GAME 5*

Royals

at Mets

ALCS MVP

WORLD SERIES 2015 NLCS MVF

GAME 2 GAME 3 GAME 1 at Royals Tues., 7:07p.m.

Mets

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

Royals at Mets Sat., 7:07p.m. Sun., 7:15p.m.

Setting the tone Alcides Escobar claimed ALCS MVP

AD

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

Pedroia as the only

he joined Justin

leadoff hitters to

get at least 10 hits and

LORENZO

CAIN

18.2

29th

have 5 RBIs in an LCS.

Sources: MLB; STATS Inc; fangraphs;

baseballreference.com; Associated Press

GAME 4

GAME 6* GAME 7* Mets Mets at Royals 11/3, 7:07p.m at Royals 11/4, 7:07p.m.

STATS

Hitte	ers								
New York	Mets								
Projected lineup									
Name (pos)	AVG	HR	RBI						
Curtis Granderson rf	.259	26	70						
David Wright 3b	.289	5	17						
Daniel Murphy 2b	.281	14	73						
Yoenis Cespedes If	.291	35	105						
Lucas Duda 1b	.244	27	73						
Travis d'Arnaud c	.268	12	41						
Michael Conforto dh	.270	9	26						
Wilmer Flores ss	.263	16	59						
Juan Lagares cf	.259	6	41						
Projected									
Kelly Johnson 2b	.265	14	41						
Michael Cuddyer of	.259	10	41						
Kirk Nieuwenhuis of	.208	4	13						
Kevin Plawecki c	.219	3	21						
Matt Reynolds if	.000	0	0						
Kansas City	/ Royals								
Projected									
Name (pos) Alcides Escobar ss	AVG	HR	RBI						
AICIDES ESCODAR SS Ben Zobrist 2h	.257	4	32						
Den Eubrist Eb	.276	13	56						
Lorenzo Cain cf	.307	16	72						
Eric Hosmer 1b	.297	18	93						
Kendrys Morales dh	.290	22	106						
Mike Moustakas 3b	.284	22	82						
Salvador Perez c	.260	21	70						
Alex Gordon If	.271	13	48						
Alex Rios rf	.255	4	32						
Projected		~	,						
Christian Colon if	.290 .250	0	6 18						
Jarrod Dyson of Paulo Orlando of		2	18 27						
	.249								
Drew Butera c	.198	1	5						
Terrance Gore of	.000	0	0						

Pitchers

New York Mets

Projected rotation RH Matt Harvey (13-8, 2,71 ERA, 188 Ks, 189 1-3 IP), RH Jacob deGrom (14-8, 2.54 ERA, 205 Ks, 191 JP), RH Noah Syndergaard (9-7, 3.24, 166 Ks, 150 IP), LH Steven Matz (4-0, 2.27 in 6 starts).

Relievers RH Jeurys Familia (2-2, 1.85, 43/48 saves, 76 games, 86 Ks, 78 IP), RH Tyler Clippard (5-4, 2.92, 19 saves with Athletics and Mets), RH Addison Reed (3-3, 3.38, 4 saves with Diamondbacks and Mets), RH Bartolo Colon (14-13, 4.16, 217 hits allowed, 24 BBs, 194 2-3 IP in 33 games, 31 starts), LH Jonathon Niese (9-10, 4.13 in 33 games, 29 starts, 176 2-3 IP), RH Hansel Robles (4-3, 3.67, 61 Ks, 54 IP), LH Sean Gilmartin (3-2, 2.67).

Kansas City Royals Projected rotation

RH Johnny Cueto (11-13, 3.44 with Reds and Royals), RH Edinson Volquez (13-9, 3.55), RH Yordano Ventura (13-8, 4.08), RH Chris Young (11-6, 3.06).

Relievers RH Wade Davis (8-1, 0.94, 17 saves), RH Kelvin Herrera (4-3, 2,71), RH Rvan Madson (1-2, 2.13), RH Luke Hochevar (1-1, 3.73), LH Franklin Morales (4-2, 3.18), LH Danny Duffy (7-8, 4.08), RH Kris Medlen (6-2, 4.01 in 15 games, 8 starts).

