



2018 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Spring Training Game Notes

Kansas City Royals (5-2-1) @ Cincinnati Reds (3-6-1)
Sunday, March 4, 2018

KC DROPS SECOND STRAIGHT--Fresh off an unbeaten start to the spring through six games (5-0-1), the Royals incurred their second consecutive defeat with a 9-5 setback yesterday to the White Sox in Surprise...KC held a 5-2 advantage after four innings, but a 6-run sixth turned the day around as the ChiSox took advantage of the high sky and windy conditions to plate the half-dozen tallies...Brian Flynn suffered the loss, allowing all six runs, but none of which were earned after an infield throwing error...Ian Kennedy made his first start of the spring, working 2.0 innings allowing two runs on three hits with a walk and five strikeouts...he worked a perfect first inning, then hit a snag in the second allowing a pair of tallies...the offense was held to just six hits on the afternoon, with Sal Perez doubling in a run and Ryan Goins collecting a triple and scoring a run.

BO KNOWS KC--A Royals original, Bo Jackson, has made his way to Surprise and will serve as one of the guest instructors through this upcoming week of spring training...the two-sport start and Heisman Trophy winner from Auburn was Kansas City's fourth round pick in the 1986 June draft and made his big league appearance with the Royals just a few months later that season...he wound up spending five years in a Royals uniform, hitting 109 home runs while making highlight-reel plays in the outfield.

VS. REDS--Today is the second and final spring meeting with Cincinnati, as Kansas City walked off the Reds on Wednesday in Surprise by a 3-2 count...these clubs will meet during Interleague action in 2018, with the Reds paying a two-game visit to Kauffman Stadium on June 12-13 and then the Royals returning the favor with a stop in the Queen City on September 25-26, the last regular season road games of the year.

DENNY BACK FOR #50--The one common thread between the start of the Royals' franchise in 1969 and today is the voice of Denny Matthews, who will be in the booth today here in Goodyear for this contest with the Reds...the 2007 Ford Frick Award winner will be at the mic for his 50th season this year, the same anniversary the organization is celebrating, with only the Dodgers' Vin Scully (67 years) and Jaime Jarrin (60 years) having longer stretches in the baseball broadcast booth.

TUBE TIME--Friday was the first of 10 exhibition telecasts on FOX Sports Kansas City and this Tuesday night will feature the familiar voices of Ryan Lefebvre and Rex Hudler when the Padres invade Surprise for a 6:05 start (7:05 in KC)...next weekend will be a busy one on the tube, with Saturday at the Diamondbacks, Sunday in Surprise vs. the Tribe and Monday, March 12, the night game of the split-doubleheader against Texas all being carried on FSKC.

50TH SEASON OF ROYALS BASEBALL--The 2018 campaign is the Golden Anniversary season of the Royals who began play in 1969 in Ft. Myers, FL...this 33-game exhibition slate will feature 32 games here in Arizona and then will be capped with a stop in Omaha against KC's AAA affiliate for all 50 seasons of the franchise's existence...KC has 14 games remaining in Surprise, 13 of which will be as the home club...the 2018 spring slate also features four split-squad days, including two (March 9 and 23) with 1:05 starts (Arizona time) and a pair of day/night doubleheaders (March 12 and 19) with starts at noon and 6:05 (Arizona time)...the 2018 slate is a strange one in that the Royals will not play the Los Angeles Angels or the Colorado Rockies...there are a pair of off days in the spring slate on March 5 and 19...the 2018 regular season will commence on Thursday, March 29 in Kauffman Stadium against the White Sox in the first of a 3-game series.

EXTRA HURLER--The Royals have brought right-handed pitcher Franco Terrero (#93) over from minor league camp to assist the bullpen today.

SURPRISE STADIUM RATED NUMERO UNO--At USA TODAY's request, ReviewTrackers conducted a study of more than 36,000 online reviews of the 23 spring training ballparks and analyzed 130,000 key words used in the reviews...the study provided a look at how baseball fans feel about the ballparks used for exhibition games...to create a score for each spring training stadium, ReviewTrackers examined how fans felt about four aspects of their visits: the facility; family friendliness; food; and the fan experience...to no surprise (pun intended), the Surprise Stadium, spring home of the Royals and Rangers, generated the highest overall score of the 10 Cactus League venues, finishing first in family friendliness...the park also topped all 23 spring parks (Arizona and Florida combined) in the facility and fan-experience categories.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN--With last week's addition of Lucas Duda and the designating for assignment of Billy Burns, the Royals continue to have 64 players in camp...the breakdown includes 32 pitchers (9 non-roster), 7 catchers (5 non-roster), 16 infielders (8 non-roster) and 9 outfielders (4 non-roster)...among the 32 pitchers in camp, 7 are left-handed...of the 27 non-roster players in camp with Kansas City, nine have previous Major League experience, including seven who had time in "The Show" in 2017...of the 37 roster players in camp, nine have yet to accrue any big league service time.

