

MINNESOTA TWINS (78-68) vs. CINCINNATI REDS (71-77)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 • 7:10 PM (CT) • TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH • RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF
RHP Bailey Ober (12-6, 3.77) vs. RHP Julien Aguiar (1-0, 5.06)

GAME 147

HOME GAME 73

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

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

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics such as Record in series, Record in home series, Series Openers, etc.

THE TWINS: After completing their seven-game roadtrip with a record of 2-5 (2-2 at Tampa Bay and 0-3 at Kansas City), the Twins began their six-game, seven-day homestand with a series win over the Angels this week...

CALLING ALL ANGELS: The Twins beat the Angels on Wednesday night by a score of 6-4, winning their 26th series of the season...Zebby Matthews was the starter but did not factor into the decision...

AND WE WERE SWINGIN': In their final two games against the Angels, the Twins went 21-for-66 (.318) with five doubles, four home runs and a .962 OPS, while scoring 8.0 runs-per-game...

THE BAILEY SHOW: Since allowing eight runs on nine hits in 1.1 innings pitched in his first start on March 31 at Kansas City, Bailey Ober has gone 12-5, 3.34 ERA (153.2 IP, 57 ER) with 38 walks, 161 strikeouts, a 0.92 WHIP and a .189 opponent batting average in 26 starts since April 8...

Table comparing player statistics: BAA, OPP. OBP, WHIP, HITS ALLOWED, K%, OPP. OPS

SEEING RED AGAIN: Minnesota and Cincinnati are playing each other for the 35th, 36th and 37th times in their history this weekend...the Twins are 17-17 all-time against the Reds, going 7-10 in Cincinnati...

NATIONAL NEWS: The Twins are 16-24 in Interleague Play this season, going 1-3 against Milwaukee, 1-2 vs. Los Angeles, 2-1 at Washington, 1-2 at Pittsburgh, 2-1 vs. Colorado, 2-1 at Arizona, 1-2 at San Francisco, 2-1 vs. Philadelphia, 1-2 at New York-NL, 1-2 at Chicago, 1-2 at San Diego, 1-2 vs. St. Louis and 0-3 vs. Atlanta...

RETURN OF THE MACK: The Twins have reinstated centerfielder Byron Buxton from the 10-day Injured List...Buxton, who has missed the Twins' last 28 games with right hip inflammation, has been taking live batting practice at Target Field this week...

BUCK SZN: In his last 43 games leading up to the IL stint, Byron Buxton hit .331 (49-for-148) with a .394 on-base percentage, a .709 slugging percentage and a 1.103 OPS...since that date, he leads baseball (min. 150 PA) in slugging, ranks second in OPS, fifth in batting average, and 11th in on-base percentage.

THE GREAT WALL: Matt Wallner has homered twice in his last two games, three times in his last seven games and six times in his last 20 games...since re-joining the Twins from St. Paul on July 7, Wallner is hitting .289 (46-for-159) with 15 doubles, 12 home runs, 30 RBI, a .623 slugging percentage and a 1.018 OPS...

TRAINING DAY: Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society (PBATS) recently announced the winners of the Minor League Athletic Trainers of the Year Awards for the 2024 baseball season...the PBATS Minor League Baseball awards are given annually to one member of each of the 14 leagues in Minor League Baseball...

TARGET FIELD'S FAMOUS FRIENDS: Country singer Chris Young will perform a postgame concert tonight...Young, a member of the Grand Ole Opry and a GRAMMY-nominated, Multi-Platinum artist who has notched 13 career Number Ones and more than two dozen R.I.A.A. certified projects, will take the on-field stage approximately 15 minutes after the game concludes and will play a 75-minute set.

SO MUCH DRIP, WE MIGHT MAKE ANOTHER LAKE: Tonight, the Twins are wearing their 2024 Nike MLB City Connect Series uniform, a look that embodies and celebrates the 10,000 lakes that shape and unite us...September 27 vs. Baltimore will be the final time Minnesota will wear these uniforms.

