



# Kansas City Royals

## OFFICIAL GAME NOTES

Tampa Bay Rays (17-22) @ Kansas City Royals (13-28)

Kauffman Stadium - Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Game #42 - Home Game #21

FOX Sports Kansas City, FOX Sports Go and KCSP Radio (610 Sports)

### UPCOMING PITCHING PROBABLES

Wednesday, May 16 vs. Tampa Bay Rays: RHP Jake Faria (3-2, 5.09) vs. RHP Jason Hammel (0-4, 6.13), 1:15 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Thursday, May 17: Off Day at Home

Friday, May 18 vs. New York Yankees: TBA vs. RHP Jakob Junis (4-3, 3.53), 7:15 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Saturday, May 19 vs. New York Yankees: TBA vs. LHP Danny Duffy (1-5, 6.51), 6:15 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Sunday, May 20 vs. New York Yankees: TBA vs. LHP Eric Skoglund (1-3, 5.58), 1:15 p.m. (CDT), FSKC (HD) & 610 Sports

Tonight's game is being broadcast in Kansas City on KCSP Radio (610 Sports) and the Royals Radio Network with Royals' Hall of Famer Denny Matthews, Steve Physioc and Steve Stewart calling the action...tonight's game is being televised on FSKC with Ryan Lefebvre and Rex Hudler...the pre and post-game shows, Royals Live, are hosted by Joel Goldberg and Royals' Hall of Famer Jeff Montgomery.

### Royals vs. Rays

The Royals dropped the opener of this three-game set last night, the first of seven games between these clubs in 2018...KC will travel to St. Pete in late August...the Royals and Rays have squared off 154 times since Tampa Bay joined the league in 1998 and each club has won 77 times, with KC holding a 42-30 advantage in Kauffman Stadium...despite last night, the Royals have gone 25-10 since 2013, including 13-4 here.

Date	Site	Score	WP	LP	Att.
5/14	KC	L, 1-2	Yarborough	Skoglund	14,174
5/15	KC				
5/16	KC				
8/20	@ TB				
8/21	@ TB				
8/22	@ TB				
8/23	@ TB				

**SKOGLUND STRONG IN SETBACK**--If not for Matt Duffy, Eric Skoglund would have enjoyed a near perfect night, but the Tampa Bay third baseman had a pair of RBI singles to right field and staked the Rays to a series-opening 2-1 decision...Skoglund scattered seven hits over his 7.2 innings allowing just the two runs with no walks and four strikeouts, but fell to 1-3 on the year...after a pair of two-out hits in the second, Skoglund retired 10 straight Rays before Adeiny Hechavarria doubled to open the sixth...Hechavarria then scored the tie-breaking run with a game of "hide & seek" at home plate with Royals' catcher Salvador Perez in possession of Jorge Soler's throw from right...KC's lone tally of the evening was Whit Merrifield's fourth homer of the year in the third, one of three hits on the night for "multi-hit Whit"...Kansas City's struggles with runners in scoring position continued as the Royals were 0-for-6 on the night, including the last two at bats of the game with Jon Jay at third base.

**DAY BALL TOMORROW**--Just a friendly reminder that tomorrow's series finale with the Rays will see a 1:15 p.m. first pitch...the Royals have four home Wednesday afternoon games on the slate with one already in the books, then after tomorrow on July 25 and August 29 both vs. Detroit.

**MULTI-HIT WHIT**--Whit Merrifield contributed half of Kansas City's six hits last night with his third three-hit game of the year, featuring his fourth home run for the lone KC run...the leadoff man now has 12 multi-hit games on the season and since breaking into the Majors on May 18, 2016, he has 85 games with at least two hits...to put those 85 contests in perspective, Alcides Escobar is the next Royal on the list since Whit's debut date with 81, followed by Salvador Perez's 67...former Royals, Eric Hosmer and Lorenzo Cain, had 83 and 70 multi-hit games from May 18, 2016 through the end of last season before departing as free agents.

**JAY STREAK HITS SEVEN**--He waited until the ninth inning, but Jon Jay extended his hitting streak to seven in a row with a one-out triple, though he was left stranded in the one-run defeat...he's hitting .364 (12-for-33) during the streak with seven runs, two doubles, a triple and a .382 on-base pct...he's also hit safely in 13 of his last 14 contests, dating back to April 30, while his .382 batting average (21-for-55) during May is fourth in the American League...Jay opened the month with a four-hit game on May 1 in Boston, his ninth career contest with four or more hits.

**DIVISIONAL WORK**--The Royals fell to 2-8 vs. the East with last night's loss to the Rays...KC is in a stretch of games in which nine of 12 are being contested against the East, which included a 1-2 stop in Baltimore last week, this series with Tampa Bay and the upcoming weekend visit by the Yankees...KC is 10-13 within its own Central Division, rebounding from a rugged 4-10 intradivision start to post wins in six of the last nine...the Royals are but 1-5 against the A.L. West to this point, winning the first game of a series vs. Seattle before losing two in a row to the M's and all three meetings with the Angels...as for Interleague work, Kansas City has dropped its first two games vs. N.L. Central opponents, losing to Milwaukee in late-April...the Royals will travel to St. Louis for a three-game set starting next Monday for their second set against the Senior Circuit.

**HOMETOWN KID OFF TO SOLID START**--Overland Park resident, Jason Adam, made his third big league appearance last night, fanning three in 1.1 innings...the Blue Valley Northwest graduate has now worked three times since his first call to the Majors, totaling 4.1 scoreless innings.

### TONIGHT'S STARTING PITCHERS: LHP Anthony Banda (1st start of '18) vs. RHP Ian Kennedy (1-4, 4.61)

	2017	2016	Career		2018	2017	Career
Anthony Banda vs. Royals	1-0	-	1-0	Major League Record	First start of '18	2-3	2-3
Ian Kennedy vs. Rays	0-1	0-0	1-5	Major League Record	1-4 (4.61 ERA)	5-13	92-96

**IAN KENNEDY** takes the hill for his ninth start of the season, the 276th of his career and 278th overall appearance...he's making his 10th start against the Rays, looking for his first victory against them since his big league debut in 2007 when he was with the Yankees...the 33-year-old righty is in the third season of a five-year contract that runs through 2020.

**ROUGH GO VS. O'S**--Ian lost his fourth consecutive decision last Thursday night at Camden Yards, allowing a season-high nine runs in an 11-6 defeat...he was touched for eight hits, including three home runs, in his 4.0 innings of work, with two walks and four strikeouts...staked to a first inning 4-0 lead on Salvador Perez's grand slam, Kennedy surrendered a three-run homer to Manny Machado in the first inning, then two-run shots to Adam Jones and Trey Mancini in the third and fourth innings, respectively...the nine runs tied for the second-most in his career, behind a career-high 10 runs in a 12-8 loss at St. Louis on June 6, 2013...he had allowed only four home runs in his first seven starts of the year, while last Thursday was his first of at least three surrendered in a game since matching a career-high with four on July 20, 2016 vs. Cleveland...last Thursday also started a tough stretch for KC starters, as Jason Hammel and Danny Duffy each gave up nine runs in their respective starts on Saturday and Sunday in Cleveland.

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	Ian's 2018 Starts										
			IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	TP-K	LEFT		
3/31	vs. White Sox	ND, 3-4	6.0	4	1	1	0	2	5	105-73	3-1		
4/7	at Cleveland	W, 1-0	6.0	4	0	0	0	0	8	101-75	1-0		
4/12	vs. Angels	L, 1-7	6.0	7	1	1	1	2	3	100-63	0-1		
4/18	at Toronto	L, 5-15	5.0	8	6	4	2	3	6	106-62	4-6		
4/24	vs. Milwaukee	L, 2-5	3.0	6	4	4	1	1	0	58-35	0-4		
4/29	vs. White Sox	ND, 5-4	5.0	5	2	2	0	2	6	97-66	4-2		
5/4	vs. Detroit	ND, 4-2	6.0	6	0	0	0	1	7	103-69	0-0		
5/10	at Baltimore	L, 6-11	4.0	8	9	9	3	2	4	78-52	6-9		
2018 Totals			1-4	4.61	41.0	48	23	21	7	13	39	748-495	66.2%
Career Totals			92-96	4.09	1625.1	1527	795	739	227	552	1494	-	-

**RISPY BUSINESS**--Despite allowing four hits with runners in scoring position to the Orioles in his last start, Kennedy has generally been one of the best in the business in scoring situations in his time with KC...since joining the club in 2016, the righty has held opponents to a .226 average (61-for-270) with RISP, seventh-best in the American League among qualifying pitchers...that includes a .196 mark this year (9-for-46), which is 12th in the Junior Circuit.

**DURABLE STARTER**--Ian has made at least 30 starts for eight consecutive seasons, despite a stint on the D.L. last year...it's the third-longest active streak in the Majors, trailing only Jon Lester (10 straight) and Max Scherzer (9 straight)...since his first full season in the Majors (2010), his 264 starts (including tonight) rank third to Scherzer (268) and Lester (265)...from 2010-15, he led the NL in starts (192) and ranked third in innings pitched (1175.0).

**A.L. EAST STRUGGLES**--During his time with the Royals, Kennedy has had a rough go against AL East foes, entering tonight with a 1-6 mark and a 6.04 ERA (45 ER in 67.0 IP) in 13 starts against the division...conversely, he's posted a 15-18 mark and a 3.87 ERA (122 ER in 284.0 IP) in 50 starts against the rest of the AL.

**VS. RAYS**--Ian is looking for his first victory against the Rays since his big league debut on September 1, 2007, when he earned a 9-6 victory at Yankee Stadium...he's 1-5 with a 5.76 ERA (29 ER in 45.1 IP) in nine career starts vs. Tampa Bay, which includes a 12-0 defeat here last August 28...he allowed just one unearned run to Tampa Bay in two starts during the 2016 season, but did not factor in a decision.

**AT HOME**--Kennedy is making his sixth home start of the year, entering at 0-2, despite a 2.77 ERA (8 ER in 26.0 IP)...he snapped a franchise record 18-game home winless streak last September 29 with a 2-1 victory vs. Arizona...he's allowed 12 runs over his last seven home starts (3.18 ERA), but has just one victory...Ian is 48-40 with a 3.94 ERA in 132 career home starts.

