

# 1978 NEW YORK YANKEES

100-63 1st

MGRs Billy Martin #1 (94 games)  
Dick Howser #34 (1 game)  
Bob Lemon #21 (68 games)

DP: 311 to 332

Error: 351 to 354

		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Chris Chambliss #10		.274	2		114	115	132	242	246	AR	SD	1B155, DH	L R
Willie Randolph #30		.279	36		111	114	126	251	246	AAR	SD	2B134	R R
"Bucky" Dent #20 <u>Russell</u>		.243	3	MK	113	114	124	236	234	AR	SD	SS123	R R
Graig Nettles #9		.276	1		124	125	141	244	246	AR	SD	3B159, SS2	L R
Reggie Jackson #44		.274	14	PK	125	131	136	242	246	AAR	T-1	OF104(RF), DH	L L
Mickey Rivers #17		.265	25		114	121	135	236	244	AAR	SD	OF138(CF)	L L
Lou Piniella "Sweet Lou" #14		.314	3		113	115	143	265	261	AR		OF103(LF/RF), DH	R R
Thurman Munson #15 <i>capt</i>		.297	2		112	-	125	255	254	AR	SD-C	C125, DH, OF13(RF)	R R
Cliff Johnson "Heathcliff" #41		.184	0		121	122	141	216	213	SLO	LD-C	DH, C22, PH, 1B1	R R
Roy White #6		.269	10		115	121	133	244	244	AAR		OF74(LF), DH	B R
Fred Stanley "Chicken" #11		.219	0		111	-	124	226	225	AR		SS71, 2B11, 3B4	R R
Jim Spencer #12		.227	0		124	125	146	231	231	SLO	SD	DH, PH, 1B15	L L
Paul Blair #2		.176	1		113	-	126	212	212	AR	LD(INF)	OF64(CF/RF), 2B5, SS4, 3B3	R R
Gary Thomasson #24	X	.276	0		116	122	133	244	246	AAR		OF50(LF/CF/RF)	L L
Mike Heath #46		.228	0		-	112	123	232	231	AR		C33	R R
Jay Johnstone #21 #27	X	.262	0		113	-	-	241	243	AR		OF22(RF/LF), PH, DH	L R
Brian Doyle #25		.192	0	MK	-	-	-	214	216	AR		2B29, SS7, 3B5	L R
Damaso Garcia #23		.195	1	MW	-	-	-	216	216	AAR	LD(SS)	2B16, SS3	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					
Ron Guidry #49 SD		1.74	274	131	542	35	35	0	.000	L L	"Gator" "Louisiana Lightning"		
Ed Figueroa #31		2.99	253	132	635	35	35	0	.000	R R			
Dick Tidrow #19		3.84	185	131	634	31	25	0	.000	R R			
Jim Beattie #45		3.73	128	136	623	25	22	0	.000	R R			
Jim Hunter #29 SD		3.58	118	132	624	21	20	0	.000	R R	"Catfish"		
Don Gullett #35		3.63	45	141	614	8	8	0	.000	R L			
Andy Messersmith #47 SD		5.64	22	154	565	6	5	0	.000	R R			
Ken Holtzman #53	+	4.08	18	143	654	5	3	0	.000	R L			
Rich Gossage #54		2.01	134	143	541	63	0	27	.000	R R	"Goose"		
"Sparky" Lyle #28		3.47	112	131	643	59	0	9	.000	L L	<u>Albert Walter</u> "The Count"		
Ken Clay #43		4.28	76	126	633	28	6	0	.000	R R			
Rawly Eastwick #36	+	3.28	25	122	622	8	0	0	.000	R R			
Bob Kammeyer #40		5.82	22	126	625	7	0	0	.000	R R			
Paul Lindblad #36 #40	X	4.42	18	141	625	7	1	0	.000	L L			
Larry McCall #40 #51 #53		5.63	16	134	633	5	1	0	.000	L R			
Dave Rajsich #36 #52		4.05	13	141	612	4	2	0	.000	L L	"The Blade" (last name pronounced RAY-sich)		
Ron Davis #53		11.57	2	166	666	4	0	0	.000	R R			

The Yankees and Red Sox (who else?) ended the season in a dead tie for first place of the AL East. To determine the division champ, the two teams played a Game 163 at Fenway Park, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. In one of the most talked about games in baseball annals, light-hitting "Bucky" Dent used whatever power he had to lift a three-run, two out homer over "The Green Monster" in the seventh off Red Sox pitcher Mike Torrez to clinch the flag for New York in an eventual 5-4 victory. As late as July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Yanks had trailed the Boston's by fourteen games in the standings. Billy Martin resigned as skipper in late July after he had had a loose mouth with the press about Reggie Jackson and Martin's boss, George Steinbrenner. Martin was fuming over Jackson screwing-up a bunt/hit away sign in the tenth inning of a game in Kansas City. He suspended Reggie for five games in the aftermath; but worse yet, Billy popped off to the media saying "one's a born liar (Jackson) and the other's convicted (Steinbrenner, who had made illegal political campaign contributions)." In the first half of the season, Steinbrenner was not pleased with the play of his ball club which placed a lot of pressure on Martin as well. Some believe Billy had really been fired for the "convicted" comment. When Martin was let go (or whatever), the Yankees were 52-42. Coach Dick Howser managed the team for one game before the much more reserved Bob Lemon was hired as the new field boss. The Yankees were reigned under Lemon; they would go 48-20 the rest of the way. New York sent home K. C. in four games of the ALCS and beat the Dodgers in the World Series for the second straight year in six games...Statistically, the Bronx Bombers were led by Jackson (27 homers, 97 RBI, 82 runs scored); Graig Nettles (27 home runs, 93 RBI); Chris Chambliss (171 base hits, 90 RBI); Willie Randolph (87 runs scored); and Thurman Munson (183 base hits). For the year, the Yanks hit .267 and 125 homers...The pitching staff led the A. L. in almost every category. Their league-best 3.18 ERA was headlined by A. L. Cy Young Award winner Ron Guidry (25-3 won/loss record, 248 strikeouts, 16 complete games, nine shutouts); Ed Figueroa (20-9, 12 complete games); and closer "Goose" Gossage with the league high in saves. Guidry also finished second in the voting for the league's Most Valuable Player.