



2018 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Spring Training Game Notes

Cleveland Indians-SS (9-6-2) @ Kansas City Royals (7-7-1)

Sunday, March 11, 2018

DROUGHT HITS THREE--The Royals had a rough visit to the east side of town on Saturday, dropping a 10-3 decision to the hometown Diamondbacks in front of a full house of 13,511 at Salt River Fields...Kansas City jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the second inning on run-scoring hits by Ryan Goins, Cam Gallagher and Paulo Orlando, but that would be the end of the scoring for the day...the D'Backs came back with three in their half of the second off of starter Jason Hammel, who wound up with a no decision...Kevin Lenik gave up the tie-breaking run in the fourth to absorb the loss, then Brad Keller and Josh Staumont were each tagged for three runs during their stints on the hill...KC finished with seven hits on the afternoon, with no Royal getting more than one.

EXTRA-BASE WHIT--Whit Merrifield collected his 14th hit of the spring on Saturday, a fifth inning single...of his 14 hits, eight have gone for extra bases (three doubles, three triples and two home runs) for a Major League best 1.036 slugging pct...he's also on top in OPS with a 1.536 mark, tied for first in hitting (.500) and he's third in total bases (29).

WELCOME HOME MOOSE--The Royals yesterday signed third baseman Mike Moustakas to a one-year deal with an option for 2019...the club record-setting home run hitter, who clobbered 38 last year, will spend the next handful of days working out on the fields and in the cage, with his first game action likely not taking place until later in the week.

BONIFACIO SUSPENDED--The Office of the Commissioner of Baseball announced yesterday that outfielder Jorge Bonifacio has received an 80-game suspension without pay after testing positive for Boldenone, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program...Bonifacio's 80-game suspension will commence at the start of the 2018 regular season.

VS. INDIANS--Today is the first of just two exhibition meetings with Cleveland, as the Royals will travel down the 303 to Goodyear on March 21 for a 6:05 game...these A.L. Central rivals will meet 19 times during the regular season starting with the first road trip of the year when KC visits Progressive Field on April 6-8...Cleveland's first stop in Kansas City isn't slated until July 2-4.

DENNY BACK FOR #50--The one common thread between the start of the Royals' franchise in 1969 and the start of 2018 is the voice of Denny Matthews...the 2007 Ford Frick Award winner will be at the mic for his 50th season this year, the same anniversary the organization is celebrating, with only the Dodgers' Vin Scully (67 years) and Jaime Jarrin (59 years) having longer stretches in the baseball broadcast booth.

ROYALS "FRIENDED" BY FACEBOOK--Major League Baseball and Facebook Friday announced a joint agreement that the global audience of Facebook will exclusively televise 25 games this season...the Royals are among the early selections with the Wednesday, April 18 game in Toronto now a Facebook telecast, thus it will be scratched from the FSKC schedule.

TUBE TIME--Today is the second of three straight days of television on FSKC...also on the slate is tomorrow night's second game of the split-squad with Texas, an 8:05 start (Kansas City time).

50TH SEASON OF ROYALS BASEBALL--The 2018 campaign is the Golden Anniversary season of the Royals who began play in 1969 in Ft. Myers, FL...this 33-game exhibition slate will feature 32 games here in Arizona and then will be capped with a stop in Omaha against KC's AAA affiliate for all 50 seasons of the franchise's existence...KC has 10 games remaining in Surprise, nine of which will be as the home club...the 2018 spring slate also has three more split squads, two of which are day/night doubleheaders, with the first coming on Monday vs. San Diego at noon and the Rangers at 6:00 p.m...the 2018 exhibition slate is a strange one in that the Royals will not play the Los Angeles Angels or the Colorado Rockies...there are a pair of off days in the spring slate on March 5 and 19...the 2018 regular season starts on Thursday, March 29 in Kauffman Stadium against the White Sox in the first of a 3-game series.

