

1979 CLEVELAND INDIANS

81-80 6th

MGRs Jeff Torborg #10 (95 games)

Dave Garcia #1 (66 games)

DP: 311 to 333

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Andre Thornton "Thunder" #29	.233	5		125	-	146	233	232	AR	SD	1B130, DH	R R
Duane Kuiper #18	.255	4	MK	-	112	116	241	241	AR	SD	2B140	L R
Tom Veryzer #15 #21	.220	2		-	111	115	231	225	AR		SS148	R R
Toby Harrah #11	.279	20		122	-	136	251	246	AAR		3B127, SS33, DH	R R
Bobby Bonds #25	.275	34	PK	124	-	142	251	245	AAR	SD/T-1	OF116(RF), DH	R R
Rick Manning "Archie" #28	.259	30		111	112	121	242	242	AAR	SD/T-1	OF141(CF)	L R
Mike Hargrove #21 X	.325	2	PW	116	123	144	261	265	AR	SD	OF65(LF), 1B28, DH	L L
Gary Alexander #35	.229	4	PK	123	124	133	233	231	AR	LD	C91, DH, OF2(LF/RF)	R R
Cliff Johnson #44 X	.271	2		134	-	151	246	244	SLO	LD	DH, PH, C1	R R
Jim Norris #27	.246	15		112	116	133	232	236	AAR		OF93(LF/RF/CF), DH	L L
Ron Hassey #9	.287	1		114	-	136	252	252	SLO	SD-C	C68, PH, 1B2	L R
Ted Cox #22	.212	3		115	-	126	231	223	AR	LD	3B52, OF16(LF), PH, 2B4	R R
Ron Pruitt #13	.283	2		113	-	126	252	251	AR	LD(OF)	PH, OF29(LF/RF), DH, C11, 3B3	R R
Paul Dade #00 +	.282	12		114	115	124	251	251	S		OF37(LF/RF), DH, 3B2	R R
Dave Rosello #12	.243	1	PK	116	122	142	236	234	AR	LD	2B33, 3B14, SS11, PR	R R
Dell Alston #30	.290	4		113	124	-	251	253	AAR		OF30(LF/RF), PH, PR, DH	L R
Wayne Cage #31	.232	0	PK	114	-	126	232	232	AR		PH, DH, 1B7	L L
"Bo" Diaz #16 <i>Baudilio</i>	.156	0		-	-	132	166	163	SLO		C15	R R
Horace Speed #20	.143	2	PW PK	-	-	-	164	156	AAR	LD	OF16(LF/CF/RF), PR, DH	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 Wise #40 SD	3.73	232	131	626	34	34	0	.000	R R
Rick Waits #36	4.44	231	135	634	34	34	0	.000	L L
Mike Paxton #48	5.92	160	132	633	33	24	0	.000	R R
Len Barker #39	4.92	137	144	611	29	19	0	.000	R R "Large Lenny"
Wayne Garland #17	5.23	95	133	634	18	14	0	.000	R R
Eric Wilkins #33 LD	4.39	70	145	564	16	14	0	.000	R R
David Clyde #32 LD	5.91	46	131	635	9	8	0	.000	L L
Dan Spillner #37	4.62	158	136	614	49	13	1	.000	R R
Sid Monge #43	2.40	131	144	551	76	0	19	.000	B L (last name pronounced MON-jee)
Victor Cruz #23 #47 LD	4.23	79	146	555	61	0	10	.000	R R
Paul Reuschel #41	7.94	45	124	632	17	1	1	.000	R R
Don Hood #44 +	3.68	22	155	636	13	0	1	.000	L L
Larry Andersen #42	7.56	17	124	635	8	0	0	.000	R R
Sandy Wihtol #42 #56	3.38	11	131	621	5	0	0	.000	R R

An uninspiring start to the season, including a ten-game losing streak in June, essentially doomed Jeff Torborg's time as the Indians manager, a position he had been selected for following the firing of Frank Robinson in June 1977. The Tribe was in sixth place of the AL East at the All Star break with a 42-48 record and 17-game deficit from first. That was not in Torborg's favor either. Cleveland brass pulled the plug on the his regime and installed third base coach Dave Garcia as the new skipper following a doubleheader loss to Milwaukee at Memorial Stadium, July 22nd. Beginning with Garcia's first game on the top step of the dugout, the Indians immediately went on the warpath with a ten-game winning skein from July 23rd through the 31st. Until the end of the season, Cleveland hovered around the .500 mark. Torborg's managerial record was 43-52, Garcia's 38-28. Garcia, a former Angels field commander, would manage the Indians through 1982...The ballclub finished the year with three 20-plus home runs hitters: the potent Andre Thornton (26); 33-year-old Bobby Bonds (25); and the steady if unspectacular Toby Harrah (20). That trio also led the team in runs batted in, Thornton's 93 pacing the offense. Cliff Johnson, aka "Heathcliff," added 18 jacks and 61 RBI. The team was twelfth in the league in batting average (.258) and wound up eighth in home runs (138)...Lefty Rick Waits was a 16-game winner to lead the pitching staff while veteran Rick Wise won 15 and tied with closer Sid Monge for the staff high in strikeouts (108). Monge also won 12 contests working exclusively out of the bullpen. The staff's ERA ended the season at 4.57.