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BOSTON RED SOX 7, KANSAS CITY ROYALS 6

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 • Fenway Park, Boston, MA

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Kansas City	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	13	1
Boston	2	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	X	7	12	1
Win: Rios (2-0)	Loss: Brentz (2-1)						Save: Barnes (18)					
Time of Game: 3:31	Attendance: 25,180						Weather: 95°, W at 8 mph					
Royals HR: Merrifield (8), Taylor (7), O'Hearn (6)												
Red Sox HR: None												

PITCH COUNTS RED SOX

Pitcher	# (Strikes)
Nick Pivetta	89 (57)
Yacksel Rios	25 (13)
Darwinzon Hernandez	17 (13)
Adam Ottavino	20 (16)
Matt Barnes	13 (9)

ROYALS

Pitcher	# (Strikes)
Brad Keller	102 (60)
Jake Brentz	22 (13)
Greg Holland	30 (20)

RED SOX NOTES (49-31)

THE RED SOX have won each of their last 5 games...Are a season-high 18 games above .500.

- 🔴 Earned their MLB-leading 27th come-from-behind win...Trailed 1-0 entering the bottom of the 1st, 4-3 entering the bottom of the 4th, and 6-5 entering the bottom of the 6th...Are 20-19 (.513) this season when their opponent scores first.
- 🔴 Xander Bogaerts (24 games) and J.D. Martinez (18 games) each extended their on-base streaks, the two-longest active on-base streaks in the majors...Bogaerts' streak ties the longest by a Red Sox this season, matching Verdugo's from 4/5-5/6.
- 🔴 Alex Verdugo threw out Salvador Perez at 3B in the 6th inning, his 5th OF assist of 2021 and the Sox' MLB-leading 24th.
- 🔴 Red Sox relievers threw 4.2 scoreless innings tonight...They have not allowed an ER in the last 3 games (11.0 IP)...They have combined to post an 0.51 ERA (1 ER/17.2 IP) in 5 games this homestand, and a 1.16 ERA (4 ER/31.0 IP) in the club's last 8 games (beginning 6/22 at TB).

J.D. MARTINEZ (2-for-2, R, 2B, 4 RBI, 2 BB, SF) hit an RBI single in the 1st, go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 4th, and go-ahead 2-run double in the 6th.

- 🔴 Matched a season high with 4 RBI (also 4/11 at BAL, 4/30 at TEX).

YACKSEL RIOS (1.2 IP, BB, SO), **DARWINZON HERNANDEZ** (1.0 IP, 2 H, SO), **ADAM OTTAVINO** (1.0 IP, 2 H, SO), and **MATT BARNES** (1.0 IP, 3 SO) each had scoreless relief appearances, with Barnes striking out all 3 batters faced in the 9th...Barnes has converted 18 of his 21 save opportunities this season (85.7%).

KIKÉ HERNÁNDEZ (2-for-4, R, RBI, HBP) was hit by a pitch to begin the 1st and scored on Martinez's single...Hit a game-tying RBI single in the 4th.

- 🔴 Is batting .324 with 7 XBH, 8 RBI, and a 1.124 OPS in 10 games beginning 6/19 (11-for-34, 6 R, 4 2B, 3 HR, 5 BB, HBP)...Has multiple hits in his last 3 games.
- 🔴 Has an .880 OPS in his last 19 games, beginning 6/7...Had a .514 OPS in his previous 15 games (5/18-6/6), after being reinstated from the IL on 5/18.

XANDER BOGAERTS (1-for-4, RBI, BB) hit a go-ahead RBI single in the 1st inning...During his 24-game on-base streak (since 6/2), has a .356/.419/.567/.986 batting line (32-for-90, 13 XBH, 12 BB)...Is the 2nd-longest on-base streak of Bogaerts' career, trailing only a 28-game streak in 2016 (5/6-6/4).

HUNTER RENFROE (1-for-3, SF, RBI) hit a sacrifice fly in the 3rd, giving the Sox a 3-2 lead...Has 18 RBI in 26 games this month, including 10 RBI in his last 8 games.

