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WORLD CHAMPIONS
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MINNESOTA TWINS (7-12) vs. PITTSBURGH PIRATES (10-11)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 - 1:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM

GAME 20

RHP Matt Shoemaker (1-1, 6.28) vs. RHP Wil Crowe (0-0, 13.50)

HOME GAME 10

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
4/26	at Cleveland	RHP José Berríos (2-2, 3.00) vs. RHP Zach Plesac (1-3, 6.75)	5:10 p.m. (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
4/27	at Cleveland	RHP Kenta Maeda (1-1, 6.11) vs. RHP Aaron Civale (3-0, 2.42)	5:10 p.m. (CT)	Bally Sports North	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / twinsbeisbol.com
4/28	at Cleveland	LHP J.A. Happ (1-0, 1.69) vs. LHP Logan Allen (1-3, 6.28)	12:10 p.m. (CT)	YouTube	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf / None
4/29	OFF DAY				

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Under Baldelli (since '19):	144-97
Home Record:	3-6
Road Record:	4-6
Record in series:	2-3-0
Record in home series:	0-2-0
Record in road series:	2-1-0
Series Openers:	3-4
Series Finales:	3-2
Rubber Games:	2-1
Sweeps/Swept:	
April:	7-12
May:	
June:	
July:	
August:	
September/October:	
Day Games:	5-10
Night Games:	2-2
vs. American League East:	1-3
vs. American League Central:	2-1
vs. American League West:	1-6
vs. National League:	3-2
Games vs. LH Starter:	2-6
Games vs. RH Starter:	5-6
Twins score first:	5-6
Opponent score first:	2-6
Come-from-behind wins:	2
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	7-3/7-3
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	0-3/0-3
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	0-2/0-2
Extra-innings:	0-4
1-run games:	2-6
Twins out-hit opp.:	6-3
Opp. out-hit Twins:	1-9
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	
Run Differential:	-5 (83-88)
Twins get Quality Start:	5-1
Twins starter goes 6+ IP:	5-1
Most games over .500:	3, 2, last 4/20
Most games under .500:	5, 2x, last 4/25
Longest win streak:	3, 4/3-5
Longest losing streak:	5, 4/10-14
When Twins score 4+:	4-4
When Twins score 3-:	3-8
Twins get 10+ hits:	3-3
Days in First Place:	7
Days in Second Place:	2
Days in Third Place:	5
Days in Fourth Place:	7
Days in Fifth Place:	3
Walk-Off W/L:	1/3
Shutouts W/L:	2/2
Complete Games:	
Attendance High:	9,817, 4/10 vs. SEA
Attendance Total:	70,226
Attendance Average:	8,607
Target Field Sellouts - 2021/All-Time:	5/178

THE TWINS: After going 0-4 on their last roadtrip (0-1 in Anaheim and 0-3 in Oakland), the Twins began their three-game weekend series with Pittsburgh by splitting the first two games, shutting out the Bucs 2-0 on Friday night followed by a 6-2 loss yesterday afternoon... today they will attempt to win the three-game series with the rubber match...after the game, the Twins will travel to Cleveland for a short three-game roadtrip at Progressive Field from Monday-Wednesday...the Twins are 3-6 at home this season and 4-6 on the road.

PIRATES EVEN UP THE WEEKEND: The Twins lost to the Pirates yesterday afternoon by a score of 6-2 at Target Field, evening the series at one game apiece...Michael Pineda (1-1) was the starter and loser, allowing five runs (4 earned) on six hits in 4.1 innings pitched, snapping his eight game winning streak, taking his first L since July 16, 2019 vs. New York-NL...Devin Smeltzer pitched 4.2 innings of relief with one unearned run allowed...the offense recorded just three hits, two from Jake Cave (2 doubles) and one from Willians Astudillo (single)...the defense committed two errors, marking the Twins fourth game with multiple fielding miscues.

ROSTER MOVE: The Twins have recalled right-handed pitcher Cody Stashak from the alternate training site in St. Paul...Stashak, who began the season with the Twins before being optioned on April 15, appeared in six games for Minnesota, posting a 7.20 ERA (5.0 IP, 4 ER) with two walks and 12 strikeouts (21.60 K/9.0 IP) during his first stint...to make room on the 26-man roster, the Twins have optioned left-handed pitcher Devin Smeltzer to the alternate training site.

THE STARTING FIVE: Twins starting pitchers have gone 6-5, 3.78 ERA (95.1 IP, 40 ER) with 28 walks, 93 strikeouts, a .228 opponent batting average and a .697 opponent OPS...among AL starting staffs, they rank third in ERA, fifth in opponent BA, and sixth in OPS.

STUFF ON BUCK: Byron Buxton has hit safely in 12 of 14 games played this season and has homered in six of those 14...he enters today leading all of baseball (minimum 50 plate appearances) in slugging percentage (.863)...additionally, he ranks second in OPS (1.299) and tied for fourth in batting average (.392).

NATIONAL TREASURE: The Twins have gone 3-2 in Interleague Play this season, taking a three-game series in Milwaukee to start the season and splitting two with Pittsburgh this weekend...after this series, their IL schedule is as follows: two vs. Cincinnati June 21-22, three at St. Louis July 30-August 1, two at Cincinnati August 3-4, three vs. Milwaukee August 27-29, two vs. Chicago-NL August 31-September 1 and two at Chicago-NL September 14-15.

