



LUCAS SIMS

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RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Full Name: **Lucas Sundberg Sims**

Bats: **Right**

Throws: **Right**

Height: **6-2**

Weight: **230**

DOB: **May 10, 1994**

Opening Day Age: **23**

Born: **Lawrenceville, GA**

Resides: **Lawrenceville, GA**

MLB Debut: **August 1, 2017**

MLB Service Time: **0.062**

Acquired: **Braves' first-round (21st overall) pick in 2012**

Contract Status: **Signed through 2018**

2017

- Made his major league debut on 8/1 vs. LAD after beginning the season in Triple-A Gwinnett's rotation...Finished the season in the Braves rotation after also working in relief for Atlanta.
- Tossed 6.0 innings and allowed three runs, earned, and six hits with no walks in his MLB debut on 8/1 vs. LAD after the team recalled him from the G-Braves earlier in the day...Became just the fifth starter in Atlanta franchise history to not walk a batter in as many innings during his MLB debut...Also become the first starter in Atlanta franchise history (since 1966) to make his debut against Los Angeles (NL).
- Sims and INF Ozzie Albies both made their MLB debuts on 8/1, becoming the first pair of Braves teammates to be in the starting lineup of their first big league game since RHP Al Santorini and C Walt Hrinak on 9/10/68 vs. SF.
- Earned his first career win in his fourth career start on 8/17 at COL...Allowed two earned runs through 5.0 innings.
- Worked out of the bullpen for four appearances, 9/7-16...Did not receive a decision out of the bullpen while compiling a 4.26 ERA (3 ER/6.1 IP).
- Returned to the rotation for his final three appearances of the season, starting on 9/20 vs. WSH...Took a no-decision after going 5.0 innings and allowing one run in a 7-3 loss.
- Went 3-6 with a 5.79 ERA (33 ER/51.1 IP) in 10 starts.
- Righties hit .341 (15-for-44) with a .614 slugging percentage and three home runs against him in his first three starts...Then limited them to a .241 (20-for-83) average and four homers over his final 11 appearances.

CAREER HIGHS

Most Innings Pitched

6.2, 9/25/17, ATL at NYM

Most Runs

7, 9/2/17, ATL at CHI

Most Earned Runs

7, 9/2/17, ATL at CHI

Most Hits Allowed

10, 8/12/17, ATL at STL

Most Home Runs Allowed

2, 2x, last: 9/2/17, ATL at CHI

Most Walks

4, 2x, last: 9/30/17, ATL at MIA

Most Strikeouts

7, 8/28/17, ATL at PHI

Longest Winning Streak

2, 8/17/17-8/22/17

Longest Losing Streak

3, 8/1/17-8/12/17

- Compiled a 3.49 ERA (11 ER/28.1 IP) in seven home games, four starts...Pitched to a 7.67 ERA (25 ER/29.1 IP) in seven road games, six starts.
- Until his recall to Atlanta's active roster, spent the entire season with Triple-A Gwinnett...Led Gwinnett in starts (tied, 19), innings (115.1) and strikeouts (132).

- At the time of his recall, his 132 strikeouts were most in the International League, tied for eighth most in MiLB and led all Atlanta minor leaguers.
- Named an International League Mid-Season All-Star after going 6-4 with a 3.98 ERA and 104 strikeouts in 17 starts prior to the break.
- Issued a career-low 2.8 walks per 9.0 innings (36 BB/115.1 IP) with the G-Braves, after walking a career-most 5.9 batters per 9.0 in 2016.
- Ranked as the No. 14 prospect in Atlanta's system by *Baseball America* entering 2017, and as the No. 19 farmhand in the Braves chain, according to MLB.com.

2016

- Entered ranked as the Braves' 13th-best prospect according to *Baseball America*....The publication said he possessed the system's best curveball.
- Split the season between Double-A Mississippi and Triple-A Gwinnett, going a combined 7-11 with a 4.40 ERA (69 ER/141.0 IP) in 28 games, 27 starts...Struck out 159, the most among all Atlanta minor leaguers and tied for fifth most in MiLB... His strikeout total marked the most by an Atlanta minor leaguer since 2012, when RHP Aaron Northcraft fanned 160.
- Walked 92, the fourth most in all of the minor leagues.
- His 28 games tied his career-high total, done twice before and last in 2014 with High-A Lynchburg.
- Started the season with the M-Braves, making three starts and going 0-2 with a 1.84 ERA (3 ER/14.2 IP) and 26 strikeouts.
- Made his Triple-A debut on 4/23, dropping a 7-1 decision at Columbus.
- Fanned 11 in his next start, a 7.0-inning, one-run no-decision on 4/28 at Toledo.
- Compiled a 9.24 ERA (39 ER/38.0 IP) over his next nine games, eight starts, 5/3-6/15.
- Returned to Double-A on 6/16 and went 5-3 with a 2.83 ERA (24 ER/76.1 IP) over his final 14 starts.
- Went 18.2 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run, 7/23-8/8.

2015

- Split the season between High-A Carolina and Double-A Mississippi...Also made two rehabilitation starts with the GCL Braves (R)... Finished 7-6 with a 4.37 ERA in combined 20 games (20 starts) between the three levels.
- Began 2015 as the fourth-best prospect in the organization per *Baseball America*.

