 6, 6/12-8/31

CAREER HIGHS (SP & RP)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 7.0, 2x, last: 8/25/18 at COL
SO's: 7, 3x, last: 9/7/21 at CLE
Walks: 6, 5/6/21 vs. NYM
Hits: 8, 8/3/18 at PIT
Home Runs: 2, 5x, last: 6/6/21 vs. CIN
Win-Streak: 10, 3/29-8/31/19
Loss-Streak: 6, 6/12-8/31/21

CAREER NOTES

- Acquired by Minnesota from St. Louis on July 30, along with minor league LHP Evan Sisk, in exchange for LHP J.A. Happ.
- Originally selected by New York-NL in the 21st round of the 2011 MLB First-Year Player draft out of Winegrass Ranch HS (Wesley Chapel, FL)...was traded twice over the span of 17 months, beginning July 2015, to Atlanta, then St. Louis in December 2016.
- His .917 winning percentage (11-1) in 2019 was tied with St. Louis' Eddie Yuhas in 1952 (11-1, .917) for the third highest among relief pitchers in major league history (min. 12 decisions) behind Pittsburgh's Roy Face in 1959 (18-1, .947) and Los Angeles-NL's Phil Regan in 1966 (14-1, .933).
- Tied Eddie Yuhas (1952) for the highest winning percentage by a St. Louis pitcher with 10-or-more decisions with a .917 mark (11-1) in 2019.
- Led all MLB relief pitchers with 11 wins in 2019...11 wins by a relief pitcher were the most in the National League since Tyler Clippard (11-8) had 11 for Washington in 2010.
- Was the winning pitcher for St. Louis' 10,000th franchise win on June 25, 2018 vs. Cleveland, tossing 7.0 shutout innings with one hit allowed in a 4-0 Cardinals victory.
- Hit two home runs in 2018 as his only two career hits...was the only pitcher to hit multiple home runs in the month of August that season.
- Made his first career Opening Day roster in 2016 with Atlanta.
- Earned 2014 South Atlantic League Midseason and Postseason All-Star Honors with Single-A Savannah, as well as 2013 New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star Honors with Short-A Brooklyn.
- Signed a letter of intent to play college baseball at Long Island University (NY) before being selected by New York-NL in the 21st round of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	ER	AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	K
Road:	2	4	4.29	14	7	42.0	20	vs. Left:	.205	34	166	5	36
Home:	3	6	3.38	24	13	64.0	24	vs. Right:	.239	53	222	5	33
Day:	2	3	3.94	10	7	32.0	14	TOTALS:	.224	87	388	10	69
Night:	3	7	3.65	28	13	74.0	30	None On:	.250	49	196	6	36
Grass:	5	10	3.74	38	20	106.0	44	Runners On:	.198	38	192	4	33
Turf:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--						

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS	YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS
2016	7	1	1	2020	0	0	0
2017	2	0	0	2021	20	2	2
2018	19	5	5	TOTALS	48	8	8
2019	0	0	0				

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (SP & RP)

	BASE RUNNERS	PICK-OFFS	SB-ATT	GIDP
GANT:	161	0	10-10	12

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (SP & RP)

INNING:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9+
RUNS/HITS:	6/10	14/14	9/23	2/10	5/9	8/12	4/5	2/2	0/2

GANT VS. KANSAS CITY

2020 vs. Kansas City (1 game): 0-1, 9.00 ERA (1.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 2 K
 2020 vs. Kansas City at Home (1 game): 0-1, 9.00 ERA (1.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 2 K
 2020 vs. Kansas City on Road (0 games): --
 Career vs. Kansas City (3 games): 0-1, 3.38 ERA (2.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 2 K
 Career vs. Kansas City at Home (2 games): 0-1, 4.50 ERA (2.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 2 K
 Career vs. Kansas City on Road (1 game): 0-0, 0.00 ERA (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 0 BB, 0 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Gant vs. the Royals							Heasley vs. the Twins						
PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO	PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Merrifield	.000	2	0	0	0	0	Has never faced any current Twins hitters.						
Santana	.500	2	1	0	0	0							
Dozier	1.000	1	1	0	0	0							
McBroom	1.000	1	1	0	0	0							
O'Hearn	.000	1	0	0	0	1							

THE ARSENAL: Gant features a six-pitch repertoire, but favors his sinker, changeup and cutter, which he combines to throw about 80 percent of the time...here's a look at the righty's complete arsenal and results, per Baseball Savant:

PITCH (AVG, MPH)	PCT. (#, vs. RHB/LHB)	RESULTS
Sinker (91.7)	37.4% (712 pitches, 452/260)	.242 (38-for-157), 5 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 29 K
Changeup (80.3)	22.4% (426 pitches, 214/212)	.209 (18-for-86), 5 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, 22 K
Cutter (85.4)	20.2% (384 pitches, 196/188)	.203 (15-for-74), 3 2B, 2 HR,

