

WORLD SERIES 2015



GAME 1
Mets at Royals
Tues., 7:07p.m.

GAME 2
Mets at Royals
Wed., 7:07p.m.

GAME 3
Royals at Mets
Fri., 7:07p.m.

GAME 4
Royals at Mets
Sat., 7:07p.m.

GAME 5*
Royals at Mets
Sun., 7:15p.m.

GAME 6*
Mets at Royals
11/3, 7:07p.m.

GAME 7*
Mets at Royals
11/4, 7:07p.m.

POWER VS. POWER

NLCS MVP

The sultan of October

Daniel Murphy won NLCS MVP after hitting .529 with 4 homers and 6 RBIs. He has homered in six straight playoff games, an MLB record, and has 7 total in the playoffs. He needs two more to set the all-time record for longballs in a postseason.



ALCS MVP

Setting the tone

Alcides Escobar claimed ALCS MVP honors by going 11 for 23 at the plate against the Blue Jays. His leadoff hits in the first four games of the series established a post-season record, and he joined Justin Pedroia as the only leadoff hitters to get at least 10 hits and have 5 RBIs in an LCS.

Sources: MLB; STATS Inc; fangraphs; baseballreference.com; Associated Press

A KEY MATCHUP TO WATCH FOR: FASTBALL PITCHERS VS. FASTBALL HITTERS

A trio of fireballers

The Mets threw 5,752 fastballs at 95 mph or above in 2015, 1,437 more than the second-place team, which coincidentally, was the Royals. New York starters Jacob deGrom, Matt Harvey and Noah Syndergaard are among league leaders in fastball average speed and throw the pitch more than 60 percent of the time.

AVERAGE FASTBALL MPH AMONG STARTERS AND MAJOR LEAGUE RANK



NOAH SYNDERGAARD
97.1
1st

MATT HARVEY
95.9
7th

JACOB DEGROM
95.0
19th

Beating the heat

The Royals are the best fastball-hitting team in baseball with a major league-best .300 average on fastballs 95 mph or above. Royals' hitters Kendrys Morales, Eric Hosmer and Lorenzo Cain were among the league leaders in runs over average per fastballs thrown, a stat that quantifies how well a batter hits fastballs.

RUNS OVER AVERAGE PER FASTBALLS THROWN AND MAJOR LEAGUE RANK



KENDRYS MORALES
25.9
11th

ERIC HOSMER
22.2
16th

LORENZO CAIN
18.2
29th

TEAM COMPARISONS

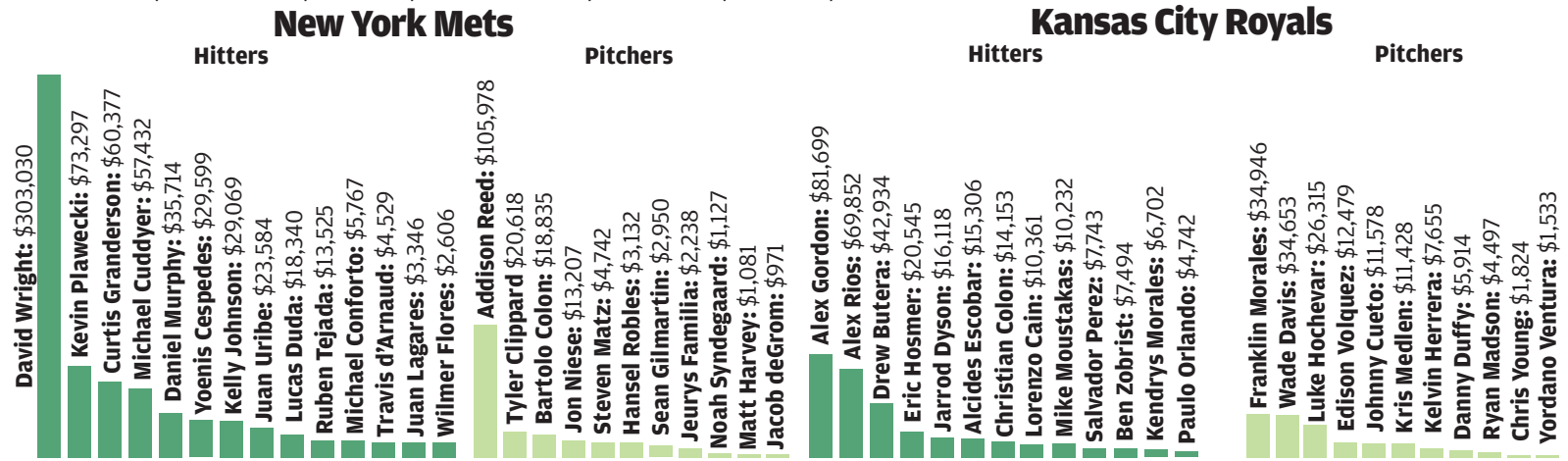
A look at how the Royals and Mets stacked up against the rest of the AL and NL during the regular season:

Legend for team comparisons: Royals (blue), Mets (orange), Playoff teams (grey), Non-playoff teams (light grey).

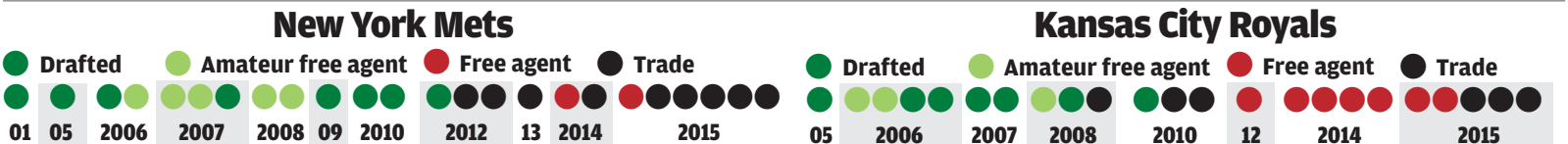
Table with columns for Team hitting (Avg., Runs, SLG, OBP, SO, HR, SB, BB) and Team pitching (ERA, Hits, Runs, SO, BB, HR). Rows list various MLB teams.

PENNANT-WINNING PRICES

Dollars earned per base (salary divided by total bases) and per out (salary divided by batters retired)



HOW THE TEAMS WERE BUILT



STATS

Hitters

New York Mets

Table of stats for New York Mets hitters, including Name, AVG, HR, and RBI.

Kansas City Royals

Table of stats for Kansas City Royals hitters, including Name, AVG, HR, and RBI.

Pitchers

New York Mets

Table of stats for New York Mets pitchers, including Name, ERA, and IP.

Kansas City Royals

Table of stats for Kansas City Royals pitchers, including Name, ERA, and IP.

Postseason Glance

Summary of postseason results for the Mets and Royals, including Wild Card games, Division Series, and League Championship Series.