KANSAS CITY ROYALS

AWAY ROSTER

#	PLAYER	POS	Team
23	Andrew Benintendi	LF	CWS
2	Xander Bogaerts	2B/SS	SD
20	Mark Canha	1B/OF	SF
26	Willie Calhoun	1B	LAA
22	Ernie Clement *(SP)*	3B/SS	TOR
11	Rafeal Devers *(C)*	3B	BOS
34	Freddy Fermin	C	KCR
6	Nicky Lopez	2B	CWS
21	Luke Maile	C	CIN
44	Justyn-Henry Malloy	LF	DET
27	Tommy Pham	OF	KCR
43	Jhonkensy Noel	RF	CLE
29	Lane Thomas	CF	WAS
7	Bobby Witt Jr. *(T)*	SS	KCR
58	Tanner Banks	RP	PHI
9	Jack Flaherty	SP2	LAD
57	Luis Garcia *(T)*	RP	BOS
34	Kevin Gausman	SP1	TOR
41	Hoby Milner	RP	MIL
56	Enoli Paredes *(FA)*	RP	MIL
40	Joe Ross	SP5	MIL
51	Brady Singer *(T)*	SP3	KCR
46	Trent Thornton	RP	SEA
45	Jose Urena *(T)*	SP4	TEX
38	Victor Vodnik *(T)*	RP	COL
30	Austin Voth	RP	SEA

STORM CHASERS

#	PLAYER	pos	Team
3	Nick Allen	SS/2B	OAK
24	Jonathan Ornelas	INF	TEX
19	Kyren Paris	2B/SS	LAA
52	Daniel Lynch IV	SP	KCR
54	Martin Perez	SP	SD
53	Eduardo Rodriguez	SP	ARZ
50	Eric Swanson	RP	TOR
35	Joey Wentz	RP	DET
28	Hunter Feduccia	EC	LAD
(IR)	Joey Wiemer	OF	CIN

BATTING LINE-UP

vs. LHP PLAYER	pos	Order	vs. RHP PLAYER	pos
Thomas *DEF	CF	1	Witt	DH
Bogaerts	2B	2	Thomas *DEF	CF
Witt	DH	3	Devers	3B
Noel	RF	4	Bogaerts	2B
Fermin	C	5	Clement *2	SS
Canha	1B	6	Fermin	C
Devers	3B	7	Canha	1B
Pham *DEF	LF	8	Pham *DEF	LF
Clement *2	SS	9	Benintendi *1 - DEF	RF

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OFFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS

*1 *If losing in the 7th inning on, Noel will Pinch Hit for Benintendi and stay in the game in RF.*

*2 *If losing in the 8th inning on, facing a LHP or RHP with no baserunners, Lopez will PH for Clement and stay in the game at SS.*

OTHER PINCH HITTING (9th Inning on)

In the 9th Inning on, if a power hitter or better on-base option is required or better Left/Right match-up available, use the following players:

Versus LHP:
Jhon. Noel - runner on-base (pwr 5)
Justyn Malloy - runner on-base (pwr 4)
Luke Maile - (pwr 5)
Willie Calhoun - baserunner needed

Versus RHP:
Jhon. Noel - runner on-base (pwr 5)
Nicky Lopez - baserunner needed
Willie Calhoun - baserunner needed

DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS

*DEF **Bottom of 9th (make the following changes):** Outfield configuration: *CF - Pham, LF - Malloy, RF - Noel.* Infield configuration: *1B - Canha, 2B - Bogaerts, 3B - Devers, SS - Clement, C - Fermin.*

OFFENSE *(Use strategies below if Game is +/- 3 Runs)*

STEAL: **2nd Base:** *If adjusted steal rating is 6 or greater.* **3rd Base:** *If adjusted steal rating is 8 or greater.* **Look to STEAL OFTEN**

