



Kansas City Royals

OFFICIAL GAME NOTES

Kansas City Royals (21-39) @ Los Angeles Angels (33-28)

Angel Stadium - Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Game #61 - Road Game #30

FOX Sports Kansas City (HD), FOX Sports Go and KCSP Radio (610 Sports)

UPCOMING PITCHING PROBABLES

Wednesday, June 6 @ Los Angeles Angels: RHP Ian Kennedy (1-6, 6.08) vs. RHP Shohei Ohtani (4-1, 3.18), 9:07 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Thursday, June 7 @ Oakland A's: RHP Jason Hammel (2-5, 5.17) vs. RHP Frankie Montas (2-0, 0.64), 9:05 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Friday, June 8 @ Oakland A's: RHP Jakob Junis (5-5, 3.62) vs. RHP Trevor Cahill (1-2, 2.77), 9:05 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Saturday, June 9 @ Oakland A's: LHP Danny Duffy (2-6, 5.81) vs. TBA, 3:05 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Sunday, June 10 @ Oakland A's: RHP Brad Keller (1-1+ tonight) vs. LHP Sean Manaea (5-6+ tonight), 3:05 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Tonight's game is being broadcast in Kansas City on KCSP Radio (610 Sports) and the Royals Radio Network with Steve Physioc and Steve Stewart calling the action...tonight is being televised on FOX Sports Kansas City with Ryan Lefebvre and Rex Hudler providing the call, with Joel Goldberg on the pre and post-game shows, Royals Live.

Angels vs. Royals

Kansas City comes to the park tonight still seeking its first win over the Halos in 2018...the Royals were 0-3 in a weather-shortened set in KC in April and then had three leads get away last night to suffer a fourth straight loss to the Angels...the Royals trail the all-time series by a 286-294 margin, but possess an all-time mark of 151-142 here in the "Big A."

Date	Site	Score	WP	LP	Att.
4/12	KC	L, 1-7	Tropeano	Kennedy	14,714
4/13	KC	L, 4-5	Wood	Grimm	15,011
4/14	KC	L, 3-5	Richards	Junis	15,876
4/15	KC	Snowed Out - To be made up on June 25			
6/4	@ Ana	L, 6-9	Bedrosian	Hill	32,553
6/5	@ Ana				
6/6	@ Ana				
6/25	KC (3:15 p.m.)				

LATE TALLIES RUIN SEE-SAW AFFAIR--The Royals held three different leads, came back once to tie the game and ultimately fell by a 9-6 margin due to a three-run eighth by the Halos in the opener of this three-game set...Danny Duffy made the start and had one of the more unusual pitching lines in his career, working 5.0 innings with all 15 outs coming via the fly ball...he did not register a ground ball out or a strikeout, the first time that has occurred in team history for a starting pitcher and first time in the Majors going as far back as 1974 according to STATS, Inc....despite the four runs he allowed, Duffy departed clinging to a one-run lead, but the pen was tagged for five runs, starting with Kevin McCarthy, who allowed a pair to give the Angels a 6-5 advantage in the sixth...Salvador Perez immediately tied the game in the seventh with a home run on the first pitch of the inning, his 10th blast of the year, but Tim Hill battled control issues, walking the first two men in the eighth and allowing three runs total to cross the plate for his second loss...the Royals had 12 hits on the night, including a 5-for-14 effort with runners in scoring position, led by Jon Jay's three-hit game and a pair of knocks from both Perez and Mike Moustakas...the loss dropped the Royals to 4-3 in their last seven road games.

AN ARMS RACE IN DAYONE--The Royals had five of the first 58 picks during the first day of the 2018 Major League Draft and Kansas City nabbed a pitcher with each of the five selections...it all began with the 18th overall pick and KC snapped up right-handed pitcher Brady Singer from the University of Florida...with the 33rd overall pick, the first of two straight compensation selections, the Royals returned to Gainesville, FL, for Singer's teammate, right-handed hurler Jackson Kowar...KC was still on the clock for the 34th pick and it grabbed Daniel Lynch, a left-handed pitcher from the University of Virginia...in the Competitive Balance round A, the Royals chose left-handed pitcher Kris Bubic from Stanford, then with the second round selection came right-handed hurler Jonathan Bowlan from the University of Memphis...today's second day was scheduled for eight picks and then tomorrow the draft will conclude with 30 selections per club.

BUSY WEEK THEN SOME BREAKS--Last night kicked off a seven-game journey through Anaheim (3) and then Oakland (4) before the Royals will begin to see a little break in the schedule...once this trip concludes, KC will have played 23 games in 24 days...the club will take next Monday off before opening a two-game Interleague set against the Cincinnati Reds, then get another day off on Thursday, June 14, which will also be the night of the annual Diamond of Dreams charity event on the Kauffman Stadium field, featuring songstress Rachel Platten...the Royals will have four off days in June, playing 14 times in 18 days...KC actually had five days off on the original schedule, but have to make up the April 15 snowout with these Angels on Monday, June 25, when the Royals are traveling between Houston and Milwaukee making that a four-city, nine-game tour, which includes the makeup game.

GORDO STILL SLINGING IT--Five-time Rawlings Gold Glove winner and Platinum Glove winner, Alex Gordon, continues to get tested by baserunners and he continues to pass the test, as last night he picked up his fourth outfield assist of the year, third in the last week, when Justin Upton tried to make it to third base on a hit to left in the eighth inning...for Gordon, it was his 86th career outfield assist, tying Gerardo Parra's for the most in the Majors since 2010, when Alex made the move from infielder to outfielder...Gordo also has a Major League best 84 outfield dimes since the start of the 2011 campaign, which was his first full year in left.