NICK PIVETTA (4.1 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 2 BB, 5 SO) allowed KC to take the lead in the 1st, 4th, and 5th innings...Has allowed 8 HR in his last 4 starts (21.0 IP) after allowing 5 HR through his first 12 starts this season (64.1 IP).

BOBBY DALBEC (2-for-3, R) recorded multiple hits for the 2nd consecutive game...Is batting .315 with a .986 OPS in 15 games beginning 6/10 (17-for-54, 9 R, 1 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 10 RBI, 2 BB)...14 of his 18 hits in June have had a 100+ mph exit velocity, including his 6th-inning single tonight (110.0 mph).

ROYALS NOTES (33-45)

THE ROYALS lost their 7th straight game...Suffered their 14th blown lead of the season...Led 1-0 in the 1st, 4-3 in the 4th, and 6-5 in the 5th.

- 🔴 Scored 12 runs with 6 HR in the last 2 games after scoring 1 run with 0 XBH in their previous 2 games...Have hit 3 HR in each of the last 2 games after hitting 0 HR in their previous 4 games...Hit 3+ home runs in a game for the 7th time this season, 4th in June (also 6/1 vs. PIT, 6/3 vs. MIN, 6/28 at BOS).

MICHAEL A. TAYLOR (3-for-3, R, HR, 3 RBI, BB, SB) tied season highs in hits and RBI...Was his 2nd game this season with 3+ hits and 3+ RBI (also 4/1 vs. TEX).

- 🔴 Has homered in each of the last 2 games...Is the 3rd time this season homering in back-to-back games (also 4/1-3, 5/19-21).

RYAN O'HEARN (3-for-5, R, HR, 2 RBI) recorded a season-high 3 hits, tying his career high (9th time, previous: 8/25/20 at STL)...Hit a go-ahead 2-run HR in the 5th inning...Each of his last 11 HR, including all 6 this season, have come on the road.

WHIT MERRIFIELD (2-for-4, R, HR, RBI, BB, SB) recorded his 3rd straight multi-hit game, his team-high 25th of 2021...Stole his MLB-leading 22nd base in the 8th.

- 🔴 Led off the game with his 1st leadoff HR of the year (10th career, previous: 9/12/20 vs. PIT)...Homered in back-to-back games for the 6th time in his career, 2nd this season (also 4/1-3 vs. TEX)...Has hit 3 of his 8 HR in 2021 vs. BOS...His .394 career AVG vs. BOS leads active players (41-for-104, min. 75 PA vs. BOS).

BRAD KELLER (5.0 IP, 10 H, 6 R, 5 BB, HB) set season highs in hits and walks allowed, tying his season high in ER (previous: 6/14 vs. DET)...Tied a career high in walks (6th occurrence, previous: 7/5/19 at WSH)...Did not record a strikeout for the 2nd time this season (also 4/1 vs. TEX).

- 🔴 Is the 1st pitcher to record 5.0+ IP, 5+ BB, and 0 SO since Marco Gonzales on 9/5/19 (5.1 IP)...Is the 1st Royal to do so since Vin Mazzaro on 6/12/11 (7.0 IP).

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Jun 29th, 2021

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Kansas City	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	13	1
Boston	2	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	x	7	12	1

Kansas City	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Merrifield, 2B	.287	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	4
Soler, RF	.181	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Santana, C, 1B	.243	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	8	0
Perez, S, C	.272	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0
O'Hearn, DH	.244	5	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
Rivera, E, 3B	.400	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alberto, 3B	.264	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Dozier, H, LF	.163	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Taylor, M, CF	.239	3	1	3	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	1
Lopez, N, SS	.263	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5
Keller, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brentz, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holland, G, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.244	38	6	13	3	0	3	6	3	11	24	13

Boston	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Hernández, K, 2B	.238	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	3
Verdugo, LF	.277	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1
Martinez, J, DH	.302	2	1	2	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0
Bogaerts, SS	.327	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Devers, 3B	.282	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2
Renfroe, RF	.273	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Vázquez, C	.266	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1
Santana, D, CF	.151	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Dalbec, 1B	.218	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
1-Chavis, PR-1B	.245	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pivetta, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ríos, Y, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez, D, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottavino, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnes, P	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.260	30	7	12	1	0	0	7	7	4	27	7

