

1982 HOUSTON ASTROS

77-85 5th

MGRs Bill Virdon #7 (111 games)

Bob Lillis #5 (51 games)

DP: 311 to 335

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Ray Knight #22	.294	2		112	114	135	255	253	AR		1B96, 3B67	R R
Phil Garner " <i>Scrap Iron</i> " #3	.274	24		115	122	142	246	245	AAR		2B136, 3B18	R R
Dickie Thon #10	.276	37		111	115	141	252	245	S		SS119, 3B8, 2B1	R R
Art Howe #18	.238	2		113	114	131	235	233	SLO		3B72, 1B35	R R
Terry Puhl #21	.262	17		113	121	132	241	243	AAR	SD/T-1	OF138(<u>RF</u> /CF)	L R
Tony Scott #30	.239	18	MW	-	111	123	236	233	AAR	SD	OF129(<u>CF</u> /RF/LF)	B R
Jose Cruz " <i>Cheo</i> " #25	.275	21		113	114	132	243	246	AAR	T-1	OF155(LF)	L L
Alan Ashby #14	.257	2		122	123	136	243	241	SLO		C95, PH	B R
Danny Heep #24	.237	0		114	115	142	226	234	AR		OF39(RF), PH	L L
Luis Pujols #6	.199	0		115	121	132	221	221	SLO		C64	R R
Denny Walling #29	.205	4		111	112	122	216	223	AR		PH ,	L R
											OF32(<u>RF</u> /CF/LF), 1B20	
Alan Knicely #11	.188	0		113	-	116	221	214	SLO	LD(OF/3B)	C23, PH ,	R R
											OF17(<u>RF</u> /LF), 3B1	
Craig Reynolds #12	.254	3		112	121	125	236	241	AAR		SS35, PR , 3B7	L R
Bill Doran #19	.278	5	MW	-	-	121	246	246	S	SD	2B26	B R
" <i>Kiko</i> " Garcia #23 <i>Alfonso</i>	.211	1	MW	113	-	135	226	223	AR		SS21, PH , 3B2,	R R
											2B1	
Harry Spilman #16 <i>William</i>	.279	0		125	-	136	244	251	SLO		PH , 1B11	L R
Scott Loucks #26	.224	4	PK	-	-	123	232	226	AAR		OF37(CF), PH , PR	R R
Tim Tolman #38	.192	0		122	-	151	221	215	AR		PH , OF5(<u>LF</u> /RF)	R R
Kevin Bass #8 X	.042	0	MW PK	-	-	-	123	123	AAR		OF7(LF/CF), PR	B R
Joe Pittman #9 +	.200	0		-	-	144	222	221	AAR		PH , 3B3, OF1(RF)	R R
Nolan Ryan	.120	0	PK	-	-	-	152	152	SLO		P35	R R
Don Sutton	.162	0	MW PK	-	-	-	165	165	SLO		P27	R R
Bob Knepper	.058	0	PK	-	-	114	125	131	SLO		P33	L L
Vern Ruhle	.098	0	PK	-	-	-	144	143	SLO		P31	R R
Mike LaCoss	.250	0	PK	-	-	123	236	236	SLO		P41	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		
Joe Niekro #36	2.47	270	125	624	35	35	0	.090	R R
Nolan Ryan #34	3.16	250	142	535	35	35	0	.120	R R " <i>Ryan Express</i> "
Don Sutton #20 +	3.00	195	125	563	27	27	0	.162	R R
Bob Knepper #39	4.45	180	133	615	33	29	1	.058	L L
Vern Ruhle #48	3.93	149	121	635	31	21	1	.098	R R (<i>last name pronounced RULE</i>)
Frank DiPino #46	6.04	28	135	552	6	6	0	.000	L L (<i>last name pronounced deh-PEE-no</i>)
Mike LaCoss #51	2.90	115	143	631	41	8	0	.250	R R
Frank LaCorte #27 #31	4.48	76	152	566	55	0	7	.000	R R (<i>last name pronounced lah-CORT-ee</i>)
Dave Smith #45	3.84	63	143	632	49	1	11	.000	R R
Randy Moffitt #17	3.02	42	132	624	30	0	3	.000	R R
Bert Roberge #42	4.21	26	124	611	22	0	3	.000	R R (<i>last name pronounced roh-BERGE</i>)
George Cappuzzello #52	2.79	19	135	565	17	0	0	.000	R L
Danny Boone #31 X	3.55	13	134	636	10	0	1	.000	L L
Joe Sambito #35	0.71	13	122	614	9	0	4	.000	L L (<i>last name pronounced sam-BEE-toe</i>)
Mark Ross #47	1.50	6	111	562	4	0	0	.000	R R

The Astros had been a playoff team in both 1980 and 1981, but in '82 the writing was on the wall from the start for a lackluster season. By the All Star break, the ball club was cemented in fifth place of the NL West division at 37-48, 14 ½ games out of first. The culmination of a six-game losing skein with a double header loss to the Giants at San Francisco, August 8th, cost manager Bill Virdon his job. Houston had started the month, 2-7. Coach Bob Lillis was named the new skipper, serving in that role for the next three full seasons...During the winter of 1981/1982, Cesar Cedeno, an Astros regular since 1970, was traded to the Reds for third baseman Ray Knight. Cedeno's superior running ability had been tainted by a broken ankle in a prior season. Knight split time at first and third base while another speed merchant, Tony Scott, took over Cedeno's spot in centerfield. On August 30th, starter Don Sutton was traded to Milwaukee in return for three players: Kevin Bass, Frank DiPino, and minor league lefthanded starter Mike Madden...Phil Garner's 13 homers and 83 RBI were tops on the team. Catcher Alan Ashby was next with 12 jacks. Jose Cruz was second on the team with 68 RBI...Three veteran starters, all well into their thirties, combined for 46 wins: Joe Niekro (17), Nolan Ryan (16), and before his trade to the Brewers, Sutton added thirteen. Ryan's 245 strikeouts was not a chart-topper, but he did lead the majors with 109 bases on balls. Niekro completed 16 games to Ryan's 10.