

TONIGHT'S STARTER

LHP BAILEY FALTER

#6

2025 RECORD: 1-2, 4.91 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-4/205

BATS/THROWS: R/L

BORN: April 24, 1997

AGE: 27 (turns 28 on April 24)

SIGNED: Thru 2025

HOW ACQUIRED: From Philadelphia in deal for INF Rodolfo Castro on 8/1/23.

STARTING OFF: The 27-year-old lefty (turns 28 on Thursday) is in his third season with the Pirates after being acquired from the Phillies at the trade deadline on August 1, 2023...Falter is in his fifth Major League season after making his debut in 2021... He was selected by Philadelphia in the fifth round of the 2015 First-Year Player Draft.

LAST TIME OUT: Falter won a 6-1 decision against Washington on April 16 at PNC Park...In that start, he tossed 7.0 scoreless innings while allowing just two hits and one walk...He became the first Pirates left-handed pitcher to have such a start since Jeff Locke went 8.0 scoreless with two hits and zero walks on July 4, 2015, vs. Cleveland.

AGAINST THE ANGELS: This will be Falter's first career appearance against the Angels...Los Angeles (AL) is one of five teams Falter has yet to face as a big leaguer, along with Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota and Tampa Bay...Falter has a 4.54 ERA (39.2ip/20er) in nine appearances (eight starts) against the American League West.

ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END: In his start on April 5, Falter had his streak of plate appearances without hitting a batter snapped at 1124 (began on August 20, 2022) when he hit New York (AL)'s Jazz Chisholm Jr. to start the second inning... According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the last pitcher with as long of a streak without hitting a batter was Yusmeiro Petit (1205pa) from April 21, 2017 to June 6, 2021.

2024 IN REVIEW: Falter spent his first full season in the big leagues while going 8-9 with a 4.43 ERA in 28 starts with the Pirates in 2024...He was on an Opening Day roster for the third straight season after also doing so with the Phillies in both 2022 and 2023.

MARVELOUS MAY: During the month of May last season, Falter pitched a career-best 19.2 consecutive innings without allowing a run from May 12-24...Overall, he posted a 2.23 ERA (32.1ip/8er) across his five starts that month...Among National League pitchers in the month of May, Falter ranked ninth in innings pitched and 12th in ERA.

STAYING IN THE PARK: Falter surrendered 11 home runs in 68.1 innings (1.45 per 9.0 innings) in his first 12 starts of the 2024 season...In his last 16 starts beginning on June 12, he surrendered six home runs across 74.0 innings, averaging 0.73 per 9.0 innings.

JUST LIKE SANDY: Growing up in Chino Hills, California, Falter's father, Darwin, taught him to idolize fellow left-handed pitcher Sandy Koufax...Bailey would do reports on Koufax at school and even had a framed picture of the Dodgers southpaw hanging above his childhood bed...To this day, his delivery on the mound mimics that of Koufax...In 2024, he ranked in the 98th percentile in extension (per Baseball Savant).

BACK HOME IN CALIFORNIA: Attended Chino Hills High School, where he was classmates with NBA players Lonzo and LaMelo Ball...Falter had committed to play collegiately at the University of California, Santa Barbara prior to being drafted by and signing with Philadelphia in 2015.

FALTER VS. LOS ANGELES (AL)								
	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2025			No appearances					
Career			No appearances					

LONGEST SCORELESS INNINGS STREAKS, PIRATES PITCHERS IN 2024 (COURTESY OF THE ELIAS SPORTS BUREAU)		
Bailey Falter	19.2 scoreless innings	May 12-24
Dennis Santana	19.1 scoreless innings	August 8-September 15
Luis Ortiz	16.0 scoreless innings	August 19-September 7

TOMORROW'S STARTER

LHP ANDREW HEANEY

#45

2025 RECORD: 1-1, 2.13 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/200

BATS/THROWS: L/L

BORN: June 5, 1991

AGE: 33 (turns 34 on June 5)

SIGNED: Thru 2025

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent (one-year contract) on February 22, 2025.

ON DECK: Will be making his fifth start of the season tomorrow...Earned his first win as a Pirate with 7.1 scoreless innings in the team's 1-0 win vs. Washington on Thursday... Will bring a scoreless streak of 10.1 innings into his start (longest-such streak by a Pirate in 2025)...Has allowed one earned run or fewer in three of his first four starts.

