



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

POSTGAME NOTES

CLEVELAND INDIANS (89-70) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (57-102) - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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INDIANS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10
ROYALS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	1	9

WIN: Jason Hammel (4-14) | **LOSS:** Neil Ramirez (0-3) | **SAVE:** None

STARTING PITCHERS										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HR	PC/S	LEFT
Josh Tomlin	4.2	4	1	1	0	5	0	1	74/52	Tied 1-1
Glenn Sparkman	5.0	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	78/51	Tied 1-1

GAME INFORMATION	
First Pitch	7:16
Temperature	69° F
Time of Game	3:08

ATTENDANCE			
2018	Tonight: 19,262	Total: 1,606,173	Average: 20,592
2017	After 78 Home Games:	Total: 2,131,878	Average: 27,332

FRIDAY'S STARTERS	
CLE	Mike Clevinger (R)
KC	Ian Kennedy (R)

THE WIN: The Royals recorded their sixth walk-off win of the season—five of which have come in the last 16 home games since Aug. 24—on **Salvador Perez's** fourth career walk-off RBI (regular season) and second in 2018...of their 57 wins, 29 have been come from behind (50.9%)...improved to 5-8 in extra-inning games.

- + Have won four straight and are 19-12 (.613) since Aug. 24, the fourth-best record in the American League during that time, ahead of playoff teams New York (19-14), Boston (17-13) and Cleveland (17-14)...the win ensures they will not match the 2005 Royals (56-106) for the most losses in franchise history.
- + Are 20-12 (.625) at home since the All-Star break—fourth best in the AL—including 14-3 (.824) since Aug. 16, in which they've outscored opponents 105-61.
- + Improved to 6-10 vs. Cleveland this season, but have already lost the season series for the third straight season (2016-18), a stretch in which they're 18-36.
- + Of their 159 games, 48 have been decided by one run (30.2%)—fourth most in the American League—including eight of their last 10 games since Sept. 17.

GLENN SPARKMAN: Recorded a career-high 5.0 IP, but remains winless in 17 career appearances (3 starts), 15 of which have come this season.

- + Fell behind 1-0 in the first inning on a leadoff single, E3 (runner to second), balk (runner to third) and sacrifice fly (**José Ramirez**)...stranded a leadoff double and a one-out single in the second, and stranded a one-out single in the fourth...retired 11 of his last 12 before exiting after a career-high 5.0 IP, tied 1-1...pitch count by inning: 23 (1st), 18 (2nd), 13 (3rd), 12 (4th), 12 (5th), 78 total, the second-highest total of his career (88 pitches on Aug. 21 at Tampa Bay).
- + In seven appearances (2 starts) at Kauffman Stadium, he posted a 3.38 ERA (8 ER in 21.1 IP), including a 1.00 ERA (1 ER in 9 IP) in his last three outings.
- + Had a 5.25 ERA (14 ER in 24 IP) in 10 appearances over his first two Major League stints this season, but had a 3.14 ERA (5 ER in 14.1 IP) in five outings since his most recent recall on Sept. 4...had a 4.62 ERA (14 ER in 25.1 IP) in 12 relief appearances and a 4.15 ERA (6 ER in 13 IP) in three starts.

WHIT MERRIFIELD: Singled to leadoff the bottom of the first, extending his hit streak to 17 games, in which he's batting .319/.383/.500 (23-for-72)...it's the longest active streak in the Majors, according to *Elias*, the longest by a Royal this season and two shy of his career-high 19-game streak from May 13-June 4, 2017.

- + Singled in the seventh to surpass **Freddie Freeman** (187) for the Major League lead in hits (188), three more than idle **J.D. Martinez** (185) for the AL lead...only two Royals have led the *Majors* in hits: **Willie Wilson** (club-record 230 hits in 1980) and **George Brett** (212 in 1979; 215 in 1976, tied with **Pete Rose**).
- + Recorded his American League-leading 42nd stolen base—including a Majors-most (tied) 25 since the All-Star break—most by a Royal since **Johnny Damon** (46) in 2000...the only Royals *infielders* with more steals in a season are **Jose Offerman** (45 in 1998) & **Freddie Patek** (53 in 1977, 51 in 1976 and 49 in 1971).
- + If he maintains his American League lead in hits and steals over the last three games, he'll become just the fourth player since 1969 to lead the AL in both categories in a non-strike-shortened season, joining: **Jose Altuve** (2014-15), **Alfonso Soriano** (2002) and **Ichiro Suzuki** (2001).

