



# KANSAS CITY ROYALS

## POSTGAME NOTES

CLEVELAND INDIANS (90-71) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (58-103) - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

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INDIANS	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	10	0	7
ROYALS	0	1	0	2	0	4	2	0	x	9	16	1	12

WIN: Jakob Junis (9-12) | LOSS: Andrew Miller (2-4) | SAVE: None

STARTING PITCHERS										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HR	PC/S	LEFT
Corey Kluber	5.0	7	3	3	2	6	0	0	80/59	Tied 3-3
Jakob Junis	6.0	8	3	3	1	6	1	0	104/68	Up 7-3

GAME INFORMATION	
First Pitch	6:16
Temperature	72° F
Time of Game	3:07

ATTENDANCE			
2018	Tonight: 23,324	Total: 1,645,417	Average: 20,568
2017	After 80 Home Games:	Total: 2,188,093	Average: 27,351

SUNDAY'S STARTERS	
CLE	Carlos Carrasco (R)
KC	Eric Skoglund (L)

**THE WIN:** The Royals have won five of six and are 20-13 (.606) since Aug. 24, the fourth-best record in the American League during that time, behind only Houston (26-8), Tampa Bay (22-11) and Oakland (20-12, in progress), and ahead of playoff teams: New York (21-14), Boston (17-15) and Cleveland (17-17).  
 + Are 21-13 (.618) at Kauffman Stadium since the All-Star break (went 11-35 before the break), including a Major League-best 15-4 (.789) here since Aug. 16.  
 + Improved to 7-11 vs. Cleveland this season, but have already lost the season series for the third straight season (2016-18), a stretch in which they're 19-37.  
 + Had 16 hits—tied for their second-highest total of the season—including three XBH, extending their Major League lead in XBH since Aug. 22 to 134.

**JAKOB JUNIS:** Finished his sophomore season 9-12 with 164 strikeouts and 43 walks, the seventh-best K/BB ratio (3.81) by a qualifying starter in Royals history.  
 + In 13 starts after returning from the DL on July 21, he went 4-2 with a 3.46 ERA (29 ER in 75.1 IP) and allowed no more than three earned in all but two starts.  
 + Surrendered at least two base runners in each of the first 3.0 innings, but held Cleveland to 2-for-7 with runners in scoring position...fell behind in the first inning on two singles, a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly (**Edwin Encarnacion**), and allowed four of seven to reach in the third, including back-to-back RBI singles by **Yonder Alonso** and **Melky Cabrera**...stranded a leadoff single in the fourth with an inning-ending double play, the first of seven straight he retired before exiting after 6.0 innings, leading 7-3...pitch count by inning: 15 (1st), 17 (2nd), 33 (3rd), 8 (4th), 11 (5th), 20 (6th), 104 total.

**WHIT MERRIFIELD:** Singled to leadoff the first and had a two-run double in the fourth, extending his hitting streak to 19 games since Sept. 10, in which he's batting .321/.385/.494 (26-for-81)...it's the longest active streak in the Majors, the longest by a Royal this season and matches his career-high set from May 13-June 4, 2017.  
 + His 191 hits are tied with **Freddie Freeman** for the Majors lead, and are five more than **J.D. Martinez** (186) for the American League lead...only two Royals have led the Majors in hits: **Willie Wilson** (club-record 230 hits in 1980) and **George Brett** (212 in 1979; 215 in 1976, tied with **Pete Rose**)...in addition to those, the only other Royals to lead the *American League* in hits were **Kevin Seitzer** (207, tied with **Kirby Puckett**) in 1987 and **Brett** (195 in 1975).  
 + Recorded his 43rd and 44th stolen bases—surpassing **Trea Turner** (43, in progress) for most in the Majors—including a Majors-most 27 since the All-Star break...it's the most steals by a Royal since **Johnny Damon** (46) in 2000...the only Royal to lead the Majors in stolen bases was **Willie Wilson** (83) in 1979.  
 + If he maintains his American League lead in hits and steals following tomorrow's finale, he'll become just the sixth player since the end of WWII to lead the AL in both categories in a non-strike-shortened season, joining: **José Altuve** (2014-15), **Alfonso Soriano** (2002) and **Ichiro Suzuki** (2001), **Bert Campaneris** (1968) and **Bob Dillinger** (1948)...only two have led the Majors in both categories since the end of WWII: **Dee Gordon** (2015) and **Ichiro Suzuki** (2001).

