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## **Royals To Play Exhibition Game at Werner Park in 2018**

*Storm Chasers' exciting 50<sup>th</sup> season to begin with Royals Exhibition Game on March 26, 2018*

**PAPILLION, Neb. (August 10, 2017)** — The Omaha Storm Chasers announced on Thursday that the franchise's 50<sup>th</sup> season will begin with a monumental event on March 26, 2018, when the Storm Chasers will play their parent club Kansas City Royals in an exhibition game at Werner Park.

The exhibition contest will mark the first time the Kansas City Royals franchise has played at Werner Park. It will also be the first time the Royals will have participated in a game in the city of Omaha since 2000.

“We are incredibly thrilled to announce that we will be hosting the Kansas City Royals at Werner Park in 2018,” said Storm Chasers President and General Manager **Martie Cordaro**. “The Royals organization, starting at the top with General Manager **Dayton Moore**, Assistant General Manager of Baseball Operations **Scott Sharp**, Assistant General Manager of Player Personnel **J.J. Picollo** and going all the way down, have been tremendous partners and we could not be more excited to welcome the Royals franchise next year.”

“As an organization that prides itself on its strong relationships with its minor league affiliate we are extremely proud to be able to bring this exhibition game to Omaha to kick off the 50th season celebration for both clubs,” added Kansas City Royals Assistant General Manager of Baseball Operations **Scott Sharp**.

The Storm Chasers franchise has been the Triple-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals since the inception of the franchise in 1969. Under the Royals partnership, Omaha has won 16 Division titles, seven League championships and three Triple-A National Championships, including Back-to-Back Triple-A National Championships from 2013-14. The affiliation is the longest Triple-A affiliation, and third-largest of any level in baseball, behind the Reading Fightin' Phils and Lakeland Flying Tigers, both of which began in 1967.

Throughout the years, Royals Hall of Fame players including **George Brett**, **Dan Quisenberry**, **Paul Splitteroff**, **Mike Sweeney** and **Willie Wilson** have passed through Omaha en route to their stellar careers in Kansas City. More recently, 41 Storm Chasers players have participated in a game at Werner Park before going on to make their Major League debuts with the Royals, including the likes of **Salvador Perez**, **Eric Hosmer**, **Mike Moustakas** and **Danny Duffy**.

First pitch for the Royals Exhibition Game is scheduled for 6:05 p.m. CT on March 26, 2018. Tickets for the contest will go on sale beginning on September 1.

The Storm Chasers return to Werner Park to start an eight-game homestand on Friday, August 12, beginning with a four-game series versus the Iowa Cubs. First pitch of Friday's series opener is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. CT.

Tickets are still available for all remaining Storm Chasers contests, and may be purchased at [www.omahastormchasers.com/tickets](http://www.omahastormchasers.com/tickets), as well as by calling the Werner Park Ticket Office at (402) 738-5100. To view Ticket Office hours, please [click here](#).