

1977 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

102-60 1st

MGR Dorrel "Whitey" Herzog (#24)
"The White Rat"

DP: 311 to 334

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
John Mayberry, Sr. #7	.230	1		123	-	136	226	232	SLO	SD	1B145, DH	L L
Frank White "Smooth" #20	.245	23		112	114	132	235	235	AAR	SD	2B152, SS4	R R
Freddie Patek "The Flea" #2	.262	53		112	115	134	245	242	S		SS154	R R
George Brett #5	.312	14	MK	122	131	151	255	262	AAR		3B135, SS1	L R
Al Cowens "A. C." #18	.312	16		122	131	146	263	261	AAR	SD/T-1	OF159(RF/CF)	R R
Amos Otis "A. O." #26	.251	23		122	126	143	241	236	AAR	SD/T-1	OF140(CF)	R R
Tom Poquette #25	.292	1	MK	111	115	142	253	253	AR		OF96(LF/RF)	L R
Darrell Porter #15	.275	1		122	124	143	243	246	AR		C125	L R
Hal McRae #11	.298	18	MK	121	125	155	256	254	AAR		DH, OF47(LF)	R R
Pete LaCock #8	.303	2		113	114	134	253	256	AR		1B29, DH,	L L
											OF12(LF/RF)	
Joe Zdeb #19 #46	.297	6		112	114	124	255	254	AR	LD	OF93(LF/RF)	R R
"Cookie" Rojas #1 Octavio	.250	1		-	111	131	236	236	AR		3B31, 2B16, DH	R R
John Wathan "Duke" #12	.328	2	MW	114	123	136	312	264	AAR		C35, 1B5	R R
"Buck" Martinez #21 John	.225	0	MW	113	-	132	233	226	SLO		C28	R R
Joe Lahoud #10 #35	.262	1	PK	121	-	146	241	243	AR	LD	OF15(LF/RF)	L L
Bob Heise #6	.258	0	MW	-	113	124	244	241	AR		2B21, SS21, 3B12,	R R
											1B1	
Dave Nelson #3	.188	1		-	115	141	221	214	AAR	LD	2B11, DH	R R
Willie Wilson #19 #32	.324	6	MW PK	-	-	131	264	264	S		OF9(CF)	B R
Clint Hurdle #9 #10	.308	0	PK	135	-	-	255	261	AR		OF9(RF)	L R
U.L. Washington #30	.200	1	PW	-	125	144	222	221	AAR		SS9	B R
Pitcher R	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			

	ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV		
Dennis Leonard #22	3.04	293	131	552	38	37	1	.000	R R
Jim Colborn #48	3.62	239	133	632	36	35	0	.000	R R
Paul Splittorff #34	3.69	229	134	632	37	37	0	.000	L L
Andy Hassler #16	4.20	156	143	623	29	27	0	.000	L L
Marty Pattin #33	3.58	128	131	631	31	10	0	.000	R R "Bulldog"
Doug Bird #29	3.88	118	125	565	53	5	14	.000	R R
Larry Gura #37	3.13	106	126	632	52	6	1	.000	B L
Mark Littell #17	3.61	105	146	532	48	5	12	.000	L R "Country"
Steve Mingori #23	3.09	64	132	643	43	0	4	.000	L L
Tom Hall #42	3.52	8	164	462	6	0	0	.000	L L "The Blade"
Randy McGilberry #31	5.14	7	121	655	3	0	0	.000	B R
George Throop #35	3.38	5	166	645	4	0	1	.000	R R

The '77 Royals were one of the best ball clubs General Manager Joe Burke and 36-year old Scouting Director John Schuerholz ever put on a major league diamond. Here's some proof: John Mayberry, Sr. and Al Cowens tied for the team lead in home runs (23). Cowens wound up the RBI leader (112). DH Hal McRae drove in 92 runs and George Brett knocked 88 across the plate. The team had THREE players complete "triple doubles." Brett collected 32 doubles, 13 triples, and 22 home runs. Cowens was 32-14-23. McRae tallied 54 two-baggers, 11 triples, and 21 dingers. Mayberry, Sr. had 82 RBI while Amos Otis hit 17 homers and drove in seventy-eight. Catcher Darrell Porter blasted 16 round-trippers. McRae led the team in hits (191) and Brett in runs scored (105). As a team, K. C. hit .255 (fifth in the A.L.) and a total of 146 home runs. They led the league in doubles (299) and triples (77)...Number one starter Dennis Leonard was the Royals' top winner with an even 20 victories. He punched out 244 batters to lead in strikeouts, completed a team high twenty-one games, and posted five shutouts. Jim Colborn (18 wins) and Paul Splittorff (16) had excellent seasons as a big part of the staff's league leading 3.52 ERA. Reliever Doug Bird won eleven ball games while swing-man Marty Pattin was 10-3 for the year...K. C. traded victories with the Yankees in the American League Championship Series, but "The Bronx Bombers" won the decisive fifth game in Royals Stadium, 5-3. The Yankees scored three runs in the top of the ninth to make the difference in Game Five...There was a lot of speed on this team which was needed to play on the artificial turf and cover the very spacious outfield--410 feet to straight away centerfield and 387 feet to the power alleys...Willie Wilson and Clint Hurdle made their major league debuts...The fountain/waterfall bubbling mightily beyond the left-centerfield fence has always been a beautiful touch to the ball park.