

1983 White Sox

manager: Tony LaRussa

Standings:

Eastern Division

Baltimore	98-64
Detroit	92-70
New York	91-71
Toronto	89-73
Milwaukee	87-75
Boston	78-84
Cleveland	70-92

Western Division

Chicago	99- 63	ERA:	Texas	3.31	Sox	3.67 (3)
Kansas City	79- 83	BA:	Toronto/Mil	.277	Sox	.262 (8)
Texas	77- 85	FA:	Texas	.982	Sox	.981 (3)
Oakland	74- 88		Milwaukee	.982		
California	70- 92					
Minnesota	70- 92					
Seattle	60-102					

FA: 120 errors; 1B Mike Squires .996 and Gold Glove; OF Rudy Law .994

Home: 55-26 Away: 44-37

Best: Seattle 12-1, California 10-3, Texas, Oakland & Minnesota 8-5, Kansas City 9-4, NY Yankees, Cleveland & Detroit 8-4

Worst: Milwaukee 4-8, Baltimore & Toronto 5-7

Top Pitchers

	IP	Record	Shutouts	Saves	ERA	
LaMarr Hoyt	261	24-10	1		3.66	Led with club-record 13 straight wins
Rich Dotson	240	22- 7	1		3.23	Led AL in winning percentage (.759)
Floyd Bannister	217	16-10	2		3.35	2 nd in strikeouts
Britt Burns	174	10-11	4		3.58	2 nd in shutouts
Jerry Koosman	170	11- 7	1		4.77	
Dennis Lamp	116	7- 7		15	3.71	
Dick Tidrow	92	2- 4		7	4.22	
Salome Barojas	87	3- 3		12	2.47	
Juan Agosto	42	2- 2		7	4.10	

Staff: 2nd in saves (48), shutouts (9), and runs allowed (650)

Bannister ended season going 13-1; Dotson 16-2.

Top Hitters

	AB	Runs	Hits	HR	RBI	Ave	EBH	SB	
Tom Paciorek	420	65	129	9	63	.307	44	6	
Carlton Fisk	488	85	141	26	88	.289	56	9	
Rudy Law	501	95	142	3	34	.283	30	77	Club record in stolen bases
Harold Baines	596	76	167	20	99	.280	55	7	
Greg Walker	307	32	83	10	55	.270	29	2	
Greg Luzinski	502	73	128	32	95	.255	59	2	
Ron Kittle	520	75	132	35	100	.254	57	8	
Julio Cruz	334	47	84	1	40	.251	14	24	
Vance Law	408	55	99	4	42	.243	30	3	
Jerry Hairston	126	17	37	5	22	.294	15	0	
Tony Bernazard	223	30	61	2	26	.262	20	2	
Scott Fletcher	262	42	62	3	31	.237	24	5	
Jerry Dybzinski	256	30	59	1	32	.230	12	11	
Marc Hill	133	11	30	1	4	.226	4	1	
Mike Squires	153	21	34	1	11	.222	6	3	

Club: 1st in runs (800), 3rd in HRs and stolen bases, 5th in triples, 6th in slugging, and 12th in hits

From 1983-87, **Baines** was only AL player to average 20 HR and hit .280.

Kittle led AL with 150Ks - beating Reggie Jackson by 10.

Kittle hit 140 career HRs with Sox.

Rookie Class: OF/DH Ron Kittle, 1B Greg Walker. 1st pick in ML draft: P Joel Davis.

Sox' All-time list: Kittle places 9th in HRs (140) and in slugging (.470).

Trades: P **Floyd Bannister** from Seattle. Lefty pitched 5 solid seasons for the Sox (66-60).

2B **Julio Cruz** from Seattle for 2B Tony Bernazard.

Club:

- Sox moved home plate closer to the outfield. End result: many roof-top HRs.
- Attendance record was 36% above 1982.
- **Lorn Brown** returned to the WMAQ radio booth through 1988. Lorn joined Joe McConnell and Early Wynn.

