

# 1972 PITTSBURGH PIRATES

96-59 1st  
MGR Bill Virdon (#41)

DP: 311 to 343

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Willie Stargell #8	.293	1	PK	132	133	153	251	254	AR	T-1	1B101, OF32(LF)	L L
Dave Cash #30	.282	9		112	114	133	251	251	AAR	SD	2B97	R R
Gene Alley #14	.248	4		112	113	124	242	235	AR		SS114, 3B4	R R
Richie Hebner #3	.300	0		124	126	146	254	255	AR		3B121	L R
Roberto Clemente #21	.312	0		116	124	143	263	261	AAR	SD/T-1	OF94(RF)	R R
Al Oliver "Scoop" #16	.312	2		115	121	135	255	262	AAR		OF138(CF), 1B3	L L
Vic Davalillo #18	.318	14		112	113	132	262	263	AAR		OF97(LF/RF/CF), 1B8	L L
Manny Sanguillen "Sangy" #35	.298	1	MW	113	116	131	256	254	AR	SD	C127, OF2(LF)	R R
Rennie Stennett #6	.286	4	MW	112	115	131	255	251	AAR		2B49,	R R
											OF41(LF/RF/CF), SS6	
Bob Robertson #7	.193	1	PK	122	-	134	222	215	AR	LD(3B)	1B89, OF23(LF), 3B11	R R
Gene Clines #15	.334	12		-	114	132	311	266	AAR	T-1	OF83(RF/LF/CF)	R R
Jackie Hernandez #2	.188	0	PK	111	112	125	212	212	AR		SS68, 3B4	R R
Milt May #29	.281	0		-	-	134	246	251	SLO		C33	L R
Jose Pagan #11	.252	0	MW	115	-	142	242	236	AR		3B32, OF2(LF)	R R
Bill Mazeroski "Maz" #9	.188	0	MW MK	-	-	132	221	214	AR		2B15, 3B3	R R
Richie Zisk #22	.189	0	PK	-	-	136	222	214	AR		OF12(LF/RF)	R R
Steve Blass	.183	0	MW PK	-	-	115	215	213	SLO		P33	R R
Bob Moose	.169	1	PK	-	113	-	212	166	SLO		P31	R R
Nelson Briles	.157	0	MW PK	-	-	113	164	164	SLO		P28	R R
Dock Ellis	.153	0	MW PK	-	-	-	163	163	SLO		P25	B R
Bruce Kison	.189	0	MW PK	-	114	142	222	214	SLO		P32	R R
Bob Johnson	.143	0	MW PK	-	-	116	156	161	SLO		P31	L R
Ramon Hernandez	.167	0		-	-	136	166	166	SLO		P53	B L
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					
Steve Blass #28	2.49	250	133	625	33	32	0	.183	R R			
Bob Moose #38	2.91	226	124	612	31	30	1	.169	R R			
Nelson Briles #34	3.08	196	124	613	28	27	0	.157	R R	"Nellie"		
Dock Ellis #17	2.70	163	123	615	25	25	0	.153	B R			
Bruce Kison #25	3.26	152	143	565	32	18	3	.189	R R			
Bob Johnson #27	2.96	116	136	565	31	11	3	.143	L R			
Luke Walker #23	3.40	93	134	623	26	12	2	.083	L L			
Dave Giusti #31	1.93	75	131	562	54	0	22	.000	R R			
Ramon Hernandez #36	1.67	70	133	564	53	0	14	.167	B L			
Bob Miller #32	2.65	54	141	641	36	0	3	.000	R R			
Bob Veale #39 +	6.00	9	161	612	5	0	0	.000	B L			

**"The Great One," Roberto Clemente, collected his 3,000<sup>th</sup> career hit--a double--off the Mets' Jon Matlack at Three Rivers Stadium on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Buccos lost to the Reds in the NLCS, three games to two, the Reds' decisive, winning run scoring on a wild pitch with none out in the bottom of the ninth. Clemente was four for seventeen in the series, his last game coming on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati...One who was always involved in charity work for fellow, poverty stricken Latinos, Clemente boarded a plane bound for Nicaragua on New Years Eve 1972 to ensure earthquake victims and refugees received aid for the injured and homeless. The plane, because of its heavy load or mechanical problems, crashed in the ocean soon after take off from Puerto Rico. Roberto's body was never recovered. He was posthumously inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in 1973.**

**Willie Stargell led the Pirates with 33 homers and 112 RBI. Richie Hebner hit nineteen home runs to finish second on the team; Al Oliver was right behind Stargell with 89 runs batted in. Oliver was the Bucs' leader in base hits (176) and runs scored (88). Clemente's final season ended with 19 doubles, seven triples, 10 home runs, and 60 RBI...Steve Blass was a 19-game winner and completed eleven games to lead the pitching staff. Bob Moose (13-10 W/L record) led the hurlers with 144 K's. Dock Ellis won 15 games; Nellie Briles posted a 14-11 record with 120 strikeouts. The staff's ERA was 2.81--second in the league...Pirates' batters led the N.L. with a .274 batting average. They hit 110 home runs, but led the league in doubles (251), triples (47), and hits (1,505)...In their regular season series, the Reds beat the Bucs, eight games to four. The Pirates won 65 of 87 games played against the Cubs, Astros, Expos, Phillies, Padres, and Giants.**