COMING OFF SUB .500 CAMPAIGN--The Royals had their first sub-.500 season since 2012 with last year's 80-82 ledger, finishing in third place in the A.L. Central, 22 games in back of the division winning Indians...Kansas City has gone 431-379 in its last five seasons, tying the New York Yankees for the third best record in the American League in that span, trailing Cleveland (454-354) and Boston (432-378).

SPRING WORK--After yesterday's loss to the White Sox, the Royals have an all-time exhibition record of 686-627 with 41 ties for a .522 winning pct...the 2018 exhibition season is the 16th here in the Valley of the Sun where the club has posted a 255-203 mark with 19 ties for a .557 mark...the Royals spent their first 34 seasons training in Florida, beginning with Fort Myers (1969-87), followed by a 15-year stint in Baseball City (1988-2002).

WORKING TOWARD THE START OF A NEW YEAR--The 2018 campaign will see the earliest start for the Royals, with the lid-lifter scheduled for Thursday, March 29 against the Chicago White Sox...that 3:15 contest will be the first of a 3-game series, that will see a "weather" off day on Friday, March 30, then resumption with games on Saturday (6:15 p.m.) and Sunday (1:15 p.m.)...KC will then depart on its first road swing of the year with a 6-game journey through Detroit (3) and Cleveland (3)...the first two trips of the campaign will include 3-game stops in the Motor City to battle the Tigers, then the Royals will not travel to Detroit again until the final trip of the year in late September...Kansas City will take on the National League Central in Interleague action, playing home & home 2-game sets with Milwaukee and Cincinnati, a home & home 3-game series with St. Louis and then a 3-game series in Kauffman Stadium against the Chicago Cubs (August 6-8) and 3-game road trip to Pittsburgh (September 17-19).

AT THE HELM--The winningest manager in franchise history, Ned Yost begins his eighth full season with the club, taking the reins on May 13, 2010...he has a 629-632 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 enters this year sixth among active managers in games (2,220) and wins (1,086)...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).

THE WEEK AHEAD--The Royals will get their first of two off days this spring tomorrow and then return to action with a 6:05 p.m. (Phoenix time) affair in Surprise against the Padres on Tuesday, followed by a 1:05 game at home on Wednesday against Milwaukee...the Royals will face the White Sox for the final time this spring on Thursday with a visit to Glendale and then the first split-squad action of the spring will be Friday when KC hosts Arizona with one club and travels to Glendale to meet the Dodgers with a second squad.

ON THE AIRWAVES--Today's game is the fifth of 20 spring radio broadcasts on KCSP Radio (610 Sports) and the Royals Radio Network...Denny Matthews, Ryan Lefebvre, Steve Physioc and Steve Stewart will be mikeside all spring...Tuesday vs. the Padres and Wednesday against the Brewers will also be on 610 Sports and then next Thursday, Friday vs. Arizona and Saturday are all slated for the web.

Upcoming Probables

Today vs. Cincinnati Reds @ Goodyear Ballpark (1:05)

Jason Hammel, Wily Peralta, Seth Maness, Blaine Boyer
vs.

Anthony DeSclafani, Jackson Stephens, Austin Brice,
Tyler Mahle, Cody Reed (L), Kevin Quackenbush

Tomorrow -- Off day

Tuesday vs. San Diego Padres @ Surprise Stadium (6:05)

TBA

vs.

Nate Karns, Eric Skoglund (L), Andres Machado

Wednesday vs. Milwaukee Brewers @ Surprise Stadium (1:05)

TBA

vs.

TBA

Thursday vs. Chicago White Sox @ Camelback Ranch (1:05)

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TODAY'S KANSAS CITY PITCHERS

#39 JASON HAMMEL, 35, will make his first start of the spring today...set career highs with 32 starts and 180.1 innings in 2017 and was one of five pitchers age 34 or older who made at least 32 starts, joining: Justin Verlander, Ervin Santana, Ricky Nolasco and Jason Vargas...the Royals scored just 86 runs in his 180.1 innings, a 4.29 average, second lowest in the American League among the 23 qualified pitchers...issued 23 walks through his first 51.0 innings over 10 starts (4.06 BB/9), before issuing just 25 walks in his last 129.1 innings over 22 starts (1.74 BB/9), the third-lowest walk rate in the Majors from June 1 through the end of the season, trailing only Corey Kluber (1.24) and Jeff Samardzija (1.39)...walked two or fewer in each of his last 15 starts, the longest streak by a Royals right hander within one season since Zack Greinke (also 15) in 2004.

