



WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS
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WORLD CHAMPIONS
'24 '87 '91

MINNESOTA TWINS [69-87] vs. DETROIT TIGERS [75-81]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 - 6:40 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM

LHP Charlie Barnes (0-3, 6.61) vs. LHP Tyler Alexander (2-3, 4.10)

GAME 157

HOME GAME 79

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
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

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	206-172
Home Record:	36-42
Road Record:	33-45
Record in series:	15-29-6
Record in home series:	8-16-1
Record in road series:	7-13-5
Series Openers:	23-27
Series Finales:	21-1-28
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:	11-13
Day Games:	27-40
Night Games:	42-47
vs. American League East:	13-20
vs. American League Central:	33-37
vs. American League West:	13-20
vs. National League:	10-10
Games vs. LH Starter:	18-35
Games vs. RH Starter:	51-52
Twins score first:	47-39
Opponent scores first:	22-48
Come-from-behind wins:	30
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	54-6/55-5
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	5-62/2-63
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	8-11/9-10
Extra-innings:	11-12
1-run games:	24-19
Twins out-hit opp.:	50-14
Opp. out-hit Twins:	13-65
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	6-8
Run Differential:	-109 (697-806)
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+:	55-28
When Twins score 3-:	14-58
Twins get 10+ hits:	32-18
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	7
Days in Fourth Place:	72
Days in Fifth Place:	84
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:	1,255,430
Attendance Average:	16,095
Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time:	8/181

THE TWINS: The Twins went 2-2 vs. Toronto over the weekend to open their final homestand of the 2021 season...they begin their three-game series against Detroit tonight, then head to Kansas City for a three-game series over the weekend – their last games of the season...the Twins have gone 36-42 at home this season and 33-45 on the road.

☞ The Twins are hitting .238 (609-for-2556) with 123 doubles, nine triples, 106 homers and 328 RBI in 78 home games this season...their 106 home homers are fourth most in the American League.

SPLITTING UP: The Twins lost to Toronto Sunday afternoon by a score of 5-2, splitting the four-game series...Griffin Jax (3-5) was the starter and loser, allowing four runs on six hits in 5.0 innings pitched...the offense recorded eight hits, highlighted by a Byron Buxton solo home run – his 16th of the season to tie his single-season career-high, previously done in 2017...the Twins finished the season 3-4 vs. the Blue Jays and lost the season series for the first time since 2016.

TWINS AND TIGERS: The Twins and Tigers are playing the 17th of 19 games in 2021...the Twins have gone 9-7 against the Tigers this season, including 5-2 at Target Field and 4-5 at Comerica Park...the Twins last faced Detroit on August 30, taking the win at Comerica Park in a makeup game from a previous rainout.

☞ **Twins have won 15 of their last 23 over the Tigers and 19 of their last 30.**

☞ Brent Rooker is hitting .314 (11-for-35) with two doubles, two home runs, six RBI and a .943 OPS in 10 career games against the Tigers.

☞ Josh Donaldson is hitting .333 (13-for-39) with four doubles, four homers, 10 RBI, 11 runs scored, 12 walks, a .490 on-base percentage and a 1.234 OPS in 13 games vs. the Tigers this season, reaching base in 12 of his 13 game...12 walks are the most by a Twin vs. the Tigers this season.

ROSTER MOVE: The Twins have placed right-handed pitcher Bailey Ober on the 10-day Injured List with a right hip strain...Ober has made 20 starts for the Twins this season, going 3-3 with a 4.19 ERA (92.1 IP, 43 ER), 19 walks and 96 strikeouts...additionally, the Twins have recalled left-handed pitcher Charlie Barnes from Triple-A St. Paul...Barnes, 25, has started 16 games for the Saints this season, going 6-4 with a 3.79 ERA (76.0 IP, 32 ER), 24 walks and 62 strikeouts...he has also appeared in seven games (6 starts) for the Twins this season, going 0-3 with a 6.61 ERA (31.1 IP, 23 ER), 12 walks and 15 strikeouts.

'PEN STRONG: Since August 27, the Twins bullpen has posted a 2.49 ERA (122.2 IP, 34 ER) with 98 hits allowed, 46 walks, 129 strikeouts, 11 saves, a .220 opponent batting average and a .642 opponent OPS...below are their ranks in the American League since that date:

ERA	BAA	OPS	WHIP	SO
Minnesota - 2.49	Minnesota - .220	Chicago - .617	Chicago - 1.11	New York - 133
Detroit - 3.05	Chicago - .223	Minnesota - .642	Minnesota - 1.17	Minnesota - 129
Chicago - 3.35	Toronto - .223	Kansas City - .671	Toronto - 1.18	Chicago - 126
Kansas City - 3.58	New York - .232	Los Angeles - .677	Kansas City - 1.27	Tampa Bay - 126
Cleveland - 3.62	Texas - .235	Detroit - .689	Seattle - 1.27	Houston - 124

TWINS POYS: The Twins announced yesterday that infielder Jose Miranda has been named the 2021 Sherry Robertson Award winner as the Twins Minor League Player of the Year and right-handed pitcher Louie Varland has been named the 2021 Jim Rantz Award winner as the Twins Minor League Pitcher of the Year.

☞ Miranda, 23, split the season between Double-A Wichita and Triple-A St. Paul, combining to hit .342 (176-for-514) with 29 doubles, 29 home runs, 92 RBI and an .968 OPS in 122 games through September 27...was named Twins minor league Player of the Week four times during the season (May 16, June 6, June 27 and July 4)...is currently ranked as the club's eighth-best prospect per MLB.com.

☞ Varland, 23, split the 2021 season between Single-A Fort Myers and Single-A Cedar Rapids. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound pitcher went 10-4 with a 2.10 ERA (103.0 IP, 24 ER), 30 walks, 142 strikeouts, a 1.09 WHIP and a .214 opponent batting average (82-for-383), leading Twins minor league pitchers in strikeouts, wins and ERA (min. 45.0 innings pitched)...he was named Low-A Southeast Pitcher of the Week while with Fort Myers on June 13 and later named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week twice (July 25 and September 12) while pitching for the Kernels...he is currently ranked as the club's 29th-best prospect by MLB.com.

