

# 1981 ATLANTA BRAVES

50-56 5th  
MGR Bobby Cox (#6)

## DP: 311 to 333

## Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Chris Chambliss #10	.272	4		114	115	136	244	245	AR	SD	1B107	L R
Glenn Hubbard #17	.235	4		114	121	133	235	232	AR	SD	2B98	R R
Rafael Ramirez #16	.218	7		111	112	131	225	225	AAR		SS95	R R
Bob Horner #5	.277	2		125	-	136	253	245	AR		3B79	R R
Claudell Washington #18	.291	12		113	115	142	252	253	AAR	T-1	OF79(RF), PH	L L
Dale Murphy "The Murph" #3	.247	14		122	123	134	241	235	AAR	SD/T-1(OFF)	OF103(CF), 1B3	R R
Rufino Linares #25	.265	8	MW	114	116	132	244	243	AAR		OF61(LF), PH	R R
Bruce Benedict #20	.264	1		114	115	132	243	243	SLO		C90	R R
Eddie Miller #45	.231	23		-	112	121	235	231	S		OF36(LF/RF/CF), PR, PH	B R
Brett Butler "Bugsy" #22	.254	9		-	115	122	236	241	S		OF37(LF/CF/RF)	L L
Biff Poceroba #4	.180	0		-	-	121	216	212	SLO	LD(3B)	PH, 3B21, C9	B R
Jerry Royster #1	.204	7		-	112	125	222	222	AAR		3B24, PH, PR, 2B13	R R
Brian Asselstine #30	.256	1		115	-	136	235	242	AR		PH, OF16(RF/LF)	L R
Terry Harper #19	.260	5	PK	116	-	123	243	242	AR		OF27(RF/LF), PH, PR	R R
Luis Gomez #9	.200	0		-	-	-	222	221	AR		SS21, 3B9, 2B3	R R
Matt Sinatro #14	.281	1		-	121	132	253	246	SLO		C12	R R
Paul Runge #15	.259	0		-	-	122	242	242	AR		SS10	R R
Larry Owen #12	.000	0	PK	-	-	-	-	-	SLO		C10, PH	R R
Bob Porter #22	.286	0		-	-	133	251	252	AR		PH	L L
Bill Nahorodny #15	.231	0		-	-	135	235	231	SLO		PH, C3, 1B1	R R
Mike Lum #28 +	.091	0		-	-	-	136	142	SLO	LD	PH, OF1(LF)	L L
Brook Jacoby #47	.200	0	MW PK	-	-	-	222	221	AR		PH, 3B3	R R
Gaylord Perry	.250	0	MW	115	-	132	236	236	SLO		P23	R R
Tommy Boggs	.152	0	MW	-	-	115	166	162	SLO		P25	R R
Rick Mahler	.148	0	MW	-	-	122	162	162	SLO		P34	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			
Gaylord Perry #36 #46	3.94	151	121	635	23	23	0	.250	R R	
Tommy Boggs #40	4.10	143	135	616	25	24	0	.152	R R	
Phil Niekro #35 SD	3.10	139	136	626	22	22	0	.077	R R	"Knucksie"
Bob Walk #43	4.57	43	145	635	12	8	0	.143	R R	
Larry McWilliams #27	3.11	38	124	613	6	5	0	.100	L L	
Rick Mahler #42	2.80	112	135	625	34	14	2	.148	R R	(last name pronounced MAIL-er)
John Montefusco #24	3.49	77	134	631	26	9	1	.067	R R	"The Count"
Rick Camp #37	1.78	76	122	613	48	0	17	.000	R R	
Gene Garber #26 SD	2.61	59	134	615	35	0	2	.000	R R	
Preston Hanna #49	6.37	35	152	615	20	1	0	.250	R R	
Al Hrabosky #39	1.07	34	131	633	24	0	1	.000	R L	"The Mad Hungarian"
Larry Bradford #34	3.71	27	142	623	25	0	1	1.000	R L	
Steve Bedrosian #32	4.44	24	155	633	15	1	0	.000	R R	
Rick Matula #29	6.43	7	131	666	5	0	0	.000	R R	

The Braves never really challenged for the NL West Division lead during a season split into two halves by the 50-day players strike for which the '81 campaign is best remembered. Atlanta was 25-29 in the early half, good for fourth place 9 ½ games out of first; the latter half was a fifth place finish (25-27, 7 ½ games out of first). Overall, the Braves ended the year in fifth 15 games out. Versus the division, they were 31-33...The well-renowned Gaylord Perry, 42 years young, joined the ballclub as a free agent in January. His addition to the pitching staff, which also included 42-year-old Phil Niekro, resulted in an average age of almost thirty-two. It was Perry who anchored the staff, winning eight ballgames and allowing a league low 1.4 walks per nine innings pitched. Niekro had the best ERA among the starters and won seven games. Closer Rick Camp had the most wins (9) while swing-man Rick Mahler added eight...Hitting machine Bob Horner hit 15 homers and drove in 42. Chris Chambliss collected the most RBI (51); Dale Murphy swatted 13 home runs and knocked in 50 for the season. Free agent pick-up Claudell Washington produced the highest batting average among the position regulars...On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Bobby Cox was fired after his first four-year stint as Braves skipper brought only one season finish over .500. He immediately jumped to manage Toronto. His replacement was former Braves star Joe Torre.