

# 1972 CINCINNATI REDS

"The Big Red Machine"

95-59 1st

MGR George "Sparky" Anderson (#10)  
"Capt. Hook"

DP: 311 to 334

Error: 351 to 354

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Tony Perez <i>"Doggie"</i> #24	.283	4	PK	123	126	152	252	251	AR		1B136	R R
Joe Morgan <i>"Little Joe"</i> #8	.292	58	PW	116	122	135	253	253	S	SD	2B149	L R
Dave Concepcion #13	.272	13		111	112	123	251	244	AAR		SS114, 3B9, 2B1	R R
Denis Menke #16	.233	0		114	115	132	233	232	AR		3B130, 1B11	R R
Cesar Geronimo #20	.275	2	PK	113	123	135	243	246	AR	SD/T-1	OF106( <u>RF</u> /CF)	L L
Bobby Tolan #28	.283	42		113	115	133	244	252	S	SD/T-1	OF149(CF)	L L
Pete Rose <i>"Charlie Hustle"</i> #14	.307	10		112	116	134	261	256	AAR	SD	OF154(LF)	B R
Johnny Bench #5	.270	6	PW	134	135	152	245	244	AR	SD-C	C129, OF17(RF), 1B7, 3B4	R R
Darrel Chaney #12	.250	1		112	114	126	236	236	AR		SS64, 2B12, 3B10	B R
Joe Hague #25	.246	1		116	122	141	232	236	SLO		1B22, OF19(RF)	L L
George Foster #15	.200	2	MW PK	113	114	124	222	221	AR		OF47(RF)	R R
Ted Uhlaender #22	.159	0		-	-	116	162	165	AR		OF27( <u>RF</u> /LF/CF)	L R
Bill Plummer #9	.186	0	MW	114	-	126	215	214	SLO		C36, 1B1, 3B1	R R
Hal McRae #11	.278	0	MW	125	-	142	246	246	AAR	LD	OF12(RF/CF), 3B11	R R
Julian Javier #17	.209	1		115	-	124	224	223	AR		3B19, 2B5, 1B1	R R
Bernie Carbo #25	.143	0	PW	-	-	-	156	161	AR	T-1	OF4(RF)	L R
Ross Grimsley	.121	0	MW PK	-	-	-	145	153	SLO		P30	L L
Gary Nolan	.117	0	PK	-	-	114	152	151	SLO		P25	R R
Jim McGlothlin	.174	0	PK	115	-	124	214	211	SLO		P31	R R
Don Gullett	.211	0	PK	-	-	116	226	223	SLO		P31	R L
Clay Carroll	.182	0	MW PK	-	-	-	214	213	SLO		P65	R R
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		
Jack Billingham #43	3.18	218	132	612	36	31	1	.070	R R
Ross Grimsley #48	3.05	198	126	633	30	28	1	.121	L L
Gary Nolan #38	1.99	176	122	622	25	25	0	.117	R R
Jim McGlothlin #31	3.91	145	133	626	31	21	0	.174	R R "Red"
Don Gullett #35	3.94	135	133	564	31	16	2	.211	R L
Wayne Simpson #45	4.14	130	135	622	24	22	0	.063	R R
Tom Hall #21	2.61	124	144	523	47	7	8	.100	L L "The Blade"
Pedro Borbon #34	3.17	122	126	633	62	2	11	.048	R R
Clay Carroll #36	2.25	96	133	622	65	0	37	.182	R R "Hawk"
Ed Sprague #44	4.13	57	142	631	33	1	0	.000	R R
Jim Merritt #30	4.50	8	124	632	4	1	0	.000	L L

After winning a highly disappointing 79 games in '71, the Reds in the pre-season called 1972 "The Year of Redemption." Johnny Bench bounced back from a sub-par season in 1971 to win the National League's MVP Award after hitting 40 home runs, knocking in 125, and winning his fifth Gold Glove Award...What really changed the Reds were the acquisitions of Joe Morgan and Cesar Geronimo in a trade with Houston in the off-season. Reds fans were up-in-arms when the popular and highly productive Lee May went in the trade to the Astros. Many felt Morgan and Geronimo weren't the caliber of player as was Lee May. Both proved the front office knew exactly what they were doing, Morgan earlier than the slick-fielding, rifle-armed Geronimo...Bobby Tolan, a key hitter and superb outfielder, had missed the entire '71 season with a torn Achilles tendon. His return added some much-needed punch to the line-up...Morgan went on to hit 16 homers, drive in 73 runs, and lead the N.L. with 122 runs scored. Tolan hit eight home runs, but drove in eighty-two. Geronimo hit for his highest career batting average and played a Gold Glove-style outfield. Tony Perez smacked 21 dingers and had 90 RBI. Pete Rose led the team with 198 hits and was second in runs scored (107). The Redlegs hit .251, 124 homers, and led the majors with 140 steals...Gary Nolan topped the pitching staff with fifteen wins; Ross Grimsley won fourteen; and Jack Billingham ended the season with twelve victories. Closer Clay Carroll led the league with 65 appearances and the majors with 37 saves. The Reds' staff had a 3.21 ERA and led the N.L. with 60 saves...Cincinnati beat the pesky Pirates in a hard-fought NLCS, three games to two, but lost to the Oakland A's in the '72 Fall Classic, four games to three. ("The Big Red Machine" is now up and rolling through the 1981 season)...Former Redleg hurler Joe Nuxhall, now a Reds' play-by-play man, used to conclude each radio broadcast with the line: "This is the old lefthander rounding third and heading for home. Good night everybody!" Al Michaels also shared the radio booth with Nuxhall before embarking on his famous and long TV network career...The Reds beat the Dodgers, 9-5, and the Astros, 11-6, in their respective season series.