Postseason Glance

WILD CARD Tuesday, Oct. 6: Houston 3, New York O Wednesday, Oct. 7: Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 0

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5; x-if necessary) American League Kansas City 3, Houston 2

Thursday, Oct. 8: Houston 5, Kansas City 2 Friday, Oct. 9: Kansas City 5, Houston 4

Sunday, Oct. 11: Houston 4, Kansas City 2 Monday, Oct. 12: Kansas City 9, Houston 6 Wednesday, Oct. 14: Kansas City 7,

Houston 2 Toronto 3, Texas 2 Thursday, Oct. 8: Texas 5, Toronto 3

Friday, Oct. 9: Texas 6, Toronto 4, 14 innings

Sunday, Oct. 11: Toronto 5, Texas 1 Monday, Oct. 12: Toronto 8, Texas 4 Wednesday, Oct. 14: Toronto 6, Texas 3 National Leagu Friday, Oct. 9: St. Louis 4, Chicago 0 Saturday, Oct. 10: Chicago 6, St. Louis 3 Monday, Oct. 12: Chicago 8, St. Louis 6 Tuesday, Oct. 13: Chicago 6, St. Louis 4 New York 3. Los Angeles 2 Friday, Oct. 9: New York 3, Los Angeles 1 Saturday, Oct. 10: Los Angeles 5, New York 2 Monday, Oct. 12: New York 13, Los Angeles 7 Tuesday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles 3, New York 1 Thursday Oct 15: New York 3 Los Angeles 2 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) American League Kansas City 4, Toronto 2 Friday, Oct. 16: Kansas City 5, Toronto 0 Saturday, Oct. 17: Kansas City 6, Toronto 3 Monday, Oct. 19: Toronto 11, Kansas City 8 Tuesday, Oct. 20: Kansas City 14, Toronto 2 Wednesday, Oct. 21: Toronto 7, Kansas City 1 Friday, Oct. 23: Kansas City 4, Toronto 3 National Lea New York 4, Chicago 0 Saturday, Oct. 17: New York 4, Chicago 2 Sunday, Oct. 18: New York 4, Chicago 1 Tuesday, Oct. 20: New York 5, Chicago 2 Wednesday, Oct. 21: New York 8, Chicago 3 **Royals Postseason** History World Series (Won 1, Lost 2) 2014 - Lost to San Francisco Giants, 4-3 1985 – Beat St. Louis Cardinals, 4-3 1980 - Lost to Philadelphia Phillies, 4-2 Record - Won 6, Lost 7 LCS (Won 4, Lost 4) 2015 - Beat Toronto Blue Jays, 4-2 2014 - Beat Baltimore Orioles, 4-0 1985 - Beat Toronto Blue Jays, 4-3 1984 – Lost to Detroit Tigers, 3-0 1980 - Beat New York Yankees, 3-0 1978 - Lost to New York Yankees, 3-1 1977 - Lost to New York Yankees, 3-2 1976 - Lost to New York Yankees, 3-2 Record – Won 20, Lost 17 Division Series (Won 2, Lost 1) 2015 - Beat Houston Astors, 3-2 2014 - Beat Los Angeles Angels, 3-0 1981 - Lost to Oakland Athletics, 3-0 Record – Won 6, Lost 5 Wild Card (Won 1, Lost 0) 2014 - Beat Oakland Athletics, 9-8, 12 innings

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.

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

MATT

7th



NOAH SYNDERGAARD

1st

97.1

HARVEY

95.9



JACOB DEGROM

95.0

19th



ERIC HOSMER 22.2

16th



KENDRYS

MORALES

TEAM COMPARISONS

A look at how the Royals and Mets stacked up against the rest of the AL and NL during the regular season: Mets Playoff teams Non-playoff teams Royals

