



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

POSTGAME NOTES

BOSTON RED SOX (32-29) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (19-42) - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

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RED SOX	2	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	8	11	0	8
ROYALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2

WIN: Chris Sale (2-7) | LOSS: Jakob Junis (4-6) | SAVE: None

STARTING PITCHERS											GAME INFORMATION	
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HR	PC/S	LEFT	First Pitch	7:16
Chris Sale	9.0	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	102/73	Win 8-0	Temperature	90° F
Jakob Junis	4.2	8	6	5	3	5	0	0	99/59	Down 6-0	Time of Game	2:39

ATTENDANCE				THURSDAY'S STARTERS	
2019	Tonight: 15,523	Total: 467,630	Average: 16,125	BOS	Ryan Weber (R)
2018	After 29 Home Dates:	Total: 577,787	Average: 19,924	KC	Danny Duffy (L)

THE LOSS: Have lost five straight and dropped to a season-high 23 games under .500 (19-42), tied for the second-worst 61-game start in club history (16-45 in 2006).

- + Were shutout for the third time this season, all in the last 24 games, the first of which snapped a streak of 74 consecutive games without being shutout.
- + Clinched their 15th consecutive series without a win, dropping to 0-13-2 in series play since a three-game sweep of Cleveland from April 12-14 at 'The K.'
- + Lost their sixth straight vs. Boston, longest such skid since June 5, 2004 to August 23, 2005 (6)...they're 5-11 vs. the American League East this season.

JAKOB JUNIS: Lost four of his last six starts, a stretch in which he's pitched to a 6.21 ERA (23 ER in 33.1 IP).

- + He's allowed a first-inning run in eight of 13 starts (including a fielder's choice and an RBI single tonight), in which he has an 9.00 ERA (13 ER in 13.0 IP).
- + Allowed two runs in the first and four runs in the fifth but stranded three baserunners over 3.0 scoreless innings in between...allowed six runs, only five of which were earned, for the first time since July 26, 2018 at the Yankees (7)...pitch count by inning: 28 (1st), 17 (2nd), 11 (3rd), 14, (4th), 29 (5th), 99 total.
- + Boston went 5-for-14 vs. him with runners in scoring position, one hit fewer than he had allowed in his previous seven starts combined (6-for-32).
- + Issued three walks for just the third time in his last 20 starts, dating back to last August 22, a stretch in which he owns a 2.39 BB/9 (31 BB in 116.2 IP).

RED SOX: Have won three straight on the heels of a season-high four-game skid, improving to 26-16 (.619) since April 19, following a 6-13 start.

- + Recorded their second shutout in 2019 (also April 14 vs. Baltimore), their first vs. the Royals since July 20, 2014 and the first time in KC since April 19, 2002.
- + Clinched their first series win since May 20-23 at Toronto, snapping a three-series skid to improve to 7-9-4 in series play, including 5-6-0 on the road.
- + Improved to 3-2 on their current road trip to New York (1-2) and Kansas City (2-0), as they continue a stretch of 17 games in 16 days, that started yesterday.
- + Have scored 211 runs in 33 games since April 29 (6.4 runs/game) and have hit 58 HR in their last 32 games (1.80 HR/game) since April 30.

CHRIS SALE: Recorded his third career shutout (also April 15, 2016 at Tampa Bay and May 12, 2013 vs. the Angels)...it's the first shutout by a Red Sox pitcher since **Brian Johnson** since May 27, 2017 vs. Seattle and it's the second shutout by an opponent this season at Kauffman Stadium, joining **Zach Eflin** on May 11.

- + Broke a tie with **Gerrit Cole** with his seventh double-digit strikeout game this season, all of which have come in his last nine starts (71st career).
- + Pitched his second immaculate inning of the year in the eighth...his other immaculate inning this season came on May 8 vs. Baltimore, in the seventh.
- + His 1899 strikeouts through 300 career appearances are 10th most all-time...only four active pitchers had *more* strikeouts through their 300th career appearance: **Clayton Kershaw** (2173), **Max Scherzer** (2113) and **Félix Hernández** (1928)...five of the six non-active pitchers ahead of him are in the Hall of Fame.
- + Has won his last four starts at Kauffman Stadium, pitching to a 1.67 ERA (6 ER in 32.1 IP) in that span, with 10-or-more strikeouts in each of the four starts.
- + Allowed three baserunners and retired his last 15 batters following a leadoff single in the fifth...pitch count by inning: 8 (1st), 17 (2nd), 16 (3rd), 8 (4th), 14 (5th), 9 (6th), 11 (7th), 9 (8th), 10 (9th), 102 total.

RAFAEL DEVERS: Hit a solo homer in the seventh inning, his ninth of the season, the last eight of which have been solo, including each of the last six on the road.

- + Has a hit in 14 of his last 15 games, a stretch in which he's batting .338/.357/.706 (23-for-68) with 11 extra-base hits, 16 RBI and 17 runs scored.

JACKIE BRADLEY JR.: Snapped an 0-for-8 with a bases-clearing double in the fifth, setting a season high in RBI on one swing...his last two hits with runners in scoring position have gone for extra bases (also RBI double on May 27 vs. Cleveland), but he's batting just .189 (7-for-37) in scoring situations this season.

- + 10 of his last 15 hits since May 20 have gone for extra bases, including six doubles and four home runs, a stretch in which he's batting .306 (15-for-49).

BROCK HOLT: Set a new season high with three hits and extended his hitting streak to seven games, dating back to May 27, his first game after a stint on the 10-day Injured List with a scratched cornea...batting .440/.462/.520 (11-for-25) with three multi-hit games and seven runs scored across the streak.

ANDREW BENINTENDI: Matched his season high with three hits (fourth time)...he's hit safely in four of five games so far on this road trip (7-for-20).

- + He's batting .392/.458/.647 (20-for-51) in his career vs. the Royals, including a .536/.618/.964 (15-for-28) line in seven career games at Kauffman Stadium.

BOSTON CHALLENGE: The Red Sox challenged the out call on **Xander Bogaerts** in the first inning...the call was overturned (0:46 delay).

- + The Red Sox challenged the safe call on **Whit Merrifield** at first base in the third inning...the call was overturned (0:37 delay).

HOME RUNS									
TEAM	BATTER	NO.	PITCHER	COUNT	TYPE	DISTANCE	FIELD	INN	SCORE
BOS	Rafael Devers	9	Jorge López	0-0	Solo	425 ft	Center	7th	Up 7-0