



# RICH HILL

# #44

Height: 6-5

Weight: 221

B/T: L/L

Age: 40 (3/11/1980 in Boston, MA)

2020: 2-2, 3.27 ERA

CAREER: 67-44, 3.80 ERA

- He is making his eighth start and appearance of the season, as well as his sixth home start.
- He is making his 164th career start and 292nd appearance.
- He's 6-2 with a 2.75 ERA (55.2 IP, 17 ER) and .197 opponent batting average (40-for-203) in his last 10 starts against the NL Central.

## 2020 MAJOR LEAGUE DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	Left/Final	Notables	Pitches/K (Pct.)
7/29	vs. STL	W1	5.0	2	0	0	0	1	2	3-0/3-0	0 HR allowed in fourth consecutive GS	68/41 (60.3%)
JULY TOTALS	1-0	5.0	2	0	0	0	1	2				0.00 ERA
8/19	vs. MIL	L1	2.2	4	4	4	1	3	1	1-4/3-9	1st start since being reinstated from IL	53/33 (62.3%)
8/25	at CLE	ND	5.0	4	1	1	0	2	5	2-1/2-4	Took ND after Alcala allowed 3 R in 6th	78/50 (64.1%)
8/31	vs. CWS	ND	3.1	3	2	2	0	4	2	4-2/5-8	CWS scored 3 R in 9th to win	65/41 (63.1%)
AUG TOTALS	0-1	11.0	11	7	7	1	9	8				5.73 ERA
9/6	vs. DET	ND	5.0	6	2	2	1	0	5	6-2/8-10	DET scored 3 R in 8th to win	77/53 (68.8%)
9/12	vs. CLE	W2	5.0	4	2	2	1	2	7	5-2/8-4	Season-high 7 strikeouts	90/58 (64.4%)
9/18	at CHC	L2	7.0	3	1	1	0	2	5	0-1/0-1	Season-high 7.0 innings	95/59 (62.1%)
SEPT TOTALS	1-1	17.0	13	5	5	2	4	17				2.65 ERA
			RECORD		IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	ERA
2020 TOTALS			2-2		33.0	26	12	12	3	14	27	3.27
CAREER TOTALS			67-44		970.1	801	436	410	115	387	1031	3.80

**LAST TIME OUT:** Hill allowed just one run on three hits in a season-high 7.0 innings but was dealt the loss in his last start on September 18 against the Cubs in Chicago...ran into trouble in the first inning, walking the first two batters of the game (Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant) before allowing a Willson Contreras RBI single that proved to be the only RBI of the night for either team...retired 18 of the next 20 batters he faced before departing the game after completing the seventh frame...the only base runners he allowed in innings two through seven were a Contreras infield single in the third and a Kyle Schwarber single to center in the sixth.

- ⌘ Hill became the first Twins pitcher age 40-or-older to work 7.0 innings and allow one-or-fewer earned runs in a start since Bartolo Colón turned the trick on August 9, 2017 at Milwaukee; Colón held the Brewers to just five hits over 7.0 shutout innings at age 44.077.

**AGAINST THE REDS:** Hill last faced Cincinnati on May 17, 2019 at Great American Ball Park, earning the win after yielding just two hits in 6.0 innings, with no walks and 10 strikeouts...he's 5-3 with a 3.34 ERA (56.2 IP, 21 ER), 25 walks, 65 strikeouts and a .187 opponent batting average (38-for-203) in 12 games (10 starts) lifetime against the Redlegs...his opponent batting average is his third lowest against any single opponent in his career (min. 100 opponent AB), trailing only his marks against Houston (.163) and St. Louis (.173)...similarly, his 65 strikeouts are his fifth most against any single opponent.

**INTERLEAGUE REDUX:** Today is Rich's fourth Interleague start of the season and third at home...he previously faced St. Louis on July 29, Milwaukee on August 19 and Chicago-NL in his last start on September 18, going 1-2 with a 3.07 ERA (14.2 IP, 5 ER), six walks and eight strikeouts combined in the outings...he owns a career 4-6 record with a 5.07 ERA (97.2 IP, 55 ER) in 30 games (18 starts) in Interleague Play.

