

MINNESOTA TWINS (3-2) vs. HOUSTON ASTROS (2-1)

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POSTSEASON GM 6 RHP Joe Ryan (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP José Urquidy (0-0, 0.00) POSTSEASON HOME GM 4

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Row 1: 10/12 OFF DAY. Row 2: 10/13* at Houston, RHP Pablo López (2-0, 0.71) vs. TBA, 7:03 pm (CT), FS1, TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf, ESPN / twinsbeisbol.com

POSTSEASON AT A GLANCE

Table with 2 columns: Category, Value. Includes Record as Twins (28-47), AL Wild Card (2-3), Division Series (6-22), ALCS (9-12), World Series (11-10), Game One (10-8), Game Two (6-12), Game Three (1-15), Game Four (3-6), Game Five (3-4), Game Six (3-0), Game Seven (2-1), Facing Elimination (7-12), Opp. to Clinch (6-1), Games vs. LH Starter (16-21), Games vs. RH Starter (12-26), Twins score first (18-18), Opponent scores first (10-29), Come-from-behind wins (11), Leading after 7/8 inn. (23-5/25-2), Trailing after 7/8 inn. (0-38/0-40), Tied after 7/8 inn. (5-5/3-4), Extra-innings (4-5), 1-run games (7-10), Twins out-hit opp. (17-9), Opp. out-hit Twins (6-36), Twins/Opp. have = hits (5-3), Run Differential (-91 (269-360)), Longest win-streak (5, 10/11-20/91), Longest losing-streak (18, 10/6/04-9/30/20), When Twins score 4+ (20-12), When Twins score 3- (8-34), Team-high hits (15, 2x, last 10/24/87), Team-high runs (11, 2x, last 10/5/02), Opp.-high hits (18, 2x, last 10/13/02), Opp.-high runs (14, Atlanta, 10/24/91), When Twins get 10+ hits (15-10), W/L in last at-bats (4-12)

THE TWINS: Have gone 3-2 through five Postseason games, sweeping Toronto in two games at Target Field during the AL Wild Card Series last week, followed by going 1-2 through the first three games of the ALDS against Houston...today, the Twins will host the Astros for the decisive Game 4 of the ALDS at Target Field...if the series were to continue, these two will meet for Game 5 at Minute Maid Park on Friday.

☞ The last Division Series win for the Twins was in 2002 against Oakland, going W, L, L, W, W. ☞ Three wins this Postseason, already marks the Twins most since 2002, when they won three of five against the A's in the ALDS and won one of five against Anaheim in the ALCS. ☞ Minnesota is 7-12 all-time in the Postseason when facing elimination, their last victory in such an instance was Game 5 of the '02 ALDS at Oakland on October 6.

SHOOTING STARS > SONNY SKIES: The Twins lost to the Astros yesterday at Target Field by a score of 9-1, their largest margin of defeat in a playoff game since an eight-run, 13-5 loss in Game 5 of the 2002 ALCS on October 13, 2002 at Anaheim...Sonny Gray (0-1) was the starter and loser, allowing five runs (4 earned) on eight hits in 4.0 innings pitched, with one walk and six strikeouts...he allowed four runs to cross in the first inning, highlighted by a José Abreu three-run homer, just his ninth home run allowed all season...the offense recorded just three hits and walked seven times...the only run for the Twins came in the sixth inning on a Willi Castro RBI single to rightfield...Minnesota went 1-for-9 with runners in scoring position and left nine men on base...they are now 4-for-27 with RISP this series and 5-for-37 with RISP during the playoffs.

ROSTER MOVE: Major League Baseball announced today that it has approved a roster substitution for the Twins due to an injury sustained by first baseman/outfielder Alex Kirilloff... Kirilloff will be replaced by designated hitter/outfielder Byron Buxton on Minnesota's roster... Kirilloff played in five Postseason games for the Twins, going 0-for-9 with two walks and four strikeouts...he has started all three games of the Division Series against Houston, going 0-for-7 with one walk and three strikeouts...to replace Kirilloff on the ALDS 26-man roster, the Twins have activated designated hitter/outfielder Byron Buxton...Buxton, who missed the Twins' final 54 regular season games with a right hamstring strain, played in 85 games for Minnesota during the regular season, hitting .207 (63-for-304) with 17 doubles, one triple, 17 home runs, 42 RBI, 49 runs scored, 35 walks, a .438 slugging percentage and a .731 OPS.

WIN-NESOTA: The Twins are 2-1 through three Postseason home games after sweeping the Blue Jays in two games during the AL Wild Card Series from October 3-4, followed by a loss yesterday...a win today would give the Twins their first home victory in the Division Series round since an 11-2 win at the Metrodome in Game 4 vs. Oakland on October 5, 2002.

☞ Twins are 18-20 all-time in Minnesota during the Postseason, going 3-4 at Met Stadium, 13-10 at the Metrodome and 2-6 at Target Field. ☞ The Twins finished the regular season with a home record of 47-34 (.580), the fourth-most home wins in the AL and eighth most in baseball...after the All-Star break, they went 21-12 at Target Field for a .636 winning percentage, trailing only Texas (.639 — 23-13) for highest home win % in the AL in that span...Minnesota's 47 regular season wins at Target Field this season were the third most in the Target Field era (since 2010), trailing their totals from 2010 (53-28) and 2018 (49-32).

TWINS-STROS: The Twins are 5-4 against the Astros this season over nine regular and Postseason games...they have gone 3-2 at Minute Maid Park at 2-2 at Target Field.

☞ Carlos Correa has hit just .220 (9-for-41) with 15 strikeouts against his former team in 11 regular and Postseason games, but has gone 6-for-12 with one walk, three doubles and three RBI in his last three games during the ALDS.

☞ Notable individual numbers vs. Houston this season (regular and Postseason): Ryan Jeffers is 7-for-21 (.333) with a double, a home run and four RBI...Willi Castro is 6-for-17 (.353) with three walks (.450 OBP)...Donovan Solano is 8-for-23 (.348) with five RBI and three walks (.423 OBP).

PER-4-MING ON THE BIGGEST STAGE: In 84 career Postseason games, Carlos Correa has hit .284 (91-for-320) with 19 doubles, 18 home runs, 63 RBI, 38 runs scored, 31 walks, a .355 on-base percentage and an .867 OPS...through five Postseason games this season, he is 9-for-19 (.474) with three doubles, four RBI, a .524 on-base percentage, a .632 slugging percentage and a 1.155 OPS.

☞ In 28 Career Division Series games, Correa has hit .314 (33-for-105) with eight doubles, eight home runs, 32 RBI, a .400 on-base percentage, a .619 slugging percentage and a 1.019 OPS...in his last 11 DS games, he is hitting .462 (18-for-39) with five doubles, three home runs, 18 RBI, nine walks, a .563 on-base percentage, an .821 slugging percentage and a 1.383 OPS.

☞ Correa enters tonight with a career-long eight-game hitting streak in the Postseason, which dates back to Game 4 of the 2021 World Series against Atlanta...in that eight-game span, he is hitting .438 (14-for-32) with four doubles, seven RBI and a 1.033 OPS.

☞ Correa's teams are 23-9 all-time in the Postseason when he drives in at least one run...14-4 when he drive in at least two...36-21 when he gets at least one hit and 19-4 when he gets at least two hits.

GIANT IN THE LIGHT: Below are Carlos Correa's Postseason ranks among active players in a few categories:

Table with 6 columns: GAMES, HITS, HOME RUNS, RBI, DOUBLES, TOTAL BASES. Rows include Altuve, Bregman, Y. Gurrriel, Turner, Correa.

POSTSZN TO THE MAX: Max Kepler has reached safely in eight-consecutive Postseason games and in 10 of 11 in his career...the eight-game on-base streak is tied for the seventh-longest in Twins history (since 1961), the longest being Dan Gladden's 14-game streak from October 7, 1987-October 9, 1991...he enters today with a five-game hitting streak in the Postseason, dating back to Game 1 of the ALWCS vs. Toronto...he has eight walks, compared to six hits in 45 career Postseason plate appearances (.311 OBP).

☞ Kepler is 5-for-19 this Postseason after entering 2023 1-for-18 in six previous playoff games. ☞ Kepler slashed .309/.380/.574 (.953 OPS) in 78 night games during the regular season, compared to .181/.251/.337 (.589 OPS) in 52 day games.

PACK THE PARK: Tonight's games has been announced as a sellout...for the two-game ALWC Series games vs. Toronto last week, the Twins drew 38,450 and 38,518 (both sellouts) for a total of 76,968...after yesterday's game (41,017), they now have a total home attendance of 117,985 through three Postseason home dates (all sellouts)...average of 39,328.

