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**Kansas City Royals**

**Royals vs. Mets**

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**2015 WORLD SERIES**

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**THE LAND OF HOZ**—Kansas City first baseman Eric Hosmer continued his record breaking RBI roll with two more in Wednesday's win over the Mets that gave the Royals a lead they did not relinquish...he has now raised this total to 10 on Tuesday, 15, pulling away from the previous standard of 227 set with 12 years ago...the all-time post-season RBI record is 21 by David Freese during the Cardinals' 2011 run...Hosmer also has completed Kansas City's all-time RBI record for post-season play with 27...four more than Hall of Famer Hall's George Brett knocked in over 43 career post-season games...Hos's 27 RBI have come in 28 post-season games...in Major League history, only Lou Gehrig (33) had more RBI in his first 28 post-season games.

**ESKY ROLL CONTINUES**—Alcides Escobar, the Most Valuable Player of the American League Championship Series, has now hit safely in 12 consecutive post-season games...his .392 clip (.261 on-base pct. and .627 slugging pct.)...he entered this fall with a career regular season batting average of .262, but he's turned it up a notch in the 13 games of this postseason, batting .392 (20-for-51) with a .411 on-base pct. and .627 slugging pct. when leading off an inning through the 13 games of this postseason.

**FINISHING STRONG**—Johnny Cueto's complete game victory in Game #2 was the first post-season shutout for Kansas City since 1985...the Royals won 2-0 in Game 7 of the 1985 World Series when Dennis Rasmussen blanked the Padres...Cueto became the first pitcher to work at least 9.0 innings in a World Series game and permit no more than two hits since Hall of Famer Greg Maddux of the Braves in Game #1 of the 1995 World Series against Cleveland and the first American League hurler to do so since Boston's Jim Lonborg in Game #2 of the 1967 Fall Classic against the A's...as for Cueto, in his two post-season starts in Kauffman Stadium, he has now allowed only one earned runs in his last 15 innings.

**NO-DECISION IN ALCS CLINCHER**—Yordano Ventura makes his third career start in the World Series and ninth in post-season play...his nine playoff starts include a 5-0 record and a 4.01 ERA over his final seven road outings...Yordano is 14-7 in 30 regular season starts on the road, posting a 3.78 ERA with opponents batting .229 against him in their ballparks.

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**TODAY'S STARTING PITCHERS: RHP Yordano Ventura (0-1, 3.09) vs. RHP Noah Syndergaard (1-1, 2.77)**

**YORDANO VENTURA** takes the hill for his first start of the 2015 World Series, third career in the Fall Classic and 10th overall appearance in post-season play (ninth start)...he finished the regular season with a 13-3 record and a 4.08 ERA, leading the team with 15 strikesouts...the 24-year-old signed a five-year deal with two options on April 4...he originally signed with the Royals in 2008 as a non-drafted free agent.

**NOAH SYNDERGAARD** starts the second game of the World Series and the first World Series start of his career...the 23-year-old went 10-2 with a 2.63 ERA and 139 strikeouts in 126.0 innings pitched last season...he made 25 starts and went 9-2 with a 2.63 ERA last season.

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- **Yordano’s Last Win:**
  - September 7, 2015 vs. Minnesota (5.1 IP, 5-10) 2-4

**2015 Postseason Stats**

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**Enrique Roldan**

- On October 3, 2015 at Minnesota (7.0 IP, 5-1) win over Timmy Madden

**Kansas City Royals (2-0) @ New York Mets (0-2)**

**Citi Field - Friday, October 30, 2015**

**World Series - Game 3**

**FOX Network, MLB International, 610 Sports, ESPN Radio**

**PITCHING PROBABLES/BROADCAST INFORMATION**

RHP Chris Young (1-0, 2.31) vs. LHP Steven Matz (0-1, 3.72), 7:07 p.m. (CDT), FOX, ESPN Radio & ESPn Sports

