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MINNESOTA TWINS (62-60) AT HOUSTON ASTROS (80-45) THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 - 7:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF

RHP Chris Archer (2-6, 4.02) vs. RHP Luis Garcia (10-8, 4.09)

GAME 123

ROAD GAME 60

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows include games from 8/26 to 8/28.

SEASON AT A GLANCE table with rows for Under Baldelli, Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, Record in home series, Record in road series, Series Openers, Series Finales, Rubber Games, Sweeps/Swept, April, May, June, July, August, September/October, Day Games, Night Games, vs. American League East, vs. American League Central, vs. American League West, vs. National League, Games vs. LH Starter, Games vs. RH Starter, Twins score first, Opponent scores first, Come-from-behind wins, Leading after 7/8 inn., Trailing after 7/8 inn., Tied after 7/8 inn., Extra-innings, 1-run games, Twins out-hit opp., Opp. out-hit Twins, Twins/Opp. have = hits, Run Differential, Twins get Quality Start, Twins starter goes 6+ IP, Most games over .500, Most games under .500, Longest win-streak, Longest losing-streak, When Twins score 4+, When Twins score 3-, Twins get 10+ hits, Days in First Place, Days in Second Place, Days in Third Place, Days in Fourth Place, Days in Fifth Place, Walk-Off W/L, Shutouts W/L, Complete Games, Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2022/All-Time.

THE TWINS: After completing their seven-game, eight-day homestand with a record of 4-3 (3-0 vs. Kansas City and 1-3 vs. Texas), the Twins began their short three-game roadtrip with consecutive losses to the Astros at Minute Maid Park over the last two nights...tonight, they will play the three-game and season series finale in Houston...after tonight's game, they will travel back to Minneapolis and begin a six-game homestand with three against the San Francisco Giants this weekend, followed by three against the Boston Red Sox Monday-Wednesday...the Twins have gone 35-28 at home and 27-32 on the road.
- The Twins enter tonight with a season-long five-game losing streak, their longest since dropping five-straight from June 29-July 3, 2021.
- Twins are looking to avoid being swept for the fifth time this season...the last time they were swept in Houston was in three games from September 3-5, 2018.

TWINS CAN'T HANG IN HOUSTON AGAIN: The Twins lost to the Astros last night at Minute Maid Park by a score of 5-3...Dylan Bundy (7-6) was the starter and loser, allowing two runs on three hits in 5.0 innings pitched, with one walk and no strikeouts...the offense recorded just four hits, two going for extra bases, doubles by Luis Arraez and Jorge Polanco...Minnesota went 0-for-6 with runners in scoring position and left six men on base.

SPACEBALLS: The Twins and Astros are playing each other today for the sixth and final time in 2022...the Twins are 35-41 all-time against the Astros in the regular season, including a record of 24-32 since Houston joined the American League in 2013.

- Twins have lost five-straight to the Astros, their longest losing streak to Houston since dropping seven-straight from August 9, 2016-July 14, 2017.
- Twins are looking to avoid being swept in the season series by the Astros for the first time.
- Jorge Polanco is hitting .322 (37-for-115) with seven doubles, two triples, six home runs, 19 RBI and a .952 OPS in 30 career regular season games vs. Houston...in 14 career games at Minute Maid Park, he is hitting .281 (16-for-57) with five home runs, 12 RBI and a .919 OPS...he homered twice here on August 8, 2021, off Lance McCullers Jr. and Phil Maton.
- Gio Urshela has hit safely in 11 of his last 12 games against the Astros, hitting .318 (14-for-44) with a .388 on-base percentage and a .797 OPS in that span.
- Luis Arraez has reached safely in all seven career games against the Astros, hitting .444 (8-for-18) with four walks, .545 on-base percentage and a 1.101 OPS in those games.

KINGS OF THE HILL: Twins pitchers have posted a 3.48 ERA (189.0 IP, 73 ER) with 53 walks, 199 strikeouts and a .243 (171-for-705) opponent batting average in 21 games this month...in August, starters have gone 5-6, 3.11 ERA (104.1 IP, 36 ER) with 31 walks, 106 strikeouts and a .208 (79-for-379) opponent batting average, while relievers have posted 3.93 ERA (84.2 IP, 37 ER) with 22 walks and 93 strikeouts...below are the Twins AL ranks in a few pitching categories this month:

Table with columns: ERA, WHIP, BB, K's, K/9.0 IP, OBP. Rows list various teams like TB, CLE, HOU, NYY, LAA, MIN, SEA, HOU, CLE, NYY, HOU, TB.

POWER OUTAGE: The Twins won four-straight games from August 15-19, but have lost a season-long five straight since August 20...during their current five-game losing streak, they are hitting .167 (27-for-162) with 44 strikeouts, no home runs, a .147 (5-for-34) RISP average and nine runs scored (1.8 runs-per-game).