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

Twins 'pen has gone 6-5-12, w/ 2.73 ERA (135.1 IP, 41 ER) 2nd-best in AL since 8/27 (32 G)...has 50 BB, 140 K & a .220 BAA (5th-best in AL) in that span...1-3-3, 8 holds, a 2.71 ERA (66.1 IP, 20 ER) with 23 BB & 64 K vs. KC this season...1-1-2, with 5 holds, a 2.54 ERA (28.1 IP, 8 ER) with 11 BB & 29 K in 7 games at Kauffman Stadium this season...has allowed 76 of 172 inherited runners to score (44.2%), which is the highest percentage in baseball...is 14-15-21, 4.40 ERA (286.2 IP, 140 ER), 38 holds, 128 BB, 314 K and a .243 BAA (263-for-1083) in 77 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
 Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.2 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .222 vs. Right .216
 Has an 0.63 ERA (14.1 IP, 1 ER) w/ 6 holds, 2 BB, 15 K and a .167 BAA (8-for-48) in 13 games since being reinstated from 10-day IL on 8/27...
 0 ER in 16 of last 18 appearances overall, posting a 0.92 ERA (20.2 IP, 2 ER), 3 BB, 24 K & a .162 BAA (11-for-68)...T-3rd on Twins w/ 58 appearances and 4th w/ 11 holds...holding LHB to a .222 avg. (18-for-81) but w/ .469 SLG...RHB are 27-for-125 (.216) w/ .336 SLG.
 Is 0-1, 2 holds, a 1.04 ERA (8.2 IP, ER) w/ 2 BB & 9 K in 8 games vs. KC in 2021...career 0-1, 0.55 ERA (16.1 IP, ER) w/ 19 K in 12 G vs. KC.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/30 vs. DET	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/28 vs. DET	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/24 vs. TOR	H11	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/22 at CHC	H10	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/21 at CHC	H9	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.1	1	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
 Homestand: 0-0-0, 13.50 (2.0 IP, 3 ER), 3 K, 1 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 9.00 (1.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .273 vs. Right .250
 Is 2-0, 4.50 ERA (8.0 IP, 4 ER), 5 BB & 10 K in 6 games since 9/13...has allowed 3 ER in last two outings (3 previous outings scoreless).
 Only one career appearance vs. KC (8/23/16 w/ MIA)...career 1-1, 2 holds, 6.35 (11.1 IP, 8 ER) with 3 BB & 14 K in 9 games vs. AL Central teams.
 Twins are fourth major league team (Miami - 2015-18, Washington - 2019 and San Francisco - 2019)...signed ml contract with MIN 6/20.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/30 vs. DET	ND	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	1	
9/25 vs. TOR	ND	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	2	
9/21 at CHC	W2	1.2	2	0	0	0	1	3	
9/18 at TOR	ND	1.2	1	0	0	0	0	2	
9/14 vs. CLE/G2W1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	

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: 0-0-2, 9.00 (3.0 IP, 3 ER), 3 K, 0 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-1, 13.50 (2.0 IP, 3 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .305 vs. Right .233
 T-2nd in MLB w/ 15 saves since 8/1...is 2-0-15 (18 opps.), 3.51 ERA (25.2 IP, 10 ER), 7 BB, 22 K & a .257 BAA (26-for-101) in 26 games (20 scoreless) in that span...leads MIN w/ 66 games and 17 saves overall.
 Career 2-0-13, 1.41 ERA (32.0 IP, 5 ER) w/ 30 K in 29 games vs. KC...4 appearances vs. KC this season (4.0 scoreless innings with 3 K).
 Holding RHB to a .233 avg. (35-for-150) w/ .276 OBP & .340 SLG...LHB are hitting .305 (32-for-105) w/ .398 OBP & .505 SLG.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/29 vs. DET	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1	
9/28 vs. DET	S17	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	1	
9/24 vs. TOR	S16	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
9/22 at CHC	S15	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	2	
9/14 at CHC	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	

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, 4.50 (2.0 IP, 1 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .250 vs. Right .286
 Is 3-2, 3.78 ERA (33.2 IP, 14 ER), 7 BB, 33 K and a .273 BAA (35-for-128) in 28 relief outings this season; however, has allowed runs in 6 of last 5 appearances (7.2 IP, 6 ER)...including 9/25 vs. TOR (2.0 IP, ER)...made Twins debut with start as opener 6/25 vs. CLE (1.2 IP, 1 ER).
 Career 1-0, 0.68 ERA (13.1 IP) w/ 4 BB & 13 K in 10 games vs. KC...2.25 ERA (4.0 IP, ER) with three strikeouts in 3 outings vs. KC this season.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/25 vs. TOR	ND	2.0	3	1	1	0	0	2	
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	
9/14 vs. CLE/G1L2	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	2		
9/11 vs. KC	ND	2.0	4	1	1	0	0	1	

