





TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

Okert, Alcalá, Jax (W, 1-0) and Stewart combined to throw 3.2 scoreless IP allowing just 2 H w/ 2 BB & 6 K in yesterday's win at KC.
Jhoan Duran (right oblique strain), Justin Topa (left patellar tendinitis), Josh Staumont (left calf strain) and Caleb Thielbar (left hamstring strain) were placed on 15-day IL on 3/28.
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 (66 opportunities) last season.
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.
Went 2-2, 4.02 ERA (40.1 IP, 18 ER) w/ 11 HLD and 4 SV (7 opps) in 12 games vs. KC last season...went 0-1, 4.71 ERA (21.0 IP, 11 ER) w/ 6 HLD & 2 SV (3 opps) at Kauffman Stadium.
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 last season...also fourth in AL in opponent batting average (.231).

JORGE ALCALA - RHP

#66

Height: 6-3 Weight: 205 Age: 28 (7/28/95 in Bajos de Haina, DR) Acquired: Trade with HOU, 7/27/18
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.2 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000

Posted 6.30 ERA (10.0 IP, 7 ER) w/ 9 H, 5 BB & 12 K in 9 spring games...2024 marks 4th consecutive career OD roster ('21, '22 & '23).
Is 0-1, 0.47 ERA (19.1 IP, 1 ER) w/ 9 H, 6 BB, 22 K, 3 HLD & 1 SV in 15 career G vs. KC - his most apps. vs. any opponent...14 of 15 app. have been scoreless vs. KC...made major league debut vs. KC on 9/21/19 (0.2 IP, 1 H, 1 BB)...only career SV came vs. KC on 10/3/21 at Kauffman Stadium (1.1 IP).
Appeared in 10 games for Twins in 2023 before landing on 15-day IL on 5/16 w/ right forearm strain...transferred to 60-day IL on 6/18...was reinstated on 10/1, appearing in one final game & tossing 2.0 IP w/ 1 R (HR), 2 BB & 4 K at COL.
2023 arsenal: slider - 133 pitches (41.7%), 4-seam FB - 70 pitches (21.9%), changeup - 68 pitches (21.3%) & sinker - 48 pitches (15.0%).
Has held LHB to a .250 BAA w/ an .803 OPS in career, compared to a .205 BAA w/ a .607 OPS vs. RHB.
Made professional debut w/ HOU organization (2015-18) and acquired via trade along OF Gilberto Celestino on 7/27/18, in exchange for Ryan Pressly.

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DANIEL DUARTE - RHP

#54

Height: 6-0 Weight: 235 Age: 27 (12/4/96 in Huatabampo, MX) Acquired: Claimed off waivers TEX (2/2/24)
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000

Went 1-0, 2.82 ERA (12.1 IP, 4 ER) w/ 10 H, 0 BB & 12 K in 9 spring games (3 starts)...2024 marks his second career OD roster ('22 w/ CIN).
Was in Reds 2023 spring training as NRI & began season in AAA Louisville...had four stints with the Reds...earned 1st ML win on 6/20 vs. SD...combined to go 7-0, 3.51 ERA (66.2 IP, 26 ER) w/ 37 BB, 62 K, 8 SV & a .201 BAA between AAA Louisville & Cincinnati.
Owns a 6.75 ERA (1.1 IP, 1 ER) w/ 2 H, 1 BB & 1 HLD in 2 career G vs. KC...was selected by KC in minor league phase of 2017 Rule 5 Draft.
2023 arsenal: slider - 161 pitches (28.1%), 4-seam FB - 154 pitches (26.9%), cutter - 113 pitches (19.8%), slider - 104 pitches (18.2%) and changeup - 40 pitches (7.0%)...held LHB to a .170 BAA w/ .552 OPS, compared to .228 BAA w/ .690 OPS vs. RHB with CIN.
Claimed off waivers by Twins on 2/2/24...DFA'd by Twins on 2/6, cleared waivers and re-signed to minor league contract with spring training invite on 2/13...Twins selected his contract today...Twins are fourth org. (TEX - 2015-16, KC - 2018-19 and CIN - 2021-23).

