



ZEBBY MATTHEWS

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Height: 6-5 Weight: 225 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (5/22/2000 in Cullowhee, NC)

2024 (MLB): 1-3, 5.71 ERA 2024 (MiLB): 6-3, 2.60 ERA

- Making ninth career MLB start...last pitched in Game 2 of September 22 doubleheader at Boston and didn't factor into the decision of Minnesota's 9-3 loss; allowed one run on two hits in 4.2 innings, with two walks and six strikeouts.
Made 18 appearances (17 starts) across three minor league levels this season, going 6-3 with a 2.60 ERA (97.0 IP, 28 ER), seven walks and 114 strikeouts.
Graduated prospect status yesterday after being ranked the No. 81 prospect in baseball by MLB.com.

2024 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 games against KC, STL, TOR, and a summary of August and September totals.

2024 MINOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

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LAST TIME OUT: Last pitched in Game 2 of the September 22 doubleheader at Boston, opposite Kutter Crawford, and didn't factor into the decision of Minnesota's 9-3 loss...allowed one run on two hits in 4.2 innings, with two walks and six strikeouts...escaped a second-and-third jam in the second with two strikeouts...was pulled with two outs and a runner on second in the fifth; Cole Irvin entered, allowing a walk and a two-run home run.
Induced 11 whiffs on 39 swings (28.2%)...has a 23.5 percent whiff rate at the MLB level.
Allowed four hard-hit balls...has a 42.7 percent hard-hit rate at the MLB level.

TWO STARTS AGO: Started September 17 at Cleveland, opposite Gavin Williams, and didn't factor into the decision of Minnesota's 4-1 win...allowed one run on five hits (1 HR) in 4.2 innings, with one walk and five strikeouts...only run came on Lane Thomas' fourth-inning solo home run.

ANOTHER NEW OPPONENT: Hasn't faced Baltimore or any current Orioles hitters at the MLB level...two career starts against the American League East division (Toronto and Boston); 0-1, 13.50 ERA (6.2 IP, 10 ER), two walks, 11 strikeouts and a 2.10 WHIP in those starts.

HOME RECORD: Has made four home starts, going 1-1 with an 8.22 ERA (15.1 IP, 14 ER), two walks, 22 strikeouts and seven home runs allowed; nine runs and three home runs came August 31 vs. Toronto.

LEFT/RIGHT SPLITS: Through eight games vs. Matthews, left-handed hitters have hit .325 (27-for-83) with a .627 SLG, 1.011 OPS, seven walks and 20 strikeouts, while righties have hit .262 (17-for-65) with a .415 SLG, .699 OPS, one walk and 18 strikeouts...has allowed nine home runs: seven to lefties and two to righties.
In minors vs. Matthews this season, left-handed hitters hit .211 (36-for-171) with a .298 slugging percentage, .536 OPS, 23.5 K%, 2.8 BB% and 1.8 HR%, while righties have hit .214 (41-for-192) with a .328 SLG, .554 OPS, 36.9 K%, 1.0 BB% and 2.1 HR%.
Whiff rate (MLB level): 19.3 percent vs. lefties, 29.8 percent vs. righties.
Hard-hit rate (MLB level): 47.6 percent vs. lefties, 36.2 percent vs. righties.

THE ARSENAL: Here's Matthews' pitch usage and results from his MLB starts, per Baseball Savant: PITCH (AVG. MPH) PCT. (# OF PITCHES, VS. RHB/LHB) RESULTS
4-Seam Fastball (94.9).....42.9% (273 pitches, 102/171)......278 (15-for-54), 5 2B, 4 HR, 16 K
Slider (87.1).....26.2% (167 pitches, 84/83)......298 (14-for-47), 2 2B, 1 HR, 19 K
Cutter (90.8).....16.2% (103 pitches, 57/46)......357 (10-for-28), 3 HR, 1 K
Changeup (85.8).....8.3% (53 pitches, 2/51)......125 (1-for-8), 1 2B
Curveball (81.5).....6.4% (41 pitches, 4/37)......364 (4-for-11), 1 HR, 2 K
At Boston, threw 28 sliders (32.2%) and a season-low four cutters (4.6%)...slider averaged 88.7 mph, compared to 86.7 mph average in his first seven starts.
Lefties have a 95.7 mph average exit velocity vs. Matthews' 4-seamer.
Slider has a 38.5 percent whiff rate, but a 42.9 percent hard-hit rate.

THE BIG LEAGUES: Here's how Matthews' rate stats compare in the minors and majors this season.
MiLB (A+, AA, AAA).....30.5.....1.9......1.9
MLB.....24.1.....5.1......5.7

MINOR LEAGUE RECAP: Pitched for High-A Cedar Rapids (4 starts), Double-A Wichita (10 games, 9 starts) and Triple-A St. Paul (4 starts) before his August 13 MLB debut; in 18 total minor league games (17 starts), went 6-3 with a 2.60 ERA (97.0 IP, 28 ER), seven walks, 114 strikeouts and a 0.87 WHIP.
Among all minor league pitchers (min. 90.0 IP), ranked first in walk rate (1.9%), strikeout-to-walk ratio (16.29) and WHIP, and second in FIP (2.31).
Was also the Twins minor league Pitcher of the Month for April and a three-time Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week (4/14, 4/28, 5/12).
Named a Texas League Postseason All-Star for his 10 appearances (9 starts) with Wichita; went 2-1, 1.95 ERA (55.1 IP, 12 ER), six walks, 63 strikeouts and a .180 opponent batting average in those outings.

