

1979 BALTIMORE ORIOLES

102-57 1st
MGR Earl Weaver (#4)

DP: 311 to 336

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Eddie Murray #33	.295	10		123	124	143	256	253	AR	SD	1B157	B R
Rich Dauer #25	.257	0		114	-	131	243	241	AR		2B103, 3B44	R R
"Kiko" Garcia #3 <i>Alfonso</i>	.247	11		113	122	134	241	235	AAR		SS113, 2B25, 3B2, OF2(LF)	R R
Doug DeCinces #11	.230	5		122	123	145	234	231	AR		3B120	R R
Ken Singleton #29	.295	3	PW	131	-	146	256	253	AR		OF143(RF /LF), DH	B R
Al Bumbry "The Bee" #1	.285	37		113	-	132	246	252	S		OF146(CF /LF)	L R
Gary Roenicke #35	.261	1		132	133	146	244	242	AR	T-1	OF130(LF /CF/RF)	R R
Rick Dempsey #24	.239	0		114	-	136	236	233	AR		C124	R R
Lee May #14	.254	3		123	-	134	244	236	AR		DH, PH, 1B2	R R
Mark Belanger #7	.167	5		-	112	123	166	166	AAR	SD	SS98	R R
John Lowenstein #38	.254	16		126	132	145	236	241	AAR		OF72(LF/RF), 1B1, 3B1	L R
Billy Smith #2	.249	1		121	126	144	243	235	AR		2B63, SS5	B R
Pat Kelly #18	.288	4		131	-	155	245	253	AAR	T-1	PH, OF24(LF), DH	L L
Dave Skaggs #8	.248	0		112	-	133	242	235	SLO		C63	R R
Benny Ayala #27	.256	0		133	-	154	242	241	SLO		OF24(LF), DH	R R
Terry Crowley #10	.317	0	PW PK	113	116	145	261	263	SLO		PH, DH, 1B2	L L
Larry Harlow #6 +	.268	1		-	-	115	243	244	AAR		OF31(RF /CF), PR	L L
Wayne Krenchicki #12 #45	.190	0		-	-	124	215	215	AAR		3B7, 2B6, PR	L R
Mark Corey #15	.154	1	PK	-	-	-	164	163	AR		OF11(RF)	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					
Dennis Martinez #30 SD	3.66	292	126	626	40	39	0	.000	R R		"El Presidente"	
Mike Flanagan #46	3.08	266	126	564	39	38	0	.000	L L			
Steve Stone #21 #32	3.77	186	136	623	32	32	0	.000	R R		"Stoney"	
Scott McGregor #16	3.35	175	116	626	27	23	0	.000	B L			
Jim Palmer #22 SD	3.30	156	131	631	23	22	0	.000	R R			
Sammy Stewart #53	3.52	118	152	613	31	3	1	.000	R R			
"Tippy" Martinez #23	2.88	78	141	554	39	0	3	.000	L L		<i>Felix Anthony</i>	
Don Stanhouse #26	2.85	73	161	624	52	0	21	.000	R R		"Stan the Man Unusual"	
Tim Stoddard #49	1.71	58	134	552	29	0	3	.000	R R			
Dave Ford #59	2.10	30	125	646	9	2	2	.000	R R			
John Flinn #37	0.00	3	134	666	4	0	0	.000	R R			

There was a distinctly different air surrounding the Orioles and Memorial Stadium during the 1979 season. First, they drew 1.6 million fans to the ballpark following year-after-year of static attendance figures around one million. The Birds had remained very competitive in the AL East--and all of baseball--during the 1970s, but not the powerhouse, supremely talented O's of the three campaigns from 1969 through 1971, years they went to the World Series and beat a great Cincinnati Reds team in 1970...The '79 ballclub smacked 181 homers (3rd in the A. L.) and hit .261 (11th) at the plate. Most of all, they played intelligent baseball with solid and timely but not great hitting, stingy defense, and with, as Orioles' fans became accustomed, consistently terrific pitching. Cy Young Award winner Mike Flanagan won a major-league high 23 games and lost only nine. He led the Orioles' staff in strikeouts (190) and shutouts (5). He completed 16 games, right behind Dennis Martinez's 18. Martinez, affectionately called "El Presidente," won 15 ballgames. Scott McGregor added thirteen victories while Steve Stone pitched in with eleven. The pitching corps topped the American League in ERA (3.26) to go along with 52 complete games, second to Milwaukee's major-league high 61...Veteran Ken Singleton, 32, who finished second in league MVP votes, was the team leader with 35 homers, 111 RBI, and 93 runs scored. Twenty-three-year-old Eddie Murray played his first base position fundamentally among the best, but his real strength was at the plate where the switch-hitter slammed 25 home runs, drove home 99, and topped the team with 179 base hits. Gary Roenicke popped 25 jacks as well...The Birds knocked off a very good California Angels "nine" three-games-to-one in the ALCS, the pennant-clincher an 8-0 six hit whitewash of the Halos in Anaheim by McGregor...The National League champion Pittsburgh Pirates and their "We Are Family" fight song invaded Memorial Stadium for the World Series first two contests, a 1-1 split before the O's took a commanding lead of three-games-to-one in Pittsburgh. The Bucs won Game Five at Three Rivers Stadium, 7-1, before rallying to win the last two in Baltimore, 4-0, and 4-1. Pirates' batters hit .323 in the Series while the Orioles finished at .232. Light-hitting Kiko Garcia batted .400 with six RBI as well as two doubles and a triple; Singleton was 10-28 (.357) with a double and two runs batted in to the lead the O's offense.