TONIGHT'S STARTING PITCHERS: RHP Brad Keller (1-1, 2.13) vs. LHP Andrew Heaney (2-4, 3.66)

	2018	2017	Career		2018	2017	Career
Brad Keller vs. Angels	0-0	-	0-0	Major League Record	1-1 (2.13 ERA)	-	1-1
Andrew Heaney vs. Royals	0-0	-	0-0	Major League Record	2-4 (3.66 ERA)	1-2	9-14

BRAD KELLER makes his second start, 23rd overall appearance on the year...it's his second outing (first start) vs. Los Angeles...he was selected in the Rule 5 Draft by Cincinnati from Arizona, then traded to the Royals...he was originally selected by Arizona in the eighth round of the 2013 First-Year Player Draft.

NO DECISION IN FIRST START--Brad made his first career big league start last Wednesday, but due to a pitch limit he was not involved in the decision, an 11-8 win over Minnesota...he threw 51 pitches over 3.0 innings, in which he allowed one run on three hits and one walk, with three strikeouts, departing with a 9-1 lead...he retired six of the first seven batters before allowing a leadoff double in the third, followed by a two-out RBI single by Miguel Sanó...the Royals' bullpen yielded seven runs over the next three frames, but never surrendered the lead, before the offense added single tallies in the seventh and eighth to secure their second straight rubber match...Kansas City has won six of the last eight games in which Keller has pitched...in 22 outings overall, he is 1-1 with a 2.13 ERA (6 ER in 25.1 IP).

FOR STARTERS--Keller made his big league debut on Opening Day and made his first 21 appearances in relief prior to his first start on Wednesday...in the minor leagues, 100 of his 106 outings were as a starter, including all 26 last season at Jackson (AA) in the Diamondbacks' organization...he went 10-9 in the Southern League with a 4.68 ERA (68 ER in 130.2 IP) and 111 strikeouts, tied for 10th most in the league...he was used primarily as a setup man before his last start, and is tied with Tim Hill and Kevin McCarthy for the team lead with five holds.

YOUTH IS SERVED--On Wednesday vs. Minnesota, Keller became the youngest Royals starter (22 years, 307 days) since Yordano Ventura (22 years, 309 days) on April 8, 2014...with a win tonight--at 22 years, 313 days--he'll become the youngest Royals starter to win since Danny Duffy (22 years, 259 days) on Sept. 6, 2011 at Oakland, and the youngest right-handed starter to win since Zack Greinke (21 years, 334 days) on Sept. 20, 2005 vs. Detroit (Game 2).

AMONG THE ROOKIE ELITE--Brad ranks among the American League rookie leaders (min. 20.0 IP) in: appearances (22, 2nd), holds (5, 2nd), ERA (2.13, 3rd), opponents' average (.213, 3rd) and WHIP (1.11, 3rd)...the only Royals rookie (min. 50.0 IP) to record an ERA lower than Keller's current 2.13 mark was Greg Holland, who posted a 1.80 ERA (12 ER in 60.0 IP) in 46 relief appearances in 2011...he's one of six pitchers to make their Major League debuts with Kansas City this season--most in the American League--joining: Tim Hill, Eric Stout, Trevor Oaks, Scott Barlow and Jason Adam.

ON THE ROAD--Keller has earned both his only win (May 11 at Cleveland) and his only loss (April 20 at Detroit) away from Kauffman Stadium this season, where he owns a 2.19 ERA (3 ER in 12.1 IP) in 11 appearances...he's held opponents scoreless in eight of those 11 outings, including his 3.0-scoreless-inning performance on May 11 at Cleveland, when he earned the win thanks to Salvador Perez's go-ahead home run off Andrew Miller in the seventh inning.

VS. ANGELS--Brad has made one appearance vs. the Angels, a 1.0-inning outing on April 13 at Kauffman Stadium, in which he allowed three of six batters to reach in the seventh inning, including an RBI single by Albert Pujols...two of his three outs came via strikeout, fanning Justin Upton and Kole Calhoun.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS--Brad was originally selected by Arizona in the eighth round of the 2013 First-Year Player Draft...in five seasons in the D-Backs' organization, he went 40-32 with a 3.77 ERA (227 ER in 541.1 IP), and increased his win total in each of his last four seasons, going from six in 2014 to eight in 2015 (and a career-best 142.0 IP) to nine in 2016 and a career-high 10 last season...entering 2017, he was ranked by MLB.com as the No. 7 prospect in the D-Backs' organization and the No. 8 prospect by *Baseball America*...he graduated in 2013 from Flowery Branch High School (Ga.), where he was named Region-8 5A All-Region First Team and Second-Team Pitcher of the Year as a senior.

Player	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI
Ian Kinsler	1.000	1	1	0	0
Martin Maldonado	.000	1	0	0	0
Albert Pujols	1.000	1	1	0	1
Mike Trout	-	0	0	0	0
Justin Upton	.000	1	0	0	0

Brad's Only Career Win (Relief):

May 11, 2018 at Cleveland (3.0 IP, 10-9 over Andrew Miller)

Brad's Only Career Loss (Relief):

April 20, 2018 at Detroit-1 (0.1 IP, 2-3 in 10 innings to Joe Jimenez)

Brad's Strikeout High (Start):

3 on May 30, 2018 vs. Minnesota (3.0 IP in an 11-8 no-decision vs. Fernando Romero)

Brad's Innings High:

3.0 IP (2x), last: May 30, 2018 vs. Minnesota



Pitching Notes

Tomorrow's Starter - Ian Kennedy

- Ian will make his 13th start of the season tomorrow night in the series finale with the Angels...he's 1-6 with a 6.08 ERA (41 ER in 60.2 IP). Kennedy suffered the loss in a 16-0 defeat to Oakland on Friday...he matched a season low with just 3.0 innings, surrendering eight runs on seven hits, including matching a season-high, allowing three home runs...after giving up one run through two innings, he was hit for seven runs on five hits with two walks in the third. He is winless over his last 10 starts, going 0-6 with a 7.40 ERA (40 ER in 48.2 IP) since his last win on April 7 at Cleveland. He's allowed at least eight runs twice in his last five starts (also 9 runs on May 10 at Baltimore) after doing it just three times in his previous 276 career outings. Kennedy held the Angels to one run in 6.0 innings on April 12...has a 3.86 ERA in eight outings against LA, including a 0.90 mark in his last three starts. He's 1-3 with a 7.01 ERA on the road with all 20 earned runs coming in 19.2 innings since he tossed 6.0 shutout frames in a 1-0 win at Cleveland on April 7.

