

MINNESOTA TWINS (2-1) AT HOUSTON ASTROS (1-0)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 - 7:03 PM (CT) - TV: FS1 / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM, ESPN

RHP Pablo López (1-0, 1.59) vs. LHP Framber Valdez (0-0, 0.00)

POSTSEASON GM 4

POSTSEASON ROAD GM 2

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time	Television	Radio / Spanish Radio
10/9	OFF DAY				
10/10	vs. Houston	RHP Sonny Gray (1-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Cristian Javier (0-0, 0.00)	3:07 pm (CT)	FOX	TIBN, WCCO, The Wolf, ESPN / twinsbeisbol.com

POSTSEASON AT A GLANCE

Record as Twins (since 1961):	27-46
Record as MIN/WAS (since 1901):	35-57
Home Record:	18-19
Road Record:	9-27
AL Wild Card:	2-3
Division Series:	5-21
ALCS:	9-12
World Series:	11-10
Game One:	10-8
Game Two:	5-12
Game Three:	1-14
Game Four:	3-6
Game Five:	3-4
Game Six:	3-0
Game Seven:	2-1
Facing Elimination:	7-12
Facing Clinch:	6-1
Games vs. LH Starter:	15-21
Games vs. RH Starter:	12-25
Twins score first:	17-18
Opponent scores first:	10-28
Come-from-behind wins:	11
Leading after 7/8 inn.:	22-5/24-2
Trailing after 7/8 inn.:	0-37/0-39
Tied after 7/8 inn.:	5-5/3-4
Extra-innings:	4-5
1-run games:	7-10
Twins out-hit opp.:	16-9
Opp. out-hit Twins:	6-35
Twins/Opp. have = hits:	5-3
Run Differential:	-87 (262-349)
Longest win-streak:	5, 10/11-20/91
Longest losing-streak:	18, 10/6/04-9/30/20
When Twins score 4+:	19-12
When Twins score 3-:	8-34
Team-high hits:	15, 2x, last 10/24/87 (WS Game 6 vs. St. Louis)
Team-high runs:	11, 2x, last 10/5/02 (ALDS Game 4 vs. Oakland)
Opp.-high hits:	18, 2x, last 10/13/02 (ALCS Game 5 at Anaheim)
Opp.-high runs:	14, Atlanta, 10/24/91 (WS Game 5 at Atlanta)
When Twins get 10+ hits:	14-10
W/L in last at-bats:	4-12

THE TWINS: Have gone 2-1 through three Postseason games, sweeping Toronto in two games at Target Field during the AL Wild Card Series last week, followed by a loss in Houston in Game 1 of the AL Division Series yesterday...tonight, the Twins will play Game 2 of the ALDS at Minute Maid Park...after tonight's game, the Twins will travel back to Minneapolis for a workout/off-day tomorrow then play Game 3 with the Astros on Tuesday.

☞ Twins are 9-27 all-time in Postseason road games and enter today with a nine-game losing streak...they are seeking their first Postseason road win since a 2-0 victory on October 5, 2004 at old Yankee Stadium.

TWINS ATTEMPT COMEBACK LATE, FALL SHORT: The Twins lost to the Astros in Game 1 of the ALDS last night at Minute Maid Park by a score of 6-4...Bailey Ober (0-1) was the starter and loser, allowing three runs on four hits in 3.0 innings pitched, with no walks and two strikeouts...Twins pitchers combined to allow three home runs, including two from Jordan Alvarez...the offense recorded nine hits, including back-to-back home runs from Jorge Polanco (3-run) and Royce Lewis (solo) in the seventh inning...they became the third set of teammates in Twins history (since 1961) to hit consecutive homers in the Postseason, joining Harmon Killebrew/Tony Oliva on October 4, 1970 vs. Baltimore (ALCS Game 2) and Michael Cuddyer/Justin Morneau on October 4, 2006 vs. Oakland (ALDS Game 2)...Minnesota went 1-for-12 with runners in scoring position and left eight men on base.

TWINS-STROS: The Twins are 4-3 against the Astros this season over seven regular and Postseason games...they have gone 2-2 at Minute Maid Park in 2023.

☞ The Twins have now lost three-straight Postseason games to Houston, dating back to the ALWCS in 2020...in that span they have a run differential of -7 (6-13)...last night's nine hits were more than their two games in 2020 combined, when they had seven (4, 3).

☞ Notable individual numbers vs. Houston this season (regular and Postseason): Alex Kirilloff is 5-for-11 (.455) with six walks (.667 OBP)...Ryan Jeffers is 7-for-15 (.467) with a double, a home run and four RBI...Willi Castro is 4-for-11 (.364) with one walk (.417 OBP)...Christian Vázquez is 4-for-10 (.400) with three RBI and two walks (.500 OBP)...Kyle Farmer is 7-for-18 (.389) with one home run, four RBI and one walk (.421 OBP)...Donovan Solano is 7-for-18 (.389) with five RBI and three walks (.476 OBP).

SOME LOVE FOR THE LEFTIES: The Twins went 21-17 on the season when facing a lefty starter...the Twins faced three lefties during the Toronto series in the Yusei Kikuchi, Tim Mayza and Génesis Cabrera, recording four hits in 12 plate appearances...below is a comparison of offensive numbers vs. lefties pre-All-Star break and after:

	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	BB%	K%
PRE-ASG:	.218	.289	.365	.654	7.8%	25.8%
POST-ASG:	.270	.342	.475	.817	9.2%	24.4%

☞ In the last 22 games of the RS vs. lefties, the Twins hit .311 (57-for-183) with eight doubles, two triples, seven home runs and 24 walks with 52 strikeouts...in that span, they also posted an on-base percentage of .393, a slugging percentage of .492 and an OPS of .885.

