

# 1976 ATLANTA BRAVES

70-92 6th  
MGR Dave Bristol (#1)

## DP: 311 to 334

## Error: 351 to 356

		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Willie Montanez #25	X	.321	0	MW	115	-	126	261	264	AR	1B103	L	L
Rod Gilbreath #19		.251	7		111	116	126	241	236	AR	2B104, 3B7, SS1	R	R
Darrel Chaney #15		.252	5		-	113	126	242	236	AR	SS151, 2B1, 3B1	B	R
Jerry Royster #4		.248	24		112	-	121	242	235	AAR	3B148, SS2	R	R
Ken Henderson #7 #28		.262	5		116	-	133	245	242	AR	OF122( <u>RF</u> /CF)	B	R
Rowland Office #22		.281	2		112	113	131	246	251	AR	OF92(CF)	L	L
Jim Wynn "The Toy Cannon" #24		.207	16	PW PK	122	-	135	225	222	AAR	OF138( <u>LF</u> /CF)	R	R
Vic Correll #29		.225	0		115	121	131	233	226	SLO	C65	R	R
Tom Paciorek "Wimpy" #12		.290	2		113	116	131	255	252	AR	OF84( <u>RF</u> /LF/CF), 1B12, 3B1	R	R
Dave May #27		.215	5		113	116	125	222	225	AR	OF60( <u>LF</u> /RF)	L	R
Earl Williams #32	+	.212	0		125	-	133	231	223	SLO	C38, 1B17	R	R
<u>Biff</u> Pocoroba #42		.241	1	MK	-	-	123	234	234	AR	C54	B	R
Lee Lacy #34	+	.272	2	MW MK	114	116	125	251	244	AAR	2B44, OF5( <u>CF</u> /LF/RF), 3B1	R	R
Darrell Evans #11	+	.173	3	PW	112	-	-	165	212	AR	1B36, 3B7	L	R
"Cito" Gaston #43 <u>Clarence</u>		.291	1		116	-	126	256	252	SLO	OF28(LF), 1B3	R	R
Marty Perez #9	+	.250	0		112	-	125	236	236	AR	2B18, SS17, 3B2	R	R
Dale Murphy #3		.262	0		-	-	142	245	242	AR	C19	R	R
Rob Belloir #10		.200	0		-	-	121	222	221	AR	SS12, 3B10, 2B5	R	R
Brian Asselstine #18		.212	0	MW MK	121	-	-	223	224	AR	OF9( <u>CF</u> /RF)	L	R
"Junior" Moore #48 <u>Alvin</u>		.269	0		-	-	122	244	244	AR	3B6, 2B1, OF1(LF)	R	R
Craig Robinson #16	X	.235	0	PW	-	-	-	235	232	AR	2B5, SS2, 3B1	R	R
Phil Niekro		.191	0	MW	112	-	123	216	215	SLO	P38	R	R
Dick Ruthven		.171	0	MW PK	-	-	113	211	211	SLO	P36	R	R
Andy Messersmith		.179	0	PK	-	-	113	215	212	SLO	P29	R	R
Carl Morton		.178	1	MW PK	-	-	-	214	212	SLO	P26	R	R
Roger Moret		.130	0	MW PK	-	-	-	154	154	SLO	P27	B	L
Bruce Dal Canton		.222	0		-	-	-	226	226	SLO	P42	R	R
Mike Marshall	X	.167	0		-	-	-	166	166	SLO	P24	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					
Phil Niekro #35	SD	3.29	271	135	612	38	37	0	.191	R	R	"Knucksie"	
Dick Ruthven #40		4.19	240	134	616	36	36	0	.171	R	R	"Rufus"	
Andy Messersmith #17	SD	3.04	207	135	566	29	28	1	.179	R	R	"Channel" "Bluto"	
Carl Morton #49		4.17	140	132	644	26	24	0	.178	R	R		
Frank LaCorte #25 #26	LD	4.70	105	144	562	19	17	0	.091	R	R		
Roger Moret #14 #46		5.00	77	133	634	27	12	1	.130	B	L	<u>Rogelio</u>	
Jamie Easterly #45		4.91	22	151	624	4	4	0	.111	L	L		
Adrian Devine #36		3.21	73	134	611	48	1	9	.000	R	R		
Bruce Dal Canton #30		3.56	73	151	624	42	1	1	.222	R	R		
Pablo Torrealba #28		3.57	53	135	615	36	0	2	.000	L	L		
Mike Marshall #20 #50	SD X	3.19	37	135	626	24	0	6	.167	R	R		
Max Leon #31		2.75	36	141	626	30	0	3	.000	R	R		
Elias Sosa #38	+	5.35	35	134	552	21	0	3	.143	R	R		
Mike Beard #37		4.28	34	136	651	30	0	1	.000	L	L		
Rick Camp #33		6.35	11	122	623	5	1	0	.000	R	R		
"Buzz" Capra #47		8.68	9	154	631	5	0	0	.000	R	R	<u>Lee William</u>	

On January 6, 1976, a man named Ted Turner became the 100 percent owner of the Braves which many consider as the beginning of the "modern era" Atlanta franchise we know today. Turner, a broadcast executive and expert competitive yachtsman, bought the team for 10 million dollars. One of his first big moves was the signing of free agent pitcher Andy Messersmith who wore number 17 to "advertise" Turner's TV station, WTCC, Channel 17. WTCC would later become iconic "Super Station" WTBS. Turner used three different General Managers during the year, the last being Bill Lucas. Lucas came from the Braves minor league system and became the first African-American hired in all of baseball for his new position. He is responsible for laying the foundation of some very good WINNING teams in the near future...Jimmy Wynn, acquired from L. A. for "Dusty" Baker, led the Braves with 17 home runs, 66 RBI, and 75 runs scored. Willie Montanez topped the team in hits (135). Atlanta would hit .245 and 82 homers for the season... Phil Niekro led the pitching staff with 17 wins and 173 strikeouts. Dick Ruthven won 14 games while Messersmith had 11 victories and a staff leading 12 complete games. Ruthven pitched a team high four shutouts. The staff finished tenth in the N.L. with a 3.86 ERA...The '76 campaign is the first of four consecutive LAST place finishes for the Braves.