Kennedy vs. Rays					
Player	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
C.J. Cron	.333	3	1	0	0
Matt Duffy	.357	14	5	0	0
Carlos Gomez	.333	18	6	0	2
Adeiny Hechavarria	.250	12	3	0	0
Brad Miller	.500	6	3	1	2
Wilson Ramos	.200	10	2	1	2
Denard Span	.143	7	1	0	0

**Ian's Last Win:**  
April 7, 2018 at Cleveland (6.0 IP, 1-0 over Trevor Bauer)

**Ian's Last Loss:**  
May 10, 2018 at Baltimore (4.0 IP, 6-11 to Miguel Castro)

**Ian's Strikeout High:**  
12 (5x), last: September 2, 2015 vs. Texas (7.0 IP, no-decision in a 4-3 loss to Cole Hamels)

**Ian's Last Complete Game:**  
June 17, 2012 at Los Angeles Angels (8.0 IP, 0-2 loss to Garrett Richards) - second career

**Ian's Only Shutout:**  
April 25, 2011 vs. Philadelphia (9.0 IP, 4-0 win over Cliff Lee)



**Pitching Notes**

**Tomorrow's Starter – Jason Hammel**

- Jason makes his ninth start of the season as the Royals and Rays finish this three game set tomorrow afternoon...he's 0-4 with a 6.13 ERA so far this year.
- He took a no-decision in his last start, Friday evening in Cleveland as the Royals erased a five-run deficit in a 10-9 victory...Hammel was charged with a season-high nine runs on six hits with three walks and three strikeouts over 3.2 innings...it marked his shortest outing since last Sept. 22 at the White Sox (3.1 IP).
- Hammel has posted a 3.38 ERA (10 ER in 26.2 IP) in his four daytime starts, while he has a 9.74 ERA (22 ER in 20.1 IP) in his four night outings.
- Originally selected by the Rays in 2002, Jason is 2-3 with a 4.89 ERA (21 ER in 38.2 IP) in seven career starts vs. Tampa Bay.
- He's 0-2 with a 3.86 ERA (8 ER in 18.2 IP) in his home starts this year...he has a 4.76 ERA in his 20 home starts as a Royal, compared to a 6.16 ERA on the road.

**2018 Pitching Lines**

	<u>G</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>SVO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>OPPAVG</u>
Starters	41	7-20	-	-	5.33	231.1	250	141	137	41	73	186	.271
Relievers	41	6-8	10	17	5.70	132.2	155	94	84	19	57	94	.296
Totals	41	13-28	10	17	5.46	364.0	405	235	221	60	130	280	.280

**Bullpen Totals:** 1st Batter Efficiency: 84/122 (68.9%) Saves/Save Opp: 10/17 (58.8%) Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 72/29 (40.3%)

**Jason Adam**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 1/3 **Saves/Save Opp:** 0/0 **Last Save:** none **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 1/0 **2018 Strikeout High:** 3 on 5/14 vs. TB **May 14 vs. Tampa Bay** 1.1 1 0 0 0 3
- Jason pitched the final 1.1 innings last night, retiring three of the four hitters he faced...he stranded an inherited runner in the eighth, before working around a leadoff single in the ninth...he's made three scoreless appearances since having his contract selected from Omaha (AAA) on May 4.
  - He was originally selected by the Royals in the fifth round of the 2010 Draft out of Blue Valley Northwest HS (Overland Park, Kan.), but was traded to Minnesota in 2014 for Josh Willingham...did not pitch in 2015 or '16 due to injury and re-signed with Kansas City last August 18 after a brief stint in the Padres' organization.
  - Adam is the 18th known player to play for the Royals after attending a KC-area high school...went 2-0 with a 1.00 ERA in 10 minor league appearances this year.

**Blaine Boyer**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 11/14 **Saves/Save Opp:** 1/1 (100.0%) **Last Save:** April 29, 2018 vs. CWS (5th) **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 4/0 **2018 Strikeout High:** 2 on 5/12 @ CLE **May 12 at Cleveland** 1.1 0 0 0 0 2
- Blaine retired all four hitters he faced Saturday, stranding a pair of inherited runners in the seventh...also collected a season-high two strikeouts.
  - Earned his first victory of the year on May 5 vs. Detroit, despite allowing the go-ahead two-run double in the eighth, ahead of KC's four-run rally...recorded his fifth career save on April 29 vs. the White Sox, and his first since May 29, 2016 vs. Cincinnati (with Milwaukee).
  - He's made eight career appearances against the Rays and has not allowed an earned run, spanning 8.1 innings...that includes three scoreless outings in 2017.

**Brian Flynn (L)**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 9/13 **Saves/Save Opp:** 1/2 (50.0%) **Last Save:** May 1, 2018 at BOS (1st) **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 11/4 **2018 Strikeout High:** 2 (3x), last: 5/13 @ CLE **May 13 at Cleveland** 3.0 7 2 2 1 2
- Brian tossed a season-high 3.0 innings out of the bullpen Sunday in Cleveland, allowing two runs on seven hits with a pair of strikeouts...it matched the longest outing by a Royals reliever this season and longest by Flynn since working the final 3.0 innings at Philadelphia on July 3, 2016.
  - Flynn recorded his first career save on May 1 in Boston, collecting the final two outs in the 13th inning of a 7-6 victory over the Red Sox.
  - He has a 2.99 ERA (26 ER in 78.1 IP) in 50 career relief appearances, compared to a 9.25 ERA (25 ER in 24.1 IP) in his six career starts.

**Kelvin Herrera**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 15/16 **Saves/Save Opp:** 8/9 (88.9%) **Last Save:** May 11 at Cleveland (51st) **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 3/0 **2018 Strikeout High:** 3 on 4/2 at DET **May 11 at Cleveland (Save)** 1.0 0 0 0 0 0
- Kelvin set the Tribe down in order in the ninth Friday for his eighth save in nine chances...his save total is tied for fifth in the American League, while his most recent was the 51st of his career, breaking a tie with Mike MacDougal for seventh in club history...he's three shy of matching Roberto Hernandez (54) for sixth.
  - Herrera's 0.61 ERA (1 ER in 14.2 IP) is tied for the lowest among qualifying AL relievers and includes 11 straight scoreless outings (9.2 IP) to begin the season before he allowed a game-tying home run to Eduardo Núñez on May 1...also tied with Brad Keller and Tim Hill for the team lead with 16 appearances.
  - He has not issued a walk in 14.2 innings to begin the season, the most innings without a free pass in the Majors...his 14 strikeouts without a walk are also tops.
  - He has retired 44 of 53 batters (83.0%) this season, including 14 via strikeout, good for an 8.59 strikeouts per 9.0 innings ratio.

**Tim Hill (L)**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 10/16 **Saves/Save Opp:** 0/0 (0.0%) **Last Save:** none **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 10/2 **2018 Strikeout High:** 3 on 4/27 vs. CWS **May 11 at Cleveland** 0.1 0 0 0 0 1
- Tim fanned Jose Ramirez to finish the fourth inning Friday, needing just three pitches...it marked his 16th appearance of the year, which is tied for the team lead and tied for third among AL rookies, behind only Noe Ramirez (20) of the Angels and White Sox lefty Aaron Bummer (19).
  - Hill has made three-straight hitless appearances, after surrendering 11 base knocks in six outings between April 21-May 3.
  - He did not allow a hit in his first seven appearances (6.2 IP), which was one shy of matching Jonathan Sanchez (2006) and Garry Roggenburk (1963) for the most to begin a career in Major League history, according to *Elias Sports Bureau*...held opponents to a .143 average (2-for-14) with runners in scoring position.

**Brad Keller**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 10/16 **Saves/Save Opp:** 0/1 (0.0%) **Last Save:** none **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 12/8 **2018 Strikeout High:** 2 (2x), last: 5/11 @ CLE **May 11 at Cleveland (Win)** 3.0 2 0 0 1 2
- Brad earned his first Major League win Friday night, tossing 3.0 scoreless innings...he allowed singles to Francisco Lindor and Jose Ramirez in the sixth, before retiring seven of the final eight he faced...has allowed just one run in his last eight outings (9.1 IP), while his 2.20 ERA is third among AL rookies (min. 15.0 IP).
  - Keller is tied for the team lead with 16 appearances, while his total is also tied for third among AL first-year pitchers.
  - Acquired via trade with Cincinnati in the Rule 5 Draft, after going 10-9 with a 4.68 ERA in 26 starts at Jacksonville (AA) in Arizona's system in 2017.

**Kevin McCarthy**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 8/13 **Saves/Save Opp:** 0/1 (0.0%) **Last Save:** none **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 11/2 **2018 Strikeout High:** 2 on 5/1 at BOS **May 12 at Cleveland** 1.0 3 2 1 1 0
- Kevin got out of a bases loaded jam in the sixth inning Saturday, but allowed a pair of runs in the seventh...he surrendered Francisco Lindor's second home run, while his own throwing error led to a run on Edwin Encarnacion's RBI single...still tied for third in the Majors with three victories out of the bullpen.
  - McCarthy allowed four runs in two appearances on the last road trip, after making six-straight scoreless outings (9.0 IP), between April 25-May 4.
  - He opened the year with Omaha (AAA), but was recalled on April 13, after making three appearances with the Storm Chasers.

**Burch Smith**

- 1st Batter Efficiency:** 8/12 **Saves/Save Opp:** 0/0 (0.0%) **Last Save:** none **Last Outing:** **IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Inherited Runners/Runners Scored:** 12/8 **2018 Strikeout High:** 4 on 4/17 at TOR-1 **May 13 at Cleveland** 1.2 0 0 0 0 2
- Burch worked the final 1.2 innings Sunday, retiring all five Cleveland hitters he faced, including two via strikeout...it marked his seventh appearance this season of more than 1.0 inning, which includes a career-high 3.0 innings out of the bullpen on April 24 vs. Milwaukee.
  - Smith has recorded 21 strikeouts in 19.0 innings (9.95 K/9), which are the most by a KC reliever...he collected four K's in 2.2 innings on April 17 at Toronto.
  - He was acquired via trade by Kansas City during the Rule 5 Draft, after being selected by the Mets...spent last season in Tampa Bay's organization, posting a 5-3 record and a 2.40 ERA (15 ER in 56.1 IP), between three minor league stops...missed all of 2015 and 2016, following Tommy John surgery.