TOMORROW'S STARTER - RHP BAILEY OBER (2024: 12-8, 3.94 ERA // CAREER: 25-20, 3.74 ERA)

Bailey Ober is scheduled to start tomorrow afternoon's season finale vs. Baltimore...last pitched September 24 vs. Miami and took the loss in Minnesota's 4-1 defeat; allowed four runs on eight hits (1 HR) in 5.0 innings, with two walks and seven strikeouts...has made two career starts vs. Baltimore, both in 2023; went 1-0 with a 0.69 ERA (13.0 IP, 1 ER), three walks and 13 strikeouts.

2024 HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 4x, last 9/6 at KC
Pitches: 92, 8/19 at SD
SO's: 7, 8/25 vs. STL
Walks: 2, 3x, last 9/22 at BOS
Hits: 10, 8/31 vs. TOR
Home Runs: 3, 8/31 vs. TOR
Win-Streak: 1, 8/13
Loss-Streak: 3, 8/19-9/6

CAREER HIGHS

CG's: --
SHO's: --
CG Low Hit: --
Innings: 5.0, 4x, last 9/6/24 at KC
Pitches: 92, 8/19/24 at SD
SO's: 7, 8/25/24 vs. STL
Walks: 2, 3x, last 9/22/24 at BOS
Hits: 10, 8/31/24 vs. TOR
Home Runs: 3, 8/31/24 vs. TOR
Win-Streak: 1, 8/13/24
Loss-Streak: 3, 8/19-9/6/24

CAREER NOTES

- Won the Jim Rantz Award as Twins minor league Pitcher of the Year for 2024.
Named the No. 81 prospect in baseball in MLB.com's 2024 midseason Top 100.
Has been named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week three times in 2024: April 14, April 28 and May 12.
Made Triple-A debut at Toledo on July 21, 2024 and earned the win in St. Paul's 10-3 victory, allowing two runs on four hits in 5.0 innings, with no walks and six strikeouts.
On June 9, 2024 at Northwest Arkansas, threw 7.0 scoreless innings with three hits, no walks and eight strikeouts for Wichita.
Allowed two-or-fewer earned runs in nine-straight starts (4 with Cedar Rapids, 5 with Wichita) to begin the 2024 season...went 4-1 with a 1.38 ERA (52.1 IP, 8 ER) in that span.
Made Double-A debut vs. Arkansas on May 9, 2024 and didn't factor into the decision of Wichita's 6-2 win...allowed two unearned runs on three hits in 6.2 innings, with no walks and nine strikeouts.
Issued zero walks through his first four starts of 2024 with High-A Cedar Rapids.
Was named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Month for April 2024 after going 3-0 with a 2.30 ERA (15.2 IP, 4 ER), zero walks and 19 strikeouts.
Entered 2024 as the Twins' No. 15 prospect per Baseball America and No. 24 per MLB.com.
In 2023, was twice named Twins minor league Pitcher of the Week: April 16 and July 30.
In 2023, tied for fifth among all Twins minor leaguers with 105.1 innings and ranked sixth with 112 strikeouts.
Made High-A debut on June 4, 2023 and made 14 appearances (13 starts) for Cedar Rapids, going 4-2 with a 4.59 ERA (66.2 IP, 34 ER), 10 walks and 59 strikeouts.
Made professional debut August 19, 2022 with the FCL Twins, at the FCL Red Sox, throwing a scoreless inning of relief with two strikeouts...made next appearance, his last of 2022, on September 10 with Low-A Fort Myers.
Was selected by Minnesota in the eighth round (234th overall) of the 2022 First-Year Player Draft.
Pitched three seasons at Western Carolina University from 2020-22, going 13-9 with a 3.49 ERA (183.1 IP, 71 ER), 30 walks and 211 strikeouts for the Catamounts.

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. Row for 2024 shows 8 starts, 0 6+ IP, 0 QS.

MORE 2024 MISCELLANEOUS

Table with columns: MATTHEWS, BASE RUNNERS, PICK-OFFS, SB-ATT, GIDP. Row for Matthews shows 54 base runners, 0 pick-offs, 1-0 SB-ATT, 1 GIDP.

2024 EARNED RUNS/HITS PER INNING

Table with columns: INNING, RUNS/HITS. Row for 10/12 shows runs/hits for innings 1-9.

MATTHEWS VS. BALTIMORE

2024 vs. Baltimore (0 games): --
2024 vs. Baltimore at Home (0 games): --
2024 vs. Baltimore on Road (0 games): --
Career vs. Baltimore (0 games): --
Career vs. Baltimore at Home (0 games): --
Career vs. Baltimore on Road (0 games): --

BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Table with columns: PLAYER, AVG, AB, H, HR, BB, SO. Rows for Matthews vs. Baltimore (Margot, Buxton, Correa, Santana) and Bowman vs. Minnesota.







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).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JUNE (15-12) and JULY (12-11).

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Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include SEPTEMBER (9-16) and OCTOBER (10-10).

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L, Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include NOVEMBER (11-11) and DECEMBER (12-12).

Legend for symbols: Home Games (square), Road Games (square), ^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 5-9 in extras in 2024), \* - Denotes Sellout (2 in 2024), # - PPD game from 4/7, ### - PPD game from 6/15, #### - PPD game from 7/9, ##### - PPD game from 9/21.

Table titled '2024 EJECTIONS (2)' with columns: DATE, PLAYER/MGR/CH, UMPIRE, REASON, CAREER. Rows include 4/6 vs. CLE and 6/7 at PIT.

Table titled '2024 WALK-OFF VICTORIES (5)' 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 titled '2024 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (52)' with columns: Pitchers (31), Position Players (21). Lists names and positions for both groups.