2022 DISCOVER NHL WINTER CLASSIC AT TARGET FIELD: The NHL® announced yesterday that tickets to the 2022 Discover NHL Winter Classic® between the St. Louis Blues and the Minnesota Wild at Target Field, will go on sale to the public on Wednesday...the 2022 Discover NHL Winter Classic® will be the first NHL Winter Classic® scheduled to be played in primetime and will start at 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT on January 1...the game will be televised on TNT, Sportsnet, and TVA Sports...tickets to the 2022 Discover NHL Winter Classic® go on sale Wednesday, September 29 at 11 a.m. ET/10 a.m. CT via Ticketmaster, the official ticketing partner of the NHL®...the 2022 Discover NHL Winter Classic® will mark the second time the Wild will play in an NHL regular-season outdoor game, as well as second time the NHL has brought a regular-season outdoor game to The State of Hockey following the 2016 NHL Stadium Series™ between the Chicago Blackhawks and the hometown Wild, who won the game 6-1.

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 1998, Paul Molitor played his final game of his Hall of Fame career, batting fourth at DH for the Twins...he went 2-for-4 and singled off Doug Jones in his last career plate appearance for hit number 3,319...in 2019, the AL Central Division Champion Twins won their 100th game of the season in a 6-2 victory over Kansas City, reaching 100 wins for the second time in club history (102-60 in 1965)...in 2020, the Twins won the AL Central, following a White Sox loss on the final day of the season.

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 loss
Last 5 games	3-2
Last 10 games	5-5
Last 15 games	7-8
Last 20 games	10-10

TWINS VS. TIGERS

2021 Record:	9-7
Current Streak:	1 win
2021 at Home:	5-2
2021 at Detroit:	4-5
All-Time Record:	474-426-1
All-Time at Home:	249-203
All-Time at Detroit:	225-223-1

2021 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
4/5	DET	15-6	Shoemaker/Ureña/Dobnak
4/6	DET	3-4 (10)	Soto/Robles
4/7	DET	3-2	Maeda/Boyd/Colomé
5/7	DET	7-3	Shoemaker/Skubal
5/8	DET	3-7	Fulmer/Duffey
5/9	DET		**PPD**
7/8	MIN	5-3	Happ/Skubal/Rogers
7/9	MIN	4-2	Alcala/Manning/Robles
7/10	MIN	9-4	Coulombe/Jiménez
7/11	MIN	12-9 (10)	Duffey/Holland
7/16	DET		**PPD**
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7/17	DET	0-1	Norris/Barnes/Soto
		4-5 (8)	Jiménez/Rogers
7/18	DET	0-7	Peralta/Happ
7/26	MIN	6-5 (10)	Thielbar/Soto
7/27	MIN	5-6 (11)	Cisnero/Alcala/Norris
7/28	MIN	14-17	Holland/Happ
8/30	DET	3-2	Ober/Mize/Colomé
9/28	MIN		6:40 pm (CT)
9/29	MIN		6:40 pm (CT)
9/30	MIN		6:40 pm (CT)

CURRENT HOMESTAND [2-2]

Batting average	.242
Runs Per Game	3.25
Home Runs	3
RISP	.175
Errors	3

Team ERA	3.25
Starters W-L	2-2
Starters ERA	3.93
Relievers W-L-S	0-0-2
Relievers ERA	2.55
Saves/Opps	2/2

MLB TEAM HOME RUN LEADERS

Toronto	248
San Francisco	237
Atlanta	232
Minnesota	218
Los Angeles-NL	218

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

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 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

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER/MANAGER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Byron Buxton	95 doubles	Needs 5 to reach 100 for career.
Josh Donaldson	249 home runs	Needs 1 to reach 250 for career.
Max Kepler	120 home runs	Needs 12 to tie Jacque Jones (132) for 14th on the Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Miguel Sanó	160 home runs	Needs 3 to tie Tom Brunansky (163) for 10th on Twins all-time list (since 1961).
Andrelton Simmons	493 runs scored	Needs 7 to reach 500 for career.



CHARLIE BARNES

#85

Height: 6-2 Weight: 190 B/T: L/L Age: 25 (10/1/1995 in Sumter, SC)

2021: 0-3, 6.61 ERA CAREER: 0-3, 6.61 ERA

- Rookie was recalled from Triple-A St. Paul today as Bailey Ober was placed on the 10-day Injured List with right hip strain...will make his seventh career start and eighth appearance.
Fourth stint with the Twins this season: 27th man for a July 17 doubleheader at Detroit (MLB debut), July 30-August 29 and as the 29th man for a September 14 doubleheader vs. Cleveland.
Is 6-4, 3.79 ERA (726.0 IP, 32 ER), and a 1.28 WHIP in 16 starts for the Saints this season...is 0-3, 6.61 ERA (31.1 IP, 23 ER) and a 1.53 WHIP in seven games (6 starts) with the Twins.
Selected by the Twins in the fourth round of the 2017 First-Year Player Draft out of Clemson University...currently ranked as the No. 30 prospect in the Twins organization, per MLB.com.

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

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Rows include 7/17 at DET(1)L1, 8/4 at CIN L2, 8/9 vs. CHS ND, 8/15 vs. TB ND, 8/20 at NYG L3, 8/28 vs. MIL ND, AUG TOTALS, 9/14 vs. CLE(2)ND, SEPT TOTALS, RECORD, 2021 TOTALS, CAREER TOTALS.

2021 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Rows include 5/5 at OMA W1, 5/15 vs. IOW ND, 5/21 vs. IND ND, 5/26 at IOW W2, MAY TOTALS, 6/2 at LOU ND, 6/8 vs. OMA ND, 6/13 vs. OMA L1, 6/19 vs. IOW W3, 6/25 at COL L2, JUNE TOTALS, 7/3 vs. OMA W4, 7/8 at IOW W5, 7/23 at OMA L3, 7/28 vs. IND ND, JULY TOTALS, 9/5 at COL W6, 9/10 vs. OMA L4, 9/24 vs. IOW ND, SEPT TOTALS, RECORD, 2021 MILB TOTALS, CAREER MILB TOTALS.

