

1978 HOUSTON ASTROS

74-88 5th
MGR Bill Virdon (#7)

DP: 311 to 326

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Bob Watson <i>"Bull"</i> #27	.289	3		121	123	143	254	252	AR	1B128	R	R
Art Howe #18	.293	2		114	116	145	254	253	AR	2B107, 3B11, 1B1	R	R
Rafael Landestoy #17	.266	7	MW	-	111	116	245	243	AAR	SS50, OF3(CF/LF), 2B2	B	R
Enos Cabell <i>"Big E"</i> #23	.295	33	MW	112	115	133	256	253	AAR	3B153, 1B14, SS1	R	R
Jose Cruz <i>"Cheo"</i> #25	.315	37		114	121	142	262	262	S	T-1 OF152(RF), 1B2	L	L
Terry Puhl #21	.289	32		111	113	126	246	253	AAR	SD/T-1 OF148(<i>CF</i> /LF/RF)	L	R
Denny Walling #29	.251	9		113	116	134	233	241	AR	OF78(<i>LF</i> /RF/CF)	L	R
Joe Ferguson #13	.207	0	PW	124	-	135	225	222	SLO	SD C51	R	R
Cesar Ceden0 #28	.281	23		122	124	141	253	246	S	SD/T-1 OF50(CF)	R	R
Julio Gonzalez #9	.233	6	MW	111	112	115	233	232	AR	LD(SS/3B) 2B54, SS17, 3B4	R	R
Dave Bergman #16	.231	2	PW	-	112	122	231	232	AR	1B66, OF29(LF)	L	L
Luis Pujols #8	.131	0	PK	111	112	131	155	154	SLO	C55, 1B1	R	R
Bruce Bochy #13	.266	0	PK	114	-	133	245	243	SLO	C53	R	R
Wilbur Howard #26	.230	6	MW	111	112	122	234	231	AAR	PH, OF38(<i>LF</i> /CF/RF), C3, 2B1	B	R
Jimmy Sexton #24	.206	16		113	116	125	224	222	AAR	SS58, PR, 3B8, 2B3	R	R
Jesus Alou <i>"Jay"</i> #22	.324	0	MW MK	113	115	131	264	264	SLO	PH, OF28(LF)	R	R
Roger Metzger #14	.220	0	MK	-	112	123	231	225	AAR	SS42, 2B1	B	R
Mike Fischlin #10	.116	1		-	-	113	151	151	AR	SS41	R	R
Reggie Baldwin #6	.254	0	MW MK	113	-	141	244	236	SLO	LD PH, C17	R	R
Keith Drumright #15	.164	0	MK	-	-	-	163	166	AR	2B17	L	R
Ed Herrmann #8	.111	0	MK	-	-	116	146	146	SLO	C14	L	R
Jeffrey Leonard #46	.385	0		-	-	135	326	325	AAR	T-1 OF8(LF/CF/RF)	R	R
Joe Cannon <i>"J J"</i> #20	.222	0	MW	-	-	-	226	226	AAR	T-1 OF5(LF/CF), PH	L	R
Jim Obradovich #19	.176	0		-	131	-	212	212	SLO	PH, 1B3	L	L
J. R. Richard	.178	1	MW PK	112	-	-	214	212	SLO	P36	R	R
Mark Lemongello	.172	0	PK	-	-	113	212	211	SLO	P33	R	R
Joe Niekro	.138	0	MW PK	-	-	121	163	155	SLO	P35	R	R
Floyd Bannister	.161	0	MW PK	-	-	121	164	165	SLO	P28	L	L
Ken Forsch	.185	0	MW PK	-	-	-	214	214	SLO	P52	R	R
Joaquin Andujar	.130	0	MW PK	-	-	123	154	154	SLO	P35	B	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			
J. R. Richard #50	3.11	275	146	523	36	36	0	.178	R	R <i>James Rodney</i>
Mark Lemongello #42	3.94	210	132	635	33	30	1	.172	R	R
Joe Niekro #36	3.86	203	134	625	35	29	0	.138	R	R
Tom Dixon #37	3.99	140	131	626	30	19	1	.100	R	R
Joaquin Andujar #47	3.42	111	146	623	35	13	1	.130	B	R
Floyd Bannister #38	4.81	110	146	554	28	16	0	.161	L	L
Vern Ruhle #48	2.12	68	132	633	13	10	0	.056	R	R
Ken Forsch #43	2.70	133	131	622	52	6	7	.185	R	R
Joe Sambito #35	3.07	88	134	532	62	0	11	.167	L	L
Rick Williams #34	4.61	35	126	626	17	1	0	.000	R	R <i>"Tricky"</i>
<i>"Bo"</i> McLaughlin #39	5.01	23	153	633	12	1	2	.000	R	R <i>Michael Duane</i>
Gene Pentz #30	6.00	15	166	621	10	0	0	.000	R	R
Oscar Zamora #44 #51	7.20	15	141	635	10	0	0	.000	R	R
Dan Warthen #31	4.22	11	123	653	5	1	0	.000	B	L

The Astros were mired in the lower reaches of the NL Western division at the season's mid-point with a 35-46 record placing them fifteen games out of first place and in the fifth spot. The closest the ball club came to first place after the first month of play was May 21st with an 18-18 mark in fourth place and 4 1/2 games out...The Astrodome is not a ball park favorable to the hitters. Bob Watson hit a team high 14 home runs. Jose Cruz led with 83 RBI while Enos Cabell collected the most base hits (195) and the most runs scored (92). Superstar centerfielder Cesar Ceden0 played in only 50 games and hit seven home runs before he went down with torn ligaments in a knee and a bout with hepatitis. His all-out style of play made him injury prone. For the year, the Astros hit .258 as a team and 70 home runs...Six foot eight J. R. Richard was not only an imposing figure on the mound but he was very very good: Eighteen wins, 303 strikeouts, 141 walks, and sixteen complete games which included three shutouts. His strikeout total led the majors. Knuckleballer Joe Niekro won fourteen ball games and completed ten. Closer Joe Sambito struck out ninety-six. The staff ERA was 3.63 (8th); their 48 complete games led the N. L.