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ROYALS INVITE 17 PLAYERS TO MAJOR LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING

KANSAS CITY, MO (January 19, 2016) – The Kansas City Royals announced today that the 2015 World Champions have invited 17 non-roster players to Major League Spring Training in Surprise, Ariz. Among the invitations are nine pitchers, three catchers and five infielders.

Included in the 17 invitees are 12 players that were in the Royals' organization last season. Left-handed pitchers **Jonathan Dzierdzic** (13th round, 2013) and **Sam Selman** (second round, 2012); right-handed pitcher **Christian Binford** (30th round, 2011); catchers **Zane Evans** (fourth round, 2013), **Cam Gallagher** (second round, 2011) and **Parker Morin** (14th round, 2012) and infielders **Hunter Dozier** (first round – eighth overall, 2013) and **Whit Merrifield** (ninth round, 2010) were all drafted by the Royals. Right-handed pitcher **Aroni Nina** and infielder **Orlando Calixte** both signed as a non-drafted free agents. Right-handed pitcher **Brooks Pounders** has played in the organization since 2012, while infielder **Dusty Coleman** signed as a minor league free agent prior to the 2015 season. Other non-roster invitees include: left-handed pitchers **David Huff** and **John Lannan**, right-handed pitchers **Dillon Gee** and **Chien-Ming Wang** and infielder **Cody Decker**.

Pitchers and catchers will report to Surprise on Thursday, February 18. Workouts for pitchers begin the following day, Friday, February 19. The remainder of the squad will report on Monday, February 22 and begin workouts for the 2016 campaign on Tuesday, February 23.

The Royals' current 57-man Spring Training roster is listed on the next two pages.

For more information, members of the media may contact the Royals Media Relations Department at (816) 921-8000.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS 40-MAN ROSTER

Pitchers (18)	B/T	Ht	Wt	DOB	Age	MLS
Scott Alexander	L/L	6-2	190	7-10-89	26	0.034
Miguel Almonte	R/R	6-2	210	4-4-93	23	0.034
Louis Coleman	R/R	6-4	205	4-4-86	29	3.018
Tim Collins	L/L	5-7	170	8-21-89	26	4.097

Wade Davis	R/R	6-5	220	9-7-85	30	6.032
Danny Duffy	L/L	6-3	205	12-21-88	27	4.085
Brian Flynn	L/L	6-7	250	4-19-90	25	1.002
Kelvin Herrera	R/R	5-10	200	12-31-89	26	3.157
Luke Hochevar	R/R	6-5	225	9-15-83	32	7.151
Kris Medlen	S/R	5-10	190	10-7-85	30	6.137
Alec Mills	R/R	6-4	190	11-30-91	24	0.000
Joakim Soria	R/R	6-3	200	5-18-84	31	9.000
Matt Strahm	R/L	6-3	185	11-12-91	24	0.000
Jason Vargas	L/L	6-0	215	2-2-83	32	8.114
Yordano Ventura	R/R	6-0	180	6-3-91	24	2.013
Edinson Volquez	R/R	6-0	220	7-3-83	32	8.059
Chris Young	R/R	6-10	255	5-25-79	36	9.162
Kyle Zimmer	R/R	6-3	225	9-13-91	24	0.000

Catchers (3)	B/T	Ht	Wt	DOB	Age	MLS
Drew Butera	R/R	6-1	200	8-9-83	32	5.018
Tony Cruz	R/R	5-11	215	8-18-86	29	4.105
Salvador Perez	R/R	6-3	240	5-10-90	25	4.050

Infielders (9)	B/T	Ht	Wt	DOB	Age	MLS
Christian Colon	R/R	5-10	190	5-14-89	26	1.022
Cheslor Cuthbert	R/R	6-1	190	11-16-92	23	0.055
Alcides Escobar	R/R	6-1	185	12-16-86	29	6.082
Eric Hosmer	L/L	6-4	225	10-24-89	26	4.146
Omar Infante	R/R	5-11	195	12-26-81	34	12.120
Raul Mondesi	S/R	6-1	185	7-27-95	20	0.000
Kendrys Morales	S/R	6-1	225	6-20-83	32	7.170
Mike Moustakas	L/R	6-0	215	9-11-88	27	4.111
Ramon Torres	S/R	5-11	170	1-22-93	23	0.000

Outfielders (10)	B/T	Ht	Wt	DOB	Age	MLS
Jorge Bonifacio	R/R	6-1	195	6-4-93	22	0.000
Lorenzo Cain	R/R	6-2	205	4-13-86	29	4.074
Jarrod Dyson	L/R	5-10	160	8-15-84	31	4.088
Brett Eibner	R/R	6-3	210	12-2-88	27	0.000
Reymond Fuentes	L/L	6-0	160	2-12-91	24	0.037
Alex Gordon	L/R	6-1	220	2-10-84	31	8.092
Terrance Gore	R/R	5-7	165	6-8-91	24	0.066
Jose Martinez	R/R	6-6	215	7-25-88	27	0.000
Paulo Orlando	R/R	6-2	210	11-1-85	30	0.137
Bubba Starling	R/R	6-4	210	8-3-92	23	0.000

(non-roster invitees on the following page)

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS 2016 SPRING TRAINING NON-ROSTER INVITEES
(17 TOTAL)**

Pitchers (9)	B/T	Ht	Wt	DOB	Age	MLS
Christian Binford	L/R	6-6	220	12-20-92	23	0.000
Jonathan Dzedzic	R/L	6-0	200	2-4-91	24	0.000

Dillon Gee	R/R	6-1	205	4-28-86	29	4.108
David Huff	S/R	6-1	210	8-22-84	31	3.072
John Lannan	L/L	6-4	235	9-27-84	31	5.064
Aroni Nina	R/R	6-4	180	4-9-90	25	0.000
Brooks Pounders	R/R	6-4	270	9-26-90	25	0.000
Sam Selman	R/L	6-3	195	11-14-90	25	0.000
Chien-Ming Wang	R/R	6-4	225	3-31-80	35	8.016

Catchers (3)	B/T	Ht	Wt	DOB	Age	MLS
Zane Evans	R/R	6-2	225	11-29-91	24	0.000
Cameron Gallagher	R/R	6-3	210	12-6-92	23	0.000
Parker Morin	L/R	5-11	195	7-2-91	24	0.000

Infielders (5)	B/T	Ht	Wt	DOB	Age	MLS
Orlando Calixte	R/R	5-11	180	2-3-92	23	0.018
Dusty Coleman	R/R	6-2	205	4-20-87	28	0.021
Cody Decker	R/R	5-11	225	1-17-87	29	0.021
Hunter Dozier	R/R	6-4	220	8-22-91	24	0.000
Whit Merrifield	R/R	6-1	175	1-24-89	26	0.000

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