BARNES BACK IN THE BIGS: The 25-year-old Barnes was recalled from Triple-A St. Paul earlier today (Bailey Ober placed on the 10-day Injured List) and will make his seventh career start and eighth appearance this evening...today marks Barnes' fourth time in the majors this season, as he was also recalled as the 27th man to make his debut as Minnesota's starter in Game 1 of a July 17 doubleheader at Detroit (more on that below), was again with the club from July 30 through August 29, and was recalled as the 29th man to make a start in Game 2 of a September 14 doubleheader vs. Cleveland.

- Is 0-3, 6.61 ERA (31.1 IP, 23 ER) with 12 walks, 15 strikeouts, a 1.53 WHIP and a .290 opponent batting average (36-for-124) in seven games (6 starts) for the Twins.
After dropping his first two career starts, the Twins have won three of his last four trips to the hill - including victories at home over eventual division champions Tampa Bay (August 15) and Milwaukee (August 28), followed by a September 14 triumph over American League Central division rival Cleveland...he is 0-3, 6.75 ERA (26.2 IP, 20 ER) as a starter.
In MLB.com's prospect rankings released August 19, Barnes was named the No. 30 prospect in the Twins' system.

LAST MAJOR LEAGUE START: Barnes did not factor into the decision of the Twins' nationally-televised, 6-3 victory over Cleveland in the nightcap of a September 14 doubleheader at Target Field...was recalled as the 29th man for the day and worked the first 4.0 innings of FS1's Tuesday night showcase game, allowing three runs on four hits, with one walk and two strikeouts.

- All three Cleveland runs scored via three-consecutive two-out hits in the third inning; the southpaw faced one over the minimum in his other three frames.
The Twins plotted four runs in the bottom of the fourth on their own trio of consecutive two-out hits (RBI doubles by Ryan Jeffers and Willians Astudillo, followed by a go-ahead single from Nick Gordon)...Minnesota's bullpen closed out the seven-inning win with three scoreless frames.

DETROIT DEBRIEF: Barnes' lone career appearance vs. the Tigers came in his major league debut in the first game of the Twins' July 17 doubleheader in Detroit; took the 1-0 loss as Minnesota was shut out in seven innings...allowed a leadoff homer to Robbie Grossman before settling in to toss 4.2 shutout innings, with just four total hits allowed, one walk and one strikeout...marked the first Twins starting pitcher to allow a homer to the first batter he faced in his career since Hall-of-Famer Bert Blyleven did so against the Senators' Lee Maye on June 5, 1970.

- Barnes became just the second pitcher in Twins history (1961-present) to make his major league debut as the starting pitcher in the first game of a doubleheader, joining Bert Cueto, who did so on June 18, 1961 at Chicago-AL (ND, 8.1 IP, 8 H, 3 R/ER, 3 BB, 3 K).
Also became the second pitcher in Twins history to allow one-or-fewer runs in his debut and take the loss, joining Brad Havens on June 5, 1981 at Detroit (L, 6.0 IP, 2 H, 1 R/ER, 1 HR, 2 BB, 4 K).

THE ARSENAL: As a pitcher who relies primarily on finesse and pinpoint location rather than overpowering speed, Barnes' fastball averages between 88-90 MPH...as a result, MLB's Statcast has had trouble registering his fastball and has consistently labelled it as a changeup or sinker...with that caveat, here's a picture of the rookie's arsenal, per Baseball Savant.

Table with columns: PITCH (AVG. MPH), PCT. (% OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB), RESULTS. Rows include Sinker (89.8), Changeup (79.4), Slider (81.8), Curveball (73.4).

HOME IS WHERE THE WINS ARE: While Barnes has yet to notch a big league victory, the Twins have won all three of the rookie's Target Field starts: August 15 vs. Tampa Bay, August 28 vs. Milwaukee and September 14 (Game 2) vs. Cleveland.

- Barnes has posted a 4.85 ERA (13.2 IP, 7 ER) with two walks, seven strikeouts, a 1.00 WHIP and a .216 opponent batting average (11-for-51) in his three home starts...by contrast, he is 0-3, 8.56 ERA (13.2 IP, 13 ER), 1.98 WHIP and a .345 opponent batting average (19-for-55) in three road starts.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: Barnes is one of nine players to make his major league debut for the Twins this season and one of five pitchers...the others are: C Ben Rortvedt (April 30), IF/OF Nick Gordon (May 6), OF Trevor Larnach (May 8), RHP Bailey Ober (May 18), OF Gilberto Celestino (June 2), RHP Griffin Jax (June 8), RHP Joe Ryan (September 1) and LHP Jovani Moran (September 12).

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP MICHAEL PINEDA (2021 SEASON- 8-8, 3.73 ERA // CAREER- 61-54, 3.99 ERA)

Pineda is due to start tomorrow night in the middle contest of this three-game series vs. Detroit...is 4-0, 1.93 ERA (18.2 IP, 4 ER) in four games (3 starts) since being reinstated from the 10-day Injured List on September 6...started and earned the 7-2 win over Toronto on September 23 to open this current homestand, allowing two runs on eight hits over 5.0 innings (1 BB, 2 K)...faced Detroit on July 26 here at Target Field, a 6-5 Twins win in 10 innings (ND, 6.0 IP, 5 H, 2 R/ER, 0 BB, 6 K)...is 4-2, 3.81 ERA (59.0 IP, 25 ER) in 10 career starts vs. the Tigers, including 3-0, 3.75 (36.0 IP, 15 ER) in six starts (5 quality efforts) in a Twins uniform.