☞ The Twins are 235-212 all-time in IL Play, the fifth-most wins in baseball, trailing Boston (263-180), New York-AL (260-184), Los Angeles-AL (243-201) and Oakland (241-208).

☞ Josh Donaldson is hitting .311 (152-for-488) with 27 doubles, 31 home runs, 98 RBI, 98 runs scored and a .963 OPS in 132 career IL games...in his last 14 IL games, he is hitting .372 (16-for-43) with a 1.152 OPS, six doubles, three home runs and 14 RBI.

☞ Nelson Cruz is hitting .278 (196-for-704) with 30 doubles, 52 home runs, 146 RBI and a .907 OPS in 199 career Interleague games... among actives, he ranks third in homers (Pujols - 66, Cabrera - 57) and RBI (Pujols - 229, Cabrera - 200).

☞ Jorge Polanco has gone 0-for-26 in his last seven IL games after hitting .299 (73-for-244) with a .812 OPS in his first 67 career IL games.

TWINS AND BUCS: The Twins are 23-15 all-time against the Pirates, going 2-4 at Three Rivers Stadium, 8-4 at the Metrodome, 8-4 at PNC Park and 5-3 at Target Field...the Twins have won seven of their last nine games vs. Pittsburgh, dating back to April of 2018.

☞ Outfielder Alex Kirilloff attended Plum High School in Pittsburgh, located approximately 18 miles east of PNC Park, and grew up a Pirates fan; his favorite player was Andrew McCutchen.

☞ Reliever Randy Dobnak grew up in South Park Township, approximately 14 miles south of PNC Park.

FIRST IS BEST: Hitting and pitching numbers in the first inning this season:

☞ The Twins are hitting .342 (26-for-76) in the first inning, tops in the majors and 32 points ahead of the next-closest team (Milwaukee - .310)...Twins also own the best first-inning team on-base percentage in the majors this season (.376)...Twins lead the majors with 19 singles in the first inning and six doubles in the first are tied with Chicago-NL, Milwaukee and Oakland for second in the majors, behind Tampa Bay (8)...the top four individual spots in the lineup batting averages: .325 (26-for-80) from the leadoff spot, .253 (19-for-75) from the two spot, .267 (20-for-75) from the three spot and .274 (20-for-73) from the clean-up spot.

☞ The Twins are the only team in the majors that has not yet allowed a run or an extra-base hit in the first inning this season...Twins pitchers are holding opposing hitters to a .067 batting average (4-for-60) in the opening frame this year and all four hits have been singles...Twins have also allowed just nine total baserunners in the first inning all year.

LIVE IN FRONT OF ASTUDILLO AUDIENCE!: Willians Astudillo has hit safely in three straight and in four of his last five...he has made four straight starts and has started in seven of the Twins last nine games...in his last 26 games, dating back to September 26, 2019, he is hitting .306 (22-for-72) with four doubles, three home runs, 13 RBI and a .486 slugging percentage...yesterday's second inning single was the 100th hit of his career.

SIRI, TELL ME ABOUT SERIES: Twins are 2-3 in series play this season...their two series wins are: 2-1 at Milwaukee and 2-1 at Detroit... their three series losses are: 1-2 vs. Seattle, 1-3 vs. Boston and 0-3 vs. Oakland...Twins are 7-4-3 all-time in series play vs. the Bucs... they are 2-0-2 in their last four series vs. Pittsburgh, their last loss coming in a two-game sweep July 28 & 29, 2015 at Target Field.

☞ In Interleague Play since the start of 2020, the Twins are 6-1-2 in series play.

DO YOU KNOW THE DAZZLE MAN?: Twins radio stud Dan Gladden played 25 career games against the Pirates from 1984-86 while playing for the Giants...he hit .298 (31-for-104) with five doubles, two triples, two home runs, 15 RBI, 14 walks and a .829 OPS - even before registering an .800 OPS-or-higher was fashionable...he hit safely in each of his final seven games vs. Pittsburgh from April 30-July 27, 1986...Gladden's 31 career hits vs. the Bucs ties him with good ol' Gary Woods for 41st on baseball's all-time list among California-born right-handed hitting outfielders.

STREAKS

Current Streak	1 loss
Last 5 games	1-4
Last 10 games	2-8
Last 15 games	4-11
Last 20 games	--

TWINS VS. PIRATES

2021 Record:	1-1
Current Streak:	1 loss
2021 at Home:	1-1
2020 vs. Pittsburgh:	3-1
All-Time Record:	23-15
All-Time at Home:	13-7
All-Time at Pittsburgh:	10-8

2021 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
4/23	MIN	2-0	Happ/Brubaker/Rogers
4/24	MIN	2-6	Cahill/Pineda
4/25	MIN		1:10 pm (CT)

CURRENT HOMESTAND (1-1)

Batting average	.138
Runs Per Game	2.0
Home Runs	2
RISP	.143
Errors	2
Team ERA	2.00
Starters W-L	1-1
Starters ERA	3.09
Relievers W-L-S	0-0-1
Relievers ERA	0.00
Saves/Opps	1/1