2018 Pitching Lines

Table with 13 columns: G, W-L, SV, SVO, ERA, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO, OPPAVG. Rows for Starters, Relievers, Totals, and Bullpen Totals.

Jason Adam

Ist Batter Efficiency: 8/11 Saves/Save Opp: 0/0 (0.0%) Last Save: none Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 5/3 2018 Strikeout High: 4 on 5/21 at STL June 4 at LAA 1.0 1 0 0 0 1

- Jason threw a scoreless seventh inning with a strikeout of Zack Cozart yesterday, aided by Salvador Perez picking Jeffry Marte off first base after a two-out single...he has not allowed a run in four of his last five appearances after giving up runs in consecutive outings for the first time in his career May 20 and 21. He was originally selected by the Royals in the fifth round of the 2010 Draft out of Blue Valley Northwest HS (Overland Park, Kan.), but was traded to Minnesota in 2014 for Josh Willingham...did not pitch in 2015 or '16 due to injury and re-signed with Kansas City last August 18 after a brief stint in the Padres' organization. Adam is the 18th known player to play for the Royals after attending a Kansas City-area high school, and he's the sixth different Royals pitcher to make his Major League debut this season—second most in the Majors behind San Diego—joining: Scott Barlow, Tim Hill, Brad Keller, Trevor Oaks and Eric Stout.

Scott Barlow

Ist Batter Efficiency: 3/4 Saves/Save Opp: 0/0 (0.0%) Last Save: none Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 2/1 2018 Strikeout High: 5 (2x), last: 6/1 vs. OAK June 1 vs. OAK 3.0 3 1 1 0 5

- Scott tossed 3.0 innings in relief Friday, retiring the first eight he faced before three-straight hits in the sixth...earned his first big-league win on Tuesday night vs. Minnesota, working 4.0 scoreless frames (11th-14th)...allowed three runs and nine hits in his first two outings (3.2 IP) before being optioned on May 3. On Tuesday, he became the first KC reliever to toss 4.0 hitless innings since Jose Santiago (also, 4.0) on May 21, 2000 at Anaheim...he's the third Royals reliever to collect five strikeouts and work 4.0 hitless frames, joining Jeff Montgomery (May 7, 1990 at Cleveland) and Mark Littell (June 2, 1976 at Oakland).

Brian Flynn (L)

Ist Batter Efficiency: 12/18 Saves/Save Opp: 1/2 (50.0%) Last Save: May 1, 2018 at BOS (1st) Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 13/5 2018 Strikeout High: 3 on 5/25 at TEX June 1 vs. OAK 2.0 3 4 4 3 2

- Brian worked scoreless innings in the seventh and eighth before allowing four-straight hitters to reach in the ninth on Friday...his outing snapped a streak of three-straight scoreless appearances, which included two in the Twins series...allowed 10 walks in his last 14.0 innings (seven outings). Despite Friday's struggles, Flynn still has a 3.48 ERA (4 ER in 10.1 IP) in five outings against AL West foes this season.

Kelvin Herrera

Ist Batter Efficiency: 19/24 Saves/Save Opp: 13/14 (92.9%) Last Save: June 2 vs. OAK (56th) Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 3/0 2018 Strikeout High: 3 on 4/2 at DET June 2 vs. OAK (Save) 1.0 0 0 0 0 1

- Kelvin recorded his 13th save Saturday, setting the A's down in order in the ninth...he's tied for fifth in the AL with 13 saves, while his 92.9 save percentage (13-for-14) is fourth among AL relievers...retired 14-of-the-last-16 batters he's faced over his last five outings...pitched in 17 of KC's 21 victories this season. Herrera has not yielded a walk in any of his 24 appearances (22.2 IP), surpassing Dan Quisenberry (19 outings, 37.2 IP in 1982) for the most consecutive games without a walk to begin a season in Royals history...Kenley Jansen (2017) and Mark Eichhorn (1991) hold the Major League record, going their first 30 appearances without allowing a walk, the only two streaks longer than Herrera's current run...one of two relievers in MLB to work at least 10 innings with no walks. Herrera's 0.79 ERA (2 ER in 22.2 IP) leads AL relievers and ranks third in the Majors behind only Jeremy Jeffress (0.60) and Dan Winkler (0.74). Recorded his 56th career save Saturday, moving him to within two of tying Doug Bird (58) for fifth in club history.

Tim Hill (L)

Ist Batter Efficiency: 15/24 Saves/Save Opp: 0/1 (0.0%) Last Save: none Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 15/4 2018 Strikeout High: 3 (2x), last: 5/24 at TEX June 4 at LAA (Loss) 0.1 2 3 3 2 1

- Tim took the loss last night, allowing four of five batters to reach in the eighth...entered with the game tied 6-6 and allowed consecutive walks...he recovered to fan Ian Kinsler, but Mike Trout and Justin Upton followed with RBI singles...it marked just the second time he's allowed multiple runs in 24 outings. Hill became the third Royal to collect his first big league win this year, joining Brad Keller (May 11) and Scott Barlow (May 29)...he's third among AL rookies in appearances (24), while his WHIP (1.39) is tied for fourth and his ERA (4.34) is eighth and among first-year AL relievers with a minimum of 18.0 innings pitched. He has held opponents hitless in 14 of 24 outings, including each of the first seven (6.2 IP) to begin his career, which was one game shy of matching Jonathan Sanchez (2006) and Garry Roggenburk (1963) for the most hitless appearances to begin a career in Major League history, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