- The Twins have not homered in five-straight games, marking their longest streak in a single season since September 21-25, 2014 (also 5)...the last time they went homerless in six-plus consecutive games was August 23-28, 2014 (6 games)...the Twins' last two home runs came back-to-back from Luis Arraez and Jose Miranda on Friday, August 19 vs. Texas, off Martin Pérez.

LUHEY - CERTIFIED HITTER: Since August 6, Luis Arraez is hitting .344 (21-for-61) with seven doubles, six RBI, six walks, two strikeouts, a .403 on-base percentage and a .911 OPS in 15 games...he enters today leading the AL in batting average at .325, 14 points ahead of José Abreu (.311)...among all players in baseball he ranks third, trailing Paul Goldschmidt (.335) and Freddie Freeman (.326).

GARLICK IS ON THE SHELF: Outfielder Kyle Garlick played in his first game on rehab assignment last night for Triple-A St. Paul at Iowa, going 1-for-4 with two strikeouts...Garlick has been on the 10-day IL since August 4 with a right ribcage contusion.

TWINS ON A STICK: The Twins yesterday announced details for their presence at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair, with interactive games, giveaways and special appearances all part of the team's daily lineup...the Minnesota Twins Experience is located on the south end of Cooper Street at Judson Avenue, next to the International Bazaar, and is open from 9:00 am-9:00 pm daily, throughout the Fair's duration (August 25-September 5)...below are some of the many ways fans can engage with the Twins at the Great Minnesota Get-Together, which kicks off today.
- T.C. Bear: Twins mascot T.C. will visit the Minnesota Twins Experience daily from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. for photographs, fun and memories!
- Royce Lewis and Ryan Jeffers: Twins players Royce Lewis and Ryan Jeffers will visit the Experience on Saturday, August 27 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, joining kids in wiffle ball on the Twins' custom field.
- Tony Oliva: Hall of Famer Tony Oliva will make special appearances from 10:30-11:30 am on Friday, August 26; Thursday, September 1; and Monday, September 5.
- Wiffle Ball: Each day, fans of all ages can take batting practice or compete in a special Home Run Derby at the Minnesota Twins Experience wiffle ball field, complete with a replica Target Field outfield wall and scoreboard.
- "Instagrammable" Moments: The giant "T-W-I-N-S" lettering from Target Field's Gate 34 area will be set up at the Experience throughout the duration of the State Fair, providing a unique photo opportunity and "instagrammable" moment for Twins fans.
- Daily Giveaways: Twice-daily giveaways, at 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, for the first 400 fans to visit the Experience during those hours.
- Merchandise and Tickets: Fans can shop for their favorite Twins clothing and merchandise, and play "Twins Plinko" for a chance to win complimentary tickets to an upcoming game at Target Field.
- Farm Babies: Come interact with the newest faces on the farm, as farm babies from the CHS Miracle of Birth Center will visit the Twins' booth from 9:30 to 10:00 am on Sunday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 31.

STREAKS table with rows for Current Streak, Last 5 games, Last 10 games, Last 15 games, Last 20 games.

TWINS VS. ASTROS table with rows for 2022 Record, Current Streak, 2022 at Home, 2022 at Houston, Under Baldelli (since 2019), Under Baldelli at Houston, All-Time Record, All-Time at Home, All-Time at Houston.

2022 Game Logs table with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include games from 5/10 to 8/25.

CURRENT ROADTRIP [0-2] table with rows for Batting average, Runs Per Game, Home Runs, RISP, Errors, Team ERA, Starters W-L, Starters ERA, Relievers W-L-S, Relievers ERA, Saves/Opps.

AL LEADERS - SWING AND MISS % table with rows for Cleveland, Houston, Minnesota, Toronto.

AL TEAM WALK LEADERS table with rows for New York, Seattle, Houston, Minnesota.

AL SAVES LEADERS table with rows for Emmanuel Clase, Liam Hendriks, Jordan Romano, Ryan Pressly, Gregory Soto, Jorge López.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS table with rows for 8/24 RHP Sands placed on 15-day IL, LHP Smeltzer recalled from AAA, 8/23 OF Buxton placed on 10-day IL, RHP Sanchez contract selected from AAA, C Hamilton recalled from AAA, LHP Smeltzer optioned to AAA, OF/1B Kirilloff transferred to 60-day IL, 8/20 RHP Mahle placed on 15-day IL, LHP Smeltzer recalled from AAA, 8/17 RHP Jewell claimed off waivers from CLE, optioned to AAA, 8/8 RHP Duffey released, 8/6 OF Kepler reinstated from 10-day IL, OF Contreras optioned to AAA, 8/5 RHP Sands recalled from AAA, RHP Duffey designated for release or assignment, RHP Sanchez cleared waivers, assigned to AAA, RHP Cotton cleared waivers, assigned to AAA, C Godoy claimed off waivers by PIT, RHP Smith released.