☞ In his last 34 regular and Postseason games combined Carlos Correa is hitting .310 (18-for-58) with a .937 OPS against left-handed pitching.

☞ In his last 26 regular season games against left-handed pitching, Donovan Solano hit .353 (18-for-51) with a .389 on-base percentage and an .840 OPS...Solano led the Twins in hits vs. lefties during the regular season with 40.

☞ In his last 20 regular season games against lefties, Kyle Farmer hit .483 (14-for-29) with a .516 on-base percentage, a .724 slugging percentage and a 1.240 OPS.

ROYCE SEASON: Through three Postseason games, Royce Lewis has gone 3-for-11 (.273) with three home runs, four RBI, two walks, a .385 on-base percentage, a 1.091 slugging percentage and a 1.476 OPS...he is the MLB Postseason leader in home runs and is tied for second in RBI...additionally, he ranks second in total bases (12), trailing Arizona's Corbin Carroll (13).

☞ Royce's three home runs this Postseason tie him with Gary Gaetti (1987) and Greg Gagne (1987) for second most in a single Postseason in Twins history (since 1961), trailing Kirby Puckett's four homers in 1991...Twins all-time Postseason home run list lower right.

BORN 4 POSTSEASON: In 82 career Postseason games, Carlos Correa has hit .279 (87-for-312) with 17 doubles, 18 home runs, 60 RBI, 37 runs scored, 30 walks, a .350 on-base percentage and an .856 OPS...through three Postseason games this season, he is 5-for-11 (.455).

☞ In 26 career Division Series games, Correa has hit .299 (29-for-97) with six doubles, eight home runs, 29 RBI, a .387 on-base percentage, a .608 slugging percentage and a .996 OPS...in his last nine DS games, he is 14-for-31 (.452) with 15 RBI, eight walks, a .564 on-base percentage, an .839 slugging percentage and a 1.403 OPS.

'LOS LOVES THE POSTSEASON: Below are Carlos Correa's Postseason ranks among active players in a few categories:

GAMES	HITS	HOME RUNS	RBI	DOUBLES	TOTAL BASES
Altuve - 93	Altuve - 104	Altuve - 24	Correa - 60	Turner - 19	Altuve - 194
Bregman - 87	Correa - 87	Springer - 19	Altuve - 50	Correa - 18	Correa - 158
Y. Gurriel - 86	Y. Gurriel - 87	Correa - 18	Bregman - 47	Betts - 17	Springer - 146
Turner - 86	Turner - 85	Cruz - 18	Turner - 42	Correa - 17	Turner - 145
Correa - 82	Bregman - 77	2 Tied - 15	Y. Gurriel - 39	Bregman - 16	Bregman - 138

ARMS RACE: Through three Postseason games, Twins pitchers have combined to post a 2.42 ERA (26.0 IP, 7 ER) with 24 hits allowed, nine walks, 26 strikeouts and a .247 opponent batting average.

☞ Starters, Pablo López, Sonny Gray and Bailey Ober, have combined to go 2-1, 2.63 ERA (13.2 IP, 4 ER) with 14 hits allowed (2 home runs), four walks and 11 strikeouts.

☞ Relievers have posted a 2.19 ERA (12.1 IP, 3 ER) with one home run allowed, five walks, 15 strikeouts and a .227 opponent batting average.

POLO PUNCH: In four career DS games, Jorge Polanco has gone 5-for-16 (.313) with two walks, two home runs, five RBI and a 1.109 OPS...in nine career Postseason games overall, he has an .816 OPS.

PACK THE PARK: The Twins yesterday announced that both ALDS games at Target Field – Game 3 on Tuesday and a potential Game 4 on Wednesday – are sold out...fans are encouraged to continue checking back at twins.com/postseason in the coming days, should more ticket inventory become available...fans have a final opportunity to secure their tickets for all potential remaining Twins 2023 Postseason home games with a commitment to a 2024 Twins season ticket plan by visiting twins.com/seasontickets or calling (612) 375-7454...the Twins have 10 potential 2023 home playoff games at Target Field remaining (2 in the ALDS, up to 4 in the American League Championship Series and up to 4 in the World Series)... Twins season ticket packages for 2024 come in a variety of options, with a plan to fit the schedule and budget of every fan; for more information, please visit twins.com/seasontickets.

TWINS VS. ASTROS (REG./POST.)

2023 Record:	4-3
Current Streak:	1 loss
2023 at Home:	2-1
2023 at Houston:	2-2
Under Baldelli (since 2019):	12-15
Under Baldelli at Houston:	6-8
All-Time Record:	39-45
All-Time at Home:	19-22
All-Time at Houston:	20-23

2023 Game Logs:

Date	Site	Score	Winner/Loser/Save
4/6	MIN		**PPD**
4/7	MIN	3-2 (10)	J. López/Staneck
4/8	MIN	9-6	Ryan/Martinez/Duran
4/9	MIN	1-5	Brown/Mahle
5/29	HOU	7-5 (10)	Duran/Abreu
5/30	HOU	1-5	Bielak/Ryan
5/31	HOU	8-2	Varland/Brown
10/7	HOU	4-6	Verlander/Ober/Pressly

CURRENT SERIES (0-1)