Kevin McCarthy

Ist Batter Efficiency: 17/22 Saves/Save Opp: 0/2 (0.0%) Last Save: none Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 11/2 2018 Strikeout High: 2 (4x), last: 5/23 at STL June 4 at LAA 1.0 3 2 2 1 1

- Kevin was charged with two runs on three hits in the sixth inning yesterday, allowing a game-tying hit to Mike Trout and a go-ahead RBI single to Albert Pujols with two outs...he has a 6.08 ERA (9 ER in 13.1 IP) in 11 road appearances this season as opposed to being unscored upon in 11 outings (12.1 IP) at home. Earned his fourth win Wednesday, tying him for the AL lead among relievers and for third in the Majors behind Jeremy Jeffress and Robert Gsellman (5). His 60.5 ground ball rate is third among AL relievers...he worked 3.0 scoreless innings in Kansas City's 7-6 win in 13 innings on May 1 in Boston, retiring nine batters on 24 pitches, becoming the second player since 2014 to record 3.0 relief innings on 24 pitches or fewer, joining Ryan Webb (22) on Aug. 11, 2015.

Trevor Oaks

Ist Batter Efficiency: 1/1 Saves/Save Opp: 0/0 (0.0%) Last Save: none Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: -/- 2018 Strikeout High: 4 on 4/28 vs. CWS-1 May 30 vs. MIN 1.2 5 3 3 1 1

- Trevor made his second big league appearance last Wednesday and first out of the bullpen, as he allowed three runs on five hits...he was recalled from Omaha (AAA) on Wednesday after Blaine Boyer (right lower back strain) was placed on the disabled list...made his big league debut April 28 in a start vs. the White Sox. He had nine starts with Omaha (AAA) this season, going 3-3 with a 2.50 ERA (15 ER in 54.0 IP), which ranks second in the Pacific Coast League...his 1.22 WHIP is tied for fifth in the PCL among qualifying hurlers...acquired from the Dodgers' organization in a three-team trade on Jan. 4, 2018.

Burch Smith

Ist Batter Efficiency: 10/17 Saves/Save Opp: 0/0 (0.0%) Last Save: none Last Outing: IP H R ER BB SO Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 16/10 2018 Strikeout High: 4 on 4/17 at TOR-1 June 4 at LAA 0.2 1 0 0 0 0

- Burch retired one of the two batters he faced last night, allowing an inherited runner to score on a hit by Albert Pujols before getting Andrelton Simmons to hit into a force out...his outing snapped a streak of seven straight games with a strikeout dating back to May 8, but his 28 K's (in 26 IP) are tops among KC relievers. He has a 9.69 ERA (14 ER in 13 IP) in nine outings in May and June after posting a 3.38 mark (5 ER in 13.1 IP) in eight appearances in March and April.

Royals vs. Angels

Table comparing 2018 and Career stats for Royals pitchers against Angels. Columns include Pitcher, W-L, S, ERA, G, IP, H, ER for both years.



This & That

DRAFT PICKS COME WITH HEIGHT--The fivesome of hurlers selected on the first day of the 2018 draft will bring an average height of 6-5 to the hill when they join the organization...the 34th overall pick Daniel Lynch (Virginia) and 58th selection Jonathan Bowlan (Memphis) will bring a 6-6 frame to the pitching rubber, while the consecutive draftees from the University of Florida, Brady Singer (18th overall) and Jackson Kowar (33rd overall) are each 6-5...the point guard of the group will be Kris Bubic, the 40th overall selection out of Stanford...among the active pitchers on KC's current 25-man roster, Brian Flynn takes the top height honors at 6-7, while Jason Hammel is 6-6...Eric Skoglund and his 6-7 frame is currently on the D.L. with left elbow soreness.

DRAFTEES STILL WORKING--The two Florida Gators the Royals chose with their first two picks last night will be a bit busy this week and maybe beyond as pitcher Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar will be working this weekend as the Gators open play in the NCAA Super Regionals at noon (EDT) this Saturday in the best-of-three against fellow SEC school Auburn...Florida, the defending College World Series champs, will be the host school in this Super Regional.

DON'T STOP THIEF--Last year's American League stolen base champ Whit Merrifield pilfered a pair of bags on Sunday vs. the A's, upping his season total to 14, good for second best in the league this year to this point...he has made an art out of stealing third base, swiping the corner bag on Sunday for the seventh time in as many attempts this year and now 17-for-18 in his career, trailing only Rajai Davis (22) and Jose Altuve (20) since the start of 2016.

DUPE STRIKES AGAIN--Kansas City replay review expert Bill Duplissee nailed another one on Saturday when he requested a review of whether Ryan Goins beat out a bunt attempt in the second inning...instead of being the third out of the inning, NY agreed with Dupe's assessment to overturn the call and it led to two runs, with Alcides Escobar and Jon Jay each following with extra-base hits...the overturn upped his current 2018 mark to 14-for-16 for an 87.5 success rate, the tops in the Majors...it's actually not even close, as the most recent numbers reveal that the Yankees are next at 68.4% (13-for-19)...Dupe has made good on 68% of his challenges in his career (113-for-167), which ranks among the best, including a Major League best 72.5% success rate over the last three seasons (66-for-91).

WHERE'S WHIT???--Kansas City utility man extraordinaire Whit Merrifield found himself in a more familiar surrounding at second base last night, his 41st start of the year there...now in his third big league season, Merrifield's name is likely to be somewhere near the top of the batting order, but where he'll play on a given day could be virtually anywhere on the diamond...he opened the weekend series vs. Oakland on Friday night in centerfield then moved to first the last two days...on the year he's played four different defensive positions, including his normal location of second base (41 games), first base (5 games), center field (5 games) and right field (4 games)...he has played left field and third base in previous seasons, while also DH'ing three times this year.