- Sox' 99 "**Winning Ugly**" wins was 2nd most to the 100 they reached in 1917 (tied in 2005).
The phrase was coined by future Sox manager **Doug Rader** while he was managing Texas Rangers.
- Sox retired **Minnie Minoso's** #9 jersey. Next jersey retired – 1984.
- Club began 16-24, went 59-26 in 2nd half and 18-2 at end. Team won their last 17 games on the road.
Starters Hoyt, Dotson and Bannister finished season going 42-5.
- **GM Hemond** was voted Executive of the Year.
- No steady 1B (Walker, Paciorek, Squires) or SS (Fletcher or Dybzinski).
- Fisk believed some of the players received too much rest at the end.

Season:

- 4/4: **Lost to Texas** 5-3 (Hoyt).
 4/8: **Beat Detroit** 6-3 (Lamp).
 4/12: **Lost to Baltimore** 10-8 (Lamp). Game tied at 7 after 3 innings. Bernazard, Kittle, and Paciorek homered for Sox.
 4/14: **Beat Baltimore** 12-11 (Barojas).
 4/15: **Lost to Detroit** 6-0 (Hoyt). Tiger's Milt Wilcox was one out away from perfect game when Jerry Hairston singled.
- 4/19: **Beat NY Yankees** 13-3 (Dotson).
 4/22: **Lost to Cleveland** 5-1 (Bannister). Bert Blyleven was winning pitcher.
 4/24: **Beat Cleveland** 9-3 (Dotson).
 4/29: **Beat Toronto** 9-3 (Dotson).
- 5/6: **Beat Cleveland** 8-3 (Koosman).
 5/15: **Beat NYY** 7-3 (Bannister). Sox took 1 of 3.
 5/17: **DH sweep by Baltimore. G1:** Lost 7-2 (Hoyt). **G2:** Lost 5-0 (Lamp). Winning pitcher was Mike Boddicker.
 5/18: **Lost to Baltimore** 1-0 (Dotson). Dotson took no-hitter into 8th when Dan Ford hit 1-out HR. Baines had 2 hits.
- 5/22: **Beat Kansas City** 11-3 (Hoyt).
 5/24: **Beat Boston** 12-4 (Koosman).
 5/29: **Beat Texas** 8-3 (Koosman). Second straight 8-3 win over the Rangers.
 5/30: **Beat Boston** 6-4 (Burns).
- 6/1: **Beat Boston** 6-3 (Hoyt).
 6/3: **Beat Kansas City** 2-0 (Koosman).
 6/7: **Beat California** 12-11 in 10 (Tidrow).
 6/12: **Swept DH vs. Oakland. G1:** Won 12-10 in 11 (Tidrow). **G2:** Won 8-1 (Koosman).
- 6/19: **Beat Oakland** 1-0 (Burns).
 6/22: **Beat Seattle** 6-3 (Koosman).
 6/25: **Beat Minnesota** 8-3 (Hoyt).
 6/27: **Beat Seattle** 7-4 (Lamp).
- 7/4: **Beat Minnesota** 12-6 (Lamp).
 7/10: **Lost to Milwaukee** 12-9 (Barojas) in 4:11. To this point, the longest 9-inning game in ML history.
 7/11: **Beat Cleveland** 9-2 (Burns).
 7/12: **Beat Cleveland** 8-0 (Bannister).
 7/17: **Beat Toronto** 3-2 (Bannister).
- 7/22: **Beat Milwaukee** 2-1 (Bannister). Bannister was 4-0 in July.
 7/27: **Beat Toronto** 11-3 (Hoyt). First of 15 straight wins for Hoyt.
 7/30: **Beat NY Yankees** 5-1 (Dotson).
 7/31: **Lost to NY Yankees** 12-6 (Lamp).
- 8/1: **Beat NY Yankees** 4-1 (Bannister).
 8/6: **Beat Baltimore** 6-4 (Bannister).
 8/7: **Beat Baltimore** 4-3 (Hoyt). Sox took 2 of 3 vs. Orioles.
 8/8: **Split DH vs. Detroit. G1:** Won 5-4 (Burns). Luzinski, Fisk, and Paciorek hit back-to-back-to-back HRs.
G2: Lost 7-2 (Koosman).

