



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

POSTGAME NOTES

CLEVELAND INDIANS (91-71) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (58-104) - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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INDIANS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	9
ROYALS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	6
WIN: Carlos Carrasco (17-10) LOSS: Eric Skoglund (1-6) SAVE: Trevor Bauer (1)													

STARTING PITCHERS										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HR	PC/S	LEFT
Carlos Carrasco	5.0	3	1	1	2	6	1	0	77/49	Up 2-1
Eric Skoglund	5.0	3	2	1	2	3	1	1	85/50	Down 2-1

GAME INFORMATION	
First Pitch	2:17
Temperature	76° F
Time of Game	2:44

ATTENDANCE			
2018	Today: 19,690	Total: 1,665,107	Average: 20,557
2017	80 Home Dates:	Total: 2,188,093	Average: 27,351

OPENING DAY 2019	
Thursday, March 28	White Sox vs. Royals

THE LOSS: The Royals completed the 50th year in team history 58-104, their fifth 100-loss season, and first last-place finish in the AL Central since 2010...they did, however, win five of the last seven and went 20-14 (.588) over the last 34 since Aug. 24, the fourth-best record in the AL during that time, behind only: Houston (26-9), Tampa Bay (22-11, in progress) and Oakland (21-13), and ahead of playoff teams: New York (21-14) & Boston (17-15)—both in progress—and Cleveland (18-17).

- + Went unbeaten in their last seven series at Kauffman Stadium (5-0-2) dating back to Aug. 13, including five straight winning series from Aug. 24-Sept. 16... went 21-14 (.600) at home following the All-Star break (11-35 before it), including a Major League-best 15-5 (.750) since Aug. 16, outscoring opponents 121-81.
- + Split the four-game set with Cleveland to finish the season series 7-12 and mark their third straight season series loss (since 2016), in which they're 19-38.
- + Charged with two errors in the first inning, their third multi-error inning and first since June 24 at Houston (4th)...finished the season with 76 errors—tied for second fewest in the American League behind Houston, three fewer than last season (79) to set a new club record (excluding strike-shortened seasons).

ERIC SKOGLUND: In five outings (4 starts) following his return from the 60-day DL on Sept. 4, he had a 1.33 ERA (3 ER in 20.1 IP) and .157 average (11-for-70)

- + Issued two walks or fewer in 12 of 13 starts, and his 2.44 walk rate (19 BB in 70 IP) was second among AL rookies (min. 50 IP) behind **Shane Bieber** (1.81).
- + Allowed the leadoff batter to reach in all 5.0 innings, but held Cleveland to 0-for-6 with runners in scoring position...surrendered his first unearned run of the season in the first inning: allowed **Francisco Lindor** to reach on an E1, before he stole second and third base and scored on an E5...yielded a solo HR to Lindor to leadoff the third...stranded: a leadoff walk in the second, a leadoff double in the fourth, and erased a leadoff walk in the fifth with a 4-6-3 double play...exited after 5.0 innings, trailing 2-1...pitch count by inning: 28 (1st), 17 (2nd), 16 (3rd), 13 (4th), 11 (5th), 85 total.

WHIT MERRIFIELD: Finished with a career high 192 hits, one more than **Freddie Freeman** for the Majors lead and four more than **J.D. Martinez** for the AL lead...he's the third Royal to lead the Majors in hits, joining: **Willie Wilson** (club-record 230 hits in 1980) & **George Brett** (212 in 1979; 215 in 1976, tied with **Pete Rose**).

- + Also finished with a Major League-leading 45 stolen bases, two more than **Trea Turner**, and most by a Royal since **Johnny Damon** (46) in 2000...he's the second Royal to lead the Majors in stolen bases, joining **Willie Wilson** (club-record 83 steals in 1979)...also led Majors with a club-record 16 steals of third base.
- + He's the third player since WWII to lead the Major Leagues in both hits (192) and steals (45), joining: **Dee Gordon** (2015) and **Ichiro Suzuki** (2001)...prior to 1945, the only others to do it were: **Snuffy Stirnweiss** (1944), **Ty Cobb** (1917, 1915, 1911, 1909), **Benny Kauff** (1914) and **Honus Wagner** (1908).
- + Ended the season on a career-high 20-game hit streak, in which he batted .318/.379/.482 (27-for-85)...it's one more than his previous best from May 13-June 4, 2017, is the longest active streak in the Majors and the longest by a Royal since **Jose Guillen** (21 games from June 4-27, 2010)...he's the first in the Majors to end a season with a 20-game hit streak since **Marco Scutaro** (20) in 2012...the last longer streak to end a season was 21 by **Miguel Tejada** in 2009.

