



DETROIT TIGERS (61-66) at KANSAS CITY ROYALS (55-74)

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TONIGHT’S STARTERS: RHP TROY MELTON (7-1, 1.49) vs. LHP NOAH CAMERON (7-8, 4.16)

HOW SWEEP IT IS!: The Royals completed a 4-game series sweep of the A's with yesterday's 6-2 win to mark their 1st 4-game sweep since May 5-8, 2025 vs. the White Sox, and their 1st vs. a non-division foe since July 7-9, 2015 vs. the Rays.

- + **Salvador Perez** recorded his 100th career 3-hit game, and **Michael Massey** also had a 3-hit effort.
- + **Bobby Witt Jr.** had 2 hits—including his 3rd HR in the last 5 games—and scored 3 of the Royals 6 runs.
- + **Randy Dobnak** surrendered 10 baserunners but recorded 4.0 scoreless innings on 96 pitches.
- + **Connor Thomas** entered with the bases loaded in the 5th and got the final 2 outs before pitching a 1-2-3 6th inning to earn his 1st career win, becoming the second Royal this week to do so, joining **Carlos Duran** on Tuesday.

TRANSACTION ACTION: The Royals today made a flurry of roster moves, including placing **Maikel Garcia** on the 10-day Injured List with a left hamstring strain, which he suffered rounding third base in the 1st inning of yesterday's win...he had just returned from the IL on Monday after missing 46 games with a left hand muscle strain...right hander **Carlos Duran** was optioned to Triple-A Omaha after he allowed 2 runs on 1 hit and 3 walks yesterday while recording just 1 out.

- + In a pair of corresponding moves, the Royals recalled right hander **Jose Cuas** and outfielder **Matthew Lugo** (No. 24).
- + This marks Cuas’ fourth stint with the Royals this season and second this month, the first of which began on Aug. 4 before he was optioned on Monday...in 10 appearances this season with the Royals, Cuas has a 1.64 ERA (2 ER in 11.0 IP) and 13 strikeouts, and he has not allowed a run in his last 8 appearances (8.0 IP) dating back to July 6.
- + This marks the first stint on the Royals big league roster for Lugo, who was claimed off waivers from the Angels on June 2...in 53 games with Triple-A Omaha, he slashed .271/320/.531 (56-for-207) with 30 extra-base hits (11 HR), 36 RBI and an .851 OPS, while starting games in left field (18), right (15), center (7), third base (7) and DH (4).
- + Lugo, 25, is the nephew of Hall of Famer and former Royal **Carlos Beltrán**...he made his Major League debut with the Angels last season and hit 4 home runs in 31 games.

REASONS TO CELEBRATE!: Today marks 10 years of Major League service time for **Carlos Estévez**, who is in Arizona as he attempts to make a comeback from injuries that have kept him on the Injured List since April 1.

- + Estévez was an All-Star with the Angels in 2023 and with the Royals last season, when he led the Majors with 42 saves...in 506 career outings with the Rockies, Angels, Phillies and Royals, he has 124 saves and 494 strikeouts.
- + **Luinder Avila**, who made 21 appearances (12 starts) with the Royals this season before undergoing **Tommy John** Surgery earlier this month, is celebrating his 25th birthday today...he shares this date of birth with **Corbin Carroll** (26), former Royal **Luke Weaver** (33) and 10-year veteran **Brandon Drury** (34), who is at Triple-A Omaha.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: The Royals are 18-23 in series-opening games...they’re 11-11 since June 1 but have lost 5 of the last 8.

- + The Royals are 12-4-2 in series when they win the 1st game.
- + They are 2-19-2 in series when they lose the 1st game.

QUALITY TIME: Royals starters have 52 quality starts this season, tied with the Red Sox for the 4th most in the Majors, trailing only the Dodgers (67), Mariners (57) and Phillies (55).

- + They’re 30-22 (.577) in quality starts with the 2nd-worst record in the Majors, and their 22 losses in quality starts are the most in the Majors and 3 more than any other team.

