

1974 TEXAS RANGERS

84-76 2nd
MGR Billy Martin (#1)

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Mike Hargrove #21	.323	0		112	115	132	263	264	AR	1B91, DH , OF6(LF)	L	L
Dave Nelson #5	.236	25		111	-	121	233	233	AAR	2B120	R	R
Toby Harrah #11	.260	15		122	123	136	243	242	AAR	SS158, 3B3	R	R
Lenny Randle #7 #33	.302	26		-	112	123	256	255	AAR	3B89, 2B40, OF21(LF /CF/RF), SS1	B	R
Jeff Burroughs #20	.301	2		124	125	146	255	255	AR	OF150(RF), 1B2	R	R
Joe Lovitto #9	.223	6		112	114	125	231	226	AAR	OF107(CF), 1B5	B	R
Alex Johnson #15 +	.291	20		112	113	124	256	252	AAR	LD OF81(LF), DH	R	R
Jim Sundberg #10	.247	2		112	114	126	241	235	SLO	C132	R	R
Jim Spencer "Spence" #3	.278	1		114	116	131	246	246	SLO	SD 1B60, DH	L	L
Cesar Tovar "Pepi" #7 #12	.292	13	MK	112	114	131	253	253	AAR	OF135(CF /LF/RF)	R	R
Tom Grieve #6	.255	0		122	125	141	241	241	AR	DH , OF38(LF /RF), 1B1	R	R
Jim Fregosi #17	.261	0		125	-	134	244	242	AR	1B47, 3B32	R	R
"Duke" Sims #2 <u>Duane</u> X	.208	0		116	-	-	223	223	SLO	C30, DH , OF1(RF)	L	R
Leo Cardenas "Chico" #19	.272	1	MW	-	-	121	251	244	AR	3B21, SS10, DH	R	R
Larry Brown #18	.197	0		-	-	116	222	216	AR	3B47, 2B8, SS1	R	R
Roy Howell #27	.250	0	MW PK	115	-	124	236	236	AR	3B12	L	R
Dick Billings #8 +	.226	2		-	-	121	234	226	SLO	C13, OF1(LF)	R	R
Bill Fahey #37	.250	0	MK	-	-	-	236	236	AR	C6	L	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 #19 #31	2.82	328	121	565	41	41	0	.500	R	R <u>Ferguson Arthur</u> "Fly"
Jim Bibby #22	4.74	264	141	616	41	41	0	.000	R	R
Jackie Brown #28	3.57	217	133	614	35	26	0	.000	R	R
Steve Hargan #26	3.95	187	126	623	37	27	0	.000	R	R
David Clyde #32 LD	4.38	117	135	632	28	21	0	.000	L	L
Bill Hands #46 X	1.93	14	124	643	2	2	0	.000	R	R "Froggy"
Steve Foucault #29	2.24	144	131	562	69	0	12	.000	L	R
Jim Merritt #16 LD	4.13	33	122	624	26	1	0	.000	L	L
Don Stanhouse #27 #36 #50	4.88	31	144	556	18	0	0	.000	R	R "Stan the Man Unusual"
Pete Broberg #18 #40	8.07	29	142	623	12	2	0	.000	R	R
Jim Shellenback #25	5.84	25	142	622	11	0	0	.000	L	L
Lloyd Allen #30 +	6.55	22	162	556	14	0	0	.000	R	R
Stan Thomas #23	6.59	14	135	624	12	0	0	.000	R	R
Jeff Terpkko #46	1.29	7	151	631	3	0	0	.000	R	R

1974 was a breakthrough season for this once lowly franchise originally born as the expansion Washington Senators in 1961.

This organization at the major league level was BAD...really BAD. (Forget the owner's name: Bob Short. He moved the ball club to Arlington, Texas, from D. C. in 1972 and had NO business running a baseball franchise. In early '74, he sold out.)

The enigmatic Billy Martin was hired late in the '73 season to turn things around. Billy has a Herculean will to win. It worked. Meanwhile, consistently poor finishes in the standings allowed the team to draft some good talent. In Jim Sundberg, a future Gold Glove catcher, and hitter Mike Hargrove, who would later be nicknamed "The Human Rain Delay," the minor league farm teams were becoming fruitful in producing home grown players for the Rangers. More were on the way...

Fergie Jenkins won 25 games for this ball club--the third hurler in American League history and the 20th Century to win that many games but NOT a Cy Young Award.

Team leaders: Jeff Burroughs (25 homers, 118 RBI, 167 base hits, 84 runs scored, 33 doubles) and Jenkins (25 wins, 225 K's, 29 complete games, six shutouts). David Clyde was 3-9 with 52 strikeouts. It was only the SECOND time the expansion Senators/Rangers franchise finished over .500 in a season. Texas also became the first team in major league annals to post a winning record after two consecutive 100-loss campaigns...Toby Harrah hit 21 homers and knocked in 74--second on the ball club. The Rangers hit 99 home runs and LED the league with a .272 batting average. They scored 690 runs...The staff ERA was 3.82 (tenth in the A.L.); their 16 shutouts were tops in the junior circuit. Other double-digit winners: Jim Bibby (19), Jackie Brown (13), Steve Hargan (12)...Texas finished five games in back of division champ, Oakland, and WON the season series, 10-8.