TWINS PRESSBOX.COM table with text: Get the latest Twins Game Notes, Roster, Stat Packs, Clips, Press Releases, 2022 Media Guide as well as other team related information at: www.twinspressbox.com

UPCOMING MILESTONES table with columns: PLAYER, CURRENT NO., MILESTONE WITHIN REACH. Rows include Byron Buxton, Carlos Correa, Max Kepler, Gary Sánchez, Jorge Polanco.

CHRIS ARCHER

#17

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (9/26/1988 in Raleigh, NC)

2022: 2-6, 4.02 ERA CAREER: 63-87, 3.88 ERA

- Making his 22nd start of the season, matching Dylan Bundy for the team lead and his most since making 23 for Pittsburgh in 2019...is his 237th career start and 240th career appearance.
Will make his second start/appearance of the season and 10th of his career against Houston...took the loss in the May 11 suspended game at Target Field (3.0 IP, 5 H, 5 R/4 ER, 3 BB, 2 K) and is 5-3, 2.67 ERA (57.1 IP, 17 ER) career vs. the Astros.
Signed with the Twins as a free agent on March 27...two-time American League All-Star (2015 and '17) previously pitched for Tampa Bay (2012-18) and Pittsburgh (2018-20).

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, JULY TOTALS, AUG TOTALS, and RECORD.

LAST TIME OUT: Matched his season high (5th time) with 5.0 innings pitched in his last start on August 20 vs. Texas, allowing just one run on three hits, with one walk and five strikeouts, but did not factor into the decision as the Rangers won, 4-3, in 10 innings...departed with the game tied 1-1; marked the seventh time this season he recorded the final out of an inning and ended his outing with the Twins either tied or ahead, only for Minnesota to lose...one Rangers run off Archer came via a two-out, RBI-double in the first inning by Adolis Garcia.

Has allowed two-or-fewer earned runs in each of his five 5.0-inning starts and one-or-fewer in four of those efforts.

TWO STARTS AGO: Was handed his sixth loss of the season in a 4-2 setback to the Angels on August 14 in Anaheim...allowed three runs (all earned) on four hits in 4.0 innings, with one walk and five strikeouts.

Threw a season-high 69.2 percent of his pitches for strikes (45-of-65) and walked only one; however, that two-out free pass in the third inning set up Luis Rengifo's game-tying, two-run double.

UNLUCKY SEVEN: The Twins have dropped seven-straight Archer starts, matching his career worst stretch of consecutive team losses when he takes the hill (also July 12 through August 14, 2019 with Pittsburgh and June 11 through July 15, 2016 with Tampa Bay).

Minnesota's last win in an Archer start came in his last personal victory, June 25 vs. Colorado at Target Field...since then, he is 0-3, 5.70 ERA (30.0 IP, 19 ER).
The Twins went 7-7 in Archer's first 14 starts, while he was 2-3, 3.14 ERA (57.1 IP, 20 ER).

STAR-CROSSED: Archer will make his second start and appearance of the season against Houston, and the 10th of his career...took the loss in the Astros' 11-3 win at Target Field in a game that began on May 11, was suspended due to rain after 3.0 innings and completed the following day...score was 5-1 Astros when play was halted, as Archer gave up crooked numbers in the second and third innings and was charged with five runs (4 earned) on five hits (1 HR, solo blast by Jose Altuve), with three walks and two strikeouts in his 3.0 frames.

Is 5-3, 2.67 ERA (57.1 IP, 17 ER) in nine career starts vs. Houston, his fourth-lowest career ERA against any single opponent (min. 4 GS), behind his marks against Washington (1.89, 4 GS), Oakland (2.53, 4 GS) and Seattle (2.64, 8 GS).

Has won his last three starts here at Minute Maid Park (last coming on August 1, 2017 with Tampa Bay) and is 3-1, 2.90 ERA (31.0 IP, 10 ER) in five career starts at this ballpark.

ROAD STORY: Archer is 0-3, 7.20 ERA (15.0 IP, 12 ER) in his last four road starts, after posting a 2.49 ERA (25.1 IP, 7 ER) in his first six efforts away from Target Field...is 0-3, 4.24 ERA (40.1 IP, 19 ER) in his 10 road starts overall this season.

Is looking for his first road win since September 25, 2018 at Chicago-NL (with Pittsburgh)...is 0-9, 5.58 ERA (108.0 IP, 67 ER) in 24 road games (23 starts) since (his teams are 7-17).

EVEN / ODD: Archer's 2022 season has rotated between solid and poor months...he is a combined 2-2, 2.67 ERA (60.2 IP, 18 ER) with a .178 opponent batting average (38-for-213) in 14 "even" month starts (April, June and August) this season...by contrast, he is 0-4, 7.09 ERA (26.2 IP, 21 ER) with a .252 batting average against (30-for-119) in seven "odd" month outings (May and July).
Has a 3.93 ERA (18.1 IP, 8 ER) with a .197 opponent batting average (13-for-66) in four August starts.