**Royals vs. Rays**

<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>2018</u>								<u>Career</u>							
	<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>ER</u>		
Adam	0-0	0	0.00	1	1.1	1	0	0-0	0	0.00	1	1.1	1	0		
Boyer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	0	0.00	8	8.1	4	0		
Duffy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-1	0	2.77	4	26.0	20	8		
Flynn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	0	2.70	2	3.1	3	1		
Hammel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-3	0	4.89	7	38.2	46	21		
Herrera	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-0	3	1.69	17	16.0	16	3		
Hill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Junis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-0	0	1.35	2	6.2	3	1		
Keller	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Kennedy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-5	0	5.76	9	45.1	40	29		
McCarthy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	0	36.00	1	1.0	3	4		
Skoglund	0-1	0	2.35	1	7.2	7	2	0-1	0	2.35	1	7.2	7	2		
Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	0	54.00	1	1.0	5	6		





**Hitting Notes**

- Abraham Almonte**    *This Series: Has not played*                      *Last Trip: 2-for-10, run*                      *Hit Streak: 0 g (0-5)*
- Abraham went 0-for-3 on Saturday in Cleveland, his second straight start in center after starting one of the previous three games.
  - He hit the go-ahead grand slam in the *Sonic Slam* sixth inning on April 22 in Detroit, his second career slam and first since Aug. 30, 2015...the *Sonic Slam* won Jada Bradley of Eugene, Mo. \$25,000 and was the ninth since the promotion began in 1995 and first since Cam Gallagher's last Aug. 14 in Oakland.
  - Almonte hasn't been charged with an error in *center field* since Aug. 20, 2014, converting all 219 chances at the position in 90 games (84 starts) since.
- Drew Butera**                      *This Series: Has not played*                      *Last Trip: 1-for-5, BB*                      *Hit Streak: 1 g (1-3)*
- Drew went 1-for-3 with a walk Sunday in Cleveland, snapping an 0-for-8 skid in his first start since May 6 vs. Detroit.
  - Butera is batting .313/.389/.479 (15-for-48) lifetime vs. Tampa Bay—all his best vs any opponents (min. 5 games)—with two homers and seven RBI.
  - He is three RBI shy of 100 for his career, 42 of which have come since joining the Royals in 2015 (had 41 RBI with Minnesota and 14 RBI with the Dodgers).
- Cheslor Cuthbert**    *This Series: 0-for-3*                      *Last Trip: 1-for-5, run, BB*                      *Hit Streak: 0 g (0-6)*
- Cheslor went 0-for-3 last night in his 11th start at third base...he's also made starts at first base (9) and as the designated hitter (8).
  - Cuthbert has walked 11 times in 117 plate appearances this season (9.4%) already two more than his nine walks in 153 plate appearances in 2017 (5.9%).
  - He's made 32 of his 64 starts vs. left-handed pitching since the start of 2017...he started 10-for-30 (.333) vs. southpaws this season, but he's 0-for-9 since.
  - He homered three times in a four-game span from April 29-May 2, including his second career multi-HR game vs. the White Sox on April 29 with his father, Luis, a lobster fisherman from Corn Island, Nicaragua, in attendance...Cuthbert is one of three active players born in Nicaragua, joining RHPs Erasmo Ramirez and JC Ramirez.
- Hunter Dozier**                      *This Series: 0-for-3*                      *Last Trip: n/a*                      *Hit Streak: 0 g (0-3)*
- Hunter was recalled from Omaha (AAA) yesterday to take the roster spot of Lucas Duda, who was placed on the 10-day DL with right foot plantar fasciitis.
  - Dozier went 0-for-3 last night in his first big league action since September 2016, when he went 4-for-19 (.211) in eight games (5 starts, all in right field).
  - He hit .254 (30-for-118) with seven doubles and one homer in 35 games with Omaha prior to his recall...he was the Royals' first pick (eighth overall) in 2013.
- Alcides Escobar**    *This Series: 1-for-2, BB*                      *Last Trip: 5-for-22 (.227), 4 runs, 4 RBI, BB*                      *Hit Streak: 1 g (1-2)*
- Eskey went 1-for-2 with a walk last night, his 11th walk in 159 plate appearances (6.9%) after walking just 15 times in 629 plate appearances (2.4%) in 2017.
  - He's a .294 (53-for-180) career hitter vs. Tampa Bay—including a four-hit game on July 8, 2015—and is batting .371 (13-for-35) vs. left-handed pitchers in 2018.
  - Alcides has made 374 consecutive starts—all at shortstop—dating back to Sept. 26, 2015... according to *Elias*, it's the longest streak in Royals history and the longest active streak in the Majors...the last shortstop to have a longer streak was Cal Ripken Jr.'s 2,216 straight starts for Baltimore from 1982-96...Escobar is the only Royal to start all 162 games in a season, and he's done it three times: 2017, '16 and '14...since 2011, he's played in 1,146 of the Royals' 1,175 games (97.5%).
  - His last 10 hits have been singles since his last XBH April 30 in Boston...his 193 doubles as a *shortstop* since 2011 are second most behind Elvis Andrus (216).
- Ryan Goins**                      *This Series: 0-for-1*                      *Last Trip: 2-for-9, run, 2 RBI*                      *Hit Streak: 0 g (0-6)*
- Ryan replaced Cuthbert at third base in the eighth inning last night, and struck out with Jay at third base and one out in the ninth inning.
  - Goins last started on May 8 in Baltimore and had two hits and two RBI...he's batting .286 (8-for-28) in his last 11 games after starting 4-for-21.
  - He played in a career-high 143 games with the Blue Jays in 2017 and also set career highs in hits (99), doubles (21), home runs (9) and RBI (62).
- Alex Gordon**                      *This Series: 0-for-4*                      *Last Trip: 6-for-22 (.273), 2 runs, HR, 3 RBI, 3 BB, SB*                      *Hit Streak: 0 g (0-4)*
- Alex went 0-for-4 last night and is 2-for-his-last-19 since his career-high tying four-hit game on May 8 in Baltimore.
  - Gordon is batting .303/.361/.447 (23-for-76) in 20 games since returning from the DL (left hip labral tear) on April 24 (went 4-for-23 before injury).
  - All three of his HR this season came in a six-game span from May 1-8...his 163 career HR are six shy of Hal McRae for fourth most in Royals history.
  - He's batting .282 (42-for-149) vs. Tampa Bay since 2011, including seven hits and six RBI in a split-doubleheader on July 7, 2015, but he's just 3-for-38 since.
  - Extended his club record with his 92nd hit-by-pitch April 30, 14 more than the next closest, Mike Macfarlane, and is tied for ninth among active players.
  - He recorded his 83rd career outfield assist in the first game on April 28 vs. the White Sox, one shy of Gerardo Parra for most in the Majors since 2010.
- Jon Jay**                      *This Series: 1-for-4, 3B*                      *Last Trip: 11-for-29 (.379), 7 runs, 2 2B, 2 RBI, BB*                      *Hit Streak: 7 g (12-33)*
- Jay had a one-out triple in the ninth inning last night, his second of the season and the first by a Royal since his own on April 8 in Cleveland, snapping a club-record 33 games without a triple, one more than the previous mark set in 2016...he's one of 10 players with at least one triple in each of the last nine years (since 2010).
  - Three of his last six hits have gone for extra bases after hitting 25 straight singles from April 18-May 10, the longest streak by a Royal since Chris Getz's club-record 45 straight in 2011, according to *Elias*...he hasn't homered in his last 371 at-bats since July 5, 2017, the longest active streak in the Majors by a non-pitcher.
  - Jay has reached safely or recorded an RBI in 36 of 39 games this season, and he's reached to leadoff the first 14 times (10 hits, 4 walks) in 29 games (.483 OBP).
  - He's batting .382 (21-for-55) in 13 games this month—tied for the third most hits in the Majors—after batting just .238 (24-for-101) in March and April.
  - Hasn't committed an error in his last 221 games in the field (400 chances) since April 15, 2016...his career .996 fielding % is the highest among active outfielders.
- Whit Merrifield**    *This Series: 3-for-4, run, HR, RBI*                      *Last Trip: 9-for-22 (.409), 2 runs, 3 2B, RBI, 4 BB, 2 SB*                      *Hit Streak: 8 g (14-30)*
- Whit had three hits last night, including a solo HR in the sixth—his first since April 24—to count for the Royals' only run...of his 25 career HR, 21 have been solo.
  - He's batting .327/.372/.535 (83-for-254) lifetime vs. left-handed pitchers, the second-best average among active American League players (min. 250 at-bats), trailing only Jose Altuve (.337)...he's batting .411/.450/.714 (23-for-56) vs. lefties this season and his 23 hits are tied with Francisco Lindor for most in the Majors.
  - Merrifield is batting .467/.529/.700 (14-for-30) with four doubles, a home run, but just two RBI during his eight-game hitting streak.
  - His nine steals are tied for third most in the American League, trailing Dee Gordon (15) and Tim Anderson (10), and include eight steals in his last 18 games...he's a Major League best 5-for-5 on steals of third base and is 15-for-16 lifetime, third most in the AL since 2016 behind Rajai Davis (21) & Jose Altuve (18).
  - He has seven multi-hit efforts in his last 14 games, a stretch in which he's batting .362/.415/.517 (21-for-58), on the heels of a 6-for-34 (.176) skid.
  - He has started at five different positions (first base, second base, right field, center field and designated hitter), including his first career start in center on April 14.
- Mike Moustakas**    *This Series: 1-for-4*                      *Last Trip: 8-for-25 (.320), 4 runs, 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI, BB*                      *Hit Streak: 2 g (2-6)*
- Mike went 1-for-4 last night and has just one RBI in his last six games, after recording three and five RBI in back-to-back games on May 6-8.
  - He's tied for third in the Majors with 10 infield hits—matching his 2017 total—and trailing only Dee Gordon (13) and Malle Smith (11).
  - Moose recorded his eighth multi-HR game on May 8 in Baltimore, third most among Royals left-handed batters behind George Brett (17) and John Mayberry (9).
  - His first HR on May 8 broke a tie with Eric Hosmer and Billy Butler for eight most in Royals history...he now has 129 HR, 14 behind Mayberry for seventh.
  - Moustakas has reached safely in 19 of 20 home games this season, and is batting .321/.352/.605 (26-for-81) with 17 runs, 12 extra-base hits and 14 RBI.
- Salvador Perez**                      *This Series: 0-for-3, BB*                      *Last Trip: 7-for-24 (.292), 6 runs, 2B, 3 HR, 10 RBI*                      *Hit Streak: 0 g (0-4)*
- Salvy went 0-for-3 with a walk last night...since returning from the DL (left knee sprain) on April 24, he's batting .268 (22-for-82) with 17 RBI in 21 games.
  - He's batting .301 (43-for-143) with 27 RBI in 37 career games vs. Tampa Bay, including a sac. fly & two pickoffs in his Major League debut on Aug. 10, 2011.
  - Perez hit the go-ahead, two-run homer off Andrew Miller in the seventh inning on Friday, his 12th career go-ahead RBI in the seventh inning or later and sixth since the start of 2017, most in the Majors...it was his second HR in as many games—and in third in four games—for the 15th time and first time since June 9-10, 2017.
  - Perez hit his second career grand slam in the first inning Thursday in Baltimore (also: June 21, 2017 vs. Boston) on his 28th birthday, giving the Royals a 4-0 lead before they recorded an out...he's the 13th different Royal (16th time) to homer on his birthday and the first time since Kendrys Morales in 2015...Perez is the second Royal to hit a grand slam on his birthday, joining Mike Sweeney (2004) and he's the first in the American League to do it in 10 years, since Hideki Matsui in 2008.
  - He has caught four of seven would-be base stealers this season, including one last night...his 119 since 2013 are second in the Majors to Jonathan Lucroy (133).
- Jorge Soler**                      *This Series: 0-for-3, BB*                      *Last Trip: 10-for-26 (.385) 6 runs, 3 2B, HR, 6 RBI, 2 BB*                      *Hit Streak: 0 g (0-8)*
- Jorge went 0-for-3 with a walk last night and has reached safely in 33 of 37 games this season, including a 19 straight from May 13-May 4.
  - Soler ranks fifth in the AL in on-base percentage (.419), tied for seventh in doubles (12) and tied for eighth in walks (23)...he walked in nine straight games from April 20-28, the longest streak in the Majors this season & the longest by a Royal since Mike Sweeney walked in nine straight from July 17-24, 2000.
  - He's batting .372/.472/.721 (16-for-43) with nine XBH vs. left-handed pitching in 2018 with the fourth-best OBP in the AL and the sixth-best SLG.
  - Despite starting the season 0-for-11, he's batting .316/.419/.519 in 133 at-bats (37 games)...in 97 at-bats with Kansas City in 2017, he hit just .144/.245/.258.
  - He's batting a team-best .346/.472/.577 (9-for-26) with runners in scoring position, including three doubles, a home run and 12 RBI.



