

1984 Chicago Cubs

manager: Jim Frey

attendance: 2,107,655

Eastern Division

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| Chicago | 96-65 |
| NY Mets | 90-72 |
| St. Louis | 84-78 |
| Philadelphia | 81-81 |
| Montreal | 78-83 |
| Pittsburgh | 75-87 |

Western Division

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| San Diego | 92-70 |
| Atlanta | 80-82 |
| Houston | 80-82 |
| LA Dodgers | 79-83 |
| Cincinnati | 70-92 |
| San Francisco | 66-96 |

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|-------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| ERA: | Pittsburgh | 3.11 | Cubs | 3.75 | (10) |
| BA: | Philadelphia | .266 | Cubs | .260 | (4) |
| FA: | St. Louis | .982 | Cubs | .981 | (2) |

FA: 121 errors; OF Bobby Dernier was 1st Cub outfielder to win a Gold Glove.
 2B Sandberg won another Gold Glove. Season included 61 errorless games between 6/30-9/7 for FA of .9931;
 Sandberg's earlier streak of 48 error-less games was broken on 5/20.
 3B Ron Cey in FA (.967); C Davis led position in errors (15)
 Home: 51-29 Away: 45-36
 Best: Atlanta & SF 9-3, St. Louis 13-5, NYM 12-6, Montreal 10-7, LA & Cincinnati 7-5
 Worst: Pittsburgh 8-10

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | Shutouts | Saves | ERA |
|------------------|-----|--------|----------|-------|------|
| Steve Trout | 190 | 13- 7 | 2 | | 3.41 |
| Dennis Eckersley | 160 | 10- 8 | | | 3.03 |
| Rick Sutcliffe | 150 | 16- 1 | 3 | | 2.69 |
| Scott Sanderson | 141 | 8- 5 | | | 3.14 |
| Dick Ruthven | 127 | 6-10 | | | 5.04 |
| Lee Smith | 101 | 9- 7 | | 33 | 3.65 |
| Rick Reuschel | 92 | 5- 5 | | | 5.17 |
| Tim Stoddard | 92 | 10- 8 | | 7 | 3.82 |
| Chuck Rainey | 88 | 5- 7 | | | 4.28 |
| Rich Bordi | 83 | 5- 2 | | 4 | 3.46 |
| George Frazier | 64 | 6- 3 | | 3 | 4.10 |

Staff: 2nd in saves (50), 4th in HRs allowed – 99 (LA 1st with 76), 8th in shutouts (5), and 11th in hits allowed.
Sutcliffe only pitcher to win Cy Young after being traded mid-season. “Red Baron” went 11-0 during July and August.
 Sutcliffe led NL in winning percentage (.914). From 7/4/1984 to 4/14/1985, Sutcliffe won 16 straight games.
Stoddard – 6’7” was a forward on NC State’s NCAA championship team.
Eckersley, a 20-game winner for Boston in 1978, switched to relief pitching in early 1990s. Hall of Fame: 2004

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | SB |
|----------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Ryne Sandberg | 636 | 114 | 200 | 19 | 84 | .314 | 74 | 32 |
| Gary Matthews | 491 | 101 | 143 | 14 | 82 | .291 | 37 | 17 |
| Leon Durham | 473 | 86 | 132 | 23 | 96 | .279 | 57 | 16 |
| Keith Moreland | 495 | 59 | 138 | 16 | 80 | .279 | 36 | 1 |
| Bobby Dernier | 536 | 94 | 149 | 3 | 32 | .278 | 34 | 45 |
| Jody Davis | 523 | 55 | 134 | 19 | 94 | .256 | 46 | 5 |
| Ron Cey | 505 | 71 | 121 | 25 | 97 | .240 | 52 | 3 |
| Larry Bowa | 391 | 33 | 87 | 0 | 17 | .233 | 16 | 10 |
| Rich Hebner | 81 | 12 | 27 | 2 | 8 | .333 | 5 | 1 |
| Thad Bosley | 98 | 17 | 29 | 2 | 14 | .296 | 6 | 5 |
| Mel Hall | 150 | 25 | 42 | 4 | 22 | .280 | 18 | 2 |
| Henry Cotto | 146 | 24 | 40 | 0 | 9 | .274 | 5 | 9 |
| Gary Woods | 98 | 13 | 23 | 3 | 10 | .235 | 8 | 2 |

Cubs: 1st in runs scored (762), 2nd in slugging and HRs, 3rd in doubles and triples and 4th in stolen bases.
Sandberg: led NL in runs, T1st in triples (19, with Phillies’ Juan Samuel) – 3rd most in club history; 2nd in hits,
 T3rd in doubles (36; leaders Tim Lincecum and Pirates’ Ray with 38). Season included 18-game hitting streak.
 Sandberg was last Cub in 20th Century to reach 200 hits; winner of Silver Slugger Award (1st of 7).

