

1972 MINNESOTA TWINS

77-77 3rd

MGRs Bill Rigney #18 (70 games)
Frank Quilici #43 (84 games)

DP: 311 to 334

Error: 351 to 356

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Harmon Killebrew <i>"Killer"</i> #3	.231	0	PW	131	132	142	235	231	SLO	1B130	R	R
Rod Carew #29	.318	12		-	112	124	262	263	AAR	2B139	L	R
Danny Thompson #5	.276	3		112	114	126	252	245	AR	SS144	R	R
Eric Soderholm #1	.188	3		124	-	136	221	214	AR	3B79	R	R
Cesar Tovar <i>"Pepito"</i> #12	.265	21	MK	111	113	125	244	243	AAR	T-1 OF139(<i>RF</i> /LF)	R	R
Bobby Darwin #2	.267	2	PK	123	124	136	246	243	AR	T-1 OF142(<i>CF</i> / <i>RF</i> /LF)	R	R
Steve Brye #11	.241	3		-	113	125	234	234	AAR	T-1 OF93(<i>LF</i> /CF)	R	R
Glenn Borgmann #24 #27	.234	0		114	-	123	234	232	SLO	C56	R	R
Steve Braun #4	.289	4		111	-	126	246	253	AR	LD(SS) 3B74, 2B20, SS11, OF9(<i>LF</i> /RF)	L	R
Jim Nettles #7	.204	4		114	116	125	222	222	AR	OF78(<i>CF</i> /LF/RF), 1B1	L	L
Rich Reese #20	.218	0		115	121	124	225	225	AR	1B98, OF13(LF)	L	L
George Mitterwald #15	.184	0		111	112	121	216	213	AR	C61	R	R
Phil Roof <i>"Babe"</i> #8	.205	0	MW	114	115	143	223	222	SLO	C61	R	R
Charlie Manuel <i>"Chuck"</i> #9	.205	0	MW	112	-	125	216	223	SLO	PH, OF28(<i>LF</i> /RF)	L	R
Rick Renick #10	.172	0	PK	123	-	132	212	211	SLO	LD(SS) PH, OF21(<i>LF</i> /RF), 1B6, 3B4, SS1	R	R
Dan Monzon #14	.273	1		-	-	114	245	245	AR	PH, 2B13, 3B5, SS3, OF1(LF)	R	R
Rick Dempsey #25	.200	0		-	-	115	222	221	AR	C23	R	R
Tony Oliva <i>"Tony-O"</i> #6	.321	0		-	-	122	261	264	SLO	LD OF9(<i>LF</i> /RF)	L	R
Jim Holt #26	.444	0	MK	122	-	134	346	346	AR	OF7(<i>RF</i> /LF), 1B1	L	R
Bert Blyleven	.160	0	MW PK	-	-	115	211	164	SLO	P39	R	R
Jim Perry	.155	0	MW	-	-	113	165	163	SLO	P35	B	R
Ray Corbin	.082	0	MW PK	-	-	114	142	135	SLO	P31	R	R
Jim Kaat	.289	0	MW PK	124	-	146	246	253	SLO	SD P15	L	L
Dave Goltz	.103	0	PK	-	-	-	145	144	SLO	P15	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					
Bert Blyleven #28	2.73	287	125	555	39	38	0	.160	R	R	<i>"The Frying Dutchman"</i>	
Dick Woodson #13	2.72	252	141	613	36	36	0	.080	R	R		
Jim Perry #31	3.35	218	131	633	35	35	0	.155	B	R		
Ray Corbin #23	2.62	162	133	622	31	19	0	.082	R	R		
Jim Kaat #36 SD	2.06	113	123	615	15	15	0	.289	L	L	<i>"Kitty"</i>	
Dave Goltz #30 #39	2.67	91	132	631	15	11	1	.103	R	R		
Dave LaRoche #17	2.83	95	141	551	62	0	10	.091	L	L		
Wayne Granger #21	3.01	90	132	623	63	0	19	.200	R	R		
Jim Strickland #19	2.50	36	146	551	25	0	3	.333	L	L		
Tom Norton #22 #41	2.78	32	141	566	21	0	0	.000	R	R		
Bob Gebhard #16	8.57	21	145	623	13	0	1	.000	R	R		

The veteran players on the Twins are beginning to show their age: Slugger Harmon Killebrew managed 26 home runs but knocked home only seventy-four; Tony Oliva's chronic knee problems limited him to only TEN games for the season; and "Pepi" Tovar had a sub-par campaign even though he led the team with 86 runs scored. For the "Highlights": Tovar DID hit for "the cycle," September 19th, (only the second Twin to do so). Rod Carew won his second American League batting title and led the team with 170 base hits. Bert Blyleven was the victim of TWO inside-the-park home runs in the SAME game off the bat of the White Sox' Dick Allen, on July 31st. Dave Goltz became the first native Minnesotan to be drafted by the Twins and make the big league team. Goltz made his debut, July 18th, against the Orioles at Metropolitan Stadium. Outfielder Bobby Darwin looked very promising with 22 homers and a team leading 80 RBI, but the former pitcher struck out an alarming 145 times. The pitching staff posted FOUR double-digit winners: Blyleven (17), Dick Woodson (14), Jim Perry (13), and Jim Kaat (10). "Kitty" Kaat also picked up his eleventh Gold Glove Award. Blyleven was tops with 228 K's and 11 complete games...Just under 798,000 fans ventured to see the Twins who finished 15 ½ games behind the AL West Champion Oakland A's. Minnesota was the victor in eight of seventeen games versus Oakland...Bill Rigney was relieved of managerial duties, July 5th, with a record of 36-34; former middle-infielder Frank Quilici was handed the reins and guided the Twins to a 41-43 mark...The pitching staff put up a sparkling 2.84 ERA (third in the A.L.). Twins' batters hit .244 for the season with only 93 home runs.