

1972 HOUSTON ASTROS

84-69 2nd

MGRs Harry *"The Hat"* Walker #25 (121 games)
Francis *"Salty"* Parker #2 (1 game)
Leo *"Lippy"* Durocher #2 (31 games)

DP: 311 to 335

Error: 351 to 354

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Lee May <i>"Big Bopper"</i> #23	.284	3	PK	125	126	145	253	251	AR	SD	1B146	R R
Tommy Helms #19	.259	4	MW MK	112	114	126	242	242	AR	SD	2B139	R R
Roger Metzger #14	.222	23		111	112	116	226	226	AAR		SS153	B R
Doug Rader <i>"Red Rooster"</i> #12	.237	5		123	126	143	234	233	AR	SD	3B152	R R
Jim Wynn <i>"The Toy Cannon"</i> #24	.273	17	PW	124	125	145	245	245	AAR	T-1	OF144(<u>RF</u> /CF)	R R
Cesar Cedeno #28	.320	55		123	126	145	264	263	S	SD/T-1	OF137(CF)	R R
Bob Watson <i>"Bull"</i> #27	.312	1		116	122	141	263	261	AR		OF143(LF), 1B2	R R
Johnny Edwards #7	.268	2		113	114	132	243	244	AR	SD	C105	L R
Larry Howard #10	.223	0		113	-	131	231	226	SLO		C53, OF1(LF)	R R
Norm Miller #21	.243	1		122	-	134	233	235	AR		PH,	L R
											OF29(RF/CF/LF)	
Jimmy Stewart #11	.219	0		-	115	134	226	225	AR		PH, OF11(LF/CF/RF), 1B9, 2B8, 3B2	B R
Jesus Alou <i>"Jay"</i> #22	.312	0	MK	-	112	125	263	261	AR		PH, OF23(RF/LF)	R R
Bobby Fenwick #18	.180	0	PK	-	-	131	216	212	AR	LD	PH, 2B17, SS4, 3B2	R R
Bob Stinson <i>"Scrap Iron"</i> #9	.171	0	MW	-	-	116	211	211	AR		PH, C12, OF3(LF)	B R
Jack Hiatt #8 +	.200	0	PW	-	-	151	222	221	SLO		C10	R R
Rich Chiles #29	.273	0		-	-	142	245	245	AR		PH, OF2(LF/RF)	L L
Don Wilson	.105	0	MW PK	-	113	-	151	144	SLO		P33	R R
Larry Dierker	.167	0	MW PK	-	-	-	166	166	SLO		P31	R R
Dave Roberts	.239	0	PK	116	-	123	232	234	SLO		P35	L L
Jerry Reuss	.106	0	PK	-	-	121	144	145	SLO		P33	L L
Ken Forsch	.146	0	MW PK	-	-	-	163	161	SLO		P30	R R
Tom Griffin	.280	0	MW PK	135	-	221	252	246	SLO		P39	R R
George Culver	.158	0	MW PK	-	-	125	165	164	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		
Don Wilson #40	2.68	228	132	561	33	33	0	.105	R R
Larry Dierker #49	3.40	215	125	622	31	31	0	.167	R R
Dave Roberts #15	4.50	192	131	621	35	28	2	.239	L L
Jerry Reuss #47	4.17	192	141	545	33	30	1	.106	L L
Ken Forsch #43	3.91	156	135	564	30	24	0	.146	R R
Tom Griffin #38	3.24	94	136	551	39	5	3	.280	R R
George Culver #39	3.05	97	143	546	45	0	2	.158	R R
Jim Ray #45	4.28	90	144	616	54	0	8	.063	R R <i>"Sting"</i>
Fred Gladding #48	2.77	49	126	634	42	0	14	.000	L R
Jim York #42	5.25	36	142	611	26	0	0	.000	R R
Mike Cosgrove #37	4.61	14	124	625	7	1	1	.000	L L
Wade Blasingame #36 +	8.64	8	166	514	10	0	0	.000	L L
Joe Gibbon #37 X	9.82	7	151	626	9	0	0	.000	R L
J. R. Richard #50	13.50	6	166	525	4	1	0	.000	R R <u>James Rodney</u>

The major leagues played a shortened schedule in '72 due to a players' strike and subsequent lock-out by the owners during Spring Training. The games which were cancelled were not made up; thus, the NL West ended in odd fashion. The Astros finished 10 ½ games behind division champion, Cincinnati, but just a single percentage point ahead of the Dodgers (85-70). Houston was 6-11 versus the Reds and 7-11 against L. A. during the regular season...As a team, the Astros hit .258 (third in the N.L.) with 134 home runs and 708 runs scored--the latter tops in the National League...Lee May slugged 29 home runs and drove home ninety-eight to lead the 'Stros. Jimmy Wynn popped 24 round-trippers while knocking in 90 runs and leading the team in runs scored (117). Doug Rader added 22 homers and 90 RBI as well. Cesar Cedeno--looking like the second coming of Willie Mays--hit 22 home runs, drove home eighty-two, and scored 103 times. He was third in the majors in stolen bases and covered centerfield like Mays in his prime. Cedeno's 39 doubles were enough for second place in the major leagues. His 179 base hits topped the Astros. For the season, the Astros swiped 111 bases (third in the N.L.)...Don Wilson and Larry Dierker topped the pitching staff with 15 wins each. Dave Roberts won twelve and Jerry Reuss (nine wins) led the staff with 174 strikeouts. Wilson was next with 172 K's. Reliever Jim Ray was a winner of ten ball games. The staff's ERA was 3.77, tenth in the league...Since '71, ORANGE is the Astros primary color along with orange caps...Managers' records: Walker (67-54), Parker (1-0), and Durocher (16-15).