			Mets	hitting					teams	Toom	nitching		
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SF					TOR	ARI	NYY						
COL					HOU	MIA	CLE						
ARI					BAL	PIT	TEX					TOR	
MIA					NYY	COL	HOU				CLE	MIN	
PIT			LAD		SEA	CHC	BOS				NYY	ноц	
STL			SF	ATL	LAA	SF	SEA				CHW	CLE	
ATL		TOR	ARI	MIA	TEX	PHI	OAK				ТВ	LAA	
MIL	COL	HOU	TOR PIT	SF	TB	MIL	DET CHC				SEA	OAK	PIT
WAS	TOR ARI	NYY COL	DET WAS	CIN	BOS	SD	MIN LAD		CLE		HOU CHC	NYY	STL
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PHI	TEX PIT	DET LAD	TEX STL	STL	DET	ATL	LAA STL	STL	ТВ	LAD	LAA SD	ТВ	MIA
CIN	BOS SF	BOS SF	CLE COL	PHI	OAK LAD	LAD	BAL CIN	HOU PIT	TOR CHC	HOU PIT	BOS WAS	BOS	WAS
T CHC	ноц снс	TEX WAS	NYY ATL	COL	CLE COL	HOU WAS	CHW ARI	CLE CHC	LAA LAD	CLE CHC	OAK PIT	BAL WAS	HOU LAD
NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM		KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM	KC NYM
R SD	BAL LAD	SEA CHC	HOU CIN	OAK MIL	CHW WAS	TEX	ATL	TB LAD	OAK SF	TB SF	TOR STL	DET LAD	CLE SF
S	MIN MIL	TB PIT	TB MIA	BOS ARI	CHC	TOR	PIT	TOR WAS	BAL STL	TOR WAS	DET MIL	SEA CHC	CHW ATL
X	OAK SD	CLE CIN	OAK MIL	LAA PIT	CIN	ТВ	SF	LAA SF	NYY WAS	LAA MIA	TEX CIN	TEX SF	MIN SD
E	DET STL	MIN STL	SEA PHI	TOR SD	ARI	CLE	SD	CHW MIA	SEA SD	BAL ARI	MIN ARI	PIT	LAA MIL
3	CLE CIN	LAA MIL	BAL SD	CLE WAS	SD	DET	MIL	NYY ARI	CHW MIA	NYY SD	SF	STL	TEX CIN
Y	LAA PHI	OAK SD	LAA	NYY CHC	MIL	OAK	COL	BAL SD	TEX PIT	MIN MIL	PHI	PHI	OAK ARI
K	SEA MIA	CHW MIA	CHW	CHW	PIT	BOS	PHI	MIN MIL	BOS MIL	CHW CIN	MIA	ARI	TOR COL
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Kevin Plawecki: \$73,297	Curtis Granderson: \$60,377 Michael Cuddyer: \$57,432 Daniel Murphy: \$35,714 Yoenis Cespedes: \$29,599	Kelly Johnson: \$29,069 Juan Uribe: \$23,584 Lucas Duda: \$18,340 Ruben Teiada: \$13,575	Michael Conforto: \$5,767 Travis d'Arnaud: \$4,529 Juan Lagares: \$3,346	Tyler Clippard \$20,618 Bartolo Colon: \$18,835	Jon Niese: \$13,207 Steven Matz: \$4,742 Hansel Robles: \$3,132 Sean Gilmartin: \$2,950	Jeurys Familia: \$2,238 Noah Syndegaard: \$1,127 Matt Harvey: \$1,081	Alex Gordon: \$81,699 Alex Rios: \$69,852 Drew Butera: \$42,934	Eric Hosmer: \$20,545 Jarrod Dyson: \$16,118 Alcides Escobar: \$15,306 Chrietian Colon: \$14,153	Lorenzo Cain: \$10,361 Mike Moustakas: \$10,232 Salvador Perez: \$7,743	Ben Zobrist: \$/,494 Kendrys Morales: \$6,702 Paulo Orlando: \$4,742	Franklin Morales: \$34,946 Wade Davis: \$34,653 Luke Hochevar: \$26,315	Leurson vorguez: \$12,479 Johnny Cueto: \$11,578 Kris Medlen: \$11,428 Kelvin Herrera: \$7,655	Danny Duffy: \$5,914 Ryan Madson: \$4,497 Chris Young: \$1,824 Yordano Ventura: \$1,533
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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



Mets Postseason History World Series (Won 2, Lost 2)

2000 - Lost to New York Yankees, 4-1 1986 - Beat Boston Red Sox, 4-3 1973 - Lost to Oakland A's, 4-3 1969 – Beat Baltimore Orioles, 4-1 Record - Won 12, Lost 12

LCS (Won 4, Lost 4)

2015 – Beat Chicago Cubs, 4-0. 2006 - Lost to St. Louis Cardinals, 4-3 2000 – Beat St. Louis Cardinals, 4-1 1999 - Lost to Atlanta Braves, 4-2 1988 - Lost to Los Angeles Dodgers, 4-3 1986 - Beat Houston Astros, 4-2 1973 - Beat Cincinnati Reds, 3-2 1969 – Beat Atlanta Braves, 3-0 Record - Won 26, Lost 17 Divisional Playoff Series (Won 4, Lost 0) 2015 - Beat Los Angeles Dodgers, 3-2 2006 - Beat Los Angeles Dodgers, 3-0 2000 - Beat San Francisco Giants, 3-1 1999 – Beat Arizona Diamondbacks, 3-1 Record – Won 12, Lost 4