Batting average	.265
Runs Per Game	4.0
Home Runs	2
RISP	.083
Errors	0

Team ERA	6.75
Starters W-L	0-1
Starters ERA	9.00
Relievers W-L-S	0-0
Relievers ERA	5.40
Saves/Opps	0/0

MLB LEADERS - xBA (REG SZN)

Pablo López, MIN	.213
Zach Eflin, TB	.223
Corbin Burnes, MIL	.224

MLB LEADERS - KS (REG SZN)

Spencer Strider, ATL	.281
Kevin Gausman, TOR	.237
Pablo López, MIN	.234
Blake Snell, SD	.234

MLB LEADERS - POSTSEASON HR

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

Bernie Williams	80
Manny Ramirez	78
David Justice	63
Derek Jeter	61
David Ortiz	61
Carlos Correa	60

TWINS ALL-TIME LEADERS - POSTSZN HR

Kirby Puckett	5
Greg Gagne	4
Royce Lewis	3
Gary Gaetti	3
Kent Hrbek	3
Harmon Killebrew	3
Tony Oliva	3
Torii Hunter	3

TWINS POSTSEASON LEADERS

BATTING

Games	Gagne/Gladden/Hrbek/Puckett, 24
Batting Average	Michael Cuddyer, .338
At-Bats	Dan Gladden, 104
Hits	Kirby Puckett, 30
Home Runs	Kirby Puckett, 5
Walks	Harmon Killebrew, 14
Runs	Dan Gladden, 17
Doubles	Torii Hunter, 8
RBI	Kirby Puckett, 16
Strikeouts	Jacque Jones, 23
OPS	Harmon Killebrew, .944

PITCHING

Wins	Jack Morris, 4
Losses	J. Kaat/B. Radke/J. Santana, 3
Innings	Jack Morris, 36.1
Walks	J. Morris/J. Santana, 10
Starts	Brad Radke, 6
ERA (20.0 IP)	Jack Morris, 2.23
Saves	Rick Aguilera, 5
Strikeouts	Johan Santana, 32

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2023 POSTSEASON DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	Record	Attendance	Total Home Attendance	Winner/Loser/Save
10/3	Toronto	3-1	W	1-0	38,450	38,450	López/Gausman/Duran
10/4	Toronto	2-0	W	2-0	38,518	76,968	Gray/Berrios/Duran
10/7	at Houston	4-6	L	2-1	43,024	76,968	Verlander/Ober/Pressly
10/8	at Houston	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/10	Houston	--	--	--	--	--	--

PABLO LÓPEZ

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Height: 6-4 Weight: 214 B/T: L/R Age: 27 (3/7/1996 in Cabimas, VZ)

2023 POST: 1-0, 1.59 ERA CAREER POST: 1-1, 2.53 ERA

- ⚔ Making his third career Postseason start and appearance, second with Minnesota...first Division Series start since October 7, 2020 with Miami at Atlanta in Game 2 of NLDS (L – 5.0 IP, 2 ER)
- ⚔ Facing Houston for the second time in his career, first in Postseason...took no-decision on June 10, 2022 in a 7-4 Marlins loss to the Astros at Minute Maid Park (4.1 IP, 6 H, 2 R/ER, 1 HR, 2 BB, 5 K)
- ⚔ Acquired by the Twins from Miami on January 20, 2023, along with infielder Jose Salas and outfielder Byron Chourio, in exchange for infielder/outfielder Luis Arraez.

2023 POSTSEASON DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K
10/3	vs. TOR	W1	5.2	5	1	0	2	3	3	3-1/3-1	First career Postseason W	93/62 (66.7%)
WCS TOTALS 1-0 5.2 5 1 0 2 3 3-1/3-1 1.59 ERA												
RECORD IP H R ER HR BB SO ERA												
2023 POST. TOTALS 1-0 5.2 5 1 0 2 3 1.59												
CAREER POST. TOTALS 1-1 10.2 8 3 3 2 2 10 2.53												

