

1961 LOS ANGELES ANGELS

70-91 8th
MGR Bill Rigney (#18)

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Steve Bilko #20	.279	1	PW PK	133	134	154	251	246	SLO	LD(OF)	1B86, PH, OF3(RF)	R R
Ken Aspromonte #11	.223	0		112	-	125	231	226	AR		2B62	R R
Joe Koppe #1	.251	3	PK	113	114	126	241	236	AR		SS88, 2B3, 3B1	R R
Eddie Yost #10	.202	0	PW	113	-	121	224	221	AR		3B67, PH	R R
Albie Pearson #28	.288	11	PW	114	116	135	245	253	AAR		OF113(RF/CF), PH	L L
Ken Hunt #26	.255	8	PK	125	126	151	241	241	AR	LD(OF)	OF134(CF/RF/LF), PH, 2B1	R R
Leon Wagner #27	.280	5		131	132	145	245	251	AAR	T-1	OF116(LF/RF), PH	L R
Earl Averill #8	.266	1	PW PK	132	-	142	245	243	SLO		C88, OF9(LF), 2B1	R R
Lee Thomas #32	.284	0		126	132	141	245	252	AR	T-1	OF86(RF/LF), 1B34, PH	L R
George Thomas #4	.280	3	PK	124	125	142	252	246	AR	LD(3B)	OF45(LF/CF/RF), 3B38	R R
Ted Kluszewski "Big Klu" #15	.243	0		126	-	144	233	235	SLO	LD	1B66, PH	L L
"Rocky" Bridges #21	.240	1		112	113	122	241	233	AR		2B58, SS25, 3B4	R R
Gene Leek #14	.226	0	MW PK	115	116	134	234	226	AR	LD	3B49, SS7, OF1(LF)	R R
Billy Moran #12	.260	0		112	113	126	243	242	AR		2B51, SS2	R R
Ed Sadowski #6	.232	2		115	-	144	232	232	AR		C56, PH, PR	R R
Tom Satriano "Satch" #29	.198	2		112	114	133	216	221	AR	LD	3B23, 2B10, SS1	L R
Del Rice #9	.241	0	PW PK	124	-	142	234	234	SLO		C30, PH	R R
Ken Hamlin #12	.209	0		112	-	123	224	223	AAR		SS39, PR	R R
Bob Cerv #30	.158	0	MW	122	-	141	165	164	AR		OF15(LF)	R R
Bob Rodgers "Buck" #7	.321	0	MW	122	-	134	265	263	AR		C14	B R
Fritz Brickell #16	.122	0		-	-	-	154	152	AR		SS17, PH	R R
Jim Fregosi #17	.222	0	MW	-	-	-	226	226	AAR		SS11	R R
Eli Grba	.234	0	PK	121	-	135	234	232	SLO		P40	R R
Ted Bowsfield	.137	0	MW PK	-	114	122	162	155	SLO		P41	R L
Ron Moeller	.207	0	PW PK	-	-	121	222	223	SLO		P33	L L
Jim Donohue	.148	0	MW PK	-	-	122	162	162	SLO		P38	R R
Jerry Casale	.462	0	PK	135	-	232	354	354	SLO		P13	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		
Ken McBride #37	3.65	242	141	562	38	36	1	.084	R R
Eli Grba #33	4.25	212	145	624	40	30	2	.234	R R (last name pronounced GER-bah)
Ted Bowsfield #43	3.73	157	136	621	41	21	0	.137	R L
Ron Moeller #39	5.83	113	156	562	33	18	0	.207	L L "The Kid"
Jerry Casale #40 #41	6.54	43	146	561	13	7	1	.462	R R (last name pronounced kuh-SAH-lee)
Dean Chance #31	6.87	18	125	624	5	4	0	.000	R R
Ron Kline #41	4.90	105	136	612	26	12	1	.097	R R
Jim Donohue #40	4.31	100	144	556	38	7	5	.148	R R
Ryne Duren #30	5.18	99	162	526	40	14	2	.040	R R
Tom Morgan #47	2.36	92	123	631	59	0	10	.083	R R "Plowboy"
Art Fowler #24	3.64	89	133	545	53	3	11	.077	R R
Johnny James #22	5.30	71	162	615	36	3	0	.000	L R
Jack Spring #41	4.26	38	136	564	18	4	0	.000	R L
Ned Garver #31	5.59	29	144	644	12	2	0	.000	R R
Tex Clevenger #32	1.69	16	164	564	12	0	1	.000	R R Truman Eugene

When the American League expanded for the first time in 1961, the plan was to place a major league competitor in the backyard of the Dodgers and to soak up hordes of new customers out of the rapidly growing Los Angeles metro-area. "Singing Cowboy"/entertainer/movie star, Gene Autry, was delivered the ownership of the new franchise which borrowed its name "Angels" from the old Los Angeles Pacific Coast League ballclub. Former New York Giant Bill Rigney was installed as manager and welcomed his new charges to Spring Training after a player draft with their expansion cousins, the new Washington Senators. The draft consisted primarily of over-the-hill, marginal, and unwanted ballplayers. The Angels went for power. Five players hit 20 or more home runs led by twenty-seven-year-old Leon "Daddy Wags" Wagner (28). Lee Thomas (24 HR) was the team leader in base hits (128) while Ken Hunt blasted 25 jacks and racked-up 84 RBI. Wagner had 79 RBI, Thomas 70. The speedy Albie Pearson walked 96 times and logged the most runs scored (92). L. A. was ninth in league batting (.245) and second in homers (189)...Eli Grba (the team's first draft pick) and Ted Bowsfield both 11 ballgames. Ken McBride's 12 wins topped the pitching staff as well as his 180 strikeouts and 11 complete games. The staff ERA (4.31) was ninth in the A. L..The Angels played their first season at Wrigley Field, the PCL Angels' ballpark owned by the Cubs' Phillip Wrigley family. It did not resemble the ballpark on Chicago's North Side...Ted Kluszewski hit two homers and Eli Grba pitched a complete game in the Angels first contest, a 7-2 victory, in Baltimore...Two youngsters with promising futures, Dean Chance, 20, and Jim Fregosi, 19, debuted with the Angels September 11th and 14th, respectively. Chance pitched 7.3 innings giving up ten hits and three runs as pitcher-of-record in a loss to Minnesota; Fregosi went zero for three, also against the Twins.