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 (3.1 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.1 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .257 vs. Right .201
 Has allowed 4 hits in 44 at-bats (.091) with 2 BB & 19 K over his last 13 appearances (12 scoreless) since 8/27 (13.2 IP, 3 ER)...12.51 K/9.0 IP in that stretch...has recorded holds in last four appearances...twins are 38-25 in games in which he has appeared.
 2nd on Twins w/ 63 appearances (51 w/out allowing an ER)...leads team w/ 21 holds (T-1st in AL)...has 1.98 ERA (27.1 IP, 6 ER) and .161 BAA in 30 home G this season, compared to 4.32 ERA (33.1 IP, 16 ER) and .264 BAA in 33 road G.
 7 appearances vs. KC this season, all scoreless (6.2 IP, BB, 6 K, 3 holds)...career 4-2, 5.05 ERA (41.0 P, 23 ER), 8 BB & 42 K in 26 G vs. KC.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/29 vs. DET	H21	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
9/28 vs. DET	H20	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
9/24 vs. TOR	H19	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
9/22 at CHC	H18	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
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	

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
 Homestand: 0-0-0, 5.40 (1.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 2 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .258 vs. Right .262
 Is 1-0, 1.61 ERA (22.1 IP, 4 ER), 10 BB, 22 K & a .207 BAA (17-for-82) in 18 appearances (15 scoreless) out of bullpen...his 5th career start; came at TOR 9/19, allowed 5 ER on 5 hits in 1.0 IP...in last 10 games (as a reliever), one hold, 10.0 IP, 11 H, 4 BB & 8 K at home...LHB are hitting .258 (8-for-31) with 3 BB, 9 K and 1 XBH, while RHB are hitting .262 (16-for-61) w/ 7 BB, 14 K and 8 XBH allowed this season.
 Is 1-0, 5.0 scoreless innings with six strikeouts in five games vs. KC this season (all as a reliever).
 Is 5-2, 2.89 ERA (74.2 IP, 24 ER), 37 BB, 82 K, .197 BAA (54-for-274) in 57 career relief app. over 5 career MLB seasons.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/25 vs. TOR	ND	1.0	3	1	1	1	0	1	
9/23 vs. TOR	ND	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	2	
9/19 at TOR	L1	1.0	7	5	5	1	0	1	
9/13 at NYY	ND	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
9/11 vs. KC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9/9 at CLE	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	2	
6/22 vs. CIN	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

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: 0-0-1, 2.70 (3.1 IP, 1 ER), 2 K, 1 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 1 BB vs. Left .175 vs. Right .225
 Has a 3.26 ERA (19.1 IP, 7 ER) w/ 7 BB, 15 K, .186 BAA (13-for-70) and an 1.03 WHIP in 18 appearances (13 w/o allowing ER) w/ Twins since being recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on 8/14...allowed 3 ER last night vs. DET, earned 1st loss and blown save of the season (0.0 IP).
 Drops down for a sidearm delivery vs. RHB, holding them to a .196 BAA (9-for-46), 1 HR, 3 BB, 9 K w/ Twins...comes more over-the-top vs. LHB, who are 4-for-24 (.167), 2 HR, 4 BB, 6 K since joining Twins...one career appearance vs. KC (9/12/21), 1.1 IP w/ one strikeout.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/30 vs. DET/L1/BS1	0.0	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	
9/28 vs. DET	H2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
9/26 vs. TOR	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	
9/13 at TOR	S1	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
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	

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
 Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 2 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 1 BB vs. Left .234 vs. Right .165
 Unscored upon in 5-straight games (6.0 IP, 3 H, 6 K & 4 holds)...also a 1.32 ERA (27.1 IP, 4 ER) and a .177 BAA (17-for-96) since July 31...is unscored upon in 18 of 21 outings in that span, w/ 15 BB and 32 K...3 consecutive games with a hold, recorded his 7th on 9/29 vs. DET.
 28 G overall w/ Twins, going 2-1-0, 7 holds, 2.56 ERA (38.2 IP, 11 ER), 20 BB, 41 K & a .188 BAA (26-for-138), while stranding all 7 inherited runners...holding RHB to .165 BAA (15-for-91), 10 BB, 29 K & .337 SLG...LHB are 11-for-47 (.234), 10 BB, 12 K & .340 SLG.
 4 outings vs. KC this season, 0-1, 5.68 ERA (6.1 IP, 4 ER) with 6 K...career 2-1-1, 4.50 ERA (18.0 IP, 9 ER) w/ 8 BB & 19 K in 17 games vs. KC.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/29 vs. DET	H7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9/24 vs. TOR	H6	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9/22 at CHC	H5	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
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	2	1	1	2	