THIS AND THAT: ☞ Jorge Polanco has posted a .471 on-base percentage in his last four games, reaching eight times (4 hits, 4 walks) in 18 plate appearances...OPS of 1.009 in that span.

☞ Josh Winder is celebrating his 27th birthday today...former Twin Gio Urshela is celebrating his 32nd.

2023 POSTSEASON DAY-BY-DAY

Table with 7 columns: Date, Opponent, Score, W/L, Record, Attendance, Total Home Attendance, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include 10/3 Toronto - ALWCS G1, 10/4 Toronto - ALWCS G2, 10/7 at Houston - ALDS G1, 10/8 at Houston - ALDS G2, 10/10 Houston - ALDS G3

TWINS VS. ASTROS (REG./POST.)

Table with 2 columns: Category, Value. Includes 2023 Record (5-4), Current Streak (1 loss), 2023 at Home (2-2), 2023 at Houston (3-2), Under Baldelli (since 2019) (13-18), Under Baldelli at Target Field (6-10), All-Time Record (40-48), All-Time at Home (19-25), All-Time at Houston (21-23)

2023 Game Logs:

Table with 4 columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include 4/6 MIN, 4/7 MIN, 4/8 MIN, 4/9 MIN, 5/29 HOU, 5/30 HOU, 5/31 HOU, 10/7 HOU, 10/8 HOU, 10/10 MIN

CURRENT SERIES (1-2)

Table with 2 columns: Category, Value. Includes Batting average (.227), Runs Per Game (3.7), Home Runs (3), RISP (.148), Errors (1), Team ERA (5.54), Starters W-L (1-2), Starters ERA (4.50), Relievers W-L-S (0-0), Relievers ERA (6.75), Saves/Opps (0/0)

MLB LEADERS - POSTSEASON HITS

Table with 2 columns: Player, Hits. Includes Derek Jeter (200), Bernie Williams (128), Manny Ramirez (117), Jose Altuve (107), Jorge Posada (103), Yadier Molina (102), Chipper Jones (97), Kenny Lofton (97), Albert Pujols (97), Carlos Correa (91)

MLB LEADERS - POSTSEASON HR

Table with 2 columns: Player, HR. Includes Manny Ramirez (29), Jose Altuve (24), Bernie Williams (22), Derek Jeter (20), Albert Pujols (19), George Springer (19), Carlos Correa (18), Nelson Cruz (18), Reggie Jackson (18), Mickey Mantle (18)

MLB LEADERS - POSTSEASON RBI

Table with 2 columns: Player, RBI. Includes Bernie Williams (80), Manny Ramirez (78), Carlos Correa (63), David Justice (63), Derek Jeter (61), David Ortiz (61)

TWINS ALL-TIME LEADERS - POSTSZN HR

Table with 2 columns: Player, HR. Includes Kirby Puckett (5), Greg Gagne (4), Royce Lewis (3), Gary Gaetti (3), Kent Hrbek (3), Harmon Killebrew (3), Tony Oliva (3), Torii Hunter (3)

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JOE RYAN

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Height: 6-2 Weight: 193 B/T: R/R Age: 27 (6/5/1996 in San Francisco, CA)

2023: 11-10, 4.51 ERA CAREER: 26-19, 4.05 ERA

- ☞ Making his first career Postseason start in his third major league season...will be the 26th and final player on Minnesota's 26-man ALDS roster to make his Postseason debut.
- ☞ Facing Houston for the third time this season and fourth time in his career...went 1-1, 8.10 ERA (10.0 IP, 9 ER) with four walks and 16 strikeouts in two regular season starts vs. the Astros this year.
- ☞ Acquired by the Twins on July 22, 2021 from the Rays, alongside right-handed pitcher Drew Strotman, in exchange for designated hitter Nelson Cruz.

2023 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

| Date | Opp. | Dec. | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO | Left/Final | Notes | Pitches/K |
|---|---------|------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 4/2 | at KC | W1 | 6.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3-1/7-4 | Opened year as Twins number 3 starter | 80/52 (65.0%) |
| 4/8 | vs. HOU | W2 | 6.0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4-4/9-6 | 2nd career start with 10+ K | 81/53 (65.4%) |
| 4/13 | at NYY | W3 | 7.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 11-1/11-2 | Twins scored 9 runs in 1st inning | 92/69 (75.0%) |
| 4/19 | at BOS | W4 | 6.0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10-3/10-4 | T-2nd fewest strikeouts in career | 100/70 (70.0%) |
| 4/25 | vs. NYY | W5 | 7.0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6-2/6-2 | 2nd career GS w/ 7.0+ IP, 0 BB, 7+ K | 91/72 (79.1%) |
| APRIL TOTALS 5-0 32.0 22 11 10 4 4 36 2.81 ERA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/2 | at CWS | ND | 6.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 1-0/2-3 | 4th career GS with ≤ 1 H allowed | 87/60 (69.0%) |
| 5/7 | at CLE | L1 | 6.0 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0-2/0-2 | Snapped 8-decision W streak | 100/77 (77.0%) |
| 5/13 | vs. CHC | W6 | 6.0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 7-0/11-1 | 1st career start with 10+ K, 0 R | 102/76 (74.5%) |
| 5/19 | at LAA | ND | 6.0 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 4-3/4-5 | 9+ K in b2b GS for 2nd time in career | 94/68 (72.3%) |
| 5/24 | vs. SF | W7 | 5.0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6-1/7-1 | 0 HR allowed for 6th-straight GS | 107/72 (67.3%) |
| 5/30 | at HOU | L2 | 4.0 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1-5/1-5 | Allowed 2+ HR for 1st time this year | 88/56 (63.6%) |
| MAY TOTALS 2-2 33.0 30 11 10 2 9 40 2.73 ERA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6/4 | vs. CLE | L3 | 6.2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0-1/1-2 | Retired 19 of first 20 batters faced | 88/65 (73.9%) |
| 6/10 | at TOR | ND | 6.0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1-3/9-4 | Team-leading 10th QS of season | 84/56 (66.7%) |
| 6/16 | vs. DET | L4 | 7.0 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1-1/1-7 | 1st career L w/ 7.0+ IP | 99/74 (74.7%) |
| 6/22 | vs. BOS | W8 | 9.0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 6-0/6-0 | 1st career CG and shutout | 112/83 (74.1%) |
| 6/27 | at ATL | L5 | 3.0 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2-6/2-6 | Career-low 3.0 IP, T-career-high 5 HR | 82/57 (69.5%) |
| JUNE TOTALS 1-3 31.2 27 17 17 2 2 29 4.83 ERA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7/3 | vs. KC | ND | 6.0 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3-2/8-4 | 8th career GS w/ 6.0+ IP, 9+ K | 94/62 (66.0%) |
| 7/9 | vs. BAL | L6 | 4.1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1-3/2-15 | Recorded 10 K in first 11 outs | 98/61 (62.2%) |
| 7/16 | at OAK | ND | 5.1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2-3/5-4 | Season-high-tying 3 BB | 91/55 (60.4%) |
| 7/21 | vs. CWS | W9 | 6.0 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 7-4/9-4 | Season-high-tying 10 K | 104/64 (61.5%) |
| 7/26 | vs. SEA | L7 | 3.2 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2-4/7-8 | 2nd-shortest start of career | 95/63 (66.3%) |
| JULY TOTALS 1-2 25.1 30 18 18 8 9 43 6.39 ERA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8/2 | at STL | L8 | 4.0 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0-7/3-7 | 2nd start of '23 allowing 4+ HR | 103/66 (64.1%) |
| 8/26 | vs. TEX | ND | 5.0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1-1/2-6 | Twins allowed four runs in 9th | 80/51 (63.8%) |
| AUG. TOTALS 0-1 9.0 14 8 8 5 3 11 8.00 ERA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9/1 | at TEX | W10 | 6.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 1-5/1-1 | Fewest pitches in QS in career | 74/53 (71.6%) |
| 9/6 | at CLE | L9 | 4.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1-2/1-2 | Pitched 1.1 IP after 1-06 rain delay | 89/60 (67.4%) |
| 9/12 | vs. TB | ND | 4.2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1-2/3-2 | 1st career start vs. former org. | 102/71 (69.6%) |
| 9/18 | at CIN | L10 | 5.0 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1-4/3-7 | Season-high-tying 3 BB | 84/54 (64.3%) |
| 9/24 | vs. LAA | W11 | 6.0 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4-3/9-3 | 6th start of season with 10 K | 91/64 (70.3%) |
| 9/29 | at COL | ND | 5.0 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4-6/7-6 | Allowed 3+ HR for 3rd time in '23 | 91/64 (70.3%) |
| SEP. TOTALS 2-2 30.2 32 18 18 6 7 38 5.28 ERA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2023 TOTALS 11-10 161.2 155 83 81 32 34 197 4.51 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CAREER TOTALS 26-19 335.1 286 155 151 56 86 378 4.05 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

POSTSEASON DEBUT: Making his first career Postseason start in Game 4 of the ALDS vs. Houston...set single-season career highs in starts (29), innings pitched (161.2), strikeouts (197), quality starts (14) and WAR (2.3) during the regular season.