SURPRISE STADIUM RATED NUMERO UNO--At USA TODAY's request, ReviewTrackers conducted a study of more than 36,000 online reviews of the 23 spring training ballparks and analyzed 130,000 key words used in the reviews...the study provided a look at how baseball fans feel about the ballparks used for exhibition games...to create a score for each spring training stadium, ReviewTrackers examined how fans felt about four aspects of their visits: the facility; family friendliness; food; and the fan experience...to no surprise (pun intended), the Surprise Stadium, spring home of the Royals and Rangers, generated the highest overall score of the 10 Cactus League venues, finishing first in family friendliness...the park also topped all 23 spring parks (Arizona and Florida combined) in the facility and fan-experience categories.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN--With the additions of Ricky Nolasco and Mike Moustakas, the Royals have 68 players in camp, though pitcher Jesse Hahn has been placed on the 60-day D.L...the breakdown includes 33 pitchers (10 non-roster), 7 catchers (5 non-roster), 17 infielders (8 non-roster) and 11 outfielders (5 non-roster)...among the 32 active pitchers in camp, 7 are left-handed...of the 28 non-roster players in camp with Kansas City, 10 have previous Major League experience, including eight who had time in "The Show" in 2017...of the 41 roster players in camp, nine have yet to accrue any big league service time.

COMING OFF SUB .500 CAMPAIGN--The Royals had their first sub-.500 season since 2012 with last year's 80-82 ledger, finishing in third place in the A.L. Central, 22 games behind the division winning Indians...Kansas City has gone 431-379 in its last five seasons, tying the New York Yankees for the third best record in the American League in that span, trailing Cleveland (454-354) and Boston (432-378).

SPRING WORK--After yesterday's loss to the D'Backs, the Royals have an all-time exhibition record of 688-632 with 41 ties for a .521 winning pct...the 2018 exhibition season is the 16th here in the Valley of the Sun where the club has posted a 257-208 mark with 19 ties for a .553 mark...the Royals spent their first 34 seasons training in Florida, beginning with Fort Myers (1969-87), followed by a 15-year stint in Baseball City (1988-2002).

WORKING TOWARD THE START OF A NEW YEAR--The 2018 campaign will see the earliest start for the Royals, with the lid-lifter scheduled for Thursday, March 29 against the Chicago White Sox...that 3:15 contest will be the first of a 3-game series, that will see a "weather" off day on Friday, March 30, then resumption with games on Saturday (6:15 p.m.) and Sunday (1:15 p.m.)...KC will then depart on its first road swing of the year with a 6-game journey through Detroit (3) and Cleveland (3)...the first two trips of the campaign will include 3-game stops in the Motor City to battle the Tigers, then the Royals will not travel to Detroit again until the final trip of the year in late September...Kansas City will take on the National League Central in Interleague action, playing home & home 2-game sets with Milwaukee and Cincinnati, a home & home 3-game series with St. Louis and then a 3-game series in Kauffman Stadium against the Chicago Cubs (August 6-8) and 3-game road trip to Pittsburgh (September 17-19).

AT THE HELM--The winningest manager in franchise history, Ned Yost begins his eighth full season with the club, taking the reins on May 13, 2010...he has a 629-632 regular season record at the helm for the Royals, surpassing Whitey Herzog's previous team mark of 410 wins (1975-79)...Yost is the 16th full-time manager in franchise history and enters this year sixth among active managers in games (2,220) and wins (1,086)...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).

THE WEEK AHEAD--Today starts a 5-game in 4-day homestand with the Cleveland Indians visiting Surprise for a 1:05 start...Kansas City will play a split-doubleheader tomorrow with a 12:05 game against San Diego and then a 6:05 affair against Texas, both here at Surprise Stadium...KC will remain at home for a 1:05 game against Oakland on Tuesday and same start for the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday.

ON THE AIRWAVES--Today's game can be heard on 610 Sports and the Royals Radio Network as well as tomorrow night at home against the Rangers...tomorrow's day game vs. San Diego will be a webcast...Denny Matthews, Ryan Lefebvre, Steve Physioc and Steve Stewart are providing the call on 610 Sports and the Royals Radio Network, while Stewart also anchors the webcasts.

Upcoming Probables

Today vs. Cleveland Indians @ Surprise Stadium (1:05)

Ryan Merritt (L)

vs.