Trades: **OF Gary Matthews** and **OF Bobby Dernier** from Philadelphia; **P Scott Sanderson** from Montreal.
P Dennis Eckersley from Boston for **1B Bill Buckner** (.201 in 21 games) and **IF Mike Brumley** (.201 in 21 games)
IF/OF Davey Lopes from Oakland for **P Chuck Rainey**. **1B Carmelo Martinez** and **RP Craig Lefferts** to San Diego.
P Rick Sutcliffe, **RP George Frazier** & **C Ron Hassey** from Cleveland for **P Don Schultz**, **OF Mel Hall** & **OF Joe Carter**.
 - **Gary “Sarge” Matthews:** Wrigley favorite; career stats: .281/2,011 hits and 234 HRs.
 - **OF Bobby Dernier:** base-steal threat and solid defensive CF for 4 years.

- **Scott Sanderson**: career 163-143; with Cubs: 42-42.
- **Bill Buckner** (career: .300, 2715 hits, 498 2B, 174 HRs) retired in 1980 after playing for Boston, California, and KC.
- **Dennis Eckersley**: 197-171 with 390 saves. Future as a starter diminished not long after his stay with Cubs. Oakland coaches placed him as their stopper – reviving a career that led him to **Hall of Fame** in 2004.
- **Davey Lopes**: Long-time Dodger (1972-81) stole 557 bases and had a .261 BA.
- **Craig Lefferts**: 100 career saves. Cubs faced him in 1984 playoffs
- **Rick Sutcliffe**: Was 4-5 and 5.15 in Cleveland. Career with Cubs: 82-65 and 3.74. Was 1979 NL Rookie of Year (LA).
- **Joe Carter**: Solid batter for Cleveland and Toronto: Career .259/2,184, with 396 HRs and 432 doubles.
 - Recorded 10 seasons driving in at least 100 runs. With Toronto, Carter hit a dramatic, game-winning 3-run HR in G6 of 1993 World Series vs. Philadelphia.

Club released P **Fergie Jenkins** before the season began.

Rookies: OF Henry Cotto, IF Dave Owen, OF Billy Hatcher, RP Ron Meredith. 1st pick in draft: P Drew Hall (3rd). Club also drafted Jerome Walton, Doug Dascenzo, Dwight Smith and Greg Maddux, C Damon Berryhill

Injuries: P Scott Sanderson, P Dick Ruthven, P Rick Reuschel, 3B Richie Hebner, and C Ron Hassey

Club:

- **Jim Frey** previously coached KC Royals. As Cub manager: 196-182 (.519)
- Clubhouse location was now under dugout. Players no longer required walking to the exit in left field following game.
- Club went 7-20 during spring training, and suffered 11-game losing streak and fight between Mel Hall and Dick Ruthven.
- New attendance record was broken in 1985.
- Team began 10-6.
- OF/1B Leon Durham on front cover of *Sports Illustrated* (“How About Them Cubbies?”). P Rick Sutcliffe and NYM Doc Gooden on another (“Who Do You Like?”)
- Broadcaster **Milo Hamilton** stayed on until the end of the season, then moved on to Houston. Hamilton was later inducted into Baseball’s Hall of Fame.
- **Charlie Grimm**’s ashes were scattered in Wrigley Field.
- **Steve Goodman** recorded *Go Cubs Go* months before he died of leukemia. Goodman died less than a week before Cubs clinched their division.
- Cubs were 34-25 at the time they traded for Rick Sutcliffe. His 14 straight wins in 1984 tied club record. 8/8: First 4-game sweep of Mets at Wrigley since 1964.
- Club scored 10+ runs 16 times and went 11-3 at end of season.