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KODY FUNDERBURK - LHP

#55

Height: 6-4 Weight: 230 Age: 27 (11/27/96 in Mesa, AZ) Acquired: 15th RD, 2018 Draft
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000

Went 0-1, 4.66 ERA (9.2 IP, 5 ER) w/ 6 H, 9 BB & 12 K in 7 spring games...2024 marks his first career OD roster.
Combined to go 7-1, 2.10 ERA (73.0 IP, 17 ER) w/ 32 BB, 109 K & a .184 opponent BAA in 53 G with AA Wichita, AAA St. Paul and Minnesota in 2023...held RHB to a .120 opponent BAA and LHB to a .188 opponent BAA with Twins.
Made major league debut on 8/28/23 vs. CLE, pitching 2.0 scoreless IP with a season-high 3 K earning the win...became the first Twins pitcher to earn a win in his major league debut since Fernando Romero (start) on 5/2/18 and first to do so in relief since Todd Ritchie on 4/3/97.
Has yet to appear vs. KC in career...owns 4.0 scoreless IP w/ 1 H, 1 BB, 5 K & a .077 opponent BAA in 4 career away games vs. AL teams.
2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 93 pitches (48.4%), slider - 49 pitches (25.5%), sinker - 45 pitches (23.4%) and changeup - 5 pitches (2.6%).
Ranked as 24th-best prospect in Twins organization by Baseball America entering 2024.

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JAY JACKSON - RHP

#32

Height: 6-1 Weight: 195 Age: 36 (10/27/1987 in Greenville, SC) Acquired: Free agent, 2/7/24
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000

Posted 1.93 ERA (9.1 IP, 2 ER) w/ 9 H, 2 BB & 7 K in 8 spring games...2024 marks his first career OD roster & 17th season in professional baseball.
Started 2023 as an NRI in TOR spring training...released by TOR on 3/25 but re-signed to a year contract on 3/29 & reported to AAA Buffalo...had 5 stints w/ TOR...made debut with TOR on 5/6 at PIT, tossing 1.0 scoreless IP...went 4-4, 4.14 ERA (58.2 IP, 27 ER) w/ 16 BB, 70 K & 2 SV in 50 G between both levels.
Held LHB to a .114 BAA, compared to a .200 BAA vs. RHB at the major league level last season.
2023 arsenal: slider - 265 pitches (60.0%), 4-seam FB - 165 pitches (37.3%), sinker - 12 pitches (2.7%)...held opponents to a .116 (8-for-69) BAA off slider, striking out 17 batters.
Signed to a 1 year contract on 2/7/24...Twins are 9th ML org. (CHC - 2008-12, MIA - 2013, MIL - 2014-19, SD - 2015, SF - 2021, ATL - 2022, TOR - 2023).

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GRIFFIN JAX - RHP

#22

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 Age: 29 (11/22/94 in Phoenix, AZ) Acquired: 3rd RD, 2016 Draft
Roadtrip: 1-0-1, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 2 BB Series at KC: 1-0-1, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 2 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000

Tossed 8.0 scoreless IP w/ 3 H, 12 K and a .107 BAA in 8 spring games...2024 marks 2nd consecutive career OD roster ('23).
Went 6-10, 3.86 ERA (65.1 IP, 28 ER) w/ 58 H, 5 HR, 19 BB, 68 K, 23 HLD, 4 SV (in 11 opp.) in 71 regular season G in 2023...led Twins and T-9th in AL in holds (23)...set career highs in games (71) & holds (23).
Earned the win on yesterday's game, his second at Kauffman Stadium and most at any opposing ballpark...posted a 1.59 ERA (5.2 IP, 1 ER) w/ 4 H, 2 BB, 2 K & 4 HLD in 6 G vs. KC last season...1st ML start was at Kauffman on 7/3/21 and was dealt loss (5.0 IP, 8 H, 6 ER).
Held RHB to a .228 BAA w/ a .599 OPS, compared to a .238 BAA w/ a .697 BAA vs. LHB...ranked 97th percentile in baseball in barrel% (3.3%).
2023 arsenal: sweeper - 553 pitches (52.8%), 4-seam FB - 235 pitches (22.4%), sinker - 136 pitches (13.0%), changeup - 93 pitches (8.9%), cutter - 30 pitches (2.9%)...held opponents to a .197 (29-for-147) BAA on sweeper, striking out 47 batters.