Nate Karns, Eric Skoglund (L), Foster Griffin (L),
Mike Broadway, Richard Lovelady (L), Glenn Sparkman

Monday (SS) vs. San Diego Padres @ Surprise Stadium (12:05)

Bryan Mitchell, Tyson Ross, Colten Brewer, Jonathan Aro,
Adam Cimber, Phil Maton

vs.

Jakob Junis, Blaine Boyer, Sam Gaviglio, Seth Maness,
Kevin McCarthy, Heath Fillmyer, Scott Blewett

Monday (SS) vs. Texas Rangers @ Surprise Stadium (6:05)

Jesse Chavez, Yohander Mendez (L), David Hurlbut (L),
Alex Claudio (L), Jake Diekman (L)

vs.

Burch Smith, Miguel Almonte, Trevor Oaks, Tim Hill (L),
Eric Stout (L), Andres Machado

Tuesday vs. Oakland A's @ Surprise Stadium (1:05)

Kendall Graveman

vs.

Danny Duffy (L), Kelvin Herrera, Brandon Maurer, Wily Peralta,
Kevin Lenik, Tim Hill (L), Josh Staumont

Wednesday vs. Chicago Cubs @ Surprise Stadium (1:05)

TBA

vs.

Ian Kennedy, Brian Flynn (L), Brad Keller

TODAY'S KANSAS CITY PITCHERS

#55 NATE KARNs, 30, takes the hill for his second start of the spring today...made his first start here on Tuesday vs. San Diego and held the Padres scoreless in 1.2 innings on one hit with three walks and three strikeouts...made nine appearances (eight starts) in 2017, his first year in Kansas City...placed on the DL May 24 with nerve irritation in his right arm and missed the remainder of the season...went 2-0 with a 2.01 ERA (5 ER in 22.1 IP) in four May starts prior to the injury...recorded a career-high 12 strikeouts on May 13 vs. Baltimore, becoming the first in the Majors to record that many strikeouts in 5.0 innings or less since the Cubs' Jake Arrieta on June 5, 2016 vs. Arizona...also had 10 strikeouts on May 8 at Tampa Bay, becoming the sixth Royals pitcher to record double-digit strikeouts in consecutive outings.

| KARNs | W-L | ERA | IP | H | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|----|----|----|
| 2018 Cactus League | 0-0 | 0.00 | 1.2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 2017 KANSAS CITY | 2-2 | 4.17 | 45.1 | 41 | 21 | 13 | 51 |

#57 MIKE BROADWAY, 30, is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring today...last pitched here on Wednesday vs. Milwaukee and recorded a scoreless frame...a non-roster invitee who had a 5.36 ERA (30 ER in 50.1 IP) in 36 appearances (four starts) between the Washington Nationals and Tampa Bay Rays' organizations in 2017...released by Washington on June 9 and signed a minor league contract with Tampa Bay on June 22...held opponents to a .149 average (17-for-114) in his 23 appearances in the Rays' organization...had a 0.84 ERA (1 ER in 10.2 IP) in his four starts with Durham (AAA) with no walks and 13 strikeouts...a veteran of 13 professional seasons, made 258 minor league appearances (2005-15) before making his Major League debut with San Francisco on June 13, 2015...originally selected in the fourth round by Atlanta in the 2005 First-Year Player Draft.

| BROADWAY | W-L | ERA | IP | H | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------------|-----|-------|------|----|----|----|----|
| 2018 Cactus League | 0-0 | 4.50 | 2.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 2017 Syracuse | 0-1 | 10.38 | 17.1 | 26 | 20 | 9 | 19 |
| Durham | 1-1 | 0.60 | 15.0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 18 |
| Montgomery | 0-1 | 4.50 | 18.0 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 10 |

#73 FOSTER GRIFFIN (L), 22, a non-roster invitee in his first Major League camp, is making his fourth appearance this spring...last pitched here on Wednesday vs. Milwaukee and took the loss after allowing four runs (two earned) on two hits and two walks in 1.0 inning...named Paul Splittorff Minor League Pitcher of the Year in 2017 after winning 15 games, most by a Royals farmhand since Jake Odorizzi (also 15) in 2012...led Royals minor leaguers with 141 strikeouts...won six-straight decisions from Jun 9-July 12...selected to the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game at Marlins Park, recording 0.2 inning for the US Team...ranks as the No. 9 prospect in the Royals' organization this season, according to *Baseball America*...bypassed a scholarship at the University of Mississippi when he signed with the Royals in 2014, after being selected in the first round (28th overall).