ERRORLESS WAYS HALTED--The Royals have committed errors in consecutive games for the first time since April 21-22, with Alex Gordon guilty of a second inning miscue last night, his first error since last September 8 against Minnesota and fifth in his last 3 1/2 years dating back to the start of the 2015 season...Kansas City's seven-game errorless streak came to a halt in the sixth inning on Sunday when Alcides Escobar misplayed a ground ball...KC has still played error-free ball in 32 of the last 38 contests and remains second in the American League in fewest errors with 23 and second with a .990 fielding percentage.

WALK FREE ZONE--Kelvin Herrera worked a scoreless ninth for his 13th save on Saturday dropping his season ERA to 0.79 (2 ER in 22.2 IP)...he has yet to yield a walk thru his first 24 appearances of 2018, surpassing Dan Quisenberry for the most games without a walk to start a season...Quiz did not allow a free pass in his first 19 outings, though his inning total was 37.2 in 1982.

ALL-STAR BALLOTING UNDERWAY--All-Star Balloting for the 2018 MLB All-Star Game presented by Mastercard, which will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at Nationals Park, the home of the Washington Nationals is underway...the 89th Midsummer Classic, hosted by the Nationals for the first time since the franchise moved to Washington, D.C., will mark the fifth All-Star Game to be played in the nation's capital. For the fourth consecutive season, MLB's All-Star Balloting Program will be conducted exclusively online and via mobile devices at MLB.com, all 30 Club web sites and the MLB At Bat and MLB Ballpark mobile apps...fans around the world can cast their votes for starters a total of 35 times with the 2018 Camping World MLB All-Star Ballot.

DIVISIONAL WORK--Last night's loss to the Angels dropped Kansas City to 4-10 vs. the A.L. West, as the Royals are currently in a stretch of 10 straight against the West and 14 of 17 dating back to the June 24-27 visit to Texas...the Royals are 12-14 within the A.L. Central, including an 8-4 mark in the last 12 intradivision meetings...Kansas City has gone just 3-12 vs. the East...KC's work against the National League is 2-3, with the N.L. Central the focus this season...the next work against a National League club will open the next homestand when Cincinnati visits Kauffman Stadium for a two-game set.

ESKY THE IRON MAN--Alcides Escobar started his Major League-leading 393rd consecutive game last night...the next closest Major Leaguer in consecutive starts is San Diego shortstop Freddy Galvis with 224.

1,107 AND COUNTING--The winningest manager in franchise history, Ned Yost recorded his 1,100th career win on May 18 vs. the Yankees and has since upped that career total to 1,007 which is good for sixth on the all-time list among active skippers...he has a 650-671 regular season record at the helm for the Royals, blowing past Whitey Herzog's previous team mark of 410 wins (1975-79)...Yost is the 16th full-time manager in franchise history and is also sixth among active managers in games (2,280)...his postseason winning pct. of .710 (22-9) is tops among all managers in history who have worked at least 20 playoff games...this is his second stint as a big league manager after nearly six full campaigns at the helm for the Milwaukee Brewers (2003-2008)...he compiled a 457-502 record with the Brew Crew including a 166-146 mark in his last two seasons...Yost, a catcher during his playing days, began his coaching career in the Atlanta organization, including 12 straight seasons on Bobby Cox's big league staff (1991-2002).

RULE 5 HURLERS ON ROSTER--The Royals are carrying a pair of Rule 5 acquisitions on the roster with right-handed hurlers Brad Keller and Burch Smith...Keller, 22, was selected in last December's Rule 5 draft from Arizona by Cincinnati and then dealt to KC, while the 28-year old Smith was acquired from the New York Mets after being selected in the draft...Keller spent the year in AA Jackson last year, while Smith has big league time with San Diego in 2013.

Player	vs. Angels (2018)					vs. Angels (career)					On Road (career)					Heaney (career)					Ohtani (career)				
	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI
Almonte	.154	13	2	0	0	.254	71	18	1	11	.208	480	100	6	40	.000	3	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Butera	.143	7	1	0	1	.190	42	8	0	5	.206	567	117	14	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dozier	.250	4	1	0	0	.250	4	1	0	0	.296	27	8	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escobar	.154	13	2	0	1	.237	232	55	0	13	.256	2611	669	20	205	.500	2	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Goins	.429	7	3	0	0	.275	51	14	1	4	.237	697	165	9	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gordon	.000	4	0	0	0	.258	244	63	4	25	.257	2744	706	85	287	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jay	.357	14	5	0	1	.276	29	8	1	4	.277	1717	476	19	159	.500	2	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Merrifield	.176	17	3	0	1	.200	30	6	0	2	.279	548	153	9	54	.333	3	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-
Moustakas	.375	16	6	1	2	.241	141	34	8	18	.250	1720	430	75	214	.333	3	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Perez	.500	4	2	1	1	.313	134	42	8	22	.272	1674	456	77	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soler	.176	17	3	0	2	.207	29	6	0	3	.243	461	112	17	63	.200	5	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Torres	-	-	-	-	-	.400	5	2	0	0	.224	49	11	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Starting Pitchers Breakdown

Pitcher	GS	Total KC Runs	Avg. Runs Per Start	Team Record	Quality Starts
Danny Duffy	13	63	4.8	3-10	3
Jason Hammel	12	46	3.8	4-8	6
Jakob Junis	12	49	4.1	7-5	7
Brad Keller	1	11	11.0	1-0	0
Ian Kennedy	12	35	2.9	3-9	4
Trevor Oaks	1	0	0.0	0-1	0
Eric Skoglund	9	38	4.2	3-6	3
Totals	60	242	4.0	21-39	23

