

DEVIN SMELTZER

#31

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

2022: 3-0, 2.38 ERA CAREER: 7-2, 3.65 ERA

- Making his seventh major league start and appearance of the season...also 26th career appearance (14th start). Facing Arizona for the first time in his career...also his third career appearance (2nd start) against the National League, after entering in relief vs. Pittsburgh on April 24, 2021 (4.2 IP, 1 H, 1 UER, 1 BB, 3 K) and starting in his MLB debut on May 28, 2019 vs. Milwaukee (ND, 6.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 7 K). 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

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2022 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

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LAST TIME OUT: Earned his third win of the season as the Twins defeated the Tampa Bay Rays, 9-4, on June 10 at Target Field...tossed 6.0-plus innings (faced 3 batters in the 7th), allowing three runs (all solo home runs) on four hits, with three walks and three strikeouts. Marked his third quality start of the season, matching Sonny Gray for second most on the Twins (Joe Ryan leads with 4). Joined Gray as the only other Twins starter this season to allow three-or-fewer runs in his first six starts of the year. After allowing a home run to Isaac Paredes in the second inning, he allowed a home run in back-to-back starts for the first time in his career and second time in back-to-back appearances, first since August 15-September 8, 2019...after allowing the home run, he retired 13 of his next 14 batters faced. Allowed an inside-the-park home run to Randy Arozarena in the seventh inning; was the first time a Twins pitcher allowed one since August 13, 2021 vs. Tampa Bay against Kevin Kiermaier.

TWO STARTS AGO: Did not factor into the decision after he allowed two runs on four hits (2 HR) and two walks over 4.0 innings in the 8-6 win at Toronto on June 10...marked his shortest start of the season...had not allowed a homer in a start since surrendering a career-high four on June 4, 2019 at Cleveland...snapped a streak of nine-straight homerless starts, tied for the fifth longest in Twins history (1961-present)...also snapped a streak of 42.2 innings without allowing a home run, which was the fourth-longest active run in the American League and seventh longest in the majors entering that start.

SUCCESS AS A STARTER: Over the course of his major league career, Smeltzer has gone 5-2, 3.26 ERA (69.0 IP, 25 ER) with a .224 (56-for-250) opponent batting average and .670 opponent OPS in 13 starts (Twins are 8-5)...to compare, he's 2-0, 4.41 ERA (34.2 IP, 17 ER) with a .281 (38-for-135) opponent batting average and .834 opponent OPS in 12 big league relief outings.

NEW OPPONENT, DIFFERENT LEAGUE: Facing the Diamondbacks for the first time in his career...tonight also marks his third career appearance and second start against a National League club...is 0-0, 0.00 ERA (10.2 IP, 0 ER), with one walk and 10 strikeouts in Interleague play. Faced Pittsburgh in relief on April 24, 2021 (ND, 4.2 IP, 1 UER, 1 H, 1 BB, 3 K)...made his major league debut with a start against Milwaukee on May 28, 2019 at Target Field; did not factor into the decision after tossing 6.0 scoreless innings (3 H, 0 BB, 7 K) in a 5-3 Twins win.

DOWN IN THE DESERT: Smeltzer is making his fourth start and appearance of the season away from Target Field and is 2-0, 2.81 ERA (16.0 IP, 5 ER) with three walks and five strikeouts in his three prior road outings...this compares to 1-0, 2.00 ERA (18.0 IP, 4 ER) with six walks and 11 strikeouts in three home starts. Is 3-1, 5.27 ERA (42.2 IP, 25 ER) with 10 walks, 22 strikeouts, a 1.43 WHIP and a .302 (51-for-169) opponent batting average in 10 career road appearances (7 starts).