CREATURE OF THE NIGHT: Archer has fared much better under the lights this season, going 2-1, 2.70 ERA (46.2 IP, 14 ER) with a .195 opponent batting average (33-for-169) in 11 night starts...by contrast, has scuffled to an 0-5 mark with a 5.53 ERA (40.2 IP, 25 ER) and a .229 opponent batting average (35-for-153) in 10 day starts.

SOFT CONTACT: Among American League pitchers with at least 85.0 innings pitched this season, Archer ranks sixth in opponent batting average on balls in play (.246), ninth in hits allowed per 9.0 innings (7.01) and ninth in opponent batting average (.211, 68-for-322) - all of which would be career bests over a full season...he has allowed an average exit velocity of 89.0 mph, which would also stand as a career-best mark over a full season.

WALKS WILL HAUNT: Archer is also walking a career-worst 4.33 batters-per-9.0 innings (87.1 IP, 42 BB), which is the sixth-highest mark in the majors this season (min. 85.0 IP)...however, has walked only two in his last three starts (14.0 IP).
28.6 percent of Archer's walks (12-of-42) have come around to score, accounting for 27.9 percent of the runs he has allowed (43 total).

TROUBLE GETTING OFF THE FIELD: 39.5 percent (17-of-43) of the runs Archer has allowed this season have come after he recorded the first two outs of an inning; nine of those have come after there were two out and nobody on.

Opposing batters have a .248 average (28-for-113) and a .729 OPS (10 2B, 1 HR and 20 BB) off Archer with two outs...collectively, MLB players are hitting .237 with a .704 OPS with two outs.

THE ARSENAL: Archer has relied on four pitches during his inaugural Twins season, per Baseball Savant...below is the website's tracking of his 2022 campaign:
PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) RESULTS
Slider (88.8)...44.2% (667 pitches, 424/243)...168 (29-for-173), 11 2B, 3 HR, 47 K
4-Seam Fastball (93.1)...36.1% (545 pitches, 305/240)...333 (30-for-90), 6 2B, 5 HR, 12 K
Changeup (87.0)...14.6% (220 pitches, 12/208)...140 (7-for-50), 4 2B, 1 HR, 17 K
Curveball (81.9)...5.1% (77 pitches, 53/24)...222 (2-for-9), 1 2B
Opponents are a combined 38-for-232 (.164) with 16 doubles, four homers and 64 strikeouts against Archer's slider, changeup and curveball.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP JOE RYAN [2022 SEASON: 9-6, 3.86 ERA // CAREER: 11-7, 3.90 ERA]

Rookie right-hander Joe Ryan is scheduled to start tomorrow night's series and homestand opener against San Francisco at Target Field...will make his second attempt to become the Twins' first 10-game winner since 2019...only 13 pitchers (11 starters) in Twins history (since 1961) have won 10 games as a rookie; Scott Diamond (12-9 in 2012) was the last...was a hard-luck loser in his last start August 21 vs. Texas at Target Field, allowing just two runs on two hits in 6.1 innings (Texas plated 5 off the Twins bullpen, while holding Minnesota to four hits, in a 7-0 victory)...will make his first career start and appearance against the Giants club he grew up rooting for in his native Marin County, CA...is 1-2, 8.55 ERA (20.0 IP, 19 ER) in just four Interleague starts this season.

2022 HIGHS

- CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 5x, last: 8/20 vs. TEX
SO's: 8, 8/2 vs. DET
Walks: 6, 2x, last: 7/27 at MIL
Hits: 7, 5/28 vs. KC
Home Runs: 2, 2x, last: 6/19 at ARI
Win-Streak: 1, 2x, last: 6/25 vs. COL
Loss-Streak: 3, 7/17-present

CAREER HIGHS

- CG's: 3, last: 8/20/15 at HOU
SHO's: 3, last: 8/20/15 at HOU
CG Low Hit: 1, 8/20/15 at HOU
Innings: 9.0, 3x, last: 8/20/15 at HOU
SO's: 15, 6/2/15 at LAA
Walks: 6, 4x, last: 7/27/22 at MIL
Hits: 12, 2x, last 7/8/15 at KC
Home Runs: 5, 6/11/19 at ATL
Win-Streak: 6, 5/17-6/23/15
Loss-Streak: 7, 9/6/15-4/20/16