Season:

- 4/3: **Beat San Francisco** 5-3 (Ruthven/Smith). Davis hit 7th inning 2-run homer for the difference.
- 4/7: **Lost to San Diego** 7-6 (Trout).
- 4/8: **Beat San Diego** 8-5 in 10 (Smith) on Sandberg’s 3B.
- 4/13: **Beat NY Mets and Doc Gooden** 11-2 (Trout). Gooden’s career was 28-4 vs. Cubs. Cey, Davis and Matthews homered.
- 4/14: **Beat NY Mets** 5-2 (Ruthven).
- 4/19: **Beat St. Louis** 6-1 (Trout).
- 4/24: **Beat St Louis** 3-2 (Lee for Stoddard). Hebron’s 9th inning HR gave Cubs the lead.
- 4/28: **Beat Pittsburgh** 7-1 (Sanderson).
- 4/29: **Beat Pittsburgh** 2-1 (Trout).
- 5/4: **Beat San Diego** 7-6 (Smith). Durham homered. Sandberg 2/4/3B
- 5/5: **Beat San Diego** 6-5 in 10 (Brusstar). Davis homered; Durham homered again. Padres committed 4 errors.
- 5/6: **Lost to San Diego** 8-5 (Ruthven). Durham homered.
- 5/7: **Beat San Francisco** 10-7 (Rainey). Durham (2-4) hit 3-run HR in 6th.
- 5/8: **Beat San Francisco** 12-11 (Smith). Cey’s slam came in Cub’s 7 run 3rd inning. Durham walked 4 times in 5 at-bats.
- 5/9: **Beat LA Dodgers** 7-0 (Sanderson).
- 5/12: **Beat Houston** 5-4 (Noles) on Davis’ 3-run pinch homer in the 9th.
5/7 – 5/14: **2B Ryne Sandberg NL Player of Week**

- 5/16: **Beat Cincinnati** 10-4 (Trout).
 5/20: **Beat Houston** 10-3 (Bordi).
 5/24: **Swept DH vs. Atlanta. G1:** Won 10-7 (Rainey). Dernier 5-5; Durham hit (2) 3-run homers. **G2:** Won 7-5 (Reuschel)
 5/27: **Lost to Cincinnati** 4-3 (Eckersley).
 5/30: **Beat Atlanta** 6-2 (Trout). Trout lost his bid for a no-hitter with 2-out in the 8th.

1B Leon Durham NL Player of the Month for May (9/34, .351)

- 6/1: **Beat Philadelphia** 12-3 (Reuschel).
 6/3: **Beat Philadelphia** 11-2 (Trout).
 6/9: **Beat St. Louis** 5-0 (Bordi).
 6/10: **Beat St. Louis** 2-0. Cubs pulled triple steal in 9th: Durham stole home, Jody Davis took 3rd, and Larry Bowa 2nd.

- 6/14: **Lost to Philadelphia & Steve Carlton** 11-2 (Bordi).
 6/17: **Lost to Philadelphia** 9-7 (Eckersley). Phillies swept all 4 games.
 6/19: **Beat Pittsburgh** 4-3 (Sutcliffe, 9Ks). Sutcliffe's 1st win as a Cub.
 6/22: **Beat St. Louis** 9-3 (Reuschel).
 6/23: **Beat St. Louis** 12-11 in 11 (Smith for Trout). Nationally televised game was also known for Ryne Sandberg (5-6/2 HRs & 7 RBIs) twice hitting game-tying HRs off Bruce Sutter. Cards shelled Cub starter Steve Trout (1.1 IP, 7 ER), led 7-1 after 4 and 9-3 before the Cubs batted in the 6th. Cubs narrowed the gap by scoring 5 runs – 2 scoring on a 2B by Bobby Dernier, and 2 more on Sandberg's 1B. Then came the heroics: Behind 9-8, Sandberg faced one of the game's best relief pitchers: Bruce Sutter. Sandberg led off the 9th with a HR. Then after St. Louis scored 2 in the top of the 10th, Sandberg again homered off Sutter, but this time there were 2 outs and a man on base. Cubs won game on Dave Owens' bases-loaded single. Dernier 3-5, Matthews 2-5. Cubs collected 14 hits. Cards OF **Willie McGee** hit for cycle.

- 6/24: **Beat St. Louis** 5-0 (Sutcliffe 5-hitter, 14Ks). Davis homered again.
 6/27: **Beat Pittsburgh** 8-7 in 11 (Stoddard). Cubs took 2 of 3 vs. Pirates.
 6/30: **Beat LA Dodgers** 14-4 (Frazier), scoring 7 runs in 9th inning.