LEAGUE LEADER: Ryan was among the top American League pitchers in several statistical categories during the regular season (min. 25 GS):

| STATISTIC | RYAN'S #s | AL RANK |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Strikeouts-per-9.0 Innings | 10.97 | 2nd |
| Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio | 5.79 | 3rd |
| First-Pitch Strike Percentage | 67.4 | 4th |
| Walks-per-9.0 Innings | 1.89 | 7th |

SPECIAL K: Has recorded 378 career strikeouts through his first 61 games, the most in Twins' history (1961-) through a pitcher's first 61 career games...would also hold the record through a pitcher's first 69 career games, six ahead of Hall of Famer Bert Blyleven (372 from 1970-72)...his 10.15 strikeouts-per-9.0 innings ratio in his career is the fourth best in Twins' history and his 4.40 strikeout-to-walk ratio also ranks fourth (min. 300.0 IP).

- ☞ Recorded a career-high 197 strikeouts this season, becoming the 11th pitcher in Twins' history (1961-) to strike out at least 197 batters in a single season.
- ☞ Also set a single-season career high with a 10.97 strikeouts-per-9.0 innings ratio, the highest ratio in club history (1961-) among pitchers with at least 25 starts.

JOE VS. THE 'STROS: Facing Houston for the third time this season and fourth time in his career...is 1-2, 8.36 ERA (14.0 IP, 13 ER) with nine walks and 19 strikeouts in three prior starts vs. the Astros...earned the win vs. Houston in his 2023 Target Field debut on April 8, pitching 6.0 innings and allowing four runs on three hits (1 HR), with one walk and a season-high-tying 10 strikeouts in the Twins' 9-6 victory...all four runs scored on a Yordan Alvarez grand slam in the third inning...took the loss on May 30 in the Twins' 5-1 defeat at Minute Maid Park, his first career start at this ballpark...pitched 4.0 innings, marking a season low at the time, and allowed five runs on four hits (2 HR), with three walks and six strikeouts...allowed a solo homer to Alex Bregman and a two-run homer to Chas McCormick in the second...yielded an RBI single to Bregman and a sacrifice fly to José Abreu in the third.

☞ His 8.36 ERA against Houston is his highest vs. any opponent in his career (min. 3 GS).

TARGET PRACTICE: Went 7-4, 3.83 ERA (82.1 IP, 35 ER) with 15 walks and 111 strikeouts in 14 starts at home this season...Twins went 9-5 in Ryan's 14 starts at Target Field...his 12.13 strikeouts-per-9.0 innings ratio at home ranked second in the American League in the regular season (min. 10 home GS), trailing only TB's Tyler Glasnow (13.18)...went 4-6, 5.22 ERA (79.1 IP, 46 ER) with 19 walks and 86 strikeouts in 15 road starts this season.

☞ In 32 career home starts, he is 14-9, 3.65 ERA (180.0 IP, 73 ER) with 48 walks and 216 strikeouts...Twins are 19-13 in his 32 career starts at Target Field...is 12-10, 4.52 ERA (155.1 IP, 78 ER) with 38 walks and 162 strikeouts in 29 career road starts.

☞ Allowed only 12 of his 32 home runs (37.5%) at home this season.

THE ARSENAL: Ryan utilized a four-pitch mix in his 29 regular season starts this season...leaned on his four-seam fastball and split finger, combining to throw the two pitches 84.1 percent of the time this year...ranked third in baseball this season in strikeouts with his four-seam fastball (120), trailing only ATL's Spencer Strider (123) and NYY's Gerrit Cole (121)...here's a look at Ryan's repertoire, per Baseball Savant:

| PITCH (AVG. MPH) | PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) | RESULTS |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 4-Seam Fastball (92.3) | 56.9% (1,526 pitches, 817/709) | .240 (81-for-337), 14 2B, 1 3B, 19 HR, 120 K |
| Split Finger (83.9) | 27.2% (731 pitches, 299/432) | .242 (50-for-207), 12 2B, 8 HR, 47 K |
| Sweeper (79.2) | 11.3% (304 pitches, 217/87) | .286 (16-for-56), 1 2B, 4 HR, 23 K |
| Slider (83.2) | 4.5% (122 pitches, 101/21) | .320 (8-for-25), 3 2B, 1 HR, 6 K |

☞ Recorded 10 of his 16 strikeouts against the Astros this year with his four-seam fastball, limiting Houston to a .174 (4-for-23) batting average on the pitch.

X MARKS THE SPOT: Owned a .271 xOBP this year, ranking in the 96th percentile in baseball per Baseball Savant...also had a 3.53 xERA this season, 0.98 less than his 4.51 ERA; the difference was the largest by a Twins starter in 2023...his .223 xBA and .399 xSLG were both lower than his actual numbers this season (.248 opponent batting average, .452 opponent slugging percentage).

WALK IN THE PARK: Issued just 34 walks in 161.2 innings pitched this year; was the 16th time in Twins' history (since 1961) in which a pitcher issued fewer than 35 walks in at least 160.0 innings pitched, first since Phil Hughes (209.2 IP, 16 BB) in 2014...has walked 86 batters in his first 61 career starts (335.1 IP), the third fewest by a Twin (1961-) in his first 61 career starts (Kevin Slowey has fewest with 60).

HOMER HAPPY: After allowing only eight home runs through his first 15 starts this year (3.26 ERA), Ryan surrendered 24 homers over his final 14 starts (6.62 ERA), yielding at least one homer in 12 of those 14 outings...became the third pitcher in Twins/Senators history (1901-) to allow 24 homers in a 14-game span, joining Pedro Ramos (1957) and Bert Blyleven (1986 and 1987).

FRIDAY'S STARTER* - RHP PABLO LÓPEZ (2023 POST: 2-0, 0.71 ERA // CAREER POST: 2-1, 1.53 ERA)

Pablo López is set to start a potential Game 5 of this ALDS vs. the Astros at Minute Maid Park on Friday...won his second-straight Postseason start on October 8 at Houston, a Twins' 6-2 victory at Minute Maid Park in Game 2 of the ALDS...pitched 7.0 scoreless innings with six hits allowed, one walk and seven strikeouts...became the third pitcher in Twins history (1961-) to throw 7.0-or-more scoreless innings in a Postseason game, joining Jack Morris (10.0 IP in Game 7 of 1991 WS vs. Atlanta) and Johan Santana (7.0 IP in Game 1 of 2004 ALDS at New York-AL)...also became the first Twin (1961-) to allow one-or-fewer runs over his first two Postseason starts with the club...is 1-0, 1.59 ERA (11.1 IP, 2 ER) with three walks and 12 strikeouts in two career starts vs. Houston (regular season + Postseason).

2023 HIGHS

- CG's: 1, 6/22 vs. BOS
- SHO's: 1, 6/22 vs. BOS
- CG Low-Hit: 3, 6/22 vs. BOS
- Innings: 9.0, 6/22 vs. BOS
- SO's: 10, 6x, last 9/24 vs. LAA
- Walks: 3, 3x, last 9/18 at CIN
- Hits: 9, 2x, last 8/2 at STL
- Home Runs: 5, 6/27 at ATL
- Win-Streak: 5, 4/2-4/25
- Loss-Streak: 3, 5/30-6/16

CAREER HIGHS

- CG's: 1, 6/22/23 vs. BOS
- SHO's: 1, 6/22/23 vs. BOS
- CG Low-Hit: 3, 6/22/23 vs. BOS
- Innings: 9.0, 6/22/23 vs. BOS
- SO's: 11, 9/22/21 at CHC
- Walks: 5, 5/10/22 vs. HOU
- Hits: 9, 3x, last 8/2/23 at STL
- Home Runs: 5, 2x, last 6/27/23 at ATL
- Win-Streak: 8, 9/13/22-4/25/23
- Loss-Streak: 3, 5/30-6/16/23

