

1981 BALTIMORE ORIOLES

59-46 2nd
MGR Earl Weaver (#4)

DP: 311 to 341

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Eddie Murray #33	.294	2		131	132	152	255	253	AR	SD	1B99	B R
Rich Dauer #25	.263	0	MK	112	-	136	246	242	AR		2B94, 3B4	R R
Mark Belanger #7	.165	2		112	115	124	212	165	AR	SD	SS63	R R
Doug DeCinces #11	.263	0		122	123	145	246	242	AR		3B100, 1B1, OF1(LF)	R R
Ken Singleton #29	.278	0		122	123	141	246	246	SLO		OF72(RF), DH	B R
Al Bumbry #1	.273	22		111	112	126	245	245	AAR	SD	OF100(CF/LF)	L R
John Lowenstein #38	.249	7		121	-	133	235	236	AR		OF73(LF/RF), PH	L R
Rick Dempsey #24	.215	0		115	116	133	226	224	SLO		C90, PH	R R
Terry Crowley #10	.246	0	PW	116	-	134	232	236	SLO		DH, PH , 1B4	L L
Gary Roenicke #35	.269	1		113	-	141	244	244	AR		OF83(RF/LF/CF), PH	R R
Lenn Sakata #12	.227	4		121	-	131	231	231	AR		SS42, 2B20, PR	R R
Jim Dwyer #28	.224	0		115	121	-	224	231	AR		OF59(LF/RF), 1B3, PH	L L
Dan Graham #41	.176	0		113	-	122	212	212	SLO		C40, PH, DH , 3B4	L R
Benny Ayala #27	.279	0		122	-	131	251	246	SLO	LD	DH, PH , OF4(LF)	R R
Jose Morales #34	.244	0	MW	115	-	131	241	234	SLO	LD	DH, PH , 1B3	R R
Wayne Krenchicki #6	.214	0		-	-	133	221	225	AR		SS16, 2B7, 3B6	L R
Cal Ripken, Jr. #8	.128	0	MW	-	-	-	156	153	AR		SS12, 3B6, PR , PH	R R
Bobby Bonner #2	.296	1	MW	-	-	134	254	254	AR		SS9, PR	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	3.32	179	134	624	25	24	0	.000	R R		"El Presidente"	
Scott McGregor #16 SD	3.26	160	125	624	24	22	0	.000	B L			
Jim Palmer #22 SD	3.75	127	134	644	22	22	0	.000	R R			
Mike Flanagan #46	4.19	116	133	613	20	20	0	.000	L L			
Steve Stone #32	4.60	63	141	625	15	12	0	.000	R R			
Sammy Stewart #53	2.32	112	145	622	29	3	4	.000	R R			
"Tippy" Martinez #23	2.90	59	146	551	37	0	11	.000	L L		<u>Felix Anthony</u>	
Dave Ford #21	6.53	40	124	645	15	2	0	.000	R R			
Tim Stoddard #49	3.86	37	143	553	31	0	7	.000	R R			
Jeff Schneider #36 #57	4.88	24	143	566	11	0	1	.000	B L			
Steve Luebber #36	7.56	17	124	613	7	0	0	.000	R R			
Mike Boddicker #52	4.76	6	133	641	2	0	0	.000	R R			

The strike-shortened 1981 season was one the Orioles would like to tuck away and forget about. They WERE a competitive ballclub all season long and one wonders how a full 162-game schedule would have worked out. The Birds spent a total of 28 calendar days in first of the AL East. Their biggest lead was three games on May 30th. They were never out of the top spot more than three-and-a-half games (April 29th) the entire campaign. Two second place finishes in both halves of the split-season (31-23 and 28-23, respectively) were good enough for a runner-up position overall with those records combined. Against division foes, they were 26-23: 7-6 versus the Yankees (1st half champs) and 2-4 versus Milwaukee (2nd half champions). A feather in their cap was an excellent 21-7 mark in one-run games (.750)... Dennis Martinez (14-5 W/L) tied four other major league hurlers for the most wins. Scott McGregor (13 wins) tied three others for sixth place. Martinez led the staff with nine complete games; McGregor with eight, topped the staff posting three shutouts... As one might expect in a shortened season, major league leaders in various categories would wind up bunched together. That was the case for Eddie Murray, whose 22 home runs tied five other sluggers for third place. The twenty-five-year-old first baseman, a second-time All Star, finished fourth in slugging percentage (.534); sixth in OPS (.895); and third in RBI (78). Ken Singleton and Doug DeCinces both clubbed 13 home runs while Rich Dauer ended the year among MLB leaders with 27 doubles...As a team, the Orioles hit .251 (10th in the A. L.); the pitching staff was seventh in ERA (3.70)...Jim Palmer, 35, was 7-8 for the year, including five complete games and 35 strikeouts.

On August 10th, a new chapter in the Orioles' rich history recorded the first appearance in a major league game by 20-year-old Cal Ripken, Jr. The International Leagues' (AAA) Rookie of the Year entered the game in the bottom of the 12th inning as a pinch-runner, a game the Birds won over Kansas City at Memorial Stadium, 3-2. He scored the winning run of the game from second base with none out following a single to right by John Lowenstein. Ripken finished 5 for 39 as a hitter in 23 games played. He fielded a position at shortstop in 12 games, third in six others, and committed three errors in 46 chances, but helped turn six double plays.