2B Ryne Sandberg June NL Player of the Month

- 7/3: **Beat San Diego** 3-2 (Trout).
 7/4: **Beat San Diego** 2-1 (Sutcliffe). Cubs took 2 of 3 vs. Padres.
 7/8: **Beat San Francisco** 6-3 (Sutcliffe).
 7/18: **Beat San Diego** 4-1 (Sutcliffe). Cubs took only 1 of 3.
 7/21: **Beat San Francisco** 4-3 (Bordi).

- 7/25: **Beat Philadelphia** 9-4 (Eckersley).
 7/27: **Lost to NY Mets and Gooden** 2-1 (Ruthven). Mets in 1st place.
 7/28: **Cubs beat NY Mets** 11-4 (Smith), scoring 8 runs in 8th inning. Club 4 ½ behind Mets.
 7/29: **Swept DH vs. NY Mets. G1:** Won 3-0 (Trout 7-hitter). **G2:** Won 5-1 (Sanderson). Davis hit 3-run HR.

- 8/1: **Beat Philadelphia** 5-4 (Smith) on Davis' sac fly in 9th. Cubs in first place to stay.
 8/2: **Beat Montreal** 3-2 (Sutcliffe). Game ended on odd double-play: IF Dave Owen caught Pete Rose's liner that bounced off Lee Smith's shoulder. Owen then threw to 1st to double off the runner.
 8/5: **Beat Montreal** 4-3. All runs came on Moreland's 3rd inning grand slam.
 8/6: **Beat NY Mets and Doc Gooden** 9-3 (Ruthven). Davis with 2-run HR.
 8/7: **Swept DH vs. NY Mets. G1:** Won 8-6 (Sutcliffe). **G2:** Won 8-4 (Stoddard). Bean balls from Met pitchers Ron Darling and Ed Lynch led to bench-clearing brawl. Cubs' Scott Sanderson responded in kind. After Cey hit 2-run HR, Lynch hit Keith Moreland caused benches to empty

- 8/8: **Beat NY Mets** 7-6 (Smith). Moreland 3-4/4 RBIs. Mets P Walt Terrell hit Dernier after Jay Johnstone tripled.
 8/9: **Lost to Montreal** 1-0 in 10 (Frazier).
 8/24: **Beat Atlanta** 3-0 (Sutcliffe).
 8/26: **Beat Atlanta** 5-0 (Trout).
 8/28: **Swept DH vs. Cincinnati. G1:** Won 5-2 (Eckersley). **G2:** Won 5-2 (Ruthven).
 8/30: **Beat Atlanta** 8-3 in 10 (Smith).

Keith Moreland August NL Player of Month (.360, 5/32)

Rick Sutcliffe August NL Pitcher of Month

- 9/3: **Beat Philadelphia** 4-3 in 12 (Frazier/Lee for Sutcliffe). Sutcliffe: 8 IP, 15 strikeouts. Cey and Matthews homered.
 9/7: **Lost to NY Mets** 10-0 (Ruthven) on Doc Gooden's 1-hitter. Moreland's lone Cub hit was controversial.
 9/8: **Beat NY Mets** 6-0 (Sutcliffe 4-hitter). Sutcliffe K'd 12 batters.

9/12: **Beat Montreal** 11-5 (Stoddard).
 9/14: **Beat NY Mets** 7-1(Sutcliffe). Davis hit grand slam.
 9/15: **Beat NY Mets** 5-4 (Sanderson).

9/20: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 7-6 (Smith). First time Cubs went over 2M in home attendance.
 9/23: **Swept DH vs. St. Louis. G1:** Won 8-1 (Trout). **G2:** Won 4-2 (Eckersley).
 9/24: **Beat Pittsburgh** 4-1 (Sutcliffe 2-hitter) **to clinch division.** Sutcliffe K'd 9 on the way to his 14th straight win.

9/28: **Lost to St. Louis** 4-1 in 10 (Bordi). Card RP Bruce Sutter's 45th save.
 9/30: **Beat St. Louis** 2-1, (Frazier). Cubs scored both runs in 9th inning off Bruce Sutter.

All Star Game: NL beat AL 3-1. Sandberg and Davis were selected.

NLCS: Cubs faced a Padres team that featured OF Tony Gwynn (NL BA champ at .351), 1B Steve Garvey, 3B Graig Nettles, RP Rich Gossage (10-6 & 25 saves), and former Cub Craig Lefferts. Padre starters were Eric Show (15-9), Ed Whitson (14-8) Mark Thurmond (14-8), and Dave Dravecky.
 - Due to MLB's TV commitments, Cubs' home games were to be played at night.
 - Umpires struck before Game 1 and did not return until Game 5.