2023 REGULAR SEASON DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notes	Pitches/K	
3/30	at KC	W1	5.1	2	0	0	0	3	8	2-0/2-0	1st career Opening Day start	85/50 (58.8%)	
4/5	at MIA	ND	7.0	3	1	1	1	1	8	1-1/2-5	3rd time in career w/ 8+ K in b2b GS	88/60 (68.2%)	
4/11	vs. CWS	ND	7.2	3	2	0	0	1	10	3-2/4-3	Retired final 23 batters in order	98/70 (71.4%)	
4/16	at NYY	L1	6.0	7	2	2	1	7	0	2-0/2-2	7th QS in last 8 starts	103/67 (65.0%)	
4/22	vs. WAS	L2	4.0	8	5	5	0	2	6	1-5/4-10	Shortest start since 9/10/22 vs. NYM	83/60 (72.3%)	
4/28	vs. KC	W2	6.0	8	6	6	1	1	7	8-4/8-6	Most ER allowed in W in career	92/68 (73.9%)	
MAR/APR TOTALS 2-2 36.0 31 16 16 3 9 46 4.00 ERA													
5/4	at CWS	ND	7.0	6	2	2	1	1	8	2-2/7-3	9th career GS with 7.0+ IP, 8+ K	101/71 (70.3%)	
5/10	vs. SD	ND	6.1	2	1	1	1	4	8	2-1/4-3	4th career GS with < 2 H, 8+ K	98/56 (67.1%)	
5/15	at LAD	ND	4.2	5	5	5	0	4	2	5-8/9-9	Tied career high w/ 3 HR allowed	92/68 (73.9%)	
5/21	at LAA	L3	6.0	5	2	2	0	3	9	1-1/2-4	8th career QS w/ 9+ K	101/64 (63.3%)	
5/27	vs. TOR	W3	5.2	5	2	2	4	2	3	6	7-4/9-7	Snapped 4-start winless streak	88/54 (61.4%)
MAY TOTALS 1-1 29.2 23 14 14 7 11 35 4.25 ERA													
6/1	vs. CLE	ND	5.2	8	6	6	0	1	5	3-6/7-6	Season-high 76.1 strike percentage	88/67 (76.1%)	
6/7	at TB	ND	7.0	5	1	1	1	6	0	0-1/1-2	Retired 13 of last 15 batters faced	92/63 (68.5%)	
6/13	vs. MIL	ND	6.0	4	3	3	0	1	9	2-3/7-5	10th career GS with 9+ K	97/64 (66.0%)	
6/19	vs. BOS	L4	5.2	6	5	4	0	3	9	3-3/9-9	B2b GS w/ 9+ K for 1st time in career	104/69 (66.3%)	
6/24	at DET	L5	6.0	7	3	3	0	1	10	2-3/2-3	Tied season high with 10 K	100/74 (74.0%)	
6/30	at BAL	W4	6.0	3	1	1	1	3	6	8-1/8-1	10th quality start of the season	100/66 (66.0%)	
JUNE TOTALS 1-2 36.1 33 19 18 2 10 45 4.46 ERA													
7/5	vs. CLE	W5	9.0	4	0	0	0	12	5	0-5/0-0	1st career complete-game shutout	100/76 (76.0%)	
7/15	at OAK	ND	5.2	8	7	7	2	3	7	7-1/10-7	Season-high 7 R allowed	106/67 (63.2%)	
7/20	at SEA	L6	5.0	6	2	2	1	2	7	0-2/0-5	Shortest start since 5/15	98/60 (61.2%)	
7/25	vs. SEA	ND	7.0	6	2	2	2	1	8	6-2/7-9	Twins allowed 7 runs in final 2.0 innings	94/63 (67.0%)	
JULY TOTALS 1-1 26.2 24 11 11 5 6 34 3.71 ERA													
8/1	at STL	W6	6.0	4	1	1	0	0	5	3-1/3-2	2nd start of '23 with 6.0+ IP, 0 BB	94/65 (69.1%)	
8/7	at DET	W7	7.0	5	0	0	0	0	8	9-0/9-3	14th QS of '23, tying career high	96/70 (72.9%)	
8/12	at PHI	W8	6.0	4	0	0	0	1	7	8-0/8-1	Set new career high w/ 180 K	92/60 (65.2%)	
8/18	vs. PIT	W9	6.0	6	0	0	0	2	7	3-0/5-1	Career-high 19-straight scoreless IP	99/58 (58.6%)	
8/24	vs. TEX	ND	5.0	10	5	5	3	1	4	3-5/7-5	Season-high 10 H allowed	91/58 (63.7%)	
8/29	vs. CLE	L7	6.0	8	3	2	1	3	5	1-3/2-4	4th loss in QS this season	97/62 (63.9%)	
AUG. TOTALS 4-1 36.0 37 9 9 4 7 36 2.00 ERA													
9/4	at CLE	W10	6.0	8	1	1	0	3	3	18-1/20-6	Career-high-tying 10th W	89/57 (64.0%)	
9/10	vs. NYM	ND	8.0	2	0	0	0	14	0	0-0/0-2	Career-high 14 strikeouts	106/73 (68.9%)	
9/16	at CWS	L8	5.0	8	5	5	2	0	8	1-5/6-7	Allowed all 5 R in the first inning	85/62 (72.9%)	
9/22	vs. LAA	W11	6.0	5	3	3	1	1	7	4-3/8-6	20th quality start of the season	90/61 (67.8%)	
9/27	vs. OAK	ND	4.1	5	3	3	0	1	6	2-1/6-4	32nd QS of '23, tying career high	77/53 (68.8%)	
SEP. TOTALS 2-1 29.1 28 12 3 5 38 3.68 ERA													
RECORD IP H R ER HR BB SO ERA													
2023 TOTALS 11-8 194.0 176 81 79 24 48 234 3.66													
CAREER TOTALS 39-39 704.0 639 315 302 83 190 723 3.86													

POSTSEASON PABLO: Making his third career Postseason start and appearance tonight...earned the win on October 3 vs. Toronto in Game 1 of the ALWCS, pitching 5.2 innings and allowing only one run...also started for Miami in Game 2 of the 2020 NLDS at Atlanta, taking the loss in a 2-0 Marlins' defeat...pitched 5.0 innings and allowed two runs on three hits (2 HR), with no walks and seven strikeouts.

⚔ Looking to become the first Twin to win multiple Postseason games in the same season since Brad Radke in 2002 (won Games 1 and 5 of the 2002 ALDS at Oakland).

ON TARGET IN THE OPENER, STREAK DEFEATED: López earned his first career Postseason victory in the Twins' Postseason opener on October 3 at Target Field, a 3-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 1 of the ALWCS...allowed one run on five hits in 5.2 innings pitched, with two walks, one hit batter and three strikeouts...did not allow a hit until yielding a one-out single to Bo Bichette in the top of the fourth inning...allowed his only run on an RBI single by Kevin Kiermaier in the sixth; was subsequently relieved by Louie Varland, who stranded two inherited runners...Twins bullpen fired 3.1 scoreless innings as Minnesota won the series opener, snapping an 18-game Postseason losing streak.

