

# 1976 CLEVELAND INDIANS

81-78 4th

MGR Frank Robinson (#20)

## DP: 311 to 336

## Error: 351 to 354

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
"Boog" Powell #26 <i>John</i>	.215	1		121	-	132	222	225	SLO		1B89	L R
Duane Kuiper "Kuip" #18	.263	10		-	113	123	242	243	AAR	SD	2B128, 1B5	L R
Frank Duffy #15	.212	10		111	112	122	231	223	AR		SS132	R R
"Buddy" Bell #25 <i>David</i>	.281	3		113	114	131	253	246	AR		3B158, 1B2	R R
Charlie Spikes #24	.237	5		112	115	126	234	233	AR	T-1	OF98(RF)	R R
Rick Manning #28	.292	16		112	115	132	253	253	AAR	SD/T-1	OF136(CF)	L R
George Hendrick #1 #21	.265	4		124	125	141	244	243	AR	T-1	OF146(LF/CF)	R R
Ray Fosse "Marion Mule" #10	.301	1		112	113	124	255	255	SLO		C85, 1B3	R R
Rico Carty "Beeg Boy" #9	.310	1		115	-	136	261	261	SLO	LD	DH, 1B12, OF1(LF)	R R
Larvell Blanks "Sugar Bear" #14	.280	1		113	122	131	252	246	AR		SS56, 2B46, 3B1	R R
Alan Ashby #8	.239	0		113	114	122	236	233	SLO		C86, 1B2, 3B1	B R
John Lowenstein #29	.205	11		112	114	126	216	223	AAR		OF61(RF/CF/LF), DH, 1B9	L R
Tommy Smith #11	.256	8	MW MK	113	114	122	235	242	AAR		OF50(RF/LF)	L R
Ron Pruitt #13	.267	2		-	113	116	246	243	AR		PH, OF26(RF/LF), 3B6, C6, 1B1	R R
Doug Howard #27	.211	1	MW	-	-	124	226	223	AR	LD(OF)	1B32, OF2(RF)	R R
Frank Robinson #20 <i>mgr</i>	.224	0		124	-	-	232	226	SLO		DH, 1B2, OF1(LF)	R R
Orlando Gonzalez #12	.250	1		-	-	116	236	236	AR		1B15, OF7(RF/LF)	L L
Joe Lis #30	.314	0		122	-	126	265	261	SLO		1B17	R R
Rick Cerone #4	.125	0		-	-	-	153	153	SLO		C6	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					
Pat Dobson #41	3.48	217	131	622	35	35	0	.000	R R			
Dennis Eckersley #37	3.43	199	136	534	36	30	1	.000	R R			
Jackie Brown #31	4.25	180	132	616	32	27	0	.000	R R			
Jim Bibby #22	3.20	163	133	623	34	21	1	.000	R R			
Rick Waits #36	4.00	124	136	624	26	22	0	.000	L L			
Stan Thomas #23	2.30	106	136	622	37	7	6	.000	R R			
Don Hood #32	4.87	78	144	634	33	6	1	.000	L L			
"Fritz" Peterson #16 +	5.55	47	123	634	9	9	0	.000	B L	<i>Fred Ingels</i>		
Jim Kern #34	2.37	118	142	541	50	2	15	.000	R R			
Dave LaRoche #17	2.24	96	146	522	61	0	21	.000	L L			
Tom Buskey #35	3.63	94	134	636	39	0	1	.000	R R			
Harry Parker #40	0.00	7	111	554	3	0	0	.000	R R			

**Frank Robinson's second full season at the helm of The Tribe was a nice success. A WINNING BALL CLUB for the first time since 1968! "F. Robby" had his razor-sharp conflicts with Rico Carty and Larvell Blanks, but there WERE some real bright lights on this team: A young Dennis Eckersley as a fireballing starter well before his premier days as a closer. Sporty centerfielder Rick Manning (who later ran off with Eckersley's wife) and the highly dependable "Buddy" Bell who was about to emerge as a solid all-around player and perennial Gold Glove third baseman.**

**George Hendrick ended the year leading the ball club with 25 home runs. Designated hitter Rico Carty (13 homers) led the team with 83 runs batted in, 171 base hits, and 34 doubles. Bell added seven dingers, 60 RBI, 170 hits, and a team high 75 runs scored. The Tribe hit for a .263 batting average and slugged 85 home runs...Pat Dobson led the pitching staff with a 16-12 won/loss record. The twenty-one year old Eckersley was 13-12 and topped the staff in strikeouts (200) and complete games (nine). Jim Bibby was a very respectable 13-7 for the season while closer Dave LaRoche punched out 104 batters. Jim Kern had 111 K's. The staff's ERA was 3.47, seventh in the A.L...After 81 games, Cleveland held a 39-42 record and were 12 ½ games out of first in fifth place of the AL East. They were never more than six games over .500 during the season.**