



DEVIN SMELTZER

#31

Height: 6-3 Weight: 195 B/T: R/L Age: 26 (9/07/1995 in Voorhees, NJ)

2022: 0-0, 1.80 ERA CAREER: 4-2, 4.10 ERA

- Making his second major league start and appearance of the season...also 21st career appearance (9th start).
Sixth career appearance (3rd start) against Kansas City...half of his career wins (2 of 4) have come against the Royals...has gone 2-0, 2.25 ERA (16.0 IP, 4 ER) with four walks and 11 strikeouts.
Was acquired by the Twins from Los Angeles-NL on July 31, 2018 along with outfielder Luke Raley and infielder Logan Forsythe in exchange for infielder Brian Dozier.

2022 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 5/14 vs CLE and MAY TOTALS.

2022 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Includes rows for 4/9 at LOU and MAY TOTALS.

LAST TIME OUT: Went toe-to-toe in a pitchers' duel with Shane Bieber but did not factor into the decision after tossing 5.0 innings and yielding just one run on three hits, with two walks and two strikeouts on May 14 vs. Cleveland as the Twins fell, 3-2 in 10 innings...his contract was purchased from Triple-A St. Paul that day (Alex Kirilloff optioned) as the Twins needed another starter with Bailey Ober on the 10-day Injured List and Dylan Bundy on the COVID-Injured List.

- Made his first major league appearance since April 24, 2021 vs. Pittsburgh and first start since August 7, 2020 at Kansas City.
Marked the first time he pitched at least 5.0 innings in a single outing since he also went 5.0 innings in a start at Detroit on September 26, 2019.
His 77 pitches tied the most he has thrown this season in a professional game, after also throwing 77 pitches for Triple-A St. Paul on April 21 at Toledo.

SO FAR IN ST PAUL: Appeared in five games (all starts) for Triple-A St. Paul this season, going 1-2, 3.86 ERA (21.0 IP, 9 ER) with six walks and 18 strikeouts.

- Extended his scoreless innings streak to 11.0 innings to start the season before he permitted two runs on five hits, with one walk and eight strikeouts in 5.0 innings in his third start of the season on April 21 at Toledo...took the loss as the Saints fell, 2-1.
Took the loss for St. Paul on May 3 vs. the Iowa Cubs and allowed six of his nine runs of the season in that single start.

THE COMEBACK IS ALWAYS STRONGER: Has worked his way back from nearly a year-long injury journey...lost feeling in the last three fingers of his pitching hand during 2021 spring training...placed on the 10-day Injured List on May 12, 2021 after one appearance for the Twins (April 24 vs. Pittsburgh, ND, 4.2 IP, 1 H, 1 UER, 1 BB, 3 K)...left his penultimate rehab start in June 2021 after an injury during a pregame bullpen session, which later proved to be a herniated disc in his neck...transferred to the 60-day Injured List on July 17, 2021...slowly built back up and began pitching in October 2021 before a healthy offseason...went 2-0, 0.00 ERA (11.0 IP, 0 ER) with two walks and nine strikeouts during spring training in 2022.

SUCCESS AS A STARTER: Over the course of his major league career, Smeltzer is 2-2, 3.83 ERA (40.0 IP, 17 ER) with a .235 BAA (35-for-149) and .674 opponent OPS in eight career starts...he's 2-0, 4.41 ERA (34.2 IP, 17 ER) with a .281 BAA (38-for-135) and .834 opponent OPS in 12 big league relief outings.

A FAMILIAR FOE: Tonight marks Smeltzer's sixth career appearance and third start against the Royals...he is 2-0, 2.25 ERA (16.0 IP, 4 ER) in his five prior outings but has a 5.68 ERA (6.1 IP, 4 ER) at Kauffman Stadium...earned his first major league win with a 3-0 victory over KC on August 4, 2019 at Target Field (6.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB, 4 K)...last earned the win in relief vs. Kansas City on August 17, 2020 in an 4-1 Twins victory (2.2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 3 K)...last start against the Royals came on August 7, 2020 at Kauffman Stadium as the Twins lost, 3-2...Smeltzer tossed 4.1 innings (4 H, 2 R/ER, 1 BB, 2 K) and did not factor into the decision.

