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Most of Kansas City is smiling because the Kansas City Royals are the 2014 American League Champions and are playing in the World Series tomorrow. I think at one point in my blog I shared that youâ€™d never find me writing about sports. I donâ€™t know much about the rules of sports and itâ€™s not a passion of mine. I enjoy the social aspects of sporting events like people watching, visiting with friends and enjoying a ballpark hot dog. However, this post isnâ€™t just about baseball itâ€™s about feeling joy.

There has been a positive energy in the air these past few weeks and itâ€™s not just my imagination because my friends have felt it too. Even if you arenâ€™t a huge baseball fan you canâ€™t help, but smile for this Kansas City Royals team. I was a freshman in college the last time the KC Royals went to the World Series and now my son is a freshman in college. It has been a long time coming.



I've sat through many baseball games over the years cheering on the Royals while busily chatting with friends. My head is often turned to the side and I've often had to catch the replay. This post season Royals team is different though and my eyes are watching them. I even watched post season clips on the MLB station with my husband one night which would normally never happen.

There is a camaraderie and humility to this team that I haven't sensed in long time. I'm not an expert on baseball, but in my opinion there is no one superstar on this team. They have all had their shining moments and truly work together as a team. There is the power of promise and hope behind this team. Last week I had the fortunate opportunity to attend the Championship game when the Royals swept the Baltimore Orioles. I felt very lucky to have experienced history in the making. Everyone in the Kauffman stadium had a smile on their face. Strangers were giving high fives and hugging each other. We were all there to cheer on the boys in blue (actually white that day). It wasn't about ourselves or in my opinion even baseball, it was about lifting a team up and cheering them on to help them reach their dreams.



If I could bottle up this hope and joy Kansas City is experiencing right now I would. This feeling of brotherhood unfortunately only seems to occur during times of tragedies like 9/11 or when sports teams go to the championships. I wish it existed every day, but if it did maybe we wouldn't feel it as deeply when it does occur.

Thanks Kansas City Royals for making this city SMILE. In my opinion it doesn't matter if you win or lose the World Series because you are already champions.

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