

# 1969 CHICAGO CUBS

92-70 2nd  
MGR Leo Durocher (#2)  
"Leo the Lip" "Lippy"

DP: 311 to 334

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Ernie Banks "Mr. Cub" #14	.253	0		123	124	135	243	236	SLO	SD	1B153	R R
Glenn Beckert #18	.291	6	MK	-	-	123	256	252	AR	SD	2B129	R R
Don Kessinger #11	.273	11		111	113	133	245	245	AAR	SD	SS157	B R
Ron Santo #10 capt	.289	1		125	131	142	254	252	AR	SD	3B160	R R
Jim Hickman #28	.237	2		131	132	143	234	233	AR		OF125(RF/CF/LF)	R R
Don Young #29	.239	1	PK	115	121	135	236	233	AR		OF100(CF/RF/LF)	R R
Billy Williams #26	.293	3		121	124	143	251	254	AR	T-1	OF159(LF/RF)	L R
Randy Hundley "Rebel" #9	.255	2		121	-	131	241	241	AR	SD	C151	R R
Al Spangler "Spanky" #21	.211	0	MK	114	115	131	222	224	AR		OF58(RF)	L L
Willie Smith #25	.246	1	PK	124	125	143	232	236	AR	LD(OF)	PH, OF33(LF), 1B24	L L
Paul Popovich #22 X	.312	0		111	-	123	263	261	AR		PH, 2B25, SS7, 3B6, OF1(CF)	B R
Jim Qualls #42	.250	2	MW	-	115	132	236	236	AR		OF35(CF), 2B4	B R
Oscar Gamble #20	.225	0		113	116	123	225	231	AR		OF24(CF)	L R
Adolfo Phillips #20 +	.224	1	PW PK	-	114	135	232	226	AAR		OF25(CF)	R R
Nate Oliver "Pee Wee" #15 X	.159	0	MW	115	-	142	166	164	AR		PH, 2B13	R R
Bill Heath #19	.156	0	PW	-	121	-	163	164	SLO		PH, C9	L R
Ken Rudolph #8 #50	.206	0	PK	116	-	126	224	222	SLO		C11, OF3(LF)	R R
Gene Oliver #12	.222	0	PK	-	-	146	226	226	SLO		PH, C6	R R
Jimmie Hall #23 *	.208	0	MW	-	-	123	223	223	AR		PH, OF5(CF/LF)	L R
Fergie Jenkins	.139	0	PK	112	114	122	156	156	SLO		P43	R R
Ken Holtzman	.150	0	MW PK	112	114	116	164	162	SLO		P39	R L
Dick Selma X	.154	0	MW PK	-	114	122	164	163	SLO		P36	R R
Ted Abernathy	.250	0	MW PK	-	-	153	236	236	SLO		P56	R R
Hank Aguirre	.400	0	MW PK	-	-	-	334	332	SLO		P41	R 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			
Fergie Jenkins #31	3.21	311	125	551	43	42	1	.139	R R	Ferguson Arthur "Fly"
Bill Hands #49	2.49	300	125	614	41	41	0	.092	R R	"Froggy"
Ken Holtzman #30	3.58	261	134	566	39	39	0	.150	R L	
Dick Selma #39 #50 X	3.63	169	142	541	36	25	1	.154	R R	"Mortimer Snerd"
Rich Nye #32	5.11	69	132	621	34	5	3	.063	L L	
Joe Niekro #48 +	3.72	19	131	636	4	3	0	.200	R R	
Jim Colborn #38 #48	3.07	15	151	645	6	2	0	.000	R R	
Archie Reynolds #46	2.45	7	165	624	2	2	0	.000	R R	
Phil Regan #27	3.70	112	132	624	71	0	17	.067	R R	"The Vulture"
Ted Abernathy #37	3.16	85	144	611	56	0	3	.250	R R	
Hank Aguirre #34	2.60	45	126	632	41	0	1	.400	R L	
Ken Johnson #46 #50 *	2.84	19	155	542	9	1	1	.000	R R	
Don Nottebart #38 #48 X	7.00	18	133	634	16	0	0	.000	R R	
Joe Decker #36	2.92	12	144	526	4	1	0	.000	R R	
Alec Distaso #45	3.86	5	123	653	2	0	0	.000	R R	

After a new divisional set up for '69, the Cubbies sprinted out into the lead of the NL East by going 75-44 by August 16<sup>th</sup>. The ball club led the division for 155 days before an 8-17 collapse to end the season. When the Cubs played a two-game series in New York against the Mets in September, Cubs' fans say it was an omen of bad luck when somehow a black cat had access to the ball park and walked behind captain Ron Santo in the on-deck circle. Some fans believed that errors by outfielder Don Young in the same game cost the Cubs first place. Santo later denied accusations made at him that HE blamed Young for the team's nose dive. (Ernie Banks admitted that Santo had gone nuts in the dugout after the game which opened a sore rift in the clubhouse.) The Mets would go on a streak of winning twenty-three of their last thirty games to win the division. The Cubs would end the year second, eight games behind. Some said Durocher was to blame because he didn't want to platoon and rest regulars with all the day games the Cubs played...Santo led the Cubs with 29 homers and 123 RBI. Elder statesman Ernie Banks was next with 23 dingers and 106 RBI. Billy Williams posted a "triple double" with 33 doubles, 10 triples, and 21 home runs. The Cubs hit .253 and were second in the N.L. with 142 homers...Fergie Jenkins anchored the pitching staff going 21-15, striking out 273 batters, and completing 23 games. He had seven shutouts. Bill Hands was 20-14 with 18 complete games and 181 K's while lefty Ken Holtzman won seventeen and struck out 176 opponents. Closer Phil Regan finished 49 contests. The staff ERA was fifth in the league at 3.34.