STATCAST INFORMATION FALTER PITCH ARSENAL				
PITCH TYPE	USAGE PCT.	AVG. VELO	BAA	WHIFF%
Four-Seam Fastball	36.8	91.5	.273	25.4
Sinker	23.4	91.5	.235	5.9
Curveball	18.7	77.3	.250	35.7
Slider	18.4	84.6	.182	32.0
Split Finger	2.7	85.3	---	---

2025 GAME-BY-GAME											
DATE	OPP	DEC	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT
3/29	at MIA	ND	L, 4-5	6.0	7	2	2	0	4	0	87
4/5	vs. NYY	L	L, 4-10	4.0	7	7	7	1	5	2	88
4/11	at CIN	L	L, 3-5	5.0	3	5	3	5	4	1	79
4/16	vs. WSH	W	W, 6-1	7.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	83
MARCH/APRIL (1-2, 4.91 ERA)				22.0	19	14	12	7	15	3	337
SEASON (1-2, 4.91 ERA)				22.0	19	14	12	7	15	3	337

FALTER'S CAREER HIGHS	
Winning Streak	5 Games (8/20-9/13, 2022)
Strikeouts	8 (4x, last: 8/17/24 vs. Seattle)
Games w/10+ Ks	--
Home Runs	3 (2x, last: 9/23/23 at Cincinnati)
Runs	8 (9/23/23 at Cincinnati)
Walks	5 (4/11/25 at Cincinnati)
Innings Pitched	7.2 (5/18/24 at Chicago-NL)

FALTER'S SEASON HIGHS	
Winning Streak	1 Game (4/16)
Strikeouts	5 (4/5 vs. New York-AL)
Games w/10+ Ks	--
Home Runs	2 (4/5 vs. New York-AL)
Runs	7 (4/5 vs. New York-AL)
Walks	5 (4/11 at Cincinnati)
Innings Pitched	7.0 (4/16 vs. Washington)

RECENT PIRATES LEFT-HANDED PITCHERS WITH 7.0-PLUS SCORELESS INNINGS AND NO MORE THAN TWO HITS/ONE WALK IN A START		
Bailey Falter	April 16, 2025, vs. Washington	7.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB
Jeff Locke	July 4, 2015, vs. Cleveland	8.0 IP, 2 H, 0 BB
Francisco Liriano	June 15, 2015, vs. Chicago (AL)	8.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB
Jeff Locke	June 14, 2013, vs. Los Angeles (NL)	7.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB
Francisco Liriano	May 22, 2013, vs. Chicago (NL)	7.0 IP, 2 H, 1 BB
Wandy Rodriguez	April 19, 2013, vs. Atlanta	7.0 IP, 1 H, 0 BB

CATCHERS THROWING					
	CS/ATT	%	PICKOFFS	PB	ERA
Bart	1/15	7%	0	2	(117.1ip/58er) 4.45
Davis	1/7	14%	0	0	(51.2ip/18er) 3.14
Rodríguez	1/7	14%	0	0	(40.1ip/18er) 4.02

TONIGHT'S STARTER

RHP MITCH KELLER

#23

2025 RECORD: 1-2, 3.97 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-3/212

BATS/THROWS: R/R

BORN: April 4, 1996

AGE: 29

SIGNED: Thru 2028

HOW ACQUIRED: Selected by the Pirates in the 2nd round of the 2014 Draft.

STARTING OFF: The 29-year-old Keller is in his seventh Major League season...He signed a five-year contract extension through the 2028 season on February 23, 2024... He earned Opening Day honors in both 2023 and 2024, which made him the first Pirate to do so since Francisco Liriano started three straight season openers from 2014-16... He was selected by the Pirates in the second round of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft.

LAST TIME OUT: Keller allowed three runs (two earned) in 6.0 innings, but had a no-decision, in his last start on April 26 at Dodger Stadium (the Pirates lost 8-4)...Over his last four starts (since April 9 vs. St. Louis), Keller has posted a 2.59 ERA (24.1ip/7er).

AGAINST THE PADRES: Keller will make his sixth career start against the Padres...In his last start against San Diego, he gave up eight runs in 5.0 innings while losing an 8-2 decision at Petco Park last August 14...His last win against the Padres came here on June 28, 2023, when he allowed one run over 6.0 innings in the team’s 7-1 victory.

AND THE WHIFF: Keller has 349 strikeouts in his career at PNC Park, trailing Paul Maholm (383), Francisco Liriano (371) and Gerrit Cole (356) for most in stadium history.

THE 700 CLUB: With his strikeout of St. Louis’ Pedro Pagés in the seventh inning of his start on April 9, Keller notched his 700th career strikeout...Per the Elias Sports Bureau, he became the fastest pitcher in club history to reach 700 strikeouts with Pittsburgh by innings (718.1)...The previous record was held by Bob Veale (740.0 innings)...Per Elias, he also became the third-fastest pitcher in team history to reach the 700-strikeout mark with Pittsburgh by games (136), behind Gerrit Cole (126) and Veale (135).

KEEPING IT 100: Heading into the 2024 All-Star break, Keller was 10-5 with 105 strikeouts in 114.1 innings pitched...He became the fourth pitcher in club history to have 10-plus wins, 100-plus strikeouts and 100.0-plus innings pitched prior to the All-Star break, along with Gerrit Cole in 2015, Bob Veale in 1966 and Bob Friend in 1960.

AS A PIRATE: The Pirates selected Keller in the second round of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft out of Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa...He was rated by Baseball America as Pittsburgh’s No. 1 prospect in each season from 2018-20...He was also recognized by the same publication as a top-100 prospect in the game from 2017-20.

