

# 1978 CLEVELAND INDIANS

69-90 6th  
MGR Jeff Torborg (#10)

## DP: 311 to 334

## Error: 351 to 354

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Andre Thornton #29	.262	4	PW	132	134	151	245	242	AR		1B145	R R
Duane Kuiper #18	.283	4	MW MK	-	112	123	244	252	AAR	SD	2B149	L R
Tom Veryzer #21	.271	1	MW	111	113	126	246	244	AR		SS129	R R
"Buddy" Bell #25 <i>David</i>	.282	1		112	115	133	251	251	AR	SD	3B139	R R
Paul Dade #00	.254	12		112	113	125	244	236	AAR		OF81( <u>RF</u> /CF), <b>DH</b>	R R
Rick Manning #28	.263	12		111	112	126	242	243	AAR	SD/T-1	OF144(CF)	L R
Johnny Grubb #1 +	.265	5		122	125	142	236	244	AR	T-1	OF110( <u>LF</u> /RF)	L R
Gary Alexander #35 X	.235	0	PK	125	131	144	235	232	AR		C66, <b>DH</b>	R R
Bernie Carbo #7 X	.287	1		115	-	133	252	252	AR		<b>DH</b> , OF4(RF)	L R
Jim Norris #27	.283	12	MK	111	114	132	244	252	AAR		OF78( <u>RF</u> / <u>LF</u> /CF), <b>DH</b> , 1B6	L L
Ted Cox #22	.233	0		111	-	122	233	232	AR		OF38( <u>LF</u> /RF), 3B20, <b>DH</b> , 1B7, SS1	R R
Larvell Blanks "Sugar Bear" #14	.254	0		112	-	131	244	236	AR	LD	SS43, 2B17, <b>PH</b> , 3B3	R R
Ron Pruitt #7 #13	.235	2		121	122	133	235	232	AR		C48, OF16( <u>LF</u> /RF), <b>DH</b> , 3B2	R R
Willie Horton #23 +	.249	3		116	-	133	243	235	SLO		<b>DH</b>	R R
"Bo" Diaz #16 <i>Baudilio</i>	.236	0	MW	113	-	124	233	233	SLO		C44	R R
Horace Speed #20	.226	2	PK	-	112	124	234	226	AR		OF61( <u>RF</u> / <u>CF</u> /LF), <b>PR</b>	R R
Wayne Cage #31	.245	1	PK	123	125	146	235	235	AR		<b>DH</b> , 1B11	L L
Ron Hassey #9	.203	2		116	-	-	221	222	AR	SD	C24	L R
Dan Briggs #23	.163	0		114	122	-	162	166	AR		OF15(RF)	L L
Mike Vail #35 +	.235	1	MW PK	-	116	141	235	232	AR		OF9( <u>RF</u> /LF), <b>PH</b>	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					
Rick Waits #36	3.20	230	135	632	34	33	0	.000	L	L		
Rick Wise #40	4.34	212	126	624	33	31	0	.000	R	R		
Mike Paxton #48	3.86	191	133	623	33	27	1	.000	R	R		
Don Hood #44	4.48	155	143	626	36	19	0	.000	L	L		
David Clyde #32 <i>LD</i>	4.28	153	135	622	28	25	0	.000	L	L		
Dave Freisleben #14 #38 X	7.11	44	154	633	12	10	0	.000	R	R	(last name pronounced FREEZ-leb-en)	
Wayne Garland #17	7.89	30	143	634	6	6	0	.000	R	R		
Jim Kern #34	3.08	99	152	536	58	0	13	.000	R	R		
Paul Reuschel #41 <i>SD</i> X	3.11	90	125	645	18	6	0	.000	R	R		
Sid Monge #43	2.76	85	152	611	48	2	6	.000	B	L		
Dan Spillner #37 X	3.67	56	135	552	36	0	3	.000	R	R		
Dennis Kinney #51 +	4.42	39	134	624	18	0	5	.000	L	L		
Al Fitzmorris #39 +	6.28	14	142	641	7	0	0	.000	B	R		
Rick Krueger #46	3.86	9	134	553	6	0	0	.000	R	L		

**Tribe Tee-pee:** Prior to Opening Day, the Indians traded ace Dennis Eckersley and catcher Fred Kendall to the Red Sox for four players: Pitchers Rick Wise and Mike Paxton, infielder Ted Cox, and catcher "Bo" Diaz... "Buddy" Bell became Nolan Ryan's 2,500<sup>th</sup> career strikeout victim on May 12<sup>th</sup>... Slugger Andre Thornton led the Indians in three prime offensive categories: Home runs (33), RBI (105), and runs scored (97). Gary Alexander clubbed seventeen dingers while Johnny Grubb smacked fourteen. Bell topped the ball club with 157 base hits; he and Alexander both collected 62 RBI. Grubb knocked in sixty-one. The Tribe ended the year eighth in the American League with a .261 team batting average and 106 homers... The pitching staff was ranked eleventh in the A. L. despite a very respectable 3.97 ERA. Southpaw Rick Waits' thirteen wins and fifteen complete games highlighted the pitching corps. Newcomer Paxton followed with twelve victories while closer Jim Kern won ten working out of the bullpen. Wise topped the hurlers in strikeouts (106); Kern whiffed 95 batters. The staff allowed the fewest home runs in the league (100).