CAREER NOTES

- Twins are his fifth organization, following time with Cleveland (2006-08), Chicago-NL (2009-10), Tampa Bay (2011-18 and 2021) and Pittsburgh (2018-20).
Has recorded double-digit strikeout totals 30 times in career...also boasts three seasons with at least 200.0 innings pitched and 200-plus strikeouts (212.0 IP and 252 K in 2015, 201.1 and 233 in 2016, and 201.0 and 249 in 2017).
Despite spending half of the 2018 season and all of the 2019 campaign in the National League, before missing 2020, he still ranks fifth in the American League with 1207 strikeouts since 2013 (his first full season)...is also fifth in the Junior Circuit over the same stretch by averaging 9.53 strikeouts per 9.0 innings pitched (1140.1 IP).
Missed the 2020 season recovering from thoracic outlet surgery...procedure was performed on June 2, 2020 by Dr. Robert Thompson at Washington University in St. Louis.
Twice named to the American League All-Star Team (2015 and 2017).
Pitched for Team USA in 2017 World Baseball Classic, starting and tossing 4.0 perfect innings with three strikeouts in an eventual 3-2, 10-inning walk-off win over Columbia to open Pool Play...Team USA would go on to win the 2017 WBC.
Led Major League Baseball and tied the Tampa Bay record with 34 starts in 2017.
Posted a Rays-record 252 strikeouts in 2015, second in the AL behind the White Sox' Chris Sale (274) and fourth in the majors...finished the season 12-13, becoming the seventh pitcher in the modern era (since 1900) to record 250 strikeouts without posting a winning record...four of the previous six are Hall of Famers: Nolan Ryan (three times), Steve Carlton, Phil Niekro and Ed Walsh.
Finished fifth in 2015 AL Cy Young Award voting after leading the big leagues and tying Tampa's club mark with 34 starts...also ranked sixth in the AL with a 3.23 ERA.
Finished third in 2013 AL Rookie of the Year balloting...named AL Pitcher of the Month and AL Rookie of the Month for July 2013.
Ranked by Baseball America as the No. 2 prospect in the Rays' system following the 2012 season...was tabbed by the same organization as the top prospect in the Chicago-NL organization following the 2010 campaign.
Originally selected by Cleveland in the fifth round of the 2006 First-Year Player Draft...part of multi-player trades to Chicago-NL in December of 2008, to Tampa Bay in January of 2011 and to Pittsburgh at the 2018 Trade Deadline.

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/TOTALS/None On/Runners On.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Includes rows for 2012-2017 and TOTALS.

MORE 2022 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: ARCHER, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GDP. Values: 113, 0, 2-3, 6.

2022 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

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

ARCHER VS. HOUSTON

2022 vs. Houston (1 start): 0-1, 12.00 ERA (3.0 IP, 4 ER), 3 BB, 2 K
2022 vs. Houston at Home (1 start): 0-1, 12.00 ERA (3.0 IP, 4 ER), 3 BB, 2 K
2022 vs. Houston on Road (0 starts): --
Career vs. Houston (9 starts): 5-3, 2.67 ERA (57.1 IP, 17 ER), 14 BB, 59 K
Career vs. Houston at Home (4 starts): 2-2, 2.39 ERA (26.1 IP, 7 ER), 5 BB, 26 K
Career vs. Houston on Road (5 starts): 3-1, 2.90 ERA (31.0 IP, 10 ER), 9 BB, 33 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: Archer vs. the Astros (Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO) and Garcia vs. the Twins (RS & PS) (Player, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO). Lists players like Altuve, Castro, Mancini, Vazquez, Brantley, Gurriel, Bregman, Goodrum, Maldonado, Alvarez, Diaz, Peña, Tucker and Polanco, Kepler, Gordon, Jeffers, Kirilloff, Larnach, Sanó, Buxton, Arraez, Cave, Lewis, Miranda, Paddack, Sánchez, Urshela.

TAKE YOUR TIME: Archer has an average pitch tempo of 20.2 seconds between pitches with the bases empty (per Baseball Savant), slowest among Twins starters and 2.1 seconds longer than league average (18.1)...averages 24.1 seconds between pitches with runners on base, ninth among the 16 qualified Twins pitchers and slightly worse than league average (23.4).

ARCHERY: Has held left-handed batters to a .182 average (25-for-137), sixth best among American League right-handed pitchers (min. 100 at-bats by a LHH).

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

⚡ Has a combined 4.56 ERA (23.2 IP, 12 ER) with nine walks & 21 strikeouts vs. HOU this season (5 games)...combined for 3.0 IP last night, allowed three hits, three ER with two walks and one strikeout...entering today ranks 1st in the AL & 2nd in MLB with 509 K's, trailing the Cubs (565)...ranks 4th in MLB in IP (490.1), 3rd in holds (84) & T-10th in wins (26)...ranks 30th with lowest save % (51.1).

⚡ Is 9-13-8, 4.34 ERA (220.0 IP, 106 ER) w/ 72 BB & 227 SO in 59 road games this season...overall 26-26-23, 3.89 ERA (490.1 IP, 212 ER) with 84 holds, 183 walks & 509 strikeouts in 122 games.