8/11: **Beat Baltimore** 9-3 (Bannister).
 8/12: **Beat Baltimore** 2-1 (Hoyt).
 8/14: **Lost to Baltimore** 2-1 (Dotson 3-hitter). Sox split 4G series.
 8/15: **Beat NY Yankees** 1-0 (Burns).
 8/17: **Beat NY Yankees** 7-5 in 13 (Barojas). Sox swept 3G series.
 8/19: **Swept DH vs. Texas. G1:** Won 3-2 in 10 (Dotson). **G2:** Won 6-1 (Kosman).
 8/23: **Lost to Kansas City** 10-2 (Kosman). Lefty Mike Squires played 3B
 8/30: **Beat Texas** 5-0 (Burns).

9/1: **Beat Kansas City** 12-0 (Hoyt).
 9/5: **Beat Oakland** 11-1 (Bannister).
 9/9: **Beat California** 11-0 (Burns). Fisk, Paciorek, and Luzinski hit consecutive HRs in 1st inning.
 9/15: **Beat Seattle** 12-0 in 7 (Hoyt).

9/16: **Beat Seattle** 7-0 (Bannister).
 9/17: **Beat Seattle** 4-3 (Lamp for Kosman). **Sox clinched division.** Paciorek 2-4 Baines (1-4/HR) hit crucial sac fly in 9th.
 9/18: **Beat Seattle** 6-0 (Dotson).

9/24: **Beat California** 2-0 (Burns).
 9/29: **Lost to Oakland** 3-0 (Burns). **No-hitter by A's P Mike Warren.**
 10/2: **Beat Seattle** 3-0 (Dotson).

Rich Dotson September AL Pitcher of the Month (7-0)

All-Star Game: AL beat NL 13-3. Kittle on the squad. Game was played at Comiskey Park.

ALCS: Best of 5 series, Sox faced formidable Oriole team with Ripken, Murray, P Boddicker, and unsung Tito Landrum. Sox problems: Poor hitting, lots of striking out; only Rudy Law was the spark.
 - Baines, Fisk and Luzinski hit a combined .148 (7-48).
 - Sox' .241 Slugging was lowest for 4-game series, and left AL record 35 men on base.
 - Sox also scored fewest runs in 4-game series (3).

10/5: Game 1 in Baltimore:

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Baltimore	1	5	1	Scott McGregor
Chicago	2	7	0	Hoyt

Hoyt pitched complete game. Rudy Law collected 3 hits – all singles. Paciorek 2-4/2B & RBI. Orioles didn't score until the 9th inning.

10/6: Game 2 in Baltimore:

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Baltimore	4	6	0	Mike Boddicker
Chicago	0	5	2	Bannister

Baltimore led 2-0 after 5. Boddicker fanned 14 White Sox (Baines & Cruz 3/each; Rudy Law and Fisk 2/each). Orioles were led by Gary Roenicke (2-2/2B & HR) and Cal Ripken (2-4/2B).

10/7: Game 3 in Chicago:

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Baltimore	11	8	1	Scott Flanagan
Chicago	1	6	1	Dotson

Sox were behind 6-1 after 4. Big blow: Eddie Murray's 3-run HR in 1st. Ripken 2-4/2 2B. Dotson allowed 6 runs in 5 IP. Sox' Rudy Law 2-4; Fisk and Kittle each doubled. At this point, Harold Baines was 0-12 and Julio Cruz 1-9.

10/8: Game 4 in Chicago:

	Runs	Hits	Errors	Pitcher of Record
Baltimore	3	9	0	Storm Davis/T Martinez
Chicago	0	10	0	Burns

Sox' Britt Burns (150+ pitches) and O's Storm Davis (6 IP) & Tippy Martinez (4 IP) in a pitcher's duel. Baltimore's Tito Landrum broke the 0-0 deadlock with leadoff HR in 10th. Sox were led by Julio Cruz (3-3) and Harold Baines (2-4). All 9 Sox hits were singles. Oriole's Eddie Murray went 3-5.

