

1969 HOUSTON ASTROS

81-81 5th

MGR Harry Walker (#25)
"Harry the Hat"

DP: 311 to 333

Error: 351 to 355

| | BA | SB | W/K | HR | T | D | L | R | RNG | Def. | | |
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| Curt Blefary "Clank" #13 | .253 | 8 | | 115 | 122 | 136 | 235 | 241 | AR | 1B152, OF1(LF) | L | R |
| Joe Morgan "Little Joe" #18 | .236 | 49 | PW | 116 | 122 | 133 | 233 | 233 | S | 2B132, OF14(LF) | L | R |
| Denis Menke #11 | .269 | 2 | | 114 | 116 | 134 | 244 | 244 | AR | SS131, 2B23, 1B9, 3B1 | R | R |
| Doug Rader "Red Rooster" #12 | .246 | 1 | | 114 | 115 | 132 | 236 | 235 | AR | 3B154, 1B4 | R | R |
| Norm Miller #21 | .264 | 4 | | 112 | 114 | 133 | 243 | 243 | AR | OF114(<u>RF</u> /CF/LF) | L | R |
| Jim Wynn "The Toy Cannon" #24 | .269 | 23 | PW PK | 132 | - | 143 | 244 | 244 | AAR | OF149(CF) | R | R |
| Jesus Alou "Jay" #22 | .248 | 4 | MW MK | 112 | 114 | 131 | 242 | 235 | AR | OF112(LF/RF) | R | R |
| Johnny Edwards #7 | .232 | 2 | | 113 | 116 | 133 | 232 | 232 | SLO | C151 | L | R |
| Marty Martinez #14 | .308 | 0 | | - | 114 | 123 | 262 | 256 | AR | OF21(LF), SS17, 3B15, C7, 2B1, P1 | B | R |
| Gary Geiger #19 | .224 | 2 | PK | - | 112 | 123 | 224 | 231 | AR | PH, | L | R |
| Sandy Valdespino #28 | .244 | 2 | | - | - | 121 | 234 | 235 | AR | OF65(<u>LF</u> /RF/CF) | | |
| Julio Gotay #17 | .259 | 2 | | - | - | 131 | 242 | 242 | AR | OF29(LF) | L | L |
| Tommy Davis #10 | .241 | 1 | | 113 | - | 125 | 234 | 234 | AAR | PH, 2B16, 3B1 | R | R |
| Leon McFadden #20 | .176 | 1 | | - | - | 116 | 212 | 212 | AR | OF21(LF) | R | R |
| Hector Torres #15 | .159 | 0 | MW | 113 | - | 116 | 166 | 164 | AR | OF17(<u>RF</u> /LF), SS8 | R | R |
| Don Bryant #6 | .186 | 0 | | 114 | - | 122 | 215 | 214 | SLO | SS22 | R | R |
| Bob Watson #27 | .275 | 0 | | - | - | 134 | 251 | 245 | AR | C28 | R | R |
| Keith Lampard #26 | .250 | 0 | PK | 136 | - | - | 236 | 236 | AR | PH, OF6(LF), 1B5, C1 | | |
| Cesar Geronimo #34 | .250 | 0 | PK | - | - | 153 | 236 | 236 | AR | PH, OF2(RF) | L | R |
| Larry Dierker | .144 | 0 | MW PK | 112 | - | 116 | 161 | 161 | SLO | PR, | L | L |
| Denny Lemaster | .170 | 0 | PK | 112 | - | 123 | 213 | 166 | SLO | OF9(<u>LF</u> /RF/CF) | | |
| Don Wilson | .099 | 0 | MW PK | - | - | 115 | 145 | 143 | SLO | P39 | R | R |
| Tom Griffin | .145 | 0 | PK | 121 | - | 124 | 162 | 161 | SLO | P38 | R | L |
| Jim Ray | .115 | 0 | MW PK | - | - | - | 154 | 146 | SLO | P34 | R | R |
| Pitcher R | .110 | - | MW PK | 111 | - | 113 | 153 | 145 | SLO | P31 | R | R |
| Pitcher L | .110 | - | MW PK | 111 | - | 113 | 145 | 146 | SLO | P40 | R | R |
| | ERA | IP | W | K | G | GS | SV | | | | | |
| Larry Dierker #49 | 2.33 | 305 | 125 | 556 | 39 | 37 | 0 | .144 | R | R | | |
| Denny Lemaster #23 | 3.16 | 245 | 131 | 564 | 38 | 37 | 1 | .170 | R | L | | |
| Don Wilson #40 | 4.00 | 225 | 141 | 534 | 34 | 34 | 0 | .099 | R | R | | |
| Tom Griffin #38 | 3.54 | 188 | 144 | 531 | 31 | 31 | 0 | .145 | R | R | | |
| Jim Ray #45 | 3.91 | 115 | 141 | 536 | 40 | 13 | 0 | .115 | R | R | "Sting" | |
| Jack Billingham #42 | 4.25 | 83 | 133 | 554 | 52 | 4 | 2 | .071 | R | R | | |
| Wade Blasingame #36 | 5.37 | 52 | 151 | 615 | 26 | 5 | 1 | .000 | L | L | | |
| Fred Gladding #48 | 4.21 | 73 | 134 | 622 | 57 | 0 | 29 | .100 | L | R | | |
| Dooley Womack #37 | 3.51 | 51 | 136 | 613 | 30 | 0 | 0 | .167 | L | R | | |
| Jim Bouton #44 #56 | 4.11 | 31 | 135 | 536 | 16 | 1 | 1 | .000 | R | R | "Bulldog" | |
| "Skip" Guinn #35 | 6.67 | 27 | 156 | 525 | 28 | 0 | 0 | .000 | R | L | Drannon Eugene | |
| Bob Watkins #47 | 5.17 | 16 | 164 | 564 | 5 | 0 | 0 | .000 | R | R | | |
| Danny Coombs #31 | 6.75 | 8 | 124 | 641 | 8 | 0 | 0 | .000 | R | L | | |
| Dan Schneider #41 #58 | 13.50 | 7 | 145 | 641 | 6 | 0 | 0 | .000 | L | L | | |

The first season in franchise history the Astros did not have a losing record...Jimmy Wynn led the ball club with 33 home runs and 113 runs scored. He was second on the team with 87 runs batted in behind Denis Menke who drove in ninety. Menke also was tops with 149 base hits. Joe Morgan followed Wynn after hitting 15 homers for the year and crossing the plate 94 times. The Astros hit .240 and 104 home runs as a team...The pitching staff had a 3.60 ERA and at that time set a new major league record of 1,221 strikeouts. Larry Dierker led the staff with 20 wins, 20 complete games, and four shutouts. Don Wilson was 16-12 and led the hurlers with 235 K's. Dierker struck out 232 batters. Tom Griffin was 11-10 with 200 strikeouts. Lefty Denny Lemaster was the winning pitcher in thirteen contests...After his trade from Seattle to Houston, Jim Bouton, the author of the best-selling and very controversial book Ball Four, chronicled his time with the Astros in that same "diary" of his '69 season in baseball...Houston finished 29 games ahead of the last place San Diego Padres and won the season series, 10-8. The Astros were twelve in back of first place Atlanta with the Braves taking that series, 15-3.