

# 1956 BROOKLYN DODGERS

*"The Boys of Summer"*

93-61 1st  
MGR Walter Alston (#24)

## DP: 311 to 335

## Error: 351 to 354

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Gil Hodges #14	.265	3		131	133	152	244	243	AR	SD(1B)	1B138,	R R
Jim Gilliam "Junior" #19	.300	21	MK	112	115	131	262	254	AAR	SD(2B)	OF30(LF/RF), C1 2B102,	B R
"Pee Wee" Reese #1 capt	.257	13		113	114	125	243	241	AAR	SD	OF56(LF/RF) SS136, 3B12	R R
Randy Jackson #2	.274	2		116	125	144	246	245	AR		3B80	R R
Carl Furillo "Skoonj" #6	.289	1		123	-	143	254	252	AR	T-1	OF146(RF/LF/CF)	R R
"Duke" Snider #4 Edwin	.292	3	PW	135	136	161	253	253	AAR	SD/T-1	OF150(CF)	L R
Sandy Amoros #15	.260	3	PW	126	136	152	235	243	AAR		OF86(LF/RF/CF)	L L
Roy Campanella "Campy" #39	.219	1		125	126	133	226	225	SLO	SD	C121	R R
Jackie Robinson #42	.275	12		116	121	134	251	245	AAR		3B72, 2B22, 1B9, OF2(LF)	R R
"Rube" Walker #10 Albert	.212	0	MW	114	115	132	223	224	SLO		C43	L R
Charlie Neal #43	.287	2		113	115	131	252	252	AR		2B51, SS1	R R
"Rocky" Nelson #8 #21 Glenn	+.208	0	MW	123	-	132	223	223	AR		1B25	L L
Chico Hernandez #3	.227	2	MW	113	-	124	231	231	AR		SS25	R R
Gino Cimoli #9	.111	1	MW	-	-	116	146	146	AR		OF62(LF/CF/RF)	R R
Don Newcombe	.234	1		114	-	134	231	233	SLO		P38	L R
Sal Maglie X	.129	0	MW PK	-	-	-	161	153	SLO		P28	R R
Don Drysdale	.192	0	MW PK	122	-	134	221	215	SLO		P25	R R
Carl Erskine	.121	0	MW	-	-	113	153	152	SLO		P31	R R
Don Bessent	.111	0	MW PK	-	-	-	146	146	SLO		P38	R R
"Sandy" Koufax	.118	0	PK	-	-	-	153	151	SLO		P16	R L
Ed Roebuck	.333	0	MW PK	-	-	146	266	266	SLO		P43	R R
Ken Lehman	.300	0		-	-	144	254	255	SLO		P25	L L
Pitcher R	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			

	ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV			
Don Newcombe #36	3.06	268	122	622	38	36	0	.234	L R	"Newk"
Roger Craig #40	3.71	199	142	616	35	32	1	.016	R R	
Sal Maglie #35 X	2.87	191	131	615	28	26	0	.129	R R	"The Barber"
Carl Erskine #17	4.25	186	132	624	31	28	0	.121	R R	"Oisk"
Don Drysdale #53	2.64	99	132	621	25	12	0	.192	R R	
"Sandy" Koufax #32	4.91	59	143	624	16	10	0	.118	R L	Sanford
Clem Labine #41	3.35	116	133	612	62	3	19	.087	R R	
Ed Roebuck #37	3.93	89	133	566	43	0	1	.333	R R	
Don Bessent #46	2.50	79	136	566	38	0	9	.111	R R	"Weasel"
Ken Lehman #16	5.66	49	141	621	25	4	0	.300	L L	
Chuck Templeton #28 #49	6.61	16	151	626	6	2	0	.000	R L	
Jim Hughes #18 +	5.25	12	134	565	5	0	0	.000	R R	

**The Yankees beat the Dodgers in the World Series, four games to three. The highlight (for the Yanks) was Don Larsen's perfect game against the Brooklyn's at Yankee Stadium in Game Five on October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Don Newcombe was the National League's Most Valuable Player as well as the very first Cy Young Award (CYA) winner. (At that time there was only ONE CYA for both leagues.) "Newk" compiled an outstanding 27-7 W/L record along with 139 strikeouts, 18 complete games, and five shutouts for the year. He walked only 46 batters..."Duke" Snider led the ball club with 43 home runs, 101 RBI, and 112 runs scored. Gil Hodges was second after hitting 32 homers and driving in eighty-seven. Roy Campanella popped 20 dingers and knocked in seventy-three while Jim Gilliam led the team in hits (178) and was second with 102 runs scored. The Dodgers hit .278 for the season and were second in the N.L. with 179 home runs...Newcombe led the majors in wins in '56--six more than the Tigers' Frank Lary. Sal Maglie and Carl Erskine both won thirteen contests. Roger Craig ended the season with twelve wins. The pitching staff's ERA was 3.57 and led the league in strikeouts (772) and shutouts (11)...Jackie Robinson was now 37 years of age and proved to be a valuable utility player in '56. He hit ten home runs and knocked in forty-three. Jack was traded to the Giants after the season but decided to retire...**

*The Dodgers played seven "home" games at Jersey City's Roosevelt Stadium as part of owner Walter O'Malley's endless effort to convince the Borough of Brooklyn to build a new ballpark for the team that derived its name from the "trolley dodgers" that once infested Brooklyn's railed streets. Ebbets Field was rapidly going to pieces and attendance was noticeably in decline...For Dodger fanatics, the story would soon end in a way leaving them heartbroken forever.....*