

1979 CINCINNATI REDS

90-71 1st

MGR John McNamara (#3)

DP: 311 to 335

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Dan Driessen #22	.250	11		122	123	141	236	236	AAR	SD	1B143, PH	L R
Joe Morgan "Little Joe" #8	.250	28	PW	114	-	135	236	236	AAR		2B121, PH	L R
Dave Concepcion #13	.281	19		116	121	134	253	246	AAR	SD	SS148	R R
Ray Knight #25	.318	4		114	116	143	265	262	AR		3B149	R R
Ken Griffey, Sr. #30	.316	12		115	121	144	256	263	AAR	T-1	OF93(RF/CF)	L L
Cesar Geronimo "The Chief" #20	.239	1		112	114	132	232	234	AR	SD/T-1	OF118(CF), PH	L L
George Foster #15	.302	0	PK	133	134	151	256	255	AR		OF116(LF), PH	R R
Johnny Bench #5	.276	4		124	-	141	252	245	AR	SD-C	C126, PH, 1B2	R R
Dave Collins #29	.318	16		112	114	131	262	263	S		OF91(RF/LF/CF), PH, 1B10	B L
<i>Junior</i> Kennedy #26	.273	4		111	-	122	245	245	AR		2B59, PH, SS5, 3B4	R R
"Heity" Cruz #7 <i>Hector</i>	X .242	0		115	121	141	235	234	AR		OF69(RF/CF/LF), PH	R R
Paul Blair #33	X .150	0		113	115	125	164	162	AR		OF67(CF/LF/RF), PH, PR	R R
Vic Correll #9	.233	0		112	-	143	233	232	SLO		C47	R R
Rick Auerbach #23	.210	0		112	114	143	225	223	AR		PH, 3B18, SS16, PR, 2B3	R R
"Champ" Summers #28 <i>John</i>	+ .200	0	PW PK	114	122	133	214	222	AR		OF13(RF/LF), PH, 1B6	L R
Harry Spilman #12	.214	0		-	-	126	221	225	AR		PH, 1B12, 3B4	L R
Arturo DeFreites "Art" #21	.206	0	MW PK	-	-	131	224	222	AR	LD(OF)	PH, 1B6, OF1(RF)	R R
Ken Henderson #19	+ .231	0		-	-	135	235	231	SLO	LD	PH, OF2(LF/RF)	B R
Tom Seaver	.158	0	MW PK	116	-	133	165	164	SLO	SD	P32	R R
Mike LaCoss	.129	0	MW PK	-	-	113	161	153	SLO		P35	R R
Fred Norman	.153	0	PK	-	-	-	163	163	SLO		P34	B L
Bill Bonham	.140	0	MW PK	-	-	122	161	156	SLO		P29	R R
Tom Hume	.174	0	MW PK	-	-	115	214	211	SLO		P57	R R
Frank Pastore	.160	0	MW PK	-	-	-	211	164	SLO		P30	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					
Tom Seaver #41 <i>SD</i>	3.14	215	131	613	32	32	0	.158	R R			
Mike LaCoss #51	3.50	206	135	636	35	32	0	.129	R R			
Fred Norman #32	3.64	195	131	625	34	31	0	.153	B L			
Bill Bonham #42	3.79	176	133	631	29	29	0	.140	R R			
Paul Moskau #31	3.89	106	143	622	21	15	0	.081	R R			
Tom Hume #47	2.76	163	123	624	57	12	17	.174	R R			
Frank Pastore #35 #53	4.25	95	125	612	30	9	4	.160	R R			
Doug Bair #40	4.29	94	145	545	65	0	16	.000	R R			
Dave Tomlin #37	2.62	58	132	623	53	0	1	.500	L L			
Pedro Borbon #34	+ 3.43	45	123	624	30	0	2	.333	R R			
Manny Sarmiento #45	4.66	39	122	621	23	1	0	.000	R R			
Mario Soto #36	5.30	37	164	551	25	0	0	.571	R R			
Doug Capilla #44	+ 8.53	6	162	666	5	0	0	1.000	L L			
Charlie Leibrandt #44	0.00	4	146	644	3	0	0	.000	R L			

The Reds franchise began a time of earnest transition prior to the start of the 1979 season: Pete Rose, seeking a huge payout, "Got Paid" by the Phillies to the tune of a four-year \$3.2 million contract, the largest outpouring of cash for any athlete in any sport at that time. He left as an unrestricted free agent. The Reds also hired a new General Manager after Bob Howsam, who had been the genius behind the "Big Red Machine" of the early to mid '70s, retired after 12 years at the helm. Enter Dick Wagner, an executive who followed Howsam to Cincinnati from St. Louis in the late 60s and had been working in the Reds front office (mainly marketing) since that time. Believing the ballclub needed a shake-up, Wagner cut loose manager "Sparky" Anderson who refused to make changes to his coaching staff. Missing the play-offs in 1977 and 1978 to the Dodgers may have strongly influenced Wagner's feelings as well...John McNamara was installed as the team's new field commander and guided the ballclub to a first place finish in his first year...George Foster led the team with 30 HR and 98 RBI. With Rose's departure, Dan Driessen became a major part of the offense. He hit 18 jacks and drove home 75 runs. Johnny Bench, now 31, cracked 22 homers and tallied 80 RBI. In 127 games, 35-year-old Joe Morgan, in his last season wearing a Reds uniform, added 9 home runs and 32 RBI. Ray Knight ended the year third in the league in batting average. The team hit .264 and 132 homers, both marks fifth in the N. L....Thirty-four-year-old Tom Seaver turned in a solid season with a team-high 16 wins, 131 strikeouts, and 9 complete games. Youngster Mike LaCoss completed the year with 14 victories. The staff ERA was fourth in the N. L. (3.58)...The Pirates bounced the Reds from the post-season in three straight games, the first time in four tries during the 70s the Bucs conquered Cincinnati for the N. L. pennant. The Reds were 8-4 against Pittsburgh during the regular season.