| GRIFFIN | W-L | ERA | IP | H | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------------|------|------|-------|-----|----|----|----|
| 2018 Cactus League | 0-1 | 9.00 | 3.0 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 2017 Wilmington | 4-2 | 2.86 | 56.2 | 43 | 18 | 20 | 60 |
| NW Arkansas | 11-5 | 3.61 | 104.2 | 108 | 42 | 34 | 81 |

#74 RICHRD LOVELADY (L), 22, is in his first big league camp and is scheduled to make his second appearance today...made his Cactus League debut with a scoreless inning (two strikeouts) on Thursday in Glendale vs. the White Sox...named Wilmington (A+) Pitcher of the Year in 2017 and MiLB.com Organization All-Star...selected to the Carolina League All-Star Game...had a scoreless streak of 19 consecutive appearances (25.1 IP) from May 7-July 14...held left-handed batters to a .184 average (14-for-76) between his two stops between Wilmington and Northwest Arkansas...selected by Kansas City in the 10th round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft.

| LOVELADY | W-L | ERA | IP | H | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|----|----|----|
| 2018 Cactus League | 0-0 | 0.00 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 2017 Wilmington | 1-0 | 1.08 | 33.1 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 41 |
| NW Arkansas | 3-2 | 2.16 | 33.1 | 28 | 8 | 13 | 36 |

#53 ERIC SKOGLUND (L), 25, is scheduled to make his third appearance this spring...last pitched here on Tuesday vs. San Diego and held the Padres scoreless on hit over 2.0 innings, with two strikeouts...spent most of 2017 in the minors, going 4-5 with a 4.07 ERA in 20 starts between Northwest Arkansas (AA) and Omaha (AAA)...made his Major League debut on May 30 vs. Detroit, recording 6.1 scoreless innings in a 1-0 win over Justin Verlander to become the 10th Royal to start and win his Major League debut...in his next two turns in the rotation, he allowed six runs on 11 hits and four walks in 3.1 innings, and was optioned to Omaha on June 19...had a 3.79 ERA (24 ER in 57.0 IP) in his next 11 starts with Omaha, including a season-high tying nine strikeouts in his last two starts in the minors on Aug. 10-15...recalled from Aug. 19-28 and made one start on Aug. 27 at Cleveland...optioned on Aug. 28, but was recalled the next day and spent the rest of the season with Kansas City.

| SKOGLUND | W-L | ERA | IP | H | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------------|-----|------|-------|-----|----|----|-----|
| 2018 Cactus League | 0-0 | 0.00 | 4.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 2017 KANSAS CITY | 1-2 | 9.50 | 18.0 | 30 | 19 | 12 | 14 |
| Omaha | 4-5 | 4.11 | 100.2 | 110 | 46 | 29 | 102 |
| NW Arkansas | 0-0 | 2.70 | 3.1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

#75 GLENN SPARKMAN, 25, is scheduled to make his fourth appearance this spring...he's recorded 3.0 scoreless innings to date, allowing no hits and one walk, most recently pitching here on Friday in the Royals' split-squad matchup vs. Arizona...made just 12 appearances (six starts) between five different stops last season, including making his Major League debut with Toronto on June 30 vs. Boston...designated for assignment on July 3 and returned to the Royals' organization after being selected in the Rule 5 Draft...finished the year with three outings at Northwest Arkansas, before being placed on the DL on July 27, ending his season...originally selected by Kansas City in the 2013 First-Year Player Draft (20th round) out of Wharton Junior College (Texas).

| SPARKMAN | W-L | ERA | IP | H | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------------|-----|-------|------|----|----|----|----|
| 2018 Cactus League | 0-0 | 0.00 | 3.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 2017 Dunedin | 0-1 | 0.00 | 3.1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| New Hampshire | 1-1 | 3.12 | 8.2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Buffalo | 1-2 | 2.25 | 8.0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| TORONTO | 0.0 | 63.00 | 1.0 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| NW Arkansas | 0-0 | 2.61 | 10.1 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 5 |