***This & That***

**HAPPY #65 TO #5**--Hall of Famer George Brett is celebrating his 65th birthday today...the 1999 first ballot inductee into Cooperstown shares this birthday with a bunch of baseball brethren including fellow Hall of Famer John Smoltz (51), Minnesota's Brian Dozier (31), Cleveland's Michael Brantley (31), retired Twin, Justin Morneau (37) and Houston skipper and former Royal, A.J. Hinch (44)...also on the birthday docket for today is the football's Ray Lewis (43), Emmitt Smith (49) and Desmond Howard (48)...Kansas City's own Sam Mellinger is also celebrating his birthday today, but won't part with the years.

**A WEEKEND OF MEMORIES AHEAD**--The upcoming series will feature another look back at the first 50 years of Royals baseball, with Saturday and Sunday featuring some familiar names from the past...on Saturday, a special version of the annual Royals Authentics Legends Night will take place featuring former outfielders Carlos Beltran, Johnny Damon and Jermaine Dye...Royals players will wear 1969 Vintage Royals jerseys during the game that evening...in addition, the first 20,000 fans will receive a George Brett Pine Tar Bobblehead, courtesy of KCP&L...alumni scheduled to appear on Saturday also include: George Brett, Baseball Hall of Famer, Amos Otis, Royals Hall of Famer, Bret Saberhagen, Royals Hall of Famer, Mike Sweeney, Royals Hall of Famer, Frank White, Royals Hall of Famer and Willie Wilson, Royals Hall of Famer...on Sunday the Royals will honor 1969 American League Rookie of the Year, Lou Piniella, with the first 15,000 fans will receiving a Lou Piniella replica jersey, courtesy of Papa John's, with the former Royal and Yankee scheduled to appear.

**YANKEES IN FOR THE WEEKEND**--The first of seven games with the Yankees will be this Friday night when they invade Kauffman Stadium for a three-game weekend series...the Royals are slated to play four times in Yankee Stadium on July 26-29...KC was 2-5 vs. the Yanks last year, including a 1-2 set here...KC trails the all-time work by a 195-290 margin, including a 112-129-1 mark in Kansas City, 101-116 in Kauffman Stadium...since May, 2015, the Royals are just 4-13 vs. the Yankees.

**NED ONE SHY OF 1,100 WINS**--The winningest manager in franchise history, Ned Yost is in his eighth full season with the club, taking the reins on May 13, 2010...he continues to sit on 1,099 career wins, which is good for sixth among active managers and one shy of 1,100...he has a 642-660 regular season record at the helm for the Royals, surpassing Whitey Herzog's previous team mark of 410 wins (1975-79)...Yost is the 16th full-time manager in franchise history and is also sixth among active managers in games (2,261)...his postseason winning pct. of .710 (22-9) is tops among all managers in history who have worked at least 20 playoff games...this is his second stint as a big league manager after nearly six full campaigns at the helm for the Milwaukee Brewers (2003-2008)...he compiled a 457-502 record with the Brew Crew including a 166-146 mark in his last two seasons...Yost, a catcher during his playing days, began his coaching career in the Atlanta organization, including 12 straight seasons on Bobby Cox's big league staff (1991-2002).

**GRIMM MAKES FIRST REHAB APPEARANCE**--Kansas City reliever Justin Grimm, sidelined with a lower back injury since April 24, made his first injury rehab appearance last night for Omaha (AAA) working 0.2 of an inning allowing the game-tying run with a walk, a hit and a strikeout in New Orleans.

**SOLER POSTING NUMBERS**--Jorge Soler was 0-for-3 with a walk last night, but has still hit at a .360 clip (27-for-75) in his last 19 games...in that span he has eight doubles, four homers, 13 runs scored and 16 RBI, while also drawing 10 walks and a hit-by-pitch for a .429 on-base percentage...Soler enters play tonight fifth in the American League in on-base percentage (.419), 11th in batting average (.316), tied for seventh in doubles (12) and ranks 10th in OPS (.938)...since snapping an 0-for-11 start to the year, Jorge has batted .344 (42-for-122) while reaching safely in 29 of his last 33 games, for a .441 on-base pct. and .566 slugging pct. which adds up to a 1.007 OPS.

**HERRERA AMONG THE ELITE**--Closer Kelvin Herrera recorded his eighth save in nine chances on Friday in Cleveland, retiring all three hitters in the ninth...he's opened the year with 11-straight scoreless appearances, spanning 9.2 innings before allowing a game-tying solo home run to Eduardo Núñez in the 12th inning May 1 at Fenway Park, a game the Royals eventually won in 13 innings...his 0.61 season ERA is tied for the lowest among qualifying AL relievers, while his save total is tied for fifth and .170 opponents' batting average is tied for 11th...he has yet to allow a walk this year, with his 14.2 innings without a free pass the most in the Majors...Herrera saved a career-high 26 games last season, including 26-of-28 (92.9 percent) between April 13-August 16 which was the best percentage in the American League during that span.

**BACK TO ERRORLESS BALL**--Kansas City played errorless ball again last night, the 17th time in the last 19 games that the Royals have not committed an error...KC had a season-best streak of 10 consecutive errorless games snapped with a wayward pickoff attempt on Saturday in Cleveland...KC is fourth in the American League in fewest errors with 18 and fourth with a .988 fielding percentage.

**REPLAY NO LONGER PERFECT**--It took 12 challenges, but Kansas City replay specialist Bill Duplissee was finally denied an overturn in the ninth inning on Thursday in Baltimore, when he asked New York to look at a force play at second base where Jorge Soler was called out...after a 2-minute, 40-second review, the call on the field stood...Dupe had started the year 11-for-11 as the Royals were the last team in the Majors to miss on a replay challenge...he has made good on 68% of his challenges in his career (110-for-163), which ranks among the best, including a Major League best 72.4% success rate over the last three seasons (63-for-87).

**ESKY THE IRON MAN**--Kansas City shortstop Alcides Escobar, who re-signed with the Royals over the winter, continues to possess the longest active streak of starts in the Majors, starting his 374th consecutive game last night...the next-closest player in consecutive starts is San Diego shortstop Freddy Galvis with 204.

**NOT JUST THE TEAM'S 50TH SEASON**--One common denominator with the Royals and this 50th season of baseball in Kansas City is Hall of Fame announcer Denny Matthews, who was in the booth with Buddy Blattner on April 8, 1969 and is once again calling the play-by-play during this milestone season...the Ford Frick Award winner in Cooperstown, NY in 2007, Matthews has been the one constant since the franchise came to be in '69...with this his 50th season, he trails only Los Angeles Dodger broadcasting icons Vin Scully (67 years prior to retiring) and Jaime Jarrin (59th season).

**RULE 5 HURLERS ON ROSTER**--The Royals are carrying a pair of Rule 5 acquisitions on the roster with right-handed hurlers Brad Keller and Burch Smith...Keller, 22, was selected in last December's Rule 5 draft from Arizona by Cincinnati and then dealt to KC, while the 28-year old Smith was acquired from the New York Mets after being selected in the draft...Keller spent the year in AA Jackson last year, while Smith has big league time with San Diego in 2013.

Player	vs. Rays (2018)					vs. Rays (career)					At Home (career)					Banda (career)					Faria (career)									
	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI					
Almonte	-	-	-	-	-	.154	13	2	0	1	.282	461	130	11	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butera	-	-	-	-	-	.313	48	15	2	7	.197	563	111	3	38	.000	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuthbert	.000	3	0	0	0	.218	55	12	0	3	.261	394	103	8	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dozier	.000	3	0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	0	.158	19	3	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escobar	.500	2	1	0	0	.294	180	53	1	12	.263	2382	626	18	216	.000	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goins	.000	1	0	0	0	.139	151	21	3	11	.218	643	140	11	69	-	-	-	-	-	.000	4	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Gordon	.000	4	0	0	0	.226	230	52	4	33	.262	2543	665	79	330	.000	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jay	.250	4	1	0	0	.282	39	11	1	4	.300	1566	470	14	142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merrifield	.750	4	3	1	1	.349	43	15	4	7	.292	535	156	16	71	.000	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moustakas	.250	4	1	0	0	.216	125	27	3	19	.257	1507	387	55	197	.000	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perez	.000	3	0	0	0	.301	143	43	6	27	.270	1470	397	46	209	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soler	.000	3	0	0	0	.067	15	1	0	1	.258	481	124	18	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Pitcher	GS	Total KC Runs	Avg. Runs Per Start	Team Record	Quality Starts
Danny Duffy	9	44	4.9	1-8	1
Jason Hammel	8	28	3.5	1-7	4
Jakob Junis	8	33	4.1	5-3	5
Ian Kennedy	8	27	3.4	3-5	4
Trevor Oaks	1	0	0.0	0-1	0
Eric Skoglund	7	33	4.7	3-4	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>13-28</b>	<b>17</b>

Pitcher	Butera	Gallagher	Perez	Totals
Duffy	0-6	0-1	1-1	1-8
Hammel	0-1	0-3	1-3	1-7
Junis	3-1	1-0	1-2	5-3
Kennedy	2-3	-	1-2	3-5
Oaks	0-1	-	-	0-1
Skoglund	1-1	0-1	2-2	3-4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6-13</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>13-28</b>
	<b>Butera</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	<b>Perez</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Starts</b>	19	6	16	41
<b>CS/ATT</b>	2/11	0/4	4/7	6/22
<b>Pct.</b>	20.0	0.0	57.1	27.3
<b>ERA</b>	6.25	3.35	5.33	5.46
<b>ER/IP</b>	121/174.1	20/53.2	80/135.0	221/364.0