SIGN HERE PLEASE: The Pirates signed Keller to a five-year contract extension through 2028 last year on February 23...He became the third member of the current team to sign a long-term contract extension, along with Ke’Bryan Hayes and Bryan Reynolds.

KELLER VS. SAN DIEGO									
	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	BB	SO	
2025	No appearances								
Career	2-3	5.88	5/5	26.0	28	17	9	18	

STRIKEOUTS AMONG NATIONAL LEAGUE RIGHT-HANDED PITCHERS (SINCE THE START OF THE 2023 SEASON)	
Zack Wheeler - 493 strikeouts	Mitch Keller - 402 strikeouts
Freddy Peralta - 451 strikeouts	Hunter Greene - 364 strikeouts
Aaron Nola - 436 strikeouts	Charlie Morton - 350 strikeouts
Zac Gallen - 419 strikeouts	Brandon Pfaadt - 308 strikeouts
Logan Webb - 416 strikeouts	Spencer Strider - 298 strikeouts

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BATS/THROWS: R/L

BORN: April 24, 1997

AGE: 28

SIGNED: Thru 2025

HOW ACQUIRED: From Philadelphia in deal for INF Rodolfo Castro on 8/1/23.

ON DECK: Will make his seventh start of the season tomorrow...Allowed seven runs (five earned runs) over 4.1 innings in his last start on Sunday at Dodger Stadium, losing a 9-2 decision...Has made three appearances (one start) in his career against San Diego...Pitched 2.0 innings in his lone start against the Padres on August 6, 2024.

STATCAST INFORMATION KELLER PITCH ARSENAL				
PITCH TYPE	USAGE PCT.	AVG. VELO	BAA	WHIFF%
Four-Seam Fastball	36.9	93.6	.275	11.7
Sweeper	17.8	81.4	.120	20.8
Slider	15.7	86.4	.227	32.6
Changeup	11.0	88.8	.308	13.8
Sinker	9.4	92.3	.462	12.5
Curveball	9.2	77.6	.091	25.0

2025 GAME-BY-GAME											
DATE	OPP	DEC	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT
3/28	at MIA	W	W, 4-3	6.0	5	1	1	1	4	0	86
4/4	vs. NYY	L	L, 4-9	3.2	8	7	7	4	4	0	97
4/9	vs. STL	ND	W, 2-1	7.1	4	0	0	1	6	0	96
4/15	vs. WSH	L	L, 0-3	6.0	6	3	3	2	3	1	105
4/20	vs. CLE	ND	L, 4-5	5.0	5	2	2	2	3	1	101
4/26	at LAD	ND	L, 4-8	6.0	5	3	2	1	6	0	89
MARCH/APRIL (1-2, 3.97 ERA)				34.0	33	16	15	11	26	2	574
				IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT
SEASON (1-2, 3.97 ERA)				34.0	33	16	15	11	26	2	574

KELLER'S CAREER HIGHS	
Winning Streak	6 Games (5/6-6/7, 2024)
Strikeouts	13 (5/14/23 at Baltimore)
Games w/10+ Ks	4 (last: 12k, 8/19/23 at Minnesota)
Home Runs	3 (2x, last: 9/1/24 at Cleveland)
Runs	8 (4x, last: 8/14/24 at San Diego)
Walks	8 (9/25/20 at Cleveland)
Innings Pitched	9.0 (2x, last: 5/6/24 vs. Los Angeles-AL)

KELLER'S SEASON HIGHS	
Winning Streak	1 Game (3/28)
Strikeouts	6 (2x, last: 4/26 at Los Angeles - NL)
Games w/10+ Ks	--
Home Runs	1 (2x, last: 4/20 vs. Cleveland)
Runs	7 (4/4 vs. New York-AL)
Walks	4 (4/4 vs. New York-AL)
Innings Pitched	7.1 (4/9 vs. St. Louis)

MOST STRIKEOUTS BY A PIRATES PITCHER IN A SEASON		
Bob Veale	276 strikeouts	1965
Bob Veale	250 strikeouts	1964
Oliver Pérez	239 strikeouts	2004
Bob Veale	229 strikeouts	1966
Bob Veale	213 strikeouts	1969
Mitch Keller	210 strikeouts	2023
A.J. Burnett	209 strikeouts	2013
Francisco Liriano	205 strikeouts	2015
Gerrit Cole	202 strikeouts	2015

CATCHERS THROWING					
	CS/ATT	%	PICKOFFS	PB	ERA
Bart	1/17	6%	0	2	(177.1ip/91er) 4.62
Davis	1/7	14%	0	0	(69.2ip/26er) 3.36
Rodríguez	1/7	14%	0	0	(40.1ip/18er) 4.02

TODAY'S STARTER

LHP ANDREW HEANEY

#45

2025 RECORD: 2-3, 3.18 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/200

BATS/THROWS: L/L

BORN: June 5, 1991

AGE: 33 (turns 34 on June 5)

SIGNED: Thru 2025

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent (one-year contract) on February 22, 2025.