STREAKS

Table listing streaks: Current Streak (2 wins), Last 5 games (2-3), Last 10 games (4-6), Last 15 games (6-9), Last 20 games (8-12)

TWINS VS. REDS

Table listing series records: 2023 Record (2-1), Current Streak (2 wins), 2021 at Home (1-1), 2023 at Cincinnati (2-1), Under Baldelli (since 2019) (5-5), All-Time Record (17-17), All-Time at Home (10-7), All-Time at Cincinnati (7-10)

2023 Game Logs:

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

CURRENT HOMESTAND (2-1)

Table listing batting averages: Batting average (.268), Runs Per Game (6.00), Home Runs (5), RISP (.250), Errors (1)

Table listing team statistics: Team ERA (3.67), Starters W-L (1-1), Starters ERA (3.77), Relievers W-L-S (1-0-1), Relievers ERA (3.55), Saves/Opps (1/1)

TARGET FIELD HR LEADERS

Table listing home run leaders: Max Kepler (84), Brian Dozier (80), Miguel Sanó (76), Byron Buxton (68), Eddie Rosario (68)

MLB BATTING LEADERS

Table listing OPS since June 11 (min. 150 PA): Aaron Judge, NYY (1.133), Byron Buxton, MIN (1.103), Vladimir Guerrero Jr., TOR (1.062), Yordan Alvarez, HOU (1.040), Shohei Ohtani, LAD (1.030), Bobby Witt Jr., KC (1.028), Ketel Marte, MIN (1.026), Matt Wallner, MIN (1.018)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 9/12 OF Buxton reinstated from 10-day IL
9/11 UTL Martin optioned to AAA
C Vázquez reinstated from Paternity List
OF Margot reinstated from 10-day IL
C Camargo optioned to AAA
UTL Helman optioned to AAA
9/9 C Vázquez placed on Paternity List
C Camargo recalled from AAA
9/5 OF Kepler placed on 10-day IL
OF Keirsey Jr. contract selected from AAA
LHP Funderburk transferred to 60-day IL
9/4 RHP Varland recalled from AAA
RHP Castillo optioned to AAA
RHP Boushley cleared waivers, outrighted to AAA
9/3 UTL Helman contract selected from AAA
OF Margot placed on 10-day IL
IF Lee returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from 10-day IL
RHP Castillo contract selected from AAA
RHP Paddock transferred to 60-day IL
RHP Boushley designated for release or assignment
RHP Richards cleared waivers, outrighted to AAA

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing player milestones: Player/Mgr, Current No., Milestone Within Reach

BAILEY OBER

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Height: 6-9 Weight: 247 B/T: R/R Age: 29 (7/12/1995 in Huntersville, NC)

2024: 12-6, 3.77 ERA CAREER: 25-18, 3.68 ERA

- Making 28th start of season and 85th of career.
Last pitched on September 7 at Kansas City, tossing 7.0 innings and allowing no runs on one hit, no walks and seven strikeouts in a no-decision...Twins lost 2-4.
Has 0.69 ERA (13.0 IP, 1 ER), two hits, three walks and 15 strikeouts in his last two starts.

2024 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Dec., IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Contains detailed stats for each game and monthly totals.

LAST TIME OUT: Last pitched on September 7 at Kansas City...did not earn a decision but recorded his 17th quality start; threw 7.0 scoreless innings with one hit, no walks and seven strikeouts...

- He's the first Minnesota pitcher to record at least 7.0 scoreless innings with one hit and no walks since Joe Ryan on Sept. 8, 2021 at Cleveland.
Sixth start of 7.0-or-more innings this season; earned a win in the first five.
Set a new career high with 27 starts and extended a career high with 155.0 innings in 2024.

TWO STARTS AGO: Made the start on September 1 vs. Toronto Blue Jays...did not factor into the decision despite a quality start; Twins won, 4-3...allowed just one hit, an Ernie Clement home run in the first inning; allowed one run on one hit (1 HR), three walks and eight strikeouts in 6.0 innings, good for his 16th quality start of the season.

- Owens a 0.73 ERA (12.1 IP, 1 ER) this season vs. Toronto in two starts.

VS. CINCINNATI: Making his third career start vs. Cincinnati today.

- In his previous two, he is 0-0, 5.79 ERA (9.1 IP, 6 ER), five walks, five strikeouts, a 1.50 WHIP and a .243 (9-for-37) opponent batting average.
Making his sixth Interleague start of the season; in his previous five, he is 1-1, 6.93 ERA (24.2 IP, 19 ER), seven walks, 23 strikeouts, a 1.30 WHIP and a .266 (25-for-94) opponent batting average.

