

1981 MONTREAL EXPOS

60-48 2nd

MGRs Dick Williams #23 (81 games)

Jim Fanning #6 (27 games)

DP: 311 to 332

Error: 351 to 354

		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Warren Cromartie #49		.304	2		114	115	134	254	256	AR		1B62, OF38(RF)	L L
Rodney Scott "Cool Breeze" #3		.205	30		-	112	122	223	222	S		2B93	B R
Chris Speier "Spy" #4		.225	1		111	112	123	233	226	AR		SS96	R R
Larry Parrish #15		.244	0		115	121	141	241	234	AR		3B95	R R
Tim Wallach #29		.236	0		114	115	132	233	233	AR		OF35(RF), 1B16, 3B15	R R
Andre Dawson "Hawk" #10		.302	26		131	133	153	256	255	AAR	SD/T-1	OF103(CF)	R R
Tim Raines "Rock" #30		.304	71		113	122	135	262	255	S		OF81(LF), 2B1	B R
Gary Carter "Kid" #8		.251	1		123	124	144	241	236	AR	SD-C	C100, 1B1	R R
Jerry White #18		.218	5		115	121	134	225	225	AAR		OF39(RF/CF/LF)	B R
Terry Francona "Tito" #16		.274	1	MK	112	114	-	242	246	AR		OF26(LF/RF), 1B1	L L
John Milner "Hammer" #5	X	.237	0		123	-	145	226	234	AR		1B21, PH	L L
Ellis Valentine #17	+	.211	0		123	-	136	226	223	AR	T-1	OF21(RF)	R R
Willie Montanez #5	+	.177	0		-	113	-	165	213	AR	SD	1B16, PH	L L
Jerry Manuel #43		.200	0		126	-	162	222	221	AR		2B23, SS2	B R
Mike Phillips #12	X	.218	0	PK	-	-	122	225	225	AR		SS26, 2B6	L R
Rowland Office #25		.175	0		-	-	-	211	212	AR		OF15(RF/CF/LF)	L L
Bobby Ramos #44		.195	0		115	-	124	216	216	SLO		C23, PH	R R
Tom Hutton #14		.103	0	MK	-	-	-	141	145	AR	SD(1B)	1B9, OF2(LF/RF)	L L
Brad Mills #2		.238	0	MK	-	-	124	231	234	AR		PH, 3B7, 2B2	L R
Wallace Johnson #62		.222	1		-	146	-	226	226	AAR		PH, PR, 2B1	B R
Steve Rogers		.145	0	MW PK	-	-	114	162	161	SLO		P22	R R
Bill Gullickson		.152	0	PK	-	-	115	166	162	SLO		P22	R R
Scott Sanderson		.114	0	PW PK	-	-	126	153	146	SLO		P22	R R
Ray Burris		.189	0	PK	-	-	-	222	214	SLO		P22	R R
Bill Lee		.364	0	MW PK	124	-	-	316	321	SLO		P31	L L
Charlie Lea		.133	0	MW PK	-	-	-	161	154	SLO		P16	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			
Steve Rogers #45		3.42	161	126	621	22	22	0	.145	R R	
Bill Gullickson #34		2.80	157	124	562	22	22	0	.152	R R	
Scott Sanderson #21		2.95	137	125	616	22	22	0	.114	R R	
Ray Burris #48		3.05	136	132	634	22	21	0	.189	R R	
Charlie Lea #53		4.62	64	136	625	16	11	0	.133	R R	(last name pronounced LEE)
Bill Lee #37		2.94	89	121	634	31	7	6	.364	L L	"Spaceman"
Stan Bahnsen #22		4.96	49	144	615	25	3	1	.111	R R	
"Woodie" Fryman #35		1.88	43	133	615	35	0	7	.667	R L	Woodrow Thompson
Jeff Reardon #31	X	1.30	42	125	616	25	0	6	.000	R R	
Elias Sosa #27		3.66	39	123	631	32	0	3	1.000	R R	
Steve Ratzer #47		6.23	17	135	651	12	0	0	.000	R R	
Tom Gorman #32		4.20	15	141	546	9	0	0	.000	L L	
Bryn Smith #66		2.77	13	124	566	7	0	0	.000	R R	
Grant Jackson #19	X	7.59	11	161	641	10	0	0	.000	B L	"Buck"

Les Expos finished second or third in the NL East with plus-.500 records 1979 through 1983. Graduating high grade talent from their minor league system for years, Montreal nearly crashed through to their first World Series. The 1981 season was split into two halves due to a 50-day players' strike, commencing, June 12th. In the year's first stanza, the Expos finished in third place (30-25, four games out), but displayed a higher level of play to strongly contend in the second (30-23 to claim first place). For the playoffs, the winners of each half (in this case the Phillies and Expos) would be paired against one another in a Division series, the winner advancing to the NLCS. (Overall, Montreal finished second behind St. Louis with a 60-48 record.) This would be a post-season Expos' fans would long remember. Montreal went up 2-0 in the NLDS (a best-of five) before Philadelphia came roaring back, winning Games Three and Four--the latter a 6-5 ten-inning gut-grinder. At Veterans Stadium the following day, the Expos blanked the Phils, 3-0, behind Steve Rogers, his second win of the series. The NLCS proved to be just as entertaining with the Dodgers and Montreal splitting the first four games with the decisive contest set for Olympic Stadium. The Expos plated a run in the first before L. A. tied the game in the fifth with two singles, a wild pitch, and RBI groundout. The teams remained deadlocked until the ninth. Rogers (who had won his third playoff game earlier in the NLCS) gave up a home run to the Dodgers' Rick Monday with two away, giving L. A. the lead. Fernando Valenzuela retired the first two Expos' batters in the last of the ninth, then walked two straight before being relieved by Bob Welch. Welch coaxed Jerry White into a groundout to end the ballgame and Montreal's season. Gary Carter's bat was the loudest during the playoffs. At the plate he was 15 for 35 (.429) with four doubles, two homers, and six RBI. During the regular season, Carter, 27, one of those prodigal minor league products, clubbed 16 home runs and drove home 68. Tim Raines, 21, was second in league Rookie of the Year voting and led the majors in stolen bases--fifteen more than the A's Rickey Henderson. Budding super-star Andre Dawson, 26, led the team with 24 jacks and contributed 64 RBI. Veteran home-grown starter Rogers, 31, topped the pitching corps with 12 wins. Bill Gullickson, 22, another original Expos' farmhand, had the most strikeouts (115)...To end strife in the clubhouse, manager Dick Williams (44-37) was fired September 8th and replaced by long-time front office exec/scout Jim Fanning... In the second game of a twin-bill at Olympic Stadium, May 10th, 24-year-old Charlie Lea tossed a no-hitter against the Giants. He struck out eight and walked four.