



GAME NOTES

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POSTGAME NOTES

KANSAS CITY ROYALS (16-33) VS. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS (26-21)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

INNINGS - 10	R	H	E	STARTING PITCHER	PITCHES/STRIKES	PITCHER OF RECORD	#
Kansas City	5	8	0	Jakob Junis	81/55	W Blaine Boyer	2-0
St. Louis	2	6	2	Michael Wacha	102/70	L Bud Norris	1-1
						SV Kelvin Herrera	10

FIRST PITCH
12:16 PM

GAMETIME WEATHER
83° - Sunny

TIME OF GAME
3:04

ATTENDANCE
41,984

SELLOUT

TM	PLAYER	NO.	INN.	ON	COUNT	OUTS	PITCHER	DISTANCE	EXIT SPEED	CAREER HR
KC	Salvador Pérez	8	2	0	0-0	0	Michael Wacha	378 FT.	102 MPH	122nd

CARDINALS NOTES (Extra Innings: 4-5)

- **Michael Wacha** made his 10th start of the season, first against the Royals in 2018 and sixth career start vs. the Royals (3-1)... has held his opposition to two runs or less in each of his last six starts (1.94 ERA/41.2 IP)...did not issue a walk for the first time this season (last: 9/10/17 vs. PIT, 8.0 IP)...threw a season-high 102 pitches...Cardinals had won 7-of-his-9 previous starts this season... last faced the Royals at Busch Stadium in his Major League debut (5/30/13).
- **Michael Wacha** dropped his 5th sac bunt of the season, now tied with **Chad Kuhl** (PIT) and **Dee Gordon** (SEA) for most in MLB.
- **Tyler O'Neill** has hit safely in all six games (9-20, .450) since his recall on Friday.
- **Jedd Gyorko** pounded his first extra base hit since 5/11 at SD (HR), a double in the 2nd inning.
- **Francisco Peña** recored his first RBI that wasn't via home run since 6/25/16 vs. TB...6 of his 7 career RBI have come via home run.
- **Jordan Hicks** has struck out a batter in consecutive appearances for the first time since 4/10-14...tied his season-high with two strikeouts...threw 7 pitches/7 strikes.
- **Bud Norris** suffered his first loss as a member of the Cardinals...allowed a season-high three runs (2 ER).
- **The Cardinals** starting pitchers have held their opponent to three earned runs or less in their last 14 games and two or less in 13 of the 14 (2.17 ERA)...bullpen has allowed runs in 10-of-last-11 games...suffered a losing homestand (3-4) since the first of the season (1-2 vs. ARI & 1-2 vs. MIL)...committed two or more errors for the 8th game this season (2-6 record in those games).

ROYALS NOTES (Extra Innings: 2-3)

- **Jakob Junis** made his 10th start of the season, first against the Cardinals in 2018 and in his career (0-0)...entered the game leading the Royals with five wins, accounting for 1/3 of the Royals wins...did not pitch more than 5.0 innings for only the 2nd time this season (4.2 IP vs. LAA)...has held his opposition to two runs or less in 4 of his last 5 starts...is only his second no decision of the season (5/1 at BOS).
- **Salvador Pérez** has homered in consecutive games for the 2nd time this season (5/10-11 at BAL)...both home runs this series home come on the first pitch.
- **Jon Jay** has hit safely in 14 of his last 15 games (22-65, .338) and is batting .356 (31-87) in the month of May...his teams are 15-5 against the Cardinals in games since returning to play against his drafting team...recorded his 300th career RBI with an RBI single in the 10th inning plating **Drew Butera**...stole his 29th career base at Busch Stadium III, tied with **Yadier Molina** for 2nd place trailing only **Albert Pujols** (35)...dropped his 3rd sacrifice bunt of the season, matching his season high in any of the last five seasons (had 9 with STL in 2013).

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- **Whit Merrifield** recorded his first RBI in six games (last: 5/15 vs. TB)...tallied his 3rd sac fly of the season, tied with Moustakas and Escobar for the team lead.
- **Abraham Almonte** tallied his 2nd pinch-hit of the season, leading the Royals in pinch-hits this season.
- **Jorge Soler** snapped an 0-for-12 with a lead-off single in the 10th inning.
- **Alcides Escobar** recorded his 79th career sacrifice bunt, ranks 2nd among active non-pitchers (**Elvis Andrus**, 100).
- **Drew Butera** is a career 8-for-22 (.364) with bases loaded after his 2 RBI single in the 10th inning...has three games with multiple RBI...recorded his first game-winning RBI of the season and 2nd go-ahead RBI...was his first game-winning RBI since 2016...had one career RBI in nine career games vs. STL and had two today...his previous two extra inning RBI came on solo home runs.
- **Kelvin Herrera** recorded his first career save against the Cardinals, his 17th different opponent...has not allowed a run in his last nine appearances at Busch Stadium (9.0 IP)....has posted 10 or more saves in three straight seasons.
- The **Royals** won their second series of the season (DET 5/3-6) and first on the road...bullpen threw 5.0 scoreless innings in relief (2nd longest scoreless outing of the season, 5/11 at CLE, 5.1 IP)...played in front of their three largest crowds of the season coming at Busch Stadium (42,140; 39,545 & 41,984)...have won their last two extra inning games (5/1 at BOS, 7-6 in 13 innings)...held their opponents to two runs or less for the 11th game this season (10-1)...are 17-15 at Busch Stadium III.