# minnesota twins 

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## MINNESDTA TWINS [69-86] vg. TDRONTD BLUE JAY5 [86-69]

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 - 1:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM 

RHP Griffin Jax (3-4, 6.75) vs. RHP Alek Manoah (7-2, 3.36)

| UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS \& BRDADCAST SCHEDULE |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Date | Opponent | Probable Pitchers | Time | Television | Radio / Spanish Radio |
| 9/27 | OFF DAY |  |  |  |  |
| 9/28 | vs. Detroit | TBA vs. LHP Tyler Alexander (2-3, 4.10) | 6:40 pm (CT) | Bally Sports North | TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com |
| 9/29 | vs. Detroit | RHP Michael Pineda (8-8, 3.73) vs. RHP Casey Mize (7-8, 3.63) | 6:40 pm (CT) | Bally Sports North | TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None |
| 9/30 | vs. Detroit | RHP Joe Ryan (2-1, 2.45) vs. LHP Tarik Skubal (8-12, 4.13) | 6:40 pm (CT) | Bally Sports North | TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com |



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 Rortvedt optioned to AAA
LHP Thorpe transferred to 60 -day IL
9/18 OF Refsnyder placed on 10-day IL
IF Maggi contract selected from AAA
LHP Rogers transferred to 60-day IL

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THE TWINS: The Twins have gone 2-1 through three games on their final homestand of the 2021 season...they will conclude the series with Toronto this afternoon, then enjoy an off-day tomorrow and finish their home schedule with three against the Tigers from Tuesday-Thursday... the Twins have gone 36-41 at home this season and 33-45 on the road.
$\Phi$ The Twins have won four of their last five games, taking two games at Wrigley Field on Tuesday and Wednesday, and two of three from Toronto.
HOF NIGHT SPOILED BY BLUE JAYS: The Twins lost to the Blue Jays last night by a score of 6-1...the Twins held a special pregame ceremony to induct Canada native Justin Morneau into the club's Hall of Fame...John Gant (5-10) was the starter and loser, allowing two runs (1 earned) on three hits in 3.0 innings pitched...the offense recorded just three hits, one going for extra-bases, a Josh Donaldson double (25)....Mitch Garver drove in the club's only run with a sacrifice fly in the first inning...the attendance was 27,183 - the highest for the club this month.

TWINS AND JAYS: The Twins are playing the season finale vs. the Blue Jays today...the Twins have gone just $29-45$ vs. the Jays since 2010, but have gone 11-6 in their last 17, dating back to May 2,2018
$\Phi$ A win today would give the Twins the season series for the fourth-consecutive try, which excludes 2020...they went 4-3 against the Jays in 2017, 4-2 in 2018 and 4-3 in 2019 .
$\Phi$ Byron Buxton is hitting. 312 (24-for-77) with seven doubles, six home runs, 15 RBI and a 1.005 OPS in 20 career games vs. the Jays.
$\mp$ Jorge Polanco is hitting. 311 ( 33 -for-106) with eight doubles, four home runs, 12 RBI, 12 walks, a .381 on-base percentage and an .881 OPS in 27 career games against the Jays. $\Phi$ Josh Donaldson has reached base 17 times in his last 39 plate appearances against the Blue Jays, posting a 462 on-base percentage in that span ( 7 hits, 10 walks).
क DID YOU KNOW?:...Bally Sports North analyst LaTroy Hawkins spent part of the 2015 season with Toronto, going 1-0, 2.76 ERA ( $16.1 \mathrm{IP}, 5 \mathrm{ER}$ ) with one save, three walks and 14 strikeouts...on August 5 of that season, he saved a $9-7$ win for the Jays over the Twins and became the 13th player in baseball history to record at least one save against all 30 teams.

THE BUCK STARTS HERE: Byron Buxton has reached base safely in nine-straight games, dating back to September 15...additionally, below are his numbers in his first 13 games after being reinstated from the 10-day Injured List (fractured left hand) on August 27 vs. his last 14 games since:
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrr} & \text { G } & \text { AVG } & \text { R } & \text { H } & \text { 2B } & \text { HR } & \text { RBI } & \text { BB } & \text { K } & \text { OBP } & \text { SLG } & \text { OPS } \\ \text { 8/27-9/10 } & 13 & .130 & 6 & 7 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 17 & .161 & .278 & .438 \\ \text { 9/11-now } & 14 & .300 & 11 & 15 & 5 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 12 & .386 & .580 & .966\end{array}$
30 FOR 30: Miguel Sanó has 29 home runs this season....after hitting 34 homers in 2019, he is now one away from joining six other Twins (since 1961) to hit 30-plus home runs in multiple now one away from joining six other wins since
seasons, including the newest Twins Hall of Famer Justin Morneau:

## PLAYER

..8x (1961, '62, '63, '
30-PLUS HOME RUNS
Harmon Killebrew $\qquad$ .8x (1961, '62, '63, '64, '66, '67, '69 \& '70) Justin Morneau
Bob Allison
$\times(2006,107 \&$ '09) Bob Allison.
Tom Brunansky
.. $.2 x(1986 \& 87)$
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Tom Brunansk
Brian Dozier
$\ldots . .2 x\left(2016 \&{ }^{\prime} 17\right)$
SAINT NICK: Nick Gordon is hitting . 327 ( 18 -for-55) with four doubles, three homers, 13 RBI, three walks, five stolen bases and five runs scored in 18 games in September...so far this month, he leads qualified American League rookies in batting average and ranks second in the majors behind Chicago-NL's Frank Schwindel (.372)...Gordon is also tied for second among MLB rookies this month in steals, tied for fifth in RBI and tied for ninth in home runs,

MINORS MATTER: Single-A Cedar Rapids lost to Quad Cities last night in game four of the HACL Championship Series by a score of 2-1 in walk-off fashion...Sawyer Gipson-Long was the starter but did not factor into the decision, allowing one run on three hits in 4.2 innings pitched...the decisive game five is tonight at 6:30 p.m. (CT) at Quad Cities.

POLO POP: Since July 1, Jorge Polanco is hitting . 290 ( 86 -for-297) with 18 doubles, one triple, 22 home runs, 60 RBI, a .329 on-base percentage, a .579 slugging percentage and a .908 OPS...below are his American League ranks since July 1 (among qualifiers):
HITS
HITS RBI
France, SEA - 92
Lopez, KC - 90 Hernandez, TOR - 87 Guerrero J.., TOR - 87
${ }_{\mathrm{H}}^{\mathrm{H}}$
Perez, KC - 27
Semien, TOR - 24
Polanco, MIN - 22
Seager, SEA - 2
2 tied- 20

SLG
Polanco, MIN - .579 Hernández, TOR - . 572 Lowe, TB - 566 Perez, KC - .565 Ramírez, CLE - .564

| STREAKS |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Current Streak | 1 loss |
| Last 5 games. | 4-1 |
| Last 10 games. | 6-4 |
| Last 15 games. | 7-8 |
| Last 20 games. | 11-9 |


| TWINS V5. BLUE JAYS |  |  |  |
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| 2021 Record: $\qquad$ |  |  |  |
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| Current Streak:................................ 1 loss |  |  |  |
| at Toronto: ............................1-2 |  |  |  |
| All-Time Record:.........................176-226 |  |  |  |
| All-Time at Home: ......................96-108 |  |  |  |
| All-Time at Toronto: .................... $80-118$ |  |  |  |
| 2021 Game Logs: |  |  |  |
| Date | Site | Score | ner/Loser/Save |
| 17 | TOR | 7-3 | Pineda/Ryu |
| 9/18 | TOR | 2-6 | Matz/Ober |
| 9/19 | TOR | 3-5 | Berríos/Farrel//Romano |
| 9/23 | MIN | 7-2 | Pineda/Hatch/Garza Jr. |
|  | MIN | 3-1 | Ober/Berríos/Colomé |
|  |  | 1-6 | Ray/Gant |
|  |  |  | 0 pm (C) |


| CURRENT HOMESTAND [ ${ }^{\text {[-1] }}$ ] |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Batting average | . 242 |
| Runs Per Game | 3.7 |
| Home Runs | 2 |
| RISP. | . 200 |
| Errors | 3 |
| Team ERA | 2.67 |
| Starters W-L | 2-1 |
| Starters ERA | 2.70 |
| Relievers W-L-S | .0-0-2 |
| Relievers ERA | 2.63 |
| Saves/Opps | 2/2 |