ARSENAL: Here's a look at Smeltzer's repertoire through his first six starts of the 2022 season, per Baseball Savant...he throws a five-pitch mix, primarily relying on his four-seam fastball and changeup. PITCH (AVG, MPH) PCT. (# vs. RHB/LHB) RESULTS 4-Seam Fastball (89.7)..... 43.3% (212 pitches, 178/34)..... .234 (11-for-47), 4 HR, 8 K Changeup (82.2)..... 28.2% (138 pitches, 131/7)..... .170 (8-for-47), 3 2B, 1 HR, 7 K Curveball (75.6)..... 22.2% (109 pitches, 87/22)..... .263 (5-for-19), 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 K Slider (85.2)..... 4.9% (24 pitches, 20/4)..... .000 (0-for-4) Sinker (88.7)..... 1.4% (7 pitches, 1/6)..... .000 (0-for-1) Prior to his May 26 outing against Kansas City, Smeltzer's wife, Brianne - a former college softball player - advised him to throw more changeups down and away when attacking hitters...he's followed her advice over his last four starts, using his changeup more often (it's now his second-most-used pitch) while posting a 2.66 ERA (23.2 IP, 7 ER), a .193 opponent batting average (16-for-83) and 14 strikeouts combined in those four outings. Has started to throw his fastball and slider from a lower-slot arm angle this season to pair with his other offerings and better attack left-handed hitters. Began varying the speeds of his pitches this season with the realization that throwing his fastball between 86-92 mph is better than maxing out at 89-92...aims to throw his changeup with a four-mile variance between the low and upper end.

STRIKES AND OUTS: Has been effective so far when facing hitters with two strikes, holding opponents to a .145 (8-for-55) batting average in two-strike situations this season, as well as a .182 (33-for-181) mark in his career.

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 to pitch this season...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 collapsing during a pregame bullpen session, which later proved to be caused by 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.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP DYLAN BUNDY (2022 SEASON: 3-3, 5.87 ERA // CAREER: 49-60, 4.78 ERA)

Right-hander Dylan Bundy is scheduled to start tomorrow night's game against the Arizona Diamondbacks at Chase Field...did not factor into the decision in his last start on June 9 vs. New York-AL (4.0 IP, 5 H, 4 R/ER, 2 HR, 1 BB, 1 K)...will be facing Arizona for the fourth time in his career (all starts), posting a 2-1 record and a 5.27 ERA (13.2 IP, 8 ER), six walks and 12 strikeouts in his three prior outings...marks his 18th appearance (17th start) in an Interleague game...is 7-9, 5.30 ERA (86.2 IP, 51 ERA) previously in Interleague contests.

2022 HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 7.0, 5/26 vs. KC SO's: 6, 5/26 vs. KC Walks: 3, 6/10 vs. TB Hits: 6, 5/31 at DET (1) Home Runs: 3, 6/10 vs. TB Win-Streak: 3, 5/20-present Loss-Streak: --

CAREER HIGHS (SP & RP)

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 7.0, 5/26/22 vs. KC SO's: 7, 5/28/2019 at MIL Walks: 3, 3x, last: 6/10/2022 vs. TB Hits: 10, 9/26/2019 at DET Home Runs: 4, 6/4/2019 at CLE Win-Streak: 3, 2x, last: 5/20/2022-present 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. Rows for Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf, Vs. Left, Vs. Right, TOTALS, None On, Runners On.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

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

MORE 2022 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

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

2022 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

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

SMELTZER VS. ARIZONA

2022 vs. Arizona (0 games): -- 2022 vs. Arizona at Home (0 games): -- 2022 vs. Arizona on Road (0 games): -- Career vs. Arizona (0 games): -- Career vs. Arizona at Home (0 games): -- Career vs. Arizona on Road (0 games): --

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Smeltzer vs. the Diamondbacks (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Bumgarner vs. the Twins (PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO). Rows for Luplow, Greiner, Correa, Garlick, Urshela, Maeda.

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.

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.

Main table containing game logs for Minnesota from April to July. Columns include Date, Opp., Score, W/L Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, and Winner/Loser/Save.

Continuation of game logs for Minnesota from July to August. Columns include Date, Opp., Score, W/L Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, and Winner/Loser/Save.

Continuation of game logs for Minnesota from September/October to July. Columns include Date, Opp., Score, W/L Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, and Winner/Loser/Save.

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (1-2)
* - Denotes Sellout (12 in 2019; 0 in 2020; 8 in 2021)
- Opener on 4/7 vs. SEA rescheduled for 4/8
- SUSP game from May 11 vs. HOU

2022 WALK-OFF VICTORIES [3]
Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Lists three walk-off victories.

2022 PLAYERS ON ROSTER [47]
Table with columns: Pitchers (27) and Position Players (20). Lists names and positions of players on the roster.

HOME GAMES ROAD GAMES

(* - on Opening Day roster)