STARTING OFF: The 33-year-old southpaw is in his 12th Major League season...He signed a one-year contract with the Pirates on February 22 after spending each of the previous two years with the Texas Rangers...Was the Angels’ nominee in both 2018 and 2019 for the distinguished Roberto Clemente Award for his community involvement.

LAST TIME OUT: Heaney allowed a season-high tying four runs on eight hits and four walks (three strikeouts) over 3.2 innings while losing a 4-0 decision on May 4 vs. San Diego...The four walks were his most since April 13, 2024 at Houston (with Texas).

PUTTING UP ZEROES: Heaney had his career-best streak of 19.1 consecutive scoreless innings come to an end in the fourth inning of his start on April 29 against the Cubs.

AGAINST THE BRAVES: Heaney will make his third career start against the Braves... He allowed three runs over 5.0 innings (five strikeouts) in a no-decision on April 19, 2024 at Truist Park (with Texas), while also allowing two runs over 4.0 innings (five strikeouts) in a no-decision on August 24, 2021 in Cumberland (with New York-AL).

A HALO OF A PERFORMANCE: Heaney allowed one hit over 6.0 innings (struck out nine) while earning the win in the team’s 3-0 shutout in Anaheim against the Angels on April 23 (struck out each of the first six batters he faced)...He became the first Pirates lefthander to throw 6.0-plus scoreless innings with nine-plus strikeouts since Francisco Liriano on April 3, 2016 vs. St. Louis (10 strikeouts)...Heaney also became the first Pirates left-handed pitcher to throw 6.0-plus scoreless innings in consecutive starts since Jose Quintana from May 9-15, 2022...Per the Elias Sports Bureau, Heaney became the first Pirates southpaw in club history to throw 6.0-plus scoreless innings with nine-plus strikeouts while allowing one hit or fewer and issuing zero walks in an outing.

AND THE WHIFF: Heaney struck out each of the first six batters he faced in his start in Anaheim on April 23, becoming the first Pirates left-handed pitcher to strike out six-plus consecutive batters since Francisco Liriano on June 1, 2013 vs. Cincinnati (seven straight)...According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Heaney and Paul Skenes (May 17, 2024 at Wrigley Field against the Cubs) are the only two Pittsburgh pitchers in the Expansion Era (since 1961) to strike out six or more consecutive batters to begin a game.

RESPECTED VETERAN: Prior to his start on April 17, Heaney was honored by his coaches and teammates for reaching 10 years of Major League service...He is one of two Pirates with 10-plus years of service time (10 years, 23 days), along with Andrew McCutchen (15 years, 168 days)...Tommy Pham ranks third (nine years, 137 days).

ON POINT: Over 1054.0 innings pitched in his career, Heaney has averaged 3.54 strikeouts for every walk issued...Since 1901, that is the seventh-best strikeout-to-walk ratio among Major League lefties, behind Chris Sale (5.30), Clayton Kershaw (4.38), Hyun Jin Ryu (3.96), Cliff Lee (3.93), Madison Bumgarner (3.81) and David Price (3.69).

FOUR YOUR INFO: Heaney is one of four Major League left-handed pitchers to record 150-plus strikeouts in each of the last two seasons, along with Yusei Kikuchi, Framber Valdez and MacKenzie Gore...He is also one of five lefties to throw 145.0-plus innings in each of the last two years, along with Valdez, Kikuchi, Patrick Corbin and JP Sears.

SIGN HERE, PLEASE: Heaney signed a one-year contract with the Pirates on February 22...He posted a 5-14 record, 4.28 ERA (160.0ip/76er) and 159 strikeouts in 32 games (31 starts) with Texas in 2024...Heaney’s 159 strikeouts and 160.0 innings pitched both ranked second on the Rangers, trailing Nathan Eovaldi (166 strikeouts & 70.2 innings).

HEANEY VS. ATLANTA								
	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2025	No appearances							
Career	0-0	5.00	2/2	9.0	6	5	3	10

TOMORROW'S STARTER

RHP CARMEN MLODZINSKI

#50

2025 RECORD: 1-3, 6.16 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/220

BATS/THROWS: R/R

BORN: February 19, 1999

AGE: 26

SIGNED: Thru 2025

HOW ACQUIRED: Selected in Comp. Balance A round (No. 31) of the 2020 Draft.

ON DECK: Will be making his eighth start of the season in tomorrow's series finale vs. the Braves...Allowed two runs on four hits, two home runs and one hit batter (two strikeouts) in his last start on Monday at St. Louis (had a no-decision in the team's 6-3 loss)...Is 1-2 with a 6.43 ERA (7.0ip/5er) over six career relief outings against Atlanta.

