

# 1982 KANSAS CITY ROYALS

90-72 2nd  
MGR Dick Howser (#10)

## DP: 311 to 332

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Willie Aikens #24	.281	0		122	-	143	246	251	SLO		1B128, PH	L R
Frank White "Hoover" #20	.298	10	MW	115	121	152	256	254	AAR	SD	2B144	R R
<u>U</u> Washington #30	.286	23		115	116	133	255	251	AAR		SS117	B R
George Brett #5	.301	6		122	126	151	255	255	AAR	SD(3B)	3B134, OF12 (LF)	L R
Jerry Martin #25	.266	1	PK	116	-	133	245	243	AR		OF142( <u>RF</u> /LF)	R R
Amos Otis #26	.286	9		115	116	135	255	251	AR	SD	OF125(CF)	R R
Willie Wilson #6	.332	37		111	121	132	312	265	S	SD	OF135( <u>LF</u> /CF)	B R
John Wathan "Duke" #12	.270	36		111	112	121	245	244	S		C120, 1B3	R R
Hal McRae #11	.308	4		124	131	155	262	256	AR	LD	DH, OF1(LF)	R R
Onix Concepcion #2	.234	2	MW	-	111	124	234	232	AR	SD(2B)	SS45, 2B26	R R
Greg Pryor #4	.270	2		113	114	136	245	244	AR		3B40, 2B14, 1B14, SS7	R R
Steve Hammond #27	.230	0	MW	112	114	131	226	232	AR		OF37(RF), PH	L R
Cesar Geronimo #23	.269	2		121	126	145	244	244	AR	T-1	OF44( <u>CF</u> /LF), PH	L L
Don Slaught #7	.278	0		116	-	135	246	246	SLO		C43	R R
Lee May #14	.308	0		121	126	146	262	256	SLO		1B32, PH	R R
Jamie Quirk #9	.231	0	MW	113	-	125	231	232	SLO		C29, PH, 1B6, OF1(LF), 3B1	L R
Tom Poquette #3	.145	1	MK	-	-	113	155	162	AR		OF23(LF)	L R
Dennis Werth #16	.133	0	PW PK	-	-	-	161	154	AR		1B35, C2	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					
Larry Gura #32	4.03	248	126	634	37	37	0	.000	B L			
Vida Blue #33	3.78	181	142	615	31	31	0	.000	B L			
Paul Splittorff #34	4.28	162	134	626	29	28	0	.000	L L			
Dennis Leonard #22	5.10	131	133	632	21	21	0	.000	R R			
"Bud" Black #40	4.58	88	135	631	22	14	0	.000	L L	Harry Ralston		
Dave Frost #28	5.51	82	133	643	21	14	0	.000	R R	Carl David		
Keith Creel #21	5.40	42	151	642	9	6	0	.000	R R	Steven Keith		
Dan Quisenberry #29 SD	2.57	137	114	636	72	0	35	.000	R R	"Quiz" "Q"		
Mike Armstrong #31	3.20	113	136	565	52	0	6	.000	R R			
Bill Castro #39	3.45	76	126	624	21	4	1	.000	R R			
Don Hood #48	3.51	67	133	626	30	3	1	.000	L L			
Grant Jackson #36 +	5.17	38	145	634	20	0	0	.000	B L	"Buck"		
Derek Botelho #37 #49	4.13	24	133	624	8	4	0	.000	R R			
Jim Wright #35	5.32	24	125	636	7	0	0	.000	R R			
Bob Tufts #27 #36	4.50	20	121	614	10	0	0	.000	L L			

The Royals were one of the best teams in baseball from the late 70s to the mid 80s. Blessed with lots of talent, speedy base runners, superb fielding, and solid pitching year-in-and-year-out, this ball club was a treat to watch...General Manager John Schuerholz was a genius in assembling a squad perfectly sculptured for Royals Stadium's pasture-like outfield and a surface of artificial turf...Kansas City had the highest batting average of any team in the big leagues (.285), .006 ahead of fellow sluggers Milwaukee. The Royals also led the majors with 295 doubles and 58 triples. Despite playing half their games in a spacious ballpark, they tallied 132 home runs. At the top of the list was Willie Wilson with his sprinters speed as he led the majors with a .332 batting average and 15 triples. Designated hitter Hal McRae posted a plus-.300 BA as well as perennial prime-time swatter George Brett. McRae led the big leagues with 133 RBI. His 46 doubles tied the Brewers Robin Yount for the top spot. He hit 27 home runs. Brett scored 101 runs, banged out 21 homers and drove home 82. Long-time franchise jewel, Amos Otis, even at 35 years old, covered centerfield like a blanket and was second with 88 RBI. Catcher John Wathan was one of the best base stealers in baseball. Veteran Frank White, the Gold Glove second baseman, stroked 45 doubles...The pitching staff was not a strikeout machine, but they didn't have to be. Larry Gura led the corps with 18 wins while Vida Blue added 13 to go with Dennis Leonard's 10, matching Paul Splittorff. Submariner Dan Quisenberry, one of the game's elite closers, led the A. L. in saves...Kansas City was in the pennant race from Day One, holding first place (or tied) for 53 calendar days, the last, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The biggest lead was three games. In pursuit of the Angels, the year was probably determined by the Royals 6-13 record until the season's conclusion--2-4 against division champ California...Future Giants star Will (The Thrill) Clark was drafted in the fourth round of the major league draft but didn't sign.