CAMERON CRAZY: **Noah Cameron** has been among

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#65 NOAH CAMERON LHP BORN: 7/17/99 IN ST. JOSEPH, MO.															
YR	TM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	WHIP	AVG
25	KC	9	7	2.99	24	24	138.1	109	46	46	18	43	114	1.10	.214
26	KC	7	8	4.16	24	23	138.1	126	69	64	14	43	126	1.22	.240
CAREER		16	15	3.58	48	47	276.2	235	115	110	32	86	240	1.16	.227

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS														
+ Finished 4th in 2025 AL ROY voting					+ Threw 6.1 no-hit IP in ML debut (4/30/25 at TB)									
+ Made 24 starts in 2025, 5th most by a rookie					+ Began Royals career with 5 consecutive GS									
+ 2025 Royals Bruce Rice Pitcher of the Year					+ 3.8 bWAR was 2nd among rookies in 2025									
+ 2.99 ERA led 2025 MLB rookies (min. 20 GS)					+ Named Royals Pitcher of the Month (July '25)									

NOAH CAMERON is making his 24th start of the season (25th appearance) and the 48th start of his career in the opener of this 3-game set tonight at The K vs. the Tigers, who he is facing for the third time in his career...he’s in his second season in the Majors, after finishing 4th in AL Rookie of the Year voting in 2025.

+ With his start on July 30 in Minnesota, Cameron became the first Royal to make at least 20 starts in each of his first two career seasons since **Brad Keller** from 2018-19 and the first left hander to do so since **Glendon Rusch** from 1997-98.

+ After making his Majors debut in April 2025, Noah this season was named to his first career Opening Day roster...he was one of four Royals to make their first Opening Day roster in 2026, along with **Tyler Tolbert**, **Jac Caglianone** and **Carter Jensen**.

A HISTORIC OUTING: In his start last Sunday at the Angels, Cameron earned his 7th win of the season after spinning a complete game shutout on just 1 hit and 1 walk with 8 strikeouts in the Royals 3-0 victory...he retired each of his 1st 15 batters before **Oswald Peraza** drew a walk to open the 6th and Cameron’s no-hit bid was snapped in the 7th after **Vaughn Grissom** hit a 1-out bloop single...Noah then struck out the side in the 8th and went 1-2-3 in the 9th, striking out **Mike Trout** to mark his 1st career complete game shutout, while slamming the door on the Royals series-clinching win.

+ The start marked the 4th 1-hit shutout in MLB this year, following **Jacob Misiorowski** (June 12), **Dustin May** (June 15) and **Dylan Cease** (July 25), while it was the 1st shutout by a LHP with 1 hit or fewer allowed since **Blake Snell’s** no-hitter on Aug. 2, 2024 with San Francisco...additionally, he became the first Royal to turn the trick since **Zack Greinke** on Aug. 30, 2009 during his **Cy Young**-award winning season.

+ Cameron’s start comes after **Stephen Kolek** threw a complete game shutout on May 23 vs. Seattle, as they became the first set of Royals

BULLPEN NOTES																
#47 MASON BLACK RHP				2026: 0-0-0 15 G 28.2 IP 3.77 ERA 19 K (14.6 K%) 19 BB/O IBB (14.6 BB%)												
1ST-PITCH K%: 74/129 (57.4%)	1ST BATTER EFF.: 9/15 (60.0%)	IR/IRS: 7/1 (14.3% stranded)	vs. LHB: .298 (14-47), 4 HR	LAST 5 OUTINGS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO						
LAST WIN: 9/20/24 at KC	LAST LOSS: 9/25/24 at AZ	LAST SAVE: n/a	vs. RHB: .213 (13-61), 1 HR	6/15 at WAS	2.0	1	1	1	1	0						
'26: SINKER: 25.3% 93.9 mph	4-SEAM: 22.0% 94.0 mph	SWEeper: 20.4% 83.0 mph	SLIDER: 14.0% 87.0 mph	6/18 vs. STL	2.0	3	2	2	2	0						
CUTTER: 7.8% 90.5 mph	CURVE: 6.2% 81.1 mph	CHANGE: 4.3% 88.0 mph		8/7 vs. CHC	5.0	3	2	2	3	2						
+ Mason allowed 2 runs on 2 hits and 3 walks with 1 strikeout in 3.0 innings in relief on Tuesday night vs. the A's, as he tossed a 1-2-3 5th, surrendered an RBI single to Jeff McNeil and a bases-loaded walk in the 6th before spinning a clean 7th inning.				8/12 at LAD	3.0	3	1	1	2	1						
+ His 11.0 innings in relief since being recalled from Triple-A Omaha on Aug. 7 are the most by any pitcher in the Majors.				8/18 vs. ATH	3.0	2	2	2	3	1						
+ Opponents are hitting just .218 (12-for-55) off Black in his last 5 appearances since June 15 after allowing a .283 opponents' average (15-for-53) over his 1st 10 games this year.				TOTALS (0-0-0)	15.0	12	8	8	11	4						
+ Black has already set a single-season career high in appearances (15) this year, surpassing his 9 games (8 starts) during his rookie campaign with San Francisco in 2024.																
#64 STEVEN CRUZ RHP				2026: 2-3-5 45 G (2 GS) 47.1 IP 4.37 ERA 51 K (26.0 K%) 18 BB/2 IBB (9.2 BB%)												
1ST-PITCH K%: 125/194 (64.4%)	1ST BATTER EFF.: 34/45 (75.6%)	IR/IRS: 14/13 (92.9% stranded)	vs. LHB: .200 (21-105), 9 HR	LAST 5 OUTINGS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO						
LAST WIN: 6/28/26 at CWS	LAST LOSS: 7/23/26 at DET	LAST SAVE:														