Top Five:

Sox	Ave	AB	Runs	Hits	Baltimore	Ave	AB	Runs	Hits	
Rudy Law	.389	18	1	7	Roenicke	.750	4	4	3	1 HR
Cruz	.333	12	0	4	Ripken	.400	15	5	6	2 2B
Kittle	.286	7	1	2	Murray	.267	15	5	4	1 HR
Paciorek	.250	16	1	4	Singleton	.250	12	0	3	2 2B
					Shelby	.222	9	1	2	
Team	.211			4 SB		.217				9 2Bs

Other Sox: Vance Law (2-11), Luzinski (2-15), Baines (2-16), and Fisk (3-17)

Sox				Baltimore			
Burns	9.1	0-1	0.96	Boddicker	9.0	1-0	0.00
Hoyt	9.0	1-0	1.00	Martinez	6.0	1-0	0.00
Bannister	6.0	0-1	4.50	Flanagan	5.0	1-0	1.80
<u>Dotson</u>	<u>5.0</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>10.80</u>	<u>McGregor</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>1.35</u>
Team			4.00				0.49

League:

- Commissioner **Bowie Kuhn's** last year. Kuhn was given a no vote by owners.
Kuhn banned **Willie Mays** and **Mickey Mantle** for promotional work at Atlantic City casinos.
Ban was lifted by Kuhn's successor, Peter Ueberroth, in 1985.
- Drugs** became a major issue: Willie Mays Aikens, Willie Wilson, Vida Blue, Jerry Martin, and Steve Howe were among the players involved.

4/27: **Texas** lost to Toronto 3-2. Rangers P **Nolan Ryan** broke Walter Johnson's record for strikeouts (3,508).

6/24: **Milwaukee** beat Cleveland 6-2. Brewers P **Don Sutton** won his 300th career game.

7/3: **Texas** beat Oakland 16-4 in 15, scoring 12 runs in the 15th inning.

7/24: Famous "**Pine Tar**" debacle in NY.

After **George Brett** hit 2-out, 9th inning HR off NYY Goose Gossage, Yankees manager **Billy Martin** had home plate umpire inspect Brett's bat. After evaluating the bat, Brett's HR was disallowed. Umpire ruled that the pine tar applied exceeded the 18" league limit and the batter (Brett) was called out. Royals protested.

- AL President **Larry McPhail** ruled in favor of the Royals.

- Two court decisions and 25 days later (8/18), the game resumed. KC won 5-4.

8/24: **Baltimore** beat Toronto 7-4. Orioles P **Tippy Martinez** picked off 3 Toronto base runners – one of whom he inherited.

- Boston's Wade Boggs** won the 1st of his 7 batting titles.
From 1983-85, teammate **Jim Rice** hit into 102 double plays.
- Toronto** in 1st division for 1st time.
- California** –23 from 1982.
Angels 2B **Rod Carew** was batting .402 as late as July 13th.

Last Year: Carl Yastrzemski, Bert Campaneris

First Year: Julio Franco, Cleveland

#1 Draft Pick: P Tim Belcher, Minnesota.
Also in draft: P Roger Clemens, OF Ellis Burks.

Rookie/Year: **Ron Kittle**, White Sox.

Comeback: Allan Trammell, Detroit

Mgr./Year: **Tony LaRussa**, White Sox (Sox' 2nd)

MVP: Cal Ripken, Baltimore

Cy Young: **LaMarr Hoyt**, White Sox. Hoyt's 3.66 ERA is highest for award winner.

Hall of Fame: Juan Marichal, Brooks Robinson, Walter Alston, George Kell,
writer Ken Smith, and broadcaster Jack Brickhouse (Ford Frick Award)

World Series: Baltimore beat Philadelphia Phillies in 5 games.