AT HOME: Making his 13th home start of the season today...in the previous 12, he's gone 7-2 with a 3.80 ERA (66.1 IP, 28 ER), 19 walks, 75 strikeouts, a 1.04 WHIP and a .203 (50-for-246) opponent batting average...

- Has gone 14-6 with a 3.65 ERA (214.2 IP, 87 ER) in 41 career home starts compared to 11-12 with a 3.71 ERA (233.0 IP, 96 ER) in 43 road starts.
The Twins are 8-4 in Ober's 12 home starts this season.
Since making his debut in 2021, Ober is second on the Twins in home wins with 14, trailing only Joe Ryan (19).

REVERSE SPLITS: On September 7, Royals left-handed hitters went 1-for-9 with two strikeouts against Ober...right-handed hitters went 0-for-13 with five strikeouts.

- Lefties have a 26.9 percent whiff rate and 85.9 mph average exit velocity vs. Ober, righties a 29.7 percent whiff rate and 88.8 mph average exit velocity.
Through 27 games vs. Ober this season, lefties have hit .176 (46-for-261) with a .565 OPS and 25.6 percent strikeout rate, while righties have hit .221 (67-for-303) with a .694 OPS and 27.2 percent strikeout rate.
Over his career, lefties are batting .226 (177-for-782) with 41 doubles, three triples, 24 home runs and a .660 OPS...right-handed hitters are batting .226 (201-for-888) with 35 doubles, seven triples, 43 home runs and a .697 OPS.
In two career starts vs. Cincinnati, Reds left-handed hitters went 6-for-17 with one double, one home run and two strikeouts against Ober...right-handed hitters went 3-for-20 with one home run and three strikeouts against Ober.

THE ARSENAL: Has used a five-pitch mix thus far in 2024, per Baseball Savant...here's his pitch usage through 27 starts:

Table with columns: PITCH (AVG. MPH), PCT. (#, vs. RHB/LHB), RESULTS. Lists various pitches and their usage percentages.

- In his last two starts, hitters went 0-for-16 with five strikeouts against Ober's changeup.
His changeup ranks first in baseball (min. 150 PA) in BAA (.143), third in SLG (.269) and first in K% (37.0%).

2024 HIGHS

- CG's: 1, 6/22 at OAK
SHO's: -
CG Low-Hit: 4, 6/22 at OAK
Innings: 9.0, 6/22 at OAK
Pitches: 106, 8/9 vs. CLE
SO's: 11, 7/28 at DET
Walks: 4, 6/4 at NYY
Hits: 9, 2x, last 5/29 vs. KC
Home Runs: 3, 2x, last 5/29 vs. KC
Win-Streak: 4, 2x last 7/22-8-26
Loss-Streak: 2, 5/29-6/2

CAREER HIGHS

- CG's: 1, 6/22/24 at OAK
SHO's: -
CG Low-Hit: 4, 6/22/24 at OAK
Innings: 9.0, last 6/22/24 at OAK
Pitches: 106, 8/9/24 vs. CLE
SO's: 11, 7/28/24 at DET
Walks: 4, 6/4/24 at NYY
Hits: 11, 2x, last 8/9/23 at DET
Home Runs: 3, 3x, last 5/29/24 vs. KC
Win-Streak: 4, 2x last 7/22/24-8/26/24
Loss-Streak: 3, 2x, last 5/22/23-6/8/23