HAMMEL	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2017 KANSAS CITY	8-13	5.29	180.1	209	106	48	145

#43 WILY PERALTA, 28, is scheduled to make his second appearance of the spring after starting Tuesday in Surprise vs. Seattle...allowed six runs (four earned) on four hits and a walk in 1.0 inning against the M's...signed as a Major League free agent on Dec. 5, after spending the last five seasons with the Milwaukee Brewers...made 19 appearances (eight starts) with the Brewers in 2017...opened the year 3-0 with a 2.65 ERA (5 ER in 17.0 IP) in his first three starts, before going 1-2 with 8.61 ERA over his last five starts and was used out of the bullpen the rest of the season...designated for assignment on July 29 and sent outright to Colorado Springs on Aug. 3...pitched for the Dominican Republic in the 2017 World Baseball Classic and allowed one run on two hits in 4.0 innings in his only outing, a 10-3 win over Colombia.

PERALTA	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2018 Cactus League	0-0	36.00	1.0	4	4	1	1
2017 MILWAUKEE	5-4	7.85	57.1	73	50	32	52
Colorado Springs	1-0	3.38	16.0	13	6	10	10

#50 MIGUEL ALMONTE, 24, is scheduled to make his second appearance today...recorded 2.0 scoreless innings on one hit Wednesday in Surprise vs. these Reds...had five stints in the big leagues in 2017, but made just two appearances...went 1-1 with a 1.72 ERA (9 ER in 47.0 IP) in 16 appearances (nine starts) between Omaha (AAA) and Northwest Arkansas (AA) with 52 strikeouts (10.0 K/9) and 13 walks (2.5 BB/9)...had 16.0 consecutive scoreless innings over nine appearances through July 20, including a scoreless inning on the Majors on July 1 vs. Minnesota (Game 2)...streak was snapped in his last outing of the season on July 24 at El Paso...placed on the 60-day DL on Aug. 22 with a right rotator cuff injury.

ALMONTE	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2018 Cactus League	0-0	0.00	2.0	1	0	0	1
2017 NW Arkansas	1-0	1.86	29.0	22	6	6	35
Omaha	0-1	1.50	18.0	20	3	7	17
KANSAS CITY	0-0	13.50	2.0	5	3	2	0

#54 BLAINE BOYER, 36, is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring, after recording a scoreless inning, allowing two hits Monday in Scottsdale vs. the Giants...signed as a minor league free agent on Feb. 7, after spending 2017 in Boston's organization...started the season at Pawtucket (AAA), before having his contract

selected on May 28...made 32 relief appearances with the Red Sox...earned his only win June 30 at Toronto, recording 2.0 scoreless innings in a 7-4 victory in 11 innings...made his 400th career appearance in the Majors June 7 at Yankee Stadium...Kansas City is his fifth different organization in the last five years and 10th overall...spent part of 2013 in the Royals' organization, making 13 relief appearances with Omaha (AAA), before signing a contract with the Hanshin Tigers of the Japanese Central League.

BOYER	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2018 Cactus League	0-0	0.00	2.0	3	0	0	1
2017 Pawtucket	0-2	2.93	15.1	13	5	7	12
BOSTON	1-1	4.35	41.1	50	20	14	33

#60 KEVIN LENIK, 26, is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring today...held these Reds scoreless over 2.0 innings Wednesday in Surprise...in his first big league camp with Kansas City...pitched at three levels in 2017, including 12 outings at Omaha (AAA)...signed by the Royals on June 15 after beginning the season with the Windy City Thunderbolts of the Independent Frontier League...originally signed by the Texas Rangers as an undrafted free agent in 2016 and pitched at Spokane (R) in his only season in the Rangers' organization.

LENIK	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2018 Cactus League	0-0	0.00	3.0	2	0	0	1
2017 Burlington	0-0	0.00	5.0	3	0	0	4
Lexington	0-0	2.16	8.1	8	2	6	11
Omaha	1-1	1.88	24.0	11	5	8	24

#63 SETH MANESS, 29, is scheduled to make his third appearance of the spring...last pitched Tuesday vs. Seattle and allowed two runs on five hits in 2.0 innings...did not pitch in Cactus League play in 2017 due to injury...spent most of the season at Omaha (AAA)...made one stint with Kansas City from May 10-June 5...started his career with St. Louis, where he made 215 relief appearances between 2013-15, eighth most in the Majors during that span.