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

4/25	LHP Smeltzer optioned to alternate site
	RHP Stashak recalled from alternate site
4/23	IF Sanó placed on 10-day IL
	IF Blankenhorn optioned to alternate site
	C Telis returned to alternate site
	IF Gordon recalled from alternate site
	IF Lin contract selected
	OF Kirilloff recalled from alternate site
4/21	IF Riddle placed on COVID IL
	C Telis contract selected
4/20	LHP Thorpe added as 27th man
	OF Garlick placed on COVID IL
	OF Kepler placed on COVID IL
	LHP Thielbar placed on COVID IL
	OF Rooker reinstated from 10-day IL
	IF Blankenhorn recalled from alternate site
	RHP Farrell contract selected

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

PLAYER	CURRENT NO.	MILESTONE WITHIN REACH
Rocco Baldelli	144 wins	Needs 6 to reach 150 for career.
Alex Colomé	393 strikeouts	Needs 7 to reach 400 for career.
Nelson Cruz	423 home runs	Needs 1 to tie Edwin Encarnación (424) for 52nd on MLB's all-time list.
Mitch Garver	195 hits	Needs 5 to reach 200 for career.
Jorge Polanco	49 home runs	Needs 1 to reach 50 for career.

ALL-TIME HOME RUN LIST

47) Juan Gonzalez	434
Andruw Jones	434
49) Cal Ripken, Jr.	431
50) Mike Piazza	427
51) Billy Williams	426
52) Edwin Encarnación	424
53) Nelson Cruz	423

MATT SHOEMAKER

#32

Height: 6-2 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 34 (9/27/86 in Wyandotte, MI)

2021: 1-1, 6.28 ERA CAREER: 44-34, 3.91 ERA

Making his fourth start of the season and the 108th of his career...also his 116th career game. 2021 marks ninth season in the majors and first with the Twins...spent 2013-18 with Los Angeles-AL and 2019-20 with Toronto.

2021 DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes APRIL TOTALS and 2021 TOTALS.

2020 DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes AUG TOTALS, SEPT TOTALS, and 2020 TOTALS.

LAST TIME OUT: Took his first loss of the season as Twins were shut out 0-7 in the first game of a doubleheader in Oakland on April 20...went 3.1 innings, allowing four hits (2 HR), five earned runs and four walks (5 ER and 4 BB are season highs)...did not strike out a batter for only the second time in a start or appearance in his career (August 15, 2015 at Kansas City)...four walks matched a career high, which he has done five times...both home runs allowed came off the bat of Mitch Moreland, who now has five career longballs against Shoemaker.

TWO STARTS AGO: Made first Target Field start as a Twin April 11 in an eventual 6-8 defeat vs. Seattle...struck out seven batters, his most in a game since August 16, 2020 vs. Tampa Bay...pitched 5.0 shutout innings before allowing four consecutive hits (2 HR) and all four of his earned runs to begin the sixth...was ejected by home plate umpire Manny Gonzalez (arguing balls and strikes) before recording an out in the sixth, his second career ejection (also August 16, 2020).

INTERLEAGUE PLAY AND SHOE: Making his 12th Interleague appearance (11th start) today...owns a 4-5, 4.03 ERA (58.0 IP, 26 ER) in his Interleague career...last Interleague appearance came on August 4, 2020 at Atlanta while pitching for Toronto...surrendered six hits and six runs in just 4.2 innings and took the loss in a 2-10 Blue Jays defeat...has not won an Interleague start since August 29, 2016 vs. Cincinnati (7.0 IP, 7 H, 2 ER, 7 K).

Making his third career start vs. the NL Central...other than the start noted above, has only made one other against the division, a May 11, 2016 loss to St. Louis (4.0 IP, 7 H, 4 ER, 1 BB, 1 K)...has combined to go 1-1, 4.91 ERA (11.0, 6 ER) in those two starts against the NL Central...4.91 is his second-highest ERA against any one division, behind only the NL East (5.01).

Owns a 2-3, 2.45 ERA (33.0 IP, 9 ER) in six career home Interleague games (five starts), compared to a 6.12 ERA (25.0 IP, 17 ER) in five road Interleague starts.

SOMETIMES IT'S HOW YOU START: Through three starts in 2021, Shoemaker has been stingy in the first inning of games...has yet to allow a hit in 3.0 innings with three strikeouts while surrendering just two baserunners (1 BB, 1 HBP)...opponents are hitting just .043 (1-for-23) the first time through the lineup, but that number climbs to .360 (9-for-25) the second time through and .400 (4-for-10) the third time around...allowed his first and only hit his first pass through a lineup last Tuesday at Oakland, a two-run shot to Mitch Moreland.

APRIL SHOWERS: For his career, Shoemaker owns a 5.43 ERA (111.0 IP, 67 ER) in 24 games (21 starts) in the first full month of the season, his most games and highest ERA of any month...however, over his last seven April starts (dating back to April 3, 2019), is 3-1, 3.75 ERA (36.0 IP, 15 ER).

BELOW THE AVERAGE: Held opponents to a .210 batting average last season, the 17th lowest among American League starting pitchers (minimum 100 batters faced)...left-handed batters hit .194 (12-for-62) with two doubles and five home runs while right-handed batters hit .233 (10-for-43) with one double and three home runs.

He posted a .272 opponent OBP, which ranked 13th lowest among AL starting pitchers (min. 100 BF)...by comparison, current staff-mate, Kenta Maeda, led the AL (.202).