JHOAN DURAN - RHP #59

Height: 6-5 Weight: 245 Age: 24 (1/8/98 in Esperanza, DR) Acquired: via trade with Arizona, 7/2/22
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .195 vs. Right .224

⚡ No career appearances against Houston...has recorded two holds in 3.0 scoreless innings in his last three games...recorded 16th hold on 8/19...only one ER in last 13 outings...owns a 2.01 ERA w/ 70 strikeouts & 12 walks in 53.2 IP this season.

⚡ 1st among Twins' relievers in strikeouts (70) & enters today ranked 4th in the AL in K's...also ranks T-7th in MLB.

⚡ Has thrown 789 pitches this season, only 124 of those have been batted balls & only 6 barrels...33.0 K% (top 5% of league) & 5.7 BB%.

⚡ Ranks 1st in baseball with 297 pitches thrown over 100 mph...4-seam FB avgs 100.6 mph (1st in MLB)...splitter avgs 96.1 mph (1st in MLB).

⚡ Statcast arsenal: 4-seam (404 pitches/50.6%), curveball (229 pitches/28.7%), split finger (135 pitches/16.9%), cutter (31 pitches/3.9%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against TEX, KC, LAA, TOR, and DET.

MICHAEL FULMER - RHP #52

Height: 6-3 Weight: 224 Age: 29 (3/15/93 in Oklahoma City, OK) Acquired: Trade with DET, 8/2/22
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 27.00 (1.0 IP, 3 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 27.00 (1.0 IP, 3 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .353 vs. Right .250

⚡ Tossed 1.0 inning with three hits (1 HR) and three R/ER last night...recorded his 21st hold of the season on 8/12...career 1-4, 8.24 ERA (19.2 IP, 18 ER) with seven walks & eight strikeouts vs. HOU (RS)...one blown save this season at HOU on 5/7 w/ DET (L, 1.0 IP, 3 H, 2 R/ER, 3 BB).

⚡ Has held RHB to a .160 (17-for-106) BA and LHB to a .311 (23-for-74) BA...three XBH to RHB this season...allowed HR to C. Taylor on 8/10 at LAD and T. Mancini last night at HOU...his 21 holds so far this season rank T-2nd most in the AL and T-5th most in baseball.

⚡ Made his Twins debut 8/3 vs. DET...acquired from Tigers on 8/2...1.0 scoreless IP, allowing 1 hit & striking out one batter, recording 19th hold of the season vs. former club...acquired in exchange for minor league right-handed pitcher Sawyer Gipson-Long.

⚡ Statcast arsenal in 2022: slider (512 pitches/64.6%), 4-seam (111 pitches/14.0%), sinker (104 pitches/13.1%), changeup (44 pitches/5.6%), curveball (21 pitches/2.7%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against HOU, KC, LAA, TOR, DET, and MIN.

GRIFFIN JAX - RHP #65

Height: 6-2 Weight: 196 Age: 27 (11/22/94 in Phoenix, AZ) Acquired: 3rd RD, 2016 MLB Draft
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .213 vs. Right .221

⚡ Tossed scoreless 1.0 with two strikeouts on 8/22...has yet to face HOU this season...has one career start at HOU on August 5, 2021 (W, 5.1 IP, 3 H, 1 R/ER, 1 BB, 0 K)...has never faced HOU in relief.

⚡ T-10th in AL in relief K's (64)...among Twins relievers, ranks 1st in IP (56.1), T-2nd in strikeouts (64), T-3rd in holds (14) & T-2nd in games (47).

⚡ Appeared on 8/10 at LAD, tossed 1.0 inning, allowed 3 ER on two hits, (3-run HR to Gallo) one walk & one strikeout...last ER's allowed.

⚡ Began career as starter, converted to reliever in 2022...is 6-3-1, 4.43 ERA (69.1 IP, 34 ER), 75 K as reliever // 3-5, 6.10 ERA (69.1 IP, 47 ER), 54 K as starter.

⚡ Statcast arsenal in 2022: slider (414 pitches/45.7%), 4-seam (319 pitches/35.2%), changeup (123 pitches/13.6%), curveball (49 pitches/5.4%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against TEX, HOU, KC, LAA, TOR, and DET.

JORGE LÓPEZ - RHP #48

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 Age: 29 (2/10/93 in Caguas, PR) Acquired: Trade with BAL, 8/2/22
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .357 vs. Right .214

⚡ Has yet to face HOU this season...is a career 0-2-0, 8.31 ERA (8.2 IP, 8 ER) w/ five walks & eight strikeouts in two games (both starts) vs. HOU (RS)...last appearance was a scoreless inning on 8/20...recorded 22nd save on 8/19...enters today 6th in the AL in SV's (22) & ranks 11th in baseball in saves...ranks T-9th (Griffin Jax) among relievers in MLB in IP (56.1).