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
 Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 4 K, 0 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .333 vs. Right .222
 Became the first Twins rookie since at least 1988 to work 2.0 perfect innings (on 9/25 vs. TOR w/ 4 K)...major league debut vs. KC (9/12/21) (1.1 IP, 2 H, 2 BB & 2 K)...has appeared in 4 games for the Twins, 6.1 IP, 6 ER, 6 BB & 8 K in that span...contract selected from Triple-A St. Paul on 9/11...previously split the 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.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/25 vs. TOR	ND	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
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
 Homestand: 1-0-0, 0.00 (4.0 IP, 0 ER), 4 K, 0 BB Series vs DET: 1-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .217 vs. Right .242
 10-straight scoreless appearances (10.0 IP, 9 H, 3 BB, 10 K) since 9/7...10.1 scoreless inning streak dating to 9/5 (T-8th longest active in AL)...is 5-0-0, 6 holds, 1.84 ERA (29.1 IP, 6 ER), 10 BB, 31 K and a .202 BAA (21-for-104) in 28 games post-All-Star-Break (24 games w/o allowing ER).
 T-3rd on Twins w/ 58 appearances...is now 7-0, 3.30 ERA (62.2 IP, 23 ER) w/ 12 holds, 20 BB & 77 K this season...on pace to be the second pitcher in Twins history (since 1961) with at least seven wins, no losses and no starts in a season, alongside Joe Nathan (7-0 in 2006).
 Is 9-1, 3.05 (82.2 IP, 28 ER) w/ 13 holds, 29 BB and 99 K since rejoining Twins (and returning to majors for 1st time since 2015) for 2020 season.
 3.2 scoreless innings with 4 K in 3 games vs. KC this season...career 0-2, 4.96 ERA (16.1 IP, 9 ER) with 10 K in 18 games vs. KC.

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	
9/30 vs. DET	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
9/28 vs. DET	W7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
9/26 vs. TOR	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
9/23 vs. TOR	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
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	

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
 Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (4.1 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 3 BB Series vs DET: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.1 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .077 vs. Right .227
 Has a 0.84 ERA (10.2 IP, 1 ER), 5 BB, 7 K and a .171 BAA (6-for-35) in 6 games over 2 stints w/ Twins this season (8/10-18 and 9/17-present)...signed to a minor league contract by MIN on 6/22...went 3-1, 4.55 ERA (31.2 IP, 16 ER) and a .228 BAA in 24 games w/ Triple-A St. Paul.
 Has pitched in parts of

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: .286 Streak: 3g, 5-13, 2B, RBI Series vs DET: 4-8, 2B, RBI
 Homestand: 8-21, 3B, 2B, 3 RBI Home Runs: 2 (2 2-run)

- 2-for-4, 2B, RBI last night; has b2b multi-H G for 1st time since 9/5-9/6...batting .381 (8-for-21), 2B, 3B, 3 RBI, 2 R in last 6 games...3 BB on 9/21 set single-game career high.
- Ranks 2nd on MIN w/ career-high 33 multi-hit G, 2nd w/ 9+ hit G and 2nd w/ career-high 119 hits (trailing Polanco in all categories)...8/14 vs. TB, hit 402-ft. HR, longest of career.
- 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).
- Hit from all 9 spots in lineup this season; batting .304 (83-for-273) from leadoff spot...on IL 3x this season: 5/4-11 (concussion), 5/26-6/14 (right shoulder strain), 7/24-31 (strained right knee).
- Leads MIN w/ career-high 6 3B this season...enters tonight T-7th in MLB in 3B...w/ Kepler (4 3B), marks 1st time MIN has 2+ players w/ 4+ 3B in season since 2017 (Buxton, Dozier, Escobar).
- Career .321 (27-for-84), 4 2B, 3B, 6 RBI, 2 HBP, 13 BB, 15 R, .420 OBP in 24 G vs. KC, reaching in 21 of 24...also career .351 (13-for-37), 3 2B, 5 BB, .429 OBP in 10 G at Kauffman Stadium.

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: 1g, 1-3 Series vs DET: 1-3
 Homestand: 1-4 Home Runs: 7 (5 1-run, 2 2-run)

- 1-for-3 Tuesday...on 9/25, played C for 1st time since 6/1...game-tying RBI 2B in G2 vs. CLE 9/14; 3rd game-tying RBI of season...HR on 8/26 at BOS went 412 ft., 2nd-longest HR of career.
- Games by position this season: P - 4 G, C - 10 G/4 GS, 1B - 26 G/21 GS, 2B - 4 G/2 GS, 3B - 29 G/22 GS, RF - 1 G/1 GS...just 1-for-14, R in 4 G vs. KC this season.