⚔ Became the first Twins pitcher to win a Postseason game since fellow Venezuelan and López's childhood idol Johan Santana won Game 1 of the 2004 ALDS at New York-AL on October 5.

LÓPEZ VS. HOUSTON: Facing the Astros for the second time in his career, first in the Postseason...took a no-decision for Miami on June 10, 2022 at Minute Maid Park in a 7-4 Marlins' victory...pitched 4.1 innings and allowed two runs on six hits (1 HR), with two walks and five strikeouts...allowed a solo home run to Michael Brantley in the bottom of the first inning...yielded a one-out single to Brantley in the fifth and was lifted after throwing 78 pitches...Brantley later scored – run was charged to López.

CAREER YEAR: Here are López's 2023 regular season numbers and how they ranked among qualified American League starters (* denotes single-season career best):

STATISTIC	LÓPEZ'S #s	AL RANK
Strikeouts	234*	2nd
Quality Starts	20*	T-3rd
WAR	4.8*	5th
Innings Pitched	194.0*	5th
FIP	3.33	6th

HOT STREAK: In his last 14 starts since July 20 (including the Postseason), López is 7-3 with a 2.71 ERA (83.0 IP, 25 ER), 17 walks and 92 strikeouts...has recorded nine quality starts in that span and has pitched 6.0-or-more innings in 10 of the 14 starts, with the Twins going 9-5 in those games...ranked tied for second in strikeouts and tied for eighth in ERA (min. 10 GS) among AL pitchers from July 20 through the end of the regular season.

ON THE ROAD: Went 6-5 with a 3.10 ERA (95.2 IP, 33 ER), 23 walks and 111 strikeouts in 16 road starts this year...11 of his 16 starts were quality, and his 111 strikeouts on the road led the American League in the regular season...posted a 2.31 ERA (35.0 IP, 9 ER) with six walks and 38 strikeouts in his final six road starts this season, with the Twins going 4-2 in those games.

PITCH BREAKDOWN: Has used a five-pitch mix this season, per Baseball Savant...has primarily used his sweeper and sinker against right-handed hitters, favoring his changeup and curveball against left-handed hitters...recorded three strikeouts with his changeup and two with his four-seam fastball on June 10, 2022 at Houston...here is a look at his 2023 arsenal (regular season + Postseason):

PITCH (AVG. MPH)	PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB)	RESULTS
4-Seam Fastball (94.9)	34.7% (1,083 pitches, 469/614)	.. 270 (65-for-241), 13 2B, 11 HR, 87 K Sweeper (84.4)
Changeup (88.4)	20.9% (652 pitches, 228/424)	.. 259 (48-for-185), 6 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR, 46 K
Curveball (82.5)	12.1% (377 pitches, 95/282)	.. 202 (19-for-94), 1 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 39 K
Sinker (94.5)	10.6% (329 pitches, 321/8)	.. 278 (22-for-79), 2 2B, 3 HR, 6 K

⚔ Opposing hitters went 1-for-10 (.100) with one strikeout against López's sweeper in his last start on October 3 vs. Toronto in Game 1 of the ALWCS.

⚔ Ranked in the 95th percentile in baseball with a career-high 34.3 chase percentage in the regular season, per Baseball Savant...also ranked in the 94th percentile with a career-low 2.98 xERA.

TUESDAY'S STARTER - RHP SONNY GRAY (2023 POST: 1-0, 0.00 ERA // CAREER POST: 1-2, 2.39 ERA)

Sonny Gray is set to start Game 3 of the ALDS vs. Houston at Target Field on Tuesday afternoon...won his Twins Postseason debut on October 4 vs. Toronto in Game 2 of the ALWCS at Target Field, a 2-0 series-clinching Twins' victory...pitched 5.0 shutout innings with five hits allowed, two walks and six strikeouts...facing the Astros for the third time this year; went 0-0, 2.77 ERA (13.0 IP, 4 ER) with four walks and 16 strikeouts in two starts vs. Houston...recorded a career-high 13 strikeouts in 7.0 innings pitched on April 7 in the Twins' 3-2 win over the Astros in the Home Opener...also recorded a quality start on May 29 at Houston; pitched 6.0 innings and allowed three runs on five hits in a 7-5 Twins' victory...faced the Astros in the Postseason once previously (ND – 5.0 IP, 1 ER for NYY in 2017 ALCS G4).

2023 POST. HIGHS

CAREER POST. HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: --
Innings: 5.2, 10/3 vs. TOR
SO's: 3, 10/3 vs. TOR
Walks: 2, 10/3 vs. TOR
Hits: 5, 10/3 vs. TOR
Home Runs: --
Win-Streak: 1, 10/3-present
Loss-Streak: --

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low-Hit: --
Innings: 5.2, 10/3/23 vs. TOR
SO's: 7, 10/7/20 at ATL
Walks: 2, 10/3/23 vs. TOR
Hits: 5, 10/3/23 vs. TOR
Home Runs: 2, 10/7/20 at ATL
Win-Streak: 1, 10/3/23-present
Loss-Streak: 1, 10/7/20