2021 HIGHS (SP & RP, MLB)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 2x, last: 8/20 at NYG
SO's: 3, 2x, last: 8/15 vs. TB
Walks: 5, 8/20 at NYG
Hits: 8, 8/20 at NYG
Home Runs: 1, 4x, last: 8/20 at NYG
Win-Streak: --
Loss-Streak: 3, 7/17-present

CAREER HIGHS (SP & RP, MLB)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 2x, last: 8/20/21 at NYG
SO's: 3, 2x, last: 8/15/21 vs. TB
Walks: 5, 8/20/21 at NYG
Hits: 8, 8/20/21 at NYG
Home Runs: 1, 4x, last: 8/20/21 at NYG
Win-Streak: --
Loss-Streak: 3, 7/17/21-present

CAREER NOTES

- Made his major league debut in the first game of a doubleheader on July 17 at Detroit...took the loss despite allowing just one run on a solo homer, with one walk and two strikeouts in 4.2 innings.
Is in his fifth year in the Twins organization, after being selected in the fourth round of the 2017 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of Clemson University.
Was an invite to 2021 Twins spring training, second of career...went 0-1, 6.00 ERA (3.0 IP, 2 ER) with one walk, four strikeouts and a .182 opponent batting average.
Participated in Twins Fall Instructional League during October 2020 in Fort Myers, FL.
Added to 60-man Player Pool September 5, 2020 and spent the final month of season at alternate training site in St. Paul, MN.
Was an invite to 2020 Twins spring training, the first of career.
In 2019, led all Twins minor league pitchers with 25 games started...his 124 strikeouts tied for fourth most in the organization and his 131.0 innings pitched were second.
In 2019, posted a 7-8 record, 4.88 ERA (131.0 IP, 71 ER) in 26 appearances (25 starts), with 55 walks and 124 strikeouts across Single-A Fort Myers (8 games/starts), Double-A Pensacola (14 games, 13 starts) and Triple-A Rochester (4 games/starts).
In 2018, went 6-6 with a 2.81 ERA (118.1 IP, 37 ER) in 23 starts with Single-A Fort Myers, where he spent the entire year...led all qualified Twins minor league pitchers in ERA; tied for third in starts and winning percentage, while ranking fifth in opponent batting average (.260).
Divided his first professional season of 2017 between Rookie-Elizabethton and Single-A Cedar Rapids, going 4-2, 2.61 ERA (48.1 IP, 14 ER) with 18 walks and 46 strikeouts...recorded his first career professional strikeout in his first career game on June 27.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS (MAJORS AND MINORS COMBINED)

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G, GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, K. Rows include Road, Home, Day, Night, Grass, Turf, and Totals.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Rows include 2021 and TOTALS.

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (SP & RP, MLB)

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Row includes BARNES.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (SP & RP, MLB)

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Rows include 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9+.

BARNES VS. DETROIT

2021/Career vs. Detroit (1 game/start): 0-1, 1.93 ERA (4.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 1 K
2021/Career vs. Detroit at Home (0 games): --
2021/Career vs. Detroit on Road (1 game/start): 0-1, 1.93 ERA (4.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 1 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO. Rows include Barnes vs. the Tigers and Alexander vs. the Twins.

ST. PAUL SEASON SUMMARY: Barnes has gone 6-4, 3.79 ERA (76.0 IP, 32 ER) with 24 walks, 62 strikeouts, a 1.28 WHIP and a .251 (73-for-291) opponent batting average in 16 starts for Triple-A St. Paul this season.

- Has made three starts for the Saints in September, going 1-1, 1.46 ERA (12.1 IP, 2 ER), with 10 hits allowed, one walk and eight strikeouts...threw 70 pitches over 4.0 innings last Friday night, September 24 in a 3-1 victory vs. Iowa at CHS Field, allowing one run on six hits with four strikeouts; did not walk a batter.
The Saints have gone 10-6 in Barnes' 16 starts...since his professional debut on June 27, 2017 for the Rookie-Elizabethton Twins, Barnes' teams have gone 44-33 in games in which he pitches, including 44-31 in his starts.
Did not allow a home run until his seventh start of the season on June 13 vs. Omaha and has allowed just seven home runs in 76.0 innings of work in the minors this season, good for an 0.83 homers-per-9.0 IP ratio...he's also yielded just 26 home runs in 373.2 career minor league innings; his 0.63 career homers-per-9.0 IP ratio is 14th best among all minor leaguers since 2017 (min. 370.0 IP).

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

Twins 'pen has gone 5-4-11, w/ 2.49 ERA (122.2 IP, 34 ER) 2nd-best in AL since 8/27 (29 G)...has 46 BB, 129 K & a .220 BAA (4th-best in AL) in that span...a 6.22 ERA (55.0 IP, 38 ER) with 19 BB & 59 K vs. DET this season...pen is 32-30-40, 4.40 ERA (596.2 IP, 292 ER), 83 holds, 239 BB, 605 K in 155 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, 4.41 ERA (310.0 IP, 152 ER), 45 holds, 111 BB, 291 K and a .245 BAA (284-for-1158) in 78 home games this season.

JORGE ALCALA - RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 205 Age: 25 (7/28/95 in Bajos De Haina, DR) Acquired: Trade with HOU, 7/27/18 #66

Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .234 vs. Right .220

Has an 0.73 ERA (12.1 IP, 1 ER) w/ 6 holds, 2 BB, 13 K and a .190 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)...T-3rd on Twins w/ 56 appearances and T-3rd w/ 11 holds...holding LHB to a .234 avg. (18-for-77) but w/ .494 SLG...RHB are 27-for-123 (.220) w/ .341 SLG.

Career 1-2, 12 holds, a 0.84 ERA (10.2 IP, ER) w/ 2 BB & 12 K in 8 games vs. DET...1-1, 1.69 ERA (5.1 IP, ER) w/ 6 K this season in 4 games vs. DET.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/24 vs. TOR	H11	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/22 at CHC	H10	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/21 at CHC	H9	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/14 vs. CLE/G1ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

KYLE BARRACLOUGH - RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 229 Age: 31 (5/23/1990 in Santa Clara, CA) Acquired: Signed as ml free agent, 6/20/21 #45

Homestand: 0-0-0, 18.00 (1.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 K, 1 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 18.00 (1.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 K, 1 BB vs. Left .333 vs. Right .233

Is 2-0, 3.86 ERA (7.0 IP, 3 ER), 5 BB, 9 K & a .240 BAA (6-for-25) in 5 games since 9/13...allowed 2 ER on 9/25 (3 previous outings scoreless).

