



# POST-GAME NOTES

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## KANSAS CITY ROYALS 4 (25-57) vs. SEATTLE MARINERS 6 (53-31)

Saturday, June 30, 2018 • Safeco Field

LINESCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
<b>Kansas City Royals</b>	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	9	0	8
<b>Seattle Mariners</b>	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	X	6	13	1	7
<b>First Pitch:</b> 7:10	<b>Time of Game:</b> 2:38			<b>Temp:</b> 66 F, S/SW 1mph			<b>Attendance:</b> 33,395						

**WP:** Félix Hernández (8-6, 5.11) **LP:** Jason Hammel (2-10, 5.56) **Save:** Edwin Díaz (31)

HOME RUNS:	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	MOB	OUT	COUNT	DISTANCE
Mike Moustakas	16	Félix Hernández	1	2	0	3-2	396 ft., RF
Ryon Healy	16	Jason Hammel	2	1	0	1-0	435 ft., LCF

### MARINERS NOTES:

- The Mariners extended their winning streak to a season-high 6 consecutive game...the last time Seattle won 6 straight games was June 18-23, 2017.
  - Clinched the series win over the Royals... have now won or tied 23 of their first 28 series, posting a series record of 17-5-6.
  - Have won 11 of their last 13 home games (5/31-c) and are 18-4 (.818) at Safeco Field since May 18.
- The Mariners (53-31) are a season-high 22 games over .500...the last time Seattle was at least 22 games over .500 was after game #162 of the 2003 season (93-69).
- The Mariners recorded their 24<sup>th</sup> comeback win of the season.
- Since May 8, Mariners starters are 23-8 with a 2.61 ERA (118 ER, 317.0 IP) with 256 strikeouts in 51 games.
- Ryon Healy** (4x4, HR, 3 RBI, R) equaled his career-high with 4 hits (also: 6/3/17 vs. WAS w/OAK).
  - Hit his eighth home run of the month, second in the last four games.
  - This was his 15<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game of the year, fifth with 3+ hits.
- Mitch Haniger** (3x4, 2B, RBI, R, K) hit an RBI double in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning, bringing his RBI total to 62...trails only J.D. Martinez-BOS (67).
  - Also marked his Major League leading 14<sup>th</sup> game-winning RBI of the season.
  - Had his 22<sup>nd</sup> multi-hit game of the year, second in the past 5 games... was his seventh game with 3+ hits.
- Ben Gamel** (2x4, 3B, R) extended his hitting streak to four games, batting .438 (7x16) in that span... has hit safely in 12 consecutive games at Safeco Field and has reached base safely in 19 of 23 games at home (w/AB).
  - Is hitting .406 (28x69) with 11 runs, 5 doubles, 2 triples, 1 home run and 5 RBI in 24 home games this year.
- Jean Segura** (1x4, R, K) extended his hitting streak to five games in a row (6/26-c)... is batting .409 (9x22) with 7 runs, 2 doubles and 1 RBI in that span.
- Denard Span** (2x4, 2B, RBI, K) had his eighth multi-hit game of the year.
- Félix Hernández** tossed 5.0 innings, allowing 3 earned runs on 6 hits while striking out 5.
  - Retired 13 of the last 16 batters he faced.
  - Improves to 7-6 against the Royals in his career, 2-0 this season.

### ROYALS NOTES:

- The Royals are 5-20 in their last 25 games...are 2-4 vs. the Mariners this season.
- Kansas City has scored 4 or fewer runs in 21 of the last 22 games.
- Whit Merrifield** (3x5, R) is batting .338 (23x68) with 6 doubles, 3 home runs, and 15 runs scored during his career against the Mariners... is .476 (10x21) vs. Seattle this season.
  - Recorded his third straight multi-hit game, 26<sup>th</sup> of the season, tops on the club...was his 6<sup>th</sup> game this season with 3 or more hits.
  - Has hit safely in 8 straight games against the Mariners.
- Mike Moustakas** 2x4, R HR, 3 RBI) recorded his eighth 3-RBI game of the year, which ties his career high (also: 2012 and 2017).
  - Hit his 54<sup>th</sup> home run since the start of 2017, 33<sup>rd</sup> on the road... coming into tonight's game, he was tied for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-most home runs on the road during that span in the Majors, trailing Giancarlo Stanton's 38.
  - Has hit safely in 11 straight games against the Mariners (7/3/17-c).
- Jason Hammel** was charged his fifth consecutive loss after giving up 6 runs on 13 hits.
  - Falls to 3-4 against Seattle in his career.

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## ROYALS MANAGER NED YOST:

### On Jason Hammel

"I thought he made some pretty good pitches. I thought (Mitch) Haniger hit a couple of really good sliders down and away for damage. And then some elevation pitches got hit in the gaps and there were some bloopers. I was hoping he would kind of find it, and he did after the third inning. He was much, much better in the fourth, fifth and sixth, but then it was too late."

### On losing the early lead

"The big home run from Moose (Mike Moustakas) was nice. You know you have a long way to go. You have to continue to tack on runs. We tacked on one, but it wasn't enough."

### On the team's attitude

"The month's over. It's behind us. The guys are doing a great job. Every night they are in that dugout high-fiving, encouraging each other to have fun and play hard. The attitude is great."

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