Catcher/Pitcher Matchups (Team Record w/Starters)

Pitcher	Butera	Gallagher	Perez	Totals
Duffy	1-6	0-1	2-3	3-10
Hammel	1-1	0-3	3-4	4-8
Junis	4-1	1-0	2-4	7-5
Keller	-	-	1-0	1-0
Kennedy	2-3	-	1-6	3-9
Oaks	0-1	-	-	0-1
Skoglund	1-2	0-1	2-3	3-6
Total	9-14	1-5	11-20	21-39
Starts	23	6	31	60
CS/ATT	2/12	0/4	9/18	11/34
Pct.	16.7	0.0	50.0	32.4
ERA	5.94	3.35	5.57	5.49
ER/IP	144/218.1	20/53.2	164/265.0	328/538.0



Royals Notes - Kansas City Royals @ Los Angeles Angels - Tuesday, June 5, 2018

2018 Transactions

Date	Player	Transaction	Date	Player	Transaction
3/29	RHP-Blaine Boyer	Selected from Omaha (AAA)	4/27	OF-Bubba Starling	Reinstated from 10-day DL/Optioned to Omaha
	INF-Ryan Goins	Selected from Omaha	4/28	RHP-Trevor Oaks	Recalled from Omaha (26th man)/Optioned after second game
	C-Cam Gallagher	Recalled from Omaha		RHP-Scott Barlow	Recalled from Omaha
	RHP-Wily Peralta	Designated for assignment		LHP-Eric Stout	Optioned to Omaha
	RHP-Kyle Zimmer	Designated for assignment	4/30	INF-Adalberto Mondesi	Reinstated from 10-day DL/Optioned to Omaha
	RHP-Nate Karns	Placed on 10-day DL (right elbow inflammation), retro to 3/26	5/3	RHP-Brandon Maurer	Outrighted to Omaha
	INF-Adalberto Mondesi	Placed on 10-day DL (right shoulder impingement), retro to 3/26	5/4	RHP-Jason Adam	Selected from Omaha
	C-Salvador Perez	Placed on 10-day DL (left knee sprain), retro to 3/26		RHP-Scott Barlow	Optioned to Omaha
	OF-Bubba Starling	Placed on 10-day DL (left oblique strain), retro to 3/26	5/14	INF/OF-Hunter Dozier	Recalled from Omaha
3/31	RHP-Wily Peralta	Outrighted to Omaha		1B-Lucas Duda	Placed on 10-day disabled list (right foot plantar fasciitis)
4/2	OF-Abraham Almonte	Claimed off waivers from Cleveland	5/19	INF-Cheslor Cuthbert	Placed on 10-day disabled list (lower back strain)
	RHP-Miguel Almonte	Designated for assignment		INF-Ramón Torres	Recalled from Omaha
4/10	OF-Abraham Almonte	Recalled from Omaha	5/26	LHP-Eric Skoglund	Placed on 10-day disabled list (UCL sprain/vulgas extension overload)
	OF-Alex Gordon	Placed on 10-day DL (left hip labral tear)		RHP-Eric Stout	Recalled from Omaha
4/13	RHP-Kevin McCarthy	Recalled from Omaha	5/28	RHP-Scott Barlow	Recalled from Omaha
	RHP-Brandon Maurer	Optioned to Omaha		LHP-Eric Stout	Optioned to Omaha
4/17	RHP-Scott Barlow	Recalled from Omaha (26th man)	5/30	RHP-Trevor Oaks	Recalled from Omaha
	RHP-Scott Barlow	Optioned to Omaha (postgame)		RHP-Blaine Boyer	Placed on 10-day disabled list (right lower back strain)
4/20	RHP-Scott Barlow	Recalled from Omaha (26th man)			
	RHP-Scott Barlow	Optioned to Omaha (postgame)			
4/24	C-Cam Gallagher	Optioned to Omaha			
	OF-Alex Gordon	Reinstated from disabled list			
	RHP-Justin Grimm	Placed on 10-day disabled list (lower back stiffness), retro 4/22			
	OF-Paulo Orlando	Optioned to Omaha			
	C-Salvador Perez	Reinstated from disabled list			
	LHP-Eric Stout	Recalled from Omaha			

Royals Ejections

Date	Player/Coach	Umpire/Type of Play

The Lineup Card

Starts by Batting Order

- 1st:** Almonte (0-1), Jay (13-32), Merrifield (8-6)
- 2nd:** Almonte (0-1), Cuthbert (1-0), Escobar (1-0), Goins (1-0), Jay (0-1), Merrifield (9-22), Moustakas (2-2), Soler (7-13)
- 3rd:** Cuthbert (1-0), Moustakas (17-36), Perez (3-3)
- 4th:** Cuthbert (2-3), Duda (2-14), Moustakas (0-1), Perez (13-21), Soler (4-0)
- 5th:** Cuthbert (4-7), Dozier (1-0), Duda (4-10), Escobar (0-1), Jay (2-1), Merrifield (1-5), Orlando (2-1), Soler (7-14)
- 6th:** Almonte (3-4), Cuthbert (1-3), Dozier (3-4), Duda (0-2), Escobar (1-0), Goins (1-2), Gordon (4-7), Jay (4-3), Merrifield (2-4), Orlando (1-2), Soler (1-8)
- 7th:** Almonte (3-2), Cuthbert (1-1), Dozier (1-7), Duda (2-0), Escobar (3-4), Gallagher (1-0), Goins (1-3), Gordon (8-16), Jay (0-1), Orlando (1-5)
- 8th:** Almonte (0-2), Butera (1-0), Cuthbert (1-3), Escobar (12-26), Goins (3-3), Gordon (3-5), Torres (1-0)
- 9th:** Almonte (3-4), Butera (8-14), Dozier (0-1), Escobar (4-8), Gallagher (1-5), Goins (1-4), Gordon (1-0), Torres (1-2), Pitchers (2-1)

