

1975 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

91-71 2nd

MGRs Jack McKeon #31 (96 games)
Dorrel "Whitey" Herzog #24 (66 games)
"The White Rat"

DP: 311 to 334

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
John Mayberry, Sr. #7	.291	5	PW	131	-	154	252	253	AR	SD	1B131, DH	L L
"Cookie" Rojas #1 <u>Octavio</u>	.254	4	MK	111	112	126	244	236	AR		2B116	R R
Freddie Patek "The Flea" #2 #37	.228	32		112	114	124	232	231	S		SS136	R R
George Brett #5	.308	13		114	122	142	255	261	AAR		3B159, SS1	L R
Jim Wohlford #6	.255	12		-	113	123	241	241	AAR		OF102(RF/LF), DH	R R
Amos Otis "A. O." #26	.247	39		114	121	141	241	235	S	SD/T-1	OF130(CF)	R R
Hal McRae #11	.306	11		112	115	144	256	256	AAR		OF114(LF), DH,	R R
											3B1	
"Buck" Martinez #21 <u>John</u>	.226	1		113	115	132	234	226	SLO		C79	R R
Harmon Killebrew "Killer" #3	.199	1		124	-	141	221	221	SLO		DH, 1B6	R R
Al Cowens "A. C." #18	.277	12		113	122	135	253	245	AAR		OF113(RF/CF/LF),	R R
											DH	
Vada Pinson #28	.223	5	MW MK	113	116	133	223	231	AR		OF82(RF/CF/LF),	L L
											DH, 1B4	
Frank White #20	.250	11		115	116	131	236	236	AAR		2B68, SS42, 3B4,	R R
											DH	
Tony Solaita #8	.260	0	PK	133	-	151	235	243	SLO		DH, 1B35	L L
Fran Healy #16	.255	4		112	114	124	241	241	AAR		C51, DH	R R
Bob Stinson "Scrap Iron" #15	.265	1		111	112	133	244	243	SLO		C59, 1B1, 2B1,	B R
											OF1(RF)	
Jamie Quirk #9	.256	0		116	-	-	235	242	AR		OF10(LF), 3B2	L R
Rodney Scott #2 #44	.067	4		-	-	-	134	132	S	LD	DH, 2B9, SS8	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					
Steve Busby #40	3.08	260	132	613	34	34	0	.000	R R			
Al Fitzmorris #39	3.57	242	132	642	35	35	0	.000	B R			
Dennis Leonard #22	3.77	212	141	566	32	30	0	.000	R R			
Marty Pattin #33	3.25	177	126	624	44	15	5	.000	R R	"Bulldog"		
Paul Splittorff #34	3.17	159	134	625	35	23	1	.000	L L			
Nelson Briles #19	4.26	112	124	613	24	16	2	.000	R R	"Nellie"		
Doug Bird #29	3.25	105	135	561	51	4	11	.000	R R			
Mark Littell #17	3.70	24	154	554	7	3	0	.000	L R	"Country"		
Bruce Dal Canton #43 +	15.58	9	146	633	4	2	0	.000	R R			
Lindy McDaniel #41	4.15	78	132	624	40	0	1	.000	R R			
Steve Mingori #23	2.50	50	136	623	36	0	2	.000	L L			
Bob McClure #10	0.00	15	166	521	12	0	1	.000	R L			
George Throop #35 #42	4.00	9	125	546	7	0	2	.000	R R			
Ray Sadecki #43 *	3.00	3	164	666	5	0	0	.000	L L			

Manager Jack McKeon was fired, July 24th, with a record of 50-46. Much more was expected of this Royals team which "turned the corner" with the arrival of McKeon's successor, Dorrel Norman Elvert "Whitey" Herzog. Herzog, a career baseball man, had performed well in a variety of roles: player, scout and general manager. He is most noted for his success in the dugout as a manager. After taking over the ball club, he guided them to a record of 41-25...First baseman John Mayberry, Sr. led the Royals with 34 home runs, 106 RBI, and 95 runs scored. Harmon Killebrew, picked up during the off-season, contributed 14 dingers and 44 RBI. George Brett, soon to become "the face of the franchise," ended the year with a .308 batting average including a team high 195 base hits. He compiled a "triple double": 35 doubles, 13 triples, and 11 homers. Brett knocked in 90 runs which was second on the team. In 93 games, Tony Solaita socked 16 round-trippers and drove in forty-four. K. C. hit .261, 118 home runs, and led the A.L. in triples (58). The ball club stole 155 bases, third in the league...Kansas City ace Steve Busby topped the club with 18 wins, 160 strikeouts, and 18 complete games. Al Fitzmorris was 16-12 and completed eleven ball games. Dennis Leonard went 15-7 for the season and struck out 146 batters. Spot starter Marty Pattin wound up ten and ten for wins/losses. The pitching staff finished fourth in the A.L with a 3.47 ERA...Kansas City spent eleven days in first place of the AL West. The last day was June 3rd when they held a half-game lead with a 30-20 record. The rest of the year they were in second place. When the calendar turned to September, the team was 7 1/2 games out of first.