Has never pitched against DET...career 1-1, 2 holds, 6.10 (10.1 IP, 7 ER) with 3 BB & 13 K in 8 games vs. AL Central teams.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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	2	2

ALEX COLOME - RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 225 Age: 32 (12/31/88 in Santo Domingo, DR) Acquired: Signed as FA, 2/12/21 #48

Homestand: 0-0-1, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-1, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .303 vs. Right .221

T-1st in MLB w/ 14 saves since 8/1...is 2-0-14 (17 opps.), 2.66 ERA (23.2 IP, 7 ER), 7 BB, 20 K & a .233 BAA (21-for-90) in 24 games (20 scoreless) in that span...back-to-back outings w/ saves, earned 15th save on 9/22 vs CHC & his 16th save on 9/24 vs. TOR (2 IP, 2 ER, 3 K).

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.

Career 1-2-12, 3.34 ERA (29.2 IP, 11 ER) w/ 26 K in 23 games vs. DET...4 of 5 outings vs. DET have been scoreless this season (2 saves).

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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
9/21 at CHC	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/17 at TOR	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/14 vs. CLE/G2S14	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

DANNY COULOMBE - LHP (PRONOUNCED KOO-LOHM)

Height: 5-10 Weight: 190 Age: 31 (10/26/1989 in St. Louis, MO) Acquired: Signed as minor league free agent, 11/9/20 #53

Homestand: 0-0-0, 4.50 (2.0 IP, 1 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 4.50 (2.0 IP, 1 ER), 2 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, 2.70 ERA (3.1 IP) w/ 3 BB & 4 K in 4 games vs. DET...1-0, (2.0 IP) with one strikeout in 2 outings vs. DET 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

Height: 6-3 Weight: 220 Age: 30 (12/27/90 in Houston, TX) Acquired: 5th Round, 2012 Draft #21

Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .268 vs. Right .196

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 IP, 3 ER)...13.50 K/9.0 IP in that stretch.

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 (25.0 IP, 6 ER) and .155 BAA in 28 home G this season, compared to 4.32 ERA (33.1 IP, 16 ER) and .264 BAA in 33 road G.

Seven appearances vs. DET this season, 5/7 outings have been scoreless...career 5-5, 4.23 ERA (61.2 IP, 29 ER) in 35 G (5 starts) vs. DET.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
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
9/10 vs. KC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1

LUKE FARRELL - RHP

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 Age: 29 (6/7/1991 in Westlake, OH) Acquired: Signed as ml FA, 12/14/20 #51

Homestand: 0-0-0, 5.40 (1.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 2 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 5.40 (1.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 2 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...only career appearance vs. DET (7/4/18 w/ CHC), recorded a hold over 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 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	2	0
9/19 at TOR	L1	1.0	7	5	5	1	0	1
9/13 at NYY	ND	2.1	0	0	0	0	1	2
9/11 vs. KC	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/9 at CLE	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	2

JOHN GANT - RHP

Height: 6-4 Weight: 200 Age: 29 (8/6/1992 in Savannah, GA) Acquired: Trade with STL, 7/30/2021 #33

Homestand: 0-1-0, 4.55 (3.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 2 BB Series vs TOR: 0-1-0, 4.55 (3.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 2 BB vs. Left .205 vs. Right .239

Reinstated 9/25 after missing 10 games with a left abdominal strain, made start vs. TOR and earned loss (3.0 IP, ER, 2 BB, 1 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.

0-1, 9.00 (3.0 IP, 3 ER) w/ 4 K vs. DET this season...acquired by Twins on 7/30 from STL w/ MiLB LHP Evan Sisk, in exchange for LHP J.A. Happ.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
*9/25 vs. TOR	L10	3.0	3	2	1	1	2	1
*9/13 at NYY	ND	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0
*9/7 at CLE	W5	5.0	3	0	0	0	4	7
*8/31 vs. CHC	L9	5.0	3	2	2	1	0	5

RALPH GARZA JR. - RHP

Height: 6-2 Weight: 206 Age: 27 (4/6/94 in Edinburg, TX) Acquired: Claimed off waivers from HOU, 8/4/21 #32

Homestand: 0-0-1, 3.86 (2.1 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-1, 3.86 (2.1 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .179 vs. Right .232

Has a 1.96 ERA (18.1 IP, 4 ER) w/ 4 BB, 14 K, .182 BAA (12-for-66) and an 0.87 WHIP in 16 appearances (12 w/o 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.

Drops down for a sidearm delivery vs. RHB, holding them to a .205 BAA (9-for-44), 1 HR, 2 BB, 9 K w/ Twins...comes more over-the-top vs. LHB, who are 3-for-22 (.136), 2 HR, 2 BB, 5 K since joining Twins...career 9-for-22 (41.0 IP, ER) with 2 K vs. DET (6/24/21).

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/26 vs. TOR	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0
9/23 vs. 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
9/12 vs. KC	ND	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	1

JUAN MINAYA - RHP

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 #49

Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 1 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 1 BB vs. Left .239 vs. Right .169

Unscored upon in 4-straight games (5.0 IP, 3 H, 6 K & 3 holds)...also a 1.37 ERA (26.1 IP, 4 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 6th on 9/24 vs. TOR.

27 G overall w/ Twins, going 2-1-0, 6 holds, 2.63 ERA (37.2 IP, 11 ER), 19 BB, 41 K & a .193 BAA (26-for-135), while stranding all 5 inherited runners...holding RHB to .169 BAA (15-for-89), 10 BB, 29 K & .337 SLG...LHB are 11-for-46 (.239), 9 BB, 12 K & .348 SLG.

