

Royals Open Season with Series Win Over Angels

The 2012 Major League Baseball season got underway for the Kansas City Royals this past Friday with a three-game series versus the Los Angeles out in California. After falling 5-0 in game one of the three-game series the Royal responded with two victories to take their opening series to the 2012 season.

Royals behind solid offense and good pitching wrapped up the series against the Angels with a 7-3 win on Sunday with Jonathan Sanchez on the mound. Kansas City established an early lead plating three runs in the first inning, giving Sanchez room to work with early. Four players finished the day with two hits apiece for Kansas City, they were: designated hitter, Billy Butler; first baseman, Eric Hosmer; catcher, Humberto Quintero and second-baseman, Chris Getz.

Butler and Hosmer each tallied a home run in the game while notching three RBI's each, also. Newly, named Royals closer, Jonathan Broxton, in light of Joakim Soria's injury, earned his first opportunity to notch a save as a Royal. He came in the game in the ninth inning and struck out the side to close out the game for the Royals.

In game two of series it was an early start to the offense for the Royals as they plated two runs in the first inning and one more in the second inning to give, right-hander, Luke Hochevar an early lead to work with. Hochevar wouldn't disappoint working six and one-third innings giving up five hits, two runs and striking out four. Royals saw the offense get things going after a lackluster performance in the opening game. Kansas City notched 12 team hits with Hosmer, Quintero and right fielder, Jeff Francoeur each tallying two hits on the day. Hosmer and third baseman, Mike Moustakas each belted a home run for Kansas City, as they earned their first victory of the 2012 season.

Game one was a little bit a tough time for the Royals offense as they only mustered four hits. Angels ace, Jared Weaver, shutdown the Royals pitching eight innings striking out 10. Royals starter, Bruce Chen pitched well going six innings, striking out four and not giving up any runs on the day, but it was the bullpen that fell apart to lead to five runs for the Angels.

Kansas City continues their road trip to start the 2012 season off as they stay in California and open up a three-game series against the Oakland Athletics (1-3) tonight at 9:05pm.