MLB TEAM AVG EXIT VELOCITY LEADERS
Toronto ................................. 90.3 mph

| AL .................................................................. 89.8 mph |  |
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Boston.......................................................... 89.8 mph . .89 .5 mph

| AL TEAM XBH LEADER5 |
| :---: |
| Boston ......................................... 555 |
| Toronto .................................... 525 |
| Tampa Bay .................................. 520 |
| Houston...................................... 511 |
| Minnesota .................................... 495 |
| MLB TEAM HDME RUN LEADERS |
| Toronto .................................... 246 |
| San Francisco............................. 236 |
| Atlanta ...................................... 231 |
| Minnesota ................................ 217 |
| Los Angeles-NL............................ 215 |

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1965, the Twins defeated the Senators 2-1 in Washington, clinching the first American League pennant in Minnesota history, as well as the first in overall franchise history (1901-present) since 1933...in 1981, the Twins' $7-3$ win over the Rangers at Met Stadium was delayed for 48 minutes by rain - it marked the Twins' last home rain delay until outdoor baseball returned in 2010 ...in 2019, the Twins became the first team to reach 300 homers in a season, as Jonathan Schoop hit a seventh-inning homer of José Cisnero in a $10-4$ victory over the Tigers...the Twins finished the season with an MLB-record 307 homers.

PLaFERMax
Byron Buxton
Byron Buxton ......
Josh Donaldson...
Max Kepler...
Miguel Sanó.
Miguel Sano.....
Andrelton Simmons

## CURRENT NO.

. .95 doubles.... .249 home runs.. .120 home runs... .. 160 home runs... . 493 runs scored.

## GRIFFIN JAX

## \#83

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/: R/R Age: 26 (11/22/1994 in Phoenix, AZ)
2021: 3-4, 6.75 ERA CAREER: 3-4, 6.75 ERA
$\Phi$ Making his 13th career start and 17th appearance
$\Phi$ Facing Toronto for the first time in his career...making his fifth career appearance and third start against the American League East division.
玉 On June 8, became the first Air Force Academy graduate ever to play in the majors...originally selected by the Twins in the third round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft.

## 202l MAJJR LEAGUE DAY-bY-DAY [ITALICS INDICATE RELIEF]



LAST TIME OUT: Jax's last start came on September 21 at Chicago-NL; did not factor into the decision of the Twins' 9-5 win at Wrigley Field...allowed three runs on four hits ( 2 HR ), with two walks and six strikeouts in 3.0 innings of work...yielded one run in the opening frame on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Willson Contreras, marking just the fourth run he's allowed in the first inning in his career...also permitted single tallies in the second (Trayce Thompson homer) and third (Contreras homer) before departing with the Twins trailing, 3-2...Minnesota's offense rallied after his departure, scoring five runs across innings four and five, and two more in the seventh to win, 9-5
$\Phi$ The outing marked the shortest start of Jax's career, while his six strikeouts matched his second-highest total in any outing (career high is 10).
$\Phi$ Jax also plunked three batters in the start, setting a career high (majors and minors)...became the first Twins rookie pitcher ever with three plunkings in an outing, as well as the first Twins hurler overall since Mike Pelfrey on May 3, 2015 vs. Chicago-AL (also 3)
START PRIOR: Jax started on September 15 vs. Cleveland at Target Field; was saddled with his thirdstraight loss as the Twins fell, 12-3...allowed five runs ( $3 E R$ ) on seven hits (1 HR), with one walk and three strikeouts...held Cleveland scoreless in his first 3.0 innings - in parallel with his career trends (see "early dominance" note below) - before allowing one run in the fourth on an RBI double by Bobby Bradley and four more in the fifth, two of which were unearned due to an error by Miguel Sanó...departed with two outs in the fifth and the Twins down 5-0; the Indians' offense scored seven additional runs off the Twins' bullpen
EARLY DOMINANCE: Jax is holding opposing hitters to a . 194 (24-for-124) batting average the first time through the lineup so far in his major league career...this increases to . 304 (34-for-112) the second time around and jumps further to .354 (17-for-48) the third time he sees opposing hitters... these stats correspond to his numbers in each respective inning, as he is holding opposing hitters to a 172 (23-for-134) batting average in the first three innings combined...this compares to the .344 (44-for-128) mark opponents have against him in innings four to six.
$\Phi$ The three runs Jax allowed in the first inning of his September 10 start were the first he has permitted in the opening frame in his major league career; also allowed a first-inning run in his last start on September 21...despite the tallies, he's still holding opposing hitters to a . 163 (7-for-43) batting average in the first inning in his career.
AGAINST THE EAST: Jax is facing Toronto for the first time in his career this afternoon... is also making his fifth career appearance and third start against the American League East division, having previously faced Boston, New York-AL and Tampa Bay...is 0-1, 11.20 ERA (13.2 IP, 17 ER) with five walks and 10 strikeouts across those four prior outings...this includes $0-1,12.54$ ERA (9.1 IP, 13 ER) in two starts and 0-0, 8.31 ERA (4.1 IP, 4 ER) in two relief appearances.

CAGED BIRDS: Jax also owns one prior start against a team whose name includes a type of bird....he tossed 5.0 strong innings on July 30 against the Cardinals in St. Louis, allowing one run on two hits, with two walks and two strikeouts (Twins lost, 5-1)...has yet to face the Orioles in his career so far.

OFF TARGET: Jax is 2-2, 6.19 ERA (36.1 IP, 25 ER), 10 walks, 30 strikeouts and a 269 (39-for-145) opponent batting average in eight career appearances ( 5 starts) at Target Field.
$\Phi$ Both of his career quality starts have come at the Twins' home field, on August 10 vs. ChicagoAL and August 16 vs. Cleveland

THE ARSENAL: Jax has used four different offerings so far in his major league career, relying primarily on his four-seam fastball.... here's a look at the rookie's repertoire, per Baseball Savant. RESULTS

PITCH (AVG. MPH) $\qquad$ PCT. (\# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LLB) $\qquad$
4-Seam Fastball (92
Slider (83.4)...
Changeup (85.6) $\qquad$ $.30 .6 \%$ ( 378 pitches $300 / 78$ ) 268 (37-for-138), $102 \mathrm{ZB}, 10 \mathrm{HR}, 18 \mathrm{~K}$ Curveball (79.9) .....................14.5\% (179 pitches, 33/146)...... . 353 (12-for-34), 42 2B, 3 HR, 3 K

STRONG STRETCH: In five starts between July 19-August 16 , Jax went 2-0, 2.73 ERA (26.1 IP, 8 ER), seven walks, 21 strikeouts and a . 188 (18-for-96) opponent batting average...that run came in the wake of allowing six earned runs in his first career start on July 3 at Kansas City...his opponent batting average in that span ranked third in the majors (min. 95 AB ), behind Los Angeles-NL's Walker Buehler (.179) and Seattle's Marco Gonzales (.184)...his . 248 opponent on-base percentage also ranked third in the majors under those same criteria in that span, behind St. Louis's Adam Wainwright (.226) and Gonzales (.238).
$\boldsymbol{\Phi}$ Since that successful run, Jax is 0-3, 9.32 ERA ( $28.0 \mathrm{IP}, 29 \mathrm{ER}$ ) with 12 walks, 25 strikeouts and 10 home runs allowed across his last six starts, dating back to August 24...his ERA in that span is the highest in the majors among all pitchers who have worked at least 25.0 innings.