- ⌘ Rich has pitched in both the National and American Leagues in his long career...he's 48-33 with a 3.63 ERA (693.1 IP, 280 ER) in 139 games (123 starts) against the Senior Circuit, compared to 19-11 with a 4.22 ERA (277.0 IP, 130 ER) in 152 games (40 starts) against the Junior Circuit.

**NL CENTRALLY-SPEAKING:** Hill began his career in the National League Central division with the Cubs in 2005, and is 19-6 with a 3.38 ERA (263.2 IP, 99 ER), 106 walks, 262 strikeouts and a .195 opponent batting average (184-for-942) in 52 games (45 starts) in his career against the division...his 19 wins are his most against any single division in his career, while his 3.38 ERA is his second-lowest mark, behind his 2.87 ERA against the AL West (33 games, 12 starts).

**RICH'S PITCHES:** The wiley veteran Hill has thrown six different offerings to opposing hitters this season (**four seamer, curve, cutter, slider, sinker, changeup**), one fewer than last year's seven (four seamer, curve, cutter, slider, sinker, eephus, changeup)...since 2015, he's primarily relied on his four seamer (46.2% of the time in 2020) and curve (43.5% of the time in 2020)...Hill's repertoire over the years has evolved with his pitching style and age, though Baseball Savant's pitch tracking ability only came into existence in the fourth season of Hill's career (2008)...early on in his career, he relied on his sinker more often, throwing it as much as 42.2 percent of the time in 2012...however, he threw the pitch just seven times in 2019 and has thrown it just 15 times so far in 2020...below is the full breakdown of Hill's pitches so far in 2020, according to Baseball Savant:

PITCH	NUMBER (vs. RHB-LHB)/AVG MPH	PERCENTAGE
Four Seamer .....	237 pitches (215-22)/87.9 .....	46.2
Curve.....	223 pitches (193-30)/72.8 .....	43.5
Slider.....	19 pitches (14-5)/71.4 .....	3.7
Cutter.....	18 pitches (18-0)/83.5 .....	3.5
Sinker.....	15 pitches (12-3)/86.5 .....	2.9
Changeup.....	1 pitch (1-0)/79.8 .....	0.2

**TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE:** Hill has thrown his curve 43.5 percent of the time this season, his second-most-used pitch so far, behind only his four seamer (46.2 percent)...opponents are hitting just .190 (11-for-58) off his curve this year...**according to Baseball Savant, Hill's curve is averaging 18.8 inches of horizontal movement, the most horizontal movement (in inches) among all pitchers who have thrown at least 100 curves this season...those 18.8 inches of movement are 6.8 inches more than similar curves at his velocity – the fifth-highest horizontal movement vs. average among all pitchers with at least 100 curves this season (second highest among southpaws).**

- ⌘ Hill's four seamer has also climbed the horizontal pitch movement leaderboards lately...his four seamer is averaging 67 percent more horizontal break than similar four seamers at his velocity, the eighth-highest percent break vs. average among lefties with at least 100 four seamers thrown so far this season.

**FIVE-YEAR STRONG:** Since 2015, Hill ranks among the major league pitching leaders in a number of different categories (min. 400.0 IP), including:

STAT	NUMBER	ML RANK
Opponent Slugging Percentage .....	.342 .....	3rd
Hits/9.0 IP .....	6.70 .....	4th
Opponent Batting Average .....	.206 .....	4th
Opponent OPS .....	.623 .....	5th
Earned Run Average.....	2.94 .....	5th
Batting Average on Balls in Play.....	.267 .....	6th
WHIP.....	1.07 .....	9th
Baserunners per 9.0 IP.....	10.17 .....	12th

**HILL AT HOME:** Rich is making his sixth home start of the season today, and five of his seven starts this season have come at Target Field...he's 2-1 with a 4.29 ERA (21.0 IP, 10 ER), 10 walks, 17 strikeouts and a .244 opponent batting average (19-for-78) across those starts...has worked 5.0 innings thrice in those five outings, including in each of his last two, over which he's 1-0 with a 3.60 ERA (10.0 IP, 4 ER).

