



POSTGAME NOTES
NEW YORK YANKEES (67-37) vs. KANSAS CITY ROYALS (32-73)
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018



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KANSAS CITY ROYALS	3	6	1	4	1
NEW YORK YANKEES	6	9	0	6	3

STARTING TIME: 1:10 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 81 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: J.A. Happ (11-6)

LOSING PITCHER: Burch Smith (1-2)

SAVE: Aroldis Chapman (28)

TIME OF GAME: 2:51

PAID ATTENDANCE: 46,192 (Sellout #20)

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Yankees: J.A. Happ (96/63)

Royals: Burch Smith (90/60)

HOME RUNS (2018 TOTAL / INNING / RUNNERS ON BASE / OUTS / COUNT / PITCHER / SCORE AFTER HR)

YANKEES

Aaron Hicks (#17 / 1st / 1 on / 2 out / 0-1 / Smith / NYY 2 – KC 0)

ROYALS

Salvador Perez (#18 / 6th / 0 on / 2 out / 3-2 / Happ / NYY 5 – KC 1)

Hunter Dozier (#5 / 7th / 0 on / 0 out / 2-1 / Green / NYY 6 – KC 2)

Rossell Herrera (#1 / 8th / 0 on / 0 out / 0-0 / Robertson / NYY 6 – KC 3)

NEW YORK YANKEES NOTES

- The Yankees went 3-1 vs. Kansas City to begin their six-game homestand...earned their first series win since 7/6-8 at Toronto (2-1); had been 0-1-3 in their previous four series...remain 5.5G behind Boston in the AL East...are 23-10 in day games...tomorrow's off day is their last scheduled off day until 8/20 (will play 20 games in 20 days beginning Tuesday vs. Baltimore)...have won consecutive games for the first time since 7/11 at Baltimore and 7/12 at Cleveland.
 - At 67-37, are 30G over .500, matching their season high (also 61-31 on 7/12 and 62-32 on 7/14).
 - Are 16-5 (.762) vs. the AL Central this season...are 20-5 in their last 25G vs. AL Central teams (since 9/18/17)...went 5-2 vs. the Royals in 2018, winning their fourth straight season series.
 - Are 37-15 (.712) at Yankee Stadium this season, including 32-10 since 4/21...have not lost any of their last 15 home series, going 12-0-3.
- Yankees batters** extended their streak to eight consecutive home games with at least 5R, tied for their longest streak at the current Yankee Stadium (third time, also 7/13-28/12 and 5/17-31/10)...is tied for the second-longest streak in the Majors this season (Baltimore-9G, 4/26-5/12; Cleveland-8G, 4/30-5/13)...have scored 63R in 10 home games in July.
 - Homered in all 4G of this series (5HR total) after hitting just 1HR in their previous 5G.
 - Scored multiple first-inning runs in 3-of-4 games in this series (also wins on Thursday and Saturday-G2)...have scored at least 1R in the first inning of 14-of-21 wins since 6/18.
 - Have eight sacrifice flies in the last six games, and a Major League-leading 41 this season.
- CF Aaron Hicks** (3-for-3, 2R, 1 double, 1HR, 2RBI, 1BB, 1CS) reached in all 4PA today...went 7-for-10 with 4R, 1 double, 1HR, 3RBI and 4BB in the series...hit a two-run HR in the first inning, his first HR since 7/6 at Toronto...was his fourth career game reaching in every PA with at least 4PA, his first since going 4-for-4 on 8/30/17 (G2) vs. Cleveland.
 - Tied his career high with his 33rd extra-base hit (14 doubles, 2 triples, 17HR)...also had 33XBH in 2017.
 - Collected multiple hits and reached safely at least three times in each of his six starts vs. Kansas City this season, tying the Yankees' Roy White (8/15/70-6/4/71) for the longest such streak by an opponent in Royals history...finished the season series with the Royals hitting .636/.690/1.045 (14-for-22) with 9R, 1 double, 1 triple, 2HR, 5RBI and 6BB.
 - Batted cleanup for the fourth time in his career (all this season)...in those games, is hitting .545/.708/1.364 (6-for-11) with 7R, 1 double, 1 triple, 2HR, 5RBI and 6BB.
- LHP J.A. Happ** (6.0IP, 3H, 1ER, 1BB, 2K, 1HR, 1HP, 1WP) started and won his Yankees debut...began his Yankees tenure with five scoreless innings before allowing a two-out solo HR to Salvador Perez in the sixth inning.
 - Was only the second time in 9G since the All-Star break that a **Yankees starter** completed 6.0IP (Tanaka-CG SHO on Wed. at Tampa Bay)...have completed 6.0IP in just 3-of-13G since 7/12.
 - Has allowed 1R in each of his two starts since the All-Star break (11.0IP, 2ER) after permitting at least 3R in each of his final five turns before the break (2-3, 6.84 ERA, 26.1IP, 25R/20ER).
 - In 35 post-trade games (31 starts) with his new clubs, has compiled a 16-8 record with one complete game and a 3.22 ERA (181.2IP, 150H, 68R/65ER, 66BB, 178K, 13HR).
- LHP Aroldis Chapman** (1.0IP, 3K) struck out all 3BF in the ninth to record his 28th save of the season...had struck out only three of his previous 16BF entering today...has converted 21 consecutive save chances.
- 1B Greg Bird** (1-for-4) hit an RBI infield single in the fifth...three of his last 5H are infield hits...is 9-for-19 (.474) with RISP since 6/26.
- DH Neil Walker** (1-for-2, 1R, 1BB, 1HP) reached in 3-of-4 plate appearances...is batting .419/.481/.581 (18-for-43) with 8R, 4 doubles, 1HR, 10RBI and 6BB in his last 14G (since 7/9-G1) to raise his season BA by 46 points.
- The Yankees drew their 20th sellout of the season, matching the single-season sellout record for the current Yankee Stadium (also 20 in 2011)...have 13 sellouts in the Yankees' last 17 home gates.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS NOTES

