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Sports Illustrated Top 100 MLB Players of 2019 Lists Whit Merrifield as #54, putting Merrifield in the top 7% of MLB 25 man rostered players

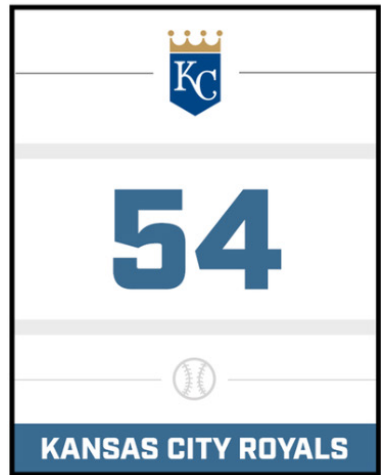

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