⚡ Since joining the Twins, has gone 0-0-3, two blown saves, 3.38 ERA (8.0 IP, 3 ER) with four walks & six strikeouts in 8 appearances.

⚡ Earned the SV in Twins debut on 8/3 after being acquired from the the Orioles on 8/2...needed just seven pitches to complete a scoreless 9th, fewest pitches thrown by Twins reliever to earn a SV since Alex Colomé threw five in a save on 9/24/21 vs. TOR.

⚡ Statcast arsenal in 2022: sinker (450 pitches/50.0%), curveball (174 pitches/19.3%), changeup (136 pitches/15.1%), slider (95 pitches/10.6%), 4-seam (45 pitches/5.0%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against TEX, HOU, KC, LAA, TOR, DET, TB, and NYY.

TREVOR MEGILL - RHP #58

Height: 6-8 Weight: 252 Age: 28 (12/5/93 in Long Beach, CA) Acquired: Claimed off waivers from CHC, 11/30/21
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 9.00 (1.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 9.00 (1.0 IP, 1 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .231 vs. Right .254

⚡ Appeared Tuesday, tossed 1.0 inning, allowed one ER (HR to A. Bregman) in the 7th inning, recorded one strikeout...only 3 HR's allowed in 27 games.

⚡ Is 1-0, 4.97 ERA (12.2 IP, 7 ER) with 5 walks & 10 strikeouts in last 13 games...2.70 ERA (16.2 IP, 5 ER) in 14 road appearances this season.

⚡ 3-1, 3.31 ERA (32.2 IP, 12 ER) with 11 walks & 32 strikeouts in 27 games season... .231 (12-for-52) vs. LHB and .254 (18-for-71) vs. RHB.

⚡ Statcast arsenal in 2022: 4-seam (273 pitches/54.1%), curveball (183 pitches/36.2%), slider (48 pitches/9.5%), sinker (1 pitch/0.2%).

⚡ Has gone 4-3 with a 5.43 ERA (56.1 IP, 34 ER), 19 walks & 62 strikeouts in 55 career major league appearances (Cubs & Twins).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against HOU, TEX, HOU, KC, LAA, TOR, LAD, and TOR.

EMILIO PAGÁN - RHP #12

Height: 6-2 Weight: 209 Age: 30 (5/7/1991 in Simpsonville, SC) Acquired: via trade with Padres, 4/7/22
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 0 BB vs. Left .220 vs. Right .306

⚡ Appeared Tuesday night, tossed 1.0 scoreless inning with one strikeout...career 0-1-3, 5.92 ERA (24.1 IP, 16 ER) with four walks & 24 strikeouts in 18 games (RS) vs. HOU...appeared on 8/17, tossed 2.0 scoreless innings, earned his 4th win of the season...currently ranks 7th among AL relievers in K/9.0 IP at 12.17 & his rate of 2.09 HR/9.0 IP currently ranks the 3rd highest in the AL so far this season.

⚡ Was 1-2, 2.45 ERA (22.0 IP, 6 ER), nine saves and a .183 (15-for-82) opponent batting average in his first 22 appearances...is 3-4, 7.46 ERA (25.1 IP, 21 ER) and a .333 (36-for-108) opponent batting average in his last 25 outings (beginning 6/21).

⚡ Has thrown 865 pitches this season, only 128 of those have been batted balls & only 15 barrels...30.5 strike % & 8.6 BB% so far this season.

⚡ Statcast arsenal in 2022: 4-seam (429 pitches/49.6%), split finger (232 pitches/26.8%), cutter (182 pitches/21.0%), slider (22 pitches/2.5%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against HOU, TEX, HOU, KC, LAA, LAD, TOR, and DET.

DEVIN SMELTZER - LHP #31

Height: 6-3 Weight: 204 Age: 26 (9/7/95 in Voorhees, NJ) Acquired: via trade with LAD, 7/31/18
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 2 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 1 K, 2 BB vs. Left .319 vs. Right .237

⚡ Appeared last night, tossed final 2.0 scoreless innings with two walks and one strikeout...he was optioned Tuesday & recalled yesterday from Triple-A St. Paul (Sands - IL)...he was also recalled on 8/20 (Mahle - IL)...this is his 4th stint with MIN this season...has gone 4-2 with a 3.86 ERA (67.2 IP, 29 ER), 19 walks and 39 strikeouts in 14 games (12 starts)...his 1st 12 appearances this season were starts; last 2 have come in relief.

⚡ Went 3-0, 2.38 ERA in 1st six starts, 1-2, 5.35 in last eight games... .319 (15-for-47) vs. LHB vs. .237 (49-for-207) vs. RHB.

