

### **KC Royals Ink Bonifacio, Hochevar, and Hosmer For 2014**

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The Kansas City Royals announced today that the club has agreed to terms on one-year contracts with infielder Emilio Bonifacio, right-handed pitcher Luke Hochevar and first baseman Eric Hosmer for the 2014 season, avoiding arbitration. Consistent with club policy, terms of the contracts were not disclosed.



Bonifacio, 28, batted .285 with 11 RBI and 16 stolen bases in 42 games after joining Kansas City in an August 14 trade from Toronto. He played in 136 combined games with the Blue Jays and Royals, stealing a total of 28 bases.

Hochevar, 30, was 5-2 with a 1.92 ERA in 58 relief appearances in 2013. He struck out 82 while holding opponents to a .169 average and 17 walks over 70.1 innings.

Hosmer, 24, batted .302 with a career-high 34 doubles, 17 homers and 79 RBI in 2014. The 2013 Les Milgram Royals Player of the Year, Hosmer became the first Royals first baseman to win a Rawlings Gold Glove.

The signings of Bonifacio, Hochevar and Hosmer leave the Royals with three unsigned arbitration-eligible players: right-handed pitchers Aaron Crow and Greg Holland and outfielder Justin Maxwell.