STATCAST INFORMATION HEANEY PITCH ARSENAL				
PITCH TYPE	USAGE PCT.	AVG. VELO	BAA	WHIFF%
Four-Seam Fastball	43.8	90.0	.172	20.1
Changeup	19.9	81.8	.147	25.0
Slider	14.5	80.0	.333	26.0
Sinker	10.4	89.6	.188	23.3
Curveball	5.7	78.6	.500	12.5
Slow Curve	5.7	72.7	.167	41.7

2025 GAME-BY-GAME											
DATE	OPP	DEC	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT
3/30	at MIA	ND	L, 2-3	5.0	4	1	1	1	2	0	79
4/6	vs. NYY	ND	W, 5-4	7.0	5	1	1	1	10	0	100
4/12	at CIN	L	L, 2-5	6.0	3	4	4	2	6	1	89
4/17	vs. WSH	W	W, 1-0	7.1	5	0	0	2	4	0	95
4/23	at LAA	W	W, 3-0	6.0	1	0	0	0	9	0	95
4/29	vs. CHC	L	L, 0-9	4.2	5	4	4	3	0	2	70
MARCH/APRIL (2-2, 2.50 ERA)				36.0	23	10	10	9	31	3	528
5/4	vs. SD	L	L, 0-4	3.2	8	4	4	4	3	1	100
MAY (0-1, 9.82 ERA)				3.2	8	4	4	4	3	1	100
				IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT
SEASON (2-3, 3.18 ERA)				39.2	31	14	14	13	34	4	628

HEANEY'S CAREER HIGHS	
Winning Streak	5 Games (2x, last: 7/15-9/10, 2023)
Strikeouts	14 (8/20/19-G1 at Texas)
Games w/10+ Ks	21 (last: 10k, 4/6/25 vs. New York-AL)
Home Runs	4 (3x, last: 9/5/22 vs. San Francisco)
Runs	8 (2x, last: 7/8/23 at Washington)
Walks	5 (2x, last: 5/19/18 vs. Tampa Bay)
Innings Pitched	9.0 (6/5/18 vs. Kansas City)

HEANEY'S SEASON HIGHS	
Winning Streak	2 Games (4/17-23)
Strikeouts	10 (4/6 vs. New York-AL)
Games w/10+ Ks	1 (4/6 vs. New York-AL)
Home Runs	2 (4/29 vs. Chicago-NL)
Runs	4 (3x, last: 5/4 vs. San Diego)
Walks	4 (5/4 vs. San Diego)
Innings Pitched	7.1 (4/17 vs. Washington)

RECENT PIRATES PITCHERS WITH 6.0-PLUS SCORELESS INNINGS, NINE-PLUS STRIKEOUTS AND ONE OR ZERO HITS ALLOWED IN A START		
Andrew Heaney	April 23, 2025 at Los Angeles (AL)	6.0 IP, 1H, 9 K
Paul Skenes	July 11, 2024 at Milwaukee	7.0 IP, 0H, 11 K
Paul Skenes	May 17, 2024 at Chicago (NL)	6.0 IP, 0H, 11 K
Jared Jones	May 4, 2024 vs. Colorado	7.0 IP, 1H, 10 K
Wil Crowe	October 1, 2021 vs. Cincinnati	6.0 IP, 1H, 9 K
Nick Kingham	April 29, 2018 vs. St. Louis	7.0 IP, 1H, 9 K
Francisco Cordova	July 12, 1997 vs. Houston	9.0 IP, 0H, 10 K

CATCHERS THROWING					
	CS/ATT	%	PICKOFFS	PB	ERA
Bart	2/22	9%	0	3	(220.1ip/114er) 4.66
Davis	2/10	20%	0	1	(86.2ip/32er) 3.32
Rodríguez	0/6	0%	0	0	(40.1ip/18er) 4.02

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RHP MITCH KELLER

#23

2025 RECORD: 1-4, 4.40 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-3/212

BATS/THROWS: R/R

BORN: April 4, 1996

AGE: 29

SIGNED: Thru 2028

HOW ACQUIRED: Selected in the second round of the 2014 Draft.

STARTING OFF: The 29-year-old Keller is in his seventh Major League season...He signed a five-year contract extension through the 2028 season on February 23, 2024... He earned Opening Day honors in both 2023 and 2024, which made him the first Pirate to do so since Francisco Liriano started three straight season openers from 2014-16... He was selected by the Pirates in the second round of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft.

LAST TIME OUT: Keller allowed three runs on seven hits and three walks (six strikeouts) over 6.0 innings, losing a 5-0 decision on May 7 at St. Louis...He’s lost four consecutive decisions since earning a win in his season debut on March 28 at Miami... Since pitching 7.0 scoreless innings (three hits, nine strikeouts) last August 20 at Texas, Keller has lost nine of 10 decisions (including a five-game losing streak to end 2024).

AGAINST THE METS: Keller is 3-1 with a 2.00 ERA (27.0ip/6er) in four career starts vs. the Mets...His last start against New York came last July 8 at PNC Park, when he allowed just two runs in 8.0 innings while winning an 8-2 decision...His lone start at Citi Field came on September 16, 2022, when he pitched 6.0 innings in a 4-3 loss.

