

1978 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

92-70 1st
MGR "Whitey" Herzog (#24)
"The White Rat"
Dorrel Norman Elvert

DP: 311 to 335

Error: 351 to 355

| | BA | SB | W/K | HR | T | D | L | R | RNG | Def. | | |
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| Pete LaCock #8 | .295 | 1 | | 113 | 114 | 136 | 253 | 254 | AR | | 1B106 | L L |
| Frank White "Hoover" #20 | .275 | 13 | | 113 | 116 | 135 | 251 | 245 | AAR | SD | 2B140 | R R |
| Freddie Patek "Cricket" #2 | .248 | 38 | | 111 | - | 126 | 242 | 235 | S | | SS137 | R R |
| George Brett #5 | .294 | 23 | MK | 114 | 121 | 152 | 252 | 254 | AAR | SD | 3B128, SS1 | L R |
| Al Cowens "A. C." #18 | .274 | 14 | | 112 | 116 | 135 | 246 | 245 | AAR | SD/T-1(OF) | OF127(RF/CF), 3B5 | R R |
| Amos Otis "A. O." #26 | .298 | 32 | | 124 | 131 | 152 | 256 | 254 | AAR | SD/T-1 | OF136(CF) | R R |
| Willie Wilson #6 | .217 | 46 | | - | 112 | 125 | 232 | 224 | S | SD | OF112(LF/CF), PR, DH | B R |
| Darrell Porter #15 | .265 | 0 | | 121 | 123 | 142 | 236 | 244 | AR | | C145 | L R |
| Hal McRae #11 | .273 | 17 | | 116 | 122 | 144 | 245 | 245 | AAR | LD | DH, OF3(LF) | R R |
| Clint Hurdle #9 | .264 | 1 | | 114 | 121 | 142 | 243 | 243 | AR | | OF78(RF/LF), 1B52, 3B1 | L R |
| Tom Poquette #25 | .216 | 2 | MK | 114 | 116 | 134 | 223 | 225 | AR | | OF63(LF/RF), PH | L R |
| John Wathan "Duke" #12 | .300 | 2 | MW MK | 112 | 113 | 132 | 262 | 254 | AAR | | 1B47, C21, PH | R R |
| Steve Braun #3 X | .263 | 3 | PW | - | 112 | 136 | 242 | 243 | AR | LD | OF33(LF), PH, 3B11 | L R |
| Jerry Terrell #1 | .203 | 8 | MW | - | - | 112 | 225 | 221 | AAR | | 2B31, 3B25, SS11, 1B5 | R R |
| U L Washington #30 | .264 | 12 | | - | 112 | 115 | 243 | 243 | S | | SS49, 2B19, PR | B R |
| Joe Zdeb #19 | .252 | 3 | | - | 115 | 122 | 242 | 236 | AR | | OF52(LF/RF), PH, 2B1, 3B1 | R R |
| Jamie Quirk #10 | .207 | 0 | | - | - | 133 | 222 | 223 | AR | LD | 3B10, PH, SS2 | L R |
| Joe Lahoud #10 | .125 | 0 | | - | - | - | 153 | 153 | AR | LD | PH, OF1(RF) | L L |
| Art Kusnyer #21 | .231 | 0 | | 135 | - | 164 | 235 | 231 | SLO | | C9 | 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 | | | | | |
| Dennis Leonard #22 | 3.33 | 295 | 126 | 613 | 40 | 40 | 0 | .000 | R R | | | |
| Paul Splittorff #34 | 3.40 | 262 | 125 | 643 | 39 | 38 | 0 | .000 | L L | | | |
| Larry Gura #32 #37 SD | 2.72 | 222 | 131 | 634 | 35 | 26 | 0 | .000 | B L | | | |
| Rich Gale #38 | 3.09 | 192 | 145 | 626 | 31 | 30 | 0 | .000 | R R | | | |
| Andy Hassler #16 + | 4.32 | 58 | 135 | 633 | 11 | 9 | 0 | .000 | L L | | | |
| Jim Colborn #48 + | 4.76 | 28 | 136 | 644 | 8 | 3 | 0 | .000 | R R | | | |
| Steve Busby #40 | 7.59 | 21 | 155 | 626 | 7 | 5 | 0 | .000 | R R | "Buzz" | | |
| Doug Bird #29 | 5.29 | 99 | 132 | 626 | 40 | 6 | 1 | .000 | R R | | | |
| Marty Pattin #33 | 3.32 | 79 | 133 | 634 | 32 | 5 | 4 | .000 | R R | "Bulldog" "Duck" | | |
| Al Hrabosky #39 | 2.88 | 75 | 144 | 552 | 58 | 0 | 20 | .000 | R L | "Hungo" "The Mad Hungarian" | | |
| Steve Mingori #23 | 2.74 | 69 | 125 | 633 | 45 | 0 | 7 | .000 | L L | | | |
| Randy McGilberry #17 #28 #31 | 4.21 | 26 | 154 | 626 | 18 | 0 | 0 | .000 | B R | | | |
| Bill Paschall #28 #43 | 3.38 | 8 | 111 | 611 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .000 | R R | | | |
| Steve Foucault #16 #40 X | 3.86 | 2 | 134 | 666 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .000 | L R | (last name pronounced FOO-COE) | | |

ROYALS COURT: Looking to capture their third straight American League West Division crown, the Royals experienced a volatile first half of the season, dropping to as far as fourth place (but just two games out of first) on June 12th. When the All Star Game came around, they were in second with a 44-40 record and one game out of the division lead. The ball club moved into a first place tie, July 17th, after a 9-7 win in New York versus the Yankees, and would maintain the top spot until August 23rd. They dropped to second for three days, then moved solely into first for the rest of the year. Their largest lead was six games on September 23rd. Both Texas and California finished five full games behind K. C.; the Royals were a combined 13-17 against them in regular season play... The Yankees eliminated the Royals from the post-season for the third consecutive year, winning the ALCS, three games to one. The Yanks outscored K. C., 19-17, in the series. Royals ace Dennis Leonard lost Game One and the finale. George Brett hit .389 in the four games with three homers, three RBI, a double, and a triple. Amos Otis batted .429 (6 for 14) while Al Cowens hit a meager .133...The Royals were third in the league in hitting (.268) and eleventh with 98 home runs. A team built for speed on artificial turf, in a ball park with a large outfield, K. C. led the majors in doubles (305), triples (59), and stolen bases (216). Amos Otis led the ball club with 22 homers and 96 RBI. DH Hal McRae collected the most base hits (170) and runs scored (90)...The four-man starting rotation collectively won 70 ball games, topped by Dennis Leonard's twenty-one. Paul Splittorff won 19 games, Larry Gura 16, and Rich Gale 14. Leonard was the strikeout king (183) and completed the most games (20). The staff ERA, third in the A. L., was 3.44. Former ace Steve Busby, suffering from a rotator cuff tear in his throwing arm since 1976, had his season abbreviated following surgery (1977) and despite a definitive "pitch count." The malady curtailed a very bright career. He pitched his last game, August 26, 1980, with a career no-hitter (1974) and one-hitter (1980) to his credit.