



SIMEON WOODS RICHARDSON

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Height: 6-3 Weight: 227 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (9/27/2000 in Sugar Land, TX)

2024: 5-3, 3.95 ERA MLB CAREER: 5-4, 4.14 ERA

- Making 25th MLB start of 2024 and 26th of career (27th appearance)...last pitched September 2 at Tampa Bay and didn't factor into the decision of Minnesota's 5-4 win; allowed three runs on six hits in 3.2 innings, with two walks and two strikeouts.
Faced Kansas City on May 28 and earned the win, allowing two runs on three hits in 5.0 innings.
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2024 MINOR/MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Table with columns: Date, Opp, Dec, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, Left/Final, Notes, Pitches/K. Rows include game logs from April to September.

LAST TIME OUT: Last pitched September 2 at Tampa Bay, opposite Zack Littell, and didn't factor into the decision of Minnesota's 5-4 win...allowed three runs on six hits in 3.2 innings, with two walks and two strikeouts...allowed a first-inning two-run single to Dylan Carlson and third-inning RBI double to Junior Caminero...stranded runners on the corners in the third...was pulled with a runner on second and two outs in the fourth; Jorge Alcala entered and stranded the runner.

- Induced seven whiffs on 35 swings (20.0%)...ranks in MLB's 25th percentile with a 22.3 percent whiff rate.
Allowed five hard-hit balls (95.0+ mph)...ranks in MLB's 69th percentile with a 36.5 percent hard-hit rate.
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TWO STARTS AGO: Started August 27 vs. Atlanta, opposite Spencer Schwellenbach, and didn't factor into the decision of Minnesota's 10-inning, 8-6 loss...allowed four runs on three hits (1 HR) in 4.2 innings, with three walks and three strikeouts...allowed second-inning two-run home run to Michael Harris...exited with bases loaded and two outs in the fifth; Jorge Alcala entered and allowed two inherited runners to score.

- Induced nine whiffs on 41 swings (22.0%) and allowed six hard-hit balls.

ROYALS REMATCH: Only career appearance vs. Kansas City came May 28 at Target Field; earned the win in Minnesota's 4-2 victory, allowing two runs on three hits in 5.0 innings, with two walks and four strikeouts...Bobby Witt Jr. went 0-for-3 with a strikeout in their matchups.

HOME/ROAD SPLITS: Making 14th road start of 2024...has gone 4-2 with a 4.26 ERA (61.1 IP, 29 ER), 6.90 K/9, 2.79 BB/9 and 1.17 HR/9 on the road, compared to 1-1 with a 3.64 ERA (59.1 IP, 24 ER), 8.65 K/9, 3.19 BB/9 and 0.91 HR/9 in 11 home starts...has allowed a .267 (64-for-240) batting average and .741 OPS on the road, compared to .195 (42-for-215) BAA and .580 OPS at home.

PLATOON SPLITS: Through 23 games vs. Woods Richardson, left-handed hitters have hit .224 (43-for-192) with a .323 slugging percentage, .619 OPS, 19.4 percent strikeout rate and 8.3 percent walk rate, while righties have hit .240 (63-for-263) with a .403 SLG, .698 OPS, 21.4 percent strikeout rate and 7.6 percent walk rate.

- Hard-hit rate vs. Woods Richardson: 33.8 percent by lefties, 39.2 percent by righties.
Whiff rate: 19.2 percent vs. lefties, 24.5 percent vs. righties.
Among right-handed pitchers, Woods Richardson has allowed the sixth-lowest SLG (.323) to left-handed hitters (min. 200 LHB faced).

THE ARSENAL: Here's Woods Richardson's 2024 pitch repertoire and results, per Baseball Savant: PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) RESULTS

Table listing pitch types and their effectiveness: 4-Seam Fastball (93.2) 40.9%, Slider (86.4) 31.1%, Changeup (82.9) 19.9%, Curveball (75.9) 8.1%.

- In his last two starts, opponents have gone 5-for-15 (.333) vs. his slider with two doubles, three home runs, one strikeout and three whiffs on 22 swings (13.6%).
Ranks in MLB's 87th percentile in fastball run value of (10), 87th percentile in breaking ball run value (6) and second percentile in offspeed run value (-8).
4-seamer averaged 92.5 mph at Tampa Bay; compares to 93.5 mph average in five August starts.
Throws a first-pitch slider 26.0 percent of the time and has a 39.2 percent whiff rate.

GETTING UP THERE: Has set a professional career high in single-season innings pitched (MLB + MiLB): Table with columns Year, Games/Starts, IP, Year, Games/Starts, IP.

ROOKIE RANKS: Here's where Woods Richardson ranks among MLB rookies (min. 90.0 IP): Table with columns Stat, Woods Richardson, MLB Rank.