# Royals Notes - Tampa Bay Rays @ Kansas City Royals - Tuesday, May 15, 2018

## 2018 Royals Home Runs

Players	Total	vs.		@	on	Runners On					Outs		Tied Game	Gave Lead	Direction				Team Record	Last Home Run			AB's	
		LHP	RHP			Home	Road	0	1	2	3	0			1	2	LF	LC		CF	RC	RF		Date
Almonte	3	1	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1-2	5/5/18	DET	B. Hardy	14
Butera	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8/15/17	@ OAK	S. Casilla	107
Cuthbert	3	1	2	2	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1-1	5/2/18	@ BOS	M. Barnes	17	
Dozier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Escobar	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	0-1	4/17/18	@ TOR-	R. Tepera	88	
Goins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9/25/17	@ BOS	A. Reed	63
Gordon	3	-	3	1	2	2	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3-0	5/8/18	@ BAL	D. Bundy	25	
Jay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7/5/17	TB	E. Ramirez	371
Merrifield	4	4	-	1	3	3	1	-	-	3	-	1	3	-	3	1	-	-	2-2	5/14/18	TB	R. Yarbrough	2	
Moustakas	10	1	9	5	5	7	2	1	-	4	2	4	1	2	-	1	-	3	6	3-6	5/8/18	@ BAL	P. Araujo	25
Perez	5	1	4	2	3	2	2	-	1	2	2	1	-	4	3	-	1	-	3-2	5/1/18	@ CLE	A. Miller	11	
Soler	5	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	-	2	2	1	-	3	3	1	1	-	3-2	5/8/18	@ BAL	D. Bundy	28	

- Pinch-Hit:** Last: Erik Kratz (8/18/14 @ Minnesota, seventh inning) - **Franchise total: 76**
- Grand Slam:** Last: Salvador Perez (5/10/18 @ Baltimore, first inning) - **Franchise total: 129; Twice in 2018**
- Pinch-Hit Grand Slam:** Last: Shane Mack (5/22/98 @ Texas, seventh inning)
- 2-Homer Game:** Last: Mike Moustakas (5/8/18 @ Baltimore, solo, 2-run off Dylan Bundy, Pedro Araujo) - **Twice in 2018**
- 3-Homer Game:** Last: Lorenzo Cain (5/10/16 @ N.Y. Yankees, solo, 3-run, solo) - **Franchise total: 9**
- Back-to-Back:** Last: Mike Moustakas and Lucas Duda (4/17/18 at Toronto-1, 3rd inning off Jaime Garcia) - **Once in 2018**
- Back-to-Back-to-Back:** Last: Jorge Soler, Mike Moustakas, Salvador Perez (5/8/18 @ Baltimore, first inning) - **Once in 2018**
- Three Home Runs, One Inning:** Last: Drew Butera, Eric Hosmer, Mike Moustakas (8/15/17 @ Oakland, eighth inning)
- Four Home Runs, One Inning:** Last: Jorge Soler, Mike Moustakas, Salvador Perez and Alex Gordon (5/8/18 @ Baltimore, first inning) - **ties franchise record**
- Leadoff Game:** Last: Whit Merrifield (8/24/17 vs. Colorado) - **Franchise total: 94**
- Inside-the-Park:** Last: Jarrod Dyson (7/8/15 vs. Tampa Bay) - **Franchise total: 96**
- Both Sides of the Plate in One Game:** Last: Kendrys Morales (7/2/16 @ Philadelphia, 3-run, solo) - **Franchise total: 8**
- Home Run by Pitcher:** Last: Zack Greinke (6/10/05 @ Arizona)
- Walk-off Home Run:** Last: Eric Hosmer (8/23/17 vs. Colorado, ninth inning, Greg Holland pitching) - **Franchise total: 69**
- Opponent:** Last: Mike Napoli, Texas (7/14/17 @ Kauffman Stadium, off Mike Minor, 7th inning)
- Pinch-Hit:** Last: Michael Brantley (5/11/18 @ Progressive Field off Jason Hammel, 4th inning)
- Grand Slam:** Last: Darryl Strawberry, New York (5/2/98 @ Kauffman Stadium, Scott Service pitching, 9th inning)
- Pinch-Hit Grand Slam:** Last: Jose Abreu and Matt Davidson, Chicago White Sox (3/27/18 @ Kauffman Stadium, Danny Duffy pitching, 4th inning)
- Back-to-Back:** Last: Tim Anderson, Chicago White Sox (4/28/18-Game 2 @ Kauffman Stadium, Eric Skoglund pitching)
- Leadoff Game:** Last: Logan Forsythe, Tampa Bay (7/8/15 @ Kauffman Stadium, Jeremy Guthrie pitching, 4th inning)
- Inside-the-Park:** Last: JaCoby Jones (4/20/18 @ Comerica Park, Brad Keller pitching, 10th inning)
- Walk-off Home Run:** Last: Jose Abreu, Matt Davidson and Tim Anderson, Chicago White Sox (3/27/18 @ Kauffman Stadium, Danny Duffy pitching, 4th inning)
- Three Home Runs, One Inning:** Last: Alex Rios, Carlos Quentin, Andrew Jones, Dayan Viciedo, Chicago (7/11/10 @ U.S. Cellular, Anthony Lerew pitching, 3rd inning)
- Four Home Runs, One Inning:** Last: Mookie Betts (5/2/18 @ Fenway Park, Danny Duffy)
- Three Home Runs, One Player:** Last: Victor Martinez, Detroit (6/16/16 @ Kauffman Stadium, Danny Duffy and Chien-Ming Wang pitching)
- Both Sides of the Plate in One Game:** Last: Victor Martinez, Detroit (6/16/16 @ Kauffman Stadium, Danny Duffy and Chien-Ming Wang pitching)

## 2018 Single-Game Bests

Players	Multi-Hit Games						Multi-RBI Games						RBI			Hitting Streaks						Hits	
	2	3	4	5	6+	Total	2	3	4	5	6+	Total	Tying	Go-Ahead	2-out	5-10	11-15	16+	Current	Long (3+)	Infield	Bunt	
Almonte	2	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	2	1	-	-	0 g	6 g (4/20-28)	1	-	
Butera	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	6	-	-	-	1 g	-	-	-	
Cuthbert	4	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	4	-	-	-	-	0 g	4 g (3/29-4/3)	-	-	
Dozier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escobar	5	1	-	-	-	6	1	-	1	-	2	1	2	5	-	-	-	1 g	3 g (5x)	3	-		
Goins	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	0 g	4 g (4/26-5/8)	2	1		
Gordon	6	1	1	-	-	8	-	2	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	0 g	4 g (2x)	1	-		
Jay	8	2	1	-	-	11	2	-	-	-	2	2	2	4	2	-	-	7 g	7 g (5/7-pres)	8	2		
Merrifield	9	3	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	2	5	1	3	2	-	-	8 g	8 g (5/6-pres)	2	-		
Moustakas	9	4	-	-	-	13	1	4	-	1	6	2	7	9	1	1	-	2 g	14 g (4/8-22)	10	-		
Perez	6	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	1	-	4	1	6	3	2	-	-	0 g	7 g (4/26-5/1)	1	-		
Soler	10	3	-	-	-	13	3	2	-	-	5	-	6	4	2	-	-	0 g	10 g (4/26-5/4)	4	-		

## The Last Time...

- No-Hitter by the Royals:** Bret Saberhagen, August 26, 1991 vs. Chicago (Royals 7-0)
- No-Hitter vs. Royals:** Jon Lester, May 19, 2008 @ Boston in Fenway Park (Red Sox 7-0)
- One-Hitter by the Royals (complete game):** Zack Greinke, August 30, 2009 @ Seattle (Royals 3-0)
- One-Hitter vs. Royals (complete game):** Carlos Carrasco, Cleveland, September 25, 2015 at Kauffman Stadium (Indians 6-0)
- Two-Hitter by the Royals (complete game):** James Shields, April 13, 2013 vs. Toronto (Blue Jays 3-2)
- Two-Hitter vs. Royals (complete game):** Jeff Niemann, Tampa Bay, June 3, 2009 at Tropicana Field (Rays, 9-0)
- Back-to-Back Complete Game Wins by the Royals:** Brian Bannister and Zack Greinke, April 13-14, 2008 vs. Minnesota (5-1) and @ Seattle (5-1)
- Back-to-Back Shutouts by the Royals:** May 17 & 19, 2015 vs. New York Yankees (6-0) & vs. Cincinnati (3-0)
- Back-to-Back Shutouts vs. Royals:** August 27-28, @ Cleveland (0-12); vs. Tampa Bay (0-12)
- Three Straight Shutouts vs. Royals:** August 26-28 @ Cleveland (0-4, 0-12); vs. Tampa Bay (0-12)
- 10+ Innings Pitched by a Royals starter:** Kevin Appier, July 23, 1992 @ Cleveland (10.0)
- 10+ Strikeouts by a Royals starter:** Danny Duffy (10) vs. New York Yankees, May 18, 2017
- Shutout by the Royals (Complete Game):** Jason Vargas, June 2, 2017 vs. Cleveland (4-0)
- Shutout by the Royals (Combined):** April 9, 2018 vs. Seattle, 10-0  
Junis (7.0), Maurer (1.0), Flynn (1.0)
- Triple Play by the Royals:** June 11, 2006 vs. Tampa Bay (DeJesus-Elarton-Berroa-Teahen with Branyan batting, 2nd inning)
- Triple Play vs. Royals:** April 20, 2012 vs. Toronto at Kauffman Stadium, (3-6, Hosmer batting, 3rd inning)
- Royal hit for the cycle:** George Brett, July 25, 1990 @ Toronto
- Opponent hit for the cycle:** Jeff DaVanon, Anaheim, August 25, 2004 at Angel Stadium
- Royal Five-Hit Game:** Eric Hosmer, July 26, 2017 @ Detroit (5-for-6)
- Royal Six-Hit Game:** Joe Randa, Sept. 9, 2004 @ Detroit-Game 1 (6-for-7)
- Royals Two Hits, One Inning:** Jon Jay, Jorge Soler, Mike Moustakas, May 8 @ Baltimore, (first inning)
- Royals Five-RBI Game:** Mike Moustakas, May 8, 2018 @ Baltimore
- Royals Six-RBI Game:** Eric Hosmer, July 26, 2017 @ Detroit
- Royals Seven-RBI Game:** (13 times) - last: Omar Infante, Sept. 17, 2015 @ Cleveland
- Royals Nine-RBI Game:** Mike Moustakas, September 12, 2015 @ Baltimore
- Royals Position Player Pitching:** Drew Butera, July 26, 2016 vs. Los Angeles Angels
- Opponent Position Player Pitching:** A.L.: Taylor Mottet, Seattle, April 9, 2018 at Kauffman Stadium; N.L.: D'Angelo Jimenez, San Diego, June 30, 2002 at Kauffman Stadium
- Royals Pitcher Homered:** Zack Greinke, June 10, 2005 @ Arizona
- Royals Pitcher With a Hit:** Danny Duffy, July 9, 2017 @ LA Dodgers
- Royals Pitcher With a RBI:** Danny Duffy, July 2, 2016 @ Philadelphia
- Royals Three or more Steals, One Game:** Whit Merrifield (3), May 6, 2018 vs. Detroit
- Opponent Three or more Steals, One Game:** Gregor Blanco, Arizona, October 1, 2017 at KC (3 SB)
- Royals Steal of Home:** Alex Rios, vs. Pittsburgh, July 20, 2015 (4th inning)
- Opponent Steal of Home:** Brett Lawrie, Toronto, April 22, 2012 at Kauffman Stadium (8th inning) - on double steal
- Royals Suspended Game:** April 24, 2015 @ Chicago White Sox (Rain)
- Royals Home Run in first ML at bat:** Jon Nunnally, April 29, 1995 vs. New York (Melido Perez pitching, 1st inning)
- Royals Home Run in 4 Consecutive Games:** Salvador Perez, April 6-9, 2017
- Royals 0-0 Game After 9 Innings:** April 20, 2017 @ Texas (lost 1-0 in 13 innings)
- Royals Walk-Off Win:** August 23, 2017 vs. Colorado (6-4 in 9 innings)
- Royals Bat Around:** May 8, 2018 @ Baltimore (first inning - 10 runs) - **Thrice in 2018**
- Three-game sweep by Royals at Kauffman Stadium:** July 21-23, 2017 vs. Chicago White Sox
- Three-game sweep by Royals on the road:** July 24-26, 2017 @ Detroit
- Four-game sweep by Royals at Kauffman Stadium:** August 18-21, 2016 vs. Minnesota
- Four-game sweep by Royals on the road:** May 7-10, 1999 @ Minnesota
- Three-game sweep by opposition at Kauffman Stadium:** April 12-14, 2018 vs. Los Angeles Angels
- Three-game sweep by opposition on the road:** April 17-18, 2018 @ Toronto
- Four-game sweep by opposition at Kauffman Stadium:** September 12-15, 2016 vs. Oakland
- Four-game sweep by opposition on the road:** April 20-23, 2017 @ Texas

