

# 1979 PITTSBURGH PIRATES

98-64 1st  
MGR Chuck Tanner (#7)

## DP: 311 to 336

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Willie Stargell <i>"Pops"</i> #8	.281	0	PK	134	-	152	246	251	SLO		1B113, PH	L L
Rennie Stennett #6	.238	1		-	111	124	235	233	AR		2B102, PH	R R
Tim Foli #10 X	.291	6	MK	-	-	123	256	252	AAR	SD	SS132	R R
Bill Madlock <i>"Mad Dog"</i> #5 X	.328	21		115	121	141	312	264	AAR		3B85	R R
Dave Parker <i>"Cobra"</i> #39	.310	20		123	125	153	261	261	AAR	T-1	OF158(RF)	L R
Omar Moreno #18	.282	77		112	116	131	251	251	S	SD	OF162(CF)	L L
Bill Robinson #28	.264	13		126	133	146	243	243	AAR	LD(3B)	OF125(LF/RF), 1B28, 3B3, PH	R R
Ed Ott <i>"Otter"</i> #14	.273	0		114	115	134	245	245	SLO		C116	L R
Phil Garner <i>"Scrap Iron"</i> #3	.293	17		114	121	142	254	253	AAR		2B83, 3B78, SS14	R R
John Milner <i>"The Hammer"</i> #34	.276	3		125	132	142	244	246	AR		OF64(LF), 1B48, PH	L L
Steve Nicosia #16	.288	0		115	-	145	253	252	SLO		C65, PH	R R
Lee Lacy #17	.247	6		116	124	143	241	235	AAR	LD(2B)	OF41(LF), PH, 2B5	R R
Dale Berra <i>"Boo Boo"</i> #4	.211	0		115	-	132	226	223	AR	LD	3B22, SS22	R R
Manny Sanguillen <i>"Sangy"</i> #35	.230	0	MW MK	-	116	143	234	231	SLO		PH, C8, 1B5	R R
Mike Easler <i>"The Hit Man"</i> #24	.278	0	PK	122	126	134	246	246	AR		PH, OF4(LF/RF)	L R
Frank Taveras #10 +	.244	2	MK	-	-	132	241	234	S		SS11	R R
Matt Alexander #36	.538	13		-	135	-	422	422	S	LD(SS)	PR, OF11(LF/CF/RF), SS1	B R
Bert Blyleven	.129	0	MW PK	-	-	113	161	153	SLO		P37	R R
John Candelaria	.132	0	MW PK	-	-	131	153	155	SLO		P33	L L
Bruce Kison	.145	0	MW PK	114	-	126	162	161	SLO		P33	R R
Don Robinson	.204	0		-	-	-	222	222	SLO		P29	R R
Jim Bibby	.178	0	PK	124	-	133	214	212	SLO		P34	R R
Jim Rooker	.121	0	MW PK	-	-	-	153	152	SLO		P19	R L
Kent Tekulve	.133	0	MW PK	-	-	-	161	154	SLO		P94, OF1(LF)	R R
Enrique Romo	.167	0	MW PK	-	-	-	166	166	SLO		P84	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					
Bert Blyleven #22	3.60	237	135	564	37	37	0	.129	R R			
John Candelaria #45	3.22	207	123	624	33	30	0	.132	L L	<i>"The Candy Man"</i>		
Bruce Kison #25	3.19	172	126	613	33	25	0	.145	R R			
Don Robinson #43	3.87	161	132	615	29	25	0	.204	R R	<i>"Caveman"</i>		
Jim Rooker #19	4.60	104	135	632	19	17	0	.121	R L			
Jim Bibby #26	2.81	138	134	561	34	17	0	.178	R R			
Kent Tekulve #27	2.75	134	135	615	94	0	31	.133	R R	OF1(LF) <i>"Teke"</i>		
Enrique Romo #15	2.99	129	133	554	84	0	5	.167	R R			
Grant Jackson #23	2.96	82	142	624	72	0	14	.000	B L	<i>"Buck"</i>		
Ed Whitson #31 +	4.37	58	153	622	19	7	1	.000	R R			
Dave Roberts #49 X	3.26	39	131	635	21	3	1	.000	L L			
Joe Coleman #41 X	6.10	21	135	614	10	0	0	.200	R R			
<u>Dock</u> Ellis #12 *	2.57	7	126	656	3	1	0	.000	B R			

The 1979 Pirates, in retrospect, were a team that was MEANT to be together. With team captain Willie "Pops" Stargell showing them the way, and manager Chuck Tanner maintaining strong, fatherly control of his charges, the Buccos experienced the usual ups-and-downs during a long season but the two aforementioned gentlemen kept the ship together. The team was in fourth place and five games out on June 15<sup>th</sup> before they kicked off a mini five-game winning streak which boosted them into second. At the All Star break, they were back in fourth but in the midst of a nine-game winning streak which elevated them up to second and serious contention with Montreal the rest of the year. A blistering .675 winning percentage (52-25) in the season's latter half assured the NL East crown by two slim games over the Expos...The Pirates outscored the Reds 15-5 and swept the NLCS, 3-0; two games went extra-innings...During the season, "Captain Willie" Stargell and the team adopted one of the hottest dance songs that summer ("We Are Family" by Sister Sledge) as their theme song which described their brotherly togetherness and helped carry them into the World Series against Baltimore. After Game Four in Pittsburgh, the Bucs were down three-games-to-one. Becoming one of six teams in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to accomplish a feat highly stacked against them, a literal cannon-fire barrage saw the Pirates knock out 33 hits and score 15 runs in the final three games (scores of 7-1, 4-0, and 4-1) to topple the Orioles, the last on Memorial Stadium's green grass. There was no doubt about the Series MVP: Stargell hit .400, three home runs, and drove in seven...Willie had also claimed the NLCS MVP award and shared the National League MVP with the Cardinals' Keith Hernandez...As a team, the Pirates hit .272 and 148 home runs during the year. Both placed them second in the N. L. In only 424 AB, Stargell, 39, mashed 32 homers to lead the team; he drove home 82. Dave Parker, 28, clobbered 25 jacks and garnered the most RBI (94). Whippet Omar Moreno led the League in stolen bases and the Bucs with 196 base hits and 110 runs scored...Six pitchers with double-digit victories won 71 of the Pirates' games: John Candelaria (14), Bruce Kison (13), Bert Blyleven (172 K's) and Jim Bibby (both 12), and relievers Kent Tekulve and Enrique Romo (both 10). The staff ERA (3.41) placed them third in the N. L. while they compiled the most saves (52).