WALK RATE RISING: Has issued multiple walks in six of his last seven outings...has a 9.6 percent walk rate and 3.72 BB/9 in eight starts since the All-Star break, compared to 7.1 percent and 2.63 BB/9 before the break...for the season, ranks in MLB's 51st percentile with a 7.9 percent walk rate.
Has a 5.35 ERA (65.2 IP, 39 ER) in 14 starts with two-or-more walks, compared to 2.29 ERA (55.0 IP, 14 ER) in 10 starts with one-or-fewer.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP DAVID FESTA (2024: 2-5, 4.75 ERA // CAREER: 2-5, 4.75 ERA)

Right-handed pitcher David Festa is scheduled to make his 10th career start (11th appearance) in tomorrow night's series opener vs. Los Angeles-AL at Target Field...last pitched September 3 at Tampa Bay and took the loss in Minnesota's 2-1 defeat, allowing two runs on five hits in 5.0 innings, with one walk and seven strikeouts...has never faced the Angels...has posted a 3.13 ERA (37.1 IP, 13 ER) and 32.9 K% in eight appearances (7 starts) since being recalled from Triple-A on July 24.

2024 MLB HIGHS

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: -- SHO's: -- CG Low Hit: -- Innings: 7.0, 8/10 vs. CLE Pitches: 101, 8/21 at SD SO's: 8, 5/6 vs. SEA Walks: 4, 6/14 vs. OAK Hits: 8, 5/11 at TOR Home Runs: 2, 4x, last 8/10 vs. CLE Win-Strike: 2, 8/16-8/21 Loss-Strike: 1, 3x, last 8/10

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CAREER NOTES

- Entered 2024 ranked by Baseball America as Minnesota's No. 29 prospect.
In 2023, finished second on Saint Paul's staff with 113.2 innings and 22 starts.
Was named Twins Minor League Pitcher of the Week on September 10, 2023 after allowing one run in a 6.0-inning, five-strikeout start at Louisville.
In 2023 with Triple-A Saint Paul, went 7-1 with a 3.03 ERA (71.1 IP, 24 ER), 35 walks, 60 strikeouts and a .205 opponent batting average in his final 14 games (12 starts) from June 20-September 20.
Made only MLB appearance of 2023 on April 22 vs. Washington, allowing five runs on seven hits in 4.2 innings of relief.
Entering 2023, was ranked eighth-best prospect in Minnesota organization by MLB.com and 10th-best by Baseball America.
Posted a 2.72 ERA with 38 walks, 118 strikeouts and a .199 opponent batting average across three levels in 2022.
Made major league debut Oct. 2, 2022 in Detroit, allowing three runs (two earned) on three hits and taking the loss in a 5.0-inning start...at 22 years and five days, was the youngest pitcher to make big league debut in 2022.
Reached Triple-A level for the first time in 2022, pitching 36.2 innings with a 2.21 ERA for St. Paul.
With Wichita, was named Texas League Pitcher of the Month in April 2022, going 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA, seven walks and 18 strikeouts in 21.2 innings.
While in Tokyo, was traded to Minnesota alongside Austin Martin in exchange for José Berríos...finished season with Double-A Wichita, posting a 6.75 ERA in four appearances.
Made Team USA's roster for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics but didn't appear in a game for the silver medal-winning Americans.
In 2021, participated in first MLB Spring Training as a non-roster invitee with Toronto.
Finished 2019 with High-A Dunedin as the youngest pitcher in Florida State League, going 3-2 with a 2.54 ERA in six starts.
In 2019, posted 4.25 ERA in 20 starts for Low-A Columbia before being dealt to Toronto in trade that sent Marcus Stroman to the Mets.
Finished 2018 season with Rookie-Kingsport, allowing three runs on six hits with 11 strikeouts in two appearances.
Made professional debut with GCL Mets on July 22, 2018, earning the save in a hitless, one-inning appearance.
Selected by New York-NL in the second round of 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Kempner High School (TX).

2024 MISC. NUMBERS

Table with columns: W, L, ERA, G/GS, IP, ER, AVG, H, AB, HR, BB, SO. Rows include Home, Road, Day, Night, Grass, Turf and Totals.

6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

Table with columns: YEAR, STARTS, 6+ IP, QS. Rows for 2022, 2023, 2024, and Totals.

MORE 2024 MISCELLANEOUS

Table with columns: BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Row for Woods Richardson.

2024 EARNED RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Row for Runs/Hits.

WOODS RICHARDSON VS. KANSAS CITY

2024 vs. Kansas City (1 start): 1-0, 3.60 ERA (5.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 4 K
2024 vs. Kansas City at Home (1 start): 1-0, 3.60 ERA (5.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 4 K
2024 vs. Kansas City on Road (0 games): --
Career vs. Kansas City (1 start): 1-0, 3.60 ERA (5.0 IP, 2 ER), 2 BB, 4 K
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BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table comparing Woods Richardson vs. Kansas City and Wacha vs. Minnesota across various metrics like AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO.