## Errorless Streaks

Player	Streak	Last Error	Player	Streak	Last Error
ROYALS	2	5/12/18 @ CLE	Goins	28	9/17/17 @ MIN
Pitchers	2	5/12/18 @ CLE	Gordon	46	9/8/17 vs. MIN
Almonte	61	4/23/17 @ CWS	Jay	221	4/14/16 @ PHI
Butera	17	4/7/18 @ CLE	Merrifield	34	4/2/18 @ DET
Cuthbert	7	4/30/18 @ BOS	Moustakas	21	4/10/18 vs. SEA
Dozier	8	-	Perez	36	9/3/17 @ MIN
Escobar	19	4/25/18 vs. MIL	Soler	16	4/25/18 vs. MIL





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### 2018 Transactions

Date	Player	Transaction	Date	Player	Transaction
2/28	1B-Lucas Duda	Signed as a Major League free agent	4/19	OF-Alex Gordon	Sent on a rehab assignment to Omaha
3/6	OF-Jon Jay	Signed as a Major League free agent	4/20	RHP-Scott Barlow	Recalled from Omaha (26th man)
	RHP-Jesse Hahn	Placed on 60-day disabled list (right UCL sprain)		RHP-Scott Barlow	Optioned to Omaha (postgame)
3/10	3B-Mike Moustakas	Signed as a Major League free agent	4/24	C-Cam Gallagher	Optioned to Omaha
	OF-Jorge Bonifacio	Placed on restricted list		OF-Alex Gordon	Returned from rehab assignment/reinstated from disabled list
3/18	RHP-Justin Grimm	Signed as a Major League free agent		RHP-Justin Grimm	Placed on 10-day disabled list (lower back stiffness), retro 4/22
3/21	RHP-Sam Gaviglio	Traded to Toronto for a player to be named/cash considerations		OF-Paulo Orlando	Optioned to Omaha
3/29	RHP-Blaine Boyer	Selected from Omaha (AAA)		C-Salvador Perez	Returned from rehab assignment/reinstated from disabled list
	INF-Ryan Goins	Selected from Omaha		LHP-Eric Stout	Recalled from Omaha
	C-Cam Gallagher	Recalled from Omaha	4/27	OF-Bubba Starling	Reinstated from 10-day DL/Optioned to Omaha
	RHP-Wily Peralta	Designated for assignment	4/28	RHP-Trevor Oaks	Recalled from Omaha (26th man)/Optioned after second game
	RHP-Kyle Zimmer	Designated for assignment		RHP-Scott Barlow	Recalled from Omaha
	RHP-Nate Karns	Placed on 10-day DL (right elbow inflammation), retro to 3/26		LHP-Eric Stout	Optioned to Omaha
	INF-Adalberto Mondesi	Placed on 10-day DL (right shoulder impingement), retro to 3/26	4/30	INF-Adalberto Mondesi	Reinstated from 10-day DL/Optioned to Omaha
	C-Salvador Perez	Placed on 10-day DL (left knee sprain), retro to 3/26	5/3	RHP-Brandon Maurer	Outrighted to Omaha
	OF-Bubba Starling	Placed on 10-day DL (left oblique strain), retro to 3/26	5/4	RHP-Jason Adam	Selected from Omaha
3/31	RHP-Wily Peralta	Outrighted to Omaha		RHP-Scott Barlow	Optioned to Omaha
4/2	OF-Abraham Almonte	Claimed off waivers from Cleveland	5/13	RHP-Justin Grimm	Sent on a rehab assignment to Omaha
	RHP-Miguel Almonte	Designated for assignment	5/14	INF/OF-Hunter Dozier	Recalled from Omaha
4/10	OF-Abraham Almonte	Recalled from Omaha		1B-Lucas Duda	Placed on 10-day disabled list (right foot plantar fasciitis)
	OF-Alex Gordon	Placed on 10-day DL (left hip labral tear)			
4/13	RHP-Kevin McCarthy	Recalled from Omaha			
	RHP-Brandon Maurer	Optioned to Omaha			
4/15	C-Salvador Perez	Sent on a rehab assignment to Northwest Arkansas			
4/17	RHP-Scott Barlow	Recalled from Omaha (26th man)			
	RHP-Scott Barlow	Optioned to Omaha (postgame)			
4/18	C-Salvador Perez	Rehab assignment transferred to Omaha			

### Royals Ejections

Date	Player/Coach	Umpire/Type of Play

### Instant Replay Reviews

Date	Opponent	Inning	Original Call	Score at Time	Time Delay	Outcome	Challenge Record
4/2	at Detroit	9	Orlando out at 1B	1-6	1:10	Overtuned	KC 1-0
4/7	at Cleveland	5	Davis out at 1B	0-0	1:41	Stands	Opp 0-1
4/8	at Cleveland	8	Ramirez safe at 1B	1-1	1:06	Overtuned	KC 2-0
4/9	Seattle	2	Moustakas out at 1B	3-0	0:36	Overtuned	KC 3-0
4/10	Seattle	5	Marjama out at 2B on SB	2-5	1:00	Stands	Opp 0-2
4/17	at Toronto-1	5	Pillar catch in CF	3-2	0:51	Overtuned	KC 4-0
		5	Smoak out at 3B	3-4	1:57	Stands	Opp 0-3
4/18	at Toronto	3	Martin out at 2B on force	2-4	0:36	Overtuned	Opp 1-3
4/20	at Detroit-1	6	Candelario out at 1B on pickoff	1-2	1:05	Overtuned	KC 5-0
4/26	Chicago White Sox	7	Anderson safe at 1B	2-6	1:10	Overtuned	KC 6-0
5/2	at Boston	3	Soler out at 2B	3-0	1:16	Overtuned	KC 7-0
		6	Jay safe at 1B	3-4	0:53	Overtuned	Opp 2-3
		6	Nunez safe at 1B on pickoff	3-4	0:40	Overtuned	KC 8-0
		9	Duda HBP	4-5	0:53	Overtuned	Opp 3-3
5/4	Detroit	5	Duda safe at 1B	0-0	1:31	Overtuned	Opp 4-3
		7	McCann safe at 2B on SB attempt	0-0	0:32	Overtuned	KC 9-0
5/9	at Baltimore	6	Trumbo safe at 1B	3-3	1:13	Overtuned	KC 10-0
		9	Merrifield out at 2B	3-5	0:57	Overtuned	KC 11-0
5/10	at Baltimore	9	Soler out at 2B	6-11	2:40	Stands	KC 11-1
5/14	Tampa Bay	8	Gomez out at 1B	1-2	0:54	Stands	Opp 4-4

Possible Outcomes - Confirmed, Stands or Overtuned

### The Lineup Card

#### Starts by Batting Order

- 1st:** Almonte (0-1), Jay (6-22), Merrifield (7-5)
- 2nd:** Almonte (0-1), Cuthbert (1-0), Merrifield (4-16), Moustakas (2-2), Soler (6-9)
- 3rd:** Cuthbert (1-0), Moustakas (10-26), Perez (2-2)
- 4th:** Cuthbert (2-3), Duda (2-14), Perez (6-11), Soler (3-0)
- 5th:** Cuthbert (4-7), Duda (4-10), Jay (1-1), Merrifield (0-1), Orlando (2-1), Soler (2-8)
- 6th:** Almonte (3-4), Cuthbert (1-3), Duda (0-2), Goins (1-2), Jay (4-3), Merrifield (2-4), Orlando (1-2), Soler (1-8)
- 7th:** Almonte (1-2), Cuthbert (1-1), Duda (2-0), Escobar (1-3), Gallagher (1-0), Goins (1-3), Gordon (5-13), Jay (0-1), Orlando (1-5)
- 8th:** Cuthbert (1-3), Escobar (9-19), Goins (0-1), Gordon (3-5)
- 9th:** Almonte (1-2), Butera (6-13), Dozier (0-1), Escobar (3-6), Gallagher (1-5), Goins (1-1), Gordon (1-0)