## TUESDAY'S STARTER - RHP KENTA MAEDA [2020: 6-1, 2.70 ERA // CAREER: 53-36, 3.75 ERA]

Maeda has been tabbed with the starting nod for Tuesday's Wild Card Series opener at Target Field, with the Twins' opponent still to be decided after today's slate of games...Maeda went 6-1 with a 2.70 ERA (66.2 IP, 20 ER), 10 walks and 80 strikeouts in 11 regular season starts for the Twins, after being acquired from Los Angeles-NL in February...earned the win in his last start on Tuesday against Detroit at Target Field, putting together his eighth quality start of the season...this year will mark his fifth-straight Postseason, after pitching in the playoffs for the Dodgers each of the last four seasons, primarily in a relief role...he's 2-1 with a 3.31 ERA (32.2 IP, 12 ER), 12 walks and 39 strikeouts in 24 games (three starts) in the Postseason.

# STARTING PITCHER

## 2020 HIGHS

**CG's:** --  
**SHO's:** --  
**CG Low Hit:** --  
**Innings:** 7.0, 9/18 at CHC  
**SO's:** 7, 9/12 vs. CLE  
**Walks:** 4, 8/31 vs. CWS  
**Hits:** 6, 9/6 vs. DET  
**Home Runs:** 1, 3x, last: 9/12 vs. CLE  
**Win-Streak:** 5, 5/17/19-7/29/20  
**Loss-Streak:** 1, 2x, last: 9/18-present

## CAREER HIGHS

**CG's:** 4x, last: 8/23/17 at PIT  
**SHO's:** 2x, last: 9/25/15 vs. BAL  
**CG Low-Hit:** 1, 8/23/17 at PIT  
**Innings:** 9.0, 3x, last: 8/23/17 at PIT  
**SO's:** 11, 3x, last: 7/1/17 at SD  
**Walks:** 7, 5/24/17 vs. STL  
**Hits:** 10, 7/4/07 at WAS  
**Home Runs:** 4, 5/22/07 at SD  
**Win-Streak:** 9, 5/7-9/10/16  
**Loss-Streak:** 5, 8/5/05-5/20/06

## CAREER NOTES

- 2020 marks his 16th major league season and 19th in professional baseball...the Twins are his 11th different organization, at both the major and minor league levels: Chicago-NL (2002-08), Baltimore (2009), Boston (2010-12, '15), St. Louis (2010), Cleveland (2013), Los Angeles-AL (2014), New York-AL (2016) and Los Angeles-NL (2016-19).
- Since 2016 (min. 400.0 IP), ranks fourth in baseball in opponent batting average (.209), eighth in ERA (3.02), ninth in WHIP (1.09) and 15th in strikeouts-per-9.0 IP (10.41).
- He's eighth among active pitchers (min. 3250 opponent AB) with a .280 opponent batting average on balls in play (BABIP).
- Surpassed 900.0 career innings pitched in the first inning on May 22, 2019 at Tampa Bay...also struck out his 1,000th career batter on September 24, 2019 at San Diego.
- Made his major league debut on June 15, 2005 with Chicago-NL against the Florida Marlins, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out two batters in 1.0 inning of relief.
- Selected by Chicago-NL in the fourth round (112th overall) of the 2002 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Michigan, where he pitched for three seasons from 2000-2002.

