



POST-GAME NOTES

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KANSAS CITY ROYALS 0 (25-58) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS 1 (54-31)

Sunday, July 1, 2018 • Safeco Field

LINESCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
Kansas City Royals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Seattle Mariners	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	6	0	4
First Pitch:	Time of Game: 2:00			Temp: 64 F, W/NW 3mph			Attendance: 38,344						

WP: James Paxton (8-2, 3.39) **LP:** Brad Keller (2-3, 2.09) **Save:** Edwin Díaz (32)

HOME RUNS:	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	MOB	OUT	COUNT	DISTANCE
None							

MARINERS NOTES:

- The Mariners have won a season-high 7 consecutive games. It marks Seattle's first winning streak of at least 7 games since an 8-game win streak, Sept. 7-14, 2016.
 - Have won 12 of their last 14 home games (5/31-c) and are 19-4 (.818) at Safeco Field since May 18.
- The Mariners (53-31) are a season-high 23 games over .500...the last time Seattle was at least 23 games over .500 was after game #162 of the 2003 season (93-69).
- The Mariners complete a 3-game sweep of Kansas City, their 14th sweep of the Royals in club history (min. 3-game series).
- The Mariners have swept back-to-back series for the first time since Sept. 9-14, 2016 (3 games at OAK and 3 games at LAA).
- The Mariners earned their 5th 1-0 win of the season today. Their five 1-0 wins are 2nd-most in a single season in club history, trailing only the 2012 club (6).
- The Mariners recorded their 6th shutout of the season.
- The Mariners improve to 26-11 in 1-run games this season.
- Today's 2:00 time of game marks the shortest game of the season for the Mariners.
- James Paxton** tossed 8 innings and allowed 0 runs on 2 hits with 11 strikeouts... He becomes 1 of 5 pitchers in the Majors this season with 2 starts of 8+ shutout innings.
 - Recorded his 7th game this season with at least 10 strikeouts. His 7 such games are T2nd-most in the Majors (also: Chris Sale-BOS and Trevor Bauer-CLE), trailing only Max Scherzer-WAS (10).
 - Has recorded 10+ strikeouts in 2 consecutive games, marks the 2nd time this season he has recorded back-to-back games with 10+ strikeouts... he joins Chris Sale, Gerrit Cole, and Max Scherzer as the only pitchers in the Majors this season to record multiple streaks of 10+ strikeouts in back-to-back games.
 - His 11 strikeouts today bring his season total to 145.... His 145 strikeouts are 8th-most in club history prior to the All-Star Break and the most since Félix Hernández in the 1st half of 2014 (154 K). Mariners
 - Has pitched 7+ innings and allowed 2 runs or fewer in 7 starts this season, ranks T5th in the Majors (best: Max Scherzer, 9).
 - Notched his 3rd outing this season of at least 8.0 innings pitched and 3 or fewer hits allowed, including a no-hitter on May 8 at Toronto. He is the first #Mariners pitcher with 3 such outings in a season since Hisashi Iwakuma in 2015.
 - Recorded his 12th quality start of the season, leads club.
- Edwin Díaz** (32 SV, 71 K) becomes the 2nd pitcher in Major League history to record at least 30 saves and 70 strikeouts before the All-Star Break, joining Eric Gagne-LAD (31 SV, 76 K).
- Ryon Healy** (1x3) has gone 5x8 since snapping a 0x13 stretch with a single in his first at bat during last night's game.
- Kyle Seager** (2x3, R, 2B) is batting .312 (10x32) with 4 runs, 3 doubles, 2 home runs, and 6 RBI in his last 9 games (6/23 - c).
 - Recorded his 24th multi-hit game of the season.
 - Recorded his 36th extra-base hit with a double in the 8th inning, leads team.
- Ben Gamel** (1x3, RBI) extended his hitting streak to 5 games, batting .421 (8x19) in that span... has hit safely in 13 consecutive games at Safeco Field and has reached base safely in 20 of 24 games at home (w/AB).
 - Is hitting .402 (29x72) with 11 runs, 5 doubles, 2 triples, 1 home run, 6 RBI in 25 home games this year.
 - Is batting .372 (38x102) with 13 runs, 7 doubles, 2 triples, 1 home run, 7 RBI, 9 walks, and 4 stolen bases over his last 33 games (5/16 - c).
- Jean Segura** (1x4) extended his hitting streak to 6 games (6/26-c)... is batting .385 (10x26) with 7 runs, 2 doubles and 1 RBI in that span.

ROYALS NOTES:

- The Royals are 5-21 in their last 26 games...are 1-5 vs. the Mariners this season.
- Kansas City has scored 4 or fewer runs in 22 of the last 23 games.
- Salvador Perez** (1x4, 2B) is batting .311 (47x151) with 15 runs, 8 doubles, 6 home runs, and 15 RBI in his career vs. Seattle.

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LHP Wade LeBlanc (3-0, 3.38)

vs.

LHP Andrew Heaney (4-5, 3.95)

- **Brad Keller** has recorded 3 consecutive quality starts.
 - Each of his last 5 starts have been against the AL West.
 - Has gone 1-2 with a 2.14 ERA (8 ER, 33.2 IP) as a starter this season (6 starts).
 - Tossed a career-high 8.0 innings while allowing 1 run on 6 hits.
- **Whit Merrifield** (1x4) is batting .333 (24x72) with 6 doubles, 3 home runs, and 15 runs scored in his career against the Mariners... is .476 (10x21) vs. Seattle this season.
 - Is batting .383 (41x107) against left-handed pitching this season.
 - Has hit safely in 9 straight games against the Mariners.



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ROYALS MANAGER NED YOST:

On if he sees Brad Keller adding things and getting better each start:

"I don't know if I see that. I just see him stepping on the mound pretty much in control. He's out there attacking with his fastball, slider, throwing strikes. Really commanding his pitch count, doing everything you want a starting pitcher to do. I mean they beat him with a single down the right field line, and then two off the end of the bat, bloopers. Complete game, he was fantastic."

On James Paxton:

"More than we could bear. 97 mph fastball, really, really good curveball, commands the ball well, busts fastballs in on your hands, fastballs away, back foot breaking balls. It's tough. It's nasty. He's good."

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