

Topeka Reds baseball team

The Topeka Reds minor league baseball team is shown in this photograph from 1961. An affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds, the Topeka club competed in the Class B Illinois-Indiana-Iowa League, also known as the Three-I League. The Reds won the league pennant in 1961, finishing with a 79-50 record, 6.5 games ahead of the second-place Cedar Rapids Braves. The Reds' Tommy Harper also was named the League's MVP that year. When the Three-I League folded after the 1961 season, it spelled the end of Topeka's participation in Organized Baseball. The photograph was made by Wolfe's Commercial Photos of Topeka, and identifies each of the players, batboys, and officials pictured. Several team members had major league playing careers, among them Tommy Harper, Tommy Helms, Art Shamsky, Mel Queen, Ted Davidson, and Vic Davalillo (not pictured). Dave Bristol became a major league manager in 1966, and would manage over 1900 games at that level. Digital reproduction of this photograph was accomplished through a joint project by the Kansas Historical Society and the Shawnee County Baseball Hall of Fame.

Creator: Wolfe Commercial Photo Service

Date: 1961

Callnumber: Photo 1 Collection, 861-18

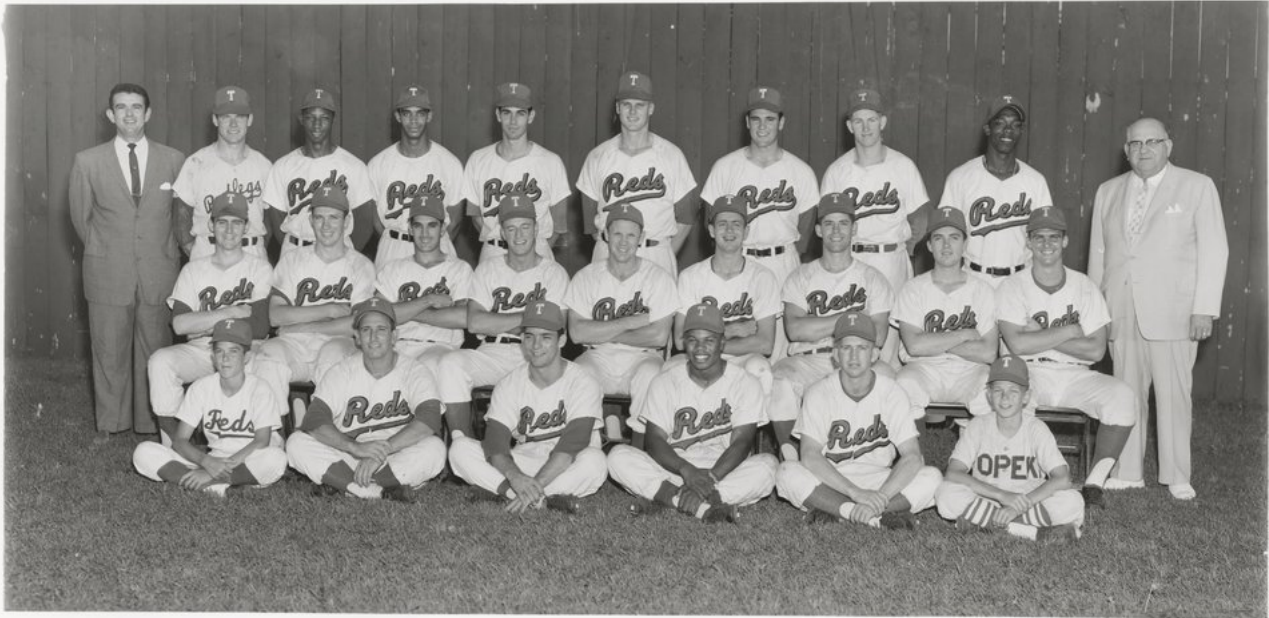
KSHS Identifier: DaRT ID: 313104

Item Identifier: 313104

www.kansasmemory.org/item/313104

KANSAS
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

1961 Topeka Reds Baseball Club



Back Row (l to r) Gen. Mgr. Dave Rosenfield, Dick Hopkins, Sam Thompson, Marty Dihigo, Art Shamsky, Harvey Alex, John Flavin, Mel Queen, Stan Jones, Pres. Sherman Huff

Middle Row (l to r) Al Kinney, Miles McWilliams, Marty Zambrano, Mickey Mattiace, Mgr. Dave Bristol, Gerry Dawson, Bill Reeves, Ted Davidson, Larry Rancourt

Front Row (l to r) Batboy Doug Wright, Al Suarez, Ivan Davis, Tommy Harper, Tommy Helms, Batboy Buddy McCune.

Wells
COMMERCIAL PHOTOS, INC.
Service to All Kinds of Business