MANESS	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2018 Cactus League	0-0	9.00	3.0	7	3	0	1
2017 Omaha	2-2	6.13	47.0	63	32	8	35
KANSAS CITY	1-0	3.72	9.2	16	4	2	4

#75 GLENN SPARKMAN, 25, is scheduled to make his second appearance this spring...recorded a scoreless inning Wednesday vs. these Reds...made just 12 appearances (six starts) between five different stops last season, including his Major League debut with Toronto on June 30 vs. Boston...designated for assignment on July 3 and returned to the Royals' organization after being selected in the Rule 5 Draft...finished the year with three outings at Northwest Arkansas, before being placed on the DL on July 27, ending his season...originally selected by Kansas City in the 2013 First-Year Player Draft (20th round) out of Wharton Junior College (Texas).

SPARKMAN	W-L	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
2018 Cactus League	0-0	1.00	1.0	0	0	0	1
2017 Dunedin	0-1	0.00	3.1	3	0	1	3
New Hampshire	1-1	3.12	8.2	6	3	3	6
Buffalo	1-2	2.25	8.0	7	2	1	3
TORONTO	0.0	63.00	1.0	9	7	1	1
NW Arkansas	0-0	2.61	10.1	11	3	5	5

LAST TIME OUT

Player	Date	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	W/L/S
Miguel Almonte	2/28	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	-
Scott Barlow	3/2	1.2	4	2	2	0	1	2	-
Scott Blewett	3/2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-
Blaine Boyer	3/1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-
Michael Broadway	3/3	1.0	1	1	1	0	3	1	-
Danny Duffy	3/2	2.0	1	2	2	2	0	0	-
Brian Flynn	3/3	2.0	8	6	0	0	1	0	L
Heath Fillmyer	3/1	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	S
Sam Gaviglio	3/2	2.0	6	4	4	0	3	0	-
Foster Griffin	2/28	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	0	-
Jesse Hahn	3/1	2.0	3	3	3	1	1	0	-
Kelvin Herrera	3/3	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	-
Tim Hill	3/3	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	-
Brad Keller	3/1	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	W
Jan Kennedy	3/3	2.0	3	2	2	1	5	0	-
Kevin Lenik	2/28	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	-
Andres Machado	2/28	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	W
Seth Maness	2/27	2.0	5	2	2	0	1	0	-
Brandon Maurer	3/3	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-
Kevin McCarthy	3/3	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	-
Jake Newberry	2/25	0.2	3	1	1	0	1	1	-
Trevor Oaks	3/2	1.1	8	5	5	1	0	0	L
Wily Peralta	2/27	1.0	4	6	4	1	1	1	-
Eric Skoglund	2/28	2.0	1	1	0	0	1	0	-
Burch Smith	3/1	2.0	1	0	0	2	4	0	-
Glen Sparkman	2/28	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Josh Staumont	3/1	2.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	-
Eric Stout	2/27	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	1	-

^Minor League camp addition

SPRING TRANSACTIONS

Date	Player	Transaction
2/19	RHP-Heath Fillmyer	Signed to 2018 contract
	LHP-Brian Flynn	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Sam Gaviglio	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Jesse Hahn	Signed to 2018 contract
	LHP-Tim Hill	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Jakob Junis	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Brad Keller	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Andres Machado	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Kevin McCarthy	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Burch Smith	Signed to 2018 contract
	LHP-Eric Stout	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Kyle Zimmer	Signed to 2018 contract
	C-Mcibryns Vloria	Signed to 2018 contract
	INF-Samir Duenez	Signed to 2018 contract
	INF-Hunter Dozier	Signed to 2018 contract
	INF-Whit Merrifield	Signed to 2018 contract
2/23	OF-Michael Saunders	Signed to a minor league contract
2/24	RHP-Miguel Almonte	Signed to 2018 contract
	RHP-Trevor Oaks	Signed to 2018 contract
	LHP-Eric Skoglund	Signed to 2018 contract
	C-Cam Gallagher	Signed to 2018 contract
	INF-Chesler Cutbert	Signed to 2018 contract
	INF-Adalberto Mondesi	Signed to 2018 contract
	INF-Ramón Torres	Signed to 2018 contract
	OF-Jorge Bonifacio	Signed to 2018 contract
	OF-Billy Burns	Signed to 2018 contract
	OF-Paulo Orlando	Signed to 2018 contract
	OF-Bubba Starling	Signed to 2018 contract
2/28	1B-Lucas Duda	Signed to Major League contract
	OF-Billy Burns	Designated for assignment

