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MINNESOTA TWINS [47-38] AT TEXAS RANGERS [37-43]

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022 - 7:05 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Sonny Gray (4-1, 2.47) vs. RHP Jon Gray (4-4, 3.96)

GAME 86

ROAD GAME 43

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics: Under Baldelli, Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, etc.

THE TWINS: Have gone 2-1 through three games on their six-game, seven-day roadtrip, winning their first two games on the South Side of Chicago this week...

TWINS DROP FINALE IN 10 ON SOUTH SIDE: The Twins lost to the White Sox on Wednesday afternoon at Guaranteed Rate Field by a score of 9-8 in 10 innings...

RANGER THINGS: The Twins and Rangers are playing each other today for the first of seven scheduled meetings in 2022...the Twins will host the Rangers for four games from August 19-22...

THE STARS AT NIGHT, ARE BIG AND BRIGHT: Twins have won seven straight at Texas with their last loss coming on September 2, 2018 at Globe Life Park...

CITY/BALLPARK(S) WINS DATES: Arlington - Globe Life Field/Globe Life Park, Kansas City - Kauffman Stadium, Chicago - Wrigley Field.

LONE RANGERS: Individual notable numbers against the Rangers:

- Byron Buxton made his major league debut at Globe Life Park on June 14, 2015, going 0-for-4 with a run scored and two strikeouts...he has reached base safely in 16 straight games against the Rangers...

BYE BYE BYRON: Byron Buxton enters today with 22 home runs, tied with Anthony Rizzo for fourth in the AL, trailing Aaron Judge (30), Yordan Alvarez (26) and Mike Trout (23)...

KIRILL-OFF THE CHAIN: Since being recalled from St. Paul on June 17, Alex Kirilloff is hitting .303 (20-for-66) with six doubles, three home runs, 18 RBI, a .530 slugging percentage and an .854 OPS in 19 games...

SHORT SLEEVE POLO SUMMER: Jorge Polanco hit his 11th and 12th home runs of the season on Wednesday afternoon at Chicago-AL...he now has three homers in his last two games, four homers in his last five games and five homers in his last eight games...

ARRAEZ TO THE TOP: Luis Arraez enters today leading baseball in batting average at .354, 12 points ahead of Paul Goldschmidt (.342) and ranks second in on-base percentage at .425...

RATED ROOKIE: Jose Miranda is hitting .313 (35-for-112) with 10 doubles, five home runs, 21 RBI, a .536 slugging percentage and an .883 OPS in his last 36 games, since May 20...

ARE YOU SIRIUS?: Rosters for the 2022 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game, which will be played at 7:00 p.m. (ET)/4:00 p.m. (PT) on Saturday, July 16th at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, were announced yesterday by Major League Baseball...

I'D LIKE TO BUY A VOWEL: High-A Cedar Rapids third baseman Christian Encarnacion-Strand earned his second Midwest League Player of the Month award in 2022, receiving the June honor as announced today by Minor League Baseball...

ON THIS DAY IN TWINS HISTORY: In 2015, Bally Sports North analyst, Glen Perkins, converted his 28th-straight save opportunity, setting a club record, passing Joe Nathan's 27 straight (May 8-August 15, 2004)...

STREAKS

Table listing streaks: Current Streak (1 loss), Last 5 games (3-2), Last 10 games (5-5), Last 15 games (9-6), Last 20 games (10-10)

TWINS VS. RANGERS

Table listing vs. Rangers stats: 2021 Record (4-3), Current Streak (3 wins), 2021 at Home (1-3), 2021 at Texas (3-0), All-Time Record (280-277), All-Time at Home (149-126), All-Time at Texas (131-151)

2021 Game Logs:

Table listing 2021 game logs with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save

CURRENT ROADTRIP [2-1]

