



COLE SANDS

#77

Height: 6-3 Weight: 215 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (7/17/1997 in Tallahassee, FL)

2022: 0-1, 7.88 ERA CAREER: 0-1, 7.88 ERA

- Recalled from Triple-A St. Paul prior to tonight's game...this is his fifth stint with the Twins this season (April 30-May 2, May 6-7, May 12, May 31).
Making the fourth career appearance and second start of his career...marks his first time facing New York-AL.
Selected by Minnesota in the fifth round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Florida State University...currently ranked as the No. 16 prospect in the Twins' system, per MLB.com.

2022 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY (ITALICS INDICATE RELIEF)

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2022 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY (ITALICS INDICATE RELIEF)

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WELCOME BACK TO THE BIG LEAGUES: Sands was recalled from Triple-A St. Paul prior to tonight's game and is slated to make his fourth career major league appearance (2nd start) this evening...this is his fifth stint with the Twins this season -- was previously with the big league club from April 30-May 2, May 6-7 and as the 27th man for the second game on May 12 and the second game on May 31.

LAST TIME OUT IN THE MAJORS: Was appointed as the 27th man for the May 31 doubleheader at Detroit and made his first career major league start in game two...was dealt the loss after allowing four runs (1 home run) on five hits, with four walks and four strikeouts...his four strikeouts matched a career high (also on May 12 vs. Houston) and his 91 pitches thrown were also a career high.

- In three major league appearances (2 starts) this season, he is 0-1 with a 7.88 ERA. He has thrown 8.0 innings, allowing nine hits, seven runs (all earned), while striking out 10 and walking four.
In 26.2 combined innings this year in the major and minors, he has 31 total strikeouts for an average of 10.5 strikeouts per 9.0 innings pitched.

DEBUT DEBRIEF: Made his major league debut on May 1 at Tampa Bay...tossed 2.0 innings in relief, allowing two runs on three hits with two strikeouts in a 9-3 Twins victory...retired his first batter faced before surrendering three consecutive hits; he then struck out the final two hitters in the eighth inning (fanning Josh Lowe for his first career strikeout)...retired his final three batters 1-2-3, to finish out his first career outing.

- Is a Tallahassee, Florida native, just a four-hour drive to Tampa Bay, where Sands got to make his debut in front of his hometown friends and family.

STARTING STRONG: Tonight marks Sands' second career major league start, after starting as the 27th man in the second game of the May 31 doubleheader at Detroit (L, 4.0 IP, 5 H, 4 R/ER, 4 BB, 4 K)... is 0-3. 5.09 ERA (17.2 IP, 10 ER) with four walks and 21 strikeouts in five minor league starts with Triple-A St. Paul this season...owns 41 career minor league starts, going 10-8, 2.76 ERA (192.1 IP, 59 ER) with 57 walks, 221 strikeouts and a .223 (157-for-704) opponent batting average in those outings, as his teams have gone 23-18.

ARSENAL: Sands has displayed a four-pitch mix so far through his first three career appearances, finding his most success with the four-seam fastball; opponents are just 2-for-16 (.125) with six strikeouts against the pitch.

Table with columns: PITCH (AVG. MPH), PCT. (#, vs. RHB/LHB), RESULTS. Lists 4-Seam Fastball (92.1), Curveball (78.4), Changeup (85.4), and Slider (83.6).

SAINTS SEASON RECAP: Sands recently made one appearance with St. Paul on May 24 vs. Indianapolis, starting and pitching 3.0 shutout innings with one hit allowed, one walk and three strikeouts...has gone 0-4, 7.23 ERA (18.2 IP, 15 ER) with six walks and 21 strikeouts in six appearances (5 starts) for the Saints this season.

- Allowed just one run and four hits with 12 strikeouts in his first two starts combined (10.0 IP)...has allowed one walk-or-fewer in five of his six appearances this season for the Saints.
Was placed on the 7-day Injured List (May 13-23) with a left groin strain.
Did not pitch in his most recent stint with the Saints (June 1-6).

2021 RECAP: Began the season with Double-A Wichita and spent the entire year with the Wind Surge... Missed time on the 7-day Injured List from June 21-July 14 with a right elbow strain...matched his career-high with 10 strikeouts on August 14 at Tulsa (5.2 IP, 2 R/ER, 1 BB)...went 2-0, 0.00 ERA (17.0 IP) with seven walks and 14 strikeouts across his last three regular-season starts...started the first game of the Double-A Central Championship Series at Northwest Arkansas, taking the loss (5.0 IP, 7 H, 5 R/ER, 1 BB, 1 HB, 4 K).

- Held right-handed batters to a .167 (25-for-150) batting average in the regular season, while lefties hit .243 (34-for-140) against him.
Allowed three-or-fewer earned runs in 18 of 19 outings...also struck out at least six batters six times, including at least eight batters thrice.
Went 4-2, 2.46 ERA (80.1 IP, 22 ER) with 35 walks, 96 strikeouts and a .203 opponent batting average in 19 games (18 starts)...the Wind Surge went 12-7 when he pitched.
Finished the season as the 19th-best prospect in the Twins system, per MLB.com.

