

1980 ATLANTA BRAVES

81-80 4th
MGR Bobby Cox (#6)

DP: 311 to 335

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Chris Chambliss #10	.282	7		116	121	142	251	251	AR	SD	1B158	L R
Glenn Hubbard #17	.248	7		115	121	136	242	235	AR		2B117	R R
Luis Gomez #9	.191	0		-	-	115	216	215	AR		SS119	R R
Bob Horner #5	.268	3		134	-	145	251	243	AR		3B121, 1B1	R R
Gary Matthews "Sarge" #36	.278	11		121	122	132	246	246	AAR	T-1	OF143(RF/LF)	R R
Dale Murphy #3	.281	9	PK	131	132	146	253	246	AAR	T-1	OF154(CF/RF/LF), 1B1	R R
Jeff Burroughs #7	.263	1		124	-	143	246	242	SLO		OF73(LF)	R R
Bruce Benedict #20	.253	3		111	112	124	243	236	AR		C120	R R
Jerry Royster #1	.242	22		111	114	131	235	234	AAR		2B49, 3B48, OF41(LF)	R R
Larvell Blanks #16	.204	1		112	-	122	222	222	AR		SS56, 3B43, 2B1	R R
Brian Asselstine #30	.284	1		113	114	135	245	252	AR		OF61(CF/LF/RF)	L R
Rafael Ramirez #47	.267	2	MW	113	114	126	246	243	AAR		SS46	R R
Bill Nahorodny #15	.242	0		121	-	146	235	234	SLO		C54, 1B1	R R
Mike Lum #28	.205	0	PW	-	-	122	216	223	SLO		PH, OF19(LF), 1B10	L L
Biff Pocoroba #4	.265	1		115	-	133	244	243	AR		PH, C10	B R
Terry Harper #19	.185	2		-	114	126	214	214	AAR		OF18(LF/RF/CF)	R R
Charlie Spikes #46	.278	0	PK	-	-	116	246	246	AR	T-1	PH, OF7(RF/LF)	R R
"Chico" Ruiz #14 Manuel	.308	0	PK	-	122	151	262	256	AR	LD	3B16, SS4, 2B2	R R
Joe Nolan #11 +	.273	0		-	-	124	245	245	SLO		PH, C6	L R
Eddie Miller #14	.158	1	PK	-	-	-	165	164	S		OF9(CF/LF)	B R
Phil Niekro	.133	0	MW	-	-	126	161	154	SLO	SD	P40	R R
Doyle Alexander	.181	0	MW PK	-	-	122	213	213	SLO		P35	R R
Tommy Boggs	.159	0	MW PK	-	-	-	166	164	SLO		P32	R R
Larry McWilliams	.157	0	PK	-	-	-	164	164	SLO		P30	L L
Preston Hanna	.143	0		-	133	-	164	156	SLO		P32	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					
Phil Niekro #35 SD	3.63	275	132	612	40	38	1	.133	R R		"Knucksie"	
Doyle Alexander #33	4.20	232	132	624	35	35	0	.181	R R			
Tommy Boggs #40	3.42	192	125	631	32	26	0	.159	R R			
Rick Matula #29	4.58	177	133	641	33	30	0	.105	R R			
Larry McWilliams #27	4.95	164	125	631	30	30	0	.157	L L			
Preston Hanna #49	3.18	79	151	626	32	2	0	.143	R R			
Rick Camp #37	1.91	108	131	642	77	0	22	.111	R R			
Gene Garber #26 SD	3.83	82	131	615	68	0	7	.500	R R			
Al Hrabosky #39 LD	3.62	60	145	622	45	0	3	.000	R L		"The Mad Hungarian"	
Larry Bradford #34	2.44	55	136	615	56	0	4	.000	R L			

Bob Horner (35 homers, 89 RBI) and Dale Murphy (33 homers, 89 RBI) were the team leaders on offense. Murphy topped the Braves with 98 runs scored; Horner scored 81 times. Newcomer Chris Chambliss, a slick-fielding first baseman who was once coached by Bobby Cox on the Yankees, hit 18 homers, led the ball club with 170 base hits, drove in seventy-two, and scored 83 runs. Gary Matthews added 17 dingers and drove home seventy-five. The Braves went on to hit .250 for the season and 144 home runs...Phil Niekro's 15 wins, 176 strikeouts, and eleven complete games led the pitching staff. Niekro also became the only National League pitcher in history to lead the league in LOSSES for four consecutive seasons. ("Knucksie" was also inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1997. Despite his record for futility, he was one of the game's best pitchers for an extended period of time--24 years--who found himself on some very mediocre ball clubs. He won 318 games in his career with a 3.35 ERA.) On the positive side, Doyle Alexander was 14-11 for the season while Tommy Boggs went twelve and nine in wins/losses. Rick Matula won eleven games; lefty Larry McWilliams was a nine-game winner. The staff posted a 3.77 ERA...The ball club was beginning to move up in the standings after finishing only eleven games in back of NL West champ Houston. The Astros won the season series, 11-7, but the Braves beat the Dodgers, 11-7, and the Giants 11-6 in their matchups. They were manhandled by the Reds, 16-2.