

1980 OAKLAND ATHLETICS

83-79 2nd
MGR Billy Martin (#1)

DP: 311 to 326

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Dave Revering #13	.290	1		123	126	146	251	253	SLO		1B95, PH, DH	L R
Jeff Cox #19	.213	8		-	-	114	224	224	AAR		2B58	R R
Mario Guerrero #3	.239	3	MW	111	112	125	236	233	AR		SS116	R R
Wayne Gross #10	.281	5		122	124	144	246	251	AR		3B99, PH, 1B10	L R
Tony Armas, Sr. #11	.279	5	MW	126	133	143	251	246	AR	T-1	OF158(RF/CF)	R R
Dwayne Murphy #21	.274	26	PW	115	116	131	242	246	AAR	SD/T-1	OF158(CF)	L R
Rickey Henderson #35	.303	100	PW	113	114	126	261	255	S	SD/T-1	OF157(LF)	R L
Jim Essian #18	.232	1	MK	114	-	126	232	232	SLO		C68, DH, PH, 1B1	R R
Mitchell Page #6	.244	14	PK	125	131	141	234	235	AAR		DH, PH	L R
Jeff Newman #5	.233	3		121	-	134	233	232	AR	LD	1B60, C55, DH, 3B2, 2B1, OF1(LF)	R R
Mike Heath #48	.243	3		111	112	123	236	234	AR	T-1	C47, DH, PH, OF8(LF/RF)	R R
Dave McKay #39	.244	1		111	112	132	241	234	AR		2B62, 3B54, SS10	B R
Rob Picciolo #8	.240	1	MW PK	114	116	131	241	233	AR		SS49, 2B47, OF1(LF)	R R
Mickey Klutts #12	.269	1		114	-	141	244	244	AR	LD	3B62, SS8, 2B7	R R
Mike Davis #16	.211	2		112	114	123	222	224	AAR	T-1	PH, OF18(RF/LF), 1B7, DH	L L
Orlando Gonzalez #4	.243	0		-	-	-	233	235	AAR		1B11, DH, OF2(LF)	L L
Mike Edwards #7	.237	1	MW	-	-	-	234	233	AAR	LD	2B23, PR, DH, OF1(RF)	R R
Randy Elliott #4	.128	0	MW PK	-	-	135	156	153	SLO		DH, PH	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 Langford #22	3.26	290	124	636	35	33	0	.000	R R			
Mike Norris #17 SD	2.53	284	132	611	33	33	0	.000	R R			
Matt Keough #27	2.92	250	135	624	34	32	0	.000	R R			
Steve McCatty #54	3.86	222	142	623	33	31	0	.000	R R			
Brian Kingman #50 LD	3.83	211	135	621	32	30	0	.000	R R			
Bob Lacey #34	2.94	80	126	615	47	1	6	.000	R L			
Jeff Jones #38	2.84	44	153	554	35	0	5	.000	R R			
Dave Hamilton #25 #33	11.40	30	164	566	21	1	0	.000	L L			
Dave Beard #59	3.38	16	142	556	13	0	1	.000	L R			
Rick Lysander #29	7.90	14	125	643	5	0	0	.000	R R			
Ernie Camacho #53	6.94	12	134	612	5	0	0	.000	R R			
Craig Minetto #32	7.88	8	133	616	7	1	1	.000	L L			
Mark Souza #58	7.71	7	154	645	5	0	0	.000	L L			

Under pressure from the Commissioners office to do SOMETHING about Billy Martin's off-field shenanigans (including a fight Martin "won" against a marshmallow salesman), George Steinbrenner fired the Yankee skipper following the 1979 season. Now with Martin's availability, and his reputation to quickly turn-around struggling ballclubs, Charlie Finley decided to hire the unemployed manager to take over on-field stewardship of the A's. (Martin had also spent his formative years in the Bay Area.) Billy propelled the team to 29 more wins than in '79 and from the worst record in the majors to second place in the AL West. At his disposal he had 21-year-old Rickey Henderson who broke Ty Cobb's American League stolen base record. Martin also could call on a group of starting pitchers who completed 94 games at a time when that statistic was becoming less and less important. Mike Norris, 25, finished the year with 22 wins, 9 losses, and 24 complete games. Rick Langford was a 19-game winner and led the staff with 28 complete games. Matt Keough, 24, (16 victories, 20 complete games) and Steve McCatty, 26, (14 W's, 11 complete games) rounded out the top-four starters. This quartet as a unit had a 3.36 ERA and 83 complete games. The A's staff posted the league's best earned run average (3.46) and allowed the fewest runs (566). Norris was the strikeout leader (180)...Henderson led the A's in batting average, base hits (179), and runs scored (111). Tony Armas's 35 jacks and 105 RBI were team highs. The high-flyin', very aggressive A's, playing what would be termed "Billy Ball," were second in the A. L. in stolen bases (175), eleventh in batting average (.259), and sixth in home runs (137). Oakland held sole possession of first place (one-half game) as late as May 17th. After the All Star break they went 47-34 (.580)...Martin was named AL Manager of the Year by the Associated Press...Finley, who purchased the franchise in 1960 when it played in Kansas City, ended his reign in the Owner's Box early in 1981 after selling the team to Walter A. Haas, Jr. Haas would sell the A's in 1995.