ROOKIE SUCCESS: Jax did not factor into the decision on August 16 vs. Cleveland, as the Twins defeated the Indians, 5-4, in 10 innings on Jorge Polanco's walk-off double...Jax recorded his second career quality start (and second consecutive), after allowing four runs (2 ER) on seven hits (1HR), with two walks and three strikeouts over a career-high-tying 6.0 innings of work...the following night, August 17, fellow rookie starting pitcher Bailey Ober also recorded a quality start, marking the first time the Twins had quality starts by rookies in back-to-back games since August 18-19, 2012 vs. Seattle, when Scott Diamond (August 18; 6.2 IP, 2 ER) and Samuel Deduno (August 19; 6.0 IP, 2 ER) each did so.

T Today marks Jax's 13th start of the season...paired with Ober (20 starts this season), they are the first Twins rookie duo each having at least 13 starts in the same season since the rookie quartet of Samuel Deduno (15 starts), Cole De Vries (16 starts), Scott Diamond (16 starts) and Liam Hendriks (16 starts) each did so in 2012.

## 202 HIGHS [5P \& RP, MLB]

cAREER HISHS [SP © RP, MLB]
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Innings: 6.0, 3x, last: $9 / 10$ vs. KC
SO's: $10,8 / 10$ vs. CWS
Walks: $4,8 / 24$ at BOS
Hits: $8,7 / 3$ at KC
Home Runs: $3,8 / 24$ at BOS
Win-Streak: 2, last: 8/5-8/10
Loss-Streak: 3, 8/24-present

CG's:
SHO's:--
Innings: $6.0,2 x$, last: $9 / 10 / 21$ vs. KC
SO's: 10, 8/10/21 vs. CWS
Walks: $4,8 / 24 / 21$ at BOS
Hits: $8,7 / 3 / 21$ at KC
Home Runs: 3, 8/24/21 at BOS
Win-Streak: 2, 8/5-8/10/21
Loss-Streak: 3, 8/24/21-present

## CAREER NOTES

- Made his major league debut on June 8, 2021, becoming the first Air Force Academy graduate to ever play in the majors....is a Captain in the United States Air Force Reserve graduate to ever play in the majors...is a Captain in the United
after completing his two-year active duty commitment in 2019.
- Enters his sixth year as a member of the Twins organization in 2021; did not play in Enters his sixth year as a member of the Twins organization in 2021;
2020 when the minor league season was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- In 2019 for Double-A Pensacola, was a two-time Southern League Pitcher of the Week on 5 (1-0, 0.75 FRA, 12.0 P 1 ER 3 BB 7 K ) and 30 (1 O 0.69 ERA, Week on May 5 (1-0, 0.75 ERA, 12.0 IP, 1 ER, 3 BB, 7 K) and June 30 (1-0, 0.69 ERA, 13.0 IP, 1

ER) with 11 walks and 34 strikeouts in 10 starts pre-break.
- Named best control in Twins minor league system by Baseball America in 2019
- Selected by Twins in third round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft out of the Air Force

Academy...was rated 95th-best prospect entering the draft by Baseball America.

- Pitched for Air Force for three seasons, going 15-20 with a 4.28 ERA (298.2 IP, 142 ER), 76 walks and 205 strikeouts in 46 appearances ( 44 starts).
- Finished his junior season at the U.S. Air Force Academy going 9-2 with a school-record 2.05 ERA ( 105.1 IP, 24 ER), 20 walks and 90 strikeouts in 15 starts...in 2016, was named the Mountain West co-Pitcher of the Year and All-Mountain West First-Team after
leading the MWC in ERA, innings, leading the MWC in ERA, innings, complete games (6) and shutouts (2)


## 20el MISC. NUMBERS [MAJJRS AND MINORS combined]

|  | W | L | ERA | G | GS | IP | ER |  | AVG | H | AB | HR | BB |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| K K |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Road: 5 | 3 | 5.70 | 13 | 10 | 60.0 | 38 | Vs. Left: | .253 | 47 | 186 | 7 | 19 | 43 |
| Home: 2 | 2 | 5.64 | 11 | 10 | 52.2 |  | 33 | Vs. Right: 259 | 65 | 251 | 16 | 24 | 53 |
| Day: | 1 | 2 | 6.91 | 6 | 6 | 27.1 | 21 | TotaLS: | .256 | 112 | 437 | 23 | 43 |

## 6.D-PLILS IPIOUALITY STARTS [MLB]



## MORE 20el MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS [SP \& RP, MLB]

## BASE RUNNERS PICK-OFFS SB-ATT GIDP

JAX:
2ロᄅ RUNS/HITS PER INNING [5P C RP, MLB]

| INNING: | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{9}_{+}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RUNS/HITS: | $4 / 7$ | $4 / 5$ | $11 / 11$ | $14 / 20$ | $15 / 18$ | $4 / 6$ | $2 / 3$ | $1 / 2$ | $3 / 3$ |

## JAX VS. AL EAST

2021 vs. AL East (4 games/2 starts): 0-1, 11.20 ERA (13.2 IP, 17 ER), 5 BB, 10 K
2021 vs. AL East at Home (2 games/0 starts): 0-0, 8.31 ERA (4.1 IP, 4 ER), 0 BB, 3 K
2021 vs. AL East on Road (2 games/starts): 0-1, 12.54 ERA (9.1 IP, 13 ER ), $5 \mathrm{BB}, 7 \mathrm{~K}$
Career vs. AL East (4 games/2 starts): 0-1, 11.20 ERA (13.2 IP, 17 ER), 5 BB, 10 K
Career vs. AL East at Home (2 games/0 starts): 0-0, 8.31 ERA ( $4.1 \mathrm{IP}, 4 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $0 \mathrm{BB}, 3 \mathrm{~K}$ Career vs. AL East on Road (2 games/starts): 0-1, 12.54 ERA ( 9.1 IP, 13 ER), 5 BB, 7 K

## BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

## Jax vs. the Blue Jays

PLAYER AVG AB H HR BB SO Manoah vs. the Twins PLAYER AVG AB H HR BB SO

Has never faced any current Twins hitters.
essional game in 2020 and was not part of the
ACROSS THE RIVER: Jax did not play a professional game in 2020 and was not part of the Twins' 60-man player pool...participated in the Twins Fall Instructional League in Fort Myers in October 2020...opened 2021 in the rotation for Triple-A St. Paul, going 3-1, 3.33 ERA (27.0 IP, 10 ER) in five starts during May...did not pitch upon being optioned to the Saints on June 16 and returned to the Twins on June 24...made one start for the Saints during his most recent Triple-A stint, on July 25 at Omaha ( $6.0 \mathrm{IP}, 5 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{ER}, 1 \mathrm{BB}, 5 \mathrm{~K}$ ) and went 4-1, 3.76 ERA (40.2 IP, 17 ER ) in eight starts overall for the Saints.

