

Royals make roster moves to prepare for season

The Kansas City Royals have been a busy ball club over the weekend as they made plenty of roster moves from optioning players to the minor leagues, to reassigning minor-league players and making a trade.

The biggest news out of the Royals camp this past weekend was the decision to option their young and upcoming second baseman, Johnny Giavotella down to Triple AAA Omaha. The move may come as a surprise to some with the influx on youth to the Royals roster, Kansas City made the decision to moved forward with veterans, Chris Getz and Yuniesky Betancourt at the second baseman position to start the season. Manager, Ned Yost, stating he believes Getz and Betancourt's defense provides the Royals with a better option at second baseman, right now, allowing Giavotella the chance to develop his defensive skills.

Royals also have optioned two other players to Triple AAA Omaha in outfielder, Jarrod Dyson and right-hander, Vin Mazzaro. Dyson's roster spot most likely became expendable after the addition of outfielder, Jason Bourgeois in a trade with the Houston Astros, that also brought in another catcher for the Royals in, Humberto Quintero.

On top of optioning a few players to the minors, the Royals made moves in their minor league system, as they reassigned four players in the minors those being: right-hander, Zach Miner, catcher, Cody Clark and outfielders, Tony Abreu and Irving Falu. As well, as trading minor league outfielder, Greg Golson to the Chicago White Sox for cash considerations.

All the moves leave the Royals big-league roster at 37, which includes injured players in catchers, Salvador Perez and Manny Pina (who are both on the 60-day disabled list) and pitchers, Joakim Soria and Blake Wood who are scheduled to start the season on the 15-day disabled list.

Kansas City Royals still have a week left of spring training action before they officially gear up for the start of the 2012 Major League Baseball season.