2018 SPRING SCHEDULE (all times local)

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Record	WP	LP	Save	ATT
February 24	Saturday	LOS ANGELES DODGERS (SS)	Surprise	W, 8-4	1-0	B. Smith (1-0)	Broussard	-	5,020
February 25*	Sunday	at Oakland	Mesa	T, 4-4	1-0-1	-	-	-	4,144
February 26*	Monday	at San Francisco	Scottsdale	W, 10-6	2-0-1	Flynn (1-0)	Beede	-	6,946
February 27	Tuesday	SEATTLE	Surprise	W, 14-9	3-0-1	K. McCarthy (1-0)	Bonnell	-	2,887
February 28*	Wednesday	CINCINNATI	Surprise	W, 3-2	4-0-1	Machado (1-0)	Reed	-	3,006
March 1 ^{MLB}	Thursday	Peoria	Peoria	W, 4-3	5-0-1	Keller (1-0)	Bradford	Fillmyer (1)	4,795
March 2 ^{*TV/MLB}	Friday	at San Diego	Peoria	L, 13-5	5-1-1	Wilhelmsen	Oaks (0-1)	-	4,307
March 3	Saturday	CHICAGO WHITE SOX	Surprise	L, 9-5	5-2-1	Scahill	Flynn (1-1)	Stephens	5,793
March 4*	Sunday	at Cincinnati	Goodyear	1:05 p.m.					
March 5	Monday	OFF DAY							
March 6 ^{*TV/MLB}	Tuesday	SAN DIEGO	Surprise	6:05 p.m.					
March 7*	Wednesday	MILWAUKEE	Surprise	1:05 p.m.					
March 8	Thursday	at Chicago White Sox (SS)	Glendale	1:05 p.m.					
March 9 ^{MLB}	Friday	at Los Angeles Dodgers	Glendale	1:05 p.m.					
		ARIZONA	Surprise	1:05 p.m.					
March 10 ^{TV}	Saturday	at Arizona	Scottsdale	1:10 p.m.					
March 11 ^{*TV}	Sunday	CLEVELAND (SS)	Surprise	1:05 p.m.					
March 12 ^{*TV}	Monday	SAN DIEGO	Surprise	12:05 p.m.					
		TEXAS (SS)#	Surprise	6:05 p.m.					
March 13*	Tuesday	OAKLAND	Surprise	1:05 p.m.					
March 14*	Wednesday	CHICAGO CUBS	Surprise	1:05 p.m.					
March 15 ^{MLB}	Thursday	at Los Angeles Dodgers	Glendale	1:05 p.m.					
March 16 ^{Friday}	Friday	at San Diego	Peoria	1:10 p.m.					
March 17 ^{TV}	Saturday	TEXAS	Surprise	12:05 p.m.					
		at Texas	Surprise	6:05 p.m.					
March 18 ^{TV}	Sunday	at Chicago Cubs	Mesa	1:05 p.m.					
March 19	Monday	OFF DAY							
March 20 ^{*TV/MLB}	Tuesday	SAN FRANCISCO	Surprise	6:05 p.m.					
March 21 ^{*TV/MLB}	Wednesday	at Cleveland	Goodyear	6:05 p.m.					
March 22 ^{TV/MLB}	Thursday	at Milwaukee	Maryvale	1:05 p.m.					
March 23	Friday	at San Francisco	Scottsdale	1:05 p.m.					
		LOS ANGELES DODGERS	Surprise	1:05 p.m.					
March 24	Saturday	Arizona	Scottsdale	1:10 p.m.					
March 25 ^{MLB}	Sunday	CHICAGO CUBS	Surprise	12:05 p.m.					
March 26*	Monday	at Omaha Storm Chasers	Omaha	6:05 p.m.					

Denotes Charity Game (game and stats will count in Cactus League)
 * Game broadcast on KCSP-610 AM in Kansas City (4 more radio broadcasts will be added in mid-March)
 TV Broadcast on FOX Sports Kansas City
 MLB Broadcast on MLB Network (Live broadcasts: 3/15, 3/22)
 NOTE: All games webcast on royals.com

Record	Attendance	
Home:	3-1	Home: 16,706
Road:	2-1-1	Home avg.: 4/4,177
vs. A.L.:	2-1-1	Road: 21,068
vs. N.L.:	3-1	Road avg.: 4/5,267