JAX AND THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY: Jax is the first graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy to ever play in the major leagues...became the sixth Academy product ever to be drafted when he was selected by the Twins in the third round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft. played baseball full-time through 2019 while concurrently serving in the Air Force through the Air Force's World Class Athlete Program (WCAP); he was accepted into the program in April 2018, following baseball's readmittance as an Olympic sport, as a Second Lieutenan (the rank all cadets receive after graduating from the academy).
$\Phi$ The WCAP program was established in 1995 in honor of Tuskegee Airman Malvin G Whitfield, who in 1952 became the first active-duty American serviceman to win an Olympic gold medal, doing so while simultaneously serving as a Korean War tail gunner
$\Phi$ The program allows active duty solders to train for the Olympics as their full-time job responsibility, while still maintaining active duty status in the military...Jax continued to complete all mandatory Air Force trainings, continuing education, fitness assessments, etc.
I Jax completed his two-year active duty commitment in 2019 and was transferred to the Air Force Reserve in November 2019, while continuing with his five-year Reserve requirement with around 24 days per year of military activity.
$\Phi$ Received the email informing him of his promotion to Captain on June 5 , his first day in a big league uniform (made his MLB debut June 8)...matched the current rank of his wife, Savannah, who is an intelligence officer in the Air Force based out of Moody Air Force Base (GA)...Savannah also completed a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan within the last 18 months and is scheduled to deploy again in the early part of the offseason.
$\Phi$ Jax was presented with the 2021 Bob Feller Act of Valor Award prior to the nightcap on September 14...the MLB award honors major leaguers who embody the spirit of the late Hall-of-ramer Feller, both in terms of his commitment to country and love for baseball.
 games vs. TOR this season...'pen is $32-30-40,4.42$ ERA ( 592.2 IP, 291 ER), 83 holds, 23 BB, 603 K in 154 games overall this season....has allowed 74 of 166 inherited runners to score ( $44.6 \%$ ), which is still the highest percentage in baseball...is $18-15-19,4.44 \mathrm{ERA}$ ( 306.0 IP , 151 ER ), 45 holds, $109 \mathrm{BB}, 289 \mathrm{~K}$ and a .246 BAA ( 281 -for-1143) in 77 home games this season.

## JORGE ALCALA - RHP

Height: 6 -3 Weight: $205 \quad$ Age: 25 (7/28/95 in Bajos De Haina, DR) Acquired: Trade with HOU, 7/27/18
 $\Phi$ Has an 0.73 ERA ( 12.1 IP, 1 ER) $\mathrm{w} / 6$ holds, $2 \mathrm{BB}, 13 \mathrm{~K}$ and a. $190 \mathrm{BAA}(8$-for-42) in 11 games since being reinstated from 10 -day IL on $8 / 27$. 0 ER in 14 of last 16 appearances overall, posting a 0.96 ERA (18.2 IP, 2 ER), 3 BB, 22 K \& a .177 BAA ( 11 -for-62)...3rd on Twins w/ 56


## KYLE BARRACLDUGH - RHP <br> KYLE B Weight: 229

$\qquad$ Age: 31 (5/23/1990 in Santa Clara, CA Acquired: Signed as ml free agent, 6/20/21 Homestand: $0-0-0,18.00$ ( 1.0 IP, 2 ER ), $2 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series vs TOR: $0-0-0,18.00$ ( $1.0 \mathrm{IP}, 2 \mathrm{ZR}$ ), $2 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 333 vs. Right. 233 क Is 2-0, $3.86 \mathrm{ERA}(7.0 \mathrm{IP}, 3 \mathrm{ER}), 5 \mathrm{BB}, 9 \mathrm{~K} \& \mathrm{a} .240 \mathrm{BAA}(6$-for-25) in 5 games since $9 / 13 .$. allowed 2 ER last night ( 3 previous outings scoreless) क $6.75 \mathrm{ERA}(2.2 \mathrm{IP}, 2 \mathrm{ER}) 3 \mathrm{BB}$ \& 4 K vs. TOR this season....career ( $3.0 \mathrm{IP}, 5 \mathrm{ER}$ ) 4 BB \& 5 K in 3 appearances vs. TOR.

## ALEX CILDME - RHP <br> Height: 6-1 Weight: 225

 Age: 32 (12/31/88 in Santo Domingo, DR)

Acquired: Signed as FA, 2/12/21
Homestand: $0-0-1,0.00(1.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}), 1 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series vs 10 .
$\Phi$ Leads MLB w/ 14 saves since $8 / 1 \ldots$. is 2-0-14 (17 opps.), 2.66 ERA ( $23.21 \mathrm{P}, 7 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $7 \mathrm{BB}, 20 \mathrm{~K} \&$ a $233 \mathrm{BAA}(21$-for- 90 ) in 24 games ( 20 scoreless )
in that span...back-to-back outings w/ saves, earned 15th save on $9 / 22$ at Wrigley Field in $5-4$ Twins victory ( 1.0 IP, 3 H, 2 R/ER, 1 BB, 2 K ) $\Phi$ Is 9 SV/10 SVO w/ 1.88 ERA (14.1 IP, 3 ER) since $8 / 27$ ( 14 G )...leads MIN w/ 64 games and 16 saves overall.
$\Phi$ Career 2-2-9, 3.42 ERA ( 26.1 IP , 10 ER) in 22 games vs. TOR....has tossed scoreless innings on $9 / 17 \& 9 / 24$ vs. TOR this season.
DANNY CIOULIMBE - LHP [PRDNOUNCEED KID-LOHM]
Age: 31 (10/26/1989 in St. Louis, MO) Acquired: Signed as minor league free agent. 11/9/20

$\Phi$ Is $3-2,3.78 \mathrm{ERA}(33.2 \mathrm{IP}, 14 \mathrm{ER}$ ) $7 \mathrm{BB}, 33 \mathrm{~K}$ and a $.273 \mathrm{BAA}(35-$-for- 128 ) in 28 relief outings this season; however, has allowed runs in 6 of
Is 3-2, 7.
$\Phi$ Career $1-0,1.50$ ERA ( 6.0 IP) in 4 games vs. TOR.... $25 \mathrm{ERA}(4.0 \mathrm{IP}$, ER) with 4 K vs. TOR this season.

## TYLER DUFFEY - RIIP

Age: 30 ( $12 / 27 / 90$ in Houston, TX)
Acquired: 5th Round 2012 Draft
Height: 6-3 Weight: 220
Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 ( 1.0 IP, 0 ER), $1 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB}$ BB
Has struck out 8 of 12 batter faced in last 4 outings...has allowed 2 hits in 35 at-bats (. 057 ), with 2 BB \& 17 K over his last 11 appearances
(10 scoreless) since $8 / 27$ (11.1 IT, 3 ER)...13.50 K 9.01 P in that stretch.
$\Phi$ 2nd on Twins w/ 61 appearances ( 49 w/out allowing an ER)...back-to-back outings with a hold, leads team w/ 19 holds...has 2.16 ERA
compared to 4.32 ERA (33.1 IP 16 ER) and 264 BAA in 33 road $G$
scoreless innings with 4 K....career 0-2-0, 10.20 ERA (15.0 IP, 17 ER ) in 8 games (2 starts) vs. TOR

## LUKE FARRELL - RHP

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 Age: 29 ( $6 / 7 / 1991$ in Westlake, 0 OH ) Acquired: Signed as ml FA, 12/14/20

$\Phi$ Is 1-0, 1.61 ERA (22.1 IP, 4 ER ), $10 \mathrm{BB}, 22 \mathrm{~K} \&$ a 207 BAA ( 17 -for- 82 ) in 18 appearances ( 15 scoreless) out of bullpen...his 5 th career start; his only start vs. TOR was as an opener on 9/19 at Rogers Centre (earned L, $1.01 \mathrm{PP}, 7 \mathrm{H}, 5 \mathrm{R} / \mathrm{ER}, 0 \mathrm{BB}, 1 \mathrm{~K}$ )...appeared on $9 / 23$, tossed 0.2 IP vs. TOR in relief ( $1 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{BB}$ ) \& appeared last night ( $1.0 \mathrm{IP}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ER}$ ) with one strikeout vs. TOR.

