

1981 NEW YORK YANKEES

59-48 4th

MGRs Gene Michael #11 (82 games)

Bob Lemon #21 (25 games)

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Bob Watson <i>"Bull"</i> #28	.212	0		122	125	132	231	223	SLO		1B50, PH, DH	R R
Willie Randolph #30	.232	14	MK	111	113	125	232	232	AAR	SD	2B93	R R
<i>"Bucky"</i> Dent #20 <u>Russell</u>	.238	0	MK	121	-	135	235	233	AR		SS73	R R
Graig Nettles #9	.244	0		123	124	132	234	235	SLO	SD	3B97, DH	L R
Reggie Jackson #44	.237	0	PK	124	125	144	226	234	AR		OF61(RF), DH	L L
Jerry Mumphrey #22	.307	14		114	121	132	261	256	AAR	SD	OF79(CF)	B R
Dave Winfield <i>"Winny"</i> #31	.294	11		121	122	144	255	253	AAR	SD/T-1	OF102(<u>LF</u> /CF)	R R
Rick Cerone #10	.244	0		112	114	134	241	234	SLO		C69	R R
Bobby Murcer #2	.265	0		125	-	144	236	244	SLO		DH, PH	L R
Oscar Gamble #17	.238	0		125	-	142	231	234	AR		OF43(RF/LF), DH, PH	L R
Larry Milbourne #18	.313	2		111	114	131	264	261	AR		SS39, 2B14, 3B3, PR	B R
Lou Piniella <i>"Sweet Lou"</i> #14	.277	0	MK	121	-	141	253	245	SLO		OF36(<u>RF</u> /LF), DH	R R
Barry Foote #23 X	.208	0		124	-	135	223	223	SLO	SD-C	C34, 1B1	R R
Dave Revering #12 X	.235	0		114	116	131	232	233	SLO		1B44	L R
Jim Spencer #12 +	.143	0		121	-	132	156	161	SLO	SD	1B25	L L
Dennis Werth #24	.109	1	PW	-	-	114	152	145	AR	LD(OF)	1B19, OF8(LF/RF), PH	R R
Bobby Brown #13	.226	4	PK	-	-	113	234	226	S		OF29(<u>RF</u> / <u>CF</u> /LF)	B R
Aurelio Rodriguez #27	.346	0	MW	122	-	134	315	312	SLO		3B20, 2B3, 1B1	R R
Johnny Oates #26	.192	0		-	-	122	214	216	SLO		C10	L R
Andre Robertson #55	.263	1	MW	-	-	125	246	242	AR		SS8, 2B3	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		
Rudy May #45	4.14	148	131	622	27	22	1	.000	L L
Tommy John #25 SD	2.63	140	131	636	20	20	0	.000	R L
Ron Guidry #49 SD	2.76	127	124	552	23	21	0	.000	L L <i>"Gator"</i> <i>"Louisiana Lightning"</i>
Dave Righetti #19	2.05	105	135	546	15	15	0	.000	L L <i>"Rags"</i>
Rick Reuschel #36 #48 SD X	2.67	71	121	643	12	11	0	.000	R R <i>"Big Daddy"</i>
Gene Nelson #46	4.81	39	151	633	8	7	0	.000	R R
Tom Underwood #38 +	4.41	33	136	551	9	6	0	.000	R L
Ron Davis #39	2.71	73	135	516	43	0	6	.000	R R
Doug Bird #43 SD +	2.70	53	131	623	17	4	0	.000	R R
Dave LaRoche #34	2.49	47	134	622	26	1	0	.000	L L
Rich Gossage #54	0.77	47	133	523	32	0	20	.000	R R <i>"Goose"</i>
George Frazier #43	1.63	28	136	614	16	0	3	.000	R R
Bill Castro #35 #56	3.79	19	125	653	11	0	0	.000	R R
Dave Wehrmeister #58	5.14	7	166	535	5	0	0	.000	R R
Andy McGaffigan #58	2.57	7	142	642	2	0	0	.000	R R
Mike Griffin #52 +	2.08	4	111	544	2	0	0	.000	R R

The 1981 Major League Players Strike resulted in the powers-that-be splitting the season into two halves. After the mess was cleaned up, tempers abated, and 50 days of baseball stripped from the calendar, play resumed in early August. The Bronx Bombers wound up the first half with a 34-22 record (.607) and led the AL East by two games. The ballclub had dropped to sixth place in the division when the regular season ended, finishing the second half 25-26. Along the way, the reserved Bob Lemon (11-14) was brought back by George Steinbrenner to replace Gene Michael (48-34) for his second go-round as manager, September 6th, with the Yanks still maintaining first place by one game. One of the teams leap-frogging New York, Milwaukee, at 31-22 in the second half, snatched first place by 1 ½ games over the Red Sox. The Bombers rolled in five games back. Extended playoffs were the talk of the day which now included a *Division Series*. The two first place teams of each half faced off in Round One which saw the Yanks eliminate the Brewers in five games. Oscar Gamble was the hitting star (.556 BA, two homers) while "Goose" Gossage saved the three victories. "Mr. October", Reggie Jackson, in his final year as a Yankee, also hit two home runs...The ALCS was also a five-game tourney ending with a Yankees' sweep, 3-0, over Oakland. Graig Nettles was the series MVP with nine RBI, a homer, .500 BA, and three extra base hits in twelve at bats. Gossage saved one game; AL Rookie of the Year Dave Righetti won his third game of the post-season...New York's old nemesis, the Dodgers, filled the opposition dugout in the World Series, the Yankees falling in six games. In Game Five at Dodger Stadium, Ron Guidry lost a heart-breaker, 2-1, going into the seventh, leading 1-0. Guidry, who struck out nine, gave up back-to-back homers to Pedro Guerrero and Steve Yeager, fueling the Dodgers' win. In the Series, Jackson smacked a homer and hit .333. Willie Randolph popped two jacks, but hit only .222...This is the only pennant the Yankees captured in the 1980s...Nettles and Jackson tied for the team lead in homers (15). Dave Winfield added 13 home runs and topped the ballclub in RBI (68)...Guidry finished as the pitching staff's ace with 11 wins and 104 strikeouts...Gossage's save total was the fourth-highest in the major leagues. Righetti had the lowest ERA in the A. L...Reggie Jackson, during five years donning Yankee pinstripes, batted .281, with 144 home runs and 461 RBI. In the post-season, he hit a robust .328 along with 12 homers and 29 RBI.