



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

POSTGAME NOTES

CLEVELAND INDIANS (90-70) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (57-103) - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

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INDIANS	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	3	14	16	0	6
ROYALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	7	1	4

WIN: Mike Clevinger (13-8) | **LOSS:** Ian Kennedy (3-9) | **SAVE:** None

STARTING PITCHERS										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HR	PC/S	LEFT
Mike Clevinger	6.2	3	1	1	0	5	0	0	101/66	Up 11-0
Ian Kennedy	6.0+	6	4	3	1	2	0	1	102/72	Down 2-0

GAME INFORMATION	
First Pitch	7:15
Temperature	57° F
Time of Game	3:16

ATTENDANCE			
2018	Tonight: 15,920	Total: 1,622,093	Average: 20,533
2017	After 79 Home Games:	Total: 2,155,366	Average: 27,283

SATURDAY'S STARTERS	
CLE	Corey Kluber (R)
KC	Jakob Junis (R)

THE LOSS: The Royals snapped a four-game winning streak, dropping to 57-103 (.356) overall, but are 19-13 (.594) in the last 32 games since Aug. 24.
 + Lost for just the fourth time in 18 games at Kauffman Stadium since Aug. 16, a stretch in which their .778 home win percentage remains best in the Majors.
 + Dropped to 6-11 vs. Cleveland this season, but have already lost the season series for the third straight season (2016-18), a stretch in which they're 18-37.
 + Allowed 10 runs in a frame for the first time since Sept. 11, 2015 at Baltimore (10-run 8th), and nine hits for the first time since July 21, 2008 vs. Detroit (9-hit 8th).
 + **Brian Goodwin's** grand slam in the ninth was the Royals' fourth of 2018 (also: **Salvador Perez** on Sept. 14 and May 10, **Abraham Almonte** on April 22).

IAN KENNEDY: Finished with three wins in 22 starts, his fewest since 2009 (1 IP), becoming the first Royal to win three games or fewer in 22 starts or more...he's the fourth AL pitcher with three wins or fewer in at least 22 starts in 2018, joining: **Ryne Stanek**, **Michael Fulmer** and **Sam Gaviglio**...prior to 2018, the last AL pitcher to do it was **Joe Kennedy** in 2003...his 3.76 run support average (50 R in 119.2 IP) is the lowest by a Royals pitcher (min. 20 GS) since **Danny Duffy** (3.38) in 2014.
 + Scattered three hits and one walk through the first 6.0 innings, stranding three and allowing a solo HR to **Jason Kipnis** in the second...retired 18 of 22 before surrendering three straight hits to begin the seventh, including an RBI single by **Yonder Alonso**...exited trailing 2-0, in favor of **Tim Hill**, who allowed both inherited runners to score...pitch count by inning: 11 (1st), 17 (2nd), 28 (3rd), 12 (4th), 7 (5th), 11 (6th), 16 (7th)...had at least 6 IP in each of his last four starts.
 + In 10 starts since June 6, he's 2-3 with a 3.20 ERA (21 ER in 59 IP), including a 2.88 ERA (8 ER in 25 IP) in four starts since his return from the DL on Sept. 9.
 + Failed to reach 30 starts this season for the first time since 2009, snapping an eight-year stretch in which he, **Max Scherzer** and **Jon Lester** were the only pitchers in the Majors with at least 30 starts each season...his two DL stints in 2018 matched his total from his previous 11 seasons combined (2007-17).

WHIT MERRIFIELD: Singled with two outs in the third, extending his hit streak to 18 games since Sept. 10, in which he's batting .312/.372/.481 (24-for-77)...it's the longest active streak in the Majors, according to *Elias*, the longest by a Royal this season and one shy of his career-high 19-game streak from May 13-June 4, 2017.
 + His 189 hits are three more than **J.D. Martinez** (186) for the AL lead, and three behind **Freddie Freeman** (191) for the Majors lead...only three Royals have led the AL in hits: **Kevin Seitzer** (207, tied with **Kirby Puckett**) in 1987, **Willie Wilson** (230) in 1980 and **George Brett** (212 in 1979, 215 in 1976 and 195 in 1975).

BRIAN GOODWIN: Hit his second career grand slam in the ninth (March 31 at Cincinnati, with Washington)...entered with nine RBI in 24 games with Kansas City.
 + In 11 games at Kauffman Stadium as a Royal, he's batting .325/.357/.475 (13-for-40) with four extra-base hits and seven RBI.