BUNT: *(game within one run)-with runner on 1st, or 1st and 2nd, with 0 or 1 out, any bunter's with a 4+ bunt rating (Lopez / Allen if in the game).*

HIT & RUN: *Clement (SP) will always H&R with 1 or 2 out and runners on 1st or 1st and 2nd (unless Pitcher has more than 70 BB's).*

PINCH RUNNER: *if in 9th inning and behind by 1, PR (with 5+ speed runner) for any 3 speed or worse baserunner.*

BASE RUNNING: Adjusted Baserunning (ABR). *If ABR below is met or exceeded, attempt the extra base.*

OUTS -	0	1	2	OUTS -	0	1	2
1st to 3rd:	8	7	10	2nd to home:	7	6	5
1st to home:	7	6	5	3rd - home (g)	8	7	n/a
2nd to 3rd:	8	7	10	3rd - home (f)	n/a	7	5

DEFENSE

HOLDING RUNNERS: *Always hold baserunners with an ASR of 4 or greater.*

INFIELD IN: *if there is a runner on 3rd and represents the winning run (9th inning on) or tying run (8th or 9th inning on)*

CORNERS IN: *if there is a runner on 1st with 0 or 1 out, or runners on 1st or 2nd with 0 out, game within 2 runs and the batter is 4+ bunter.*

INTENTIONAL WALK: *Best judgement, but only if 1 or 2 out and 1st base is open (Clutch or very good batter at plate with weaker hitter behind)*

THROWING OPTIONS: *For STEAL ATTEMPTS - Always throw!*

1. *Throw for* lead runner *trying to stretch with an* **ABR of 8 or less** *if other runners on.*
2. *Throw for* any runner *trying to stretch* if lone runner.
3. *Throw for* tying run *with an* **ABR of 9 or less** *and other runners on. Always throw if lone runner.*
4. **Always** *throw if runner is* go ahead run *from 8th inning on.*
5. *On Defensive Manager Choice Plays always take sure out(s) unless run is going home and we will lose the lead in 8th inning on.*

INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS

C - Maile / Fermin **1B -** *Calhoun / Noel* **2B -** *Lopez / Ornelas* **3B -** *Clement / Allen* **SS -** *Cement / Bogaerts* **CF -** *Pham / Thomas* **OF -** *Noel / Canha*

STARTING ROTATION

	PITCHER	STA	ARM	SPC
SP 1	Kevin Gausman	23	R	T H
SP 2	Jack Flaherty	22	R	B
SP 3	Brady Singer	23	R	T
SP 4	Joe Ross	13	R	-
SP 5	Jose Urena	14	R	T

STARTING PITCHER USAGE NOTES

1) *Always remove Starters when fatigued unless ahead by 5+ runs or pitching a 2+ run shutout, then remove if tying run on base, at bat, or on deck. Always remove if 5 earned runs allowed or 7 total runs allowed.*

2) *Notwithstanding note (1) above, try and get a minimum of 3 innings out of starters especially if KC has scored 3 or more runs in the first three-(3) innings.*

3) *Remove Singer, Urina or Ross in save situation in the 9th - regardless of whether or not fatigued.*

4) *If starter is pulled early and Ross is not pitching in the series, he can be the used to get to the middle relievers (see below).*

BULLPEN

1) *For Relief Pitchers, see the 'Relief Ptcher Instructions Chart' and the 'Game Situation Chart' below. Utilize the Relief Pitcher Instructions Chart to determine the general use requirements and then reference the **Game Situation Chart to determine the specific order** of precedence.*

2) *Always check at the start of an inning to see if the game situation has changed or if the next reliever per the preference list is due to come into the game.*

3) *Do not hesitate to look for match-ups to gain platoon advantage utilizing middle relievers and set-up guys to get to the 9th. Royals do not have an actual Closer, Paredes is the primary option, but Banks (mostly LHB lineups) and/or Garcia (mostly RHB lineups) can fill in as required. Look for best match-ups.*

