

1976 HOUSTON ASTROS

80-82 3rd

MGR Bill Virdon (#7)

DP: 311 to 335

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Bob Watson <i>"Bull"</i> #27	.313	3		116	121	136	264	261	AR		1B155	R R
Rob Andrews #11	.256	7	MK	-	113	121	242	241	AR		2B107, SS3	R R
Roger Metzger #14	.210	1		-	114	124	225	223	AAR	SD	SS150, 2B2	B R
Enos Cabell <i>"Big E"</i> #23	.273	35	MW	111	114	123	245	245	AAR		3B143, 1B3	R R
Greg Gross #21	.286	2		-	112	122	251	252	AR	T-1	OF115(RF)	L L
Cesar Ceden0 #28	.297	58		121	123	141	255	254	S	SD/T-1	OF146(CF)	R R
Jose Cruz <i>"Cheo"</i> #25	.303	28		112	114	132	253	256	AAR	T-1	OF125(LF/RF/CF)	L L
Ed Herrmann #8 X	.204	0		112	-	123	222	222	SLO		C79	L R
Cliff Johnson <i>"Heathcliff"</i> #6	.226	0	PW	121	122	144	234	226	SLO	LD-C	C66, OF20(LF), 1B16	R R
Leon Roberts #22	.289	1		116	122	136	254	252	AR	T-1	OF60(LF/RF)	R R
Wilbur Howard #26	.220	7	MW	111	113	125	231	225	AAR		OF63(LF/RF/CF), 2B2	B R
Larry Milbourne #10	.248	6	MK	-	-	116	242	235	AAR		2B32	B R
Ken Boswell #17	.262	1	MK	-	112	134	241	243	AR		PH, 3B16, 2B3, OF1(LF)	L R
Jerry DaVanon #16	.290	0		112	122	132	255	252	AR		2B17, SS17, 3B9	R R
<i>"Skip"</i> Jutze #9 <u>Alfred</u>	.152	0	MW	-	121	126	166	162	SLO		C42	R R
Alex Taveras #15	.217	1	MW MK	-	-	-	232	224	AR		2B7, SS7	R R
Art Howe #18	.138	0	PW	-	-	121	163	155	AR		3B8, 2B2	R R
Al Javier #29	.208	0		-	-	-	223	223	AR	LD	OF7(LF/RF)	R R
J. R. Richard	.140	0	MW PK	114	-	116	161	156	SLO		P39	R R
Larry Dierker	.141	0	MW PK	113	-	-	162	156	SLO		P28	R R
Joaquin Andujar	.140	0	MW PK	-	-	114	161	156	SLO		P28	B R
Dan Larson	.290	0	MW	-	121	132	255	252	SLO		P13	R R
Joe Niekro	.185	0	MW PK	122	-	146	214	214	SLO		P36	R R
Gil Rondon	.286	0	MW PK	-	-	-	255	251	SLO		P19	R R
Joe Sambito	.222	0	PW	-	-	-	226	226	SLO		P20	L L
Gene Pentz	.200	0		-	-	-	222	221	SLO		P40	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			
J. R. Richard #50	2.75	291	146	561	39	39	0	.140	R R	<u>James Rodney</u>
Larry Dierker #49	3.69	188	135	614	28	28	0	.141	R R	
Joaquin Andujar #47	3.60	172	141	636	28	25	0	.140	B R	
Joe Niekro #36	3.36	118	143	611	36	13	0	.185	R R	
Dan Larson #34	3.02	92	132	626	13	13	0	.290	R R	
Mike Cosgrove #37	5.52	90	152	635	22	16	0	.087	L L	
<i>"Bo"</i> McLaughlin #39	2.85	79	124	633	17	11	1	.000	R R	<u>Michael Duane</u>
Gil Rondon #45	5.70	54	154	635	19	7	0	.286	R R	
Mark Lemongello #51	2.79	29	125	642	4	4	0	.000	R R	
Ken Forsch #43	2.15	92	131	621	52	0	19	.091	R R	
Gene Pentz #30	2.97	64	143	616	40	0	5	.200	R R	
Joe Sambito #35	3.54	53	126	623	20	4	1	.222	L L	
Tom Griffin #38 +	6.05	42	165	561	20	2	0	.000	R R	
Paul Siebert #31	3.16	26	154	635	19	0	0	.000	L L	
Mike Barlow #39	4.50	22	156	625	16	0	0	.000	L R	
Larry Hardy #42	7.06	22	136	633	15	0	3	.000	R R	
Jose Sosa #44	6.94	12	142	634	9	0	0	.000	R R	

Because of its nature, The Astrodome wasn't generous to power hitters. Cesar Ceden0 was the team leader with 18 home runs and 89 runs scored. Bob Watson's 102 runs batted in was the high on the ball club. He led the Astros with 183 base hits, 31 doubles and finished second to Ceden0 with 16 dingers. Utilityman Cliff Johnson added ten homers, 21 doubles and 49 RBI. Jose Cruz and the huge "Afro" hair style which barely fit underneath his batting helmet were good for 61 runs batted in. Houston's .256 batting average placed them fifth in the N.L. They finished tenth with 66 home runs and second after stealing 150 bases for the year...Fireballer J. R. Richard topped the pitching staff with 20 victories, 214 strikeouts, a league high 151 bases on balls and 14 complete games. Larry Dierker completed the season 13-14 and tied with newcomer Joaquin Andujar in shutouts (four). The latter won nine contests. The staff's ERA was 3.56, seventh in the league...After April, the closest the Astros came to first place was 2 1/2 games May 11th. They finished 22 games behind the World Champion Reds in the NL West Division.