CAREER NOTES

- 2023 marks his sixth professional season, including 2020.
- In 2022, his first full major-league season, was Twins Opening Day starter and led both the club and all AL rookies in wins (13), innings pitched (147.0) and strikeouts (151).
- Made his major league debut for the Twins on September 1, 2021 vs. Chicago-NL (L, 5.0 IP, 3 H, 3 R/3 ER, 1 HR, 1 BB, 5 K).
- Helped Team USA win the silver medal in baseball at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics...went 1-0, 1.74 ERA (10.1 IP, 2 ER), one walk and eight strikeouts in two starts.
- Acquired by the Twins on July 22, 2021 from the Tampa Bay Rays, alongside right-handed pitcher Drew Strotman, in exchange for designated hitter Nelson Cruz...learned about the trade while in Japan with Team USA.
- In 2020, was part of the Rays 60-man player pool and spent the summer at the alternate training site in Port Charlotte, Florida...ranked by *Baseball America* as the No. 12 prospect in the Rays system following the season.
- In 2019, was named Rays minor league Pitcher of the Year after going 9-4, 1.96 ERA (123.2 IP, 27 ER) in his first full professional season...divided the year between Low-A Bowling Green (6 starts), High-A Charlotte (15 games, 13 starts) and Double-A Montgomery (3 starts).
- Garnered several other awards in 2019, including: MiLB.com organization All-Star honors, *Baseball America* High Class A All-Star, two-time Florida State League Pitcher of the Week (June 17-23 and August 5-11) and Rays minor league Pitcher of the Month for July and August.
- Made professional debut in 2018 for Short-A Hudson Valley...went 2-1, 3.72 ERA (36.1 IP, 15 ER) in 12 games (7 starts) for the Renegades, with 14 walks and 51 strikeouts.
- Selected by the Rays in the seventh round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Division II California State University, Stanislaus.
- Went 8-1, 1.65 ERA (98.1 IP, 18 ER) in 14 starts as a senior at Stanislaus and led all divisions of college baseball with 127 strikeouts...earned three selections to All-America teams...pitched three seasons at California State University, Northridge before transferring to Stanislaus.

2023 MISC. NUMBERS

| | W | L | ERA | G/GS | IP | ER | | AVG | H | AB | HR | BB | SO | |
|--------|----|----|------|-------|-------|----|--|-------------|------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| Home: | 7 | 4 | 3.83 | 14/14 | 82.1 | 35 | | Vs. Left: | .222 | 64 | 288 | 9 | 20 | 80 |
| Road: | 4 | 6 | 5.22 | 15/15 | 79.1 | 46 | | Vs. Right: | .269 | 91 | 338 | 23 | 14 | 117 |
| Day: | 6 | 5 | 3.65 | 13/13 | 74.0 | 30 | | TOTALS: | .248 | 155 | 626 | 32 | 34 | 197 |
| Night: | 5 | 5 | 5.24 | 16/16 | 87.2 | 51 | | None On: | .246 | 97 | 395 | 22 | 20 | 131 |
| Grass: | 10 | 10 | 4.63 | 27/27 | 149.2 | 77 | | Runners On: | .251 | 58 | 231 | 10 | 14 | 66 |
| Turf: | 1 | 0 | 3.00 | 2/2 | 12.0 | 4 | | | | | | | | |

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

| YEAR | STARTS | 6+ IP | QS | YEAR | STARTS | 6+ IP | QS |
|------|--------|-------|----|--------|--------|-------|----|
| 2021 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2023 | 29 | 17 | 14 |
| 2022 | 27 | 11 | 11 | TOTALS | 61 | 29 | 26 |

MORE 2023 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

| | BASE RUNNERS | PICK-OFFS | SB-ATT | GIDP |
|-------|--------------|-----------|--------|------|
| RYAN: | 195 | 0 | 7-10 | 7 |

2023 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

| INNING: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9+ |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| RUNS/HITS: | 10/24 | 20/31 | 22/38 | 15/27 | 11/21 | 3/10 | 2/3 | 0/1 | 0/0 |

RYAN VS. HOUSTON

- 2023 vs. Houston (2 starts): 1-1, 8.10 ERA (10.0 IP, 9 ER), 4 BB, 16 K
- 2023 vs. Houston at Home (1 start): 1-0, 6.00 ERA (6.0 IP, 4 ER), 1 BB, 10 K
- 2023 vs. Houston on Road (1 start): 0-1, 11.25 ERA (4.0 IP, 5 ER), 3 BB, 6 K
- Career vs. Houston (3 starts): 1-2, 8.36 ERA (14.0 IP, 13 ER), 9 BB, 19 K
- Career vs. Houston at Home (2 starts): 1-1, 7.20 ERA (10.0 IP, 8 ER), 6 BB, 13 K
- Career vs. Houston on Road (1 start): 0-1, 11.25 ERA (4.0 IP, 5 ER), 3 BB, 6 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

| Ryan vs. the Astros | | | | | | | Urquidy vs. the Twins (regular + Postseason) | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|----|---|----|----|----|--|------|----|---|----|----|----|
| PLAYER | AVG | AB | H | HR | BB | SO | PLAYER | AVG | AB | H | HR | BB | SO |
| Alvarez | .286 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | Jeffers | .000 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| McCormick | .286 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | Kirilloff | .200 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bregman | .500 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Vázquez | .400 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Abreu | .200 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | Correa | .000 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Altuve | .200 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Farmer | .333 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Peña | .200 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | Kepler | .333 | 3 | 1 | | | |

BULLPEN NOTES

- Pen threw 5.0 IP yesterday in relief of Sonny Gray, allowing 4 R on 6 H (2 HR - J. Abreu and Y. Alvarez) w/ 2 BB and 6 K in ALDS Game 3 vs. Houston.
- Twins relievers posted a 3.95 ERA (556.1 IP, 244 ER) with a .231 opponent batting average, a .700 opponent OPS, 79 holds and 38 saves in 66 opportunities this season.
- Pen threw 1,605 offspeed pitches, 4th most in baseball trailing NYY (2,148), DET (1,760) & CIN (1,691)...averaged 90.1 mph on all pitches, 7th-hardest throwing 'pen in MLB (4th in AL)... finished T-4th in fewest hits (478) among all MLB bullpens...in Sept./Oct. the Twins 'pen led baseball with a 30.6 strikeout percentage.
- Pen went 23-14, 3.87 ERA (286.1 IP, 123 ER) w/ 124 BB, 302 K and .226 BAA in 79 home games compared to 15-16, 4.03 ERA (270.0 IP, 121 ER) w/ 96 BB, 288 K and .236 BAA in 81 road games.

JHOAN DURAN - RHP #59
Height: 6-5 Weight: 259 Age: 25 (1/8/98 in Esperanza, DR) Acquired: Trade with ARI, 7/27/18
Career PS: 0-0-2, 0.00 ERA (3.0 IP), 1 BB, 5 K 2023 ALDS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (1.0 IP), 0 BB, 0 K vs. Left .000 vs. Right .143

- Tossed a 1-2-3 9th inn. to close Sunday's win at HOU...became 6th pitcher in Twins history (1961-) to record a Postseason SV on 10/3 in Game 1 of ALWCS...is 1-0, 0.00 ERA (4.1 IP), 1 H, 2 BB, 6 K and 1 SV in 4 career regular season games vs. HOU.
- Threw 104.8 mph pitch to SEA's E. Suárez in 9th inning on 7/19; fastest pitch in MLB this season and T-10th fastest pitch by any pitcher in the Statcast Era (2015-)...has 9 career pitches of 104.0+ mph, 3rd most in MLB since 2015 behind A. Chapman (47) and J. Hicks (13).
- 27 saves (32 opps), 7th most in AL...has 84.4 SV%, 9th best in AL...his 5 BS were 4/11 vs. CWS, 6/21 vs. BOS, 7/2 at BAL, 7/28 at KC, 8/30 vs. CLE.
- Appeared in 47 of Twins' 87 wins & Twins went 47-12 in games which he appeared this regular season...Twins are 88-28 in games which he's appeared since '22.
- 473 of 1017 pitches 100+ mph; 1st in MLB...thrown 865 pitches 100+ mph since start of '22, the most in baseball.
- Struck out multiple batters in 6-straight app. from 5/15-6/2, T-7th best streak in Twins history.
- Lefties went 23-for-112 (.205) w/ 3 2B, 14 BB & 51 K...RHH went 23-for-110 (.209) w/ 5 2B, 6 HR, 11 BB & 33 K.
- 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB (avg. 101.8 mph) - 457 pitches (44.9%), curveball (avg. 87.7 mph) - 282 pitches (27.7%) splitter (avg. 98.4 mph) - 278 pitches (27.3%)...has .213 BAA on 4-Seam FB, .159 on curveball and .241 on splitter...curveball typically putaway pitch, w/ whiff% of 45.9.

RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO |
|--------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 10/8 at HOU | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/4 vs. TOR | S2 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 10/3 vs. TOR | S1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/30 at COL | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/27 vs. OAK | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 9/22 vs. LAA | S27 | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 9/20 at CIN | W3 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 9/16 at CWS | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/12 vs. TB | S26 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/8 vs. NYM | S25 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/2 at TEX | S24 | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 9/1 at TEX | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 8/30 vs. CLE | B55 | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

GRIFFIN JAX - RHP #22
Height: 6-1 Weight: 195 Age: 28 (11/22/94 in Phoenix, AZ) Acquired: 3rd RD, 2016 Draft
Career PS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (2.2 IP), 1 H, 3 K 2023 ALDS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (0.2 IP), 1 K vs. Left .000 vs. Right .143

- Relieved Ober in 9th inn. stranding 1 IR in yesterday's loss vs. HOU...is 1-0, 0.96 ERA (9.1 IP, 1 ER), 3 H, 1 BB, 4 K and 1 HLD in 5 career regular season games (1 GS) vs. HOU.
- Went 6-10, 3.86 ERA (65.1 IP, 28 ER) w/ 19 BB, 68 K, 23 HLD and 4 SV (11 opps) in 71 G this season.
- Led club in G (71), appeared in all but 5 series (5/5-7 at CLE, 6/26-28 at ATL, 7/3-5 vs. KC, 8/7-10 at DET & 9/22-24 vs. LAA)...since start of 2022, leads Twins in G w/ 136 and is 6th in the AL in that span.
- Posted team-best and career-best 19.1-inning scoreless streak from May 22-July 15...also recorded at least one K in 15-straight appearances since August 24, longest streak for a Twin on season.
- Lefties went 25-for-105 (.238) w/ 2 HR, 11 BB & 35 K...righties went 33-for-145 (.228) w/ 3 HR, 8 BB & 33 K this season...197 BAA off sweeper w/ 47 K.
- Arsenal: sweeper - 553 pitches (52.8%), 4-seam FB - 232 pitches (22.2%), sinker - 139 pitches (13.3%), changeup - 93 pitches (8.9%), cutter - 30 pitches (2.9%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO |
|---------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 10/10 vs. HOU | ND | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 10/4 vs. TOR | H2 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/3 vs. TOR | H1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/30 at COL | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 9/27 vs. OAK | S4 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/26 vs. OAK | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/20 at CIN | S3 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/17 at CWS | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/15 at CWS | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/13 vs. TB | L10 | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

KENTA MAEDA - RHP #18
Height: 6-1 Weight: 185 Age: 35 (4/11/1988 in Osaka, JPN) Acquired: Trade with LAD, 2/10/2020
Career PS: 2-1, 3.24 ERA (41.2 IP, 15 ER), 18 BB, 48 K 2023 ALDS: 0-0, 6.75 ERA (4.0 IP, 3 ER), 3 BB, 4 K vs. Left .213 vs. Right .223

- Tossed 2.0 IP allowing 1 R on 2 H w/ 1 BB & 2 K in yesterday's loss vs. HOU...threw 43 pitches on 10/7 at HOU, most in any Postseason relief app.
- Finished 6-7, 4.28 ERA (101.0 IP, 48 ER) w/ 26 BB, 112 K and a .243 BAA in 20 starts this season.
- Made 1 relief app. taking the loss after tossing 3.1 IP, allowing 1 R on 1 H w/ 2 BB & 5 K in 9/28 loss vs. OAK...1st loss in relief since September 25, 2018 at ARI...5 Ks tied his outing on September 2, 2019 vs. Colorado for his 3rd most as a reliever (career high is 6 K, done twice previously).
- Is 7-4, 2.89 ERA (71.2 IP, 23 ER) w/ 18 BB, 94 K, a .212 (.56-for-264) BAA and a 1.03 WHIP in 58 career relief app. (including Postseason).
- Went 1-1, 3.38 ERA (10.2 IP, 4 ER), 8 H, 1 HR, 2 BB, 16 K, 2 HLD and a .200 BAA in 8 career NL Division Series games (1 GS) with LAD.
- Posted a 1.59 ERA (5.2 IP, 1 ER), w/ 1 HLD in 4 relief app. vs. HOU in 2017 WS w/ LAD...also threw 5.0 shutout IP vs. HOU in G1 of 2020 ALWCS w/ MIN.
- Lefties went 45-for-187 (.241) w/ 9 2B, 6 HR, 18 BB & 53 K against him this season...righties went 49-for-207 (.237) w/ 13 2B, 11 HR, 10 BB & 64 K.
- 2023 arsenal: split finger - 542 pitches (31.9%), slider - 521 pitches (30.6%), 4-seam FB - 466 pitches (27.4%), sinker - 109 pitches (6.4%) and curveball - 62 pitches (3.6%)...opponents are 25-for-137 off split finger (.182) w/ 47 K.

RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO |
|---------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 10/10 vs. HOU | ND | 2.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 10/7 at HOU | ND | 2.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/28 vs. OAK | L8 | 3.1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 9/19 at CIN | W6 | 5.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| 9/14 at CWS | W5 | 7.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 9/9 vs. NYM | W4 | 5.1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 9/3 at TEX | ND | 5.0 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8/28 vs. CLE | ND | 4.0 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 8/23 at MIL | ND | 5.0 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 8/16 vs. DET | ND | 4.0 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 8/10 at DET | L7 | 6.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

CHRIS PADDACK - RHP #20
Height: 6-5 Weight: 217 Age: 27 (1/8/1996 in Austin, TX) Acquired: Trade with SD, 4/7/22
Career PS: 0-1, 14.73 ERA (3.2 IP, 6 ER), 3 K 2023 ALDS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (1.1 IP), 2 K vs. Left .429 vs. Right .455

- Made first 2023 Postseason app. tossing 1.1 scoreless IP w/ 2 K in Saturday's loss at HOU.
- Returned from rehab assignment and reinstated from the 60-day IL on 9/24 vs. LAA...entered but did not pitch due to 50-min. rain delay when approaching the infield dirt...underwent Tommy John surgery on his right elbow on May 18, 2022.
- Made official return on 9/26 vs. OAK throwing a 99.0 mph fastball to Zack Gelof, making it fastest career pitch after missing 507 days.
- One career start vs. Houston w/ SD on 9/5/21, pitching 6.0 innings and allowing 3 R on 6 H (2 HR), with 0 BB & 0 K in no-decision.
- Pitched at three levels of the Twins organization during his rehab assignment, going 0-1 with a 3.72 ERA (9.2 IP, 4 ER), 3 BB, 15 K and a .222 (8-for-36) BAA in 3 G (2 GS) between Low-A Fort Myers, Double-A Wichita and Triple-A St. Paul...topped out at 98.2 mph in velocity on 9/19.
- 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 35 pitches (44.3%), changeup - 29 pitches (36.7%), curveball - 12 pitches (15.2%) and slider - 3 pitches (3.8%).

RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 10/7 at HOU | ND | 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/30 at COL | W1 | 3.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 9/26 vs. OAK | ND | 2.0 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 9/24 vs. LAA | ND | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| -----AAA Game Logs----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/19 vs. TOR | ND | 3.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| -----AAA Game Logs----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/12 vs. MID | L1 | 4.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |

EMILIO PAGÁN - RHP #15
Height: 6-3 Weight: 216 Age: 32 (5/7/91 in Simpsonville, SC) Acquired: Trade with SD, 4/7/22
Career PS: 1-0, 1.80 ERA (10.0 IP, 2 ER), 5 BB, 6 K 2023 ALDS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (2.0 IP), 1 BB, 1 K vs. Left .083 vs. Right .231

- Tossed a scoreless 5th inn. w/ 1 K in yesterday's loss vs. HOU...has 7 scoreless Postseason games (7.0 IP) since allowing 2 R on 10/10/19 at HOU.
- Started in his final regular season appearance of 2023 on 9/30 at COL, tossing a 1-2-3 inning in his first career ML start...became the 1st Twin in club history (since 1961) to start a game immediately following a save in the previous game (credit *Elias*).
- Posted a 3.03 ERA (68.1 IP, 23 ER) w/ 21 BB, 65 K, 9 HLD and 1 SV in 65 games as a reliever...ranked 2nd on club in games (66) and T-3rd in holds (9).
- Posted a 7.71 ERA (2.1 IP, 2 ER), 5 H, 2 HR, 2 BB, 1 K and 1 HLD in 3 AL Division Series games vs. HOU in 2019 with Tampa Bay.
- Went 2-1, 1.27 ERA (35.1 IP, 5 ER) in 34 home games this season, compared to 3-1, 4.76 ERA (34.0 IP, 18 ER) in 32 away games.
- Allowed just 5 HR posting a 0.65 HR/9.0 ratio, best of career (prev. low 1.25 in 2017)...1.83 HR% also career best.
- Lefties went 22-for-107 (.206) w/ 8 2B, 2 HR, 11 BB & 33 K, while righties went 23-for-141 (.163) w/ 4 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, 10 BB & 32 K.
- 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 584 pitches (55.0%), cutter - 319 pitches (30.1%), split finger - 131 (12.3%) and curveball - 27 pitches (2.5%)...opponents are 12-for-84 off cutter (.143).

RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO |
|---------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 10/10 vs. HOU | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 10/7 at HOU | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/30 at COL | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/29 at COL | S1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/27 vs. OAK | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 9/23 vs. LAA | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 9/19 at CIN | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 9/17 at CWS | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 9/13 vs. TB | ND | 2.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/8 vs. NYM | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/5 at CLE | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

BROCK STEWART - RHP #61
Height: 6-3 Weight: 218 Age: 32 (10/3/91 in Normal, IL) Acquired: Minor league free agent, 7/14/22
Career PS: 0-0, 9.00 ERA (2.0 IP), 1 BB, 3 K 2023 ALDS: 18.00 ERA (1.0 IP, 2 ER), 1 BB, 1 K vs. Left .250 vs. Right .000

- Surrendered a two-run HR to Y. Alvarez in 8th inn. w/ 1 BB & 1 K in Sunday's win at HOU...owns 9.00 ERA (2.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 H (HR - Altuve) and 5 K in 2 career G vs. HOU.
- Returned from rehab assignment and reinstated from the 60-day IL on 9/26 vs. OAK...reached 98.1 mph with FB, averaging 96.9 mph.
- Appeared in 3 rehab G with Triple-A STP, pitching 3.0 scoreless innings, with 0 H allowed, 2 BB and 5 K, while topping out at 98.9 mph in velocity.
- 27 of 28 G were scoreless w/ Twins...lone blemish was GS to Altuve on 5/31 at HOU...finished w/ 13-cons. scoreless appearance streak (12.2 IP).
- Finished season w/ 0.65 ERA, 1st in MLB among relievers (min. 25.0 IP)...also lowest in Twins history (1961-) among pitchers with at least 25 app...struck out 39 batters this season, setting single-season career high (29 w/ LAD in 2017).
- Lefties went 7-for-38 (.184) w/ 4 BB and 17 K while righties went 12-for-59 (.203) w/ 1 HR, 7 BB and 22 K; HR was hit by Altuve on 5/31 at HOU.
- 14.0 scoreless IP to begin MN career, from 4/27-5/27; 14 G 3rd-longest scoreless G streak to start Twins career, trailing C. Thielbar (17 in '13) and D. Reyes (16 in '08).
- 2023 ML arsenal: 4-seam FB - 171 pitches (39.0%), sweeper - 94 pitches (21.4%), cutter - 90 pitches (20.5%), sinker - 47 pitches (10.7%), changeup - 37 pitches (8.4%)...has .071 BAA (1-for-14) using cutter...2-for-12 (.167) off sinker...16 K in 34 PA off 4-S FB w/ 51.1 whiff %.

RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 10/8 at HOU | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/4 vs. TOR | H1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 10/1 at COL | H8 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/29 at COL | ND | 0.2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/26 vs. OAK | ND | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| -----AAA Rehab Game Logs----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/22 vs. TOR | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 9/19 vs. TOR | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 9/15 at IOW | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| -----MLB Game Logs----- | | | | | | | | |
| 6/25 at DET | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

CALEB THIELBAR - LHP #56
Height: 6-0 Weight: 216 Age: 36 (1/31/87 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Minor league free agent, 11/29/19
Career PS: 0-0, 3.38 ERA (2.2 IP, 1 ER) 3 H, 1 BB, 1 K 2023 ALDS: 13.50 ERA (0.2 IP, 1 ER), 1 BB, 1 K vs. Left .500 vs. Right .200

- Allowed a solo home run to Y. Alvarez in the 7th inn. in Saturday's loss at HOU; first Postseason HR allowed.
- Went 3-1, 3.23 ERA (30.2 IP, 11 ER) w/ 6 BB, 36 K and 14 HLD in 36 appearances this season.
- Ranked T-10th in the AL in holds among lefties (14), despite appearing in just 36 games.
- Lefties went 6-for-46 (.130) w/ 2 2B, 3B, 0 BB & 14 K this season, while righties went 17-for-67 (.254) w/ 3 2B, 7 HR, 6 BB & 22 K.
- Has 288 career appearances, all with the Twins, 7th most in club history among lefties (next Taylor Rogers - 319).
- 2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 251 pitches (52.2%), sweeper - 103 pitches (21.4%), curveball - 99 pitches (20.6%), slider - 28 pitches (5.8%). opponents are 13-for-66 (.197) off 4-S FB and 4-for-22 (.182) off sweeper.

RECENT APPEARANCES

| DATE | DEC | IP | H | R | ER | HR | BB | SO |
|--------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 10/7 at HOU | ND | 0.2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/4 vs. TOR | H2 | 0.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10/3 vs. TOR | H1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| 9/30 at COL | ND | 0.1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/29 at COL | ND | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9/27 vs. OAK | ND | 0.2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 9/22 vs. LAA | ND | 1.0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 9/19 at CIN | ND | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

LOUIE VARLAND - RHP #37
Height: 6-1 Weight: 205 Age: 25 (12/09/1997 in St. Paul, MN) Acquired: 15th RD, 2019 Draft
Career PS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (0.2 IP), 2 H, 1 K 2023 ALDS: - - vs. Left 1.000 vs. Right .333

- Second career Postseason app. on 10/4 vs. TOR tossing 0.1 IP allowing 2 H w/ 1 K, earning a hold...threw 100.1 mph FB to Bichette in the 6th inn, second pitch over 100.0 mph in career...is 1-0, 0.00 ERA (7.0 IP), 4 H, 1 BB, 5 K and a .167 BAA in one GS vs. HOU this season

BYRON BUXTON - DH/OF #25

Height: 6-3 Weight: 201 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (12/18/1993 in Baxley, GA)
 2023 Average: .207 PS Career: .167, 1-6, RBI, 2 SB

- Added to playoff roster today (Kirilloff - IL)...missed last 54 regular season games w/ right hamstring strain...hit .375 (9-for-24), 5 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI, HBP, 2 BB, 6 R, 1.278 OPS in his last 7 RS games before injury, from 7/21-8/1.
- Hit .207 (63-for-304) with 17 2B, 3B, 17 HR, 42 RBI, 49 R, 35 BB, .438 SLG, .731 OPS in 85 RS games for MIN.
- Career 1-for-5 vs. Urquidy in RS; never faced in PS...hit .235 (4-for-17), HR, 3 RBI, BB, 3 R in 4 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS.
- Is 1-for-6, RBI, 2 SB in 3 career Postseason games...went 1-for-4, SB in 2-G WC Series vs. HOU in 2020 at Target Field.

WILLI CASTRO - UTL #50

Height: 6-1 Weight: 206 B/T: S/R Age: 26 (4/24/1997 in Rio Piedras, PR)
 PS Average: .250 DS: .250, 2-8, 2 BB, R, RBI
 Home Runs: 2

- 1-for-3, BB, RBI in ALDS G3 10/10 at Target Field; 1st career PS RBI...went 1-for-4 in 2-game ALWC vs. TOR; was def. repl. in LF in both games, which were 1st career Postseason games.
- Never faced Urquidy in RS or PS...went 4-for-9, BB, 2 SB, 4 R in 2 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS, both at Minute Maid 5/29 & 5/31.
- From 9/19-22, XBH in 3-straight G, tying career-best streak...hit .316 (25-for-79), 3 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 8 RBI, 10 BB, 18 R, .959 OPS in last 22 regular season games.
- In 2023 RS, Led MIN w/ career-high 33 SB this season, 4th most in AL and 10th most in MLB... also set single-season career highs in R (60), hits (92), 2B (18, tied), HR (9, tied) and BB (34).
- Played 2 positions in game 38x this regular season and 3 positions in single game 7x this RS... games by position in 2023 RS: 3 G/O GS at P, 10 G/4 GS at 2B, 41 G/23 GS at 3B, 8 G/1 GS at SS, 53 G/34 GS in LF, 45 G/29 GS in CF, 4 G/2 GS in RF, 3 G/O GS at DH...also 2-for-12 as PH.