#### Starts by Position

- P:** Duffy (1-8), Hammel (1-7), Junis (5-3), Kennedy (3-5), Oaks (0-1), Skoglund (3-4)
- C:** Butera (6-13), Gallagher (1-5), Perez (6-10)
- 1B:** Cuthbert (5-4), Dozier (0-1), Duda (7-22), Merrifield (1-1)
- 2B:** Goins (3-7), Merrifield (10-20)
- 3B:** Cuthbert (4-6), Moustakas (9-22)
- SS:** Escobar (13-28)
- LF:** Gordon (4-11), Jay (8-15), Orlando (1-2)
- CF:** Almonte (5-10), Gordon (4-7), Jay (1-5), Merrifield (0-1), Orlando (3-5)
- RF:** Jay (1-4), Merrifield (1-2), Soler (11-22)
- DH:** Cuthbert (2-6), Duda (1-4), Gallagher (1-0), Gordon (1-0), Jay (1-3), Merrifield (1-1), Moustakas (3-7), Orlando (0-1), Perez (2-3), Soler (1-3)

### Daily Update

	Score by Innings															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Royals	39	10	17	25	16	23	10	14	7	-	-	1	3	-	-	165
Opponents	27	13	25	42	26	24	34	30	6	2	3	1	2	-	-	235

  

	Victory Margin														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15+
Royals	6	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Opponents	8	4	3	3	3	1	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

#### Lineup Production

Batting Order	HR	RBI
1st	2	12
2nd	6	19
3rd	9	28
4th	8	28
5th	5	18
6th	3	13
7th	2	12
8th	2	9
9th	1	15

#### Kansas City By the Days

Monday	1-3
Tuesday	3-4
Wednesday	0-5
Thursday	1-4
Friday	3-4
Saturday	2-6
Sunday	3-2

#### Multi-Run Innings for Royals

# of runs	# times	last time
2 runs	23	5/13 @ CLE (6th inning, 3 hits)
3 runs	12	5/11 @ CLE (6th inning, 3 hits)
4 runs	3	5/10 @ BAL (1st inning, 3 hits)
5 runs	2	4/22 @ DET (6th inning, 3 hits)
6 runs	-	-
7 runs	-	-
8 runs	-	-
9 runs	-	-
10 runs	1	5/8 @ BAL (1st inning, 9 hits)

### Disabled List (4)

Player	D.L. Type	Injury	Dates on D.L.	Eligible for reinstatement	Games Missed	Team Record
RHP-Jesse Hahn	60-day	right UCL sprain	March 6	May 5	41	13-28
RHP-Nate Karns	10-day	right elbow inflammation	March 29 (retro March 26)	April 5	41	13-28
RHP-Justin Grimm	10-day	lower back stiffness	April 24 (retro to April 22)	May 2	21	8-13
1B-Lucas Duda	10-day	right foot plantar fasciitis	May 14	May 24	1	0-1



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### Miscellaneous Statistics

#### Team Batting

Most runs, game  
 Most runs, extra-inning game  
 Most hits, game  
 Most hits, extra-inning game  
 Fewest hits, game  
 Most runs, inning  
 Most hits, inning  
 Most doubles, game  
 Most doubles, extra-inning game  
 Most triples, game  
 Most triples, extra-inning game  
 Most home runs, game  
 Most home runs, extra-inning game  
 Most home runs, inning  
 Most extra-base hits, game  
 Most extra-base hits, extra-inning game  
 Most steals, game  
 Most times caught stealing, game  
 Most sacrifice flies, game  
 Most sacrifices, game  
 Most strikeouts, game  
 Most strikeouts, extra-inning game  
 Most walks, game  
 Most walks, extra-inning game  
 Most left on base, game  
 Most left on base, extra-inning game  
 Fewest left on base, game  
 Fewest left on base, extra-inning game  
 Most double plays turned  
 Most errors, game

#### Individual Batting:

Most hits, game  
 Most hits, extra-inning game  
 Most runs, game  
 Most doubles, game  
 Most triples, game  
 Most home runs, game  
 Most RBI, game  
 Most RBI, extra-inning game  
 Most total bases, game  
 Most total bases, extra-inning game  
 Most walks, game  
 Most stolen bases, game  
 Longest hitting streak (min. 5 games)

#### Individual Pitching:

Most innings pitched, starter  
 Most innings pitched, reliever  
 Most strikeouts, starter  
 Most strikeouts, reliever  
 Most walks, starter  
 Most walks, reliever  
 Most runs allowed  
 Most home runs allowed  
 Consecutive scoreless innings, starter  
 Consecutive scoreless innings, reliever  
 Longest winning streak (2 or more)

#### Team Miscellaneous:

Longest winning streak, overall  
 Longest winning streak, home  
 Longest winning streak, road  
 Longest losing streak, overall  
 Longest losing streak, home  
 Longest losing streak, road  
 Longest game-inning, home  
 Longest game-inning, road  
 Longest game-time, home  
 Longest game-time, road  
 Longest game-time (extra-innings, home)  
 Longest game-time (extra-innings, road)  
 Shortest game-time home  
 Shortest game-time road  
 Shortest game-time (extra-innings, home)  
 Shortest game-time (extra-innings, road)  
 Largest crowd-home  
 Smallest crowd-home  
 Largest crowd-road  
 Smallest crowd-road  
 Largest winning margin  
 Largest losing margin  
 Largest deficit overcome to win  
 Largest lead lost

#### Royals

15 May 8 @ Baltimore  
 7 May 1 @ Boston  
 20 May 8 @ Baltimore  
 15 May 1 @ Boston  
 3 April 7 @ Cleveland  
 10 May 8 @ Baltimore (1st)  
 9 May 8 @ Baltimore (1st)  
 6 May 11 @ Cleveland  
 2 Thrice, last: May 1 @ Boston  
 1 4 times, last: May 14 vs. Tampa Bay  
 -  
 5 May 8 @ Baltimore  
 2 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston  
 4 May 8 @ Baltimore (1st)  
 7 May 11 @ Cleveland  
 4 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston  
 4 May 6 vs. Detroit  
 2 April 17 @ Toronto-1  
 2 Twice, last: May 8 @ Baltimore  
 1 Thrice, last: May 10 @ Baltimore  
 13 April 30 @ Boston  
 11 May 1 @ Boston  
 8 April 22 @ Detroit  
 4 April 17 @ Toronto-2  
 11 April 26 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 12 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston  
 2 Twice, last: May 6 vs. Detroit  
 10 Twice, last: April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 3 April 8 @ Cleveland  
 2 Thrice, last: April 25 vs. Milwaukee

4 Gordon (May 8 @ Baltimore)  
 4 Jay (May 1 @ Boston)  
 3 Twice, last: Jay (May 8 @ Baltimore)  
 3 Duda (May 11 @ Cleveland)  
 1 4 times, last: Jay (May 14 vs. Tampa Bay)  
 2 Twice, Moustakas (May 8 @ Baltimore), Cuthbert (April 29 vs. Chicago White Sox)  
 5 Moustakas (May 8 @ Baltimore)  
 3 Soler (May 1 @ Boston)  
 9 Moustakas (May 8 @ Baltimore)  
 6 Soler (May 1 @ Boston)  
 3 Twice, Soler (April 22 @ Detroit), Cuthbert (April 9 vs. Seattle)  
 3 Merrifield (May 6 vs. Detroit)  
 14 Moustakas (April 8-22)

9.0 Hammel (April 20 @ Detroit-1)  
 3.0 5 times, last: Flynn (May 13 @ Cleveland)  
 9 Skoglund (April 28 vs. Chicago White Sox-2)  
 4 Smith (April 17 @ Toronto-1)  
 5 Duffy (April 13 @ Cleveland)  
 3 Twice, Grimm (April 17 @ Toronto-2), Smith (May 11 @ Cleveland)  
 9 Thrice, last: Duffy (May 13 @ Cleveland)  
 5 Junis (April 26 vs. Chicago White Sox) - tied franchise record  
 16.0 Junis (April 3-14)  
 9.2 Herrera (March 29-April 28)  
 3 McCarthy (April 22-May 3)

2 April 28-29, May 3-4, May 6-8  
 4 April 28-May 4  
 -  
 9 April 10-20  
 10 April 10-28 (Game 1)  
 5 April 17-20  
 11 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 13 May 1 @ Boston  
 3:26 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 3:34 May 11 @ Cleveland  
 3:34 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 4:25 May 1 @ Boston  
 2:16 May 6 vs. Detroit  
 2:17 April 3 @ Detroit  
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 2:46 April 20 @ Detroit-1  
 36,517 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 12,324 April 9 vs. Seattle  
 34,720 April 6 @ Cleveland  
 10,863 May 8 @ Baltimore  
 10 April 9 vs. Seattle  
 10 April 18 @ Toronto (5-15)  
 5 May 11 @ Cleveland (trailed 4-9 after 4, won 10-9)  
 4 Twice, last: May 10 at Baltimore (led 4-0 after 1/2; lost 6-11)

#### Opponents

15 April 18 @ Toronto  
 7 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 16 April 21 @ Detroit  
 12 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston  
 2 April 9 vs. Seattle  
 6 Thrice, last: May 11 @ Cleveland (4th)  
 6 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox (4th)  
 5 May 5 vs. Detroit  
 3 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston  
 2 April 29 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 2 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 6 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 2 Twice, last: May 1 @ Boston  
 3 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox (4th)  
 9 March 29 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 6 April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 2 Thrice, last: April 13 vs. Los Angeles Angels  
 2 May 14 vs. Tampa Bay  
 2 April 25 vs. Milwaukee  
 1 4 times, last: April 27 vs. Chicago White Sox  
 11 Twice, last: May 3 vs. Detroit  
 13 April 17 @ Toronto-2  
 8 April 21 @ Detroit  
 7 April 17 @ Toronto-2  
 12 April 21 @ Detroit  
 11 April 17 @ Toronto-2  
 3 Twice, last: May 14 vs. Tampa Bay  
 3 April 20 @ Detroit-1  
 3 Thrice, last: May 10 @ Baltimore  
 4 May 1 @ Boston

### Upcoming Milestones

**Alcides Escobar**  
 2 SB to tie for 8th on KC all-time list (J. Damon-156)  
 20 G to tie for 9th on KC all-time list (B. Butler-1,166)

**Alex Gordon** 2 SB for 100  
 6 HR to tie for fourth on KC all-time list (H. McRae-169)  
**Jason Hammel** 8 wins to 100

**Ian Kennedy** 8 wins to 100  
 6 strikeouts to 1,500  
**Ned Yost** 1 win for 1,100 career

### Royals Record When:

**Lead after six innings:** 7-4  
**Lead after seven innings:** 9-3  
**Lead after eight innings:** 11-0  
**Starter works more than 6.0 IP:** 5-6  
**Score first:** 8-12  
**Score more than three runs:** 10-9  
**Hit home run:** 9-16  
**Series opener:** 4-10  
**10 or more hits:** 6-10

**Tied after six innings:** 5-2  
**Tied after seven innings:** 2-4  
**Tied after eight innings:** 0-4  
**Starter works 6.0 IP:** 3-5  
**Opponents score first:** 6-17  
**Score three runs or less:** 3-19  
**Do not homer:** 4-12  
**Series finale:** 4-9  
**Opponents 10 or more hits:** 5-15

