

1968 CHICAGO CUBS

84-78 3rd

MGR Leo Durocher (#2)

"Lippy" "Leo the Lip"

DP: 311 to 334

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		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Ernie Banks "Mr. Cub" #14		.246	2		131	-	146	236	235	AR	SD	1B147	R R
Glenn Beckert #18		.294	8	MW MK	111	112	125	255	253	AR	SD	2B155	R R
Don Kessinger #11		.240	9		-	112	121	241	233	AAR	SD	SS159	B R
Ron Santo #10 capt		.246	3		124	125	135	236	235	AR	SD	3B162	R R
Lou Johnson "Sweet Lou" #41	+	.244	3		111	114	141	241	234	AAR		OF57(RF)	R R
Adolfo Phillips "Dolpho" #20		.241	9		116	122	136	234	234	AAR	T-1	OF141(CF)	R R
Billy Williams #26		.288	4		124	131	145	245	253	AAR	T-1	OF163(LF/RF)	L R
Randy Hundley #9		.226	1		113	115	126	234	226	SLO	SD	C160	R R
Jim Hickman #28		.223	1		116	123	134	231	226	AR		OF66(RF/CF/LF)	R R
Al Spangler "Spanky" #21		.271	0		112	116	135	243	245	AR		OF48(RF/CF/LF), PH	L L
Willie Smith #25	X	.275	0	PK	122	125	145	243	246	AR	T-1	OF38(LF), PH, 1B4, P1	L L
Dick Nen #15		.181	0		115	121	123	213	213	SLO		1B52, PH	L L
Jose Arcia #17		.190	0	MW PK	113	-	131	215	215	AAR	LD(3B)	PR, OF17(CF/LF), 2B10, SS7, 3B1	R R
Lee Elia #19		.176	0	PK	-	-	-	212	212	AR		PH, 2B1, 3B1	R R
John Boccabella #12		.071	0		-	-	-	135	133	SLO	LD(OF)	C4, PH, OF1(LF)	R R
Jimmy McMath #24		.143	0	PK	-	-	-	156	161	AR	LD	OF3(LF), PH	L L
Gene Oliver #12	X	.364	0	PK	-	-	-	323	316	SLO		PH, 1B2, C1, OF1(LF)	R R
John Upham #37		.200	0		-	-	-	214	222	AR		PH, OF2(CF/LF), P2	L L
Randy Bobb #6		.125	0		-	-	-	153	153	SLO		C7	R R
Fergie Jenkins		.160	0	PK	112	-	125	211	164	SLO	SD	P40	R R
Ken Holtzman		.125	0	MW PK	-	-	113	153	153	SLO		P34	R L
Rich Nye		.182	0	MW PK	-	-	-	211	214	SLO		P27	L L
Phil Regan	X	.150	0	PK	-	-	125	164	162	SLO		P68	R R
Joe Niekro		.100	0	PK	-	-	-	146	143	SLO	SD	P34	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					
Fergie Jenkins #31 SD		2.63	308	124	551	40	40	0	.160	R R	Ferguson Arthur "Fly"		
Bill Hands #49		2.89	259	121	615	38	34	0	.061	R R	"Froggy"		
Ken Holtzman #30		3.35	215	134	564	34	32	1	.125	R L			
Joe Niekro #48 SD		4.31	177	132	636	34	29	2	.100	R R			
Rich Nye #32		3.80	133	125	622	27	20	1	.182	L L			
Phil Regan #27	X	2.20	127	123	625	68	0	25	.150	R R	"The Vulture"		
Jack Lamabe #40		4.30	61	135	625	42	0	2	.200	R R	"Tomato Face" "Tomatoes"		
Gary Ross #33		4.17	41	151	563	13	5	0	.091	R R			
Chuck Hartenstein #42		4.54	36	131	626	28	0	1	.000	R R	"Twiggy"		
Bill Stoneman #36		5.52	29	142	615	18	0	0	.000	R R			
Bob Tiefenauer #22 #38 SD		6.08	13	116	614	9	0	1	.000	R R			
Archie Reynolds #39		6.75	13	145	631	7	1	0	.500	R R			
Darcy Fast #38		5.40	10	164	534	8	1	0	.000	L L			
Ramon Hernandez #33		9.00	9	111	643	8	0	0	.000	B L			
John Upham #37		0.00	7	144	636	2	0	0	.200	L L			
Frank Reberger #37 #54		4.50	6	131	631	3	1	0	.000	L R			
Pete Mikkelsen #40	+	7.71	5	122	546	3	0	0	1.000	R R			
Willie Smith #25	X	0.00	3	111	551	1	0	0	.275	L L	"Wonderful Willie"		

In Leo Durocher's first year as skipper (1966), the Cubbies lost 103 ballgames . The ball club won 87 games in 1967 to finish third and produced another third place in '68, thirteen games behind the pennant-winning Cardinals. What a turn-around for a team that had been mostly a second division club from '47 to '66. During those times, the Cubs were NOT a big draw to Wrigley Field like they are today...For the season, the Cubs batted .242 as a team and led the N. L. with 130 home runs. Thirty-seven-year-old Ernie Banks (32) and "Sweet Swingin'" Billy Williams (30) topped the ball club in homers. Captain Ron Santo added 26 dingers and tied Williams for the team lead in RBI (98). Banks knocked in eighty-three. Glenn Beckert posted the most base hits (189) and runs scored (98)...The pitching staff's ERA of 3.41 placed them ninth in the league. Ace Fergie Jenkins was the leader of the pitching corps with a 20-15 won/loss record, 260 strikeouts, and 20 complete games. Bill Hands won sixteen, completed 11 games, and topped the staff with four shutouts. Knuckleballer Joe Niekro was a 14-game winner; Ken Holtzman won eleven...The Cubs came a long way in the season's second half after wrapping up the first with a 36-45 record and floundering in ninth place fifteen games out of first.