

# 1979 NEW YORK YANKEES

89-71 4th

MGRs Bob Lemon #21 (65 games)

Billy Martin #1 (95 games)

DP: 311 to 342

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Chris Chambliss #10	.280	3		121	122	141	245	251	AR	SD	1B134, DH	L R
Willie Randolph #30	.270	33	MK	112	121	131	245	244	AAR	SD	2B153	R R
"Bucky" Dent #20 <u>Russell</u>	.230	0	MK	111	112	123	234	231	AR		SS141	R R
Graig Nettles #9	.253	1		122	-	132	235	241	SLO	SD	3B144	L R
Reggie Jackson #44	.297	9	PK	131	132	151	251	255	AR	T-1	OF125(RF)	L L
Mickey Rivers #17 +	.287	3	MW	112	116	142	252	252	AAR		OF69(CF), PH	L L
Lou Piniella "Sweet Lou" #14	.297	3	MW MK	115	116	134	255	254	AR		OF112(LF/RF), DH, PH	R R
Thurman Munson #15 capt	.288	1		112	114	132	253	252	SLO		C88, DH, 1B3	R R
Jim Spencer #12	.288	0		135	141	156	245	253	SLO	SD	DH, 1B26, PH	L L
Bobby Murcer #2 #27 X	.273	1		116	-	133	245	245	AR		OF70(CF/LF/RF)	L R
Roy White #6	.215	2		113	-	123	226	224	AR		DH, OF27(LF), PH, PR	B R
Juan Beniquez #26	.254	3		116	122	135	244	236	AAR		OF60(CF/LF/RF), PR, 3B3	R R
Jerry Narron #38	.171	0		121	123	132	211	211	SLO		C56, PH	L R
Oscar Gamble #17 X	.389	0		143	145	161	326	326	AR	LD	OF27(LF), PH, DH	L R
Fred Stanley "Chicken" #11	.200	0	MW	114	-	116	222	221	AR	LD(OF)	SS31, 3B16, 2B8, PR, 1B1, OF1(LF)	R R
Brad Gulden #27	.163	0		-	-	123	162	166	SLO		C40	L R
Cliff Johnson #41 +	.266	0		121	-	153	245	243	SLO	LD	DH, PH, C4	R R
Bobby Brown #22 #58 X	.250	2	MW PK	-	113	131	236	236	S		OF27(CF/LF), PR	B R
Darryl Jones #2 #27	.255	0	MW	-	115	154	241	241	AR		DH, OF2(LF/RF)	R R
Jay Johnstone #27 +	.208	1	MW	115	-	124	223	223	AR		OF19(LF/CF/RF), PH, DH	L R
George Scott #41 *	.318	1	MW	115	124	151	265	262	SLO		DH, 1B1	R R
Damaso Garcia #59	.263	2	MW MK	-	-	116	246	242	AAR	LD	SS10, 3B1	R R
Brian Doyle #18	.125	0	MK	-	-	132	153	153	AR		2B13, 3B6, PR	L 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					
Tommy John #25 SD	2.96	276	125	633	37	36	0	.000	R L			
Ron Guidry #49	2.78	236	132	551	33	30	2	.000	L L	OF1(CF) LD	"Louisiana Lightning" "Gator"	
Luis Tiant #23	3.91	196	126	622	30	30	0	.000	R R		"El Tiante"	
Jim Hunter #29	5.31	105	132	642	19	19	0	.000	R R		"Catfish"	
Ed Figueroa #31	4.13	105	133	634	16	16	0	.000	R R			
Jim Beattie #45	5.21	76	145	633	15	13	0	.000	R R			
Ron Davis #39 #53	2.85	85	133	624	44	0	9	.000	R R			
Ken Clay #43	5.40	78	134	636	32	5	2	.000	R R			
Don Hood #46 X	3.07	67	142	641	27	6	1	.000	L L			
Rich Gossage #54	2.62	58	133	563	36	0	18	.000	R R		"Goose"	
Jim Kaat #36 #47 SD X	3.86	58	125	634	40	1	2	.000	L L			
Ray Burris #53 X	6.18	28	133	614	15	0	0	.000	R R			
Dick Tidrow #19 +	7.94	23	121	645	14	0	2	.000	R R			
Paul Mirabella #36 #50 #55	8.79	14	155	644	10	1	0	.000	L L			

Disgusted with the lousy play of his ballclub, George Steinbrenner pulled the plug on Bob Lemon's first 133 games as the Yankees manager on June 18<sup>th</sup> following a brief road trip. New York was in fourth place with a 34-31 record and eight games out of first place. Back in the saddle when the Yanks arrived back home to open a series with Toronto was Billy Martin for his second of five separate tours as Yankee skipper. Lemon had replaced Martin during the 1978 season with Steinbrenner's plan to return Martin to the dugout in 1980. Some of the players weren't exactly overjoyed to see Martin back with the team, but they were 55-40 (.585) under Billy and never moved out of fourth... "Mr. October," Reggie Jackson, who had had his share of run-ins with Martin, perhaps the most disgruntled of the players, led the team with 29 home runs and 89 RBI. New York hit .266 and 150 homers during the year... Tommy John tied the Brothers Niekro (Phil and Joe) for the second-most wins in the big leagues (21). Ron Guidry, who spent some time as a closer-in-a-pinch after an injury to "Goose" Gossage, finished tied with three others for the sixth-most victories (18) and fifth in strikeouts (201). "Gator" was third in ERA and John fifth. Overall, the Yankee pitching corps was second in the A. L. in ERA (3.83)... A great historical era of Yankee baseball ended with the tragic death of team captain Thurman Munson in a plane crash, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Munson had recently received his multi-engine pilot's license and was practicing takeoffs and landings in his private jet at an airport near his home in Canton, Ohio. In order to spend more time with his family during the season, Munson had taken up flying to travel between New York and Canton. During an approach for landing, the heart-and-soul of the Yankees failed to lower the jet's flaps which provide lift for the wings at slow speeds. The jet was too close to the ground to recover as he applied more engine power, resulting in the fatal accident. Munson was trapped inside the aircraft after it burst on fire. He received a ten minute standing ovation from over 51,000 fans at Yankee Stadium prior to that evening's game.