BYRON BUXTON - OF #25

Height: 6-2 Weight: 212 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (12/18/93 in Baxley, GA)
 2021 Average: .299 Streak: 4g, 6-14, 3 HR, 2B Series vs DET: 5-11, 2 HR, 2B
 Homestand: 9-24, 4 HR, 2 2B, 5 RBI Home Runs: 18 (12 1-run, 6 2-run)

- 3-for-5, 3 R, 2 HR, 2B, 2 RBI last night vs. DET; 4th career multi-HR game, 1st at Target Field (last, 9/17/20 at CWS)...also 5th career game w/ 3 XBH, 2nd this season (also, 4/28 at CLE)
- Has current 13-game on-base streak, 2nd longest run of career and T-2nd longest active streak in AL entering tonight...has .426 OBP during run...career high is 19 G (8/3-8/21/17).
- Hit 18 HR this season, setting new career high (previous was 16 in 2017).
- Has 5 career leadoff HR; 3 this season...batting .363 (29-for-80) w/ runners on base this season...enters tonight 2nd in MLB in avg. sprint speed (min. 75 opp.), w/ 30.0 ft./sec.
- From 9/11-9/13 had 3-straight multi-H G, T-2nd longest streak of career (4 G, 4/8-4/13/21)...9/10-9/11 HR-ed in b2b G for 11th time in career...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 28-for-118, 24 R, 8 2B, 8 HR, 11 RBI, 9 BB in 31 G since.
- Batting .320 (8-for-25), 2 2B, 2 HR, 3 RBI in 6 G vs. KC this season...named AL Player of the Month for April, 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: .181 Streak: 0-3 Series vs DET: 0-3
 Homestand: 1-5, RBI Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 3-run)

- 0-for-1 as sub last night...is just 2-for-21, 3 RBI in last 15 games...1-for-5, 3-R HR in 10th 8/25 at BOS; 1st career HR in 10th-or-later...reinstated from 60-day IL 7/24; missed 64 G w/ stress reaction in low back...is 1-for-8, 2 RBI, HBP, BB, R in 4 games vs. KC this season.
- 2021 defensive positions: 29 G/18 GS in CF, 36 G/16 GS in LF, 10 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: .248 Streak: 3g, 4-11, HR, 3 RBI Series vs DET: 4-11, HR, 3 RBI
 Homestand: 5-24, HR, 2B, 3 RBI Home Runs: 25 (13 1-run, 10 2-run, 2 3-run)

- 1-for-4, BB, 3-R HR last night; HR was 250th of career, becoming 19th active player to reach 250 HR (currently 20 total)...is 5-for-17 (.294), 2B, HR, RBI in last 5 games.
- Just 21-for-96 (.219) in 27 G in Sept., but 10 of 21 H have been XBH (6 2B, 4 HR) HR-ed in b2b G 9/17-9/18...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 17 go-ahead RBI, 2nd on Twins...3rd on MIN w/ 70 RBI overall...leads MIN w/ 72 BB this season.
- Batting .389 (7-for-18), 3 2B, 2 HR, 2 RBI, 4 R, 2 BB, .450 OBP, 1.339 OPS in 5 games at Kauffman Stadium this season...career .330 (36-for-109), 12 2B, 7 HR, 20 RBI, 13 BB, .403 OBP, 1.036 OPS in 30 games at Kauffman.
- Enters tonight 5th in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/PA (10.9), 5th in avg. exit velocity (94.1 mph), 9th in barrels/BBE (16.9) and 12th in hard hit % (52.5).

MITCH GARVER - C #8

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM)
 2021 Average: .256 Streak: 0-6 Series vs DET: 1-7, RBI
 Homestand: 5-16, 2 2B, 3 RBI Home Runs: 13 (8 1-run, 1 2-run, 3 3-run, 1 GS)

- 0-for-4, BB, SB last night; 1st career MLB stolen base...3-for-4, 2B, RBI 9/23; b2b 3-H G for 3rd time in career...also had 3-straight multi-H G 8/24-9/23 (3rd time in career).
- Batting .386 (17-for-44), 5 2B, 5 RBI, HBP, 5 R, 9 BB, .482 OBP in last 14 G.
- Returned from rehab, reinstated from 10-day IL 9/20; missed 25 games w/ low back tightness...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.
- Batting .308 (4-for-13), 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R, 3 BB, .438 OBP in 5 games vs. KC this season...batting .319 (15-for-47), 5 2B, 4 HR, 9 RBI in last 17 games vs. AL Central.

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: .240 Streak: 0-15, RBI Series vs DET: 0-5, RBI
 Homestand: 4-21, HR, 5 RBI Home Runs: 4 (2 1-run, 1 2-run, 1 3-run)

Gordon, continued...