- The Royals are 1-3 on their 10-game, 11-day road trip...fell to 17-36 on the road this season.
 - Finished the season 2-5 vs. the Yankees...are 6-18 in their last 24 games vs. the Yankees (since 5/25/15)...are 3-12 at Yankee Stadium since the beginning of 2015...have not won a season series at Yankee Stadium since going 2-1 in 2014.
 - Fell to 12-6 when hitting 2HR-or-more this season...are now 5-22 when their starter fails to complete 5.0IP this season.
- **RHP Burch Smith** (4.0IP, 5H, 5ER, 3BB, 4K, 1HR) made his fourth start of the season today...set a season high by allowing 5R and tied a season high with 3BB (also 5/11 at Cleveland)...was his first career appearance at Yankee Stadium.
- **DH Salvador Perez** (2-for-4, 1R, 1HR, 1RBI, 1K) has hit home runs in back-to-back games for the third time this season (also 5/10-11 and 5/22-23)...has 3HR in his last 4G and 7HR in his last 14G...has 4HR vs. the Yankees this season, his most vs. any single opponent in 2018.
 - Extended his hitting streak to seven games...has also hit safely in 15 of his last 16 games (since 7/9 at Minnesota), and is batting .333/.357/.697 (22-for-66) with 9R, 3 doubles, 7HR and 19RBI over the longer stretch...has raised his batting average 24 points over the 16G span (from .213 to .237).
 - Additionally, has hit safely in 12 straight *road* games, hitting .340 (17-for-50) with 5HR and 13RBI over the span.
 - In seven games vs. the Yankees this season, hit .385/.467/.923 (10-for-26) with 5R, 2 doubles, 4HR, 9RBI, 3BB and 1HP...recorded multiple hits in 3-of-4 games this series.
- **CF Rosell Herrera** (2-for-4, 1R, 1HR, 1RBI) hit his first Major League home run in the eighth...finished the four-game series hitting .438 (7-for-16) with 3R, 2 doubles, 1HR and 4RBI...has recorded three straight multi-hit games for the first time in his career.
- **1B Hunter Dozier** (1-for-3, 1R, 1HR, 1RBI, 1BB, 1K) hit his first home run since 6/23 at Houston (71AB).

UPCOMING PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

Date	Opponent	Probable Pitchers	Time-ET	TV
Mon., 7/30	Off day			
Tues., 7/31	vs. Baltimore	RHP Masahiro Tanaka (8-2, 4.09) vs. RHP Yefry Ramírez (1-3, 3.49)	7:05 p.m.	YES
Wed., 8/1	vs. Baltimore	RHP Sonny Gray (8-7, 5.08) vs. RHP Alex Cobb (2-14, 6.08)	1:05 p.m.	YES/MLBN

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