In last 10 games (as a reliever), one hold, $10.01 \mathrm{P}, 11 \mathrm{H}, 4 \mathrm{BB} \& 8 \mathrm{~K}$ at home...LHB are hitting. 258 ( 8 -for- 31 ) with $3 \mathrm{BB}, 9 \mathrm{~K}$ and 1 XBH , while JOHN GANT - RHP
Height: 6-4 Weight: 200
Weight: $200 \quad$ Age: 29 (8/6/1992 in Savannah, GA)
Acquired: Trade with STL, 7/30/2021
Homestand: $0-1-0,4.55(3.0 \mathrm{IP}, 1 \mathrm{ER}), 1 \mathrm{~K}, 2 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series vs TOR: $0-1-0,4.55$ ( $3.0 \mathrm{IP}, 1 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $1 \mathrm{~K}, 2 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 205 vs. Right. 239
$\Phi$ Reinstated yesterday after missing 10 games with a left abdominal strain, made start vs. TOR ( 3.0 IP, ER, $2 \mathrm{BB}, 1 \mathrm{~K}$ )...has appeared in 38 games (20 starts) between Twins \& Cardinals this season, going $5-10$ with a 3.74 ERA ( 106.0 IP, 44 ER), 6 BB \& 89 K .
games (20 starts) between Twins \& Cardinals this season, going 5-10 with a 3.74 ERA (106.
$\Phi$ Acquired by Twins on $7 / 30$ from STL w/ MiLB LHP Evan Sisk, in exchange for LHP J.A. Happ.

## RALPH GARZA JR. - RHI

$\qquad$ Age: 27 (4/6/94 in Edinhurg, TX)
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Acquired: Claimed off waivers from HOU, 8/4/21 Homestand: $0-0-1,0.00(1.1 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}), 1 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series vs TOR: $0-0-1,0.00(1.1 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{OR}), 1 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 184 vs. Right 215 क Has a 1.56 ERA ( 17.1 IP, 3 ER) $\mathrm{w} / 4 \mathrm{BB}, 14 \mathrm{~K}, 164 \mathrm{BAA}(10$-for- 61 ) and an 0.81 WHIP in 15 appearances ( $12 \mathrm{w} / 0$ allowing ER ) w/ Twins since being recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on $8 / 14$... notched his first major league save on $9 / 23$ vs. TOR after working 1.1 scoreless innings. |  |
| :--- | :--- | LHB, who are 3 -for-21 (.143), $2 \mathrm{HR}, 2 \mathrm{BB}, 5 \mathrm{~K}$ since joining Twins...career 2.1 scoreless inning including $9 / 23$ save vs. TOR

## JUAN MINAYA - RHP

## Height: 6-4 Weight: 210

 Age: 31 $\qquad$ in Loma De Cabrera, DR) Acquired: Signed as minor league free agent, 11/9/20 Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, OER), 0 K, 1 BB vs. Left. 239 vs. Right. 169 क Unscored upon in 4-straight games ( $5.0 \mathrm{IP}, 3 \mathrm{H}, 6 \mathrm{~K} \& 3$ holds)....also a 1.37 ERA ( $26.1 \mathrm{IP}, 4 \mathrm{ER}$ ) and a 183 BAA ( 17 -for-93) since July 31. is unscored upon in 17 of 20 outings in that span, w/ 14 BB and 32 K .. back-to-back outings with a hold, recorded his 6 th on $9 / 24$ vs. ToR27 G overall w/ Twins, going $2-1-0,6$ holds, $2.63 \mathrm{ERA}(37.2 \mathrm{IP}, 11 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $19 \mathrm{BB}, 41 \mathrm{~K} \&$ a. $193 \mathrm{BAA}(26$-for- 135 ), while stranding all 5 inherited
$\Phi 3.0$ scoreless innigs vs. TOR this season ( 2.0 on $9 / 19$ \& 1.0 on $9 / 24$ )...career $1-0-0$, one hold, 1.13 ERA ( $8.0 \mathrm{IP}, 1 \mathrm{ER}$ ) w/ 11 Kin 7 games vs. TOR

## JOVANI MORAN - LHP [PRONOUNCED JDE-VAH-NEE MD-RAN]

Height: 6-1 Weight: $167 \quad$ Age: 24 (4/24/97 in Mayaguez, PR) Acquired: 7th Round, 2015 Draft Homestand: $0-0-0,0.00(2.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{ER}), 4 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series vs TOR: $0-0-0,0.00(2.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{OER}), 4 \mathrm{~K}, 0 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 333 vs. Right. 222 $\Phi$ Became the first Twins rookie since at least 1988 to work 2.0 perfect innings (last night vs. TOR w/4 K)...career 5.40 ERA ( 3.1 IP, 2 ER) with 4 BB \& 5 K vs. TOR....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...split the 2021 season between Double-A Wichita and Triple-A St. Paul, combining to go $4-2-3,2.41$ ERA ( 67.11 IP, 18 ER), 32 BB, 109 K , a . 124 BAA (28-for-225) and a 1.05 WHIP...club's 26 th-best prospect per MLB.com.

## CALLE THIELEAR - LIP

Height: 6-0 Weight: $205 \quad$ Age: 34 (1/31/87 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Signed as ml FA 11/29/19
 © 7-straight scoreless efforts ( $7.0 \mathrm{IP}, 7 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{BB}, 7 \mathrm{~K}$ ) since $9 / 7 .$. .is $4-0-0,5$ holds, 2.05 ERA ( $26.1 \mathrm{IP}, 6 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $10 \mathrm{BB}, 28 \mathrm{~K}$ and a 202 BAA (19-for-94) in 25 games post-All-Star-Break (21 efforts w/o allowing ER)
$\Phi 4$ th on Twins w/ 55 appearances.... is now $6-0,3.47$ ERA ( $59.2 \mathrm{IP}, 23$ ER) w/ 11 holds, 20 BB and 74 K this season and 8-1, 3.16 (79.2 IP, 28
ER) w/ 12 holds, 29 BB and 96 K since rejoining Twins (and returning to majors for 1st time since 2015) for 2020 season.
$\Phi 1.0$ scoreless inning ( 1 H ) on $9 / 19$ at Rogers Centre...scoreless 1.0 IP on $9 / 23$ at Target Field...career 5.06 ERA ( 5.1 IP, 3 ER) in 6 games.