**Back-to-back A.L. Champs.**

- For the first time in franchise history, the Royals are appearing in the World Series in consecutive seasons, winning the club’s fourth American League crown last Friday night with a 4-3 nailbiter over the Toronto Blue Jays, taking the best-of-seven series, 4-2. Kansas City is the first American League team to win back-to-back-to-back championships since the 2010-11 Texas Rangers, and the third since 2000, as the Yankees won the last two of four straight A.L. titles after the turn of the century.
VED AMONG POSTSEASON ELITE – Kansas City skipper Ned Yost upped his career postseason record to 20.8 with his 2.0 start to this World Series...his 20 wins are now 24th all-time and just one in back of Joe Girardi, Mike Matheny, Dick Williams and Mike Scioscia...Yost’s .714 postseason winning pct. is tied with Tug McGraw (7-2) for seventh all-time, but first among active managers and also first among all managers who have skippered at least 20 postseason games.

OUTDOOR ROAD WORK BEGINS – The Royals have gone 2-3 away from ‘The K’ during this postseason, posting a 1-1 mark in Houston and a 1-2 stop in Toronto’s Rogers Centre...though marks the first game that Kansas City will play outdoors on the road this October as the roof was closed in both previous visits...KC was 5-2 on the road during last year’s postseason run, going 2-0 in both Anaheim and Baltimore and then 1-2 during the Fall Classic stop in San Francisco.

RAISING CAIN ON THE BASES– Lorenzo Cain went hitless, but did walk on Wednesday to extend his streak to 17 consecutive postseason games in which he’s reached base safely dating back to Game #4 of last year’s World Series...he has established a club record with 17 in a row, eclipsing the previous mark set by Amos Otis (1977-80)...Miguel Cabrera holds the all-time postseason record for hitting in 31 straight games (2011-13)...L.Cain has a .372 on-base pct. during this 17-game streak, going 18-for-46 with six walks in the plate appearance.

SITUATIONAL HITTING– With another sacrifice fly on Wednesday, the Royals have extended a postseason club record in that department with 10 already logged in the 13 games to date...the previous mark of six occurred a year ago...the 2014-15 version of KC postseason baseball has totaled 15 sac flies, which are two more than previous 7 Kansas City’s playoff clubs combined...for the record, Eric Hosmer is now the Royals’ record holder for career postseason sacrifice flies with three.

2ND SETS EXTRA-BASE MARK– With a pair of doubles in Game #1 on Tuesday night, Ben Zobrist is now the Royals’ all-time single-postseason leader in extra-base hits with eight during his first run past October through Kansas City, he passed George Brett (8 through 1980), Alex Gordon (2014) and Mike Moustakas (2014), each of whom recorded seven in their respective playoffs as...a club, the 2015 Royals have amassed 197 total bases through the first three postseason games this year, breaking the previous postseason club record of 193 total bags in 15 games last October.

FALL BALL SUCCESS AT ‘THE K’– The Royals extended their 2015 postseason home winning streak to seven in a row with Wednesday night’s Game 2 World Series win, with the overall mark now 7-4 this fall in Kauffman Stadium...Kansas City has won 15 of its last 18 postseason games contested in ‘The K’...dating back to 1985, the Royals ended the World Series with two consecutive home victories over St. Louis and then KC was 6-2 here last year, going 1-0 vs. Oakland and Los Angeles and then 2-0 over the Orioles before a 2-2 split of the four World Series home games with San Francisco...the Royals opened this year’s postseason with a 2-1 mark here vs. the Astros in the ALDS and then won all three of their ALCS games here vs. L.A. while fanning 194 hitters for an 11.69 strikeouts per 9-inning ratio.

DUPE CONTINUES “CHALLENGING” SUCCESS– Kansas City continued it’s successful work behind the eye of replay coordinator Bill Duplissea when KC challenged a possible ninth inning infield stolen base by David Wright in Game #1, only to have it overturned 39 seconds later...Dupe and the Royals are now 5-1 this postseason, also going 2-1 in replay reviews during the 2014-15 version of a 2-0 mark in the ALDS in challenges...Kansas City has gone 8-1 in challenges dating back to the regular season...

