

1984 Chicago Cubs

manager: Jim Frey

attendance: 2,107,655

Eastern Division

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

Western Division

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

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**
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 Cubs’ 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.