Two outings vs. DET this season, (4.0 IP, 4 ER) with 4 K...career 1-1, (14.1 IP, 17 ER) w/ 13 BB & 18 K in 14 games vs. DET.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/24 vs. TOR	H6	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9/22 at CHC	H5	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9/19 at TOR	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	5
9/14 vs. CLE/G2H4	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/12 vs. KC	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1
9/10 vs. KC	L2	2.0	2	2	1	1	2	2

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

Height: 6-1 Weight: 167 Age: 24 (4/24/97 in Mayaguez, PR) Acquired: 7th Round, 2015 Draft #71

Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 4 K, 0 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 4 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)...has never appeared vs. DET...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	2.0	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

Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 Age: 34 (1/31/87 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Signed as ml FA 11/29/19 #56

Homestand: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB Series vs TOR: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 0 BB vs. Left .222 vs. Right .241

8-straight scoreless efforts (8.0 IP, 8 H, 3 BB, 8 K) since 9/7...is 4-0-0, 5 holds, 1.98 ERA (27.1 IP, 6 ER), 10 BB, 29 K and a .204 BAA (20-for-99) in 26 games post-All-Star-Break (22 efforts w/o allowing ER).

T-3rd on Twins w/ 56 appearances...is now 6-0, 3.41 ERA (60.2 IP, 23 ER) w/ 11 holds, 20 BB and 75 K this season and 8-1, 3.12 (80.2 IP, 28 ER) w/ 12 holds, 29 BB and 97 K since rejoining Twins (and returning to majors for 1st time since 2015) for 2020 season.

Is 1-0, 3.00 ERA (6.0 IP, 2 ER) with 9 K in 5 games vs. DET this season...career 2.70 ERA (20.0 IP, 6 ER) with 24 K in 19 games vs. DET.

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
9/26 vs. TOR								

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: .282 **Streak:** 1g, 1-5 **Series vs TOR:** 4-13, 3B, 2 RBI
Homestand: 4-13, 3B, 2 RBI **Home Runs:** 2 (2 2-run)

1-for-5 Sunday...3 BB on 9/21 set single-game career high...just 8-for-52 (.154), 2B, 3B, 3 RBI, 4 R, 5 BB in last 15 games...is just 5-for-28, 3B, 3 RBI, 2 BB, R in last 10 home G

Ⓢ **Ranks 2nd on MIN w/ 31 multi-hit games, 2nd w/ 9 3+ hit games and 2nd w/ career-high 115 hits (trailing J. Polanco in all categories).**

Ⓢ From 8/3-8/18, had 14-G on-base streak, 2nd-longest run of career; batted .413 (19-for-46) w/ .500 OBP during streak...on 9/6, had 1st career multi-H G as sub (5th by MIN this season).

Ⓢ On 8/14 vs. TB, hit 402-ft. HR, longest of career...has been on IL 3x this season: 5/4-11 (concussion), 5/26-6/14 (right shoulder strain), 7/24-31 (strained right knee).

Ⓢ **Leads MIN w/ career-high 6 3B this season...enters tonight T-5th 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 .310 (9-for-29), 2B, 3 RBI, 7 R, 2 BB in 7 games vs. DET at Target Field...career .302 (64-for-212), 10 2B, 4 3B, 23 RBI, 28 R, 23 BB in 61 G vs. AL Central at Target Field.**

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: .239 **Streak:** 0-6 **Series vs TOR:** 0-1
Homestand: 0-1 **Home Runs:** 7 (5 1-run, 2 2-run)

0-for-1 as sub Saturday night; 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.

Ⓢ **Recalled 7/21 (Kirilloff - IL)...games by position this season: P - 4 G, C - 10 G/4 GS, 1B - 25 G/20 GS, 2B - 4 G/2 GS, 3B - 29 G/22 GS, RF - 1 G/1 GS.**

Ⓢ **Batting .429 (9-for-21), 3 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 4 R, .435 OBP in 6 games vs. DET 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: .290 **Streak:** 1g, 1-3, HR **Series vs TOR:** 4-13, 2 HR, 2B, 3 RBI
Homestand: 4-13, 2 HR, 2B, 3 RBI **Home Runs:** 16 (10 1-run, 6 2-run)

1-for-3, BB, HR Sunday; 16th HR of season, matching career high (also, 2017)...has on-base streak of 10 G w/ PA, 3rd longest of career (.390 OBP during streak)...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 23-for-107, 18 R, 7 2B, 6 HR, 9 RBI, 8 BB in 28 G since.

Ⓢ **Batting .373 (28-for-75) w/ runners on base this season...enters tonight 3rd in MLB in avg. sprint speed (min. 75 opp.), w/ 30.0 ft./sec...has 4 career leadoff HR; 2 this season.**

Ⓢ **Is 3-for-10, 2 2B, HR, RBI, 3 R in 3 G vs. DET this season...won the AL Player of the Month for April, becoming the 16th Twins player to win award & first since Delmon Young in July 2010.**

JAKE CAVE - OF **#60**
Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (12/4/92 in Hampton, VA)
2021 Average: .185 **Streak:** 1g, 1-2, RBI **Series vs TOR:** 1-2, RBI
Homestand: 1-2, RBI **Home Runs:** 3 (2 1-run, 1 3-run)

1-for-2, RBI 1B Sunday vs. TOR...batting .269 (7-for-26), HR, 8 RBI, 2 R in last 7 starts...1-for-5, 3-H G for 3rd time in career...also had 3-straight multi-H G 8/24-9/23 (3rd time in career).

Ⓢ **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, 55 in LF...in 2021: 29 G/18 GS in CF, 34 G/15 GS in LF, 10 G/6 GS in RF...career .340 (17-for-50), 2 2B, 6 HR, 10 RBI in 22 G vs. DET at Target Field.**

JOSH DONALDSON - 3B **#20**
Height: 6-1 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/8/85 in Pensacola, FL)
2021 Average: .245 **Streak:** 0-4 **Series vs TOR:** 1-13, 2B
Homestand: 1-13, 2B **Home Runs:** 24 (13 1-run, 10 2-run, 1 3-run)

0-for-4 Sunday vs. TOR; just 1-for-20 in last 6 home games...HR-ed in b2b G 9/17-9/18...just 1-for-81 (.210) in 23 G in Sept., but 9 of 17 H have been XBH (6 2B, 3 HR)...HR on 9/10 had exit velo of 113.6 MPH, his hardest-hit HR of Statcast Era (2015-).