SUPPORT SYSTEM: The Pirates have scored one or zero runs while Keller was in the game in five of his eight starts this season, including scoring zero in his last outing on May 7 at Busch Stadium...His 2.40 average run support is the ninth-lowest among qualified Major League starters (teammate Andrew Heaney, 2.36, is seventh-lowest).

THE 700 CLUB: With his strikeout of St. Louis’ Pedro Pagés in the seventh inning of his start on April 9, Keller notched his 700th career strikeout...Per the Elias Sports Bureau, he became the fastest pitcher in club history to reach 700 strikeouts with Pittsburgh by innings (718.1)...The previous record was held by Bob Veale (740.0 innings)...Per Elias, he also became the third-fastest pitcher in team history to reach the 700-strikeout mark with Pittsburgh by games (136), behind only Gerrit Cole (126) and Veale (135).

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KELLER VS. NEW YORK (NL)									
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2025			No appearances						
Career	3-1	2.00	4/4	27.0	19	6	6	21	

STRIKEOUTS AMONG NATIONAL LEAGUE RIGHT-HANDED PITCHERS (SINCE THE START OF THE 2023 SEASON)	
Zack Wheeler - 510 strikeouts	Hunter Greene - 382 strikeouts
Freddy Peralta - 462 strikeouts	Charlie Morton - 350 strikeouts
Aaron Nola - 449 strikeouts	Brandon Pfaadt - 320 strikeouts
Logan Webb - 431 strikeouts	Jameson Taillon - 300 strikeouts
Zac Gallen - 430 strikeouts	Spencer Strider - 298 strikeouts
Mitch Keller - 411 strikeouts	Merrill Kelly - 291 strikeouts

TOMORROW'S STARTER

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HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-4/205

BATS/THROWS: R/L

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AGE: 28

SIGNED: Thru 2025

HOW ACQUIRED: From Philadelphia in deal for INF Rodolfo Castro on 8/1/23.

ON DECK: Will make his ninth start of the season tomorrow...Tossed 6.0 scoreless innings while winning a 3-2 decision in his last start on Friday vs. Atlanta (has allowed one total run on four hits and four walks over 13.0 innings in his last two starts)...Is 1-3 with a 3.86 ERA (23.1ip/10er) in six career outings (five starts) against the Mets.

STATCAST INFORMATION KELLER PITCH ARSENAL				
PITCH TYPE	USAGE PCT.	AVG. VELO	BAA	WHIFF%
Four-Seam Fastball	34.8	93.7	.286	12.0
Sweeper	17.5	81.6	.143	20.3
Slider	15.7	86.6	.300	32.3
Sinker	12.3	92.8	.444	12.5
Changeup	10.6	88.8	.278	18.9
Curveball	9.1	77.7	.188	18.5

2025 GAME-BY-GAME												
DATE	OPP	DEC	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT	
3/28	at MIA	W	W, 4-3	6.0	5	1	1	1	4	0	86	
4/4	vs. NYY	L	L, 4-9	3.2	8	7	7	4	4	0	97	
4/9	vs. STL	ND	W, 2-1	7.1	4	0	0	1	6	0	96	
4/15	vs. WSH	L	L, 0-3	6.0	6	3	3	2	3	1	105	
4/20	vs. CLE	ND	L, 4-5	5.0	5	2	2	2	3	1	101	
4/26	at LAD	ND	L, 4-8	6.0	5	3	2	1	6	0	89	
MARCH/APRIL (1-2, 3.97 ERA)				34.0	33	16	15	11	26	2	574	
5/2	vs. SD	L	L, 4-9	5.0	8	5	4	1	3	1	88	
5/7	at STL	L	L, 0-5	6.0	7	3	3	3	6	0	94	
MAY (0-2, 5.73 ERA)				11.0	15	8	7	4	9	1	182	
				IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT	
SEASON (1-4, 4.40 ERA)				45.0	48	24	22	15	35	3	756	

KELLER'S CAREER HIGHS	
Winning Streak	6 Games (5/6-6/7, 2024)
Strikeouts	13 (5/14/23 at Baltimore)
Games w/10+ Ks	4 (last: 12k, 8/19/23 at Minnesota)
Home Runs	3 (2x, last: 9/1/24 at Cleveland)
Runs	8 (4x, last: 8/14/24 at San Diego)
Walks	8 (9/25/20 at Cleveland)
Innings Pitched	9.0 (2x, last: 5/6/24 vs. Los Angeles-AL)

KELLER'S SEASON HIGHS	
Winning Streak	1 Game (3/28)
Strikeouts	6 (3x, last: 5/7 at St. Louis)
Games w/10+ Ks	--
Home Runs	1 (3x, last: 5/2 vs. San Diego)
Runs	7 (4/4 vs. New York-AL)
Walks	4 (4/4 vs. New York-AL)
Innings Pitched	7.1 (4/9 vs. St. Louis)

MOST STRIKEOUTS BY A PIRATES PITCHER IN A SEASON		
Bob Veale	276 strikeouts	1965
Bob Veale	250 strikeouts	1964
Oliver Pérez	239 strikeouts	2004
Bob Veale	229 strikeouts	1966
Bob Veale	213 strikeouts	1969
Mitch Keller	210 strikeouts	2023
A.J. Burnett	209 strikeouts	2013

