

ABOUT TODAY'S STARTER: Zach Thompson gets the start this afternoon after being reinstated from the injured list (retro to 6/18) prior to today's game...Thompson allowed two runs in 4.1 innings in his last start on June 17 against the Giants at PNC Park...Since May 4, the right-hander has allowed two or fewer runs in eight of his nine starts.

ABOUT TONIGHT'S STARTER: JT Brubaker is making his 12th start of the season tonight in the first game of this four-game series against Atlanta...Brubaker has allowed five earned runs over 17.2 innings (2.55 ERA) in his last three starts...He will be looking to pick up his first win since tossing 5.0 scoreless innings while winning a 4-2 decision against Arizona's Madison Bumgarner at PNC Park last year on August 24.

ROAD RULES: Coming into tonight, the Pirates have won three straight road games after sweeping the Dodgers during the final stop of their previous road trip (the first team to sweep the Dodgers at Dodger Stadium since the Cardinals did so in August of 2018)...This is also Pittsburgh's longest road winning streak since winning five in a row from August 29 to September 9, 2019.

HOMETOWN HALL-OF-FAMER: Former Pirates pitcher Chris Peters is among the inductees of this year's Washington-Greene County Chapter's Hall of Fame Class...Before reaching the Majors, Peters compiled an 18-4 record at Peters Township High School, and then won 19 games at Indiana (Bloomington) University...Peters was selected by the Pirates in the 37th round of the 1993 amateur draft, where the Bethel Park native later played for the Bucs from 1996-2000...The induction on June 26 will recognize him as an athlete of distinction for baseball.

FOUR YOUR INFORMATION: The Pirates are 3-2-1 in four-game series this season heading into the deciding game of this four-game series with the Brewers...Pittsburgh won three of four against the Nationals at PNC Park from April 14-17, took three of four at Wrigley Field from April 21-24, split a four-game series with Cincinnati at PNC Park from May 12-15, were swept in Atlanta from June 9-12, dropped three of four in St. Louis from June 13-17 and took three of four against the Cubs at PNC Park from June 20-23.

DAN THE MAN: Pirates designated hitter Daniel Vogelbach enters today one game shy of 400 in his career...The former Brewer has hit nine home runs this season as a designated hitter, which is a single-season high for a Pirates hitter (the previous high was Josh Bell's four home runs in seven games as a DH in 2019)...Among all National League players this season, Vogelbach is tied with Luke Voit for the second-most home runs as a DH...Shohei Ohtani leads all players with 18.

PARTY ON, BUCCOS: With Michael Chavis' solo home run in the sixth inning, the Pirates now have five players with 10+ home runs this season (Chavis, Reynolds, Suwinski, Vogelbach, Castillo), the club's highest total prior to the All-Star Break since they also had six players do so during the 2016 season (Andrew McCutchen, Gregory Polanco, Jung Ho Kang, David Freese and Sean Rodriguez).

- Other seasons the Pirates have accomplished this:
 - 2008 (6): Jason Bay, Nate McLouth, Xavier Nady, Ryan Doumit, Adam LaRoche, Jose Bautista
 - 2006 (5): Jason Bay, Jeromy Burnitz, Craig Wilson, Jose Castillo, Jose Bautista
 - 1977 (5): Willie Stargell, Phil Garner, Al Oliver, Dave Parker, Bill Robinson

DOWN ON THE FARM: Pittsburgh's minor league system ended the 2022 season with a .517 winning percentage...The only three National League organizations to post a better winning percentage were the Rockies (.549), Dodgers (.454) and Padres (.522)....In addition, Pittsburgh had six players named among Baseball America's Top 100 prospects from earlier this month: Termarr Johnson (#44), Quinn Priester (#64), Liover Peguero (#76), Henry Davis (#80), Mike Burrows (#98) and Endy Rodriguez (#100) represent the Pirates in the new rankings.

ACCUMULATING TALENT: Baseball America released its new Top 100 Prospects list Tuesday...The Pirates are just one of five organizations with six or more Top 100 prospects on the list...Termarr Johnson (#44), Quinn Priester (#64), Liover Peguero (#76), Henry Davis (#80), Mike Burrows (#98) and Endy Rodriguez (#100) represent the Pirates in the new rankings.

ON DECK: The Pirates will continue their homestand Friday night with game one of a three-game series against the Cardinals...It will begin a stretch that features the two teams playing each other nine times in the final 26 games, including each of the last six to close out the regular season.

THE CONSISTENCY OF CASTRO: Rodolfo Castro has recorded a .537 slugging percentage and .874 OPS since being promoted back to the big leagues on August 9...During that time, the 23-year-old Castro is tied for 15th in the National League in slugging and ranks 19th in OPS.

FINDING HIS STROKE: Rodolfo Castro has gone 15-for-48 (.313) with two doubles, two triples, two home runs and a .928 OPS in 14 games this month...Since being recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis on August 9, Castro has recorded six multi-hit games and has hit safely in eight of his last 11 starts.

DOUBLE THE FUN: The Pirates and Mets will play the first doubleheader at PNC Park this season today...Today marks the first twinbill against the Mets at PNC Park since June 7, 2016 (the Pirates took both games), and the second straight season that the two teams will play a doubleheader (also on July 10, 2021, at Citi Field)...Tonight is Pittsburgh's sixth doubleheader in 2022, the team's most since they played nine twinbills in 2004.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR HAYES: Ke'Bryan Hayes went 1-for-5 Sunday to extend his hitting streak to eight games, which is tied for the longest by a Pirate this season along with Daniel Vogelbach and Jack Suwinski...During his current hitting streak, Hayes has gone 10-for-32 (.333) with a double, triple, home run and .389 on-base percentage.