BATTER NOTES

#14 JAC CAGLIANONE | OF | L-L ★ HOME RUN DERBY PARTICIPANT ★2026: .279/.332/.495 | 22 HR | 60 RBI | 6 SB

THU vs. ATH: DID NOT PLAY w/ RISP: .263 (26-for-99)	SERIES vs. ATH: 6-10 (.600), HBP, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R LAST TRIP: 9-22 (.409), 2 IBB, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 5 R, 2 SB	vs. LHP: .272 (37-for-136), 7 HR vs. RHP: .283 (82-for-290), 15 HR	ACTIVE HIT STREAK: 3 G (6-10, .600) LAST ERROR: 33 G, July 7, 2026 at NYM (1B)
+ Exited Wednesday night's game with right ankle soreness and did not play yesterday...he extended his career-best on-base streak to 17 straight games to start August, which is the 3rd-longest active run in the Majors, trailing Bryce Harper (23 G)...slashing .438/.463/.750 (28-for-64) with 10 XBH and 20 RBI over his streak. + Ranks among MLB leaders in August in OPS (1st, 1.213), AVG (1st) and RBI (2nd). + His 7 left-on-left home runs this season rank tied for 10th most in the Majors and are the most by a Royal since Mike Moustakas hit 9 HR off left-handed pitchers in 2017.			

#1 ISAAC COLLINS | OF | S-R2026: .227/.326/.348 | 6 HR | 38 RBI | 6 SB

THU vs. ATH: 1-3, BB, 2 RBI, R w/ RISP: .236 (25-for-106)	SERIES vs. ATH: 1-8, 3 BB, SF, 3 RBI, R LAST TRIP: 1-19 (.053), BB, 2B	vs. LHP: .202 (24-for-119), 2 HR vs. RHP: .239 (58-for-243), 4 HR	ACTIVE HIT STREAK: 1 G (1-3, .333) LAST ERROR: 106 G, April 4, 2026 vs. MIL-2 (LF)
+ Snapped an O-for-14 skid with a 2-out, 2-run single in the 3rd inning yesterday. + Of his 38 RBI this year, 24 have come with 2 outs (63.2%), 2nd most among Royals. + Collins is slashing .268/.359/.397 (48-for-179) in 57 games at Kauffman Stadium this season, compared to his .186/.294/.301 (34-for-183) slashline in 59 road games.			

#28 KYLE ISBEL | OF | L-R2026: .229/.279/.332 | 4 HR | 17 RBI | 5 SB

THU vs. ATH: DID NOT PLAY w/ RISP: .302 (16-for-53)	SERIES vs. ATH: 2-10 (.200), BB, 2 RBI, 2 R LAST TRIP: 3-15 (.200), SAC, HR, 2 RBI, 2 R	vs. LHP: .160 (8-for-50), 1 HR vs. RHP: .252 (39-for-155), 3 HR	ACTIVE HIT STREAK: 1 G (1-4, .250) LAST ERROR: 35 G, May 10, 2026 vs. DET (CF)
+ Recorded an RBI single in the Royals 7-run 8th on Wednesday...he's hit safely in 5 of his last 8 games, including a game-tying, 2-run HR on Aug. 10 at Dodger Stadium. + Singled and recorded a sacrifice bunt last Sunday in Anaheim...his 6 sac. bunts this season are tied for 11th most in the Majors, and his 19 since last year rank 2nd in MLB. + Despite being limited to just 70 games this year, his 5 Outs Above Average rank 4th among all Royals and T-6th among AL center fielders, per <i>Baseball Savant</i>.			