CATCHERS THROWING					
	CS/ATT	%	PICKOFFS	PB	ERA
Bart	3/23	13%	0	3	(237.1ip/119er) 4.51
Davis	2/11	18%	0	1	(98.1ip/36er) 3.29
Rodríguez	0/6	0%	0	0	(40.1ip/18er) 4.02

TONIGHT'S STARTER

RHP PAUL SKENES

#30

2025 RECORD: 3-5, 2.44 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-6/260

BATS/THROWS: R/R

BORN: May 29, 2002

AGE: 22 (turns 23 on May 29)

SIGNED: Thru 2025

HOW ACQUIRED: Selected in the first round (No. 1) of the 2023 Draft.

STARTING OFF: Skenes will make his 11th start of the season tonight vs. Milwaukee...Took home BBWAA NL Rookie of the Year honors in 2024 after making his MLB debut on May 11 vs. the Cubs...Was the first-overall selection by Pittsburgh in the 2023 First-Year Player Draft (LSU).

LAST TIME OUT: Skenes tossed the first complete game of his career, an 8.0-inning complete game, but lost a 1-0 decision on Sunday at Philadelphia...He was the first Pirates pitcher to lose while throwing a complete game since Ivan Nova (April 17, 2017 at St. Louis, 2-1 loss) and the first to do it while allowing one/zero runs since Todd Ritchie (May 25, 2001 at Atlanta, 1-0 loss)... Skenes gets an average of 3.02 runs per game when he's in the game, the 15th-lowest mark among all qualified Major League pitchers (teammate Mitch Keller, 2.17, is tied for the lowest).

AGAINST THE BREWERS: Skenes will make his second career start against Milwaukee...He allowed just one walk and one hit by pitch (zero runs) over 7.0 no-hit innings in his first start against the Brewers, winning a 1-0 decision last season on July 11 at American Family Field.

ALL-AMERICAN: Skenes appeared on MLB Network on May 13, where he was named as a member of Team USA for next year's World Baseball Classic by manager Mark DeRosa...It will mark the fourth time he's represented the United States, having also played for the 12U National Team in 2014, as well as the Collegiate National Team in the summers of both 2021 and 2022.

LIMITING THE HITS: Skenes has allowed six hits or fewer in each of his first 33 starts to begin his career...That's the longest-such streak (excluding openers) to start a career...In his start on May 12 at New York (NL), he broke a tie with Shohei Ohtani, who did it in 31 straight from 2018-21.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO: Skenes' 2.12 ERA (195.2ip/46er) is the lowest of any Major League starter (min. 20 starts, excluding openers) in the Live-Ball Era (since 1920)...His 2.12 ERA is also the lowest in Major League Baseball (min. 20 starts) since May 11, 2024, his MLB debut day.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Skenes recently partnered with New Era Cap, launching a charitable initiative to support America's veterans...For every strikeout that Skenes records throughout the rest of this season, New Era will donate \$250 to a veterans-focused charity of his choosing.

MILITARY MAN: Skenes spent his first two years of college at the Air Force Academy, where he earned the 2022 John Olerud Award as the nation's best two-way player (he pitched and caught)...Skenes majored in military strategic studies and was a member of Cadet Squadron 9.

- Pledged to donate \$100 for every strikeout he has to the Gary Sinise Foundation to support our nation's defenders, veterans, first responders, their families and those in need.

OUR ACE: Through the first 25 starts of his Major League career (May 11, 2024 to April 2, 2025), Skenes pitched to a 1.92 ERA (145.1ip/31er) with 183 strikeouts...Per the Elias Sports Bureau, he's the only Major League pitcher since earned runs were officially tracked in both leagues in 1913 to post a sub-2.00 ERA with 175-plus strikeouts over his first 25 Major League games.

OPENING DAY HONORS: Skenes allowed two runs in 5.1 innings, but had a no-decision, on Opening Day (March 27) in Miami against the Marlins...At 22 years and 302 days old, Skenes was the youngest Opening Day starter in club history dating back to 1893 (Frank Killen, 22 years and 148 days)...He was also the youngest Major League pitcher to make an Opening Day start since José Fernández, who did so in Miami for the Marlins on March 31, 2014, when he was 21 years and 243 days old...Skenes, who was the top pick in the 2023 First-Year Player Draft, also became the fastest No. 1 overall selection to make an Opening Day start...According to Major League Baseball, the previous quickest to do so were Mike Moore (top pick in 1981 and Opening Day starter in 1984) and Stephen Strasburg (top pick in 2009 and Opening Day starter in 2012).

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS: Last year, Skenes became the second player in Pirates history to take home BBWAA Rookie of the Year honors, along with Jason Bay in 2004...He became the first rookie pitcher to make at least 23 starts and post a sub-2.00 ERA in a single season since Scott Perry with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1918...He also became the 24th pitcher to win the NL Rookie of the Year Award and the first to do so since Devin Williams with Milwaukee in 2020.

