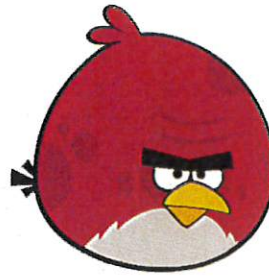




Bob Gibson and Stan Musial,
Spring Training 1961, Tampa Bay

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Brethren:

1. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BIG GUY!
2. Hope you are all maintaining good health and a measure of sanity as we enter a second week of the baseball season sans baseball. Can I just say this out loud: THIS REALLY SUCKS. But better days are ahead.
3. I share with you the attached photo of Exposition Park in Pittsburgh, built in 1882 at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, later the site of Three Rivers Stadium. Check out the downtown Pittsburgh skyline in its smoke and soot-filled heyday.
4. As shown below, as a respite from our constant togetherness, Michele has taken up a new hobby, gardening. For some reason, she will not tell me what she is planning on planting—I guess she wants it to be a surprise!



And that is all. STAY SAFE AND WELL, all!

Skipper

PITTSBURGH



Exposition Park

Opened: May 9, 1882

Home to: Pittsburgh Alleghenys/Pirates (American Association 1882–1883, National League 1891–1909); Pittsburgh Unions (Union Association) 1884; Pittsburgh Burghers (Players League) 1890; Pittsburgh Rebels (Federal League) 1914–1915

Capacity: 16,000 (1914)

Greatest Moment: May 2, 1909—Pirates shortstop Honus Wagner sets a record by stealing second, third, and home in succession for the fourth time in his career.

The first ballpark of note in Pittsburgh was Exposition Park, which was built in 1882 at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, on the exact same site where Three Rivers Stadium was built nearly a century later. At the time, the site was actually located in Allegheny City, not Pittsburgh, so the franchise became known as the Pittsburgh Alleghenys.

It was a picturesque setting; fans could watch barges floating down the Allegheny River behind the left field fence and see the smokestacks of downtown Pittsburgh just on the other side. The Alleghenys moved in 1884 to nearby Recreation Park, which was believed to be the only major