## NILK VINCENT - RHP Height: 5-10 Weight: 185

Age: 35 (7/12/86 in Poway CA)
Acquired: Signed a ml free agent, 6/22/21
Homestand: $0-0-0,0.00(1.0 \mid \mathrm{P}, 0 \mathrm{ER}), 0 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{BB} \quad$ Series vs TOR: $0-0-0,0.00(1.0 \mathrm{IP}, 0 \mathrm{OR}), 0 \mathrm{~K}, 1 \mathrm{BB}$ vs. Left. 111 vs. Right. 313
$\Phi$ Has a $1.23 \mathrm{ERA}(7.1 \mathrm{IP}, 1 \mathrm{ER}$ ), $3 \mathrm{BB}, 5 \mathrm{~K}$ and a 240 BAA ( 6 -for- 25 ) in 4 games over 2 stints $\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{Twins}$ 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 2228 BAA in 24 games w/ Triple-A St. Paul.
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| Player name | 1st Batter Avg | BB/9 | K/9 | Saves/Opps | Holds | IRS\% | WHIP | HR | Last game | 2 games ago | 3 games ago |
| Jorge Alcala | . 264 | 2.08 | 8.95 | 0/4 | 20 | 31.6\% (6/19) | 1.03 | 10 | 0.0 PP (0) | $0.2 \mid \mathbb{P}$ (6) | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ |
| Kyle Barraclough | . 429 | 6.10 | 11.32 | 0/0 | 2 | 40.0\% (2/5) | 1.65 | 3 | $1.01 \mathrm{P}(33)$ | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ | $0.0 \mathrm{IP}(0)$ |
| Alex Colome | . 417 | 3.34 | 8.13 | 16/22 | 11 | 36.4\% (4/11) | 1.37 | 8 | 0.0 IP (0) | $1.01 \mathrm{P}(5)$ | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Danny Coulombe | . 385 | 1.89 | 8.91 | 0/1 | 8 | 20.0\% (1/5) | 1.26 | 5 | $2.01 \mathrm{P}(37)$ | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ | $0.0 \mathrm{IP}(0)$ |
| Tyler Duffey | . 189 | 4.32 | 8.95 | 3/6 | 29 | 45.8\% (11/24) | 1.27 | 4 | 0.01 P (0) | $1.01 \mathrm{P}(17)$ | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Luke Farrell | . 059 | 3.86 | 8.87 | 0/1 | 5 | 0.0\% (0/3) | 1.46 | 3 | $1.01 \mathrm{P}(18)$ | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ | 0.2 IP (19) |
| John Gant | .--- | 5.86 | 7.56 | 0/0 | 2 | 0.0\% (0/5) | 1.47 | 10 | 3.01 P (47) | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Ralph Garza Jr. | .--- | 3.49 | 8.89 | 1/1 |  | 11.1\% (1/9) | 1.13 | 5 | 0.0 IP (0) | 0.01 P (0) | $1.1 \mathrm{IP}(16)$ |
| Juan Minaya | . 208 | 4.54 | 9.80 | 0/0 | 8 | 0.0\% (0/5) | 1.19 | 4 | 0.0 IP (0) | 1.01 P (19) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Jovani Moran | . 250 | 8.53 | 11.37 | $0 / 0$ | 0 | 33.3\% (1/3) | 1.89 | 0 | 2.01 P (19) | 0.01 P (0) | 0.0 IP (0) |
| Caleb Thielbar | . 208 | 3.02 | 11.16 | 0/1 | 22 | 52.0\% (13/25) | 1.21 | 8 | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ | 0.01 PP (0) | $1.01 \mathrm{P}(14)$ |
| Nick Vincent | . 000 | 3.68 | 6.14 | 0/0 | 1 | 0.0\% (0/0) | 1.23 | 1 | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ | $0.01 \mathrm{P}(0)$ | $1.01 \mathrm{P}(13)$ |



Home Runs: 2 (2 2-run)

- 0-for-2 as sub last night... 3 BB on 9/21 set single-game career high...just 7-for-47 (.149), 2B
$3 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{RBI}, 4 \mathrm{R}, 5 \mathrm{BB}$ in last 14 games...is just $4-$ for- $23,3 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{RBI}, 2 \mathrm{BB}, \mathrm{R}$ in last 9 home G .
$\Phi$ Ranks 2nd on MIN w/ 31 multi-hit games, 2nd w/ 9 3+ hit games and 2nd w/ career-high 114 hits (trailing J. Polanco in all categories).
From 8/3-8/18, had 14-G on-base streak, 2nd-longest run of career; batted . 413 (19-for-46) W/ 500 OBP during streak....on 9/6, had 1st career multi-H G as sub (5th by MIN this season) On $8 / 14$ vs. TB, hit 402 -ft. HR, longest of career.... has been on IL $3 x$ this season: $5 / 4-1$
Loads MIN w/
Leads MiN w/ career-high 6 3B this season...enters today T-4th in MLB in 3B....W/ Kepler (43B) marks 1st time MIN has 2+ players w/ 4+3B in season since 2017 (Buxton, Dozier, Escobar) Is just 3 -for-16, $3 B, 2$ RBI, $R$ in 5 games vs. TOR this season, 1 st career games vs. TOR
career $284(33$-for-116), $42 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{HR}, 13$ RBI, 18 R $15 \mathrm{BB}, \mathrm{SB}$ in 32 games vs. AL East.
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9/14. 3rd game ninght; played C for 1st time since 6/1...game-tying RBI 2B in G2 vs. CLE 2/14; 3rd game-tying RB of season...HR on $8 / 26$ at BOS went 412 ft ., 2 nd-longest HR of career. G/20 GS, $2 \mathrm{~B}-4 \mathrm{G} / 2 \mathrm{GS}, 3 \mathrm{~B}-29 \mathrm{G} / 22 \mathrm{GS}, \mathrm{RF}-1 \mathrm{G} / 1 \mathrm{GS}$.
$\Phi$ Is just 2-for-16, R in 5 career games vs. TOR

## BYRDN BUXTDN - DF $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Height: } 6-2 & \text { Weight: } 212 \quad \text { B/T: R/R Age: } 27 \text { (12/18/93 in Baxley, GA) }\end{array}$ 

$\Phi 0$-for-3, BB, SB last night; extended on-base streak to 9 Gw / PA, T-3rd longest of career ( .378 OBP during streak)...hit 15th HR Friday; 1 shy of career-high 16, done in 2017...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 $b 2 b$ 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 22 -for-104, 17 R, $72 \mathrm{~B}, 5 \mathrm{HR}, 8 \mathrm{RBI}, 7 \mathrm{BB}$ in 27 G since Batting . 373 (28-for-75) w/ runners on base this season...enters today 3rd in MLB in avg sprint speed (min. 75 opp .), w/ $30.0 \mathrm{ft} . / \mathrm{sec} . .$. has 4 career leadoff HR; 2 this season.
Is 6 -for-23 (.261), 3 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 3 R, 3 BB in 6 G vs. TOR this season...batting . 273 (12-for44), $52 \mathrm{~B}, 2$ HR in 11 G vs. AL East this season...named recipient of the AL Player of the Month for April, becoming the 16th Twins player to win award \& first since Delmon Young in July 2010.


## JAKE CAVE - IF <br> Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (12/4/92 in Hampton, VA) $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 2021 Average: } 181 & \text { Streak: } 0-10 & \begin{array}{l}\text { Series vs TOR: } \\ \text { Homestand: } \\ \text { Home Runs: }\end{array} \\ & & \begin{array}{l}\text { 0-0 } \\ 3\end{array} \\ & \text { (2-run, } 13 \text {-run) }\end{array}$

Ф Def. repl. Friday night... is 0 -for-his-last-10 at the plate...batting . 250 ( 6 -for-24), HR, 7 RBI, 2 R in last 6 starts... 1 -for-5, 3-R HR in 10th 8/25 at BOS; 1st career HR in 10th-or-later \& 1st career 3-R HR (has 2 GS )...reinstated from 60-day IL 7/24; missed 64 G w/ stress reaction in low back 3-R HR (has 2 GS )...reinstated from 60 -day IL 7/24; missed 64 G W/ stress reaction in low back.
Career def. positions: 144 in CF, 78 in RF, 54 in LF..in $2021: 29 \mathrm{G} / 18 \mathrm{GS}$ in CF, $33 \mathrm{G} / 14 \mathrm{GS}$ in LF, $10 \mathrm{G} / 6 \mathrm{GS}$ in RF...career . 200 (3-for-15), 2 2B, RBI, 2 R, 4 BB in 8 G vs. TOR.