- 0-for-2 as sub last night; is 0-for-his-last-15...career high 6-G H streak 9/18-24...batting .281 (18-for-64) in Sept./Oct., 3rd among qualified AL rookies & 6th in MLB...career-high 4 RBI 9/23...9/21, 2-R HR, SB; 1st MIN rookie w/ HR, SB of 3B since T. Hunter on 4/15/1999.
- Has 10 SB this season (T-7th among MLB rookies, T-5th in AL), most by MIN rookie in single season since Byron Buxton in 2016 (10 SB)...career games by position: 2B - 17 G/13 GS, SS - 12 G/6 GS, 3B - 2 G/0 GS, CF - 34 G/24 GS, LF - 10 G/7 GS, RF - 1 G/0 GS.
- Hit 1st career HR 6/4 at KC...career .308 (8-for-26), 2 HR, 3 RBI, .379 OBP in 9 G vs. KC.
- 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: .197 Streak: 0-5 Series vs DET: 0-3
 Homestand: 1-8, 2B Home Runs: 13 (7 1-run, 4 2-run, 1 3-run, 1 GS)

- 0-for-3 Wednesday...just 6-for-24, 3 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 3 R in last 8 games...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 82 G lead MLB rookie C...82 G are also 6th most in a season by MIN rookie catcher.
- Just 4-for-31, HR, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2 BB in 10 G vs. KC, including 4-for-26, HR, 2 RBI in 8 G at Kauffman.
- All 13 of his HR this season have come while playing C, most ever by a Twins rookie C (since 1961) & tops among MLB rookie C this season...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: .213 Streak: 2g, 2-8, RBI Series vs DET: 2-10, 2 RBI
 Homestand: 4-17, 2 RBI Home Runs: 19 (14 1-run, 3 2-run, 2 3-run)

- 1-for-4, 2 R, BB last night...batting .385 (10-for-26), 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 5 R in last 8 games...3-for-4, 2 HR, 2B, 3 RBI 9/22 at CHC; 4th career G w/ 3 XBH & 11th career multi-HR G...9/21-9/22, had 3+ H in b2b G for 3rd time in career.
- 10 SB this season are career high...w/ J. Polanco (11 SB) & N. Gordon (10 SB), MIN has 3 players w/ 10+ SB in season for 1st time since 2017 (also 3; Buxton, Polanco, Dozier).
- 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.
- 44 of 89 hits this season have been XBH (21 2B, 4 3B, 19 HR)...has 5-G hit streak vs. KC, batting .353 (6-for-17), 2B, 2 HR, 2 RBI, 4 R, BB in that span.

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: .271 Streak: 5g, 5-20, HR, 3 RBI Series vs DET: 3-12, HR, 3 RBI
 Homestand: 6-28, HR, 4 RBI Home Runs: 32 (14 1-run, 12 2-run, 6 3-run)

- 1-for-5, R last night...is just 7-for-42, 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 3 BB, 5 R in last 11 G...leads MIN w/ 11 SB this season...on 9/11, recorded 4th career multi-HR G, 3rd this season.
- Has career-high 32 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 (36 HR).
- 1 of 5 players in MIN history w/ 30+ 2B, 30+ HR, 10+ SB, 90+ R and 90+ RBI in single season, alongside B. Dozier ('16-'17), G. Gaetti ('86-'87), K. Puckett ('86) and T. Oliva ('64).
- His 94 RBI this season are 2nd in MIN history among switch hitters, trailing only R. Smalley (95 in 1979)...passed C. Davis (93 in 1991) Wednesday night.
- Has 31 XBH since 8/1, 2nd in AL behind TOR's M. Semien (33) & T-4th in MLB.
- Hitting .269 (103-for-383) w/ 20 2B, 3B, 23 HR, 63 RBI as LHB; .274 (54-for-197), 15 2B, 3B, 9 HR, 31 RBI as RHB this season...leads MIN w/ 44 multi-hit G (T-13th in AL), 15 G w/ 3+ H (T-6th in AL) & 25 multi-RBI G.
- Batting .356 (21-for-59), 6 2B, 4 HR, 8 RBI, 11 R, 5 BB, .406 OBP in 15 games vs. KC this season, including .367 (11-for-30), 2 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI in 7 games at Kauffman.

BRENT ROOKER - OF #50

Height: 6-3 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (11/1/94 in Germantown, TN)
 2021 Average: .207 Streak: 2g, 2-5, HR Series vs DET: 2-5, HR
 Homestand: 4-15, HR, 2B Home Runs: 9 (8 1-run, 1 2-run)

- 1-for-3, solo HR last night; 10th career HR...his 9 HR this year are 2nd most in season by MIN rookie & 5th most among MLB rookies this season...9/17 at TOR, had 2nd career G w/ 2 XBH (also, 8/14 vs. TB)...he and wife, Allie, had daughter Blair Evelyn, on 9/13.
- 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.
- Career 1-for-8, 2B, 2 RBI in 2 games vs. KC, both this season at Target Field...making Kauffman Stadium debut this series.

