

2008 BOSTON RED SOX

95-67 2nd

MGR Terry Francona (#47)
"Tito"

DP: 311 to 333

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Kevin Youkilis "Youk" #20	.312	3		126	132	161	263	261	AR	SD(1B)	1B125, 3B36, OF2(RF)	R R
Dustin Pedroia "Petey" #15	.326	20		116	121	151	266	264	AAR	SD	2B157	R R
Julio Lugo #23	.268	12		111	-	126	251	243	AAR		SS81, OF1(LF)	R R
Mike Lowell #25	.274	2		123	-	145	246	245	AR		3B110	R R
J. D. Drew #7 David	.280	4	PW PK	125	131	153	245	251	AR	T-1	OF106(RF)	L R
"Coco" Crisp #10 Covelli	.283	20		114	116	135	252	251	AAR	SD	OF114(CF)	B R
Manny Ramirez #24 +	.299	1	PK	126	131	152	261	254	AR		OF66(LF), DH	R R
Jason Varitek "Tek" #33	.220	0	PK	121	-	135	231	225	SLO	SD	C131	B R
David Ortiz "Big Papi" #34	.264	1		126	131	155	243	243	SLO		DH	L L
Jacoby Ellsbury #46	.280	50		114	121	134	245	251	S	SD	OF140(CF/LF/RF)	L L
Jed Lowrie #12	.258	1	PK	112	114	151	244	241	AR		SS49, 3B45, 2B3	B R
Sean Casey #22	.322	1		-	-	133	262	264	SLO		1B45, DH	L R
Jason Bay #44 X	.293	3	PK	125	131	153	254	253	AAR	T-1	OF49(LF)	R R
Alex Cora #13	.270	1		-	113	132	242	245	AR		SS69, 2B7	L R
Kevin Cash #30 #36	.225	0	PK	115	-	134	233	226	SLO	LD(3B)	C57, 3B4	R R
Mark Kotsay #11 X	.226	0		-	113	146	226	231	AR		OF19(RF), 1B6	L L
Brandon Moss #44 +	.295	1	PK	116	123	145	253	254	AR		OF23(RF/LF), 1B2	L R
Jeff Bailey #55	.280	0	PK	123	131	135	252	246	AR		1B12, PH, OF6(LF/RF), DH	R R
Chris Carter #51 #54	.333	0	PK	-	-	-	266	266	AR		DH, PH, OF3(LF)	L L
Jonathan Van Every #30 #60	.235	0	PK	-	131	-	232	233	AR		OF9(RF/CF/LF)	L L
David Ross #28 X	.125	0	PK	-	-	-	153	153	SLO	SD	C8	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		
Jon Lester #31	3.21	210	132	564	33	33	0	.000	L L
Tim Wakefield #49	4.13	181	133	611	30	30	0	.000	R R
Josh Beckett #19	4.03	174	123	542	27	27	0	.000	R R
Daisuke Matsuzaka #18	2.90	168	151	542	29	29	0	.000	R R "Dice K"
Clay Buchholz #61	6.75	76	144	551	16	15	0	.000	L R "Flaco"
Paul Byrd #36 X	4.78	49	123	624	8	8	0	.000	R R
Bartolo Colon #40	3.92	39	125	611	7	7	0	.000	R R "Big Bart"
Justin Masterson #63	3.16	88	143	555	36	9	0	.000	R R "Big Masty"
Manny Delcarmen #17	3.27	74	136	535	73	0	2	.000	R R
Jonathan Papelbon #58 LD	2.34	69	116	524	67	0	41	.000	R R
Hideki Okajima #37	2.61	62	135	536	64	0	1	.000	L L
Javier Lopez #48	2.43	59	142	611	70	0	0	.000	L L
Mike Timlin #50	5.66	49	135	614	47	0	1	.000	R R
David Aardsma #53	5.55	49	155	541	47	0	0	.000	R R "The D. A."
Craig Hansen #56 +	5.58	31	161	555	32	0	2	.000	R R
Chris Smith #59	7.85	18	135	564	12	0	0	.000	R R "Rock 'N' Fire"
Julian Tavarez #51 +	6.39	13	153	632	9	0	0	.000	L R
David Pauley #62	11.68	12	133	563	6	2	0	.000	R R
Devern Hansack #43	4.05	7	121	563	4	0	0	.000	R R
Bryan Corey #30 +	10.50	6	136	621	7	0	0	.000	R R

The Red Sox had a small hold on first place at the end of April (17-12, ½ game lead) and when they reached the All Star break, the team still held that half-game edge with a record of 57-40. The remainder of the campaign would be a nip-and-tuck battle with the Tampa Bay Rays as the Bostons stayed close in second and only falling as many as 5 ½ games behind on August 31st. As the calendar flipped to September, the Red Sox would tie the Rays for first (September 15th) but faced a slight disadvantage: Boston and Tampa Bay weren't scheduled to meet head-to-head at any time that month, a stretch the Bosox would go 16-10. The Rays played to a 13-14 mark. Boston simply could not overcome that 5 ½ game deficit when August expired; nor did they get enough help from teams playing the Rays during the season's final four weeks. Boston wound up just two games behind Tampa Bay at the end of the regular season...The Red Sox DID garner the A. L. Wild Card spot and went on to knock the Anaheim Angels from the playoffs in the ALDS. During a direct showdown with Tampa Bay in the ALCS, Boston and the Rays slugged it out for seven games with the Rays winning the decisive Game Seven at Tropicana Field, 3-1. Ace Jon Lester lost two ball games in the series...For the year, Boston finished second in the A. L. with a .280 team batting average and sixth with 173 home runs. Kevin Youkilis was the leader with 29 homers and 115 RBI. American League MVP, Dustin Pedroia, racked up 213 base hits, 118 runs scored, and 54 doubles. He drove home 83 runs, socked 17 home runs, and won his first Gold Glove Award. Pedroia's base hits and doubles totals led the big leagues. David Ortiz clubbed 23 homers while Manny Ramirez collected twenty before being traded to the Dodgers, July 31st...Daisuke Matsuzaka led the pitching staff with an 18-3 W/L record and 154 strikeouts. Lester was 16-6 and struck out one hundred fifty-two. Josh Beckett was a twelve-game winner. The staff ERA was 4.01 (fourth in the league).