- Over the course of his career, Smeltzer has appeared against the Royals five times, his second most appearances against any opponent (has faced Cleveland six times)...has not faced any other opponent more than twice.
Has faced the AL Central 15 times in his career (7 starts)...last win came in relief on August 17, 2020, a 4-1 victory over Kansas City at Target Field...last start against the AL Central came on August 7, 2020 at Kansas City as the Twins lost, 3-2...is 4-2, 5.15 ERA (50.2 IP, 29 ER) with 17 walks and 38 strikeouts in his 15 career appearances (7 starts) against the AL Central.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Smeltzer is slated to make his eighth career road appearance (5th start)...last pitched away from Target Field in a relief appearance on August 23, 2020 against the Royals (2.0 IP, 3 H, 2 R/ER, 0 BB, 1 K) in the 5-4 Twins win...last start on the road was on August 7, 2020 (ND, 4.1 IP, 4 H, 2 R/ER, 1 BB, 2 K) as the Twins fell to the Royals, 3-2.

- Most recent win on the road came in a start on September 26, 2019 (W, 5.0 IP, 10 H, 3 R/ER, 0 BB, 4 K) as the Twins defeated Detroit, 10-4.
Is 1-1, 6.75 ERA (26.2 IP, 20 ER) with 36 hits allowed, seven walks and 17 strikeouts in his career on the road...those numbers shift to 3-1, 2.63 ERA (48.0 IP, 14 ER) with 37 hits allowed, 13 walks and 41 strikeouts in 13 career appearances (4 starts) at Target Field.

NIGHT SHIFT: Making his second start/appearance of the season in a night game and 11th appearance (6th start) of his career...most recent night game win was in relief on August 17, 2020 vs. Kansas City (W, 2.2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 3 K) as the Twins won, 4-1...has yet to earn a win in a night game he has started.

- Is 1-2, 4.08 ERA (39.2 IP, 18 ER) in 10 career night appearances (5 starts), compared to a 3-0 record, 4.11 ERA (35.0 IP, 16 ER) in 10 career day appearances (3 starts).

ARSENAL: Here's a look at Smeltzer's pitch selection in his first start of the 2022 season, per Baseball Savant...he throws a five-pitch mix, primarily relying on his four-seam fastball and curveball.

PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# vs. RHB/LHB) RESULTS table with rows for 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup, Sinkers, and Slider.

LOOKING BACK AT 2021: Was in Twins spring training for the second-consecutive season and was optioned to the alternate training site on March 29...recalled from the Taxi Squad on April 17...appeared in one game for the Twins on April 24 vs. Pittsburgh, allowing one unearned run on one hit in 4.2 innings of relief...marked his only appearance with the Twins or Saints on the season as he was optioned back to the alternate training site on April 25...recalled from Triple-A St. Paul on May 6 just prior to the minor league season but did not appear for the Twins...placed on the 10-day Injured List on May 12 with left elbow inflammation and missed the remainder of the season...transferred to the 60-day Injured List on July 17.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP JOE RYAN (2022 SEASON: 4-2, 2.39 ERA // CAREER: 6-3, 3.08 ERA)

Right-hander Joe Ryan is due to start tomorrow night against the Kansas City Royals...is 4-2, 2.39 ERA (37.2 IP, 10 ER) with 12 walks and 36 strikeouts in seven starts this season...earned the win in his last start on May 15 vs. Cleveland at Target Field, tossing 6.0 innings (4 H, 1 R/ER, 0 BB, 5 K) as the Twins won, 3-1...tomorrow will mark his second career start against the Royals...his first start against Kansas City came earlier this season on April 21 at Kauffman Stadium opposite Zack Greinke (W, 6.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 5 K) as the Twins won, 1-0.