© Snapped 0-for-11 w/ 2B last night; also had 2 BB, 17th G w/ 3+ TOB this season...HR-ed in $2 \mathrm{G} 9 / 1-9 / 1$ just 1 -for- 81 (. 210 in 2 G in Sept., but 9 of 17 H have been XBH 3 HR)...HR on $9 / 10$ had exit velo of 113.6 MPH, his hardest-hit HR of Statcast Era (2015-) 2nd RBI on 7/26 was 700th of career, becoming 30th active player to reach 700 career RBI...has 16 go-ahead RBI, 2nd on Twins...3rd on MIN w/ 67 RBI overall....leads MIN w/ 70 BB this season. Played parts of 4 seasons for TOR from 2015-18; hit 116 HR, was 3x AL All-Star (2014-16) and 2015 AL MVP...is 4 -for-19, 2 2B, 2 HR, 3 RBI, HBP, 6 BB, . 423 OBP in 6 G vs. TOR this season...career . 222 (20-for-90), 6 2B, 6 HR, 13 RBI, 18 R, 17 BB in 26 games vs. TOR...has .389 OBP ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HBP}, 7 \mathrm{BB}$ ) in last 8 games vs. AL East...has 249 career HR, 1 shy of 250 . Enters today 3rd in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/PA (11.1), 5th in avg. exit velocity ( 94.0 mph ), 9 th in barrels/BBE (17.1) and 13th in hard hit \% (52.4)

## MITCH GARVER - [

 2021 Average: 258 Series vs TOR: 3-7, 2B, 2 RBI

0 -for-3, SF, RBI last night as DH...3-for-4, 2B, RBI Thursday; b2b 3-H G for 3rd time in career (1st since 5/4-5/719)...also had 3-straight multi-H G 8/24-9/23 (3rd time in career).
Batting . 429 (15-for-35), $42 \mathrm{~B}, 4 \mathrm{RBI}, 4 \mathrm{R}, 7 \mathrm{BB}, .5120 \mathrm{BP}$ in last 11 G ...returned from rehab, reinstated from 10 -day IL 9/20; missed 25 games w/ low back tightness... 2 nd IL stint this season ( $6 / 2-1 / 19$, groin contusion)...had b2b multi-hit $8 / 13-8 / 14$ for 2nd time this season 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 a 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. also batting . 333 (14-for-42), 62 B, 5 RBI, 6 R, 9 BB, $.4420 B P$ in 14 Gvs . AL East this season.


Gordon, continued.
0-for-4 last night, snapping career-high 6-G H streak...batting . 340 (17-for-50) in last 16 G....also batting .327 (18-for-55) in Sept., 1st among qualified AL rookies \& 2nd in MLB (CHC F. Schwindel, 372).. 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, 5th in AL), most by MIN rookie in single season since Byron Buxton in 2016 (10 SB)...career games by position: 2 G
I Is 6-for-18 (.333), 2B, HR, 6 RBI, R in 5 career G vs. TOR...career . 276 (16-for-58) in 18 G vs. ALEast
$\Phi$ 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 - [ Height: 6-4 Weight: $235 \quad$ B/T: R/R Age: 24 ( $6 / 3 / 97$ in Raleigh, NC) 

© 0-for-2 last night and 1-for-3, 2B Friday; is 4-for-11 (.364), 2 2B, HR, 4 RBI in last 4 home games...3-for-3, 2B, HR 4 RBI in G2 9/14; tied career highs w/ 3 H \& 2 X'BH, 2nd career 4+ RB game.... his 81 G lead MLB rookie C... 81 G are also 6 th most in a season by MiN rookie catcher. 2-for-12, 2B, R, BB in 4 G vs. TOR...career . 200 (13-for-65), 2 2B, 3B, 3 HR in 20 G vs. AL East क 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 kille - ut  2021 Average: ${ }^{2} 2$

$\Phi$ 0-for-1 as PH last night....-for-2 Thursday night; left game w/ non-COVID illness and is day-to-day...3-for-4, 2 HR, 2B, 3 RBI Wednesday; 4th career G w/ 3 XBH \& 11th career multi-HR G...3-for-5, 2 RBI Tuesday; had 3+ H in b2b G for 3rd time in career, 1st since 9/20-22/2020 10 SB this season are career high...W/ J. Polanco (11 SB) \& N. Gordon (10 SB), MIN has 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.
$\Phi 44$ of 85 hits this season have been XBH ( 21 2B, $43 \mathrm{~B}, 19 \mathrm{HR}$ )...is 0 -for- 14 in 5 G vs. TOR

## JORFE PDLANCD - IF <br> B/T: S/R Age: 28 (7/5/93 in San Pedro De Macorís, DR Streak: $1 \mathrm{~g}, 1-4 \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Series vs TOR: 2-12, RBI } \\ & \text { Home }\end{aligned}$

© 1-for-4, R, SB last night; is 3-for-26, 2B, RBI, $2 \mathrm{BB}, 3$ R in last 7 G ....had 4th career PH, 1st career PH XBH 9/22...leads MIN w/ 11 SB this season...9/11, recorded 4th career multi-HR G, 3rd this season. Has career-high 31 HR this season (previous high was 22 in 2019), most single-season HR by a switch hitter in MIN history...2nd 2B/SS in MIN history w/ 30+ HR season, joining B. Dozier $\Phi$ RX)...ranks 2nd among MLB switch hitters in HR this season, behind CLE S S. Ramirez ( 36 HR) Reached 90 RBI this season 9/17, extending career high (currently 91)...RBI total is 3rd in MIN
history among switch hitters, trailing only R. Smalley (95 in 1979) and C. Davis (93 in 1991) - Has 30 XBH since 8/1, 2nd in AL \& T-3rd in MLB , behind PHI's B Harper ( 38 XBH) \& TOR's M Semien (32 - Batting . 295 (74-for-251), 17 2B, 3B, 19 HR, 48 RBI, . 598 SLG, .932 OPS in 64 G since ASG AL ranks in span (qualifiers): 7th in SLG, T-6th in RBI, T-4th in HR (T-5th in MLB).
 as RHB this year...leads MIN w/ 44 multi-hit $\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{T}-10$ th in AL), $15 \mathrm{Gw} 3+\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{T}-5 \mathrm{th}$ in AL) \& 25 multi-RBI G s 5-for-24, HR 3 RBI 4 R 2 BB in 6 games vs. TOR this season career 311 (33-for-106), 8 2B, 4 HR, 12 RBI, 22 R, 12 BB, .381 OBP, .881 OPS in 27 games vs. TOR.

| BRENT RODKER - DF |  |  | \#50 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Height: 6-3 | Weight: 225 | B/T: R/R | Age: 26 (11/1/94 in | ermantown, TN) |
| 2021 Average: 203 Homestand: 2-8, 2B |  | 0-2 | Series vs TOR: Home Runs: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2-8, 2B } \\ & 8 \text { (7 1-run, } 12-1 \end{aligned}$ |

- 0-for-2 BB , HBP last night. 4th career G w/ 2 TOB \& $0 H 9 / 17$ at TOR had 2nd career Gw/2XBH also $8 / 14$ vs. B . rinstated from Paternity List 9 OH . he and wife A 促, had first child daughte Blair Evelyn, on 9/13...batting . 300 ( 6 -for-20), $22 \mathrm{~B}, 2$ RBI, $2 \mathrm{HBP}, 2 \mathrm{BB}, 2$ R 417 OBP in last 7 home G . $\Phi$ 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. (or-96) in 28 road G this season...career 4-for-15 .421 OBP ( $4 \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{BB}, \mathrm{HBP}$ ) in 5 G vs. TOR and .323 ( 10 -for- 31 ), $32 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{HR}, 6 \mathrm{RBI}$ in 11 G vs. AL East


2021 Average: .218
क 0 -for-2,2 BB last night; 10th G w/2+ BB this season...9/15-9/17, HR-ed in b2b G for 27th time in career/5th this season...reached base in 10 of last 12 games, w/ 3470 BP and .8820 OPS in span $\Phi \Phi$ Enters today 6 th in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/BBE (17.6) \& 6 th in hard hit \% 2,043)... has 160 career HR, 11th in MIN history (since 1961); 3 shy of T. Brunansky (10th - 163). $\Phi$ Is 4 -for-20, 2B, HR, 3 R, RBI, $5 \mathrm{BB}, .360$ OBP in 6 G vs. TOR this season.
$\Phi$ Hit 495-ft. HR 8/25, longest in MLB this year \& 2nd-longest by MIN hitter in Statcast Era

