

1981 BOSTON RED SOX

59-49 5th
MGR Ralph Houk (#35)

DP: 311 to 336

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Tony Perez <i>"Big Dog"</i> #5	.252	0		116	122	134	242	236	SLO		1B56, DH , PH	R R
Jerry Remy <i>"Rem Dawg"</i> #2	.307	9		-	111	116	254	261	AAR	SD	2B87	L R
Glenn Hoffinan <i>"Hoff"</i> #18	.231	0		111	-	124	235	231	AR		SS78	R R
Carney Lansford #4	.336	15		112	114	134	313	266	AAR		3B86, DH	R R
Dwight Evans <i>"Dewey"</i> #24	.296	3	PW	126	132	146	254	254	AR	SD/T-1	OF108(RF)	R R
Rick Miller #3	.291	3		111	112	132	252	253	AR	SD/T-1	OF95(CF)	L L
Jim Rice #14	.284	2		122	-	135	253	251	AR	T-1	OF108(LF)	R R
Rich Gedman #10	.288	0	MW	115	-	143	245	253	SLO		C59	L R
Carl Yastrzemski <i>"Yaz"</i> #8	.246	0	MK	114	115	132	232	236	SLO		DH , 1B39	L R
Dave Stapleton #11	.285	0	MK	116	121	135	254	251	AR		SS33, 3B25, 2B23, 1B12	R R
Gary Allenson #39	.223	0	PK	122	-	142	231	226	SLO		C47	R R
Joe Rudi #26	.180	0		125	-	134	216	212	SLO	LD(OF)	PH , DH , 1B5, OF1(RF)	R R
Reid Nichols #51	.188	0	MW	-	115	-	221	214	AR	LD(3B)	OF27(CF), DH , 3B1	R R
Dave Schmidt #50	.238	0	PK	124	-	133	235	233	SLO		C15	R R
Garry Hancock #37	.156	0	MW	-	-	132	163	164	AR		PH , OF8(<u>CF</u> /RF), DH	L L
Julio Valdez #12	.217	0	MW	-	-	-	232	224	AR		SS17	B R
<i>"Chico"</i> Walker #1 <i>Cleotha</i>	.353	0		-	-	-	315	314	AR		2B5	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 Eckersley #43	4.27	154	124	624	23	23	0	.000	R R	<i>"Eck"</i>		
Frank Tanana #40	4.01	141	132	621	24	23	0	.000	L L			
Mike Torrez #21	3.68	127	136	632	22	22	0	.000	R R			
John Tudor #30	4.58	79	134	616	18	11	1	.000	L L			
Bob Ojeda #19	3.12	66	136	631	10	10	0	.000	L L	(last name pronounced oh-HAY-duh)		
Steve Crawford #28	4.99	58	131	625	14	11	0	.000	R R			
Bruce Hurst #47	4.30	23	144	625	5	5	0	.000	L L			
Bob Stanley #46	3.83	99	135	644	35	1	0	.000	R R			
Mark Clear #25	4.11	77	154	532	34	0	9	.000	R R			
Tom Burgmeier #16	2.87	60	131	616	32	0	6	.000	L L			
Bill Campbell #22	3.17	48	141	561	30	0	7	.000	R R			
Chuck Rainey #42	2.70	40	133	624	11	2	0	.000	R R			
Luis Aponte #45	0.57	16	123	563	7	0	1	.000	R R	(last name pronounced ah-PON-tay)		

The Red Sox's fifth place finish overall in the AL East for the season--one split into two halves by the ignominious 50-day players strike--is not a true picture of the entire campaign. They ran with the pack all season, never being more that 5 ½ games out of first (September 14th) and being as many as 12 games over .500 (September 25th, fourth place, a half-game out). Against division opponents, they were a very respectable 28-19. Their first half record was 30-26 (5th) while in the second half they were the runner-up (29-23)...Ralph Houk, the former Yankee player/manager/GM, became the 35th skipper in Red Sox history in late October 1980. Soon after his hiring, the ballclub traded three long-time favorites: Rick Burleson, Butch Hobson, and Fred Lynn to the Angels. In return, the Bosox received two players, third baseman Carney Lansford and reliever Mark Clear, who became prominent pieces of a good line-up and pitching staff. Among those transactions, Boston also picked-up former outfielder Rick Miller, outfielder Joe Rudi (the end of his career not far away), and veteran lefty hurler Frank Tanana who was plugged in as a starter...Lansford led the American League in batting average and finished third in the big leagues with 134 base hits. Second time All Star Dwight Evans, entering the prime of his career, was awarded his fourth Gold Glove and ended the season among major league leaders in several categories. "Dewey" topped the majors with 85 walks, finished among at least the top five in on-base percentage (.415); slugging percentage (.522); and OPS (.937, the A. L.'s best mark). His 84 runs scored were second best in the big leagues; his 22 homers tied him for third; and his 71 RBI placed him seventh. Those stellar stats allowed Evans to acquire the third-most votes for league MVP. Jim Rice collected 128 hits, good for tenth place in the majors...Starter Mike Torrez and reliever Bob Stanley both won 10 games to lead the pitching staff. Dennis Eckersley finished with nine victories and 79 strikeouts. Clear, who served as the closer, whiffed 82 batters...The potent Red Sox offense--.275 team BA, 519 runs scored, and 1,052 hits--produced the highest figures in baseball. The staff ERA (3.81) was ninth best...Carl Yastrzemski, 41, spent most of his time in his 21st season with the Red Sox as "The Hitter". He hit seven homers and drove home 49.