

# 1979 ATLANTA BRAVES

66-94 6th  
MGR Bobby Cox (#6)

DP: 311 to 332

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Dale Murphy #3	.276	6		126	131	135	252	245	AAR	LD-C	1B76, C27	R R
Glenn Hubbard #17	.231	0		112	-	124	235	231	AR		2B91	R R
"Pepe" Frias #9 <u>Jesus</u>	.259	3	MW	-	112	124	242	242	AR		SS137	R R
Bob Horner #5	.314	0		133	-	144	265	261	AR		3B82, 1B45	R R
Gary Matthews "Sarge" #36	.304	18		123	125	145	262	255	AAR	T-1	OF156(RF)	R R
Rowland Office #22	.249	5		112	114	133	235	236	AR		OF97(CF)	L L
Jeff Burroughs #7	.224	2		116	121	133	232	226	AR		OF110(LF)	R R
Bruce Benedict #20	.225	1		-	-	126	233	226	SLO		C76	R R
Jerry Royster #1	.273	35		111	113	126	245	245	AAR		3B80, 2B77	R R
Barry Bonnell "Preacher" #2	.259	8		121	123	143	242	242	AAR		OF124(LF/CF), 3B1	R R
Joe Nolan #11	.248	1		114	121	133	234	236	AR		C74	L R
Mike Lum #28	.249	0		116	-	126	235	236	AR		1B51, OF3(LF/RF)	L L
Darrel Chaney #15	.162	2	PK	-	-	123	165	165	AR		SS39, 2B5, 3B4, C1	B R
Eddie Miller #14	.310	15	PK	-	-	112	261	261	S		OF27( <u>CF</u> /LF)	B R
Charlie Spikes #46	.280	0	PK	121	-	152	252	246	AR	LD	OF15( <u>LF</u> /RF)	R R
<u>Biff</u> Pocoroba #4	.316	1		-	-	145	263	262	AR		C7	B R
Larry Whisenton #18	.243	1		-	116	136	233	235	AR		OF13(LF/RF)	L L
Bob Beall #25	.133	0	PW PK	-	-	155	154	155	AR		1B3	B L
Mike Macha #31	.154	0	PK	-	-	-	164	163	AR		3B3	R R
Brian Asselstine #30	.100	0		-	-	-	142	144	AR		PH, OF1(LF)	L L
Phil Niekro	.195	0	MW	-	-	125	216	216	SLO	SD	P44	R R
Eddie Solomon	.203	0	MW PK	-	-	124	225	221	SLO		P31	R R
Mickey Mahler	.111	0	MW	-	-	122	146	146	SLO		P26	B L
Larry McWilliams	.208	0	MW PK	-	-	136	223	223	SLO		P13	L L
Gene Garber	.300	0	PW PK	-	-	-	262	254	SLO		P68	R R
Joey McLaughlin	.182	0	MW PK	-	-	142	214	213	SLO		P37	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					
Phil Niekro #35 SD	3.39	342	133	613	44	44	0	.195	R R	"Knucksie"		
Eddie Solomon #34 #37	4.21	186	131	623	31	30	0	.203	R R	"Buddy J"		
Rick Matula #29 #54	4.15	171	134	634	28	28	0	.094	R R			
Tony Brizzolara #43	5.28	107	131	621	20	19	0	.029	R R			
Mickey Mahler #24	5.85	100	141	611	26	18	0	.111	B L			
Larry McWilliams #27	5.56	66	133	625	13	13	0	.208	L L			
Preston Hanna #49	2.96	24	152	614	6	4	0	.000	R R			
Gene Garber #26	4.33	106	124	623	68	0	25	.300	R R			
Joey McLaughlin #46 #50	2.48	69	144	614	37	0	5	.182	R R			
Adrian Devine #28 #38	3.24	67	134	642	40	0	0	.000	R R			
Craig Skok #40	3.98	54	132	622	44	0	2	.000	R L			
"Bo" McLaughlin #32 X	4.89	50	132	553	37	1	0	.000	R R	<u>Michael Duane</u>		
Rick Mahler #39	6.14	22	142	623	15	0	0	.500	R R			
Larry Bradford #34 #38 #40	0.95	19	151	612	21	0	2	.000	R L			
Tommy Boggs #50 #51	6.39	13	126	663	3	3	0	.250	R R			
Frank LaCorte #42 LD +	7.56	8	152	564	6	0	0	.000	R R			

**Third sacker Bob Horner led the ball club with 33 homers and 98 RBI. (Horner could just flat out hit! Bob was a Braves Number One draft pick in '78 and never played an inning in the minor leagues. He later played in Japan in 1987.) Gary Matthews chipped in with 27 round-trippers, 90 RBI, and led the ball club in base hits (192). Dale Murphy smacked 21 dingers while Barry Bonnell hit twelve and Jeff Burroughs added eleven. Jerry Royster led the team with 104 runs scored. The Braves hit .256 and 126 home runs...Phil Niekro, with a 21-20 record, was the Braves' top winner and led the pitching staff with 208 strikeouts and 23 complete games. Rick Matula was an eight-game winner; Eddie Solomon won seven. The staff ERA was 4.18...On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1979, the Braves organization lost General Manager Bill Lucas, the first African-American GM who was also the most senior black executive in baseball when he passed away. Lucas was only forty-three. He was primarily responsible for bringing several high profile players to the franchise who would eventually become cornerstones of the team and propel the once lowly Braves to great success in the early 1980s.**