TROUBLE IN THE TRAINER'S ROOM: After averaging roughly 23 starts per season from 2014-16, he made 14 starts in 2017, seven starts in 2018, five starts in 2019 and six starts in 2020, missing significant time in each season after suffering from injuries...below are his Injured List stints over the last four seasons:

Table with columns: DATES, INJURY, TEAM. Lists injury stints from 2017 to 2020.

2020 NOTES:

- Made six starts for Toronto, going 0-1, 4.71 ERA (28.2 IP, 15 ER), nine walks, 26 strikeouts, a 1.08 WHIP and .210 opponent batting average (22-for-105).
Surpassed 600.0 career innings pitched on September 21 vs. New York-AL.
Held left-handed batters to a .194 (12-for-62) batting average, the 10th-best mark among American League right-handed starting pitchers (min. 60 opponent at-bats).
Limited opposing hitters to a .136 (3-for-22) batting average with runners in scoring position, tops among AL starters and seventh-best in the league overall (min. 20 opponent at-bats).
Posted a 3.38 ERA (16.0 IP, 6 ER) in three day starts compared to a 6.39 ERA (12.2 IP, 9 ER) in three night starts.
Missed time from August 22-September 21 on the 10-day Injured List with right shoulder inflammation.

2021 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.0, 4/5 at DET
SO's: 7, 4/11 vs. SEA
Walks: 4, 4/20 at OAK-1
Hits: 7, 4/11 vs. SEA
Home Runs: 2, 2x, last 4/20 at OAK-1
Win-Streak: 1, 4/5
Loss-Streak: 1, 4/20

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: 1, 7/16/16 vs. CWS
SHO's: 1, 7/16/16 vs. CWS
CG Low-Hit: 6, 7/16/16 vs. CWS
Innings: 9.0, 7/16/16 vs. CWS
SO's: 13, 7/16/16 vs. CWS
Walks: 4, 5x, last 4/20/21 at OAK-1
Hits: 12, 8/13/16 at CLE
Home Runs: 3, 4x, last 8/4/20 at ATL
Win-Streak: 9, 8/9/14-4/13/15
Loss-Streak: 4, 4/19-5/11/16

CAREER NOTES

- Named AL Pitcher of the Week in July of 2016.
Named both the AL Pitcher of the Month and AL Rookie of the Month for August of 2014.
Finished second in the 2014 AL Rookie of the Year voting behind Chicago-AL's José Abreu.
Made major league debut on September 20, 2013 for the Angels vs. Seattle.
Named a Texas League Midseason and Postseason All-Star in 2011
Named Double-A Arkansas Pitcher of the Year in 2011.
Named an Angels MiLB.com organization All-Star in 2011.

2021 MISC. NUMBERS

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Includes Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf, and Runners On.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Includes data for years 2013-2017 and totals.

MORE 2021 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: SHOEMAKER, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Values: 20, 0, 3-3, 1.

2021 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

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

SHOEMAKER IN INTERLEAGUE PLAY

2020 Interleague Play (1 start): 0-1, 11.57 ERA (4.2 IP, 6 ER), 3 BB, 2 SO
2020 Interleague Play at Home (0 starts): --
2020 Interleague Play on Road (1 start): 0-1, 11.57 ERA (4.2 IP, 6 ER), 3 BB, 2 SO
Career Interleague Play (11 games, 10 starts): 4-5, 4.03 ERA (58.0 IP, 26 ER), 16 BB, 42 SO
Career Interleague Play at Home (6 games, 5 starts): 2-3, 2.45 ERA (33.0 IP, 9 ER), 8 BB, 27 SO
Career Interleague Play on Road (5 starts): 2-2, 6.12 ERA (25.0 IP, 17 ER), 8 BB, 15 SO

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Shoemaker vs. the Pirates, Crowe vs. the Twins. Includes PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.

LOW RISP, LOW REWARD: Shoemaker is holding hitters to a .154 (2-for-13) opponent batting average with runners in scoring position this season, a substantially lower clip than his .241 overall opponent batting average...this compares to his career .266 opponent average with RISP and career .247 opponent average overall.
Has yet to allow a hit in seven opponent at-bats with 2 outs and runners in scoring position (1 BB, 2 K).

TARGETING FIRST WIN: Looking to win his first decision at Target Field today... carries a career 0-1, 6.75 ERA (18.2 IP, 14 ER) in four games/starts (one with Twins) in his new home ballpark.

2021 ARSENAL: Pitches thrown through two starts in 2021 per Baseball Savant: Split Finger... 28.4% (71 pitches)... 217 (5-for-23)
4-Seam Fastball... 25.2% (63 pitches)... 375 (3-for-8)
Slider... 24.8% (62 pitches)... 133 (2-for-15)
Sink... 20.4% (51 pitches)... 273 (3-for-11)
Curveball... 1.2% (3 pitches)... 1,000 (1-for-1)
Only threw his slider 82 times (18.4% of the time) in 2020...has already thrown it 62 times (24.8% of the time) in 2021, the highest frequency he has thrown the pitch in any single season.

MIDWEST WELCOME: Signed a one-year contract with the Twins on February 19...this marks his third professional organization after spending 11 seasons with Los Angeles-AL (2008-18) and two seasons with Toronto (2019-20).

