

# 1965 LOS ANGELES DODGERS

97-65 1st  
MGR Walter Alston (#24)

## DP: 311 to 334

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Wes Parker #28	.238	13		113	116	134	231	234	AAR	SD(1B)	1B154, OF1(CF)	B L
Jim Lefebvre #5	.250	3		115	121	133	236	236	AR		2B156	B R
Maury Wills #30	.286	94		-	112	121	255	251	S		SS155	B R
Jim Gilliam "Junior" #19	.280	9		112	114	133	252	246	AR		3B80, OF22(LF), PH, 2B5	B R
Ron Fairly #6	.274	2		114	-	133	242	246	AR		OF148(RF/CF), 1B13	L L
Willie Davis "3-Dog" #3	.238	25	MW	114	115	132	231	234	AAR	SD/T-1	OF141(CF)	L L
Lou Johnson "Slick" #41	.259	15		116	-	135	242	242	AAR		OF128(LF/CF), PH	R R
John Roseboro "Gabby" #8	.233	1		114	-	123	226	233	AR	SD-C	C131, 3B1	L R
Dick Tracewski "Trixie" #44	.215	2		111	-	122	226	224	AR		3B53, 2B14, PH, SS7, PR	R R
Jeff Torborg #10	.240	0		114	115	126	241	233	SLO	SD	C53, PH	R R
John Kennedy "SuperSub" #11	.171	1	PK	112	-	122	211	211	AR		3B95, PR, SS5, PH	R R
Wally Moon #9	.202	2	PK	112	-	123	216	222	AR		PH, OF23(RF/LF)	L R
Al Ferrara "The Bull" #20	.210	0	PK	113	116	125	225	223	SLO	LD	OF27(RF/LF), PH	R R
Don LeJohn "Ducky" #31	.256	0		-	-	116	242	241	AR		3B26, PH	R R
Tommy Davis #12	.250	2	MW MK	-	114	122	236	236	AAR		OF16(LF)	R R
Derrell Griffith #26	.171	0	MW	115	-	-	211	211	AR		OF11(LF/RF), PH, PR	L R
Willie Crawford #43	.148	2	PK	-	-	-	162	162	AAR		PR, PH, OF8(RF/LF/CF)	L L
Don Drysdale	.300	0	MW PK	126	132	143	262	254	SLO		P44	R R
"Sandy" Koufax	.177	0	PK	-	-	114	213	212	SLO		P43	R L
Claude Osteen	.121	0	MW PK	-	112	-	145	153	SLO		P40	L L
Johnny Podres	.178	0	MW	-	-	-	166	213	SLO		P27	L L
Ron Perranoski	.158	0	PK	-	-	-	161	165	SLO		P59	L L
Nick Willhite X	.400	0	PW PK	-	-	144	332	333	SLO		P15	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				
"Sandy" Koufax #32	2.04	336	125	516	43	41	2	.177	R L	Sanford	"The Left Arm of God"
Don Drysdale #53	2.77	308	124	565	44	42	1	.300	R R	"Big D"	
Claude Osteen #23	2.79	287	131	616	40	40	0	.121	L L	"Gomer"	
Johnny Podres #22	3.43	134	131	625	27	22	1	.178	L L		
Ron Perranoski #16	2.24	105	136	622	59	0	18	.158	L L		
Bob Miller #15	2.97	103	126	556	61	1	9	.000	R R		
Howie Reed #39	3.12	78	134	614	38	5	1	.000	R R	"Diz"	
Jim Brewer #21	1.82	49	152	566	19	2	2	.000	L L		
Nick Willhite #45 X	5.36	42	144	612	15	6	1	.400	L L		
John Purdin #35	6.75	23	145	611	11	2	0	.000	R R		
Mike Kekich #37	9.58	10	166	546	5	1	0	.000	R L		

The scintillating pennant race during the summer of '65 and into the last month of the season had SIX teams bunched together most of the year, each serious contenders for the N. L. flag. The Dodgers, Giants, Braves, and Reds, respectively, all had at least one day on top. Into September they skirmished with San Francisco taking a 4 ½ game lead in the aftermath of a 14-game winning streak with two weeks left to play. Those final days were all the Dodgers needed to go on a 13-game winning skein of their own. They won 15 of their last 16 ballgames to finish ahead of the Giants by two games. Los Angeles claimed first place for their own on September 28<sup>th</sup> with a 2-1 walk-off win over Cincinnati in twelve innings at Dodger Stadium. Lou Johnson, who had joined the ballclub early in the year after Tommy Davis suffered a broken ankle sliding into a base, won that game with a home run...Along with the rip-roaring pennant race, the Dodgers and Giants kept up their penchant for war on the diamond. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Dodgers' Don Drysdale had decked Willie Mays with a fastball under Mays's chin. Baseball players have LONG memories. On August 22<sup>nd</sup> in San Francisco, Juan Marichal, already fed up with violent turmoil in his homeland, Cuba, and not knowing anything about the fate of his family there, wasn't feeling well physically from the stress. In the first inning, Marichal threw a "purpose pitch" close to Maury Wills. Dodgers' starter Sandy Koufax retaliated by throwing a ball over Mays's head. In the third, Marichal returned the favor by brushing back the Dodgers' Ron Fairly. Following warnings to each dugout, Koufax knew he could no longer hit or come close to hitting any Giant batter; so, catcher John Roseboro threw a ball back to Koufax close to Marichal's ear with the Giants' hurler at the plate. Marichal took exception, touching off a brou-ha-ha which saw him strike Roseboro over the noggin' with his bat, opening a large gash on top of Roseboro's head. The Giants won the game, 4-3...The World Series was a dandy as well but not as a battle of the benches. The Minnesota Twins won the first two games in Minneapolis; the Dodgers took the next three in L. A. Two were shutouts. Back in Twins country for Game 6, Minnesota tied the series, 3-3, taking a five-run lead to the seventh. The final score was 5-1. Sandy Koufax, the series MVP, tossed a three-hit, 10 strikeout gem in Game 7 (2-0) for the Dodgers fourth World Series title. Koufax, the N. L. Cy Young winner--and second in MVP voting behind Mays--posted a 0.38 ERA in the Series with 29 K's in 24 innings pitched...The Dodgers' great lefthander had a dream regular season as well. He led the majors with 26 wins, a .765 winning percentage, 2.04 ERA, 0.855 WHIP, 382 strikeouts, 27 complete games, and a 5.38 ratio of strikeouts/walks. All this with an inflamed arthritic left elbow causing incessant pain...The Dodgers were not "Giant Killers" at the plate: They were last in the league in homers (78) and seventh in batting average (.245). They led the majors in stolen bases (172), Maury Wills out-stealing the Cardinals' Lou Brock by 31 bags. N. L. Rookie of the Year Jim Lefebvre and the aforementioned Johnson topped the team with 12 homers each. Fairly had the most RBI (70); Lefebvre knocked in 69. Drysdale won 23 games, whiffed 210 foes and swatted 7 home runs with his bat. Claude Osteen quietly tallied a welcome 15 wins.