

1968 PITTSBURGH PIRATES

80-82 6th
MGR Larry Shephard (#7)

DP: 311 to 341

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Donn Clendenon #17	.257	10	PK	116	122	133	243	241	AAR		1B155	R R
Bill Mazeroski "Maz" #9	.251	3		111	112	124	241	236	AR	SD	2B142	R R
Gene Alley #22	.245	13		112	113	126	235	235	AAR	SD	SS109, 2B24	R R
Maury Wills #30	.278	52		-	112	116	246	246	S		3B141, SS10	B R
Roberto Clemente #21	.291	2		122	131	143	256	252	AAR	SD/T-1	OF131(RF)	R R
Matty Alou #18	.332	18	MK	-	112	131	265	266	AAR	T-1	OF144(CF)	L L
Willie Stargell #8	.237	5	PK	126	-	141	226	234	AR	T-1	OF113(LF/RF), 1B13	L L
Jerry May #12	.219	0		111	112	124	226	225	SLO		C135	R R
Manny Mota #15	.281	4	MK	111	112	123	253	246	AR		OF92(LF/CF/RF), PH, 2B1, 3B1	R R
Freddie Patek #2	.255	18		112	114	122	241	241	S		SS52, OF5(RF/LF), 3B1	R R
Jose Pagan #11	.221	2		115	116	133	232	225	AR		PH, 3B30, OF19(LF), SS8, 2B2, 1B1	R R
Gary Kolb #10	.218	2		114	116	131	225	225	AR	LD(INF)	PH, OF25(RF/LF), C10, 3B4, 2B1	L R
Carl Taylor #36	.211	1		-	-	113	226	223	AR	LD(OF)	C29, OF2(LF/RF)	R R
Manny Jimenez #24	.303	0	PK	113	116	123	253	256	SLO	LD	PH, OF5(LF)	L R
Chris Cannizzaro #16	.241	0	PK	114	125	136	234	234	SLO		C25	R R
Chuck Hiller #2	.385	0		-	-	135	322	326	AR		PH, 2B2	L R
Steve Blass	.138	0	MW PK	-	-	113	163	155	SLO		P33	R R
Al McBean	.194	0	MW PK	113	-	-	223	215	SLO		P36	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					
Bob Veale #39	2.05	245	136	563	36	33	0	.110	B L			
Steve Blass #28	2.12	220	126	613	33	31	0	.138	R R	OF1(LF) LD		
Al McBean #34	3.58	198	132	624	36	28	0	.194	R R			
Bob Moose #38	2.74	171	126	561	38	22	3	.093	R R			
Jim Bunning #14	3.88	160	131	615	27	26	0	.098	R R			
Ron Kline #27	1.68	113	131	631	56	0	7	.000	R R			
<i>Dock</i> Ellis #37 #40	2.50	104	135	622	26	10	0	.069	B R			
Tommie Sisk #25	3.28	96	134	632	39	11	1	.083	R R			
Luke Walker #23	2.02	62	154	524	39	2	3	.000	L L			
Roy Face #26 +	2.60	52	121	611	43	0	13	.000	R R	<i>Elroy Leon</i>		
Dave Wickersham #40	3.48	21	152	632	11	0	1	.333	R R			
Bruce Dal Canton #43	2.12	17	136	621	7	0	2	.000	R R			
Bill Henry #31 X	8.10	17	121	631	10	0	0	.000	L L			
Juan Pizarro #29 +	3.27	11	164	623	12	0	0	.000	L L			

The Bucs spent most of the season acting like a yo-yo as they bounced between third place and tenth place, but primarily found themselves in the second division. Their longest winning streak of nine games from June 13th through June 20th enabled them to briskly move up three spots with an 8 ½ game deficit behind the National League leader. At the All Star recess, they were fifth and twelve games out with a record of 40-41. The Pirates finally pulled themselves above .500 for the first time on September 22nd with a 78-77 mark...Twenty-eight-year-old Willie Stargell used his big bat to lead the team with 24 home runs. Donn Clendenon's 87 RBI were the most by a Bucco; he hit 17 homers. Matty Alou was the team leader after ripping 185 base hits which was good enough for him to finish second to the Reds' Pete Rose for the N. L. batting title. Maury Wills' 76 runs scored topped the ball club. For the year, the Pirates hit .252 (second in the league) and eighty home runs...The pitching staff's 2.74 ERA ranked them fifth in the N. L. Steve Blass had a Cy Young Award-type season with 18 wins, 6 losses, 12 complete games, and 7 shutouts. Big lefty Bob Veale was a 13-game winner and led the staff with 171 strikeouts and 13 complete games. His ERA was a sparkling 2.05. Blass punched out 132 batters. Twenty-year-old Bob Moose came the closest of any pitcher in history to toss a no-hitter at Forbes Field. It would be with two outs in the eighth inning, June 14th, against the Astros, before Moose gave up a single to Julio Gotay. He surrendered one more hit to finish with a 3-0 victory. He walked one and struck out five in the game played before 8,603 spectators. Moose completed the campaign with an 8-12 W/L record, three shutouts, and 126 strikeouts..."The Great One", Roberto Clemente, 33, socked 18 home runs, 12 triples, and 18 doubles. He drove in 57 runs and scored seventy-four. Clemente also claimed his eighth Gold Glove Award.