TOMORROW'S STARTER - JOSÉ BERRÍOS (2021 SEASON: 2-2, 3.00 ERA // CAREER: 50-40, 4.15 ERA)

Berrios will make his fifth start of the season tomorrow evening in the series opener in Cleveland...will be the 120th start of his career and 121st appearance...took the loss in the second game of the doubleheader in Oakland last Tuesday, despite allowing only one earned run in 5.0 innings in 1-0 Twins defeat...is 5-3, 3.96 ERA (72.2 IP, 32 ER) with 70 strikeouts in 13 career games/starts vs. the Indians...is 3-0, 3.93 ERA (34.1 IP, 15 ER) in six career starts at Progressive Field...has not allowed more than five hits in a start this season...currently ranks fourth in the American League in strikeouts with 30...is on a two-game losing streak and has not won since pitching the Twins Home Opener vs. Seattle, a 5.2-inning, two-run effort with eight strikeouts.

LUIS ARRAEZ - IF [PRONOUNCED AH-RISE] #2

Height: 5-10 Weight: 175 B/T: L/R Age: 23 (4/9/97 in San Felipe, VZ)
2021 Average: .286 Streak: 0-4 Series vs PIT: 1-8
Home Stand: 1-8 Home Runs: 1 (1 2-run)

- Career .333 (34-for-102), 16 R, 9 2B, 12 RBI, 11 BB in 29 Interleague G...also .351 (20-for-57) in 17 career IL G at Target Field...however, is just 2-for-18 w/ R, 2B in 5 career G vs. PIT.
Recorded his third career OF assist 4/20 (G2) & first since September 19, 2019 vs. KC.
Hitting .320/.393/.360 (8-for-25) w/ 3 R, 2B, 2 RBI and 3 BB in last 7 games since 4/15.
Second on Twins with 74 PA, third in hits (18) and 3rd in total bases (23).
Career games by position including 2021: 2B - 89 G, 3B - 28 G, LF - 25 G, SS - 8 G.
Snapped an 0-for-11 on 4/15 with a first-inning single, his ninth career leadoff hit, went 4-for-5 and is now a career .379 (36-for-95) hitter out of the top spot in the batting order.... reached base safely four times via hit in a single game for the third time in his career and first this season...he has now reached base 28 times in 74 plate appearances this season, good for a .378 OBP (18 games).
Hitting 372 (16-for-43) w/ .460 OBP in 11 games batting first this season.

WILLIAMS ASTUDILLO - C/IF/OF #64

Height: 5-9 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (10/14/91 in Barcelona Anzoategui, VZ)
2021 Average: .293 Streak: 4g, 5-15, HR, 2 RBI Series vs PIT: 2-6, HR
Home Stand: 2-6, HR Home Runs: 1 (1 1-run)

- Hitting .293 (12-for-41) w/ 2 R, 2 2B, HR, 6 RBI & a .700 OPS in 14 games this season...hit first HR of the season 4/23 vs. PIT, marked his 9th career HR, first since 9/12/20 vs. CLE...5 of his 9 career HR have come with two outs...also marked his 2nd career IL HR and 1st since 4/6/19 at PHI...homered off a pitch that was 4.24 feet above the ground, marking the highest pitch hit for a HR this season and highest in the majors since September 2019 (Josh Naylor, 4.40 feet on September 15, 2019)...it also marks the highest pitch hit for a HR by a Twins hitter since 2010 (credit: Sarah Langs)...has hit .259 (15-for-58) w/ 9 R, 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 5 RBI in 18 career Interleague games...made 2nd career appearance as P on 4/16 at LAA (last 7/14/18 vs. TB)...threw a 46 MPH strike in a 1-2-3 inning (7 pitches).
Career .289 (28-for-97) vs. LHP (50 games) & career .296 (72-for-243) vs. RHP (100 games).

BYRON BUXTON - OF #25

Height: 6-2 Weight: 212 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (12/18/93 in Baxley, GA)
2021 Average: .392 Streak: 0-4 Series vs PIT: 1-7
Home Stand: 1-7 Home Runs: 6 (3 1-run, 3 2-run)

- Went 3-for-6 w/ 2 R, 2B and go-ahead 2-R HR in 10th inning Wednesday at OAK...marked 3rd career extra-inning go-ahead HR...is now 19-for-44 (.432) with 6 2B, 5 HR & 9 RBI in 11 games to start the season...leads the Twins with 12 XBH and overall are T-4th in MLB.
Hit safely in each of his 1st 10 G (4/1-4/20), marked second longest hit streak of his career, trailing only his 12-game streak from 8/10-21/17.
Entered today T-2nd in AL and T-5th in MLB in HR (6) w/ Cruz and others...his 3 games w/ 3+ hits are T-4th most in AL...leading Twins in H (20), 2B (6), T-1st in HR (6), SLG (.863) & OPS (1.299)...2nd in R (10), & 2nd in RBI (11).
Only 5-for-26 (.192) in 8 career G vs. PIT...now .233 (57-for-245) in 74 career IL games.
Enters today in 100th percentile in barrel % and 99th percentile in hard hit %, and in 95th percentile in average exit velocity.
Since 4/6 is hitting .395 (17-for-43) w/ 8 R, 5 2B, 4 HR, 8 RBI & a 1.213 OPS in 11 games.