CARLOS CORREA - SS #4

Height: 6-4 Weight: 215 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (9/22/1994 in Santa Isabel, PR)
 PS Average: .474 DS: .500, 6-12, 3 2B, 3 RBI, BB, R
 Home Runs: 3

- 1-for-4, R 10/10 in ALDS G3; hit safely in career-best 8-straight Postseason games, since 10/30/21 - hitting .438 (14-for-32), 4 2B, 7 RBI, BB, 2 in span...3-for-4, 2 2B, 3 RBI, BB in ALDS G2...went 3-for-7 (.429), RBI, HBP in 2 G ALWC vs. TOR...architect of crucial pickoff play w/ 2 on in 5th inning of G2, noticing that TOR runners couldn't hear 3rd base coach yell "back" b/c crowd was so loud - Gray picked off Guerrero Jr. at 2nd base on play.
- Career 0-for-3 vs. Urquidy in RS...went 2-for-18, 2B, 2 BB, R in 5 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS.
- His 84 career Postseason games are 5th most among active players...career .284 (91-for-320), 19 2B, 18 HR, 63 RBI, 31 BB, 38 R, .867 OPS in those games.
- His 63 career PS RBI are 3rd most all-time, w/ D. Justice...his 91 career Postseason hits are 10th most all-time...also have 23 career Postseason multi-hit games, T-11th most all-time w/ S. Garvey, Y. Guirrel, D. Ortiz and G. Springer...10 career Postseason 3+ hit games are 3rd most.
- Missed last 11 games of RS w/ plantar fasciitis, which he battled all year...despite this, led MIN in games played (135)...HR 9/8 had exit velo of 114.2 mph, hardest-hit HR of career...8/29 vs. CLE, snapped 19-G on-base streak; streak was season best and 3rd longest of career.

KYLE FARMER - IF #12

Height: 6-0 Weight: 202 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (8/17/1990 in Atlanta, GA)
 PS Average: .250 DS: .333, 1-3, HR, 2 RBI, R
 Home Runs: 2

- Hit 2-R HR in 2nd inn. of ALDS G2 at HOU 10/8; 1st career Postseason hit...0-for-1 in 2 G in ALWC vs. TOR; was sub at 3B in both games...is 1-for-13, HR, 3 RBI in 9 career Postseason games.
- Career 1-for-3 vs. Urquidy in RS...hit .389 (7-for-18), 2B, HR, 4 RB, BB, SB, 5 R, 1.032 OPS in 5 RS games vs. HOU in 2023.
- Co-managed w/ Polanco 9/30 at COL...had career-high-tying 10-G hit streak 9/18-9/29, hitting .333 (13-for-39), 3 2B, 8 RBI, 3 BB, 6 R, .395 OBP, .806 OPS...HR 8/24 traveled 435 ft., longest of career.
- Hit .346 (28-for-81), 5 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 36 RBI w/ RISP this season...went 33-for-114 (.289), 8 2B, 3B, 2 HR, 16 RBI, 10 BB vs. LHP and 52-for-222 (.234), 6 2B, 3B, 9 HR, 30 RBI, 12 BB vs. RHP this season.
- Games by position in 2023: 4 G/O GS at 1B, 45 G/20 GS at 2B, 43 G/32 GS at 3B, 40 G/27 GS at SS, 3 G/O GS in LF...went 2-for-15, 2 2B, 3 RBI, 2 BB as a PH this season.

RYAN JEFFERS - C #27

Height: 6-4 Weight: 237 B/T: R/R Age: 26 (6/3/1997 in Raleigh, NC)
 PS Average: .125 DS: .200, 2-10, 2 HBP, R
 Home Runs: 1

- 0-for-3, HBP 10/10 in ALDS G3 vs. HOU...0-for-3, HBP in ALDS G2 at HOU...2-for-4, R in ALDS G1, 1st career PS hits...0-for-6, 2 BB in 2 G in ALWC vs. TOR...career 2-for-21, 2 BB, R in 7 PS G.
- Career 0-for-4 vs. Urquidy in RS; career 0-for-2 in PS...went 5-for-11 (.455), 2B, HR, 4 RBI, HBP, BB, R, .538 OBP, 1.357 OPS in 3 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS.
- Went 3-for-4, game-tying solo HR 9/29 at COL; matched career high in H for 8th time...1-for-3, HR, 3 RBI, R as DH 9/28 vs. OAK; 3+ RBI in b2b G for 2nd time in career...2-for-4, 3B, HR, 3 RBI, 2 R 9/24 vs. LAA; 2nd career game w/ 3B & HR, 2nd C in MIN history w/ multiple such career G (also G. Mitterwald, 4x)...career-best 14-game hit streak 7/15-8/9; streak was longest by MIN hitter this season...tied career high w/ 14 HR in 2023; MIN went 13-0 when he homered.
- Led all catchers (min. 250 AB) in OPS+ (.136.5) and was 7th in WAR (.2.7) in 2023 RS.

EDOUARD JULIEN - IF #47

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 B/T: L/R Age: 23 (4/30/1999 in Québec City, CAN)
 PS Average: .214 DS: .250, 2-8, 2B, RBI, 3 BB
 Home Runs: 3

- 0-for-3, 2 BB in ALDS G3 vs. HOU...PH RBI 1B in 7th inn. of ALDS G2 at HOU; 8th MIN hitter w/ PH RBI in Postseason game, 1st since B. Harris in 2009...hit safely in 3 of 5 career playoff games.
- Went 1-for-6, BB, R in 2 G of ALWC vs. TOR...in ALWC, became the 1st rookie in Twins history (1961-present) to start a playoff game in the leadoff spot in the batting order.
- Never faced Urquidy...hit .231 (3-for-13), BB in 3 games vs. HOU during 2023 RS, all at Minute Maid 5/29-5/31.
- Ended RS w/ 21-G on-base streak, w/ .404 OBP in span...HR 9/30 at COL went 452 ft, longest of career...his 64 BB in 2023 are 5th most in a single season by MIN rookie...4-for-5, 2 RBI, R 8/16 vs. DET; set single-game career high w/ 4 H, 3rd different MIN rookie w/ 4-H G in 2023 (also, Lewis & Wallner). Finished among rookie leaders in (min. 250 AB) in OBP (.381, 2nd), SLG (.459, 10th), OPS (.839, 7th), BABIP (.371, 3rd) & AVG (.263, 13th)...also 4th in batting WAR (1.7) and 5th in BB (64).

MAX KEPLER - OF #26

Height: 6-4 Weight: 227 B/T: L/L Age: 30 (2/10/1993 in Berlin, Germany)
 PS Average: .263 DS: .273, 3-11, 2 2B, BB
 Home Runs: 2

- 1-for-4, 2B in ALDS G3 vs. HOU; hit safely in all 5 Postseason games this season...1-for-4 in ALDS G2 at HOU...1-for-3, 2B, BB in ALDS G1...went 2-for-8, R in 2 G vs. TOR in ALWC.
- Is just 6-for-37, 3 2B, 8 BB, 2 R in 11 career Postseason G, including 3-for-21 in 6 G in ALDS.
- Career 1-for-2, 2B vs. Urquidy in RS and 0-for-1, BB in PS...was just 1-for-14, 2 R in 3 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS...went 0-for-5, 3 BB, R in 2 G in 2020 ALWC vs. HOU.

Kepler continued...

- Led MIN w/ 24 HR this season...4-for-4, R 9/27 vs. OAK; tied single-game career high in H for 5th time...hit .345 (20-for-58), 2 2B, 3B, 3 HR, 10 RBI, .435 OBP, 1.004 OPS in last 16 G... hit .306 (72-for-235), 17 2B, 2 3B, 12 HR, 36 RBI, 27 BB, 45 R, .377 OBP, .926 OPS in 66 games since ASB (7/14).

ROYCE LEWIS - IF #23

Height: 6-0 Weight: 213 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (6/5/1999 in Aliso Viejo, CA)
 PS Average: .211 DS: .154, 2-13, HR, RBI, 2 R, BB
 Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 2-run)

- 0-for-4 in ALDS G3...1-for-4, BB, R in ALDS G2...1-for-5, HR, RBI in ALDS G1; 1st player in MIN/WAS history w/ 3 HR in 1st 3 PS G...2-for-6, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 3 R in 2 G of ALWC vs. TOR...2-for-3, 2 HR, 3 RBI, BB, 2 R 10/3 in G1 of WC vs. TOR, 1st career Postseason G...HR-ed in each of 1st 2 career Postseason PA 10/3 vs. TOR, 3rd player in AL/NL history (1901-) to homer in each of his first 2 career playoff PA, joining Gaetti in 1987 for MIN & Longoria in 2008 for TB (*Elias*)...became 10th rookie in AL/NL history (1901-) with a multi-homer G in the Postseason, 1st since Conforto in 2015.
- His 3 Postseason HR are T-2nd most in single PS in MIN/WAS history, behind Puckett (4 in 1991).
- Career 1-for-1 vs. Urquidy in RS...went 3-for-9, 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 2 R in 2 G vs. HOU in 2023 RS, both at HOU...returned from IL & played in 1st RS game in a year on 5/29, hitting GS.
- Missed last 9 games of season w/ left hamstring strain...hit .381 (8-for-21), 3 HR, 8 RBI, 1.328 OPS in last 6 regular season games...9/15 at CWS hit 4th grand slam, new MIN single-season record; also tied single-season MLB rookie record (CWS A. Ramirez in 2008)...1st player in MLB history w/ 5 GS within 1st 16 career HR.
- 8/27-8/29, 1st MIN rookie w/ HR in 3-straight games since Kirilloff from 4/30-5/2/21...2-for-4, HR, 4 RBI, BB, 2 R 8/28 vs. CLE; 1st player in MIN history w/ grand slam in consecutive games & 2nd in MLB history, joining Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. (April 1999).

