

1968 NEW YORK YANKEES

83-79 5th

MGR Ralph Houk (#35)
"The Major"

DP: 311 to 335

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Mickey Mantle <i>"The Mick"</i> #7	.237	6	PW	123	-	134	234	233	AR		1B131, PH	B R
Horace Clarke <i>"Hoss"</i> #20	.230	20	MW	111	-	113	234	231	AAR	SD	2B139	B R
Tom Tresh #15	.195	10		115	116	132	216	216	AAR		SS119, OF27(LF)	B R
Bobby Cox #14	.229	3		113	-	124	233	231	AR		3B132	R R
Andy Kosco #28	.240	2	MW	121	-	134	241	233	AR		OF96(RF), 1B28	R R
Joe Pepitone <i>"Pepi"</i> #25	.245	8		123	125	134	235	235	AR	SD(1B)	OF92(CF/LF), 1B12	L L
Roy White #21 #48	.267	20		116	123	134	246	243	AAR	SD/T-1	OF154(LF/CF/RF)	B R
Jake Gibbs #41	.213	9		112	114	124	224	224	AR		C121	L R
Bill Robinson #11	.240	7		114	122	136	241	233	AAR		OF98(CF/RF/LF)	R R
Dick Howser #10	.153	0	PW	-	111	114	163	163	AR		PH, 2B29, 3B2, SS1	R R
Frank Fernandez #38	.170	1	PW PK	125	131	145	213	166	SLO		C45, OF4(RF)	R R
Gene Michael <i>"Stick"</i> #17	.198	3	MW	112	-	122	223	216	AR		SS43, PR, P1	B R
<i>"Rocky"</i> Colavito #29 <i>Rocco</i>	X .220	0		126	135	144	231	225	SLO	LD	OF28(RF/LF), PH, P1	R R
Mike Ferraro #26	.161	0	MW	-	112	-	212	164	AR		3B22	R R
Charley Smith #6	.229	0		PK 113	116	136	233	231	AR		PH, 3B13	R R
Steve Whitaker #9	.117	0		PK -	-	121	145	152	AR	LD	OF14(CF/LF/RF), PH	L R
Ruben Amaro, Sr. #12	.122	0	PW	-	-	115	154	152	AR		SS23, 1B22	R R
Ellie Rodriguez #23	.208	0		-	-	-	223	223	AR		C9	R R
Mel Stottlemyre	.143	0		PK -	-	121	164	156	SLO	SD	P36	R R
Bill Monbouquette +	.115	0		-	-	122	154	146	SLO		P17	R R
Fred Talbot	.118	0		PK 131	-	-	153	151	SLO		P29	R R
Al Downing	.176	0		PK -	-	-	212	212	SLO		P15	R L
<i>"Fritz"</i> Peterson	.079	0	MW PK	-	113	116	135	135	SLO		P36	B L
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					
Mel Stottlemyre #30 SD	2.45	279	125	623	36	36	0	.143	R R			
Stan Bahnsen #45	2.05	267	126	613	37	34	0	.049	R R	<i>"Bonce"</i>		
<i>"Fritz"</i> Peterson #19	2.63	212	121	621	36	27	0	.079	B L	<i>Fred Ingles</i>		
Steve Barber #18	3.23	128	144	566	20	19	0	.051	L L			
Fred Talbot #22	3.36	99	141	566	29	11	0	.118	R R	<i>"Bubby"</i>		
Joe Verbanic #52	3.15	97	136	633	40	11	4	.080	R R			
Bill Monbouquette #40 +	4.43	89	121	636	17	11	0	.115	R R	<i>"Monbo"</i>		
Al Downing #24	3.52	61	133	611	15	12	0	.176	R L			
Dooley Womack #58	3.21	62	143	631	45	0	2	.200	L R			
Steve Hamilton #39	2.13	51	126	551	40	0	11	.000	L L	<i>"Gomer"</i>		
Lindy McDaniel #40 X	1.75	51	126	544	24	0	10	.000	R R			
Jim Bouton #56	3.68	44	123	622	12	3	0	.000	R R	<i>"Bulldog"</i>		
Thad Tillotson #54	4.35	10	154	662	7	0	0	.000	R R			
Johnny Wyatt #51 X	2.16	8	166	561	7	0	0	.000	R R			

The 1968 Yankees became a ball club that no one would remember--unless, of course, you're the most diehard fan of "The Bronx Bombers". What IS notable from this season: the Yankees finished a campaign OVER .500 for the first time since 1964, the last time they had reached the World Series. They also set the record for the LOWEST team batting average in major league baseball during the "live ball" era (.214). Go figure. The once powerful Yankees?! On top of all that, "The Commerce Comet" from Commerce, Oklahoma, Mickey Mantle, called it a career after battling pain from two dead legs for years. His career began in 1951 and it's very sad he sustained his first injury to a knee after stepping awkwardly on the cover of a recessed water drain pipe in the outfield during the World Series that October. Arguably the greatest player of all-time, certainly the greatest switch-hitter, Mantle hit 18 home runs and drove home 54 during his excruciating exit. As a major league icon, "The Mick" hit .298 and 536 home runs. A twenty-time All Star, Mantle also picked up THREE A. L. MVP Awards... Mantle, fittingly, led the Yanks in home runs in '68. An all-around solid ballplayer, Roy White, was the leader with 62 RBI, 154 base hits, and 89 runs scored. He also popped 17 homers. As a ball club, the Yankees hit 109 home runs...A total of 50 victories on the pitching mound came from three hurlers: Mel Stottlemyre (21), A. L. Rookie of the Year Stan Bahnsen (17), and southpaw "Fritz" Peterson (12). Stottlemyre was tops with 19 complete games and six shutouts. Bahnsen's 162 strikeouts were the most on the pitching staff. Yankee pitchers ended the year with a 2.79 ERA...New York finished the season 20 games in back of A. L. Champ Detroit.