JAKE CAVE - OF #60

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 B/T: L/L Age: 28 (12/4/92 in Hampton, VA)
2021 Average: .164 Streak: 2g, 3-6, HR, 2 2B, 2 RBI Series vs PIT: 3-6, HR, 2 2B, 2 RBI
Home Stand: 3-6, HR, 2 2B, 2 RBI Home Runs: 1 (1 1-run)

- Just 6 career G vs. PIT, homered on 4/23, now .263 (5-for-19), 3 R, 2 2B, HR, 3 RBI...doubled twice yesterday, has an RBI in two straight games, marking his first game with multiple extra-base hits since 9/23/20 vs. DET & his 1st game with multiple 2B since 8/7/19 vs. ATL...37 career IL games, going 21-for-96 (.219), 16 R, 4 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 4 HBP, 5 BB.
Career df. positions: 122 in CF, 72 in RF & 31 in LF...209 G in OF since July of '18, 3rd most on team.
Played in 42 games; started in 29 in 2020; all as OF - 19 in CF, 5 in LF & 5 in RF.

NELSON CRUZ - DH #23

Height: 6-2 Weight: 230 B/T: R/R Age: 40 (7/1/80 in Las Matas De Santa Cruz, DR)
2021 Average: .328 Streak: 0-4 Series vs PIT: 1-7
Home Stand: 1-7 Home Runs: 6 (3 1-run, 2 2-run, 1 GS)

- Went 0-for-4 yesterday, has a hit in 12 of his last 15 games...has a hit in all eight home games this season, batting .296 (8-for-27) in those games.
Recorded 38th career multi-HR game Wednesday, tied w/ Gary Sheffield & Carlos Beltrán for 37th most all time...marked 11th as a Twin, matching Tom Brunansky for 9th most in Twins/Senators history...his 13 multi-HR G since turning 38 are also the most all time.
Hitting .328 (19-for-58) w/ 11 R, 2 2B, 6 HR, 14 RBI, 3 BB & a 1.042 OPS in 18 G this season.
Entered today T-5th in MLB in HR & 11th in OPS...also 5th in AL in SLG (.672) and 11th in AVG.
Hitting .278 (196-for-704), 30 2B, 52 HR, 146 RBI, .907 OPS in 199 career IL games...ranks third among actives in IL HR (Pujols - 66, Cabrera - 57) and RBI (Pujols - 229, Cabrera - 200).
Went 0-for-3 4/20 (G1) snapping his 11-game hitting streak, went 0-for-5 w/ HBP in DH.
First player in Twins franchise history to hit three HR over his first two starts of the season.
On 4/1, became first player age 40+ in Twins history to pinch hit on OD...at age 40.274, became the oldest player in MLB to pinch hit on OD since Ichiro Suzuki did so at age 42.166 on 4/5/2016.
Leads baseball in home runs since 2014 with 266...ranks 53rd on MLB all-time list in homers with 423, next is Edwin Encarnación (424), Billy Williams (426) and Mike Piazza (427).

JOSH DONALDSON - 3B #20

Height: 6-1 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/8/85 in Pensacola, FL)
2021 Average: .417 Streak: 0-6, RBI Series vs PIT: 0-6, RBI
Home Stand: 0-6, RBI Home Runs: 1 (1 1-run)

- Hitting .391 (9-for-23) w/ 4 R, HR, 4 RBI, 2 walks and a .945 OPS in 7 games since IL return (4/14)...now hitting .311 (152-for-488) with 27 2B, 31 HR, 98 RBI, 98 R, .963 OPS in 132 career IL games...his AVG in IL play is 6th among actives (min. 300 IL AB)...hitting .372 (16-for-43), .431 OBP, 6 2B, 3 HR and 14 RBI in last 14 IL games...went 0-for-3 w/ RBI yesterday.
Is just 9-for-52 (.173) in 15 career games vs. PIT.
Hitting .417 (10-for-24) w/ 4 R, 2 XBH, 4 RBI & a 1.028 OPS in 8 games this season.
Hit safely in both games of DH on 4/20 (5th time in his career).
Signed largest free agent contract in Twins history on 1/22/20 - 4 years, \$92 million.

MITCH GARVER - C #8

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 B/T: R/R Age: 30 (1/15/91 in Albuquerque, NM)
2021 Average: .174 Streak: 0-4 Series vs PIT: 0-3
Home Stand: 0-3 Home Runs: 2 (1 1-run, 1 3-run)

- 214 G (181 GS/1647.1 Inn.) as C with .993 FPct. Has a 86.1 SB% (99 SB/16 CCS).
4 career G vs. PIT (0-for-12, 2 R, 3 BB)...hitting .277 (38-for-137), 25 R, 12 HR, 21 RBI, 8 BB in 43 career Interleague G...matched Twins single-season record w/ 9 IL HR in 2019.
Hit his 2nd HR of the season on 4/8, it was the second-longest home run of his career and it marked the first three-run homer for the Twins this season...it was his 41st career homer as a catcher, fourth most in club history, trailing Joe Mauer (91), Tim Laudner (74) and Brian Harper (46).
Career .244 (123-for-505) w/ 27 2B, 2 3B, 27 HR, 87 RBI, 5 HBP & 49 BB in 212 G vs. RHP.