Table listing current road trip stats: Batting average (.287), Runs Per Game (7.3), Home Runs (9), RISP (.217), Errors (2), Team ERA (3.54), Starters W-L (1-0), Starters ERA (3.21), Relievers W-L-S (1-1-0), Relievers ERA (3.86), Saves/Opps (0/4)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions: 7/6 RHP Minaya cleared waivers, 7/5 RHP Archer placed on 15-day IL, RHP Winder recalled from AAA, 7/4 RHP Megill returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 15-day IL, RHP Minaya designated for release or assignment, 7/1 RHP Minaya contract selected from AAA, RHP Thornburg designated for release or assignment, 6/28 IF Polanco reinstated from 10-day IL, OF Contreras optioned to AAA, 6/28 RHP Winder appointed as 27th man, 6/26 RHP Smith placed on 15-day IL, LHP Moran recalled from AAA, 6/25 OF Larnach placed on 10-day IL, OF Contreras recalled from AAA

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing upcoming milestones for Manager/Player, Current No., and Milestone Within Reach



SONNY GRAY

#54

Height: 5-10 Weight: 190 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (11/7/1989 in Smyrna, TN)

2022: 4-1, 2.47 ERA CAREER: 86-73, 3.56 ERA

- Making his 12th start and appearance of the season...will mark his 235th career appearance and 226th start. Will be his 16th career appearance (15th start) against Texas and first since June 16, 2019 with Cincinnati (W, 5.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R/ER, 1 BB, 8 K)...is 9-3, 2.86 ERA (94.1 IP, 30 ER) lifetime against the Rangers. Acquired by Minnesota from Cincinnati on March 13, 2022, along with right-handed minor league pitcher Francis Peguero, in exchange for minor league right-handed pitcher Chase Petty.

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 APRIL TOTALS, MAY TOTALS, JUNE TOTALS, and JULY TOTALS.

LAST TIME OUT: Did not factor into the decision on July 2 vs. Baltimore...tossed 5.0 innings, allowing a season-high-tying three earned runs on six hits, with three walks and five strikeouts...has pitched 5.0-or-more innings in six of his last seven starts...Twins scored four runs in the final three innings, including Jose Miranda's walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth to win, 4-3.

- Has allowed three-or-fewer earned runs in each of his 11 starts this season, the longest such streak to begin a season in his career...his current streak also matches the second-longest such streak overall of his career (career-best 13-game run from August 4, 2019-August 3, 2020)...11-straight starts with three-or-fewer earned runs also ties the longest single-season streak of his career, also doing so from June 25-August 26, 2017 and from April 22-June 14, 2015.

TWO STARTS AGO: Earned his fourth win of the season on June 27 at Cleveland...tossed a season-high-tying 7.0 scoreless innings, allowing just three hits and one walk, with three strikeouts in an 11-1 Twins victory...marked his second start this season with 7.0-or-more shutout innings (other: May 24 vs. Detroit, 7.0 IP, 4 H).

- Is the only Twins starter this season with multiple starts of 7.0+ shutout innings, the first Twin to do so since Jose Berrios had four such starts in 2019.

NOT MY FIRST RODEO: Gray is slated to make his 16th career appearance (15th start) against Texas, going 9-3, 2.86 ERA (94.1 IP, 30 ER) with 29 walks and 83 strikeouts in his prior outings...nine wins are his most against any single opponent in his career, while his 83 strikeouts are his third most...facing the Rangers for the first time since June 16, 2019 (W, 5.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R/ER, 2 HR, 1 BB, 8 K).

- Gray has thrown two complete-game shutouts at Texas, both in 2014 as a member of the Oakland Athletics...first came on April 23 (W, 9.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R/ER, 1 BB, 6 K) and second on September 28 (W, 9.0 IP, 6 H, 0 R/ER, 0 BB, 5 K)...his two complete games against the Rangers are his most against any single opponent in his career (has also pitched one complete game against Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles-NL and Tampa Bay). Is 6-0, 1.64 ERA (49.1 IP, 9 ER) with 17 walks and 44 strikeouts in seven career starts at Texas...his six career road wins against the Rangers are his most against any single opponent in his career...Texas is the only team he is undefeated against on the road (min. 3 starts). Gray's last start at Texas came at Globe Life Park on May 13, 2017, allowing two runs on five hits in 6.0 innings pitched in a no-decision for Oakland. Gray is also 1-0, 1.83 ERA (19.2 IP, 4 ER) with four walks and 19 strikeouts in four starts vs. the American League West this season.