RYAN O'HEARN: Doubled in the seventh and scored on **Hunter Dozier's** RBI double, his 24th extra-base hit, most by a Royal through 42 career games.

INDIANS: Improved to 90-70 with two games left to mark their third straight 90-win season for the third time in franchise history (also: 1999-2001 and 1950-55).
 + Are 48-26 (.649) vs. the American League Central (42-44 (.488) vs. everyone else) and need to win the last two games to match the club record set last season for most wins within the division since 1994 realignment...improved to 11-6 vs. Kansas City this season and have outscored the Royals 95-61.
 + Hit two HR in a game for the 66th time this season—second most in the American League behind New York (77)—matching the club record set in 2000.
 + **Josh Donaldson's** grand slam in the seventh was Cleveland's 11th this season—its most since 2006 (14)—matching Cincinnati for most in the Majors.
 + Had a 10-run inning for the first time since Sept. 30, 2012 (10-run 5th vs. KC) and a nine-hit frame for the first time since April 8, 2011 (10-hit 4th at SEA).
 + **Adam Rosales** and **Greg Allen** each had two hits off the bench, the second time this season Cleveland has had two multi-hit games off the bench in the same game (also: **Brandon Guyer** and **Erik González** on July 21 at Texas)...prior to then, it hadn't happened since Sept. 8, 2010 at the Angels (16 IP).

MIKE CLEVINGER: Finished the season with career highs in wins (13), starts (32), innings (200) and strikeouts (207), joining **Corey Kluber** as the fourth set of Indians to record 200 IP and 200 K in the same season...the others were: Kluber and **Carlos Carrasco** (2017), **Luis Tiant** and **Sam McDowell** (1967-68).
 + Retired 20 of 23 batters over 6.2 innings, scattering three hits, one of which scored after he exited on a **Hunter Dozier** RBI double...pitch count by inning: 9 (1st), 17 (2nd), 13 (3rd), 16 (4th), 13 (5th), 19 (6th), 14 (7th), 101 total...finished with a 3.02 ERA (67 ER in 200 IP), but Cleveland went just 16-16 in his starts.
 + Held opponents to three runs or fewer in each of his 13 starts after the All-Star break, a stretch in which he went 6-3 with a 2.31 ERA (20 ER in 78 IP).
 + He's 6-0, 2.25 ERA (14 ER in 56 IP) in 10 career appearances (9 starts) vs. Kansas City, including 3-0, 1.89 ERA (4 ER in 19 IP) in four outings here.

JASON KIPNIS: Put Cleveland on the board with a solo HR to leadoff the third inning, his 18th of the year—the second most in his career behind 23 HR in 2016—seven of which have come in his last 26 games since Aug. 26, a stretch in which he's batting .303/.373/.618 (27-for-89) with 14 extra-base hits and 26 RBI.

JOSH DONALDSON: Doubled to leadoff the seventh inning and hit a grand slam with one out later in the same inning, his fifth career grand slam and first since April 9 at Baltimore (with Toronto)...he's the third Indians player this season to record multiple extra-base hits in one inning, joining: **Roberto Pérez** (5th, Sept. 8 at Toronto) and **José Ramírez** (5th, May 3 vs. Toronto)...before this season, it hadn't happened since Sept. 18, 2011 at Minnesota (**Shelly Duncan**, 7th).
 + Since joining Cleveland on Sept. 11, he's batting .295/.415/.545 (13-for-44) with five extra-base hits (3 HR) and seven RBI in 14 games.

ADAM ROSALES: Had three runs after entering as a pinch-runner in the seventh, becoming the second Indians player to enter as a pinch runner and score three times, joining **Paul Dade** on April 10, 1977 at Boston...the last player in the Majors to do this was Florida's **Donnie Murphy** on Sept. 9, 2011 at Pittsburgh.

ROBERTO PÉREZ: Had an RBI single in the seventh and a two-run double in the ninth, and has 11 RBI in his last seven games after having eight in his first 54.

HOME RUNS									
TEAM	BATTER	NO.	PITCHER	COUNT	TYPE	DISTANCE	FIELD	INN	SCORE
CLE	Jason Kipnis	18	Ian Kennedy	2-2	Solo	394 ft.	Right	3rd	Up 1-0
CLE	Josh Donaldson	8	Jake Newberry	1-0	Grand Slam	413 ft.	Left	7th	Up 10-0
KC	Brian Goodwin	6	Adam Plutko	1-0	Grand Slam	414 ft.	Right	9th	Down 14-6