⚡ Statcast arsenal so far: 4-seam (427 pitches/39.6%), changeup (280 pitches/26.0%), curveball (259 pitches/24.0%), slider (101 pitches/9.4%), sinker (11 pitches/1.0%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against HOU, TEX, CWS, BAL, CLE, CLE, and ARI.

CALEB THIELBAR - LHP #56

Height: 6-0 Weight: 214 Age: 35 (1/31/1987 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Signed as ml FA, 11/29/19
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at HOU: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .217 vs. Right .234

⚡ Career 2-0, 2.00 ERA (9.0 IP, 2 ER) with one hold, four walks & six strikeouts in nine games (RS) vs. HOU...has appeared in two games, 2.0 IP, 0 R with one walk & one strikeout vs. HOU this season...tossed 1.0 scoreless on 8/22...also appeared 8/20, took his 2nd loss of the season, tossed 0.1, allowed one ER, his first ER allowed since 7/1 vs. BAL...recorded four straight holds (8/13-19), 3.2 scoreless innings with eight strikeouts in that span.

⚡ Has made a team-leading 50 relief appearances for the Twins this season, going 2-2-1, a 4.06 ERA (44.1 IP, 20 ER), 16 walks & 59 strikeouts.

⚡ Has not allowed ER in 20 of his last 23 appearances since June 22, posting a 1.29 ERA (21.0 IP, 3 ER) with 4 walks & 29 strikeouts in that span.

⚡ 35 of his last 43 outings have been scoreless, going 2-2-1, 2.54 ERA (39.0 IP, 11 ER), 11 walks, 14 holds & 54 strikeouts.

⚡ Has thrown 740 pitches this season, only 109 of those have been batted balls & only eight barrels...32.1 K% & 8.7 BB% so far this season.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Rows include games against TEX, TEX, TOR, KC, LAA, LAD, TOR, and DET.

2022 BULLPEN INFO

Main table with columns: Player name, 1st Batter Avg, BB/9, K/9, Saves/Opps, Holds, IRS%, WHIP, HR, Last game, 2 games ago, 3 games ago. Lists stats for all bullpen members.

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

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

LONGEST HOME RUNS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Distance. Includes Buxton...469 ft, 4/24 vs. CWS (Hendriks), Correa...458 ft, 4/10 vs. SEA (Ramirez), etc.

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Table with 2 columns: Player and Velocity. Includes Sánchez...114.7, 6/13 at SEA (2B), Correa...114.6, 5/26 vs. KC (1B), etc.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table with 11 columns (C, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF, RF, DH) and 30 rows of player names and their starts at each position.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with 12 columns (Opponent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, XTRA, TOTAL) and 2 rows (Twins, Twins).

INJURED LIST

Table with 6 columns: Player, Injury, Date On, Retro, Date Off, Games Missed. Lists various injuries like Surgery Recovery, Right Middle Finger Strain, etc.

EJECTIONS

Table with 4 columns: Date, Player/Mgr/Ch, Umpire, Reason, Career. Lists ejections like Rocco Baldelli, John Tumpane, etc.

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table with 10 columns (1-9) and 30 rows of player names and their starts in each batting order position.

MOST USED LINEUP [2X]

Table with 2 columns: Player and Pos. Lists lineup combinations like Arraez DH, Correa SS, etc.

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table with 2 columns: Player and Assists. Lists outfielders and their total assists.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: J. Polanco, 4/5/19 at PHI (11 all-time), Grand Slam: L. Arraez 6/11/22 vs. TB (4 as a team in 2022), Inside-the-Park Home Run: B. Buxton, 9/15/20 at CWS (1 as a team in 2020, 55 all-time), 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), Two-Hitter: E. Santana, 5/24/17 at BAL (43 all-time), etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Triple Play: J. Miranda/C. Correa, 8/22/22 vs. TEX - N. Lowe hitting (17 all-time), Position Player Pitching: N. Gordon, 7/29/22 at SD (3 in 2022), Three or more Steals, One Game: E. Adrianza (3), 6/21/17 vs. CWS (1 in 2017), etc.

AGAINST THE TWINS

HITTING: Hit for the Cycle: A. Beltré, 8/24/12 at TEX (5 allowed all-time), Grand Slam: L. Robert, 7/14/22 vs. CWS (2 allowed as team in 2022), Inside-the-Park Home Run: R. Arozarena, 6/10/22 vs. TB (46 allowed all-time), etc.

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

No-Hitter: Jer. Weaver, 5/2/12 at LAA (5 all-time), One-Hitter: C. Kershaw/A. Vesia/J. Bruhl, 4/13/22 vs. LAD (24 all-time), Two-Hitter: R. Halladay, 5/29/05 at TOR (49 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: K. Clemens, 7/24/22 at DET (5 in 2022), Three or more Steals, One Game: W. Merrifield (3), 7/2/17 at KC (1 in 2017), etc.