CAREER NOTES

- Made Postseason debut in 2023 ALDS vs. Houston, allowing six runs on eight hits (4 HR) in 4.1 total innings between Games 1 and 3.
In 2023, made 26 regular season starts for the Twins, going 8-6 with a 3.43 ERA (144.1 IP, 55 ER), 29 walks, 146 strikeouts and 12 quality starts.
In 2022, made 11 starts for the Twins along with four rehab starts in the minors, going 2-3, 3.21 ERA (56.0 IP, 20 ER) with 11 walks and 51 strikeouts for Minnesota.
Set career highs in innings pitched (7.1) and strikeouts (10) in 4-0 win over Chicago-AL on September 27, 2022.
Made his MLB debut on May 18, 2021, starting for the Twins against Chicago-AL.
Finished the 2021 season with a record of 4-3, 3.99 ERA (10.1 IP, 48 ER), 24 walks and 117 strikeouts in 24 starts between St. Paul and Minnesota.
In 2020, spent spring training on minor league side of Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers, FL...was not part of Twins' 60-man Player Pool for season.
Added to Twins 40-man roster on November 20, 2020.
Split the 2019 season between three levels of Twins organization, combining to go 8-0, 0.69 ERA (78.2 IP, 6 ER) with nine walks, 100 strikeouts and a .194 opponent batting average in 14 games (13 starts) for GCL Twins, High-A Fort Myers and Double-A Pensacola.
Led all minor league pitchers (min. 75.0 IP) with a 0.69 ERA in 2019 and ranked second in the minors with a 0.81 WHIP...also became the first Twins minor league pitcher to allow six-or-fewer earned runs in 78.2-or-more innings pitched since at least 1961.
Named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week twice during the 2019 season: once for Fort Myers on August 4 (6.1 IP, 0 ER, 6 H in 1 start) and again on August 25 with Pensacola (1-0, 7.0 IP, 0 ER, 3 H, 0 BB, 12 K).
In 2018, was named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week in consecutive weeks: July 7, going 1-0 with 7.0 shutout innings and 12 strikeouts vs. Wisconsin for Low-A Cedar Rapids Kernels, and again July 14, going 1-0 with two runs allowed in 7.0 innings and 10 strikeouts vs. Fort Wayne...became first ever Twin to win the award twice in a season.
Selected by Twins in 12th round of 2017 First-Year Player Draft; signed by scout Seth Moir...originally selected by Los Angeles-NL in the 23rd round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft, but elected to return to the College of Charleston.
Attended College of Charleston from 2014-17, missing the 2015 season recovering from Tommy John surgery on right elbow...compiled a 24-9 record with a 2.91 ERA and 254 strikeouts in 259.2 innings over the course of his collegiate career.

2024 MISC. NUMBERS

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Contains various miscellaneous stats for the 2024 season.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Shows the number of quality starts with 6 or more IP for each year.

MORE 2024 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Table with columns: OBER, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Shows specific miscellaneous stats for Ober.

2024 EARNED RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, 1-9, RUNS/HITS. Shows ERA components by inning.

OBER VS. CINCINNATI

- 2023 vs. Cincinnati (1 start): 0-0, 3.60 ERA (5.0 IP, 2 ER), 3 BB, 3 K
2023 vs. Cincinnati at Home (0 games): -
2023 vs. Cincinnati on Road (1 start): 0-0, 3.60 ERA (5.0 IP, 2 ER), 3 BB, 3 K
Career vs. Cincinnati (2 starts): 0-0, 1.35 ERA (6.2 IP, 1 ER), 0 BB, 9 K
Career vs. Cincinnati at Home (1 start): 0-0, 8.31 ERA (4.1 IP, 4 ER), 2 BB, 2 K
Career vs. Cincinnati on Road (1 start): 0-0, 3.60 ERA (5.0 IP, 2 ER), 3 BB, 3 K

BATTER-PITCHER MATCHUPS

Table with columns: Ober vs. Reds, Aguiar vs. Minnesota, PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO. Lists current matchups and stats.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP SIMEON WOODS RICHARDSON (2024: 5-4, 3.96 ERA // CAREER: 5-5, 4.14 ERA)

Right-handed pitcher Simeon Woods Richardson is set to pitch the second of three against the Cincinnati Reds tomorrow evening...last pitched on September 8 at Kansas City, allowing two runs on three hits, three walks and two strikeouts in 4.1 innings; took his fourth loss of the season in an 0-2 Twins defeat...is facing the Reds for the first time in his career...is making his 12th start at Target Field this season, in previous 11 he is 1-1, 3.64 ERA (59.1 IP, 24 ER), 21 walks, 57 strikeouts, a 1.06 WHIP and a .195 (42-for-215) opponent batting average.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include MARCH/APRIL (16-13) and MAY (16-12).

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Table with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Rows include 4/6 vs. CLE, 6/7 at PIT.

Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Rows include 4/23 vs. CWS, 6/14 vs. OAK, 6/18 vs. TB, 7/7 vs. HOU, 7/24 vs. PHI.

Table with columns: Pitchers: (28), Positions Players: (21). Lists names and roles of various players.

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 4-5 in extras in 2024) * - Denotes Sellout (2 in 2024) # - PPD game from 4/7 ## - PPD game from 4/11 ### - PPD game from 6/15 #### - PPD game from 7/9

HOME GAMES ROAD GAMES