

# 1968 BALTIMORE ORIOLES

91-71 2nd

MGRs Hank Bauer #42 (80 games)

Earl Weaver #4 (82 games)

DP: 311 to 333

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
"Boog" Powell #26 <u>John</u>	.249	7		123	-	135	235	236	AR		1B149	L R
Davey Johnson #15	.242	7		114	116	134	235	234	AR		2B127, SS34	R R
Mark Belanger "The Blade" #7	.208	10	PK	111	-	121	223	223	AAR	SD	SS145	R R
Brooks Robinson #5	.253	1		116	122	143	243	236	AR	SD	3B162	R R
Frank Robinson "The Judge" #20	.268	11	PW	122	123	145	251	243	AAR	T-1	OF117(RF/LF), 1B3	R R
Paul Blair "Motormouth" #6	.211	4		114	115	134	226	223	AAR	SD/T-1(OF)	OF132(CF), 3B1	R R
Curt Motton #21	.198	1		122	-	133	223	216	AR		OF54(LF), PH	R R
Andy Etchebarren #8	.233	0	PK	116	122	143	233	232	SLO	SD	C70	R R
Curt Blefary #3	.200	6		121	-	125	214	222	AR		OF92(LF/RF), C40, 1B12	L R
Don Buford #9	.282	27		122	124	135	251	251	AAR		OF65(CF/LF), 2B58, 3B2	B R
Elrod Hendricks "Ellie" #10	.202	0	PK	122	123	136	216	222	SLO	SD	C53, PH	L R
Dave May #12	.191	3		-	114	131	213	216	AAR		OF61(RF/CF), PH	L R
Fred Valentine #16 X	.187	0		115	124	135	216	214	AR		OF26(RF/CF/LF), PH	B R
Larry Haney #34	.236	0	MW	112	114	125	233	233	SLO		C32	R R
Merv Rettenmund #14 #47	.297	1	PW PK	121	-	146	255	254	AAR		OF23(CF/RF/LF)	R R
Mike Fiore #30	.059	0	PW PK	-	-	-	126	131	AR	LD(OF)	1B5, OF1(LF)	L L
"Chico" Fernandez #1 <u>Lorenzo</u>	.111	0		-	-	-	146	146	AR		PH, SS7, 2B4	R R
Bobby Floyd #2	.111	0	PK	-	-	146	146	146	AR		SS4	R R
Dave McNally	.128	0	PK	122	-	125	156	153	SLO		P35	R L
Tom Phoebus	.183	0	MW PK	113	-	122	215	213	SLO		P36	R R
Jim Hardin	.085	0	MW PK	-	113	116	142	136	SLO		P35	R R
Dave Leonhard	.129	0	MW PK	-	-	-	161	153	SLO		P28	R R
Wally Bunker	.111	0	PK	-	-	-	146	146	SLO		P18	R R
Pete Richert	.200	0	PK	-	-	144	214	222	SLO		P36	L L
Bruce Howard +	.286	0	PK	161	-	252	255	251	SLO		P10	B R
Moe Drabowsky	.286	0	MW PK	-	-	-	255	251	SLO		P45	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					
Dave McNally #19	1.95	273	124	555	35	35	0	.128	R	L		
Jim Hardin #44	2.51	244	132	565	35	35	0	.085	R	R		
Tom Phoebus #36	2.62	241	142	553	36	36	0	.183	R	R		
Dave Leonhard #40	3.13	126	143	623	28	18	1	.129	R	R		
Wally Bunker #27	2.41	71	124	612	18	10	0	.111	R	R		
Mike Adamson #17 #47	9.39	8	143	625	2	2	0	.333	R	R		
Gene Brabender #32 <u>LD</u>	3.32	125	135	563	37	15	3	.086	R	R		
Eddie Watt #39	2.27	83	142	545	59	0	11	.000	R	R		
Roger Nelson #35	2.41	71	136	533	19	6	1	.063	R	R	"Spider"	
Pete Richert #24	3.47	62	123	556	36	0	6	.200	L	L		
Moe Drabowsky #25	1.91	61	142	553	45	0	7	.286	R	R	<u>Myron Walter</u>	
John Morris #37	2.56	32	151	562	19	0	0	.000	R	L		
Bruce Howard #16 +	3.77	31	164	624	10	5	0	.286	B	R		
John O'Donoghue #28	6.14	22	131	631	16	0	2	.000	R	L		

The Orioles were World Champions in 1966 and followed that with a 76-win season in 1967. The 1968 campaign found The Birds back-on-track. Baltimore spent a great majority of the year in second place, but briefly held the American League lead from May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup> with their largest advantage 2 ½ games. After the All Star break, the closest the Orioles came to first place was four games following a doubleheader sweep of the Oakland A's, August 27<sup>th</sup>. In their final thirty games, the ball club was 13-17 dropping them twelve games behind the pennant-winning Tigers at the end of the season... "Boog" Powell was the team leader with 22 home runs and 85 RBI. Brooks Robinson played in all 162 games, hit 17 homers, drove home 75 runs, won his ninth straight Gold Glove, AND topped the O's in base hits (154). Frank Robinson (15 homers, 52 RBI) scored the most runs (69). As a team, Baltimore was eighth in the league with a .225 batting average and second after hitting 133 homers... The pitching staff put up a league best 2.66 ERA (tie with Cleveland). Dave McNally led the hurlers with 22 wins and 202 strikeouts. Jim Hardin was an 18-game winner while Tom Phoebus was the victor in fifteen. Absent was Jim Palmer who dealt with a sore arm in '67 and then had surgery on the same arm which wiped out the entire '68 campaign for him. He'd be back with a bang in '69... At the All Star recess, Hank Bauer was released from his managerial job with a 43-37 record. The "brass" felt the team was under-achieving. Enter ultra-high-energy Earl Sidney Weaver (Bauer's first base coach) who led the ball club to a 48-34 mark the rest of the way and would do nothing but WIN a ton of ballgames through 1982.