WINNING THE BATTLE: Has allowed three-or-fewer earned runs each of his 11 starts this season, his longest streak to begin a season in his career...allowed two-or-fewer runs in his first eight starts of the season, also his longest such streak to begin a season (prior career best was three starts, done four times)...his streak of two-or-fewer runs allowed in eight-straight starts to begin the season is the longest such streak by a starting pitcher in Twins history (1961-present).

LEADING THE WAY: Enters today ranked among the top American League starters in a few categories (min. 50.0 IP).

Table comparing Gray's stats to AL ranks across categories like W%, ERA, Base runners/9.0 IP, WHIP, BB, BAA, and K/9.0 IP.

SONNY-SHINE ROAD: Gray will be making his fifth start on the road this season and is 2-1, 1.83 ERA (19.2 IP, 4 ER) with two walks and 12 strikeouts in his first four starts...marks his second-lowest ERA through the first four road starts of the season in his career (1.29 ERA through first four road starts in 2014)...has not allowed a run in his last two road starts, June 15 at Seattle (ND, 5.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R/ER, 0 BB, 3 K) and June 27 at Cleveland (W, 7.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R/ER, 1 BB, 3 K)...by comparison, is 2-0, 2.83 ERA (35.0 IP, 11 ER) with 12 walks and 42 strikeouts in seven home starts this season.

LEFTIES AND RIGHTIES: Gray has a .205 opponent average (18-for-88) with four walks and 21 strikeouts against left-handed hitters this season...this compares to a .219 batting average (25-for-114) with 10 walks and 33 strikeouts against right-handed hitters.

- In his career, Gray has limited left-handers to a .223 batting average (545-for-2442) with 640 strikeouts and right-handed hitters to a .236 batting average (591-for-2500) with 635 strikeouts.

THE ARSENAL: Gray has consistently relied on six different pitches throughout his big league career and again in 2022, per Baseball Savant...30 of his 54 strikeouts this season have come on his sinker and opponents are hitting .148 (13-for-88) against the pitch...here's a look at his repertoire.

Table showing pitch repertoire with columns: PITCH (AVG. MPH), PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB), RESULTS. Lists sinker, 4-seam fastball, curveball, slider, cutter, and changeup.

2022 HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 7.0, 2x, last: 6/27 at CLE SO's: 10, 5/24 vs. DET Walks: 4, 5/13 vs. CLE Hits: 8, 6/22 vs. CLE Home Runs: 1, 5x, last: 7/2 vs. BAL Win-Streak: 4, 5/18-present Loss-Streak: 1, 4/16 at BOS

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: 1, 5x, last 8/7/15 vs. HOU SHO's: 1, 4x, last 7/28/15 at LAD CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 9.0, 5x, last 8/7/15 vs. HOU SO's: 12, 2x, last 7/31/19 vs. MIL Walks: 7, 5/31/15 at TEX Hits: 11, 2x, last 5/31/16 vs. SEA Home Runs: 3, 5x, last 7/25/21 vs. STL Win-Streak: 5, 2x, last 7/30-9/1 Loss-Streak: 4, 8/1-8/16/14

CAREER NOTES

- Twins are fourth organization (Oakland 2011-17, New York-AL 2017-18 and Cincinnati 2019-21). Acquired by Minnesota on March 13, 2022 in a trade with the Reds, along with right-handed pitcher Francis Peguero, in exchange for right-handed pitcher Chase Petty. Has made seven Opening Day rosters with the Athletics (2014-2016), Yankees (2018), Reds (2019-2020) and Twins (2022). Named to American League All-Star team in 2015 for Oakland and the National League squad in 2019 for Cincinnati (did not pitch in either). 2019 recipient of the Johnny Vander Meer Award as the Reds' Most Outstanding Pitcher and finished second to Atlanta's Josh Donaldson in voting for the MLBPA's National League Comeback Player of the Year Award. Named to Baseball America's 2019 major league All-Star second team...named American League Pitcher of the Month for April in 2014...in 2013 was the Athletics' Minor League Pitcher of the Year and a Baseball America Triple-A All-Star. Originally selected by Oakland in first round (18th overall) in 2011 First-Year Player Draft out of Vanderbilt University...led Vandy to its first NCAA College World Series berth in 2011. Is 0-2, 2.95 ERA (21.1 IP, 7 ER) with 12 walks, 18 strikeouts and a .189 opponent batting average in four career Postseason starts.