BATTING

2B : Santana, C (7, Pivetta); Dozier, H 2 (12, Pivetta, Pivetta).
HR : Merrifield (8, 1st inning off Pivetta, 0 on, 0 out); Taylor, M (7, 4th inning off Pivetta, 1 on, 0 out); O'Hearn (6, 5th inning off Pivetta, 1 on, 1 out).
TB : Dozier, H 4; Lopez, N; Merrifield 5; O'Hearn 6; Perez, S; Santana, C 2; Taylor, M 6.
RBI : Merrifield (45); O'Hearn 2 (13); Taylor, M 3 (29).

Runners left in scoring position, 2 out : Soler 3; Alberto; Santana, C; Rivera, E.

GIDP : Soler.

Team RISP : 4-for-13.

Team LOB : 8.

BASERUNNING

SB : Taylor, M (5, 2nd base off Ottavino/Vázquez); Merrifield (22, 2nd base off Ottavino/Vázquez).

FIELDING

E : Rivera, E (2, throw).

Outfield assists : Dozier, H (Martinez, J at 2nd base); Taylor, M (Dalbec at 3rd base).

DP : 2 (Merrifield-Santana, C; Lopez, N-Merrifield-Santana, C).

1-Ran for Dalbec in the 6th.

BATTING

2B : Martinez, J (20, Brentz).

TB : Bogaerts; Dalbec 2; Devers; Hernández, K 2; Martinez, J 3; Renfroe; Santana, D; Verdugo; Vázquez.

RBI : Bogaerts (47); Hernández, K (24); Martinez, J 4 (51); Renfroe (41).

Runners left in scoring position, 2 out : Devers; Vázquez; Santana, D; Chavis.

SF : Martinez, J; Renfroe.

GIDP : Bogaerts; Renfroe.

Team RISP : 5-for-13.

Team LOB : 9.

BASERUNNING

SB : Vázquez (8, 2nd base off Holland, G/Perez, S).

FIELDING

E : Pivetta (2, pickoff).

Outfield assists : Verdugo (Perez, S at 3rd base).

DP : (Devers-Hernández, K-Dalbec).

Kansas City	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
Keller	6.67	5.0	10	6	6	5	0	0	27
Brentz (L, 2-1)(BS, 2)	2.70	1.0	1	1	1	1	3	0	5
Holland, G	4.02	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	8
Totals	4.90	8.0	12	7	7	7	4	0	40

Boston	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BF
Pivetta	4.43	4.1	9	6	6	2	5	3	23
Ríos, Y (W, 2-0)	4.66	1.2	0	0	0	1	1	0	6
Hernandez, D (H, 10)	2.84	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
Ottavino (H, 15)	2.73	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
Barnes (S, 18)	2.65	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Totals	4.12	9.0	13	6	6	3	11	3	41

Keller pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.

HBP : Hernández, K (by Keller).

Pitches-strikes : Keller 102-60; Brentz 22-13; Holland, G 30-20; Pivetta 89-57; Ríos, Y 25-13; Hernandez, D 17-13; Ottavino 20-16; Barnes 13-9.

Groundouts-flyouts : Keller 7-2; Brentz 0-0; Holland, G 2-0; Pivetta 1-2; Ríos, Y 2-1; Hernandez, D 0-0; Ottavino 1-1; Barnes 0-0.

Batters faced : Keller 27; Brentz 5; Holland, G 8; Pivetta 23; Ríos, Y 6; Hernandez, D 4; Ottavino 5; Barnes 3.

Inherited runners-scored : Brentz 1-1.

Umpires : HP: Jim Reynolds. 1B: Shane Livensparger. 2B: Tony Randazzo. 3B: Todd Tichenor.

Official Scorer : Charlie Scoggins

Weather : 95 degrees, Partly Cloudy

Wind : 8 mph, Out To RF

First pitch : 7:11 PM

T : 3:31

Att : 25,180

Venue : Fenway Park

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