Heartbreak for Cub fans. In best-of-five series, Cubs took first 2 games, but failed to win necessary 3rd game in San Diego. Had they won the NLCS, Cubs would have faced the franchise it last faced in a World Series – the Detroit Tigers. According to new MLB Commissioner Ueberroth, Cubs would have played "home" games at St. Louis' **Busch Stadium.**

Game 1: **Chicago (Wrigley Field)**
 October 2

| | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|--------|------|------|--------|--------------------------|
| Padres | 0 | 6 | 1 | Eric Show |
| Cubs | 13 | 16 | 0 | Sutcliffe (7 IP, 2 hits) |

Dernier led off game with HR. Matthews hit 2 HRs. Cey added HR and P Sutcliffe hit Cubs' final HR in 3rd inning. Cubs added 6 more runs in 5th inning. Sutcliffe was relieved by Brusstar. Cubs set single playoff-game records for runs in an inning, total HRs, and hits.

Game 2: **Chicago (Wrigley Field)**
 October 3

| | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|--------|------|------|--------|-------------------|
| Padres | 2 | 5 | 0 | Mark Thurmond |
| Cubs | 4 | 8 | 1 | Trout/Smith |

Cubs led 3-0 after 3 on RBI 2Bs by Ron Cey and Ryne Sandberg and sacrifice fly by Jody Davis. Trout pitched into the 9th before being relieved by Lee Smith. Sandberg and Moreland each went 2-4, including a 2B.

Game 3: **San Diego**
 October 4

| | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|--------|------|------|--------|-------------------|
| Padres | 7 | 11 | 0 | Ed Whitson |
| Cubs | 1 | 5 | 0 | Eckersley |

Cubs led 1-0 into the 5th on Ron Cey's RBI 1B in the 2nd, scoring Moreland. Padres countered with 3 runs in the 5th and 4 more in the 6th. Big blast was Kevin McReynolds' 3-run HR in the 6th. No Cub collected more than 1 hit. Padres were led by Gwynn (3-4), followed by McReynolds (2-3), Alan Wiggins (2-4) and Terry Kennedy (2-4).

Game 4: **San Diego**
 October 6

| | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|--------|------|------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Padres | 7 | 11 | 0 | Craig Lefferts for Tim Lollar |
| Cubs | 5 | 8 | 1 | Smith |

Game was tied at 3 in the 7th; Cubs runs came on back-to-back HRs by Davis (2-run) and Durham in the 4th. Davis had 3 of the Cubs 8 hits. Padres' 1B Steve Garvey went 4-5, including 2 singles, 2B, and the game-winning 2-run HR off Lee Smith. Prior to his at bat, Garvey had gone 0-8 lifetime vs. Smith.

Post-playoff fallout: Frey chose Sanderson instead of Sutcliffe. 3B Ron Cey (0-5) stranded 7 runners.

Game 5: **San Diego**
 October 7

| | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|--------|------|------|--------|------------------------------|
| Padres | 6 | 8 | 0 | Craig Lefferts for Eric Show |
| Cubs | 3 | 5 | 1 | Sutcliffe |

Cubs took early 3-0 lead on HRs by Durham (2-run, 1st inning), and Davis (2nd inning) off Eric Show. Team collapsed in the Padres' 4-run 7th. One run scored when Tim Flannery's ground ball went through 1B Durham's legs. After Alan Wiggins singled, Tony Gwynn's bad-hop grounder over Sandberg scored 2 more. Steve Garvey then followed with an RBI 1B. Cubs Ron Cey went 0-4, stranding 4 more runners.

San Diego relievers pitched 7 2/3 shutout innings. Loss was only Sutcliffe's 2nd as a Cub.

