



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

POSTGAME NOTES

NEW YORK METS (63-60) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (44-79) - SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

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METS	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	11	1	10
ROYALS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4

WIN: Jacob deGrom (8-7) | **LOSS:** Jakob Junis (8-11) | **SAVE:** Seth Lugo (3)

STARTING PITCHERS										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HR	PC/S	LEFT
Jacob deGrom	7.0	3	1	1	2	5	0	0	107/67	Up 3-1
Jakob Junis	6.1	7	3	3	1	6	1	0	86/55	Tied 1-1

GAME INFORMATION	
First Pitch	6:16
Temperature	88° F
Time of Game	2:35

ATTENDANCE			
2019	Tonight: 28,697	Total: 1,159,862	Average: 19,014
2018	After 61 Home Dates:	Total: 1,303,863	Average: 21,375

SUNDAY'S STARTERS	
NYM	Zack Wheeler (R)
KC	Glenn Sparkman (R)

THE LOSS: The Royals dropped to 5-15 in their last 20 games, after going an American League-best 9-3 in their first 12 games after the All-Star break.

- + Fell to 0-9 all-time in games started by a reigning National League Cy Young Award winner, including: **Clayton Kershaw** (0-1 in 2014), **R.A. Dickey** (0-2 in 2013), **Chris Carpenter** (0-1 in 2006), **Roger Clemens** (0-1 in 2005), **Randy Johnson** (0-1 in 2003 and 0-1 in 2001) and **Pedro Martinez** (0-1 in 1998)... the 2003 game vs. Johnson was the only one in which the pitcher did not earn the win...they've beaten the reigning American League Cy Young Award winner in five of the last six seasons, including wins over **Blake Snell** this season on April 24 at Tropicana Field and here in Game 2 of the May 1 doubleheader.
- + Have gone four-plus games (44.0 IP) without a homer (second-longest streak of 2019 behind a 75.0-inning stretch over eight-plus games from May 11-19), after hitting a club-record 22 homers in 10 games on the last road trip...they're on pace for 163, which would be third most in club history (193 in 2017, 168 in 1987).
- + Are 6-8 in Interleague play this season and must win five of their remaining six games to mark their first winning record vs. the National League since 2015.
- + Dropped to 7-8 in the regular season vs. the Mets, but a win tomorrow would clinch their first regular season series win since Aug. 2-4, 2013 at Citi Field.
- + Starters have recorded six straight quality starts, a stretch in which they're 3-2 with a 2.17 ERA (9 ER in 37.1 IP) and .220 opponents' average (29-for-132).
- + Have turned nine double plays in their last seven games, including two tonight, and their 120 this season are second most in the AL behind the White Sox (133).
- + Fell to 13-24 (.351) vs. the National League at Kauffman Stadium since 2016, after going 46-38 (.548) when hosting NL teams from 2007-2015.

JAKOB JUNIS: Dropped to 7-2 with a 2.95 ERA (27 ER in 82.1 IP) in 14 career appearances (13 starts) in the month of August.

- + He's recorded at least 6.0 innings in eight consecutive starts since July 7, in which he's pitched to a 3.20 ERA (16 ER in 45.0 IP)...it breaks a tie with teammate **Brad Keller** and **Noah Syndergaard** for the third-longest active streak in the Majors, trailing **Clayton Kershaw** (21) and **Gerrit Cole** (14).
- + Allowed 10 base runners in 6.1 innings and held New York to 1-for-5 with runners in scoring position, making his opponents' average in scoring situations .186 (11-for-59) in his last 13 starts since June 11...the first run scored on **Joe Panik's** two-out RBI single in the fifth inning, which followed his second double play of the night...issued a one-out single and a hit-by-pitch in the seventh before exiting after 6.1 innings, tied 1-1, in favor of **Jake Newberry** and then **Tim Hill**, who allowed both inherited runners to score...pitch count by inning: 15 (1st), 9 (2nd), 17 (3rd), 16 (4th), 23 (5th), 9 (6th), 7 (7th), 86 total.
- + Five of his six strikeouts came on a slider, giving him 102 strikeouts on sliders this season, third most in MLB behind **Patrick Corbin** (114) and **Chris Sale** (105).

METS: Improved to 23-10 since the All-Star break to remain tied with Los Angeles for the National League's best record during that stretch (went 40-50 before ASB).

- + Are now 11-5 in Interleague play with a .688 winning percentage, fourth best in the Majors this season, and have won seven of nine in AL parks this year.
- + Have won four of the last five regular season games vs. the Royals since losing the 2015 World Series, improving to 8-7 in the regular season since 2002.
- + Improved to 2-3 on this trip and are 12-8 (.600) in 20 road games since the All-Star break, after going 17-31 (.354) away from Citi Field prior to the break.
- + Starting pitchers are now 16-4 with a 2.76 ERA (62 ER in 202.0 IP) with 200 strikeouts (8.9 K/9) and 20 quality starts in 33 games since the All-Star break.
- + **Amed Rosario** and **Aaron Altherr** were hit by pitches, giving the Mets 73 total plunkings on the year, matching the franchise record set in 2018.

JACOB dEGROM: He's surrendered three runs or fewer in each of his last 16 starts, breaking a tie with **Max Scherzer** for the longest active streak in the Majors.

- + He's 4-0 in eight starts since his last loss on June 28 vs. Atlanta, allowing two or fewer earned runs in each of those outings, with a 1.21 ERA (7 ER in 52.0 IP).
- + Allowed one run or fewer for the 75th time in 164 career starts (45.7%), the most such starts within a pitcher's first 164 career games since at least 1908.
- + Retired the first 10 batters faced before permitting three-straight batters to reach on a one-out walk, a single and an error, which plated the only run he allowed...escaped the jam with an inning-ending double play, the first of seven consecutive batters he retired before allowing back-to-back hits to begin the seventh, the second of which was erased by another double play...exited after 7.0 innings, leading 3-1...pitch count by inning: 12 (1st), 13 (2nd), 16 (3rd), 22 (4th), 9 (5th), 12 (6th), 23 (7th), 107 total...his five strikeouts tonight were his fewest since May 27 at Dodger Stadium (2 K in 5.0 IP).

WILSON RAMOS: Had two hits to extend his hit streak to 11 games, in which he's batting .447 (21-for-47), keeping pace with **Jose Iglesias** for the longest active run in MLB...it is his longest since an 18-game run from April 14-May 12, 2018...the last longer streak by a Met was **David Wright's** 13-game run from August 2-14, 2014.

PETE ALONSO: Had a go-ahead two-run single with two outs in the seventh inning and now has 93 RBI this season, most by a Met since **David Wright** has 93 in 2012...it's the most RBI ever by a Mets rookie and the most by a National League rookie since **Cody Bellinger** had 97 RBI in 2017.

JUAN LAGARES: Recorded his third game with at least three hits on this road trip, in which he's batting .524 (11-for-21), including an RBI triple in the eighth inning, his first since May 15, 2018 vs. Toronto, snapping a career-high streak of 100 games without a triple.

CREW CHIEF REVIEW: The Mets requested a crew chief review on Pete Alonso's foul ball in the seventh inning...the call stood (1:47 delay).