

1981 OAKLAND ATHLETICS

64-45 1st
MGR Billy Martin (#1)

DP: 311 to 326

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		BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Jim Spencer #12	X	.205	1		113	-	125	216	223	SLO	SD	1B48, PH	L L
"Shooty" Babbitt #3	<u>Mack</u>	.256	5		-	114	115	242	241	AAR		2B52	R R
Rob Picciolo #8		.268	0	MW	115	123	133	251	243	AR		SS82	R R
Wayne Gross #10		.206	2		123	124	134	221	223	AR		3B73, PH, 1B2	L R
Tony Armas #20		.261	5	MW PK	125	126	146	244	242	AR	T-1	OF109(RF)	R R
Dwayne Murphy #21		.251	10	PK	122	124	134	233	241	AAR	SD/T-1	OF106(CF)	L R
Rickey Henderson #35		.319	56		113	121	134	263	263	S	SD	OF107(LF)	R L
Mike Heath #2		.236	3	MW	116	121	126	233	233	AR		C78, OF6(LF/RF)	R R
Cliff Johnson "Heathcliff" #44		.260	5	PK	131	-	141	243	242	SLO		DH, 1B9	R R
Dave McKay #39		.263	4		114	115	134	246	242	AR		3B43, 2B38, SS7	B R
Jeff Newman #5		.231	0	MW	113	-	133	235	231	SLO		C37, 1B30	R R
Fred Stanley "Chicken" #11		.193	2		-	-	116	222	215	AR		SS62, 2B6	R R
Mitchell Page #6		.141	2	PK	123	-	125	154	161	AAR		DH, PH, PR	L R
Dave Revering #13	+	.230	0		115	121	123	226	232	SLO		1B29, PH	L R
Keith Drumright #14		.291	0	MW MK	-	113	116	252	253	AR		2B19, PH, DH	L R
Kelvin Moore #24		.255	1	PK	115	124	-	241	241	AR		1B13	R L
Mickey Klutts #9 #12	<u>Gene</u>	.370	0	MW PK	145	-	-	322	322	AR		3B14	R R
Brian Doyle #18		.125	0	MW MK	-	-	-	153	153	AR		2B17	L R
Mark Budaska #15		.156	0	PK	-	-	121	163	164	AR		DH	B L
Mike Patterson #14 #47	+	.348	0	PK	-	123	136	266	314	AAR		PH, OF5(LF/RF), DH	L R
Tim Hosley #25		.095	0		124	-	-	144	142	SLO	LD	PH, DH, 1B1	R R
Rick Bosetti #7	X	.105	0		-	-	-	151	144	AAR	SD	OF5(CF/RF), DH, PR	R R
Mike Davis #16		.050	0		-	-	125	124	125	AAR		PH, OF2(LF), 1B1	L L
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					
Rick Langford #22		2.99	195	132	632	24	24	0	.000	R R			
Steve McCatty #54		2.33	186	134	623	22	22	0	.000	R R			
Mike Norris #17	SD	3.75	173	135	626	23	23	0	.000	R R			
Matt Keough #27		3.40	140	133	631	19	19	0	.000	R R			
Brian Kingman #29 #50	LD	3.95	100	132	624	18	15	0	.000	R R			
Jeff Jones #38		3.39	61	154	563	33	0	3	.000	R R			
Tom Underwood #31	X	3.18	51	145	543	16	5	1	.000	R L			
Bob Owchinko #51 #53		3.20	39	144	566	29	0	2	.000	L L			
Dave Beard #33 #55 #59		2.77	13	133	515	8	0	3	.000	L R			
"Bo" McLaughlin #34		11.57	12	154	651	11	0	1	.000	R R	<u>Michael Duane</u>		
Ed Figueroa #32 #56		5.40	8	161	656	2	1	0	.000	R R			
Craig Minetto #32		2.70	7	146	616	8	0	0	.000	L L			
Dave Heaverlo #60		1.59	6	143	642	6	0	0	.000	R R	(last name pronounced HAVE-er-low)		
Rich Bordi #28		0.00	2	146	666	2	0	0	.000	R R	"Kojak"		

The Oakland A's 1981 season, abbreviated by the ubiquitous 50-day players strike at mid-season, was, nevertheless, one filled with some fascinating happenings off the field. Charlie Finley attempted to sell the team (while he was in the midst of an expensive divorce during which his soon-to-be ex-wife wanted no part of the team in a settlement) to a business mogul wanting to re-locate the franchise in Denver. However, the city and Alameda County fathers refused to let the A's out of their lease of Oakland's Coliseum following the announced move of the NFL's Raiders to Los Angeles; the politicians refused to renege their view of Oakland as a major sports city. Finley would finally find a buyer for the team, Walter Haas, Jr., of Levi Strauss clothing renown, who agreed to keep the A's in Oakland...On the playing field, the A's opened the season with an 11-game winning streak followed by a loss and then another six-game winning skein, propelling them to the best start to a season (17-1) in baseball history that still stands. Billy Martin, who had taken over as manager in 1980 (83-79, 2nd, AL West) utilized baseball's old tactics of the hit-and-run, taking the extra base, sacrifice, and the stolen base for his style of "Billy Ball". However, his talented starting staff, who had completed a major league record 94 games in '80, were worn down and unable to sustain their endurance, a group that completed 60 games in '81...The A's hit .247 (12th in the A.L.) but led the league with 104 homers. Despite being overworked, the pitchers turned in a 3.30 ERA (2nd in the A. L.) and 51 of the team's victories. Steve McCatty was the staff's leader with 14 wins and 91 strikeouts...Offensively, Tony Armas slammed the most home runs (22) and garnered the most RBI (76)...Rickey Henderson's stolen base total was second in the majors for the year...Oakland, at 37-23, won the top spot in the division of the split-season's first half, but finished second (27-22) to Kansas City in the latter half. The A's outscored the Royals 10-2 to win the best-of-five ALDS, 3-0, before they were ingloriously swept from the post-season (ALCS) by the Yankees, 3-0. The Bronx Bombers outscored Oakland 20-4 and out-hit the A's .336 to .222. The Oakland offense did not hit a home run in the series and left 20 men on base.