LAST TIME OUT

| Player | Date | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | HR | W/L/S |
|------------------|------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Miguel Almonte | 3/8 | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Scott Barlow | 3/9 | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - |
| Scott Blewett | 3/9 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Blaine Boyer | 3/8 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Michael Broadway | 3/7 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Danny Duffy | 3/8 | 3.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | W |
| Brian Flynn | 3/9 | 2.0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Heath Fillmyer | 3/10 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Sam Gaviglio | 3/8 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Foster Griffin | 3/7 | 1.0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | L |
| Jesse Hahn | 3/1 | 2.0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Jason Hammel | 3/10 | 2.0 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | - |
| Kelvin Herrera | 3/10 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Tim Hill | 3/9 | 1.0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | - |
| Jakob Junis | 3/7 | 2.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | - |
| Nate Karns | 3/6 | 1.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | - |
| Brad Keller | 3/10 | 1.2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - |
| Ian Kennedy | 3/9 | 3.0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | - |
| Kevin Lemik | 3/10 | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | L |
| Richard Lovelady | 3/8 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - |
| Andres Machado | 3/9 | 1.1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | L |
| Foster Griffin | 3/9 | 1.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Brandon Maurer | 3/10 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Kevin McCarthy | 3/9 | 1.0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - |
| Jake Newberry | 2/25 | 0.2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Trevor Oaks | 3/8 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Wily Peralta | 3/9 | 2.0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | - |
| Eric Skoglund | 3/6 | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | - |
| Burch Smith | 3/7 | 2.0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | - |
| Glenn Sparkman | 3/9 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Josh Staumont | 3/10 | 1.0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Eric Stout | 3/9 | 1.0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | L |
| Kyle Zimmer | 3/9 | 0.2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | - |

^ - Minor League camp addition

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

| Date | Player | Transaction |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2/19 | RHP-Heath Fillmyer | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | LHP-Brian Flynn | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Sam Gaviglio | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Jesse Hahn | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | LHP-Tim Hill | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Jakob Junis | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Brad Keller | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Andres Machado | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Kevin McCarthy | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Burch Smith | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | LHP-Eric Stout | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Kyle Zimmer | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | C-Mcibryns Vitoria | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | INF-Samir Dueñez | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | INF-Hunter Dozier | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | INF-Whit Merrifield | Signed to 2018 contract |
| 2/23 | OF-Michael Saunders | Signed to a minor league contract |
| 2/24 | RHP-Miguel Almonte | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | RHP-Trevor Oaks | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | LHP-Eric Skoglund | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | C-Cam Gallagher | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | INF-Cheslor Cuthbert | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | INF-Adalberto Mondesi | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | INF-Ramón Torres | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | OF-Jorge Bonifacio | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | OF-Billy Burns | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | OF-Paulo Orlando | Signed to 2018 contract |
| | OF-Bubba Starling | Signed to 2018 contract |
| 2/28 | 1B-Lucas Duda | Signed to Major League contract |
| | OF-Billy Burns | Designated for assignment |
| 3/6 | OF-Jon Jay | Signed to Major League contract |
| | RHP-Jesse Hahn | Placed on 60-day DL |
| 3/7 | RHP-Ricky Nolasco | Signed to a minor league contract |
| 3/10 | 3B-Mike Moustakas | Signed to Major League contract |

