

1968 NEW YORK METS

73-89 9th
MGR Gil Hodges (#14)

DP: 311 to 333

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Ed Kranepool #7	.231	0		112	113	125	231	232	AR		1B113, OF2(LF)	L L
Ken Boswell #12	.261	7		113	115	124	236	243	AAR		2B69	L R
"Bud" Harrelson #3 <u>Derrel</u>	.219	4		-	112	116	226	225	AAR	SD	SS106	B R
Ed Charles #5	.276	5		123	124	134	252	245	AR		3B106, 1B2	R R
Ron Swoboda "Rocky" #4	.242	8	PK	115	122	133	235	234	AR	T-1	OF125(RF)	R R
Tommie Agee #20	.217	13	PK	113	115	126	232	224	AAR	SD	OF127(<u>CF</u> /RF)	R R
Cleon Jones #21	.297	23		116	122	142	255	254	AAR	T-1	OF139(<u>LF</u> /CF/RF)	R L
Jerry Grote #15	.282	1		112	-	126	251	251	AR	SD	C115	R R
Art Shamsky #24	.238	1		122	125	142	231	234	AR		OF82(<u>LF</u> /RF), 1B17	L L
Al Weis #6	.172	3		111	-	116	212	211	AR		SS59, 2B29, 3B2	B R
J. C. Martin #9 <u>Joseph</u>	.225	0		113	115	131	225	231	AR		C53, 1B14	L R
Phil Linz #2	.209	1	MW	-	-	116	224	223	AR		2B71	R R
Jerry Buchek #1	.182	1	PK	111	-	116	214	213	AR		3B37, 2B12, OF9(LF)	R R
Larry Stahl #25	.235	3		114	116	132	232	233	AR	T-1	OF47(<u>CF</u> /RF/LF), 1B9	L L
Kevin Collins #16 #19	.201	0	MW PK	111	114	125	215	222	AR		3B40, 2B6, SS1	L R
Don Bosch #17	.171	0	PK	116	-	122	211	211	AR		OF33(<u>CF</u> /LF)	B R
Greg Goossen #10 #22	.208	0		-	-	132	223	223	AR	LD-C	1B31, C1	R R
Tom Seaver	.158	0	MW PK	-	-	115	165	164	SLO	SD	P36	R R
Jerry Koosman	.077	0	MW PK	112	-	114	141	134	SLO		P35	R L
Don Cardwell	.049	0	MW PK	114	-	-	131	124	SLO		P29	R R
Dick Selma	.207	1	MW PK	-	-	121	225	222	SLO		P33	R R
Nolan Ryan	.114	0	MW PK	-	-	-	153	146	SLO	LD	P21	R R
Al Jackson	.250	0	MW PK	-	-	122	236	236	SLO		P25	L 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					
Tom Seaver #41 SD	2.20	278	122	561	36	35	1	.158	R R	"Tom Terrific"	"The Franchise"	
Jerry Koosman #36	2.08	264	126	565	35	34	0	.077	R L			
Don Cardwell #27	2.95	180	131	626	29	25	1	.049	R R			
Dick Selma #39	2.75	170	133	565	33	23	0	.207	R R			
Nolan Ryan #30 LD	3.09	134	152	533	21	18	0	.114	R R			
Al Jackson #38	3.69	93	123	612	25	9	3	.250	L L	"Little Al"		
Jim McAndrew #43	2.28	79	124	614	12	12	0	.045	R R			
Cal Koonce #34	2.42	97	133	622	55	2	11	.000	R R			
Ron Taylor #42	2.70	77	125	611	58	0	13	.000	R R			
Danny Frisella #29	3.91	51	133	546	19	4	2	.083	L R			
Bill Short #40	4.85	30	143	554	34	0	1	.000	L L			
Bill Connors #33 #45	9.00	14	141	624	9	0	0	1.000	R R			
Don Shaw #35 #46	0.75	12	144	526	7	0	0	.000	L L			
Les Rohr #31	4.50	6	166	563	2	1	0	.000	L L			

Many former Brooklyn Dodger fans had to be delirious when old favorite, Gil Hodges, was hired away by the Mets from the expansion Washington Senators after the '67 season. Hodges had played briefly with the Mets when they were born and after hanging up his first baseman's glove, he moved to D. C. where he managed the Solons to a marked improvement in the mid-60s. The Mets' brass was looking for a mature, steadying influence for a team which now featured some young, talented players. Hodges would use the '68 campaign as a "live laboratory" to see what he REALLY had for a ball club. No one--not even Gil--was sure what the future held for the young men in the club house...Ed Charles led the Mets with 15 home runs. He drove in fifty-three. Ron Swoboda, who hit eleven homers, was the top RBI-man with fifty-nine. Cleon Jones clubbed 14 dingers while driving in 55 runs. Jones led the ball club in hits (151) and runs scored (63). The Mets finished the year last in the league with a .228 batting average and fifth with 81 home runs. They scored 473 times...Lefty Jerry Koosman was the pitching staff's top winner with 19 victories. He was also the leader with 17 complete games and seven shutouts. Tom Seaver (16-12) led the staff with 205 K's; Koosman followed with 178 strikeouts. Twenty-one year old Lynn Nolan Ryan was six up and nine down for the year. He racked up 133 strikeouts and 75 bases on balls. The staff's ERA was 2.72, fourth in the National League. They were second with 1,014 strikeouts.