**ADALBERTO MONDESI:** Hit a three-run HR in the sixth inning off **Andrew Miller**, his 14th HR of the season, nine of which have either tied the game or given Kansas City a lead...ten of his 14 HR have come in the last 28 games since Aug. 28, a stretch in which he trails only **Christian Yelich** (13) for most in the Majors.  
 + Had his 31st stolen base in his 74th game, and is the fourth American League player since 1900 with at least 30 SB in 75 games or fewer, joining: **Coco Crisp** (2010), **Alex Cole** (1990) and **Larry Lintz** (1976)...his 26 steals since the All-Star break are one behind **Whit Merrifield** for the Major League lead.  
 + In the last 45 years (since 1974), his combination of HR (14) and SB (31) is matched by only six other players in their age-22 season or younger, including: **Mike Trout** (2012-13), **Hanley Ramírez** (2006), **Jimmy Rollins** (2001), **Alex Rodriguez** (1998), **Sammy Sosa** (1990) and **Barry Bonds** (1986-87).

**ALCIDES ESCOBAR:** Had three hits, including an RBI single in the seventh, and is batting .336/.374/.459 (41-for-122) in 35 games since Aug. 2.

**MEIBRYS VILORIA:** Set a new a career high with three hits—two vs. **Corey Kluber**—including an RBI single in the second inning.  
 + He's made nine appearances (6 starts) behind the plate since his Sept. 1 recall, and has a catcher's ERA of 2.84 (20 ER in 63.1 IP).

**INDIANS:** Dropped to 3-3 on this season-ending road trip, and still have not won consecutive road games on the same trip since Aug. 20-21 in Boston (7-11 since).  
 + Are 48-27 (.640) vs. the AL Central (42-44 (.488) vs. everyone else), including 11-7 vs. Kansas City to clinch the season series for the third straight year.  
 + Surrendered 16 hits—two shy of their season high on Sept. 8 at Toronto—after allowing no more than nine hits in each of their previous seven games.

**COREY KLUBER:** Ended the season with a career-high 20 wins, 215 innings and 222 strikeouts, becoming the sixth Indians pitcher to record 20 wins, 200 IP and 200 K in a single season, joining: **Gaylord Perry** (1974, 1972), **Sam McDowell** (1970), **Luis Tiant** (1968), **Herb Score** (1956) and **Bob Feller** (1939-41, 1946).  
 + Did not record a clean inning, but held Kansas City to 2-for-9 with runners in scoring position, stranded a leadoff single in the first, a leadoff walk in the third and a one-out single in the fifth...yielded three hits in the second, including an RBI single by **Meibrys Viloria**...allowed a walk a two hits in the fourth, including a two-run double by **Whit Merrifield**...exited after 5.0 innings, tied 3-3...pitch count by inning: 13 (1st), 16 (2nd), 15 (3rd), 21 (4th), 15 (5th), 80 total.  
 + Went 11-2 in 15 starts vs. the American League Central with a 2.43 ERA (27 ER in 100 IP), .209 opponents' average (77-for-369) and 112 strikeouts (10.1 K/9).

**ANDREW MILLER:** Allowed five hits for the first time since a 5-inning start on Sept. 8, 2011 at Toronto (with Boston), and was charged with four runs for the first time since June 14, 2017 vs. the Dodgers...he's allowed a run in four of 10 outings since returning from the DL on Sept. 10, in which he has a 6.30 ERA (7 ER in 10 IP).  
 + Suffered his fourth loss in 37 outings (34 IP), his most since 2014, when he was charged with five losses in 73 outings (62.1 IP) between Baltimore and Boston.

**JOSÉ RAMÍREZ:** Had three hits, including a solo HR in the eighth inning, just his second HR in his last 37 games (also: Sept. 12) dating back to Aug. 18.  
 + His 106 RBI are fifth most by a switch-hitter in Indians history, trailing: **Roberto Alomar** (120 in 1999), **Carlos Baerga** (114 in 1993) and **Victor Martinez** (114 in 2007 and 108 in 2004)...his 82 extra-base hits trail only his own club record (91 in 2017) by a switch hitter.

**YAN GOMES:** Exited following a batter interference in the third inning with a right thumb contusion and laceration...x-rays were negative.

**KANSAS CITY CHALLENGE:** The Royals challenged the out call on **Adalberto Mondesi** at first base in the fourth inning...call stood (1:38 delay).  
 + The Royals are still the only team to not have a challenge come back "confirmed" this year, with all 42 reviews either being overturned (33) or stands (9).

HOME RUNS									
TEAM	BATTER	NO.	PITCHER	COUNT	TYPE	DISTANCE	FIELD	INN	SCORE
KC	Adalberto Mondesi	14	Andrew Miller	0-0	3-run	427 ft.	Left-Center	6th	Up 6-3
CLE	José Ramírez	39	Kevin McCarthy	1-0	Solo	421 ft.	Right-Center	8th	Down 9-4