K.C.-AND THE HOME RUN– Alcides Escobar’s game-winning trot around the bases on Tuesday night was the 16th home run in 13 postseason games this year for the Royals, already breaking the club record for postseason home runs that was initially set with 11 in nine games in 1980 and then matched in 15 games last year...the 2015 Royals hit 139 home runs during the regular season, a 44-homer improvement over the 95 during the hit parade.

TWO OUT OFFENSE – Kansas City finished the regular season with a big league best .277 batting average with two outs, 34 points higher than the league average (.243)...while batting .278 with runners in scoring position, the Royals were 2nd in the Majors with 527 total chances last year, with an .832 fielding percentage (1st in the Majors with a fielding percentage (1st in the Majors with a .987 fielding percentage.

THE KEY TO THE K’S 2015 POSTSEASON RUN – the Royals have established a club postseason record for runs scored with 75 through the first 13 games, eclipsing the mark of 69 plated in 2014, Kansas City hit .325 with runners in scoring position, the most runs scored with 97 in 25 games last October.

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WADING THROUGH THE OPPOSITION– In the last two postseasons, Wade Davis has compiled 15.7 winless relief appearances in 28 combined innings, with five of those coming in Game #2 of last year’s World Series against the Giants...included in that stretch was his 1-0 record in 15 contests last October.

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TEAM SET EXTRA-BASE MARK – Wade Davis got out of a bases loaded jam in Minnesota on October 3 for the 56th save by the Kansas City bullpen, which established a club record, while finishing the third-most in the Major Leagues, behind only St. Louis (62) and Tampa Bay (60)...the KC pen has set the team save record in each of the last three postseasons, while finishing third in the Major Leagues in extra-base hits with 36 during the course of the post-season, behind only St. Louis (62) and Tampa Bay (60)...the KC pen has set the team save record in each of the last three postseasons, while finishing third in the Major Leagues in extra-base hits with 36 during the course of the post-season, behind only St. Louis (62) and Tampa Bay (60).
Chris gets the nod tomorrow, taking the hill for his second start of the postseason and second appearance of this series, after tossing 3.0 innings out of the 'pen in Game #1...during the regular season he made 18 starts and 34 total appearances, going 11-6 with a 3.06 ERA and 83 strikeouts in 123.1 innings.

Young earned his first win in this year's postseason Tuesday, tossing the final 3.0 innings without allowing a hit and fanning four...his only other start of the postseason came in Game #4 of the ALCS in Toronto, where he took a no-decision, pitching the first 4.2 innings in a 14-2 triumph.

C.Y. ranked fourth in the majors this year among pitchers that totaled at least 100.0 innings, holding opponents to a .202 average...among active MLB pitchers that have thrown at least 1,000 innings in their career, only Clayton Kershaw has a lower opponent's batting average (.207) to Chris' .225 mark.

Young thrived on the road this season, posting a 2.52 ERA (18 ER in 64.1 IP) in 20 games in 2015, including nine starts...it's more than a full run better than his 3.66 ERA (24 ER in 59.0 IP) at home.

Chris is participating in his second postseason, reaching the playoffs in 2006 with the San Diego Padres...he made one start in Game #5 of the NLDS, tossings 6.2 scoreless innings and striking out nine in a 3-1, win over the Cardinals at Busch Stadium...he is 2-0 with a 1.47 ERA (3 ER in 18.1 IP) in four career postseason appearances.

2015 Postseason Pitching Lines

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First Batter Efficiency: 27/37 (73%)
Saves/Save Opp: 3/4 (75%) Inherited Runners/Runners Scored: 1/3 (33%)
Alex Rios This Series:
- Tied with David Wright for the most walks (nine), while he's tied for fifth in runs scored (nine) and tied for fourth in hits (12).
- Collect three hits out of the No. 9 spot in the batting order in a postseason game in Game #4 at Rogers Centre...also drove in the go-ahead runs in Game #5 of the ALDS.