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| Height: 6-2 | Weight: 195 | B/T: R/R | Age: 32 (9/4/89 in Mundo Nobo, Guraçao) |  |  |
| 2021 Average: 224 Homestand: 2-8 | Streak: 1g, 1-2 |  | Series vs TOR: Home Runs: | $\begin{aligned} & 2-8 \\ & 3 \text { (32-run) } \end{aligned}$ |  |

Ф 1 -for-2 last night; has reached base in 4 -straight G...is 9 -for- 29 (.310), 2B, 3 RBI, SF, 2 BB $2 \mathrm{R}, 3440 \mathrm{BP}$ in last 11 G . weekend...200th career 2B in G1 9/14... 20 multi-H G \& 8 G reaching base $3+\mathrm{x}$.
$\Phi$ On defense, his 15 outs above average (Statcast) are 5 th in MLB (qualifiers), behind KC's $N$ Lopez (19), NYM's F. Lindor (19), ARI's N. Ahmed (18) and OAK's M. Chapman (17) Career . 308 ( 48 -for-156), $62 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{~B}, 3 \mathrm{HR}, 23 \mathrm{RBI}, 11 \mathrm{BB}$ in 40 G vs. TOR; .333 ( 10 -for- 30 ) in last 8 G.



| LAST TIME IT HAPPENED |  |
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| FOR THE TWINS | AGAINST THE TWINS |
| HITTING: | HITTING: |
| Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time) | Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time) |
| Grand Slam: R. Jeffers, 7/28/21 vs. DET (4 as a team in 2021) | Grand Slam: E. Haase, 7/27/21 vs. DET ( 6 allowed as team in 2021) |
| Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 55 all-time) | Inside-the-Park Home Run: K. Kiermaier, 8/13/21 vs. TB (45 allowed all-time) |
| Pinch-Hit Home Run: M. Sanó, 8/5/19 vs. ATL (2 as a team in 2019) | Pinch-Hit Home Run: R. Grossman, 7/26/21 vs. DET (3 allowed in 2021) |
| Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: M. LeCroy, 9th inning, 5/19/04 at TOR (15 all-time) | Pinch-Hit Grand Slam: J. Sands, 8/8/15 at CLE |
| Five-Hit Game: B. Buxton, $4 / 27 / 21$ at CLE (1 in 2021) | Five-Hit Game: D. Gregorius, 7/23/19 vs. NYY |
| Six-Hit Game: K. Puckett, $5 / 23 / 91$ vs. IEX ( $2 / 1 / 28 /$ time, both Puckett) | Six-Hit Game: J. Segura, 5/28/13 at MIL (3 allowed all-time) |
| Two Home Runs, One Inning: M. Cuddyer, $8 / 23 / 09$ at KiC (1 all-time) | Two Hits, One Inning: W. Merrifield, 1st inning, 6/4/21 at KC (2 allowed in 2021) |
| Two-Home Run Game: M. Kepler, 9/22/21 at CHC (15 as team in 2021) | Two-Home Run Game: Y. Grandal, 6/30/21 at CWS (8 allowed in 2021) |
| Three-Home Run Game: M. Sanó, 5/18/21 vs. CWS (1 as a team in 2021, 13 all-time) | Three-Home Run Game: J. Donaldson 8/28/16 at TOR |
| Back-to-Back Home Runs: B. Buxton/J. Polanco, 9/11/21 vs. KC ( 5 as team in 2021) | Back-to-Back Home Runs: Y. Díaz/J. Luplow, 9/4/21 at TB (9 allowed in 2021) |
| Three Consecutive Home Runs: J. Polanco/J. Donaldson/M. Sanó, 9/17/21 at TOR (1 in 2021) | Three Consecutive Home Runs. A Lones/J Castilla/J Franco 6/11/02 vs ATL |
| 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) | Four Home Runs, One Inning: C. Everett/T. O'Leary/J. Varitek/M. Burkhart, 7/3/00 vs. BOS |
| Walk-Off Home Run: J. Potanco, 7/11/21 vs. DEI (3 as a team in 2021) |  |
| Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: M. Sanó, $8 / 5 / 19$ vs. ATL (10 all-time) | Pinch-Hit, Walk-Off Home Run: C. Santana 9/23/11 at CLE (12 all-time) |
| Leadoff Home Run: B. Buxton, $9 / 10 / 21$ vs. KC (7as a team in | Leadoff Home Run: R. Grossman, 7/17/21 G1 at DET (5 allowed in 2021) |
| Three Consecutive Home Runs to Start Game: B. Buxton/J. Donaldson/N. Cruz, 4/28/21 at CLE | 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: Last actual pitcher Jim Kaat, 6/11/72 at CLE; Chris Gimenez | Last Pitcher to Hit Home Run: Jon Lester, 7/1/18 at CHC |
| catcher pitching in relien | PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games): |
| PITCHING (complete games only for low-hit games): | No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time) |
| No-Hitter: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time) | One-Hitter: C. Kluber, 8/14/15 vs. CLE (23 all-time) |
| One-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time) | Two-Hitter: R. Halladay, 5/29/05 at TOR (49 all-time) |
| Two-Hitter: E. Santana, 5/24/17 at BAL (43 all-time) | 10+ Innings Pitched: A. Fernández ( 10.0 innings), 10/1/95 at CHW |
| 10+ Innings Pitched: B. Radke (10.0 innings), 9/21/97 vs. MIL | 10+ Strikeouts: 13, P. Sandoval, 7/24/21 vs. LAA (3 times in 2021) |
| 10+ Strikeouts: 11, Ryan, 9/22/21 at CHC ( 6 as team in 2021) | Complete Game Shutout: S. Manaea, 4/20/21 (G1) at OAK (1 time in 2021) |
| Complete Game Shutout: J. Berríos, 4/1/18 at BAL (1 as a team in 2018) | Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Williams/Jer. Weaver, 5/1-2/12 at LAA |
| Back-to-Back Complete Game Victories: J. Mays/C. Silva, 5/19-20/05 vs. TOR/vs. MIL | Back-to-Back Shutouts: 4/20/21 Game 1 \& 4/20/21 Game 2 at OAK (2 games, 7-0 and |
| 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: F. Hernández, 6/3/10 vs. SEA (8th inning) |
| Four Strikeouts in an Inning: Z. Duke, 3/29/18 at BAL (7th inning) (4 times since 1961) | MISCELLANEOUS: |
| MISCELLANEOUS: | Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all |
| Triple Play: M. Sanó/A. Simmons/N. Gordon, 6/6/21 at KC - N. Lopez hitting (15 all-time) | Position Player Pitching: J. Luplow, 8/14/21 vs. TB (2 in 2021) |
| Position Player Pitching: W. Astudillo, 8/26/21 at BOS (4 in 2021) | Three or more Steals, One Game: W. Merrifield (3), 7/2/17 at KC (1 in 2017) |
| Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adrianza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017) | Steal of Home: R. Davis, $8 / 1 / 18$ vs. CLE |
| Steal of Home: C. Thomas, 8/3/13 vs. HOU | Pure Steal of Home: S. Green, $5 / 26 / 00$ vs. TEX |
| Pure Steal of Home: R. Becker, 9/27/97 at CLE | Home Run in First ML At-Bat: C. Richard, 7/17/00 vs. STL |
| Home Run in First ML At-Bat: E. Rosario, 5/6/15 vs. OAK (1st PA, 1st pitch) |  |

## 202 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND PDSTPONEMENTS

NoItS
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. 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 $7: 11 \mathrm{p}$ p.m. Game was stopped at 9.05 p m . in the top of the seventh inning due to rain; play resumed at $9.50 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. after a $45-\mathrm{mminte}$ delay
A pregame deluge followed by a rainbow that spanned the entire ballpark') pushed a scheduled $7: 10 \mathrm{p}$.m. first t pitch back to $7: 21 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ., for an 11 -minute delay.
Scheduled $1: 10$ p


