

### Royals Have Rough First Home Series

Kansas City Royals have a rough home start to the 2012 MLB season, after opening the season with a 3-3 record on the road. Royals had their first home series against divisional foe, Cleveland Indians starting this past Friday. It was bad a series for the Royals from the start.

Game one of the series saw the Royals give up seven runs in the top half of the first inning and never able to muster enough offense to get back into the game, as they would fall 8-3 in the contest. On top of the big hole the Royals dug themselves, they saw starter pitcher, Luke Hochevar go down with a left ankle contusion. Hochevar is day-to-day with the injury and manager, Ned Yost, said he was unsure if he will be able to make his next schedule start on Wednesday.

Game two saw the Royals give the Indians yet again another big lead to start things off early, as Cleveland plated five runs in the third. Kansas City would fight back throughout the game getting two runs each in the third, fifth, sixth and seventh innings plus one more in the eighth to tie the game at 9-9, forcing extra innings. Only one extra inning was need as the Indians came up with some offensive plays to notch two runs in the top of the tenth and ultimately come away with 11-9 the win.

Royals looking to salvage the series against the Indians came into the final game of the series in search of a solid all round performance. But it would be big run innings that would doom the Royals once more. Kansas City took the lead for the first time in the series as they lead 3-0 after two innings, but that lasted about as fast as it came with Cleveland scoring six runs in the third. Cleveland would go along to score four more runs in the fifth and three in the eighth to win 13-7 and sweep the Royals in Kansas City.

After solid pitching outings to start the season on the road for Kansas City the Royals pitching staff was roughed up for 32 runs on 40 hits by the Indians in the three-game series.

Royals look to put the Cleveland series behind them as they continue their home stand with the potent offensive attack and solid pitching of the Detroit Tigers coming to town, with the series getting underway tonight at 7:10pm. Royals come into the matchup 3-6 on the season and send Danny Duffy to the mound, while the Tigers are 6-3 and send their ace, Justin Verlander to the mound.