2018 SPRING SCHEDULE (all times local)

| Date | Day | Opponent | Site | Time/Result | Record | WP | LP | Save | ATT |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|
| February 24 | Saturday | LOS ANGELES DODGERS (SS) | Surprise | W, 8-4 | 1-0 | B. Smith (1-0) | Broussard | - | 5,020 |
| February 25* | Sunday | at Oakland | Mesa | T, 4-4 | 1-0-1 | - | - | - | 4,144 |
| February 26* | Monday | at San Francisco | Scottsdale | W, 10-6 | 2-0-1 | Flynn (1-0) | Beede | - | 6,946 |
| February 27 | Tuesday | SEATTLE | Surprise | W, 14-9 | 3-0-1 | K. McCarthy (1-0) | Bonnell | - | 2,887 |
| February 28* | Wednesday | CINCINNATI | Surprise | W, 3-2 | 4-0-1 | Machado (1-0) | Reed | - | 3,006 |
| March 1 ^{MLB} | Thursday | at Seattle | Peoria | W, 4-3 | 5-0-1 | Keller (1-0) | Bradford | Fillmyer (1) | 4,795 |
| March 2 ^{TV/MLB} | Friday | at San Diego | Peoria | L, 13-5 | 5-1-1 | Wilhelmsen | Oaks (0-1) | - | 4,307 |
| March 3 | Saturday | CHICAGO WHITE SOX | Surprise | L, 9-5 | 5-2-1 | Seahill | Flynn (1-1) | Stephens | 5,793 |
| March 4* | Sunday | at Cincinnati | Goodyear | W, 10-3 | 6-2-1 | Hammel (1-0) | DeSclafani | - | 4,005 |
| March 5 | Monday | OFF DAY | | | | | | | |
| March 6 ^{TV/MLB} | Tuesday | SAN DIEGO | Surprise | L, 5-4 | 6-3-1 | Quantrill | McCarthy (1-1) | - | 4,018 |
| March 7* | Wednesday | MILWAUKEE | Surprise | L, 10-6 | 6-4-1 | Derby | Griffin (0-1) | - | 5,236 |
| March 8 | Thursday | at Chicago White Sox (SS) | Glendale | W, 12-0 | 7-4-1 | Duffy (1-0) | Kopech | - | 3,419 |
| March 9 ^{MLB} | Friday | at Los Angeles Dodgers | Glendale | L, 6-4 | 7-5-1 | Cingrani | Machado (1-1) | Neal | 10,594 |
| March 10 ^{TV} | Saturday | ARIZONA | Surprise | L, 7-2 | 7-6-1 | Bradley | Stout (0-1) | - | 6,206 |
| March 11 ^{TV} | Sunday | at Arizona | Scottsdale | L, 10-3 | 7-7-1 | Suarez | Lenik (0-1) | - | 13,511 |
| March 12 ^{TV} | Monday | CLEVELAND (SS) | Surprise | 12:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 12 ^{TV/MLB} | Monday | SAN DIEGO | Surprise | 12:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 13* | Tuesday | TEXAS (SS)# | Surprise | 6:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 13* | Tuesday | OAKLAND | Surprise | 1:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 14* | Wednesday | CHICAGO CUBS | Surprise | 1:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 15 ^{MLB} | Thursday | at Los Angeles Dodgers | Glendale | 1:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 16 | Friday | at San Diego | Peoria | 1:10 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 17 ^{TV} | Saturday | TEXAS | Surprise | 12:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 18 ^{TV} | Sunday | at Texas | Surprise | 6:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 18 ^{TV} | Sunday | at Chicago Cubs | Mesa | 1:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 19 | Monday | OFF DAY | | | | | | | |
| March 20 ^{TV/MLB} | Tuesday | SAN FRANCISCO | Surprise | 6:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 21 ^{TV/MLB} | Wednesday | at Cleveland | Goodyear | 6:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 22 ^{TV/MLB} | Thursday | at Milwaukee | Maryvale | 1:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 23 | Friday | at San Francisco | Scottsdale | 1:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 24 | Saturday | LOS ANGELES DODGERS | Surprise | 1:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 25 ^{MLB} | Sunday | at Arizona | Scottsdale | 1:10 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 26* | Monday | CHICAGO CUBS | Surprise | 12:05 p.m. | | | | | |
| March 26* | Monday | at Omaha Storm Chasers | Omaha | 6:05 p.m. | | | | | |

Denotes Charity Game (game and stats will count in Cactus League)
 * Game broadcast on KCSP-610 AM in Kansas City (4 more radio broadcasts will be added in mid-March)
 TV Broadcast on FOX Sports Kansas City
 MLB Broadcast on MLB Network (Live broadcasts: 3/15, 3/22)
 NOTE: All games webcast on royals.com

| Record | Attendance |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Home: 3-4 | Home: 26,930 |
| Road: 4-3-1 | Home avg.: 7/3,847 |
| vs. A.L.: 3-1-1 | Road: 52,597 |
| vs. N.L.: 4-6 | Road avg.: 8/6,575 |