Ⓢ **2nd RBI on 7/26 was 700th of career, becoming 30th active player to reach 700 career RBI...has 16 go-ahead RBI, 2nd on Twins...3rd on MIN w/ 67 RBI overall...leads MIN w/ 70 BB this season...has 249 career HR, 1 shy of 250; would become 19th active player w/ 250 career HR.**

Ⓢ **Batting .333 (13-for-39), 4 2B, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 12 BB, 11 R, .490 OBP, 1.234 OPS in 13 G vs. DET this season...career .302 (317-for-1050), 66 2B, 4 3B, 79 HR, 227 RBI, 208 R, .598 SLG, .997 OPS in 291 games vs. AL Central; AVG is 5th among actives (min. 775 AB).**

Ⓢ **Enters tonight 4th in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/PA (11.0), 5th in avg. exit velocity (94.0 mph), 9th in barrels/BBE (17.0) and 13th in hard hit % (52.1).**

MITCH GARVER - C **#8**
Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM)
2021 Average: .260 **Streak:** 1g, 1-2, 2B **Series vs TOR:** 4-9, 2 2B, 2 RBI
Homestand: 4-9, 2 2B, 2 RBI **Home Runs:** 13 (8 1-run, 1 2-run, 3 3-run, 1 GS)

1-for-2, 2B, HBP, BB, R Sunday; 12th G w/ 3+TOB this season...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 .432 (16-for-37), 5 2B, 4 RBI, HBP, 5 R, 8 BB, .532 OBP in last 12 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.

Ⓢ **Is 3-for-15, 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 2 R, 2 HBP, 4 BB, .429 OBP in 7 G vs. DET this season, incl. 3-for-7, 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI in last 2 G...batting .357 (10-for-28) in 11 G this season vs. AL Central at TF.**

NICK GORDON - IF/OF **#1**
Height: 6-0 Weight: 160 B/T: L/R Age: 25 (10/24/1995 in Avon Park, FL)
2021 Average: .246 **Streak:** 0-10 **Series vs TOR:** 4-16, HR, 4 RBI
Homestand: 4-16, HR, 4 RBI **Home Runs:** 4 (2 1-run, 1 2-run, 1 3-run)

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Ⓢ 0-for-4 Sunday...had career high 6-G H streak 9/18-24...batting .315 (17-for-54) in last 17 G...batting .305 (18-for-59) in Sept., 1st among qualified AL rookies & 2nd in MLB (CHC F. Schwindler, .364)...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 - 10 G/5 GS, 3B - 2 G/0 GS, CF - 34 G/24 GS, LF - 8 G/7 GS, RF - 1 G/0 GS.**

Ⓢ **Is 2-for-9, 2 R in 5 career G vs. DET...career .250 (19-for-76), 2 2B, 3B, 2 HR in 30 G vs. AL Central.**

Ⓢ **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: .199 **Streak:** 0-2 **Series vs TOR:** 1-5, 2B
Homestand: 1-5, 2B **Home Runs:** 13 (7 1-run, 4 2-run, 1 3-run, 1 GS)

0-for-2 Saturday 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 XBH, 2nd career 4+ RBI game...his 81 G lead MLB rookie C...81 G are also 6th most in a season by MIN rookie catcher.

Ⓢ **Career .244 (10-for-41), 4 HR, 10 RBI in 19 G vs. DET, incl. .333 (8-for-24) in 12 G vs. DET at Target Field.**

Ⓢ **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: .214 **Streak:** 1g, 2-4 **Series vs TOR:** 2-7
Homestand: 2-7 **Home Runs:** 19 (14 1-run, 3 2-run, 2 3-run)

Was 2-for-4 Sunday; batting .500 (8-for-16), 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 4 R in last 5 games...0-for-2 Thursday night; left game w/ non-COVID illness...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 87 hits this season have been XBH (21 2B, 4 3B, 19 HR)...batting .237 (14-for-59), 3 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 9 RBI in 16 G vs. DET this season; batting .298 (14-for-47) in last 11 G vs. DET at TF.**

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:** 2g, 2-8 **Series vs TOR:** 3-16, RBI
Homestand: 3-16, RBI **Home Runs:** 31 (14 1-run, 12 2-run, 5 3-run)

1-for-4 Sunday; is 4-for-30, 2B, RBI, 2 BB, 3 R in last 8 G...had 4th career PH, 1st career PH XBH 9/22...leads MIN w/ 11 SB this season...on 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 (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).**

Ⓢ 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 behind TOR's M. Semien (32) & T-4th in MLB.**

Ⓢ **Hitting .269 (101-for-376) w/ 20 2B, 3B, 22 HR, 60 RBI as LHB; .276 (53-for-192), 15 2B, 3B, 9 HR, 31 RBI as RHB this year...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 .328 (21-for-64), 4 2B, 4 HR, 17 RBI, 11 R, HBP, 6 BB, 2 SB in 16 games vs. DET this season, including .345 (10-for-29), 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 7 R in 7 G at Target Field.**

BRENT ROOKER - OF **#50**
Height: 6-3 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (11/1/94 in Germantown, TN)
2021 Average: .201 **Streak:** 0-5 **Series vs TOR:** 2-10, 2B
Homestand: 2-10, 2B **Home Runs:** 8 (7 1-run, 1 2-run)

0-for-2 as sub Sunday...9/17 at TOR, had 2nd career G w/ 2 XBH (also, 8/14 vs. TB)...reinstated from Paternity List 9/17; he and wife, Allie, had first child, daughter Blair Evelyn, on 9/13.

Ⓢ **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 MLB hitters.**

Ⓢ **Batting .350 (7-for-20), 2B, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 4 R, HBP, 3 BB, .458 OBP in 5 games vs. DET this season...career .314/.400/.943 (11-for-35), 2 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 2 HBP in 10 G vs. DET.**

Ⓢ **Batting .282 (22-for-78) in 24 home G compared to .135 (13-for-96) in 28 road G this season.**

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: .219 **Streak:** 1g, 1-3, 2B **Series vs TOR:** 2-11, 2B
Homestand: 2-11, 2B **Home Runs:** 29 (16 1-run, 9 2-run, 3 3-run, 1 GS)

1-for-3, 2B, HBP Sunday...9/15-9/17, HR-ed in b2b G for 27th time in career/5th this season...reached base in 11 of last 13 games (12 H, HBP, 6 BB), w/ .358 OBP and .902 OPS in span.