- Struck out better than a batter per inning on the season (100 SO/92.2 IP)...His 9.71 SO/9 ratio ranked 14th best among all minor leaguers who made at least 20 starts.
- His 5.24 BB/9 (54 walks/92.2 IP) placed seventh among the same qualifiers.
- Began the season with High-A Carolina before going to the disabled list on 5/12...Returned on 7/5 and promoted to Mississippi on 7/19.
- Made his Double-A debut on 7/21 at Jacksonville...Received a no-decision in a 4-2 win.
- Went 0-2 with a 7.41 ER (14 ER/17.0 IP) in his first four starts for the M-Braves...Went 4-0 with a 0.88 ERA (3 ER/30.2 IP) over his final five starts of the season.
- Started the Arizona Fall League All-Star game for the West after making six appearances (five starts) for Peoria...Tossed 2.0 innings to take a no-decision, allowing two runs, earned, with four strikeouts in the West's 8-3 win...For the Fall League season, did not record a decision while compiling a 2.12 ERA (4 ER/17.0 IP).

2014

- Labeled by *Baseball America* as Atlanta's top overall prospect, as well as possessing the best curveball among Braves minor league pitchers entering 2014.
- Spent the entire season in High-A Lynchburg's rotation, making a career-high 28 starts.
- Ended the season in the Top 10 among all Braves farmhands in innings pitched (2nd, 156.2), wins (T-3rd, 8), strikeouts (7th, 107), starters average against (7th, .247) and starters WHIP (9th, 1.30)... Paced the Hillcats in innings, while tying for the team lead in wins and starts.
- Turned in his second consecutive 100-strikeout season, fanning 107 batters in 156.2 frames (6.1 K/9).
- Tossed the first 7.0 innings of a combined no-hitter on 6/26, in what was the first of back-to-back no-hitters by the Lynchburg pitching staff

2013

- Named by the Braves as the Organizational Pitcher of the Year after posting a 12-4 record with a 2.62 ERA (34 ER/116.2 IP) in 28 games (18 starts) at Single-A Rome.
- As a starter, went 11-3 with a 2.49 ERA (26 ER/94.0 IP).
- His 12 wins led all Braves farmhands, while his 134 strikeouts and .203 average against ranked second among starters in the system.

- Ended the year by winning each of his last eight starts, going 8-0 with a 1.59 ERA (8 ER/45.1 IP), tallying 57 strikeouts and a .215 average against while allowing just 34 hits.

2012

- Tabbed by *Baseball America* as the Braves' fifth-best prospect...*Baseball America* also labeled his curveball as the best in the Braves' system and best secondary pitch in 2012's draft crop.
- After three starts and a 1.29 ERA with the GCL Braves, earned a promotion to Danville on 7/11... Went 2-4 with a 3.71 ERA between the two stops.

COMPLETE RECORD

Year	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	BK
2012	GCL Braves	0-0	1.29	3	3	0	0	0	7.0	2	2	1	1	1	1	10	0	0
	Danville	2-4	4.33	8	8	0	0	0	27.0	26	14	13	2	3	12	29	1	0
2013	Rome	12-4	2.62	28	18	1	0	0	116.2	83	44	34	3	15	46	134	14	0
2014	Lynchburg	8-11	4.19	28	28	0	0	0	156.2	146	81	73	12	17	57	107	15	1
2015	Carolina	3-4	5.18	9	9	1	0	0	40.0	39	27	23	2	3	23	37	8	2
	GCL Braves	0-0	9.00	2	2	0	0	0	5.0	7	7	5	0	2	2	7	0	0
2016	Mississippi	4-2	3.21	9	9	0	0	0	47.2	29	18	17	1	4	29	56	2	0
	Mississippi	5-5	2.67	17	17	0	0	0	91.0	64	34	27	3	11	55	101	5	1
2017	Gwinnett	2-6	7.56	11	10	0	0	0	50.0	56	44	42	12	2	37	58	9	0
	Gwinnett	7-4	3.75	20	19	0	0	0	115.1	95	49	48	19	6	36	132	5	1
	Atlanta	3-6	5.62	14	10	0	0	0	57.2	64	37	36	9	4	23	44	0	0
Minor Totals		43-40	3.88	135	123	2	0	0	656.1	547	320	283	55	64	298	671	59	5
Major Totals		3-6	5.62	14	10	0	0	0	57.2	64	37	36	9	4	23	44	0	0

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MAJOR LEAGUE FIELDING RECORD

Position	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Pitcher	.800	14	3	5	2	10	0

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
2017	Atlanta	.067	14	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	2

BRAVES SHUTOUTS

The Braves threw six shutouts in 2017, including a 9-0 win on June 19 vs. San Francisco for the first shutout by the Atlanta staff in SunTrust Park history. RHP R.A. Dickey tossed 7.0 innings in the start, before RHPs Arodys Vizcaino and Luke Jackson each logged 1.0 inning in relief.

Date	Opponent	Score	Opposition Hits	Winner-Loser-Save
5/26	at SF	2-0	4	J.Garcia-M.Cain-J.Johnson
6/19	SF	9-0	4	R.Dickey-J.Cueto-None
6/27	at SD	3-0	7	S.Newcomb-J.Chacin-J.Johnson
7/8	at WSH	13-0	4	J.Teheran-S.Strasburg-None
8/22	SEA	4-0	5	L.Sims-M.Gonzales-None
9/12	at WSH	8-0	9	J.Teheran-G.González-None

AMATEUR

- Named 2012 Georgia Region 8-AAAAA Pitcher of the Year after posting an 8-1 record and a 1.19 ERA his senior year.

PERSONAL

- Married his wife, Dani following the 2017 season.

TRANSACTIONS

- Selected by the Atlanta Braves in the first round (21st overall) in the 2012 First-Year Player Draft... Signed by Brian Bridges.