Starts by Position

- P:** Duffy (3-10), Hammel (4-8), Junis (7-5), Keller (1-0), Kennedy (3-9), Oaks (0-1), Skoglund (3-6)
- C:** Butera (9-14), Gallagher (1-5), Perez (11-20)
- 1B:** Cuthbert (5-4), Dozier (5-11), Duda (7-22), Merrifield (3-2), Perez (1-0)
- 2B:** Goins (7-11), Merrifield (14-27), Torres (0-1)
- 3B:** Cuthbert (4-6), Goins (0-1), Moustakas (15-31), Torres (2-1)
- SS:** Escobar (21-39)
- LF:** Gordon (10-20), Jay (10-17), Orlando (1-2)
- CF:** Almonte (9-14), Gordon (4-7), Jay (4-10), Merrifield (1-3), Orlando (3-5)
- RF:** Jay (2-7), Merrifield (1-3), Soler (18-29)
- DH:** Cuthbert (2-6), Dozier (0-1), Duda (1-4), Gallagher (1-0), Gordon (2-1), Jay (3-4), Merrifield (1-2), Moustakas (4-9), Orlando (0-1), Perez (4-4), Soler (1-6)

Daily Update

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Royals	49	27	27	28	28	25	18	22	10	3	-	1	3	1	-	242
Opponents	37	17	45	53	38	37	40	46	21	3	3	1	2	-	-	343

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15+
Royals	8	3	5	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Opponents	10	5	5	5	4	2	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	1

Minor League Report

Omaha Storm Chasers (AAA)
Pacific Coast League
American Conference, Northern Division
(24-32)

Omaha did not play last night and is slated to take on El Paso (Padres) tonight, in the first of a three-game set. This is the only meeting of the season between Omaha and El Paso.

NW Arkansas Naturals (AA)
Texas League
North Division
(27-29)

Northwest Arkansas ushers in a four-game set with the Springfield Cardinals following a day off on Monday. The Naturals are 4-7 against Springfield in 2018.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (A-Advanced)
Carolina League
North Division
(23-33)

Wilmington gets back into action after the off day Monday with Lynchburg (Indians) coming to town for a four-game set. The Blue Rocks took two of three against Lynchburg in April.

Lexington Legends (A)
South Atlantic League
Southern Division
(30-23)

Lexington heads to West Virginia to face off with the Power (Pirates) for four games. The Legends hold a slight advantage in the season series, having won four of the first seven matchups.

Idaho Falls Chukars (R)
Pioneer League
South Division

Begin play June 15 vs. Ogden (Dodgers)

Burlington Royals (R)
Appalachian League
East Division

Begin play June 19 at Elizabethton (Twins)

Surprise Royals (R)
Arizona League
West Division

Begin play in June Schedule TBA



Miscellaneous Statistics

Team Batting

Most runs, game
 Most runs, extra-inning game
 Most hits, game
 Most hits, extra-inning game
 Fewest hits, game
 Most runs, inning
 Most hits, inning
 Most doubles, game
 Most doubles, extra-inning game
 Most triples, game
 Most triples, extra-inning game
 Most home runs, game
 Most home runs, extra-inning game
 Most home runs, inning
 Most extra-base hits, game
 Most extra-base hits, extra-inning game
 Most steals, game
 Most times caught stealing, game
 Most sacrifice flies, game
 Most sacrifices, game
 Most strikeouts, game
 Most strikeouts, extra-inning game
 Most walks, game
 Most walks, extra-inning game
 Most left on base, game
 Most left on base, extra-inning game
 Fewest left on base, game
 Fewest left on base, extra-inning game
 Most double plays turned
 Most errors, game

Individual Batting:

Most hits, game
 Most hits, extra-inning game
 Most runs, game
 Most doubles, game
 Most triples, game
 Most home runs, game
 Most RBI, game
 Most RBI, extra-inning game
 Most total bases, game
 Most total bases, extra-inning game
 Most walks, game
 Most stolen bases, game
 Longest hitting streak (min. 5 games)

Individual Pitching:

Most innings pitched, starter
 Most innings pitched, reliever
 Most strikeouts, starter
 Most strikeouts, reliever
 Most walks, starter
 Most walks, reliever
 Most runs allowed
 Most home runs allowed
 Consecutive scoreless innings, starter
 Consecutive scoreless innings, reliever
 Longest winning streak (2 or more)

Team Miscellaneous:

Longest winning streak, overall
 Longest winning streak, home
 Longest winning streak, road
 Longest losing streak, overall
 Longest losing streak, home
 Longest losing streak, road
 Longest game-inning, home
 Longest game-inning, road
 Longest game-time, home
 Longest game-time, road
 Longest game-time (extra-innings, home)
 Longest game-time (extra-innings, road)
 Shortest game-time home
 Shortest game-time road
 Shortest game-time (extra-innings, home)
 Shortest game-time (extra-innings, road)
 Largest crowd-home
 Smallest crowd-home
 Largest crowd-road
 Smallest crowd-road
 Largest winning margin
 Largest losing margin
 Largest deficit overcome to win
 Largest lead lost

Royals

15 May 8 @ Baltimore
 7 May 1 @ Boston
 20 May 8 @ Baltimore
 15 May 1 @ Boston
 3 Twice, last: June 3 vs. Oakland
 10 May 8 @ Baltimore (1st)
 9 May 8 @ Baltimore (1st)
 6 May 11 @ Cleveland
 2 5 times, last: May 29 vs. Minnesota
 1 7 times, last: June 2 vs. Oakland
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 5 May 8 @ Baltimore
 2 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston
 4 May 8 @ Baltimore (1st)
 7 May 11 @ Cleveland
 4 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston
 4 May 6 vs. Detroit
 2 Twice, last: June 2 vs. Oakland
 2 Thrice, last: May 16 vs. Tampa Bay
 2 May 23 @ St. Louis
 13 April 30 @ Boston
 13 May 29 vs. Minnesota
 8 April 22 @ Detroit
 4 April 17 @ Toronto-2
 12 May 28 vs. Minnesota
 12 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston
 2 Twice, last: May 6 vs. Detroit
 5 Twice, last: May 26 @ Texas
 3 Twice, last: May 22 @ St. Louis
 2 Thrice, last: April 25 vs. Milwaukee