NICK GORDON - IF #1

Height: 6-0 Weight: 160 B/T: L/R Age: 25 (10/24/1995 in Avon Park, FL)
2021 Average: .000 Streak: 0-0 Series vs PIT: 0-0
Home Stand: 0-0 Home Runs: 0

- Recalled 4/23 and is looking to make his major league debut.
Hit .200 (2-for-10) w/ R in 11 ST games in 2021...missed entire 2020 season with injury...last appeared in professional game action on 8/2/19, for Triple-A Rochester.
1st round selection (5th overall) by Twins in 2014 First-Year Player Draft.
Is the son of three-time All-Star RHP Tom "Flash" Gordon and half-brother of MLB infielder/outfielder Dee Strange-Gordon.

RYAN JEFFERS - C #27

Height: 6-4 Weight: 235 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (6/3/97 in Raleigh, NC)
2021 Average: .167 Streak: 0-2 Series vs PIT: 0-2
Home Stand: 0-2 Home Runs: 0

- Started his 9th game of the season as C yesterday...Twins are 3-6 when he starts as C this season (75.2 Innings)...is now 5-for-30 (.167) with a 2B, 3 R, RBI, 3 BB & 16 K this season.
Made MLB debut in Interleague Play, 8/20/20 vs MIL (2-for-3, RBI)...career .308 (4-for-13), R, RBI, 2 HBP, 2 BB, 6 K in 7 games vs. National League (Twins are 5-2 in those games).
Caught 25 games, making 18 starts; 25 starts marked the most of the club in 2020.
Hit .273 (15-for-55) w/ 3 HR, 7 RBI, 5 BB & .355 OBP in 26 G in 2020.
Started 18 games at catcher last season, all in the Twins' final 35 games...25 total games caught ranked third among MLB rookies.

ALEX KIRILLOFF - OF/IF #19

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: L/L Age: 23 (11/9/97 in Pittsburgh, PA)
2021 Average: .000 Streak: 0-4 Series vs PIT: 0-7
Home Stand: 0-7 Home Runs: 0

- Recalled from the alternate site for 2nd time this season on 4/23 (4/14 - DH)...looking for his first career regular season hit...is the club's No. 2-ranked prospect per MLB.com.
Made his first career regular season appearance on 4/14 as PH/LF and went 0-for-3 (1 K) after making his ML debut in Game 2 on AL Wild Card series vs. HOU last season...went 1-for-4 and became first player in baseball history to record a Postseason hit before a regular season hit.
Became the third player in baseball history to make his major league debut in postseason game, joining Kansas City's Adalberto Mondesi (2015 WS) and Oakland's Mark Kiger (2006 ALCS)-first player to ever start.

TZU-WEI LIN - IF [PRONOUNCED ZOO-WAY] #37

Height: 5-9 Weight: 180 B/T: L/R Age: 27 (2/15/1994 in Kaohsiung County, Taiwan)
2021 Average: .000 Streak: 0-0 Series vs PIT: 0-0
Home Stand: 0-0 Home Runs: 0

- Contract selected on 4/23...when he appears in a game, will become the first Taiwanese-born player in Twins/Senators history.
Hit .300 (6-for-20), w/ 4 R, 3 2B, HR, 2 RBI and 4 BB in 17 ST games for MIN in 2021.
Never faced PIT...career 6-for-30 (.200) w/ 4 R, 2B, RBI, BB in 14 career IL games.
Has appeared in 101 games across 4 major league seasons w/ BOS...signed by MIN as ml free agent 11/19/20.

JORGE POLANCO - IF #11

Height: 5-11 Weight: 208 B/T: S/R Age: 27 (7/5/93 in San Pedro De Macoris, DR)
2021 Average: .194 Streak: 0-6 Series vs PIT: 0-6
Home Stand: 0-6 Home Runs: 0

- Has gone 0-for-26 in his last seven IL games after hitting .299 (73-for-244) with a .812 OPS in his first 67 career IL games.
Went 4-for-6 Wednesday at OAK, 1 H shy of career high...3rd career G w/ 4 singles (also 9/4/2020 & 5/19/19)...batting .300 (9-for-30) with 2 BB and a .364 OBP in his last 9 G after hitting .119 (5-for-42) in his first 10 games.
Career .276 (8-for-29) w/ 6 R, 2B, 3 BB, 3 RBI & a .654 OPS in 9 G vs. PIT.
Recorded his second multi-hit game of the season on 4/14 & first since April 5 in Detroit.
Leads Twins in PA (80), AB (72) & T-3rd in 2B (3) & T-1st in games (19).
Drove in the Twins' first run on 4/13 on a sacrifice fly & was HBP...marked the first Twins batter with both a sac fly and a hit-by-pitch in a game since Ehire Adrianza on April 3, 2019, at Kansas City.
Has 49 HR, needs 1 to reach 50 for career.