Salvador Perez This Series:
- Tied for 10th in the A.L. during the regular season with 36 doubles, while his 62 walks were tied for 15th in the league... hit .447 (21-for-47) in Interleague play
- Struggled early in the season, missing 40 games after suffering a fractured left hand on April 13 in Minnesota...he's a career .325 hitter (13-for-40) against the Mets
- Hit out of the leadoff spot for much of the season, hitting .259 with a .296 on-base percentage...however, the Royals were 82-49 with Esky batting first in the regular season, while during last to season, the club is 112-63 (64%) with him leading off, which includes 11-4 in last year's postseason.

Kendrys Morales This Series:
- Among hitters with at least 300 at-bats, his .377 on-base percentage ranked sixth in the American League...also ranked 13th in the A.L. averaging a walk every 2.89 at-bats.
- Pair of stolen bases...appeared in 13 games during last year's playoffs, which included three starts in the 2014 World Series.
- Hit out of the leadoff spot in 2015, setting career highs in batting average (.284), doubles (34), home runs (22), and RBIs (82)...he recorded 43 multi-hit games and also drove in 15 runs.
- Hit his first home run of the postseason in Game #6 of the ALCS, while his six career playoff roundtrippers are second-most in club history.

Moose was selected to his first All-Star Game in 2015, becoming the first Royal to be selected through the Final Fan Vote...he received 19.3 million votes.
- Has not played since hitting .360 in June of 2011... he has thrown out 33.3 percent of would-be basestealers, since debuting in 2010, which ranks eighth in MLB in that span.
- Hit .256, but that included hitting .280 (7-for-25) during the month of August, which was his highest average in a month with at least 20 at-bats since hitting .288 in June of 2011...he also batted .288 (5-for-18) during his first seven career at-bats...he was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI in his first four career at-bats.

Paulo collected his first RBI in postseason play Wednesday, driving in the seventh run with a sac fly...he also singled in Game #1, giving him three hits in his first four career at-bats.
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Esky leads the league with 20 hits during this postseason, while it's also tied for fourth-most by a shortstop, behind Derek Jeter who had 22 hits during the 1996, 2003 and 2009 postseasons.
- Named A.L. R.O.Y. after the All-Star break...led the league with 12 home runs during the regular season...he was also a defensive replacement in Game #1 of the ALDS...he batted .290 (23-for-80) with three doubles, two homers and seven RBI...
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Esky had an impressive first half and was named the A.L.'s starting shortstop in the Midsummer Classic...he batted .290 (92-for-321) after all the All-Star break and .220 (65-for-295) after it...he was 148 games during the regular season...played in 468 games since the start of 2013, tied for the most by a shortstop.
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Esky led off Game #1 as a pinch-runner in the eighth inning and went 0-for-2...he's looking for his first hit of this year's postseason, while he's collected a pair of stolen bases...appeared in 15 games during last year's playoffs, which included three starts in the 2014 World Series.
- Dyson recorded 26 steals this season, which tied for third in the league with Billy Burns...over the past four seasons, he's swiped 126 bags, which is tied for sixth-most in the Majors with Esky, Billy Burns and his brother...he's a career .299 hitter (38-for-127) vs. National League foes.

Alex Gordon This Series:
- Batted .198 with KC, but that included hitting .280 (7-for-25) during the month of August, which was his highest average in a month with at least 20 at-bats since hitting .288 in June of 2011...he also batted .288 (5-for-18) during his first seven career at-bats...he was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI in his first four career at-bats.

He's hitting .308 (.219) over his last 28 at-bats...hit his first home run of the postseason in Game #6 of the ALCS, while his six career playoff roundtrippers are second-most in club history.
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