

1973 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

88-74 2nd

MGR Jack McKeon (#31)

DP: 311 to 342

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
John Mayberry, Sr. #7	.278	3	PW	125	126	142	246	246	AR	SD	1B149	L L
"Cookie" Rojas #1 <u>Octavio</u>	.276	18	MK	112	113	132	252	245	AAR		2B137	R R
Freddie Patek #37	.234	36		112	114	126	234	232	AAR		SS135	R R
Paul Schaal #10	.288	5		114	116	132	253	252	AR		3B121	R R
Ed Kirkpatrick "Spanky" #8	.263	3		113	115	135	242	243	AR		OF108(<u>RF</u> /LF/CF), C14	L R
Amos Otis "A. O." #26	.300	13		124	125	141	262	254	AAR	SD/T-1	OF135(CF), DH	R R
Lou Piniella "Sweet Lou" #9	.250	5		114	-	134	236	236	AR		OF128(LF)	R R
Fran Healy #16	.276	3		115	121	141	252	245	AR		C92	R R
Gail Hopkins #18	.246	1	PW	113	115	132	232	236	AR		DH, 1B10	L R
Hal McRae #11	.234	2		116	122	142	234	232	AR	LD	OF64(RF), DH, 3B2	R R
Kurt Bevacqua #2	.257	2		112	114	124	243	241	AR	LD	3B40, DH, 2B16, OF10(LF/RF), 1B9	R R
Steve Hovley #30	.254	6		112	113	124	236	241	AR		OF79(<u>RF</u> /CF/LF), DH	L L
Carl Taylor #14	.228	2	PW	-	111	124	232	231	AR		C63, 1B2	R R
Frank White #19	.223	3		-	112	125	231	226	AR		SS37, 2B11	R R
Rick Reichardt #12 X	.220	0		115	122	135	231	225	AR	LD	DH, OF7(RF/LF)	R R
Jim Wohlford #6	.266	1		114	124	126	245	243	AR		DH, OF13(LF)	R R
Bobby Floyd #16	.333	1		-	113	125	266	266	AR		2B25, SS24	R R
George Brett #25	.125	0		-	-	125	153	153	AR		3B13	L R
"Buck" Martinez #42 <u>John</u>	.250	0		121	-	132	236	236	SLO		C14	R R
Jerry May #12 +	.133	0		-	121	132	161	154	SLO		C11	R R
Tom Poquette #44	.214	1	MW	-	-	124	221	225	AR		OF20(RF)	L R
Frank Ortenzio "Moose" #17	.280	0	PK	123	-	152	252	246	AR		1B7	R 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		
Paul Splittorff #34	3.98	262	131	633	38	38	0	.000	L L
Steve Busby #40	4.23	238	141	564	37	37	0	.000	R R "Buzz"
Dick Drago #41	4.23	213	133	631	37	33	0	.000	R R
Gene Garber #32	4.24	153	132	634	48	8	11	.000	R R
Al Fitzmorris #23 #39	2.83	89	131	643	15	13	0	.000	B R
Ken Wright #28	4.91	81	166	542	25	12	0	.000	R R
Wayne Simpson #45	5.73	60	146	626	16	10	0	.000	R R
Mark Littell #27	5.68	38	151	633	8	7	0	.000	L R
Doug Bird #29	2.99	102	132	553	54	0	20	.000	R R
Bruce Dal Canton #43	4.81	97	142	634	32	3	3	.000	R R
Steve Mingori #23 #33 X	3.04	56	136	555	19	1	1	.000	L L
Mike Jackson #25 +	6.85	22	165	616	9	0	0	.000	L L
Joe Hoerner #27 LD X	5.12	19	152	565	22	0	4	.000	R L
Tom Burgmeier #22	5.40	10	135	635	6	0	1	.000	L L

The Royals opened the gorgeous Royals Stadium on April 10th, 1973, with a win against the Texas Rangers, 12-1. (It is now known as Kauffman Stadium.) It is a baseball-only ballpark and originally featured an artificial surface (with base cutouts) and a huge waterfall/fountain bubbling just beyond the outfield fence...On April 27th, at Detroit, Steve Busby no-hit the Tigers, 3-0, for the first "no-no" in Royals' history. He walked six and struck out four... John Mayberry, Sr. and Amos Otis led the ball club with 26 homers apiece. The former topped the team with 100 RBI; the latter was second with 93 runs batted in. Otis led the ball club with 175 base hits and 89 runs scored. Lou Piniella and Hal McRae were next with nine home runs. For the season, the Royals hit .261 with 114 home runs. They were second in the league with 239 doubles and 755 runs scored...

Meanwhile, the pitching staff was led by Paul Splittorff's twenty victories. He struck out 110 batters and completed 12 games. Steve Busby wrapped up the campaign, 16-15, with 174 strikeouts. Dick Drago won twelve games and completed ten. The staff's ERA was 4.19...

George Brett, soon to become (and probably forever will be) the face of the franchise, made his big league debut, August 2nd, batting one for four against the White Sox...Over 39,000 turned out for the Royals' opening game at their new ballpark and all weathered a 39 degree day to enjoy the festivities...K.C. ended the season only six back of the division champ Oakland A's. The Royals won ten of eighteen games versus the A's in the regular season.