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: .216 Streak: 0-7 Series vs DET: 1-10, HR
 Homestand: 3-21, HR, 2B Home Runs: 30 (17 1-run, 9 2-run, 3 3-run, 1 GS)

- 0-for-3, BB last night...hit 30th HR of season Wednesday night (see note below)...reached base in 14 of last 16 games (13 H, HBP, 8 BB), w/ .338 OBP and .856 OPS in span.
- Reached 30 HR for 2nd time (also, 2019 - 34 HR); 7th hitter in MIN history w/ multiple 30+ HR seasons, joining Killebrew (8x), Morneau (3x), Allison (2x), Gaetti (2x), Brunansky (2x), Dozier (2x).
- Enters tonight 5th in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/BBE (17.9) & 5th in hard hit % (55.6).
- Hit 150th career HR in 2,062nd PA 8/9 vs. CWS; 2nd-fastest to 150 HR in MIN history (Killebrew; 2,043)...has 161 career HR, 11th in MIN history (since 1961); 2 shy of T. Brunansky (10th - 163).
- MLB debut was 7/2/15 at Kauffman...64 RBI vs. KC are his most vs. anyone; 19 HR are 3rd most.
- Hit 495-ft. HR 8/25, longest in MLB this year and 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 Novo, Curaçao)
 2021 Average: .224 Streak: 1g, 1-2 Series vs DET: 1-6
 Homestand: 3-14 Home Runs: 3 (3 2-run)

- 1-for-2 last night...is 10-for-35 (.286), 2B, 3 RBI, SF, 2 BB, 2 R, .316 OBP in last 14 G...reinstated from Restricted List 9/20...200th career 2B in G1 9/14...has 20 multi-H G & 8 G reaching base 3+...batting .317 (13-for-41), 2 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 4 R in 12 G this season vs. KC.
- His 16 outs above average (Statcast) are 5th in MLB (qualifiers), behind KC's N. Lopez (24), ARI's N. Ahmed (19), NYM's F. Lindor (19) and OAK's M. Chapman (17).

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

MULTI-HOMER GAMES (16x) • 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 (16x) • Jeffers (7/28 vs. DET) • Sanó (7/28 vs. DET) • Polanco (8/8 at HOU) • Polanco (9/11 vs. KC) • Kepler (9/22 at CHC) • Buxton (9/30 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 - 132 • 2-run - 61 • 3-run - 22 • GS - 4	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 (8x) • 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. KC) • Buxton (9/10 vs. CLE) • Buxton (9/30 vs. DET)
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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.	#	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI
Luis Arraez	33	9	10, 8/3-8/14	4, 4/15	8/14/21	vs. TB	1	Wacha			0	.250	7	28	0	3	.321	27	84	0	6
Williams Astudillo	8	2	8, 4/27-5/14	3, 7/30	8/26/21	at BOS	1	Sale			0	.071	1	14	0	0	.273	15	55	1	6
Byron Buxton	17	6	10, 4/1-4/20	5, 4/28	9/30/21	vs. DET	0	Funkhouser	5/18/19	at SEA	2	.320	8	25	2	3	.223	35	157	6	18
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	.125	1	8	0	2	.221	23	104	4	14
Josh Donaldson	27	21	6, 8/13-8/18	4, 4/21	9/30/21	vs. DET	2	Skubal	9/28/18	at KC	5	.245	13	53	3	6	.280	61	218	13	41
Mitch Garver	16	8	8, 5/17-5/29	3, 9/23	8/06/21	at HOU	0	Greinke	7/27/21	vs. DET	1	.308	4	13	2	4	.192	20	104	4	16
Nick Gordon	12	6	6, 9/18-9/24	3, 9/23	9/23/21	vs. TOR	2	Merryweather			0	.308	8	26	2	3	.308	8	26	2	3
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	.130	3	23	1	2	.129	4	31	1	2
Max Kepler	22	13	4, 9/10-9/13	3, 9/22	9/22/21	at CHC	0	Hendricks	8/26/17	at TOR	2	.269	7	26	2	2	.267	73	273	9	29
Jorge Polanco	44	26	10, 7/26-8/6	4, 9/6	9/29/21	vs. DET	2	Mize			0	.356	21	59	4	8	.277	91	328	8	38
Brent Rooker	6	4	5, 7/24-7/28	4, 8/13	9/30/21	vs. DET	0	Skubal			0	.125	1	8	0	2	.125	1	8	0	2
Miguel Sanó	19	18	9, 6/4-6/13	3, 9/13	9/28/21	vs. DET	0	Ureña	5/20/21	at LAA	2	.093	4	43	2	6	.243	70	288	19	64
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	.317	13	41	1	3	.241	35	145	2	10