2022 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 5/14 vs. CLE
SO's: 2, 5/14 vs. CLE
Walks: 2, 5/14 vs. CLE
Hits: 3, 5/14 vs. CLE
Home Runs: --
Win-Streak: --
Loss-Streak: --

CAREER HIGHS (SP & RP)

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 6.1, 6/4/2019 at CLE
SO's: 7, 5/28/2019 at MIL
Walks: 3, 2x, last: 6/4/2019 at CLE
Hits: 10, 9/26/2019 at DET
Home Runs: 4, 6/4/2019 at CLE
Win-Streak: 3, 9/26/2019-8/17/2020
Loss-Streak: 1, 2x, last: 8/9/2019

CAREER NOTES

- Acquired by the Twins from Los Angeles-NL, along with outfielder Luke Raley and infielder Logan Forsythe, in exchange for infielder Brian Dozier at the 2018 trade deadline.
Made Twins Opening Day roster in 2020, the first of his career...went 0-0, 4.15 ERA (4.1 IP, 2 ER) in one start and 2-0, 7.71 ERA (11.2 IP, 10 ER) in six relief appearances...four of six relief appearances were of 2.0 innings-or-more...held right-handed batters to a .269 average and left-handed batters to a .385 (5-for-13) average.
Combined to post a 3.02 ERA (104.1 IP, 32 ER) in 20 games (19 starts) between Double-A Pensacola and Triple-A Rochester, going 4-5 in 2019... Began season with Double-A Pensacola...earned the Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week and Southern League Pitcher of the Week April 14 after making two starts, going 2-0, 0.00 ERA (14.0 IP) with five hits allowed, two walks and 17 strikeouts...Made five starts with the Blue Wahoos, posting a 0.60 ERA (30.0 IP, 2 ER) before being promoted to Triple-A Rochester May 2...Went 0-1, 1.82 ERA (24.2 IP, 5 ER) in four starts for the Red Wings and had contract selected by Minnesota on May 28... Made major league debut May 28 vs. Milwaukee... became fourth Twins starter in history to throw 6.0-or-more shutout innings in his debut, joining Andrew Albers (8.1 on August 6, 2013), Anthony Swarzak (7.0 on May 23, 2009) and Eric Milton (6.0 on April 5, 1998).
Became the ninth New Jersey-born player (7th pitcher) to make his debut for the Twins, and the first since RHP Rob Delaney on Sept. 4, 2010.
Won the National Junior College Athletic Association Player of the Week award for April 4-10, 2016, after throwing a complete game no-hitter in an 8-0 win over Wharton County Junior College, in wherein he struck out 16 batters and walked three.
Was originally selected by the San Diego Padres in the 33rd round of the 2014 MLB First-Year Player Draft, but chose to continue his development at Florida Gulf Coast University.
Smeltzer was set to transfer to Texas Tech University for the 2017 season, but signed with Los Angeles-NL after being drafted in the fifth round (No. 161 overall).

2022 MISC. NUMBERS

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

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Includes rows for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and TOTALS.

MORE 2022 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Includes row for SMELTZER.

2022 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Includes row for INNING and RUNS/HITS.

SMELTZER VS. KANSAS CITY

2020 vs. Kansas City (3 games/1 start): 1-0, 4.00 ERA (9.0 IP, 4 ER), 2 BB, 6 K
2020 vs. Kansas City at Home (1 games/0 starts): 1-0, 0.00 ERA (2.2 IP, 0 ER), 1 BB, 3 K
2020 vs. Kansas City on Road (2 games/1 start): 0-0, 5.68 ERA (6.1 IP, 4 ER), 1 BB, 3 K
Career vs. Kansas City (5 games/2 starts): 2-0, 2.25 ERA (16.0 IP, 4 ER), 4 BB, 11 K
Career vs. Kansas City at Home (3 games/1 start): 2-0, 0.00 (9.2 IP, 0 ER), 3 BB, 8 K
Career vs. Kansas City on Road (2 games/1 start): 0-0, 5.68 (6.1 IP, 4 ER), 1 BB, 3 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Smeltzer vs. the Royals (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Lynch vs. the Twins (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO).

SMELTZER THE CANCER SURVIVOR: When Smeltzer was just nine years old, he was diagnosed with pelvic rhabdomyosarcoma (bladder cancer), as a tumor had formed against his bladder that was connected to his prostate...underwent surgery and chemotherapy at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA, and sent the cancer into full remission in 2012...the lefty, who's worn glasses and a goatee for the majority of his professional career, continues to offer support to others fighting cancer through his Catch Cancer Looking apparel with his likeness.