RELIEF PITCHER INSTRUCTIONS CHART

	PITCHER	ARM	ROLE/STAMINA		SPECIAL	INNING	RELIEVER USAGE NOTES
SR	Enoli Paredes	R	Closer	6		9th inning on	*When tied or ahead by 3 runs or less. **1 Inning only**. Will not pitch to more than 8 batters*
SR	Tanner Banks	L	Set-up / Closer	8	F	7th/8th inning on	***Primary set-up man vs predominantly LHB line-ups**. Can also be used as a situational Closer against LHB lineups. Pitch 2 Innings Max (8 batters max except for final game of series where he can face 10)*
SR	Luis Garcia	R	Set-up / Closer	8	T BL	7th/8th inning on	***Primary set-up man vs predominantly RHB line-ups.** Can also be used as a situational Closer against RHB lineups. Pitch 2 Innings Max (8 batters max. except for final game of series where he can face 10)*
SR	Austin Voth	R	Set-up	8		6th inning on	***Middle Relief - primary transition guy to get to set-up guys.** Pitches to 8 batters max. Can aso be used to get tough Righties or Lefties out, to finish innings, in the middle or later innings.*
SR	Hoby Milner	L	Middle	8	BF	5th inning on	*Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 2 Innings pitched. Mix and match with Thornton to get best Lefty / Righty match up opportunities (have plenty of Innings so don't be afraid to make changes).*
SR	Trent Thornton	R	Middle	8	BRLF	5th inning on	*Middle Relief - pitch to 8 batters max. or maximum 2 Innings pitched. Mix and match with Thornton to get best Lefty / Righty match up opportunities (have plenty of Innings so don't be afraid to make changes).*
SR	Victor Vodnik	R	Long / Mop	10	T L	1st - 4th	*Early Relief - If Stater is lifted early, use to bridge to next relievers. Pitch to 10 batters max. or maximum 4 Innings pitched. Will also **'mop up'** if losing by 4+ runs, as required.*

GAME SITUATION CHART

GAME SCORE	SITUATION	1st - 4th Inning	5th Inning	6th Inning	7th Inning	8th Inning	9th Inning	Extra Innings
	Winning by 4+	Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	*(a)* Tanner Banks	1) Tanner Banks
		Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	*(b)* Hoby Milner	*(a)* Luis Garcia	2) Luis Garcia
		(c) Joe Ross	Austin Voth	Austin Voth	Trent Thornton	*(b)* Trent Thornton	Enoli Paredes	3) Austin Voth
	Tied to Winning by 3	*(c)* Joe Ross	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	*(a)* Banks / Garcia	*(a)* Tanner Banks	Enoli Paredes	4) Trent Thorton
		Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	*(a)* Luis Garcia	*(a)* Tanner Banks	5) Hoby Milner
		Trent Thornton	Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	*(a)* Luis Garcia	6) Victor Vodnik
	Losing by 1 - 3	Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth	*(a)* Tanner Banks		7) Joe Ross *(c)*
		Victor Vodnik	Victor Vodnik	Austin Voth	Hoby Milner	*(a)* Luis Garcia	N/A	
		Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Trent Thornton	Luis Garcia	Austin Voth		
	Losing by 4+	Victor Vodnik	Victor Vodnik	Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Hoby Milner		
		Trent Thornton	Trent Thornton	Victor Vodnick	Victor Vodnick	Trent Thornton	N/A	
		Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Hoby Milner	Austin Voth		

Change pitchers as soon as the situation above changes and change is required. (Work down the list in each column based on the appropriate inning and situation)

(a) use Banks against predominantly LH line-ups and Garcia against predominantly RH line-ups (2 of next 3 batters), **(b)** switch immediately to Banks/Garcia if deficit closes to 3 or less, or if the tying run gets to the plate. **(c)** use Joe Ross only if he is not starting in the Series.

For any circumstances or conditions not covered here, please use your best judgement.