CAREER NOTES

- On April 21, 2023, signed a four-year contract extension through the 2027 season with Minnesota.
- In 2022, set career highs in wins (10), games started (32), innings pitched (180.0) and strikeouts (174) as number two starter for Miami.
- 489 career strikeouts with Miami are 11th on their all-time list and is one of 16 pitchers in Marlins history to reach 500.0 innings pitched.
- In 2021, spent fourth season with Miami, holding opponents to two-or-fewer runs in 15 of his 18 starts and posting a career-low 1.12 WHIP.
- Made first career Postseason appearance October 7, 2020, going 5.0 innings and allowing three hits and two runs while striking out seven in a loss to Atlanta in Game 2 of the National League Division Series.
- Received 2020 Marlins Charlie Hough Good Guy Award, voted on by Miami chapter of BBWAA recognizing a Miami player who fostered a strong relationship with reporters.
- In 2020, spent entire season on active roster and led Marlins in innings pitched (57.1), games started (11), wins (6) and strikeouts (59).
- Made only 21 starts in 2019 after missing over two months on the Injured List with a right shoulder strain, posting a 5.09 ERA in 111.1 innings pitched with 95 strikeouts.
- Made major league debut on June 30, 2018 vs. New York-NL and earned first career victory, tossing 6.0 innings with five strikeouts while limiting the Mets to two runs.
- Started 2018 season with Double-A Jacksonville, earning Southern League Midseason All-Star honors before being promoted to Triple-A New Orleans.
- Acquired by Miami along with outfielder Brayan Hernandez, right-handed pitcher Brandon Miller and right-handed pitcher Lukas Schiraldi from Seattle in exchange for right-handed pitcher David Phelps on July 20, 2017.
- Spent 2017 season at High-A level in Seattle and Miami organizations.
- Went 6-1, 1.88 ERA (71.2 IP, 15 ER) in 17 appearances (13 starts) for Low-A Clinton (Seattle) in 2016.
- Missed 2014 season following Tommy John surgery on November 11, 2013.
- Made professional debut with Venezuelan Summer League Mariners on May 23, 2013.
- Originally signed by Seattle as international free agent on July 4, 2012.

2023 POSTSEASON MISC. NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G/GS	IP	ER	AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	SO	
Home:	1	0	1.59	1/1	5.2	1	Vs. Left:	.200	2	10	0	1	3
Road:	--	--	--	-/-	--	--	Vs. Right:	.250	3	12	0	1	0
Day:	1	0	1.59	1/1	5.2	1	TOTALS:	.227	5	22	0	2	3
Night:	--	--	--	-/-	--	--	None On:	.273	3	11	0	1	2
Grass:	1	0	1.59	1/1	5.2	1	Runners On:	.182	2	11	0	1	1
Turf:	--	--	--	-/-	--	--							

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS POSTSEASON

YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS	YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS
2020	1	0	0	2023	1	0	0
				TOTALS	2	0	0

MORE 2023 POSTSEASON MISC. NUMBERS

	BASE RUNNERS	PICK-OFFS	SB-ATT	GIDP
LÓPEZ:	8	0	0-0	0

2023 POSTSEASON RUNS/HITS PER INNING

INNING:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
RUNS/HITS:	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/2	0/1	1/2	-/-	-/-	-/-

LÓPEZ VS. HOUSTON

2022 vs. Houston (1 start): 0-0, 4.15 ERA (4.1 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 5 K
 2022 vs. Houston at Home (0 games): --
 2022 vs. Houston on Road (1 start): 0-0, 4.15 ERA (4.1 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 5 K
 Career vs. Houston (1 start): 0-0, 4.15 ERA (4.1 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 5 K
 Career vs. Houston at Home (0 games): --
 Career vs. Houston on Road (1 start): 0-0, 4.15 ERA (4.1 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 5 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

López vs. the Astros							Valdez vs. the Twins (regular season)						
PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO	PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Altuve	.000	3	0	0	0	2	Polanco	.357	14	5	0	2	2
Alvarez	1.000	2	2	0	0	0	Castro	.286	7	2	0	0	2
Brantley	1.000	2	2	1	1	0	Kepler	.167	6	1	0	1	1
Bregman	.000	2	0	0	0	0	Vázquez	.167	6	1	0	0	0
Dubón	.000	2	0	0	0	0	Taylor	.400	5	2	0	0	0
Maldonado	.000	2	0	0	0	1	Jeffers	.333	3	1	1	0	

BULLPEN NOTES

- Pen threw 5.0 IP yesterday in relief of Bailey Ober, allowing 3 R on 5 H (HR - Y. Alvarez) with 4 BB and 5 K in ALDS Game 1 at 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, 0.00 ERA (2.0 IP), 1 BB, 5 K 2023 ALDS: -- vs. Left .000 vs. Right .200

- Tossed a scoreless 9th inn. on 10/4 in Game 2 of ALWCS, earning his second-straight save of the Postseason...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 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
10/4 vs. TOR	S2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3
10/3 vs. TOR	S1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
---AAA Game Logs---								
9/30 at COL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
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	1	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	1	2
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	BS5	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	1
8/27 vs. TEX	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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 (2.0 IP), 1 H, 2 K 2023 ALDS: -- vs. Left .000 vs. Right .200

- Second Postseason app. on 10/4 in Game 2 of ALWCS, tossing 1.0 scoreless IP, earning a hold...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
10/4 vs. TOR	H2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/3 vs. TOR	H1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	2
---AAA Game Logs---								
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	1	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	0	1
9/10 vs. NYM	L9	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	2

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, 3.18 ERA (39.2 IP, 14 ER), 17 BB, 46 K 2023 ALDS: 0-0, 9.00 ERA (2.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 2 K vs. Left .222 vs. Right .217

