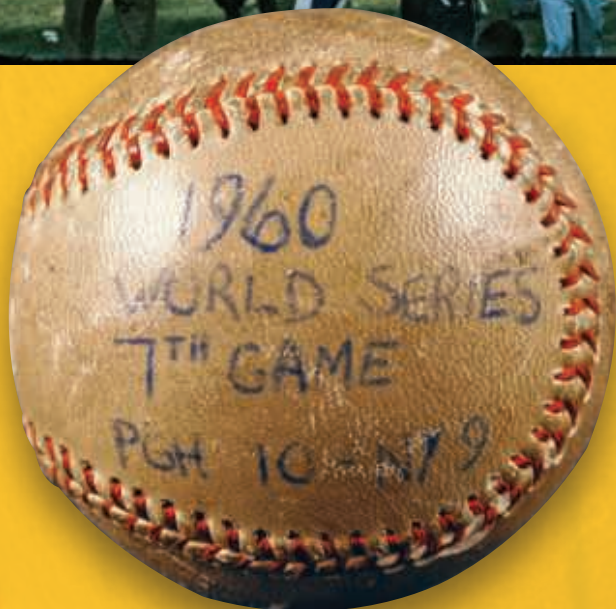




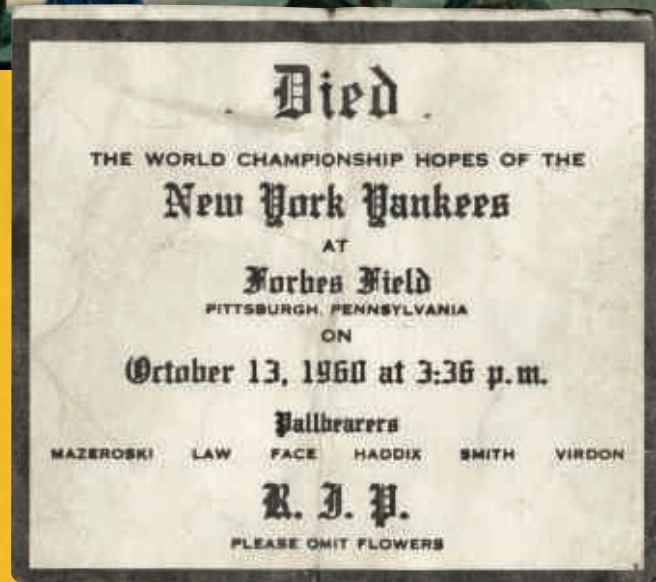
Pandemonium breaks out at Forbes Field as the Pirates become the 1960 World Champions of Major League Baseball.

Clemente Museum.



Baseball used by Yankees pitcher Ralph Terry and catcher Dale Long—who played with the Pirates in the 1950s—to warm up in the bullpen during the 8th inning of the final game of the 1960 World Series.

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Fake obituary for the 1960 Yankees.

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1960 World Series  
celebrations spilled out into  
the streets of Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh Pirates.





# A Team of Destiny

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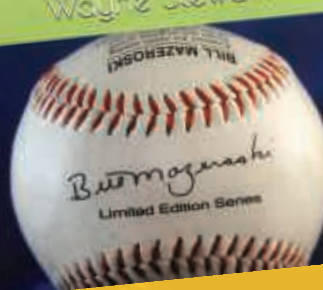
If ever there was a team of destiny, it was the 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates. How else can this be explained: in that season's World Series, the New York Yankees out-hit the Pirates by a .338 to .256 batting average, out-slugged them .528 to .355, and out-scored them by more than doubling Pittsburgh's cumulative run total, 55 runs to 27.

Pirate pitchers were so battered, they ended the seven-game Series with an ERA of 7.11, worst by a pitching staff since 1932. Furthermore, when the Yanks won, they annihilated the Pirates by the lopsided scores of 16-3, 10-0, and 12-0. Consider all of that and yet, Pittsburgh prevailed and the team was crowned World Champions.

Winning the Series was a culmination of what had gone on all season with comeback wins becoming a Pirate trademark. The precise numbers of regular season comebacks look like this: 21 times (one source says 23) the Pirates won games in their last at bat, and 12 times they won after there were already two outs in their final inning. They truly were a never-say-die team. That is to say, a team of destiny.

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