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## **WHIT MERRIFIELD SIGNS MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH KANSAS CITY ROYALS**

**Timonium, Maryland** – Whit Merrifield, client of The Warner Companies, has signed a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract with the Kansas City Royals. The contract runs through 2022, with a club option for the 2023 season.

Merrifield led Major League Baseball in both hits (192) and stolen bases (45) during the 2018 season. He becomes the third player since World War II to accomplish that feat, joining Dee Gordon (2015) and Ichiro Suzuki (2001). Merrifield also posted career highs in games (157), runs (88), doubles (43), walks (61), batting average (.304), on-base percentage (.367) and OPS (.806). Merrifield was named the Les Milgram Player of the Year, voted on by the Kansas City Chapter of the BBWAA.

Merrifield ended the 2018 season on a career-high 20-game hit streak, the longest in the Majors last season. His .293 career batting average ranks fourth in the American League (min. 1,500 at-bats) since making his Major League debut on May 18, 2016. In addition to leading the Majors in stolen bases in 2018, Merrifield also led the American League with 34 stolen bases in 2017.

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