**Trail after six innings:** 1-22  
**Trail after seven innings:** 2-21  
**Trail after eight innings:** 3-24  
**Starter works less than 6.0 IP:** 5-17  
**In the last turn at bat (KC/OPP):** 4/5  
**Walkoff wins (KC/OPP):** -/3  
**Comeback wins (KC/OPP):** 7/15  
**Errorless games by KC:** 10-16  
**Extra Innings:** 1-3



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### 2018 Day-By-Days

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>D/N</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Winning Pitcher</u>	<u>Losing Pitcher</u>	<u>Save</u>	<u>Home Att.</u>	<u>Home No.</u>	<u>Home Total</u>	<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Road Total</u>		
<b>March (0-2)</b>																	
3/29	CWS	D	L,	7-14	0-1	T3	-1.0	Shields	<b>Duffy (0-1)</b>	-	36,517	1	36,517				
3/31	CWS	N	L,	3-4	0-2	5	-2.0	Farquhar	<b>Maurer (R, 0-1)</b>	Soria	17,564	2	54,081				
<b>April (7-19)</b>																	
4/1	CWS	D						<i>PPD - Snow/Cold, makeup scheduled for 4/28</i>									
4/2	at Det	D	L,	1-6	0-3	5	-2.0	Liriano	<b>Hammel (0-1)</b>	-	15,476			1	15,476		
4/3	at Det	D	W,	1-0	1-3	4	-1.0	<b>Junis (1-0)</b>	Boyd	<b>Herrera (1)</b>	15,083			2	30,559		
4/4	at Det	D						<i>PPD - Snow/Cold, makeup scheduled for 4/20</i>									
4/6	at Cle	D	L,	2-3	1-4	5	-2.5	Carrasco	<b>Duffy (0-2)</b>	Allen	34,720			3	65,279		
4/7	at Cle	D	W,	1-0	2-4	5	-1.5	<b>Kennedy (1-0)</b>	Bauer	<b>Herrera (2)</b>	17,362			4	82,641		
4/8	at Cle	D	L,	1-3	2-5	5	-2.0	Allen	<b>Maurer (R, 0-2)</b>	-	14,240			5	96,881		
4/9	Sea	N	W,	10-0	3-5	4	-1.0	<b>Junis (2-0)</b>	Gonzales	-	12,324	3	66,405				
4/10	Sea	N	L,	3-8	3-6	4	-2.0	Hernandez	<b>Skoglund (0-1)</b>	-	14,850	4	81,255				
4/11	Sea	D	L,	2-4	3-7	5	-3.0	Vincent	<b>Grimm (R, 0-1)</b>	Diaz	14,314	5	95,569				
4/12	LAA	N	L,	1-7	3-8	5	-4.0	Tropeano	<b>Kennedy (1-1)</b>	-	14,714	6	110,283				
4/13	LAA	N	L,	4-5	3-9	5	-4.5	Wood	<b>Grimm (R, 0-2)</b>	Middleton	15,011	7	125,294				
4/14	LAA	N	L,	3-5	3-10	5	-5.0	Richards	<b>Junis (2-1)</b>	Middleton	15,876	8	141,170				
4/15	LAA	D						<i>PPD - Cold, makeup scheduled for 6/25</i>									
4/16	at Tor	N						<i>PPD - Roof damage, makeup scheduled for 4/17 as doubleheader</i>									
4/17	at Tor	D	L,	3-11	3-11	-	-	Garcia	<b>Skoglund (0-2)</b>	-	-			6			
4/17	at Tor	N	L,	4-5 (10)	3-12	5	-6.0	Clippard	<b>Flynn (R, 0-1)</b>	-	18,645			7	115,526		
4/18	at Tor	D	L,	5-15	3-13	5	-6.5	Happ	<b>Kennedy (1-2)</b>	-	28,803			8	144,329		
4/20	at Det	D	L,	2-3 (10)	3-14	-	-	Jimenez	<b>Keller (R, 0-1)</b>	-	15,406			9	159,735		
4/20	at Det	N	W,	3-2	4-14	5	-6.0	<b>Junis (3-1)</b>	Greene	<b>Herrera (3)</b>	17,194			10	176,929		
4/21	at Det	D	L,	4-12	4-15	5	-6.5	Fiers	<b>Duffy (0-3)</b>	Saupold	19,302			11	196,231		
4/22	at Det	D	W,	8-5	5-15	5	-6.5	<b>McCarthy (R, 1-0)</b>	VerHagen	<b>Herrera (4)</b>	19,034			12	215,265		
4/24	Mil	N	L,	2-5	5-16	5	-7.0	Davies	<b>Kennedy (1-3)</b>	-	16,555	9	157,725				
4/25	Mil	N	L,	2-6	5-17	5	-8.0	Chacin	<b>Hammel (0-2)</b>	-	13,389	10	171,114				
4/26	CWS	N	L,	3-6	5-18	5	-8.0	Giolito	<b>Junis (3-2)</b>	Soria	18,315	11	189,429				
4/27	CWS	N	L,	4-7 (11)	5-19	5	-9.0	Infante	<b>Hill (R, 0-1)</b>	Soria	15,395	12	204,824				
4/28	CWS	D	L,	0-8	5-20	-	-	Fulmer	<b>Oaks (0-1)</b>	-	16,971	13	221,795				
4/28	CWS	N	W,	5-2	6-20	5	-8.5	<b>Skoglund (1-2)</b>	Covey	<b>Herrera (5)</b>	16,070	14	237,865				
4/29	CWS	D	W,	5-4	7-20	5	-7.5	<b>McCarthy (R, 2-0)</b>	Rondon	<b>Boyer (1)</b>	23,892	15	261,757				
4/30	at Bos	N	L,	6-10	7-21	5	-8.5	Velazquez	<b>Hammel (0-3)</b>	-	31,314			13	246,579		
<b>May (6-7)</b>																	
5/1	at Bos	N	W,	7-6 (13)	8-21	5	-7.5	<b>Herrera (R, 1-0)</b>	Johnson	<b>Flynn (1)</b>	34,466			14	281,045		
5/2	at Bos	D	L,	4-5	8-22	5	-8.5	Pomeranz	<b>Duffy (0-4)</b>	Kimbrel	32,267			15	313,312		
5/3	Det	D	W,	10-6	9-22	5	-8.0	<b>McCarthy (R, 3-0)</b>	Bell	-	28,866	16	290,623				
5/4	Det	N	W,	4-2	10-22	T4	-7.0	<b>Boyer (R, 1-0)</b>	Stumpf	<b>Herrera (6)</b>	24,648	17	315,271				
5/5	Det	D	L	2-3	10-23	T4	-7.0	Zimmermann	<b>Hammel (0-4)</b>	Greene	20,708	18	335,979				
5/6	Det	D	W,	4-2	11-23	4	-6.0	<b>Junis (4-2)</b>	Boyd	<b>Herrera (7)</b>	18,424	19	354,403				
5/8	at Bal	N	W,	15-7	12-23	4	-5.0	<b>Duffy (1-4)</b>	Bundy	-	10,863			16	324,175		
5/9	at Bal	N	L,	3-5	12-24	4	-6.0	Bleier	<b>McCarthy (R, 3-1)</b>	Brach	14,375			17	338,550		
5/10	at Bal	N	L,	6-11	12-25	4	-6.5	Castro	<b>Kennedy (1-4)</b>	-	17,842			18	356,392		
5/11	at Cle	N	W	10-9	13-25	4	-5.5	<b>Keller (R, 1-1)</b>	Miller	<b>Herrera (8)</b>	24,408			19	380,800		
5/12	at Cle	D	L,	2-6	13-26	4	-6.5	Clevinger	<b>Junis (4-3)</b>	-	24,587			20	405,387		
5/13	at Cle	D	L,	2-11	13-27	4	-7.5	Kluber	<b>Duffy (1-5)</b>	-	22,105			21	427,492		
5/14	TB	N	L,	1-2	13-28	4	-7.5	Yarbrough	<b>Skoglund (1-3)</b>	Colome	14,174	20	368,577				
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### Minor League Report

**Omaha Storm Chasers (AAA)**  
Pacific Coast League  
American Conference, Northern Division  
(14-24)

	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LOB</u>
Omaha	4	8	1	4
New Orleans (Marlins)	2	6	0	9

**WP:** Mike Broadway (2-0)  
**HR:** Frank Schwindel (6), Paulo Orlando (3)

Frank Schwindel hit a go-ahead solo shot in the ninth inning, while Paulo Orlando added a two-run blast later in the inning in a Storm Chasers win. Trevor Oaks worked 5.2 scoreless innings, allowing just two hits, while Richard Lovelady tossed 1.1 scoreless frames before a rehabbing Justin Grimm gave up the tying run in the eighth.

**NW Arkansas Naturals (AA)**  
Texas League  
North Division  
(15-21)

	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LOB</u>
Arkansas (Mariners)	13	16	2	7
NW Arkansas	5	11	2	8

**LP:** Andres Machado (0-1)  
**HR:** None

Four unearned runs in the first inning put Northwest Arkansas in an early hole it couldn't overcome. Donnie Dewees (3-for-5), Erick Mejia (2-for-4) and Nicky Lopez (2-for-4) all had multi-hit games. Lopez has hit safely in 14 of his last 16, batting .433 (29-for-67) during the stretch to raise his average from .222 to .321. Dewees has hit .377 in May, raising his season average by nearly 90 points.

**Wilmington Blue Rocks (A-Advanced)**  
Carolina League  
Northern Division  
(15-21)

Following Monday's off day, Wilmington will return home to host Myrtle Beach for a three-game series beginning tonight. Jace Vines (1-5, 7.08 ERA) is scheduled to take the hill for the Blue Rocks.

**Lexington Legends (A)**  
South Atlantic League  
Southern Division  
(17-18)

	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LOB</u>
Greenville (Red Sox)	13	19	4	10
Lexington	12	13	4	9

**LP:** Robert Garcia (0-1)  
**HR:** Seuly Matias (12), MJ Melendez (4)

Lexington's late comeback fell just short in a slugfest. The Legends scored four in the ninth, including a two-run homer by MJ Melendez, and had the tying run on third with one out before a strikeout and ground out ended the game. Seuly Matias blasted his 12th homer and is now one off the lead among active minor league players.

**Idaho Falls Chukars (R)**  
Pioneer League  
South Division

Begin play June 15  
vs. Ogden (Dodgers)

**Burlington Royals (R)**  
Appalachian League  
East Division

Begin play June 19  
at Elizabethton (Twins)

**Surprise Royals (R)**  
Arizona League  
West Division

Begin play in June  
Schedule TBA