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)	18, 9/22 at CHC
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	147

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)

SCORE BY INNING

OPPONENT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	XTRA	TOTAL
TWINS	98	59	90	95	126	80	78	73	69	25	820
TWINS	98	59	87	85	79	97	61	89	30	27	712

INJURED LIST

PLAYER	INJURY	DATE ON	RETRO	DATE OFF	GAMES MISSED
Edwar Colina	Right Elbow Inflammation	4/1			159
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			126
Jake Cave	Stress Reaction in Low Back	5/15	5/13	7/24	64
Shaun Anderson	Left Quad Strain	5/18		5/31	11
Michael Pineda	Abscess	5/19	5/16	5/26	20
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		109
Kyle Garlick	Sports Hernia	6/9			99
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		65
Luis Arraez	Right Knee Strain	7/24	7/21	7/31	9
Taylor Rogers	Left Middle Finger Sprain	7/27			58
Jorge Alcala	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			38
Kenta Maeda	Right Forearm Tightness	8/24	8/23		35
Mitch Garver	Low Back Tightness	8/27	8/25	9/21	25
Randy Dobnak	Right Middle Finger Strain	9/9	9/8		21
John Gant	Left Abdominal Strain	9/14			10
Rob Refsnyder	Right Elbow Impingement	9/18			11
Bailey Ober	Right Hip Strain	9/28			3

BOLD indicates currently on IL

STARTS BY POSITION									
	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
Luis Arraez	0	0	34	0	43	24	0	0	4
Williams Astudillo	4	21	2	0	22	0	0	1	0
Byron Buxton	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0
Jake Cave	0	0	0	0	0	15	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	91	0	0	0	32
Kyle Garlick	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	13	0
Mitch Garver	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nick Gordon	0	0	13	6	0	7	24	0	0
Ryan Jeffers	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max Kepler	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	88	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	110	26	0	0	0	0	8
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	32	0	7	10
Ben Rortvedt	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miguel Sanó	0	112	0	0	3	0	0	0	9
Andrelton Simmons	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	0

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Luis Arraez	68	1	1	9	11	3	3	4	5
Williams Astudillo	0	0	0	2	4	8	16	14	6
Byron Buxton	17	21	7	9	1	1	0	0	0
Jake Cave	0	0	0	0	2	7	10	12	8
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	21	34	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Garlick	10	4	0	3	2	0	1	3	1
Mitch Garver	5	1	4	15	9	13	6	2	0
Nick Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	9	26	12	3
Ryan Jeffers	0	0	0	0	13	9	17	27	9
Max Kepler	29	2	5	12	25	10	22	6	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	33	41	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	25	0	0	4	11	7	2	0
Ben Rortvedt	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	14
Miguel Sanó	0	0	1	13	34	50	22	4	0
Andrelton Simmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	91

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	3
Gilberto Celestino	2
Kyle Garlick	2
Alex Kirilloff	2
Rob Refsnyder	2
Brent Rooker	2
Nick Gordon	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: B. Buxton, 9/30/21 vs. DET (16 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, 9/30/21 vs. DET (8 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: 11, J. Ryan, 9/22/21 at CHC (6 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. Adriansa (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 CHC

PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games):

No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time)
One-Hitter: C. Kluber, 8/14/15 vs. CLE (23 all-time)
Two-Hitter: R. Halladay, 5/29/05 at TOR (49 all-time)
10+ Innings Pitched: A. Fernández (10.0 innings), 10/1/95 at CHW
10+ Strikeouts: 13, P. Sandoval, 7/24/21 vs. LAA (3 times in 2021)
Complete Game Shutout: S. Manaea, 4/20/21 (G1) at OAK (1 time in 2021)
Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, 5/1-2/12 at LAA
Back-to-Back Shutouts: 4/20/21 Game 1 & 4/20/21 Game 2 at OAK (2 games, 7-0 and 1-0)
Four Strikeouts in an Inning: F. Hernández, 6/3/10 vs. SEA (8th inning)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time)
Position Player Pitching: J. Luplow, 8/14/21 vs. TB (2 in 2021)
Three or more Steals, One Game: W. Merrifield (3), 7/2/17 at KC (1 in 2017)
Steal of Home: R. Davis, 8/1/18 vs. CLE
Pure Steal of Home: S. Green, 5/26/00 vs. TEX
Home Run in First ML At-Bat: C. Richard, 7/17/00 vs. STL

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

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

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).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JULY (11-16), AUGUST (14-13), SEPT/OCT (13-14), and 2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [9].

^ - 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 Matt Shoemaker, Tyler Duffey, Rocco Baldelli, Edgar Varela, and Jeff Nelson.

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 of current roster members.