BRENT ROOKER - OF #50

Height: 6-3 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (11/1/94 in Germantown, TN)
2021 Average: .095 Streak: 1g, 1-4, 2B Series vs PIT: 0-0
Home Stand: 0-0 Home Runs: 0

- Is 2-for-21 w/ 2B, RBI, BB in 6 games this season...looking for 1st career Interleague hit.
Reinstated from 10-day IL 4/20, went 0-for-6 with two strikeouts in DH at OAK.
Hit .237 (9-for-38) w/ 3 2B, HR, 3 RBI, BB & 19 K in 18 spring games...optioned 3/29.
Began 2020 in MIN player pool in STP...contract selected 9/4...first career hit (single) and RBI 9/4 vs. DET (G2)...first career HR 9/8 at STL (off Ponce de Leon).
Hit .316 (6-for-19) in 7 G for MIN last season...HBP/fractured forearm 9/12 vs. CLE, ending season.
Ranked 12th best Twins prospect by MLB.com prior to season...54 minor league home runs. over 3 seasons (259 G)...35th overall pick by MIN in 2017 from Mississippi State.

TWINS HOME RUN DATA

Table with 6 columns: MULTI-HOMER GAMES (2x), BACK-TO-BACK (0x), INSIDE-THE-PARK (0x), RUNNERS ON, GRAND SLAM (1x), LEADOFF (0x). Each column lists specific game events.

HITTERS INFO

Table with 4 main columns: LAST HOME RUN, LAST GRAND SLAM, VS. CURRENT OPPONENT 2021, VS. CURRENT OPPONENT CAREER. Sub-headers include Player, Multi-Hit, Multi-RBI, Season Hit-Streak, Season High Hits, Date, Opp., On, Pitcher, Date, Opp., Career #, Avg, H, AB, HR, RBI.

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with columns for category and value. Includes records for Most Runs, Game (Team), Most Hits, Inning (Team), Consecutive Hits (Individual), etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with columns for Inning (1-9, XTRA, TOTAL) and rows for OPPONENT and TWINS.

INJURED LIST

Table with columns: PLAYER, INJURY, DATE ON, RETRO, DATE OFF, GAMES MISSED. Lists injured players like Edwar Colina, Josh Donaldson, Brent Rooker.

BOLD indicates currently on IL

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table listing longest home runs by player and distance, e.g., Buxton 456 ft, 4/1 at MIL (Yardley).

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table listing highest exit velocities by player and speed, e.g., Cruz 116.6, 4/5 at DET (HR).

EJECTIONS

Table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Lists ejections like April 11 vs. Seattle.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with columns for positions (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH) and rows for players like Luis Arraez, Willians Astudillo.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with columns for batting order (1-9) and rows for players like Luis Arraez, Willians Astudillo.

MOST USED LINEUP (2X)

Table with columns: Player, Pos. Lists lineup positions for various players.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with columns: Player, Assists. Lists outfield assists for Jake Cave, Luis Arraez, etc.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time), Grand Slam: N. Cruz, 4/5/21 at DET (1 as a team in 2021), etc.

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

No-Hitter: F. Liriano, 5/3/11 at CWS (6 all-time), One-Hitter: E. Santana, 4/15/17 vs. CWS (14 all-time), etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: M. Sanó/J. Schoop/C.J. Cron, 8/7/19 vs. ATL - T. Flowers hitting (14 all-time), Position Player Pitching: W. Astudillo, 4/16 at LAA (1 in 2021), etc.

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time), Grand Slam: M. Olson, 4/20/21 at OAK, Game 1 (3 allowed as team in 2021), etc.

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

No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time), One-Hitter: C. Kluber, 8/14/15 vs. CLE (23 all-time), etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Donaldson/A. Rosales/C. Carter, 8/21/12 at OAK - T. Plouffe hitting (8 all-time), Position Player Pitching: H. Castro, 4/5/21 at DET (1 in 2021), etc.

2021 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

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

** Target Field has experienced 54 delayed games, 25 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 (7-12) and MAY (---) series.

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^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 0-4 in extra innings)
* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 2 in 2020)
- PPD game from April 12 vs. Boston ## - PPD game from April 19 at Oakland

2021 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (1)
DATE 4/15 vs. BOS SCORE 4-3 NOTES Kepler singles in Arraez from second base with 1 out in bot 9

2021 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (38)
Pitchers: (18)
Alcala, Jorge - RHP*
Anderson, Shaun - RHP
Berríos, José - RHP*
Colomé, Alex - RHP*
Dobnak, Randy - RHP*
Duffey, Tyler - RHP*
Farrell, Luke - RHP
Happ, J.A. - LHP*
Maeda, Kenta - RHP*
Pineda, Michael - RHP*
Robles, Hansel - RHP*
Rogers, Taylor - LHP*
Shoemaker, Matt - RHP*
Smeltzer, Devin - LHP
Stashak, Cody - RHP*
Thielbar, Caleb - LHP*
Thorpe, Lewis - LHP
Waddell, Brandon - LHP
Position Players: (20)
Arraez, Luis - IF*
Astudillo, Willians - C/IF/OF*
Blankenhorn, Travis - IF
Buxton, Byron - OF*
Cave, Jake - OF*
Cruz, Nelson - DH*
Donaldson, Josh - 3B*
Garlick, Kyle - OF*
Garver, Mitch - C*
Gordon, Nick - IF
Jeffers, Ryan - C*
Kepler, Max - OF*
Kirilloff, Alex - OF
Lin, Tzu-Wei - IF
Polanco, Jorge - IF*
Riddle, JT - IF
Rooker, Brent - OF
Sanó, Miguel - IF*
Simmons, Andrelton - SS*
Telis, Tomás - C
(* - on Opening Day roster)