SKENES VS. MILWAUKEE								
	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2025	No appearances							
Career	1-0	0.00	1/1	7.0	0	0	1	11

TOMORROW'S STARTER

RHP MITCH KELLER

#23

2025 RECORD: 1-6, 3.88 ERA

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-3/212

BATS/THROWS: R/R

BORN: April 4, 1996

AGE: 29

SIGNED: Thru 2028

HOW ACQUIRED: Selected in the second round of the 2014 Draft.

ON DECK: Will make his 11th start of the season tomorrow...Allowed two runs (one earned) in 6.0 innings in his last start on Monday vs. Cincinnati, but lost a 7-1 decision... Has received a total of two runs of support while he's in the game over his last three starts...Has a 5.44 ERA (46.1ip/28er) across his nine career starts against Milwaukee.

STATCAST INFORMATION SKENES PITCH ARSENAL				
PITCH TYPE	USAGE PCT.	AVG. VELO	BAA	WHIFF%
Four-Seam Fastball	35.2	98.1	.247	25.8
Splitter	23.2	93.7	.254	23.8
Sweeper	14.2	84.2	.037	31.0
Changeup	8.1	87.8	.083	45.1
Slider	7.0	84.8	.000	31.3
Sinker	6.9	97.2	.190	14.8
Curveball	5.4	83.2	.250	35.3

2025 GAME-BY-GAME											
DATE	OPP	DEC	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	PIT
3/27	at MIA	ND	L, 4-5	5.1	3	2	2	2	7	0	94
4/2	at TB	W	W, 4-2	7.0	3	1	0	0	6	0	102
4/8	vs. STL	L	L, 3-5	6.0	6	5	5	1	7	0	98
4/14	vs. WSH	W	W, 10-3	6.0	3	2	1	0	6	0	99
4/19	vs. CLE	L	L, 0-3	7.0	6	2	2	1	4	1	103
4/25	at LAD	W	W, 3-0	6.1	5	0	0	0	9	0	108
MARCH/APRIL (3-2, 2.39 ERA)				37.2	26	12	10	4	39	1	604
5/1	vs. CHC	L	L, 3-8	5.0	5	3	3	4	2	3	86
5/6	at STL	L	L, 1-2	6.0	3	2	2	4	6	0	102
5/12	at NYM	ND	L, 3-4	6.0	6	1	1	3	6	0	92
5/18	at PHI	L	L, 0-1	8.0	3	1	1	1	9	0	102
MAY (0-3, 2.52 ERA)				25.0	17	7	7	12	23	3	382
SEASON (3-5, 2.44 ERA)				62.2	43	19	17	16	62	4	986

SKENES' CAREER HIGHS	
Winning Streak	6 Games (5/17-7/11, 2024)
Strikeouts	11 (2x, last: 7/11/24 at Milwaukee)
Games w/10+ Ks	2 (last: 11k, 7/11/24 at Milwaukee)
Home Runs	3 (5/1/25 vs. Chicago-NL)
Runs	5 (4/8/25 vs. St. Louis)
Walks	4 (4x, last: 5/6/25 at St. Louis)
Innings Pitched	8.1 (7/23/24 vs. St. Louis)

SKENES' SEASON HIGHS	
Winning Streak	1 Game (3x, last: 4/25)
Strikeouts	9 (2x, last: 5/18 at Philadelphia)
Games w/10+ Ks	--
Home Runs	3 (5/1 vs. Chicago-NL)
Runs	5 (4/8 vs. St. Louis)
Walks	4 (2x, last: 5/6 at St. Louis)
Innings Pitched	8.0 (5/18 at Philadelphia)

RECENT PIRATES PITCHERS TO STRIKE OUT NINE-PLUS BATTERS IN A COMPLETE GAME		
Paul Skenes	May 18, 2025 at Philadelphia	8.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 9 K
A.J. Burnett	August 4, 2013 vs. Colorado	9.0 IP, 8 H, 1 R, 9 K
Kip Wells	July 5, 2005 vs. Philadelphia	9.0 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 12 K
Oliver Pérez	April 25, 2004 vs. Cincinnati	9.0 IP, 6 H, 0 R, 10 K
Josh Fogg	September 8, 2003 at Cincinnati	9.0 IP, 10 H, 1 R, 9 K
Jeff Suppan	July 10, 2003 at Milwaukee	9.0 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 9 K
The last Pirates pitcher to strike out nine-plus batters in a complete game of 8.0 innings or fewer prior to Skenes was Jason Schmidt (8.0ip, 11k) in a 2-0 loss on April 21, 1999 at San Diego.		

CATCHERS THROWING					
	CS/ATT	%	PICKOFFS	PB	ERA
Bart	4/27	15%	0	4	(289.1ip/146er) 4.54
Davis	3/13	23%	0	1	(123.1ip/40er) 2.92
Rodríguez	0/6	0%	0	0	(40.1ip/18er) 4.02