2022 MISC. NUMBERS

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER and AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Includes 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. Includes rows for years 2013-2017 and a TOTALS row.

MORE 2022 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table showing BASE RUNNERS (58), PICK-OFFS (0), SB-ATT (3-3), and GIDP (4) for Gray.

2022 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

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

GRAY VS. TEXAS

2019 vs. Texas (1 start): 1-0, 5.40 ERA (5.0 IP, 3 ER), 1 BB, 8 K
2019 vs. Texas at Home (1 start): 1-0, 5.40 ERA (5.0 IP, 3 ER), 1 BB, 8 K
2019 vs. Texas on Road (0 games): --
Career vs. Texas (15 games/14 starts): 9-3, 2.86 ERA (94.1 IP, 30 ER), 29 BB, 83 K
Career vs. Texas at Home (8 games/7 starts): 3-3, 4.20 ERA (45.0 IP, 21 ER), 12 BB, 39 K
Career vs. Texas on Road (7 games/starts): 6-0, 1.64 ERA (49.1 IP, 9 ER), 17 BB, 44 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Gray vs. the Rangers (Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Gray vs. the Twins (Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO).

TWO SHADES OF GRAY: Sonny Gray (7.0 IP, 5 H, 1 R/ER, 3 BB, 9 K) and Jon Gray (7.0 IP, 4 H, 2 R/ER, 0 BB, 6 K) have faced off once before, on July 12, 2019 at Coors Field (S. Gray with Cincinnati and J. Gray with Colorado)...neither pitcher factored into the decision in a 3-2 Rockies win.

SONNY AND HOT STREAK: Won three consecutive starts from May 18-29...is the third Twins starter this season to win three consecutive starts, joining Dylan Bundy (April 11-April 23) and Joe Ryan (April 15-April 27)...the Twins have also won in eight of his last nine starts dating back to May 7, including six straight from May 7-June 15, marking the longest streak for a Twins starter this season; the Twins have also won in four-consecutive starts by Joe Ryan (April 15-May 3) and Bailey Ober (April 22-May 27).

IF YOU AIN'T FIRST, YOU'RE LAST: Gray has allowed just one run, seven hits, one walk and nine strikeouts in the first inning this season, holding opponents to a .115 (7-for-39) batting average in the opening frame...his one run allowed is tied for the fewest among American League starters in the first inning (min. 35 opponent AB) and his one walk allowed is tied for third in the AL...Gray also has the fewest base runners allowed (8) in the first inning among all major league starters (min. 35 AB).

TOMORROW'S STARTER - LHP DEVIN SMELTZER (2022 SEASON: 4-2, 3.04 ERA // CAREER: 8-4, 3.71 ERA)

Left-hander Devin Smeltzer is scheduled to start tomorrow afternoon against the Rangers at Globe Life Field...took the loss in his last start vs. Baltimore on July 3 (6.0 IP, 6 H, 3 R/ER, 3 HR, 1 BB, 3 K)...will mark his sixth start on the road this season, going 2-1, 4.10 ERA (26.1 IP, 12 ER) with five walks and 17 strikeouts in his previous five starts...has allowed two-or-fewer runs in four of his first five starts on the road...has faced Texas twice in his career (both relief appearances)...is 0-0, 4.32 ERA (8.1 IP, 4 ER) with two walks and six strikeouts in his prior two outings against the Rangers...made one appearance at Texas at Globe Life Park in Arlington on August 15, 2019, earning his first career save (4.0 IP, 7 H, 3 R/ER, 1 HR, 1 BB, 2 K).