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STEVEN OKERT - LHP

#16

Height: 6-2 Weight: 202 Age: 32 (7/9/1991 in Riverside, CA) Acquired: Trade with MIA, 2/11/24
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 1 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER), 2 K, 1 BB vs. Left .500 vs. Right .000

Made Twins debut yesterday...posted 2.16 ERA (8.1 IP, 2 ER) w/ 7 H, 1 HR, 2 BB & 12 K in 8 spring games...2024 marks his 2nd career OD roster ('22 w/ MIA).
Missed 19 games to begin 2023 season with a left adductor strain before returning from 15-day IL on 4/21/23...went 3-2, 4.45 ERA (58.2 IP, 29 ER) w/ 9 HR, 24 BB, 73 K & 12 HLD in 64 G last season with MIA.
Held LHB to a .241 (20-for-83) BAA with a .720 OPS while RHB hit .222 (30-for-135) with a .747 OPS in 2023.
Owns a 2.45 ERA (3.2 IP, 1 ER) w/ 4 H, 2 BB, 4 K & 1 HLD in 5 career G vs. KC.
2023 arsenal: slider - 625 pitches (61.3%), 4-seam FB - 394 pitches (38.7%)...held opponents to a .194 (26-for-134) BAA off slider.
Acquired via trade w/ MIA in exchange for UTL Nick Gordon on 2/11/24...Twins are third organization (SF - 2012-19 & MIA - 2020-23).

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COLE SANDS - RHP

#44

Height: 6-3 Weight: 215 Age: 26 (7/17/97 in Tallahassee, FL) Acquired: 5th RD, 2018 Draft
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000

Went 2-1, 9.82 ERA (7.1 IP, 8 ER) w/ 9 H, 4 BB & 6 K in 5 spring games...2024 marks 2nd consecutive career OD roster ('23).
Had 4 different stints w/ Minnesota...combined to go 0-2, 2.41 ERA (52.1 IP, 14 ER) w/ 23 BB, 62 K and a .191 opponent BAA in 34 G between Triple-A St. Paul and Minnesota last season...held LHB to a .261 BAA while RHB hit .205 with Twins.
Has one career app. vs. KC, throwing 1.0 scoreless IP w/ 1 H & 2 K on 8/16/22.
2023 arsenal: 4-seam FB - 157 pitches (38.0%), splitter - 99 pitches (24.0%), curveball - 78 pitches (18.9%), sinker - 49 pitches (11.9%), cutter - 30 pitches (7.3%).
Selected by the Twins in the fifth round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Florida State University...originally selected by Houston in the 22nd round of the 2015 First-Year Player Draft but did not sign.

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BROCK STEWART - RHP

#61

Height: 6-3 Weight: 220 Age: 32 (10/3/91 in Normal, IL) Acquired: Minor league free agent, 7/14/22
Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER), 3 K, 0 BB vs. Left .667 vs. Right .000

Went 1-1, 3.00 ERA (6.0 IP, 2 ER) w/ 5 H, 1 BB & 8 K in 6 spring games...2024 marks his second career OD roster ('19 with LAD).
Began 2023 season with AAA St. Paul...contract was selected by Minnesota on 4/25...earned win in Twins debut on 4/27 vs. KC, pitching 2.0 shutout innings, w/ 1 H & 3 K...held opp. scoreless in 26 of 27 app. for Twins last season, lone blemish Altuve homer on 5/29.
Finished 2023 season with a 0.65 ERA (27.2 IP, 2 ER), the lowest in Twins history (1961-) among pitchers with at least 25 appearances...led in ERA among all pitchers with a minimum of 25.0 innings pitched last season.
Is 1-0, tossing 7.0 scoreless IP w/ 3 H, 1 BB, 8 K, 2 HLD & a .130 opponent BAA in 5 career G vs. KC...tossed 3.0 scoreless IP in 2 games vs. KC last season.
2023 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%)...held LHB to a .184 BAA while righties hit .203 BAA with Twins.

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