

Kansas City Royals Hire Ex-Cardinal Mike Matheny as New Manager

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KANSAS CITY - Former St. Louis Cardinals' baseball manager Mike Matheny has been hired as the new skipper for the Kansas City Royals.

The 49-year-old Matheny was manager of the cross-state St. Louis Cardinals from 2012-18, going 591-474 and becoming the first manager to reach the postseason his first four seasons. The Cardinals reached the World Series in 2013, losing to the Boston Red Sox.

Matheny was fired in July 2018 with the Cardinals 7 games out of the NL Central race at the time. He was hired last November by the Royals as a special adviser for player development, putting him in place to succeed Royals manager Ned Yost, who announced his retirement last month.