4 Thrice: Soler (May 30 vs. Minnesota), Jay (May 28 vs. Minnesota); Gordon (May 8 @ Baltimore)
 4 Jay (May 1 @ Boston)
 3 Thrice, last: Torres (May 24 @ Texas)
 3 Twice: Jay (May 28 vs. Minnesota); Duda (May 11 @ Cleveland)
 1 7 times, last: Escobar (June 2 vs. Oakland)
 2 Twice, Moustakas (May 8 @ Baltimore), Cuthbert (April 29 vs. Chicago White Sox)
 5 Moustakas (May 8 @ Baltimore)
 3 Soler (May 1 @ Boston)
 9 Moustakas (May 8 @ Baltimore)
 6 Soler (May 1 @ Boston)
 3 Twice, Soler (April 22 @ Detroit), Cuthbert (April 9 vs. Seattle)
 3 Twice, Merrifield (May 18 vs. New York Yankees; May 6 vs. Detroit)
 14 Moustakas (April 8-22)

9.0 Hammel (April 20 @ Detroit-1)
 4.0 Barlow (May 29 vs. Minnesota)
 10 Hammel (May 27 @ Texas)
 5 Twice: Barlow (May 29 vs. Minnesota and June 1 vs. Oakland)
 5 Duffy (April 13 @ Cleveland)
 3 Thrice, last: Flynn (June 1 vs. Oakland)
 9 Thrice, last: Duffy (May 13 @ Cleveland)
 5 Junis (April 26 vs. Chicago White Sox) - tied franchise record
 16.0 Junis (April 3-14)
 10.2 Keller (May 1-23)
 3 McCarthy (April 22-May 3)

3 May 22-24
 4 April 28-May 4
 3 May 22-24
 9 April 10-20
 10 April 10-28 (Game 1)
 5 April 17-20
 14 May 29 vs. Minnesota
 13 May 1 @ Boston
 3:26 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox
 3:35 June 4 @ Los Angeles Angels
 4:12 May 29 vs. Minnesota
 4:25 May 1 @ Boston
 2:16 May 6 vs. Detroit
 2:17 April 3 @ Detroit
 3:34 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox
 2:46 April 20 @ Detroit-1
 36,517 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox
 12,324 April 9 vs. Seattle
 42,140 May 21 @ St. Louis
 10,863 May 8 @ Baltimore
 10 April 9 vs. Seattle
 16 June 1 vs. Oakland
 5 May 11 @ Cleveland (trailed 4-9 after 4, won 10-9)
 4 Twice, last: May 10 at Baltimore (led 4-0 after 1/2; lost 6-11)

Opponents

16 June 1 vs. Oakland
 7 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox
 16 Twice, last: June 1 vs. Oakland
 12 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston
 2 April 9 vs. Seattle
 7 Twice, last: June 1 vs. Oakland (9th)
 6 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox (4th)
 5 May 5 vs. Detroit
 3 Thrice, last: May 26 @ Texas
 2 Thrice, last: May 25 @ Texas
 2 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox
 6 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox
 2 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston
 3 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox (4th)
 9 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox
 6 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox
 2 4 times, last: May 22 @ St. Louis
 2 Twice, last: May 22 @ St. Louis
 2 April 25 vs. Milwaukee
 2 May 15 vs. Tampa Bay
 11 4 times, last: June 1 vs. Oakland
 13 April 17 @ Toronto-2
 8 April 21 @ Detroit
 8 May 29 vs. Minnesota
 12 April 21 @ Detroit
 13 May 29 vs. Minnesota
 3 Thrice, last: May 24 @ Texas
 3 April 20 @ Detroit-1
 3 Thrice, last: May 10 @ Baltimore
 4 May 1 @ Boston

Upcoming Milestones

Alcides Escobar
 1 SB to tie for 8th on KC all-time list (J. Damon-156)
 1 G to tie for 9th on KC all-time list (B. Butler-1,166)
 6 2B to 200

Alex Gordon 1 SB for 100
 5 HR to tie for fourth on KC all-time list (H. McRae-169)

Kelvin Herrera
 2 saves to tie for 5th on KC all-time list (Doug Bird-58)

Jason Hammel 6 wins to 100

Jon Jay 38 hits to 1,000

Ian Kennedy 8 wins to 100

Royals Record When:

Lead after six innings: 13-4
Lead after seven innings: 15-3
Lead after eight innings: 17-0
Starter works more than 6.0 IP: 8-7
Score first: 13-14
Score more than three runs: 17-13
Hit home run: 16-20
Series opener: 6-14
10 or more hits: 9-14

Tied after six innings: 6-4
Tied after seven innings: 3-8
Tied after eight innings: 2-6
Starter works 6.0 IP: 4-8
Opponents score first: 8-25
Score three runs or less: 4-26
Do not homer: 5-19
Series finale: 7-12
Opponents 10 or more hits: 7-24

Trail after six innings: 2-31
Trail after seven innings: 3-28
Trail after eight innings: 3-33
Starter works less than 6.0 IP: 9-24
In the last turn at bat (KC/OPP): 7/8
Walkoff wins (KC/OPP): 1/4
Comeback wins (KC/OPP): 10/18
Errorless games by KC: 17-23
Extra Innings: 3-4