- Relieved Ober in the 4th inn. tossing 2.0 IP allowing 2 R on 4 H w/ 2 BB & 2 K in his first 2023 Postseason appearance.
- 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 K 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, 2846 ERA (69.2 IP, 22 ER) w/ 17 BB, 92 K, a .211 (54-for-256) BAA and a 1.02 WHIP in 57 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
10/7 at HOU	ND	2.0	4	2	2	0	2	2
---AAA Game Logs---								
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 yesterday'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
---AAA Game Logs---								
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. TOL	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, 2.00 ERA (9.0 IP, 2 ER), 5 BB, 5 K 2023 ALDS: 0-0, 0.00 ERA (1.0 IP), 1 BB vs. Left .083 vs. Right .261

- First 2023 Postseason appearance tossing a scoreless 9th inn. in yesterday's loss 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
10/7 at HOU	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
---AAA Game Logs---								
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	1
9/5 at CLE	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9/2 at TEX	BS5	1.0	0	1	1	0	3	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, 0.00 ERA (1.0 IP), 2 K 2023 ALDS: -- vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000

- Made Postseason debut on 10/4 vs. TOR pitching a 1-2-3 7th inn. w/ 2 K, earning a hold...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 SIP, 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 MIN 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
10/4 vs. TOR	H1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2
---AAA Rehab Game Logs---								
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. TOL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2
9/19 vs. TOL	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
6/23 at DET	H7	1.2	2	0	0	0	0	3

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 yesterday'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
---AAA Game Logs---								
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								

HITTERS

WILLI CASTRO - UTL #50

Height: 6-1 Weight: 206 B/T: S/R Age: 26 (4/24/1997 in Rio Piedras, PR)

PS Average: .167 DS: .000, 0-2
Home Runs:

- 0-for-2 as PH/sub in CF in ALDS G1...went 1-for-4 in 2-game ALWC vs. TOR; was def. repl. in LF in both games, which were 1st career Postseason games.
- Career 2-for-7, 2 2B vs. Valdez in RS...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/0 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/0 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: .455 DS: .500, 2-4, 2B
Home Runs:

- 2-for-4, 2B in ALDS G1...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 - Sonny Gray picked off Guerrero Jr. at 2nd base on play.
- Career 0-for-2, RBI vs. Valdez in RS; never faced in PS...went 2-for-18, 2B, 2 BB, R in 5 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS.
- Career .313 (42-for-134), 11 2B, 7 HR, 24 RBI, 9 BB, .918 OPS in 35 playoff G at Minute Maid.
- His 82 career Postseason games are 5th most among active players...career .279 (87-for-312), 17 2B, 18 HR, 60 RBI, 30 BB, 37 R, .856 OPS in those games.
- His 60 career PS RBI are 6th most all-time, 1 behind D. Ortiz and D. Jeter (61)...his 18 career PS HR are 7-7th most all-time, w/ N. Cruz, R. Jackson and M. Mantle.
- Missed last 11 games of regular season w/ plantar fasciitis, which he had 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...has 5 multi-H games in his last 13...8/29 vs. CLE, snapped 19-G on-base streak; streak was season best and 3rd longest of career...9-game hit streak 8/5-8/15.

KYLE FARMER - IF #12

Height: 6-0 Weight: 202 B/T: R/R Age: 33 (8/17/1990 in Atlanta, GA)

PS Average: .000 DS: 0-1
Home Runs:

- Went 0-for-1 in 2 G in ALWC vs. TOR...was sub at 3B in both games...is 0-for-10, RBI in 8 career Postseason games.
- Never faced Valdez in RS or PS...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/0 GS at 1B, 45 G/20 GS at 2B, 43 G/32 GS at 3B, 40 G/27 GS at SS, 3 G/0 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: .000 DS: 0-6, 2 BB
Home Runs:

- 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-15, 2 BB, R in 5 Postseason games.
- Career 1-for-3, HR, RBI vs. Valdez in RS...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: .200 DS: .250, 1-4, 2B, BB
Home Runs:

- 1-for-4, 2B, BB in ALDS G1...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 Valdez...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...2nd career leadoff HR 9/27 vs. OAK...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)...22 multi-H G this season were on T-4th on MIN...career-best 9-game hit streak 7/8-7/21.
- 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: .273 DS: 1-3, 2B, BB
Home Runs:

- 1-for-3, 2B, BB in ALDS G1...went 2-for-8, R in 2 G vs. TOR in ALWC...is just 4-for-29, 2B, 7 BB, 2 R in 9 career Postseason games, including 1-for-13 in 4 G in ALDS.
- Career 1-for-6, BB vs. Valdez in RS and 0-for-2 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.
- 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).

ALEX KIRILLOFF - OF/1B #19

Height: 6-2 Weight: 214 B/T: L/L Age: 25 (11/9/1997 in Pittsburgh, PA)

PS Average: .000 DS: 0-3, BB
Home Runs:

2023 STARTS BY POSITION

	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
Byron Buxton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Willi Castro	0	0	4	1	23	33	29	2	0
Carlos Correa	0	0	0	134	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Farmer	0	0	20	27	32	0	0	0	0
Joey Gallo	0	36	0	0	0	34	6	6	1
Kyle Garlick	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	0
Nick Gordon	0	0	8	0	0	4	11	0	0
Ryan Jeffers	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Edouard Julien	0	2	66	0	0	0	0	0	25
Max Kepler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	2
Alex Kirilloff	0	58	0	0	0	4	0	8	3
Trevor Larnach	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	11	2
Royce Lewis	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	8
Jordan Luplow	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	1
Jose Miranda	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	3
Jorge Polanco	0	0	54	0	11	0	0	0	13
Donovan Solano	0	64	10	0	13	0	0	0	8
Andrew Stevenson	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0
Michael A. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	0	1
Christian Vazquez	91	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Matt Wallner	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	20	8

Kirilloff continued...