MINORS CAREER: 11-9, 3.03 ERA (196.1 IP, 66 ER), 60 walks and 225 strikeouts in 43 minor league games (41 starts)...averaged 10.3 strikeouts per 9.0 innings in minor league career, with a 3.75 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP CHRIS ARCHER (2022 SEASON: 0-2, 3.89 ERA // CAREER: 61-83, 3.88 ERA)

Right-hander Chris Archer is scheduled to start tomorrow night's game against the New York Yankees at Target Field...did not factor into the decision in his last start on June 2 vs. the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park, working 5.0 innings and allowing one run on three hits, with one walk and three strikeouts in a 3-2 Twins defeat...marked his longest start of the season and first time he pitched 5.0 innings in a start since September 4, 2021...due to face New York-AL for the first time this season and for the 20th time in his career (all starts)...is 6-7, 3.08 ERA (119.2 IP, 41 ER) with 31 walks and 119 strikeouts against the Yankees.

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CAREER NOTES

- Currently ranked as the No. 16 prospect in the Twins system, per MLB.com.
Made his major league debut on May 1, 2022 at Tampa Bay...worked the final 2.0 innings of a 9-3 Twins win (2.0 IP, 3 H, 2 R/ER, 2 K)...fanned Josh Lowe for his first career strikeout.
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Finished the 2021 season as the 19th-best prospect in the Twins system, per MLB.com...added to the Twins 40-man roster on November 19, 2021.
Did not play in 2020, as the minor league season was cancelled due to COVID-19... participated in Twins instructional league during October in Fort Myers.
In 2019, split his first professional season between Low-A Cedar Rapids, High-A Fort Myers and Double-A Pensacola, going 7-3 with a 2.68 ERA (97.1 IP, 29 ER), 19 walks and 108 strikeouts in 18 starts...struck out eight batters in 5.0 hitless innings in his professional debut on April 6.
Selected by Minnesota in the fifth round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Florida State University...originally selected by Houston in the 22nd round of the 2015 draft but opted to play college baseball.
Pitched three seasons at Florida State University, going 19-15, 4.73 ERA (228.1 IP, 120 ER), 87 walks and 210 strikeouts.
His older brother, Carson, was selected by the Cubs in the fourth round of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft and played four seasons in the minors from 2014-17.

2022 MISC. NUMBERS (SP & RP)

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER and AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO for Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf. Includes 'None On' and 'Runners On' statistics.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Shows 2022 with 1 start and 0 quality starts.

MORE 2022 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS (SP & RP)

Table with columns: SANDS, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Shows 13 base runners, 0 pick-offs, 1-1 stolen bases, and 0 GDP.

2022 RUNS/HITS PER INNING (SP & RP)

Table with columns: INNING (1-9) and RUNS/HITS for each inning. Shows runs/hits rates for each inning.

SANDS VS. NEW YORK-AL

2022 vs. New York-AL (0 games/starts): --
2022 vs. New York-AL at Home (0 games/starts): --
2022 vs. New York-AL on Road (0 games/starts): --
Career vs. New York-AL (0 games/starts): --
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Career vs. New York-AL on Road (0 games/starts): --

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table comparing Sands vs. the Yankees and Taillon vs. the Twins with columns for Player, Avg, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.

FLORIDA ROOTS: Attended North Florida Christian School in Tallahassee Florida...capped off a solid senior season by tossing 66.1 innings where he finished 5-1 with 73 strikeouts, allowed 32 hits and posted a 0.32 ERA...named First Team All-America by Louisville Slugger...earned Big Bend Pitcher of the Year honors as a senior...participated in the Under Armour All-American Game held at Wrigley Field...ranked as the 60th best college prospect by Perfect Game...was drafted in the 22nd round (No. 649) in the 2015 Major League Baseball Draft by the Houston Astros...did not sign and instead enrolled at Florida State University... pitched three seasons for the Seminoles, going 19-15, 4.73 ERA (228.1 IP, 120 ER), 87 walks and 210 strikeouts.





MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Most Runs, Game (Team), Most Hits, Game (Team), Consecutive Hits (Individual), etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Score by Inning table for Twins vs Opponent. Columns: Inning (1-9, XTRA), TOTAL.

INJURED LIST

Injured List table with columns: PLAYER, INJURY, DATE ON, RETRO, DATE OFF, GAMES MISSED.

BOLD indicates currently on IL # - 60-day IL

EJECTIONS

Ejections table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER.

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table listing longest home runs by player and distance.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table listing highest exit velocities by player and speed.

STARTS BY POSITION

Starts by Position table with columns: Player, C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Starts by Batting Order table with columns: Player, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

MOST USED LINEUP [2X]

Most Used Lineup table with columns: Player, Pos.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Outfield Assists table with columns: Player, Assists.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

Section containing various baseball milestones for the Twins, including hitting and pitching records.

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2022 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

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