## 2020 MISC. NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G/GS	IP	ER		AVG	H	AB	HR	BB	SO	
Home:	2	1	4.29	5/5	21.0	10		Vs. Left:	.143	2	14	0	2	2
Road:	0	1	1.50	2/2	12.0	2		Vs. Right:	.229	24	105	3	12	25
Day:	0	0	3.60	1/1	5.0	2		TOTALS:	.218	26	119	3	14	27
Night:	2	2	3.21	6/6	28.0	10								
Grass:	2	2	3.27	7/7	33.0	12		None On:	.221	17	77	2	8	17
Turf:	-	-	-.--	-/-	-	-		Runners On:	.214	9	42	1	6	10

## 6.0-PLUS IP/QUALITY STARTS

YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS	YEAR	STARTS	6+ IP	QS
2005	4	1	1	2013	0	0	0
2006	16	9	8	2014	0	0	0
2007	32	22	17	2015	4	4	4
2008	5	1	1	2016	20	13	13
2009	13	3	3	2017	25	9	9
2010	0	0	0	2018	24	13	10
2011	0	0	0	2019	13	6	6
2012	0	0	0	2020	7	1	1
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>73</b>		

## MORE 2020 MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

	BASE RUNNERS	PICK-OFFS	SB-ATT	GIDP
HILL:	41	1	3-4	2

## 2020 RUNS/HITS PER INNING

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

## HILL VS. CINCINNATI [REGULAR SEASON]

**2019 vs. Cincinnati (1 start):** 1-0, 0.00 ERA (6.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 BB, 10 SO  
**2019 vs. Cincinnati at Home (0 starts):** --  
**2019 vs. Cincinnati on Road (1 start):** 1-0, 0.00 ERA (6.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 BB, 10 SO  
**Career vs. Cincinnati (12 games, 10 starts):** 5-3, 3.34 ERA (56.2 IP, 21 ER), 25 BB, 65 SO  
**Career vs. Cincinnati at Home (7 games, 6 starts):** 3-2, 3.89 ERA (34.2 IP, 15 ER), 18 BB, 33 SO  
**Career vs. Cincinnati on Road (5 games, 4 starts):** 2-1, 2.45 ERA (22.0 IP, 6 ER), 7 BB, 32 SO

## BATTER-PITCHER MATCH-UPS

Hill vs. the Reds							Gray vs. the Twins						
PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO	PLAYER	AVG	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Galvis	.300	10	3	0	0	1	Donaldson	.350	20	7	3	8	6
Castellanos	.000	9	0	0	0	3	Cruz	.235	17	4	0	1	4
Votto	.111	9	1	0	1	2	Rosario	.182	11	2	0	0	2
Moustakas	.200	5	1	0	0	0	Kepler	.300	10	3	0	1	3
Suárez	.600	5	3	1	2	1	Sanó	.333	9	3	4	3	2
Casali	.000	4	0	0	0	2	Avila	.400	5	2	1	1	1
Barnhart	.000	3	0	0	0	1	Polanco	.200	5	1	0	0	1
Senzel	.000	3	0	0	0	0	Gonzalez	.000	3	0	0	0	2
Farmer	.000	2	0	0	0	1	Buxton	.000	2	0	0	0	1
							Cave	.500	2	1	2	0	0
							Adrianza	--	0	0	0	1	0

**OVER THE HILL:** Hill's 1.21 WHIP this season is second-lowest single-season mark by a Twins/Senators starting pitcher age 40+ (min. 5 starts), trailing only Johnny Niggeling's 0.86 WHIP in six starts in 1943...Rich is in his 16th major league season and his 19th overall in professional baseball...he and Nelson Cruz became the first 40-year-olds to both make the Opening Day roster in Twins history, and are just the fourth pair of 40-year-olds to play for the Twins at the same time, joining Pat Borders and Terry Mulholland in 2004, and Clark Griffith and Jack Ryan from 1912-13.

- ⌘ Entering this year, the last MLB team to have multiple 40-year-olds play for it in a single season was the 2017 Atlanta Braves, which featured Bartolo Colon (age 44) and R.A. Dickey (age 42)...the last AL team was the 2016 Boston Red Sox, with David Ortiz (age 40) and Koji Uehara (age 41).

- ⌘ Hill's 27 strikeouts are sixth most in Twins history (1961-present) by a pitcher 40 or older...his total is also 12th most in Twins/Senators history (1901-present), two shy of Alex McColl (29) for 11th most.