

# 1963 HOUSTON COLT .45s

66-96 9th  
MGR Harry Craft (#1)

## DP: 311 to 325

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
"Rusty" Staub #10 <i>Dan</i>	.224	0		113	115	126	224	231	AR	T-1	1B109, OF49(RF)	L R
Ernie Fazio #11	.184	4	PK	112	115	132	216	213	AR		2B84, 3B1, SS1	R R
Bob Lillis #15	.198	3	MW MK	-	-	116	223	216	AR		SS124, 2B19, 3B6	R R
Bob Aspromonte #14	.214	3		114	116	124	225	224	AR		3B131, 1B1	R R
Carl Warwick #20	.254	3		113	115	131	244	236	AR		OF141( <u>RF</u> /LF/CF), 1B2	R L
Howie Goss #27	.209	4	PK	115	116	133	224	223	AR		OF123(CF)	R R
Al Spangler "Spanky" #21	.281	5		112	114	135	246	251	AR		OF113( <u>LF</u> /CF/RF)	L L
John Bateman #7	.210	0	PK	115	122	126	225	223	SLO		C115	R R
Pete Runnels #3	.253	2		111	112	121	235	241	AR		1B70, 2B36, 3B3	L R
Johnny Temple #16	.264	7		111	112	124	243	243	AR	LD(3B)	2B61, 3B29	R R
Jim Wynn #18	.244	4		113	121	134	241	234	AAR	T-1/ LD(SS/3B)	OF53( <u>LF</u> /CF), SS21, 3B2	R R
Jim Campbell #9	.222	0	PK	115	-	123	226	226	SLO	LD	C42	R R
JC Hartman "Cool" #18	.122	1	MW	-	-	112	154	152	AR		SS32	R R
John Weekly #26	.225	0		122	-	134	233	226	AR		OF23( <u>LF</u> /RF)	R R
Hal Smith #9	.241	0	PK	-	-	121	234	234	SLO		C11	R R
Brock Davis #29	.200	0		114	-	126	214	222	AR		OF14(CF/LF/RF)	L L
Carroll Hardy #26	.227	1		-	-	133	231	231	AR		OF10(LF)	R R
Glenn Vaughan "Sparky" #4	.167	1		-	-	-	166	166	AR	LD	SS9, 3B1	B R
Joe Morgan #12	.240	1	PW	-	123	-	233	234	AAR		2B7	L R
Don Nottebart	.167	0	MW PK	-	-	-	166	166	SLO		P31	R R
Dick Farrell	.143	0	PK	-	-	124	164	156	SLO		P34	R R
Bob Bruce	.127	0	PK	-	114	126	155	153	SLO		P30	R R
Dick Drott	.130	0	MW PK	-	-	-	154	154	SLO		P27	R R
Hal Woodeshick	.130	0	MW PK	-	-	-	154	154	SLO		P55	R 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		
Ken Johnson #40	2.65	224	124	611	37	32	1	.068	R R
Dick Farrell #13	3.02	202	122	563	34	26	1	.143	R R <i>Richard Joseph "Turk"</i>
Don Nottebart #43	3.17	193	124	613	31	27	0	.167	R R
Bob Bruce #30	3.59	170	134	563	30	25	0	.127	R R
Hal Brown #38	3.31	141	113	625	26	20	0	.093	R R <i>"Skinny"</i>
Dick Drott #36	4.98	98	144	615	27	14	0	.130	R R
Chris Zachary #44	4.89	57	135	564	22	7	0	.000	L R
Hal Woodeshick #46	1.97	114	136	546	55	0	10	.130	R L
Don McMahon #31	4.05	80	132	613	49	2	5	.083	R R
Jim Umbricht #32	2.61	76	132	566	35	3	0	.111	R R
Russ Kemmerer #39	5.65	37	123	643	17	0	1	.286	R R <i>"Dutch"</i>
Jim Dickson #34 #44	6.14	15	116	636	13	0	2	.000	L R
Conrad Cardinal #34	6.08	13	144	623	6	1	0	.000	R R <i>"Randy"</i>
George Brunet #33 +	7.11	13	135	565	5	2	0	.000	R L <i>"Lefty"</i>

The Colt .45s played their first three seasons in a temporary ball park known as "Colt Stadium." It seated spectators in an UNCOVERED grandstand which stretched foul line-to-foul line. Dimensions were 360 feet down the lines and 420 feet to dead centerfield. Colt Stadium is best remembered for its oppressive heat and humidity during the Texas summer, and for large mosquitoes who held no remorse attacking ball player and fan alike. During this time, "The Astrodome," the team's eventual playpen, was being constructed nearby...

Future Hall of Famer, Joe Morgan, was signed November 1, 1962. He made his big league debut September 21, 1963. At 19-years of age, Morgan was zero for one against the Phillies...Broadcaster Harry Kalas started his big league career with the Colts in '63 as well...

Catcher John Bateman led the Colts with just ten home runs and 59 RBI. Daniel "Rusty" Staub, all of nineteen years old, made his major league debut April 9<sup>th</sup> against the Giants and was one for three at the plate with a run batted in. Staub went on to hit six home runs and drive in forty-five as a rookie. The top winner on the pitching staff was Dick "Turk" Farrell who won fourteen games and completed twelve. Ken Johnson was 11-17 and led the staff with 148 strikeouts. Don Nottebart and Hal Woodeshick (94 K's) each won eleven games. Hal Brown (5-11) pitched three shutouts! The staff ERA was 3.44 and gave up the fewest homers in the majors (95)...Colt's batters hit .220 for the season (9<sup>th</sup> in the league) and 62 home runs (fewest in the majors). The tenth place Mets hit .219 for the year.