- 0-for-3, BB in ALDS G1...0-for-2, BB in 2 G of ALWC vs. TOR...career 1-for-9, 2 BB in 4 Postseason games, including 1-for-7, BB in 2 Postseason games vs. HOU.
- Never faced Valdez...went 5-for-8, RBI, HBP, 5 BB, 2 R in 3 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS...career .409 (9-for-22), RBI, HBP, 7 BB, 2 R in 8 RS games vs. HOU.
- Made major league debut in Game 2 of ALWC 9/30/20 vs. HOU, batting sixth and starting in RF...1-for-4, singling in second at-bat off José Urquidy...became 1st player in baseball history to record a Postseason hit before a regular season hit...became 3rd player in baseball history to make major league debut in Postseason game, joining Kansas City's Adalberto Mondesi (2015 World Series) and Oakland's Mark Kiger (2006 ALCS) - first player to ever start.

ROYCE LEWIS - IF #23

Height: 6-0 Weight: 213 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (6/5/1999 in Aliso Viejo, CA)

PS Average: .273 DS: .200, 1-5, HR, RBI, R
Home Runs: 3 (2 1-run, 1 2-run)

- 1-for-5, HR, RBI in ALDS G1; 1st player in MIN/WAS history w/ 3 HR in 1st 3 PS games...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 G. Gaetti in 1987 for MIN and E. Longoria in 2008 for TB (Elias)...also became 10th rookie in AL/NL history (1901-) with a multi-homer game in the Postseason, 1st since M. Conforto in 2015.
- His 3 Postseason HR are T-2nd most in single PS in MIN/WAS history, behind Puckett (4 in 1991).
- Never faced Valdez...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: .286 DS: .400, 2-5, HR, 3 RBI, R
Home Runs: 1 (1 3-run)

- 2-for-5, 3-R HR, R in G1 of ALDS, 2nd career PS HR...career .265 (9-for-34), 2 HR, 5 RBI, HBP, 5 BB, 2 SB, 4 R in 9 Postseason games, including 3-for-12, BB, HR, 3 RBI in 3 PS games vs. HOU.
- Career .357 (5-for-14), 2B, 3B, RBI, 2 BB vs. Valdez in RS and 1-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-)...reinstated from Bereavement List 9/13.
- 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: .000 DS: 0-2
Home Runs:

- Went 0-for-2, 3 BB in 2 G of ALWC vs. TOR...career 0-for-10, RBI, 3 BB in 7 Postseason games.
- Career 1-for-2 vs. Valdez in RS...hit .389 (7-for-18), 2 2B, 5 RBI, 3 BB, 2 R in 6 games vs. HOU in 2023 RS...career .391 (9-for-23), 4 2B, 5 RBI, 2 BB, 2 R in 7 RS games at Minute Maid.
- Ranked 2nd on MIN in multi-H games in 2023 RS...4-for-4, 2B, BB 9/26 vs. OAK; matched single-game career highs in H and by reaching base 5x...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:

- Did not play in ALWC vs. TOR...R in 1 career Postseason game, 10/1/19 vs. MIL w/ WAS.
- Never faced Valdez...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 (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: .143 DS: .000, 0-1, HBP
Home Runs:

- 0-for-1, HBP in ALDS G1...career .289 (13-for-45), 4 HR, 10 RBI, HBP, 4 BB, 7 R, .928 OPS in 19 Postseason G, including .300 (9-for-30), 2 HR, 8 RBI, 4 BB, 4 R in 13 G in DS.
- Career 2-for-5, 2B, RBI vs. Valdez in RS...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:

- 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-6 vs. Valdez in RS and 1-for-4, 2B vs. Valdez in PS...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...career .261 (6-for-23), 2B, HR, BB, 2 R in 10 PS games at Minute Maid.

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, 0-3, HBP, R
Home Runs:

- 0-for-3, HBP, R in ALDS G1 at HOU...0-for-3, BB, in 2 G of ALWC vs. TOR, 1st career PS games.
- Never faced Valdez...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						
	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI	Avg	H	AB	HR	RBI
Willi Castro	.000	0	2	0	0	.167	1	6	0	0	.167	1	6	0	0
Carlos Correa	.500	2	4	0	0	.455	5	11	0	1	.279	87	312	18	60
Kyle Farmer	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0
Ryan Jeffers	.500	2	4	0	0	.200	2	10	0	0	.133	2	15	0	0
Edouard Julien	.250	1	4	0	0	.200	2	10	0	0	.200	2	10	0	0
Max Kepler	.333	1	3	0	0	.273	3	11	0	0	.138	4	29	0	0
Alex Kirilloff	.000	0	3	0	0	.000	0	5	0	0	.111	1	9	0	0
Royce Lewis	.200	1	5	1	1	.273	3	11	3	4	.273	3	11	3	4
Jorge Polanco	.400	2	4	1	3	.333	4	12	1	3	.265	9	34	2	5
Donovan Solano	.389	7	18	0	5	.000	0	2	0	0	.000	0	10	0	1
Andrew Stevenson	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
Michael A. Taylor	.000	0	1	0	0	.143	1	7	0	0	.289	13	45	4	10
Christian Vazquez	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.250	23	92	2	11