

2008 TORONTO BLUE JAYS

86-76 4th

MGRs John Gibbons #5 (74 games)

Clarence "Cito" Gaston #43 (88 games)

DP: 311 to 333

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		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.			
Lyle Overbay #17		.270	1		116	121	142	242	245	AR	SD	1B156		L L
Joe Inglett #1		.297	9		112	116	133	251	255	AR		2B66,		L R
												OF34(LF/RF), 3B6, SS2		
David Eckstein #11	+	.277	2		111	-	134	253	245	AAR	SD(2B)	SS57, DH, 2B6		R R
Scott Rolen #33		.262	5		116	122	146	245	242	AAR	SD	3B115		R R
Alex Rios #15		.291	32		115	122	146	256	252	AAR	T-1	OF151(RF/CF)		R R
Vernon Wells #10		.300	4		124	125	144	262	254	AAR	SD/T-1	OF100(CF), DH		R R
Adam Lind "Donnie" #26		.282	2		116	123	142	251	251	SLO		OF71(LF), DH		L L
Rod Barajas #20 #23		.249	0		121	-	143	243	235	SLO	SD-C	C98, 1B4		R R
Matt Stairs #24	+	.250	1	PK	121	122	133	236	236	SLO		DH, PH,		L R
												OF15(LF/RF)		
Marco Scutaro #19		.267	7		113	-	131	246	243	AAR	SD(2B)	SS56, 2B50, 3B41,		R R
												1B3, OF3(LF)		
Gregg Zaun #9		.237	2		115	-	134	234	233	SLO		C79		B R
Brad Wilkerson #35	X	.216	2	PK	114	116	132	223	225	AR		OF74(RF/LF/CF), 1B4		L L
Aaron Hill #2		.263	4		112	-	135	246	242	AAR	SD	2B55		R R
John McDonald #6		.210	3		111	-	124	225	223	AR		SS67, DH, 3B4,		R R
												2B1		
Shannon Stewart #4 #23		.240	3		111	113	122	241	233	AR		OF40(LF), DH		R R
Kevin Mench "Shrek" #36		.243	2		-	112	145	236	234	AR		OF33(LF/RF), DH		R R
Travis Snider #16 #45		.301	0	PK	116	-	146	255	255	AR		OF20(LF/RF), DH		L L
Frank Thomas "Big Hurt" #35	+	.167	0		125	-	133	166	166	SLO		DH		R R
Jose Bautista "Joey Bats" #23	X	.214	0	MW PK	126	-	142	225	224	AAR		3B8, DH, 1B5, 2B2		R R
Curtis Thigpen #7		.176	0	PK	131	-	-	212	212	AR		C9, 1B1		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			
Roy Halladay #32	SD	2.78	246	122	553	34	33	0	.000	R R	"Doc"
A. J. Burnett #34		4.07	221	135	534	35	34	0	.000	R R	Allan James
Jesse Litsch #51		3.58	176	124	621	29	28	0	.000	R R	
Shaun Marcum #28		3.39	151	133	553	25	25	0	.000	R R	
Dustin McGowan #29		4.37	111	133	562	19	19	0	.000	R R	"D-Mac"
David Purcey #25		5.54	65	141	551	12	12	0	.000	L L	
Scott Richmond #48		4.00	27	113	565	5	5	0	.000	R R	
Scott Downs #37		1.78	71	136	553	66	0	5	.000	L L	
Jesse Carlson #39 #43 #48 #59	2.25	60	135	541	69	0	2	.000	L L		
B. J. Ryan #52		2.95	58	144	534	60	0	32	.000	L L	Robert Victor
Brian Tallet #56		2.88	56	136	553	51	0	0	.000	L L	
Jason Frasor #54		4.18	47	156	544	49	0	0	.000	R R	
John Parrish #31		4.04	42	134	625	13	6	0	.000	L L	
Shawn Camp #57		4.12	39	131	556	40	0	0	.000	R R	
Brandon League #22		2.18	33	143	564	31	0	1	.000	R R	
Brian Wolfe #40		2.45	22	131	611	20	0	0	.000	R R	
Jeremy Accardo #49		6.57	12	132	634	16	0	4	.000	R R	
Armando Benitez #48		5.68	6	134	443	8	0	0	.000	R R	

The Blue Jays began the 2008 season expected by many to contend for the AL East title even though they were playing in arguably the toughest division in the major leagues. They finished a solid second in 2006 but a spate of injuries to key players all season long derailed any hopes of a championship in 2007. The Jays acquired one of the best fielding third basemen in the game, Scott Rolen, from the Cardinals during the off-season with the hope that he could remain injury-free unlike past seasons. Toronto also needed their regular starting eight and primary components of the pitching staff to remain healthy if the team truly hoped to contend...On June 20th, manager John Gibbons was replaced by "Cito" Gaston who had led the Jays to two world titles in 1992 and 1993. Gibbons' club was 35-39 under his direction and wallowing in fifth place, 10 ½ games out of first. Gaston rallied the team through the Summer to four games over .500 by August 31st, but the Jays were now in fourth place, 14 ½ games behind. A 16-10 record in September gave Toronto a good jump-start for 2009...The Jays could always depend on Roy Halladay for an outstanding season. He finished second in A. L. Cy Young Award votes off his 20-11 W/L record, 206 strikeouts, and league-leading nine complete games. A. J. Burnett won 18 ball games and led the staff with 231 K's. The Jays posted the lowest ERA in the A. L. (3.49) and most complete games (15)...At the plate, the Blue Jays hit .264 and 126 home runs. Vernon Wells' 20 homers led the team; he drove in seventy-eight. Alex Rios put up the best offensive numbers in RBI (79), base hits (185), runs scored (91), and doubles (47). He and Lyle Overbay both cracked 15 home runs. Overbay collected 69 runs batted in.