JORGE POLANCO - IF #11

Height: 6-0 Weight: 211 B/T: S/R Age: 29 (7/3/1993 in San Pedro de Macoris, DR)
 PS Average: .235 DS: .200, 2-10, HR, 3 RBI, 2 R, 3 BB
 Home Runs: 1 (1 3-run)

- 0-for-2, 2 BB in ALDS G3...0-for-3, BB, R in ALDS G2...2-for-5, 3-R HR, R in ALDS G1, 2nd career PS HR...career .231 (9-for-39), 2 HR, 5 RBI, HBP, 8 BB, 2 SB, 5 R in 11 Postseason games, incl. 3-for-17, 4 BB, HR, 3 RBI in 5 Postseason games vs. HOU.
- Career 1-for-1, RBI vs. Urquidy in RS and 0-for-2 in PS...did not face HOU in 2023 RS...career .322 (38-for-118), 7 2B, 2 3B, 7 HR, 20 RBI, 12 BB, 18 R, .975 OPS in 31 RS G vs. HOU.
- Co-managed game on 9/30 w/ Kyle Farmer; pair has perfect 1-0 record...1-for-3 9/29 at COL; removed w/ right ankle soreness...HR on 9/17 was 111th of career, most by switch hitter in MIN history (1961-).
- Hit .258 (47-for-182), 9 2B, 9 HR, 32 RBI, 29 BB, 27 R in 50 games since IL return; missed 41 G w/ left hamstring strain...hitting .295 (18-for-61), .834 OPS in high leverage situations this season.
- Went 50-for-215 (.233), 15 2B, 10 HR, 32 RBI, 33 BB as LHB this season and 27-for-87 (.310), 3 2B, 4 HR, 16 RBI as RHB...hit .361 (13-for-36), 4 2B, 3 HR, 23 RBI w/ RISP & 2 outs.

DONOVAN SOLANO - IF #39

Height: 5-8 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 35 (12/17/1987 in Barranquilla, COL)
 PS Average: .143 DS: .200, 1-5, R
 Home Runs: 1

- 0-for-2 as sub in ALDS G3...1-for-3, R in G2 of ALDS at HOU; 5th-inning 1B was 1st career Postseason hit...went 0-for-2, 3 BB in 2 G of ALWC vs. TOR...career 1-for-15, RBI, 3 BB, R in 9 Postseason G.
- Career 2-for-3 vs. Urquidy in RS...hit .389 (7-for-18), 2 2B, 5 RBI, 3 BB, 2 R in 6 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS.
- Ranked 2nd on MIN in multi-H games in 2023 RS...15 HBP in 2023 were career high...hit .313 (46-for-147), 6 2B, 3B, HR, 15 RBI, 7 HBP, 7 BB, 17 R, .373 OBP, .760 OPS in his final 42 RS games.
- Averaged a career-high 4.01 pitches/PA (previous most was 3.96 in 2019 w/ SF)...had career-high 40 BB in 450 PA & career-best 11.25 PA/BB (previous was 13.76 in 2021 w/ SF).

ANDREW STEVENSON - OF #45

Height: 5-11 Weight: 191 B/T: L/L Age: 29 (6/1/1994 in Lafayette, LA)
 PS Average: .000 DS: 0-0
 Home Runs: 0

- Made 2023 PS debut as sub in LF in ALDS G2 at HOU...2 career PS games, w/ 0 AB & 1 R.
- Never faced Urquidy...career 1-for-2, 2B, BB, R in 2 G vs. HOU in RS, both 8/23-24/17 at HOU.
- Contract selected by MIN from AAA StP 9/1 (Miranda - 60-day IL)...played in 106 G for the Saints this season, hitting .317 (132-for-416), 23 2B, 7 3B, 16 HR, 57 RBI, 91 R, 42 BB, 44 SB (for 49 attempts), .395 OBP, .522 SLG, .916 OPS.
- Appeared in 25 G for MIN, mainly as sub...had 4 SB & 4 R in those games.

MICHAEL A. TAYLOR - OF #2

Height: 6-4 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 32 (3/26/1991 in Fort Lauderdale, FL)
 PS Average: .182 DS: .200, 1-5, HBP, R
 Home Runs: 1

- 1-for-5, R in ALDS G2 at HOU...0-for-1, HBP in ALDS G1...career .286 (14-for-49), 4 HR, 10 RBI, HBP, 4 BB, 8 R, .894 OPS in 20 Postseason games, including .294 (10-for-34), 2 HR, 8 RBI, 4 BB, 5 R in 14 games in DS.
- Career 2-for-2, 2B vs. Urquidy in RS; never faced in PS...hit .211 (4-for-19), 2 2B, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 2 R in 6 games vs. HOU in RS.
- HR on 9/29 traveled 468 ft, longest HR by MIN hitter this season...21 HR this season set career high...4th on MIN in games played (129) in 2023...13 SB this season, 2nd on MIN (Castro - 33).

CHRISTIAN VÁZQUEZ - C #8

Height: 5-9 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (8/21/1990 in Bayamón, PR)
 PS Average: .000 DS: 0-0
 Home Runs: 0

- Yet to appear in PS this year... .346 (9-for-26), 2 2B, 4 RBI, 2 BB, SB, 3 R in last 7 G of RS...2-for-3, 2B, BB, SB, 2 R 9/20 at CIN; SB for 1st time since 6/11/22...2-for-2, HR, RBI, 2 BB, R 9/5 at CLE; hit go-ahead solo HR in 6th and matched single-game career high by reaching base 4x...threw out 2 runners attempting to steal 8/26 vs. TEX, tying career high for 10th time.
- Career 1-for-4, 2B vs. Urquidy in RS...went 4-for-10, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 2 R in 3 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS.
- Career .250 (23-for-92), 2 2B, 2 HR, 11 RBI, 5 BB, 11 R in 31 Postseason G...2-time WS champ, w/ BOS and HOU.

MATT WALLNER - OF #38

Height: 6-5 Weight: 246 B/T: L/R Age: 25 (12/12/1997 in Forest Lake, MN)
 PS Average: .000 DS: .000, 0-5, HBP, R, 2 BB
 Home Runs: 0

- 0-for-2, 2 BB in ALDS G3 vs. HOU...0-for-3, BB, in 2 G of ALWC vs. TOR, 1st career PS games.
- Never faced Urquidy...1 career RS game vs. HOU, 4/9/23 at Target Field; went 0-for-2, HBP.
- Hit .354 (17-for-48), 5 2B, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 8 BB, 11 R, .456 OBP, 1.102 OPS in last 17 G of regular season...career-best 11-game on-base streak 8/27-9/8...owns 2 longest grand slams by MIN in Statcast Era (2015-), 450 ft. on 8/15 and 463 ft. on 9/26.
- Plunked 13x this season, T-4th among rookies & a MIN single-season rookie record... .370 OBP ranked 5th among rookies (min. 200 PA)...average HR distance of 424 ft was 4th in MLB (min. 100 batted ball events)...averaging 97.9 mph on OF throws, 3rd highest in MLB since 2020 (min. 100 throws).

| Player | vs. HOU 2023 ALDS | | | | | 2023 POSTSEASON | | | | | POSTSEASON CAREER | | | | |
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| | Avg | H | AB | HR | RBI | Avg | H | AB | HR | RBI | Avg | H | AB | HR | RBI |
| Byron Buxton | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .167 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Willi Castro | .250 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 | .250 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 1 | .250 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| Carlos Correa | .500 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 3 | .474 | 9 | 19 | 0 | 4 | .284 | 91 | 320 | 18 | 63 |
| Kyle Farmer | .333 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | .250 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | .077 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 3 |
| Ryan Jeffers | .200 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | .125 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 0 | .095 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Edouard Julien | .250 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 | .214 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 1 | .214 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 1 |
| Max Kepler | .273 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | .263 | 5 | 19 | 0 | 0 | .162 | 6 | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| Royce Lewis | .154 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 1 | .211 | 4 | 19 | 3 | 4 | .211 | 4 | 19 | 3 | 4 |
| Jorge Polanco | .200 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 3 | .235 | 4 | 17 | 1 | 3 | .231 | 9 | 39 | 2 | 5 |
| Donovan Solano | .200 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | .143 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | .067 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 1 |
| Andrew Stevenson | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Michael A. Taylor | .200 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | .182 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | .286 | 14 | 49 | 4 | 10 |
| Christian Vázquez | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .250 | 23 | 92 | 2 | 11 |
| Matt Wallner | .000 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |