

1981 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

59-48 3rd

MGR Dallas Green (#46)

DP: 311 to 332

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Pete Rose " <i>Charlie Hustle</i> " #14	.325	4	MK	-	113	126	265	264	AR		1B107	B R
Manny Trillo #9	.287	10		114	116	133	252	252	AR	SD	2B94	R R
Larry Bowa #10	.283	16	MK	-	112	124	252	251	AAR	SD	SS102	B R
Mike Schmidt #20	.316	12	PW	141	142	162	263	262	AAR	SD	3B101	R R
" <i>Bake</i> " McBride #21 <i>Arnold</i>	.271	5	MW	112	113	142	243	245	AAR	T-1	OF56(RF)	L R
Garry Maddox #31	.263	9		113	114	123	246	242	AAR	SD/T-1	OF93(CF)	R R
Gary Matthews " <i>Sarge</i> " #34	.301	15		115	121	142	255	255	AAR	T-1	OF100(LF)	R R
Bob Boone " <i>Boonie</i> " #8	.211	2	MK	114	-	125	226	223	AR	SD	C75	R R
Keith Moreland " <i>Zonk</i> " #6	.255	1	MK	121	-	133	241	241	AR		C50, 3B7, 1B2, OF2(RF)	R R
Lonnie Smith " <i>Skates</i> " #27	.324	21		112	116	145	264	264	S	T-1	OF51(<i>RF/CF/LF</i>)	R R
Greg Gross #23	.225	2	MK	-	112	133	225	231	AR	T-1	OF55(<i>RF/CF/LF</i>), PH	L L
Dick Davis #26	.333	1		115	121	143	266	266	AR		OF32(RF), PH	R R
Luis Aguayo #16	.214	1		113	-	131	225	224	AR		2B21, SS21, 3B3	R R
Del Unser #25	.153	0	PW	-	-	125	163	163	AR		PH, 1B18, OF16(LF/CF/RF)	L L
Ramon Aviles #15	.214	0		-	-	122	225	224	AR		2B20, 3B13, PH, SS5	R R
George Vukovich #29	.385	1		122	-	-	322	326	AR		PH, OF9(<i>RF/LF/CF</i>)	L R
Len Matuszek #24	.273	0		-	-	142	245	245	AR	LD(3B)	PH, 1B1, 3B1	L R
Ryne Sandberg #37	.167	0		-	-	-	166	166	AAR		PR, SS5, 2B1	R R
Bob Dernier #30	.750	2		-	-	-	536	536	S		PR, OF5(CF)	R R
John Vukovich " <i>Vuke</i> " #18	.000	0		-	-	-	-	-	AR		3B9, 1B1, 2B1	R R
Steve Carlton	.134	0	MW	-	116	126	155	155	SLO	SD	P24	L L
Dick Ruthven	.140	0	PK	-	-	131	161	156	SLO		P23	R R
Nino Espinosa +	.200	0	MW PK	-	-	-	222	221	SLO		P14	R R
Marty Bystrom	.118	0	MW PK	-	-	-	153	151	SLO		P9	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 Carlton #32 SD	2.42	190	133	541	24	24	0	.134	L L	" <i>Lefty</i> "		
Dick Ruthven #44	5.15	147	134	622	23	22	0	.140	R R	" <i>Rufus</i> "		
Larry Christenson #38	3.54	107	131	612	20	15	1	.100	R R	" <i>L. C.</i> "		
Nino Espinosa #35 +	6.11	74	132	644	14	14	0	.200	R R			
Marty Bystrom #50	3.35	54	131	631	9	9	0	.118	R R			
Mark Davis #43	7.74	43	145	612	9	9	0	.091	L L			
Dan Larson #49	4.18	28	145	622	5	4	0	.111	R R			
" <i>Sparky</i> " Lyle #28 #39	4.44	75	141	635	48	0	2	.400	L L	<i>Albert Walter</i>	" <i>The Count</i> "	
Mike Proly #30	3.86	63	131	643	35	2	2	.000	R R			
Ron Reed #42	3.08	61	131	611	39	0	8	.500	R R	" <i>Big Slink</i> "		
<i>Dickie</i> Noles #48	4.17	58	136	615	13	8	0	.105	R R	<i>Dickie Ray</i>		
" <i>Tug</i> " McGraw #45	2.66	44	133	613	34	0	10	.000	R L	<i>Frank Edwin</i>	" <i>Tugger</i> "	
Warren Brusstar #40	4.38	12	164	611	14	0	0	.000	R R			
<i>Jerry</i> Reed #35	7.71	5	166	546	4	0	0	.000	R R			

Coming off their first World Series title in franchise history, and with an aging ballclub, the Phillies were among the favorites, once again, to possibly repeat as National League champions. It appeared they were, indeed, the team to beat in the NL East, leading the division by one-and-a-half games when MLB was shutout down by a players' strike, June 12th. The Cardinals were in the runner-up spot; the Expos were third just four games out. With the season now split into two halves, play resumed for the Phils (34-21 in the first half), August 10th, at home against St. Louis. The Cards won three out of four games, resulting in the Phillies dropping out of first for the rest of the regular schedule. While St. Louis was 29-23 in the second half, Montreal went 30-23 to claim the second half title. (The Phillies ended the second at 25-27). The game's leadership decided to expand the playoffs, creating Division series in both leagues. Philadelphia and the Expos matched-up in a best-of-five round with Montreal winning the decisive fifth game in Philly, 3-0, over Steve Carlton. "Lefty" was beaten in the first game at Montreal as well. The National League's MVP, Mike Schmidt, overpowered opposing pitching with 31 homers; the best on-base, slugging, and OPS percentages (.435/.644/1.080, respectively); 91 RBI; 52 extra-base hits; and 228 total bases--each figure the highest in both leagues for the season. Include his sixth straight Gold Glove Award. The Phillies led the N. L. in hitting (.273) topped by 40-year-old Pete Rose's fourth-best BA in baseball; Schmidt wound up tenth. The popular Gary Matthews hit over .300 and was second to "Schmitty" with 9 jacks and 67 RBI. On August 10th, Rose stroked his 3,631st career hit to surpass Stan Musial and become the N. L.'s all-time hits leader. Steve Carlton, 36, led the pitching staff with 13 wins and 179 strikeouts. On April 29th, against Montreal, Carlton garnered strikeout #3,000 for his career. He finished third in Cy Young Award voting. OVERALL, combined, the Expos were 60-48 for second place in the NL East; St. Louis 59-43. The Phils' mark was third. MLB pitted the winner's of the two halves in each division to meet in the Division series. The Cardinals, who posted the N. L.'s second-best record, were left out. Future Cub great, Ryne Sandberg, originally Phillies' property, made his big league debut, September 2nd at Atlanta, as a pinch runner for Bob Boone in the ninth inning of a 3-2 loss. He later scored on a base hit by Pete Rose. His trade to Chicago in the off-season may be the franchise's most regrettable transaction ever.