Ⓢ **Enters tonight 6th in MLB (among qualifiers) in barrels/BBE (17.5) & 5th in hard hit % (55.5).**

Ⓢ Hit 150th career HR in 2.062nd PA 8/9 vs. CWS, 2nd-fastest to 150 HR in MIN history (Killebrew: 2,043)...has 160 career HR, 11th in MIN history (since 1961); 3 shy of T. Brunansky (10th - 163).

Ⓢ **Batting .208 (10-for-48) in 13 G vs. DET this season, incl. .368 (7-for-19) in last 5 games.**

Ⓢ Hit 495-ft. HR 8/25, longest in MLB this year & 2nd-longest by MIN hitter in Statcast Era (2015-), behind only his 496-foot HR on 9/17/2019 vs. CWS.

ANDRELTON SIMMONS - SS **#9**
Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (9/4/89 in Mundo Nobo, Curaçao)
2021 Average: .224 **Streak:** 1g, 1-2 **Series vs TOR:** 2-8
Homestand: 2-8 **Home Runs:** 3 (3 2-run)

1-for-2 Saturday night; has reached base in 4-straight G...is 9-for-29 (.310), 2B, 3 RBI, SF, 2 BB, 2 R, .344 OBP in last 11 G...reinstated from Restricted List 9/20; missed TOR series last weekend...200th career 2B in G1 9/14...20 multi-H G & 8 G reaching base 3+.

Ⓢ On defense, his 15 outs above average (Statcast) are 5th 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).

Ⓢ **Batting .200 (9-for-45), 3 RBI, 8 BB, .333 OBP in 15 G vs. DET this season.**

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

<p>MULTI-HOMER GAMES (14x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<p>MULTI-HOMER GAMES (15x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<p>BACK-TO-BACK (6x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<p>RUNNERS ON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solo - 131 • 2-run - 61 • 3-run - 22 • GS - 4 	<p>GRAND SLAM (4x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruz (4/5 at DET) • Sanó (5/20 at LAA, G2) • Garver (7/27 vs. DET) • Jeffers (7/28 vs. DET) 	<p>LEADOFF (7x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buxton (4/28 at CLE) • Kepler (5/6 vs. TEX) • Garlick (5/7 at DET) • Kepler (7/25 vs. LAA) • Kepler (8/14 vs. TB) • Kepler (8/16 vs. CLE) • Buxton (9/10 vs. KC)
<p>BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK (1x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polanco/Donaldson/Sanó (9/17 at TOR) 		<p>INSIDE-THE-PARK (0x)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 			

HITTERS INFO

Player	Multi-Hit	Multi-RBI	Season Hit-Streak	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	31	9	10, 8/3-8/14	4, 4/15	8/14/21	vs. TB	1	Wacha			0	.281	9	32	0	2	.275	22	80	1	6
Williams Astudillo	8	2	8, 4/27-5/14	3, 7/30	8/26/21	at BOS	1	Sale			0	.429	9	21	1	5	.379	25	66	2	20
Byron Buxton	16	5	10, 4/1-4/20	5, 4/28	9/26/21	vs. TOR	0	Manoah	5/18/19	at SEA	2	.300	3	10	1	1	.291	46	158	7	23
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	.240	6	25	0	0	.256	32	125	6	17
Josh Donaldson	16	20	6, 8/13-8/18	4, 4/21	9/18/21	at TOR	1	Matz	9/28/18	at KC	5	.333	13	39	4	10	.283	56	198	13	41
Mitch Garver	26	8	8, 5/17-5/29	3, 9/23	8/06/21	at HOU	0	Greinke	7/27/21	vs. DET	1	.200	3	15	1	5	.281	25	89	7	21
Nick Gordon	12	6	6, 9/18-9/24	3, 9/23	9/23/21	vs. TOR	2	Merryweather			0	.111	1	9	0	0	.111	1	9	0	0
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	.174	4	23	3	8	.244	10	41	4	10
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	.237	14	59	3	9	.218	62	284	14	41
Jorge Polanco	44	25	10, 7/26-8/6	4, 9/6	9/17/21	at TOR	1	Ryu			0	.328	21	64	4	17	.308	98	318	11	51
Brent Rooker	6	4	5, 7/24-7/28	4, 8/13	9/17/21	at TOR	0	Merryweather			0	.350	7	20	2	3	.314	11	35	2	6
Miguel Sanó	19	18	9, 6/4-6/13	3, 9/13	9/17/21	at TOR	0	Stripling	5/20/21	at LAA	2	.208	10	48	3	7	.214	63	294	15	40
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	.200	9	45	0	3	.303	43	142	1	14

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table listing miscellaneous highs and lows for the team, including most runs, longest hitting streak, and longest game.

LONGEST HOME RUNS

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table listing the longest home runs by player, including distance and game details.

Table listing the highest exit velocities by player, including velocity and game details.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table showing the number of starts by player at various positions (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH).

SCORE BY INNING

Table showing the score by inning for the Twins against their opponent.

INJURED LIST

Table listing injured players, their injuries, dates on and off the roster, and games missed.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table showing the number of starts by player at each batting order position (1 through 9).

MOST USED LINEUP (3X)

Table listing the most used lineup combinations and the number of times they were used.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table listing outfield players and the number of assists recorded.

FASTEST PITCHES

Table listing the fastest pitches thrown by players, including velocity and game details.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

AGAINST THE TWINS

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2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table detailing weather-related delays and postponements at Target Field in 2021.

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

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

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^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 11-12 in extra innings)
* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 8 in 2021)
- PPD game from April 12 vs. BOS
- PPD game from April 19 at OAK
- PPD games from April 17 & 18 at LAA
- PPD game from May 9 at DET
- PPD game from June 26 vs. CLE
- PPD game from June 28 at CWS
- PPD game from July 16 at DET
- PPD game from August 22 at NYY

EJECTIONS table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Rows include April 11 vs. Seattle, May 19 vs. Chicago-AL, June 6 at Kansas City, Sept. 13 at New York-AL.

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

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