| Top Five | Ave | AB | Runs | Hits | | Padres | Ave | AB | Runs | Hits | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Jody Davis | .389 | 18 | 3 | 7 | 2 HRs | Steve Garvey | .400 | 20 | 1 | 8 | 1 HR |
| Ryne Sandberg | .368 | 19 | 3 | 7 | | Tony Gwynn | .368 | 19 | 6 | 7 | |
| Keith Moreland | .333 | 18 | 3 | 6 | | G. Templeton | .333 | 15 | 2 | 5 | |
| Bobby Dernier | .235 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 1 HR | Alan Wiggins | .316 | 19 | 4 | 6 | |
| Gary Matthews | .200 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 2 HR | K. McReynolds | .300 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 HR |
| Ron Cey | .158 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 1 HR | Terry Kennedy | .222 | 18 | 2 | 4 | |
| Leon Durham | .150 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 2 HR | C. Martinez | .176 | 17 | 1 | 3 | |
| Team | .254 | | | | | | .265 | | | | |

| | Innings Record ERA | | | | Innings Record ERA | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----|-------------|----------|---------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Sutcliffe | 13.1 | 1-1 | 3.38 | Whitson | 8.0 | 1-0 | 1.13 |
| Trout | 9.0 | 1-0 | 2.00 | Dravecky | 6.0 | 0-0 | 0.00 |
| Eckersley | 5.1 | 0-1 | 8.44 | Show | 5.1 | 0-1 | 13.50 |
| Sanderson | 4.2 | 0-0 | 5.79 | Thurmond | 3.2 | 0-1 | 9.82 |
| Smith | 2.0 | 0-1 | 9.00 | Lefferts | 4.0 | 2-0 | 0.00 |
| | | | 4.25 | | | | 5.23 |

Cubs' .494 Slugging Average, 11 doubles, 6 HRs, EBH (20), and Total Bases (80) were all records in 5-game series.

NLCS MVP: Steve Garvey

League:

RULE: More adjustments were made to the **sacrifice fly**.

RULE: Batters were required to wear helmets with at least one ear flap.

- NBC & ABC paid combined \$1.1B/6 years to broadcast games. Each NL club received \$7.2M from broadcasts.
- 10/1: **Peter Ueberroth** new MLB commissioner. Ueberroth earlier headed LA's 1984 Summer Olympic Games. Ueberroth brought ML baseball lucrative TV and cable deals and had to address two issues regarding playoffs:
 1. **Umpires struck** during NLCS – issue was settled before World Series. Ueberroth served as arbiter.
 2. **Drug use in MLB:** Grand Jury in Pittsburgh: 11 players were suspended (7 for the full season) for cocaine use.
- **US Olympic team** featured Will Clark, Barry Larkin and Mark McGwire. Club lost to Japan 6-3 in the gold-medal game.
- **NY Mets** had a new manager, Davey Johnson, and were led by a young ace, rookie Doc Gooden.
- Controversial **Marge Schott** became new owner of Cincinnati Reds.
- 4/13: **Montreal** beat Philadelphia 5-1. Expos OF **Pete Rose** reached 2 milestones: collected his 4,000th career hit, and played in his 3,309th game, passing Carl Yastrzemski.
- 5/15: **Philadelphia** beat LA 12-1. Phillies 3B **Mike Schmidt** hit his 400th career HR.
- 8/12: **Atlanta** beat San Diego 5-3. Game included a 1st-inning brawl. Nine players/coaches were ejected from game.
- 9/12: **NY Mets** beat Pittsburgh 2-0.
Mets P **Doc Gooden** broke Cleveland P Herb Score's rookie record for strikeouts in a season.
- St. Louis RP **Bruce Sutter** recorded then NL-record 45 saves.
- Philadelphia's **Juan Samuel** totaled NL-record 701 at bats. His 33 errors at 2B tied Rod Carew's ML record.
- **The Natural** debuted in theaters. Based on a story by Bernard Malamud, film starred Robert Redford, Robert Duvall, Glen Close, and Barbara Hershey.

Changes: OF Dave Parker (Cincinnati)

Exec of Year: **Dallas Green**, Cubs

Last Year: Joe Morgan, Ken Singleton

First Year: 3B Terry Pendleton, OF Kevin Mitchell, OF Eric Davis, 2B Bill Doran, P Dwight Gooden, IF Juan Samuel, P Ron Darling, and RP John Franco,

#1 Draft Pick: OF Shawn Abner (NY Mets)

Rookie/Year: Doc Gooden, NY Mets (17-9, 276 strikeouts).

Comeback: P Joaquin Andujar, St. Louis

Mgr./Year: **Jim Frey**, Chicago

MVP: **Ryne Sandberg**, Chicago

Cy Young: **Rick Sutcliffe**, Chicago

Hall of Fame: Luis Aparicio, Harmon Killebrew, Don Drysdale, Rick Ferrell, Pee Wee Reese; writer Joe McGuff, and broadcaster Curt Gowdy (Ford Frick).

World Series: Detroit beat San Diego in 5 games.