ADALBERTO MONDESI: Finished fourth in the American League with 32 stolen bases in 75 games, despite not making his season debut until June 17...it's tied for the fourth most steals since 1900 in a season of 75 games or fewer, trailing only: **Alex Cole** (40 in 1990), **Vince Coleman** (37 in 1991) and **Trea Turner** (33 in 2016).

INDIANS: Finished the 118th season in franchise history 91-71, marking a third-consecutive 90-win season for the third time in club history (1999-2001, 1950-55).

- + Will play Houston in the ALDS at Minute Maid Park for Games 1 & 2 on Oct. 5-6, followed by Game 3 on Oct. 8 in Cleveland and Game 4 (in necessary) Oct. 9.
- + Went 49-27 (.645) vs. the American League Central, one win shy of the club record (since 1994 realignment) set last season, and the third-best division record in the Majors this season behind Boston (51-24, in progress) and Atlanta (49-27)...went 12-7 vs. Kansas City to win the season series for the third straight year.
- + Starting rotation's strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.37 (1,066 K, 244 BB) is a new MLB record and their 244 walks are second fewest in club history (235 BB in 1981).

CARLOS CARRASCO: Set a career high with 231 strikeouts, including 119 in 89.1 IP since the All-Star break, one more than **Justin Verlander** for most in the AL.

- + Went 8-5, 4.24 ERA (43 ER in 91.1 IP) through 15 starts, and in 17 games (15 GS) since returning from the DL on July 6, went 9-5, 2.59 ERA (29 ER in 100.2 IP).
- + Retired 12 of 14 over the first 4.0 innings, stranding a one-out walk in the first and a two-out single in the second...yielded three of the first four to reach in the fifth, capped by a **Meibrys Viloria** RBI single...exited after 5.0 innings, leading 2-1...pitch count by inning: 17 (1st), 15 (2nd), 11 (3rd), 12 (4th), 22 (5th), 77 total.

TREVOR BAUER: His 2.21 ERA (43 ER in 175.1 IP) is second best by a qualifying Indians pitcher since the mound was lowered in 1969, trailing only **Gaylord Perry** (1.92)...it's the third-best ERA among qualifying pitchers in the Major Leagues this season, behind only **Jacob deGrom** (1.70) and **Blake Snell** (1.89).

- + Remains unbeaten in his last 11 appearances since his last loss on June 29 at Oakland, a stretch in which he's 5-0 with a 1.75 ERA (12 ER in 61.2 IP).
- + In eight career outings at Kauffman Stadium, he's 3-1 with a 1.87 ERA (9 ER in 43.1 IP)—in which Cleveland is 7-1—and hasn't lost since June 11, 2014.
- + Recorded his first career save in his 160th career appearance, only 10 of which have come in relief, his first since Aug. 17, 2017 at Minnesota.

FRANCISCO LINDOR: Hit a solo HR in the third inning, extending his career high to 38, 37 of which have come as a shortstop...he's only the second player since at least 1974 to hit at least 37 HR as a shortstop, joining **Alex Rodriguez**, who did it in six consecutive seasons from 1998-2003 (42, 42, 41, 52, 57, 46).

- + Also reached on an E1 in the first and stole second and third base—extending his career high to 25 stolen bases—before scoring on an E5...the only other shortstop (min. 50% games at the position) in Major League history to match his combination of HR (38) and SB (25) was **Rodriguez** (42, 26) in 1998.

HOME RUNS									
TEAM	BATTER	NO.	PITCHER	COUNT	TYPE	DISTANCE	FIELD	INN	SCORE
CLE	Francisco Lindor	38	Eric Skoglund	1-0	Solo	413 ft.	Left	3rd	Up 2-0