

Royals Slide Continues as Tigers Sweep Royals

Kansas City Royals close out their second home stand still in search of their first home victory of the 2012 MLB season. For the second straight series the Royals were swept at home this time by another divisional foe in the Detroit Tigers, falling the Royals to a 3-9 record.

After being outscored 32-19 in the Cleveland series the Royals did make the games more competitive against the AL Central leading Tigers with a pair of one run losses and a two-run loss sandwiched in between, during the three-game series.

Royals closed out the series last night with a 4-3 loss, taking the lead early in the game, only to see their bullpen give up the lead later and ultimately the loss. After a depressing Cleveland series, the Royals had a chance to take game one of the series down by two runs in the bottom of the ninth, plating one-run to the pull them within one-run off a Humberto Quintero RBI single. Then it was Alex Gordon up with the bases loaded two-outs and the Tigers ace Justin Verlander, who threw a complete game struck him out.

Game two was a the only game decided by more than one-run in the series as the Tigers notched the 3-1 victory in that one. Even though the Royals were swept for the second time this season and have yet to win a home contest, they do feel that the Detroit series was step up from the Cleveland series, as they were competitive in each game. They were only outscored 10-6 and out hit by one hit in the series 25-24.

Royals now have a day off before they wrap up their home stand with a four game series against the Toronto Bluejays who come to town with a 6-5 record. Bluejays wrap up a three-game series tonight with the Tampa Bay Rays at home before heading to Kansas City. Friday's pitch is slated for 7:10pm at Kauffman stadium with Kyle Drabek (2-0) scheduled to start for the Bluejays and Luke Hochevar (1-1) to start for the Royals.