ADALBERTO MONDESI: Tied the game at 1-1 with a solo HR in the third inning, his 13th HR in 72 games this season, nine of which have come in his last 26 games since Aug. 28, a stretch in which he's batting .327/.359/.655 (36-for-110) with 22 runs, a team-high 16 extra-base hits, 19 RBI and 13 multi-hit efforts.

- + Walked with two outs in the 10th, stole second and third base and scored the winning run...he has 30 steals in 72 games, including a Majors-best (tied) 25 since the All-Star break...since 1900, only three AL players have had 30 steals in 75 games or fewer: **Coco Crisp** (2010), **Alex Cole** (1990) and **Larry Lintz** (1976).
- + In the last 45 years (since 1974), his combination of HR (13) and SB (30) is matched by only six other players in their age-22 season or younger, including: **Mike Trout** (2012-13), **Hanley Ramirez** (2006), **Jimmy Rollins** (2001), **Alex Rodriguez** (1998), **Sammy Sosa** (1990) and **Barry Bonds** (1986-87).

INDIANS: Suffered their 13th walk-off loss of 2018—second in Kansas City—second most in the Majors behind Minnesota (15) and their most since at least 1925.

- + Fell to 89-70 overall, and need to win one of the remaining three games to mark their third consecutive 90-win season for the third time in franchise history (also: 1999-2001 and 1950-55)...they're 26-27 (.491) in series openers (63-43 (.594) in all other games) and 40-38 (.513) on the road (49-32 (.605) at home).
- + Dropped to 47-26 (.644) vs. American League Central opponents, including 10-9 (.526) since Aug. 24 after going 37-17 (.685) within the division before that.

JOSH TOMLIN: Lowered his ERA to 4.21 (10 ER in 21.1 IP) in nine outings (3 starts) since returning from the 10-day DL on Aug. 23 (had 6.75 ERA before injury).

- + Recorded just one clean inning, but held Kansas City to 0-for-5 with runners in scoring position...stranded a leadoff single in the first and a pair of hits in the second, one of which was erased by an 8-4 fielder's choice...surrendered a game-tying solo HR to **Adalberto Mondesi** in the third...yielded a double and a hit-by-pitch to begin the fifth, before retiring his last two batters...exited after 4.2 innings, in favor of **Andrew Miller**, who stranded the inherited runners...pitch count by inning: 13 (1st), 19 (2nd), 23 (3rd), 10 (4th), 9 (5th), 74 total...five strikeouts marked a season high and 4.2 IP were his most since May 15 at Detroit (5.1 IP).
- + He's held Kansas City to three runs or fewer in nine consecutive starts since June 4, 2016, a stretch in which he's 3-1 with a 1.92 ERA (13 ER in 61 IP).
- + He's issued two walks or fewer in 20 consecutive starts since July 1, 2017, tied for the fifth longest active streak in the Majors...his streak of 138 consecutive starts with three or fewer walks (since Sept. 2, 2010) is the fourth-longest streak since 1908, trailing only: **Bob Tewksbury** (244 from 1989-98), **Christy Mathewson** (168 from 1911-16) and **Carlos Silva** (150 from 2003-08).

JOSH DONALDSON: Recorded his first three-hit effort in 13 games with Cleveland, and his first three-hit game since May 10 vs. Seattle (with Toronto).

- + After batting .234/.333/.423 (32-for-137) in 36 games with Toronto, he's batting .275/.408/.450 (11-for-40) in 13 games since joining Cleveland on Sept. 11.
- + In 20 career regular season games at Kauffman Stadium, he's batting .310/.390/.535 (22-for-71) with five multi-hit efforts and 10 RBI.

KANSAS CITY CHALLENGE: Kansas City challenged the out call on **Whit Merrifield** at second base in the first inning...call was overturned (1:44 delay).

- + Royals replay specialist, **Bill Duplissee**, is a Major League-best 85-for-116 (73.3%) since 2016, including a Majors-best 33-for-41 (80.5%) this season.

HOME RUNS									
TEAM	BATTER	NO.	PITCHER	COUNT	TYPE	DISTANCE	FIELD	INN	SCORE
KC	Adalberto Mondesi	13	Josh Tomlin	2-0	Solo	381 ft.	Right	3rd	Tied 1-1