

# 1979 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

85-77 2nd

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

DP: 311 to 334

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Pete LaCock #8	.277	2	MK	112	114	135	245	246	AR	SD	1B108, PH, DH	L L
Frank White "Hoover" #20	.266	28		115	121	141	245	243	AAR	SD	2B125	R R
Freddie Patek "Cricket" #2	.252	11		111	-	131	242	236	AAR		SS104, PR	R R
George Brett #5	.329	17	MK	122	133	155	265	265	AAR		3B149, 1B8	L R
Al Cowens "A. C." #18	.295	10		114	121	133	256	253	AAR	SD/T-1	OF134(RF)	R R
Amos Otis "A. O." #26	.295	30		121	122	136	256	253	AAR	SD/T-1	OF146(CF)	R R
Willie Wilson #6	.315	83		112	121	132	262	262	S	SD	OF152(LF/CF/RF), PR	B R
Darrell Porter #15	.291	3	PW	122	126	143	252	253	AR		C141, DH	L R
Hal McRae #11	.288	5		115	121	151	253	252	AAR		DH	R R
<u>U. L.</u> Washington #30	.254	10		112	116	134	244	236	AAR		SS50, 2B46, PR, 3B1	B R
John Wathan "Duke" #12	.206	2	MW	112	115	131	224	222	AAR		1B49, PH, C23, DH, OF3(LF/RF)	R R
Clint Hurdle #9 #10	.240	0		114	122	143	233	234	AR	LD(3B)	OF50(LF/RF), PH, DH, 3B1	L R
George Scott "Boomer" #0 X	.267	1	PK	111	114	134	246	243	SLO	LD(3B)	1B41, 3B1	R R
Steve Braun #3	.267	0		121	-	124	242	244	AR		PH, OF18(LF), DH, 3B2	L R
Todd Cruz #7	.203	0	MW	114	-	135	225	221	AR		SS49, 3B9, PR	R R
Jamie Quirk #9	.304	0		113	116	144	254	256	AR	LD	PH, C9, DH, SS5, 3B3	L R
Jerry Terrell #1	.300	1	MW MK	115	-	143	262	254	AAR		3B19, 2B7, PH, PR, SS1, P1	R R
Tom Poquette #25 +	.192	0	MW	-	-	-	214	216	AR	LD	PH, OF10(LF/RF)	L R
Jim Nettles #28	.087	0		-	-	-	136	141	AR		OF8(LF/RF), PH, 1B1	L L
Joe Zdeb #19	.174	1		-	123	136	214	211	AR		OF9(LF/RF), PH	R R
German Barranca #43	.600	3	MW	-	-	221	443	443	S		PR, 2B1, 3B1, DH	L 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	4.24	240	132	642	36	35	0	.000	L	L		
Dennis Leonard #22	4.08	236	125	622	32	32	0	.000	R	R		
Larry Gura #32 SD	4.47	234	132	635	39	33	0	.000	B	L		
Rich Gale #38	5.65	182	145	621	34	31	0	.000	R	R		
Steve Busby #40	3.63	94	156	623	22	12	0	.000	R	R	"Buzz"	
Craig Chamberlain #25	3.75	70	126	632	10	10	0	.000	R	R		
Marty Pattin #33	4.58	94	124	632	31	7	3	.000	R	R	"Bulldog" "Duck"	
Eduardo Rodriguez #21	4.84	74	142	636	29	1	2	.000	R	R		
Al Hrabosky #39 LD	3.74	65	152	615	58	0	11	.000	R	L	"Hungo" "The Mad Hungarian"	
Steve Mingori #23	5.79	47	133	636	30	1	1	.000	L	L		
Dan Quisenberry #29	3.15	40	122	642	32	0	5	.000	R	R	"Quiz" "Q"	
Renie Martin #27	5.19	35	136	564	25	0	5	.000	R	R	<u>Donald Renie</u> (middle name pron. Ree-nee)	
Bill Paschall #42	6.59	14	133	652	7	0	0	.000	R	R		
Gary Christenson #31	3.38	11	123	635	6	0	0	.000	L	L		
Craig Eaton #35	2.70	10	132	632	5	0	0	.000	R	R		
George Throop #35 +	13.50	3	166	645	4	0	0	.000	R	R	(last name pronounced TROOP)	

**Royal Ramblings:** Kansas City's run of three straight AL West crowns ended with a three-game finish behind division kingpin California. Manager "Whitey" Herzog was fired after the season likely because he never got the ballclub to the World Series--thanks to the Yankees beating them in the ALCS in '76, '77, and '78. In his approximate 4 1/2 years as the Royals skipper, Herzog put together an impressive won/lost record: 410-304, a .574 winning percentage. He never finished worse than second in K.C. This ballclub could hit with the best and stole a ton of bases (.282 BA, 2nd in the A. L.; 207 steals, 1st; 79 triples, 1st; 1,596 base hits, 1st; and 851 runs, 2nd). Willie Wilson was the major league stolen base champion. George Brett ended the year 4th in the big leagues in batting average and finished with the most extra-base hits (85...42 2B, 20 3B, 23 HR). Brett topped the majors in triples and base hits (212); he was second with 119 runs scored. Darrell Porter had 20 jacks, 10 triples, and 112 RBI while leading the bigs with 121 walks. Brett knocked in 107 runs...The pitching staff ended the season 10th in the league with a 4.45 ERA. Paul Splittorff was the staff leader in wins (15). Dennis Leonard won 14 games and topped the hurlers with 126 K's, 12 complete games, and 5 shutouts. Larry Gura tallied 13 victories...Dan Marino (4th round, 99th overall) and John Elway (14th round, 463rd) were Royals selections in baseball's '79 Amateur Draft.