

# 1981 MILWAUKEE BREWERS

62-47 1st

MGR Bob "Buck" Rodgers (#37)

## DP: 311 to 344

## Error: 351 to 354

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Cecil Cooper #15	.320	5		116	121	151	256	264	AAR	SD	1B101, DH	L L
Jim Gantner "Gumby" #17	.267	3		111	112	125	242	244	AR	SD	2B107	L R
Robin Yount "The Kid" #19	.273	4		116	123	136	245	245	AAR	SD	SS93, DH	R R
Don Money #7	.216	0		112	-	124	231	224	SLO		3B56, PH, 1B1	R R
Mark Brouhard #29	.274	1	MW PK	112	115	126	246	245	AR		OF51(RF/LF), DH	R R
Gorman Thomas #20	.259	4	PK	126	-	151	242	242	AR	T-1	OF97(CF/RF), DH	R R
Ben Oglivie #24	.243	2		122	123	135	233	235	AR		OF101(LF/CF), DH	L L
Ted Simmons #23	.216	0		122	124	135	231	224	SLO		C75, DH, 1B4	B R
Larry Hise #9	.230	0		124	-	142	234	231	SLO		DH, PH	R R
Paul Molitor #4	.267	10		112	-	125	246	243	AAR		OF46(CF/RF), DH	R R
Roy Howell #13	.238	0		115	116	136	231	234	AR	LD(OF)	3B53, DH, 1B3, OF1(RF)	L R
Charlie Moore #22	.301	1		111	115	134	255	255	AR		C34, OF8(RF/LF), DH	R R
Thad Bosley #27	.229	2		-	-	114	225	232	AR		OF37(RF/CF/LF), PH	L L
Ed Romero #11	.198	0	MW	112	-	123	223	216	AR		SS22, 2B18, 3B3	R R
Sal Bando #6	.200	1	MK	121	-	142	222	221	SLO		3B15, PH, 1B9	R R
Marshall Edwards #16	.241	6	MW MK	-	114	122	234	234	AAR		OF36(CF/RF), PR	L L
Ned Yost #5	.222	0		146	-	-	226	226	SLO		C16	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		
Pete Vuckovich #50	3.55	150	135	616	24	23	0	.000	R R
Mike Caldwell #48	3.93	144	126	644	24	23	0	.000	R L
"Moose" Haas #30	4.46	137	131	626	24	22	0	.000	R R <u>Bryan Edmund</u>
Jim Slaton #41	4.37	117	141	633	24	21	0	.000	R R
Randy Lerch #35	4.31	111	134	626	23	18	0	.000	L L
"Rollie" Fingers #34	1.04	78	122	553	47	0	28	.000	R R <u>Roland Glen</u>
Reggie Cleveland #23 #25	5.15	65	143	644	35	0	1	.000	R R
Jamie Easterly #28 #56 SD	3.19	62	151	622	44	0	4	.000	L L
Jerry Augustine #46	4.26	61	131	633	27	2	2	.000	L L
<u>Rickey</u> Keeton #45	5.09	35	131	646	17	0	0	.000	R R
Bob McClure #10	3.52	8	144	561	4	0	0	.000	R L
Dwight Bernard #47	3.60	5	166	652	6	0	0	.000	R R
Chuck Porter #43	4.15	4	124	651	3	0	0	.000	R R
Donnie Moore #26 #27	6.75	4	166	624	3	0	0	.000	L R
Frank DiPino #49	0.00	2	166	411	2	0	0	.000	L L
Willie Mueller #42 #51	4.50	2	111	633	1	0	0	.000	R R

By the 1981 season, the Brewers were a franchise on a clear identifiable upswing. They celebrated their first 90+ win year in 1978 followed by another in 1979. By that time, two young twenty-somethings and budding stars, Robin Yount (25) and Paul Molitor (24), had arrived on the scene to compliment the veteran presence on the roster--names like Bando (Sal), Cecil Cooper, Larry Hise, "Stormin" Gorman Thomas, Don Money, and Ben Oglivie. The pitching staff was consistently good but not spectacular. What was missing was an elite closer to nail down ballgames. Thirty-four-year-old "Rollie" Fingers was the man who joined the staff as part of a seven-player trade with St. Louis during the off-season to fulfill that critical role. All the waxed handlebar-mustachioed Fingers did was become the sixth pitcher in major league history to win both the Cy Young Award and the Most Valuable Player honor in the same league in the same season. His miniscule ERA and major league leading save total tell part of the story. Catcher Ted Simmons, 31, was another ingredient added to the mix in the Fingers trade, managed by Bob "Buck" Rodgers who had replaced George Bamberger mid-season 1980...The Brewers momentum was rudely curtailed on June 12<sup>th</sup> when major league players walked out on strike. Milwaukee, hanging around the division leaders, was third in the AL East at the time with a 31-25 record, three games out of first. They rallied in the second half, going 31-22 and finishing first. The split season also meant the two first place ballclubs from each half would battle in a division series, the winner moving on to the ALCS. The Yankees won the first two contests of a best-of-five series in Milwaukee, the Brewers the third and fourth games in New York. The deciding fifth game was played at Yankee Stadium. The Brewers were up 2-0 until the bottom of the fourth when the Yankees answered with four runs on two two-run homers and a total of five hits. In the seventh, a triple by Robin Yount, followed by a single off the bat of Cecil Cooper, scored the Brewers third run which is all they would muster the rest of the way. New York scored again in the seventh inning with a solo home run then wrapped up the series with two runs in the eighth to eliminate the Brewers, 7-3. Among the regulars, Yount had the best series, hitting .316 (6 for 19), including a home run and double. Milwaukee was outthit by the Bronx Bombers .304 to .222. Fingers saved Game Four and struck out five in 4.2 innings pitched...Pete Vuckovich (another figure in the St. Louis trade) tied four others for the most wins in the majors (14) while his .778 winning percentage was second best...Cecil Cooper was tied by the Cubs Bill Buckner for the most doubles in the big leagues (35). He finished seventh in batting average, sixth in runs scored (64), and tied for fourth in base hits (133). Gorman Thomas's 21 jacks were also among the game's leaders. He knocked in 65 runs. Ben Oglivie's 72 RBI placed him sixth.