#22 CARTER JENSEN | C | L-R2026: .221/.303/.401 | 16 HR | 56 RBI | 1 SB

THU vs. ATH: DID NOT PLAY w/ RISP: .231 (21-for-91)	SERIES vs. ATH: 3-10 (.300), 3 BB, 2B, 2 R LAST TRIP: 1-19 (.053), 3 BB, HBP, RBI, R
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Miscellaneous Stats																												
vs. Tigers (2026)								vs. Tigers (Career)							vs. Troy Melton (Career)							vs. Drew Anderson (Career)						
Batter	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG
Jac Caglianone	28	7	0	1	.250	.276	.393	28	7	0	1	.250	.276	.393	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1.000	1.000	2.000
Isaac Collins	21	4	1	3	.190	.261	.381	24	4	1	3	.167	.231	.333	2	1	1	2	.500	.667	2.000	2	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Kyle Isbel	15	3	0	3	.200	.200	.200	143	31	1	13	.217	.263	.294	1	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	1	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Carter Jensen	32	6	0	3	.188	.270	.250	32	6	0	3	.188	.270	.250	2	1	0	0	.500	.667	1.000	0	0	0	1	-	.000	-
Nick Loftin	18	5	1	2	.278	.350	.556	39	8	1	3	.205	.279	.359	2	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	2	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Matthew Lugo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luke Maile	2	1	0	1	.500	.500	1.000	60	15	2	9	.250	.333	.450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
Michael Massey	21	7	2	6	.333	.375	.714	129	35	5	15	.271	.324	.442	4	2	0	0	.500	.500	.500	1	1	0	0	1.000	1.000	1.000
Vinnie Pas																												

Royals W-L Record by Lineup Card																		
Player	Batting Order (Starts)									By Position (Starts)								
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Jac Caglianone	-	-	21-27	3-3	7-7	9-12	8-14	0-1	-	-	13-17	-	-	-	-	-	34-41	1-6
Isaac Collins	-	-	-	1-2	1-4	9-7	16-19	13-13	7-13	-	-	-	-	-	46-57	-	-	1-1
Elias Díaz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-2	0-4	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maikel Garcia	19-34	1-1	3-3	5-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26-41	1-1	-	-	-	1-0
Jonathan India	-	-	-	-	-	5-4	0-4	0-1	-	-	-	5-9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle Isbel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32-32	-	-	-	-	-	-	32-32	-	-
Carter Jensen	25-28	-	1-1	-	18-22	3-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	37-33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14-25
Nick Loftin	4-5	2-4	-	1-0	1-6	7-8	4-5	11-15	1-1	-	-	6-16	23-24	-	1-1	-	1-2	0-1
Luke Maile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-2	1-3	3-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Starling Marte	-	-	-	3-4	3-7	3-10	1-5	0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-3	-	5-14	3-12
Michael Massey	-	-	-	-	12-11	4-10	13-11	12-14	3-3	-	-	43-47	-	-	1-2	-	-	-
Kameron Misner	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-2	1-2	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	1-6	2-1	-
Vinnie Pasquantino	-	-	26-31	1-1	10-9	0-3	0-1	-	-	-	36-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1
Salvador Perez	-	-	3-5	35-49	3-3	9-12	-	-	-	14-30	6-13	-	-	-	-	-	-	30-26
John Rave	-	0-1	-	-</														

ROYALS ON THE INJURED LIST (11)								
POS	PLAYER	IL	INJURY	DATE ON IL	RETRO	ELIGIBLE TO RETURN	GAMES MISSED	TEAM RECORD
RHP	Alec Marsh	60-day	right shoulder impingement	Feb. 12	-	May 24	129	55-74
RHP	James McArthur	60-day	right elbow inflammation	March 25	March 22	May 24	129	55-74
RHP	Carlos Estévez	60-day	left foot contusion	April 1	March 29	April 13	125	53-72
IF	Jonathan India	60-day	left shoulder subluxation	April 20	April 19	June 18	107	48-59
LHP	Cole Ragans	60-day	left elbow impingement	May 8	May 7	July 7	91	38-53
RHP	Nick Mears	60-day	right shoulder impingement	May 29	May 28	July 28	73	33-40
RHP	Connor Seabold	60-day	right lat strain	July 1	-	Aug. 31	43	20-23
RHP	Stephen Kolek	60-day	right flexor strain	July 19	-	Sept. 18	30	15-15
RHP	Beck Way	15-day	low back spasms/tightness	July 28	July 25	Aug. 9	22	10-12
RHP	Luinder Avila	60-day	right forearm tightness	Aug. 2	-	Oct. 2	17	9-8
RHP	Tony Gonsolin	15-day	right elbow surgery	Aug. 13	-	Aug. 28	7	6-1
IF	Maikel Garcia	10-day	left hamstring strain	Aug. 21	-	Aug. 31	-	-

