

1969 HOUSTON ASTROS

81-81 5th
MGR Harry Walker (#25)
"Harry the Hat"

DP: 311 to 333

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.	
Curt Blefary " <i>Clank</i> " #13	.253	8		115	122	136	235	241	AR	1B152, OF1(LF)	L R
Joe Morgan " <i>Little Joe</i> " #18	.236	49	PW	116	122	133	233	233	S	2B132, OF14(LF)	L R
Denis Menke #11	.269	2		114	116	134	244	244	AR	SS131, 2B23, 1B9, 3B1	R R
Doug Rader " <i>Red Rooster</i> " #12	.246	1		114	115	132	236	235	AR	3B154, 1B4	R R
Norm Miller #21	.264	4		112	114	133	243	243	AR	OF114(<u>RF</u> /CF/LF)	L R
Jim Wynn " <i>The Toy Cannon</i> " #24	.269	23	PW PK	132	-	143	244	244	AAR	SD/T-1 OF149(CF)	R R
Jesus Alou " <i>Jay</i> " #22	.248	4	MW MK	112	114	131	242	235	AR	OF112(LF/RF)	R R
Johnny Edwards #7	.232	2		113	116	133	232	232	SLO	SD C151	L R
Marty Martinez #14	.308	0		-	114	123	262	256	AR	LD OF21(LF), SS17, 3B15, C7, 2B1, P1	B R
Gary Geiger #19	.224	2	PK	-	112	123	224	231	AR	PH, OF65(<u>LF</u> /RF/CF)	L R
Sandy Valdespino #28	.244	2		-	-	121	234	235	AR	OF29(LF)	L L
Julio Gotay #17	.259	2		-	-	131	242	242	AR	PH, 2B16, 3B1	R R
Tommy Davis #10	.241	1		113	-	125	234	234	AAR	LD OF21(LF)	R R
Leon McFadden #20	.176	1		-	-	116	212	212	AR	LD OF17(<u>RF</u> /LF), SS8	R R
Hector Torres #15	.159	0	MW	113	-	116	166	164	AR	LD SS22	R R
Don Bryant #6	.186	0		114	-	122	215	214	SLO	C28	R R
Bob Watson #27	.275	0		-	-	134	251	245	AR	PH, OF6(LF), 1B5, C1	R R
Keith Lampard #26	.250	0	PK	136	-	-	236	236	AR	PH, OF2(RF)	L R
Cesar Geronimo #34	.250	0	PK	-	-	153	236	236	AR	PR, OF9(<u>LF</u> /RF/CF)	L L
Larry Dierker	.144	0	MW PK	112	-	116	161	161	SLO	P39	R R
Denny Lemaster	.170	0	PK	112	-	123	213	166	SLO	P38	R L
Don Wilson	.099	0	MW PK	-	-	115	145	143	SLO	P34	R R
Tom Griffin	.145	0	PK	121	-	124	162	161	SLO	P31	R R
Jim Ray	.115	0	MW PK	-	-	-	154	146	SLO	P40	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				
Larry Dierker #49	2.33	305	125	556	39	37	0	.144	R R		
Denny Lemaster #23	3.16	245	131	564	38	37	1	.170	R L		
Don Wilson #40	4.00	225	141	534	34	34	0	.099	R R		
Tom Griffin #38	3.54	188	144	531	31	31	0	.145	R R		
Jim Ray #45	3.91	115	141	536	40	13	0	.115	R R	"Sting"	
Jack Billingham #42	4.25	83	133	554	52	4	2	.071	R R		
Wade Blasingame #36	5.37	52	151	615	26	5	1	.000	L L		
Fred Gladding #48	4.21	73	134	622	57	0	29	.100	L R		
Dooley Womack #37	3.51	51	136	613	30	0	0	.167	L R		
Jim Bouton #44 #56	4.11	31	135	536	16	1	1	.000	R R	"Bulldog"	
"Skip" Guinn #35	6.67	27	156	525	28	0	0	.000	R L	<u>Drannon Eugene</u>	
Bob Watkins #47	5.17	16	164	564	5	0	0	.000	R R		
Danny Coombs #31	6.75	8	124	641	8	0	0	.000	R L		
Dan Schneider #41 #58	13.50	7	145	641	6	0	0	.000	L L		

The first season in franchise history the Astros did not have a losing record...Jimmy Wynn led the ball club with 33 home runs and 113 runs scored. He was second on the team with 87 runs batted in behind Denis Menke who drove in ninety. Menke also was tops with 149 base hits. Joe Morgan followed Wynn after hitting 15 homers for the year and crossing the plate 94 times. The Astros hit .240 and 104 home runs as a team...The pitching staff had a 3.60 ERA and at that time set a new major league record of 1,221 strikeouts. Larry Dierker led the staff with 20 wins, 20 complete games, and four shutouts. Don Wilson was 16-12 and led the hurlers with 235 K's. Dierker struck out 232 batters. Tom Griffin was 11-10 with 200 strikeouts. Lefty Denny Lemaster was the winning pitcher in thirteen contests...After his trade from Seattle to Houston, Jim Bouton, the author of the best-selling and very controversial book Ball Four, chronicled his time with the Astros in that same "diary" of his '69 season in baseball...Houston finished 29 games ahead of the last place San Diego Padres and won the season series, 10-8. The Astros were twelve in back of first place Atlanta with the Braves taking that series, 15-3.