



POST-GAME NOTES

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KANSAS CITY ROYALS 1 (25-56) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS 4 (52-31)

Friday, June 29, 2018 • Safeco Field

LINESCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Kansas City Royals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	3
Seattle Mariners	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	X	4	5	0	6
First Pitch: 7:10	Time of Game: 2:36			Temp: 67 F, W/NW 2mph			Attendance: 25,558						

WP: Marco Gonzales (8-5, 3.77) **LP:** Ian Kennedy (1-8, 5.11) **Save:** None

HOME RUNS:	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	MOB	OUT	COUNT	DISTANCE
Mitch Haniger	17	Ian Kennedy	4	1	1	3-1	400 ft, CF
Mike Zunino	12	Ian Kennedy	5	0	1	2-2	454 ft, LF

MARINERS NOTES:

- The Mariners have won 5 consecutive games... streak is tied for their season-high (3x, last May 31 – June 5).
- Tonight's 3-run margin of victory marks the 5th time the Mariners have won by 3 or more runs in their last 26 wins... Have won by 1 run in 15 of those 26 games.
- Mariners starters have pitched 7+ innings in 3 of their last 4 games and 4 of their last 7 games.
- Since May 8th, Mariners starters have gone 22-8 a 3.17 ERA (115 ER, 312.0 IP) with 251 strikeouts in 50 games.
- **Marco Gonzales** recorded his 1st career complete game... his previous career-high innings pitched was 7.1 innings on 6/8/18 vs TB.
 - Becomes the 2nd Mariners pitcher this season to record a complete game (also: James Paxton, 2x)... marks the 1st time that 2 Mariners starters have recorded a complete game in the same season since Taijuan Walker and Wade Miley both recorded a complete game in 2016.
 - Is 3-0 with a 2.07 ERA (9 ER, 39.0 IP) over his last 6 starts at Safeco Field.
 - Picked off his 6th baserunner of the season, ranks 2nd in the Majors behind Eric Lauer (7).
- **Jean Segura** (2x4, R, RBI) recorded his MLB-leading 35th multi-hit game... has more multi-hit games this season than games without a hit (20).
 - Picked up his 11th infield hit of the season, ranks T8th in the AL... **Dee Gordon** leads the AL with 16 infield hits.
- **Mitch Haniger** (1x3, R, HR, 2 RBI, BB) hit his 17th home run of the season to give the Mariners a 2-0 lead in the 4th inning... His 17 home runs this season mark a career-high (previous: 16 home runs in 2017).
 - Recorded 2 RBI to bring his season total to 61, ranks 2nd in the AL trailing only J.D. Martinez (64).
- **Mike Zunino's** (1x3, R, HR, RBI) home run in the 5th inning traveled 454 ft, marks his longest home run of the season (previous: 432 ft).
 - Ranks 2nd among all catchers with 12 home runs this season, trailing only Gary Sanchez (14).
 - The Mariners are 10-2 when he homers this season.
- **Dee Gordon** (0x3, BB) has reached base safely in 16 of his last 17 games, batting .315 (24x76) with 11 runs, 2 doubles, and 5 RBI during that span.
 - Recorded his 2nd walk in his last 8 games... walked only 4 times in his previous 65 games.

ROYALS NOTES:

- The Royals are 5-20 in their last 25 games.
- **Whit Merrifield** (2x4) is batting .317 (20x63) with 6 doubles, 3 home runs, and 14 runs scored during his career against the Mariners... is 7x16 with a double vs. Seattle this season.
 - Recorded his 25th multi-hit game of the season, leads club.
- **Rosell Herrera** (1x3, 2B, SAC) is batting .315 (6x19) with 2 doubles against left-handed pitchers this season.
- **Ian Kennedy** has posted a 3.19 ERA (11 ER, 31.0 IP) over his last 5 starts.
 - Has received the loss in 8 consecutive decisions dating back to April 12th vs. LAA.
- **Jorge Bonifacio** (0x3) was activated prior to today's game after serving an 80-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
 - Made his first start of the season and went 0x3.

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ROYALS MANAGER NED YOST:

On Ian Kennedy's performance tonight:

"I thought he threw the ball great. The pitch for the two-run homer - didn't think that was a bad pitch. The pitch to Zunino kind of leaked back middle in a little bit. I thought he was commanding the ball well. I thought he was hitting his spots, mixing in his secondary stuff. I thought he threw the ball well."

On the bullpen keeping them in the game:

"We had 4 walks coming in - we had 2 walks in the 6th and 2 walks in the 7th. You want to try to eliminate that. For the most part, yeah, we gave up 1 run and they did a nice job of holding the fort right there."

On Marco Gonzales:

"He did a good job of establishing in and getting us looking in and then getting us out away. We ran into a couple double plays off him. We were looking in and tried to pull pitches that were away. He just did a good job of keeping us off balance. We got as many hits as they got, but they out-slugged us. That was generally win you a game."

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