PREVIOUS IL STINTS (TEAM RECORD): **MICHAEL MASSEY**, left calf strain, March 25-April 6 (4-5); **STEPHEN KOLEK**, left oblique strain, March 25-May 4 (16-19); **MATT STRAHM**, right knee inflammation May 16-30 (3-10); **SETH LUGO**, concussion, June 12-19 (3-4); **VINNIE PASQUANTINO**, right hamate fracture, June 14-July 9 (10-13); **KYLE ISBEL**, left plantar fasciitis, June 10-Aug. 1 (18-27); **BOBBY WITT JR.**, low back tightness, July 21-Aug. 3 (4-7); **MAIKEL GARCIA**, left hand muscle strain, June 23-Aug. 16 (18-28); **VINNIE PASQUANTINO**, right wrist soreness, July 29-Aug. 16 (6-11);

ROYALS INSTANT REPLAY REVIEWS													
DATE	OPP	INN	ORIGINAL CALL	SCORE	OUTCOME	W-L	DATE	OPP	INN	ORIGINAL CALL	SCORE	OUTCOME	W-L
3/29	at ATL	T3	Loftin out at first (double play)	tied 0-0	Overturned	1-0	5/19	vs. BOS	B1	Caglianone out at first	tied 1-1	Stands	12-4
4/2	vs. MIN	B8	Witt Jr. out at second (force out)	down 1-2	Stands	1-1	6/4	at MIN	B9	Arcia safe at first	ahead 8-6	Confirmed	12-5
4/4	vs. MIL (G1)	T5	Mitchell safe at first	tied 2-2	Overturned	2-1	6/6	at MIN	B2	Lewis safe at first	ahead 1-0	Overturned	13-5
4/6	at CLE	T1	Pasquantino out at first	tied 0-0	Overturned	3-1	6/10	vs. TEX	T5	Jung hit by pitch	down 1-2	Overturned	14

Royals vs. Opponents																															
		AL East					AL Central				AL West				NL East					NL Central					NL West						
2026	TOT	BAL	BOS	NY Y	TB	TOR	CHW	CLE	DET	MIN	ATH	HOU	LAA	SEA	TEX	ATL	MIA	NYM	PHI	WAS	CHC	CIN	MIL	PIT	STL	AZ	COL	LAD	SD	SF	
GAMES	129	6	3	6	7	-	10	7	10	13	7	3	6	6	6	3	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	-	6	-	3	3	3	3
RECORD	55-74	1-5	0-3	0-6	2-5	-	3-7	3-4	4-6	8-5	5-0	1-2	5-1	5-1	1-5	1-2	-	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	-	3-3	-	0-3	0-3	2-1	3-0	
HOME	33-30	1-2	0-3	0-3	0-3	-	2-2	2-2	2-1	4-2	4-2	1-2	3-0	2-1	1-2	-	-	-	2-1	1-1	1-2	1-2	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	3-0	
ROAD	22-44	0-3	-	0-3	2-2	-	1-5	1-2	2-5	4-3	1-2	-	2-1	3-0	0-3	1-2	-	1-2	-	1-2	-	2-1	-	-	1-2	-	0-3	0-3	-	-	

SEASON SUMMARY

MOST GAMES OVER .500

MOST GAMES UNDER .500

LONGEST WIN STREAK

LONGEST LOSING STREAK

BIGGEST LEAD IN ALC

FARTHEST BEHIND IN ALC

1, last April 1 (3-2)

24 (2x), last Aug. 15 (50-74)

5 G (2x), last Aug. 16-20

8 G, April 12-20

+1.5, April 1

-15.0 (2x), last Aug. 16

NUMBER OF DAYS IN AL CENTRAL STANDINGS

1ST PLACE

2ND PLACE

3RD PLACE

4TH PLACE

5TH PLACE

2

8

14

36

86

totals indicate number of days the Royals have held at least a share of that position in the standings

#	DATE/OPP	TIME/ FINAL	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	SAVE	KC W-L	POS. GA/GB	ATT
1	3/27 at ATL	L 6-0	Sale	Ragans (0-1)	n/a	0-1	T3/-1.5	39,697
2	3/28 at ATL	L						