

1965 PITTSBURGH PIRATES

90-72 3rd

MGR Harry "The Hat" Walker (#3)

DP: 311 to 342

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Donn Clendenon #17	.301	9	PK	115	124	143	255	255	AAR		1B158, 3B1	R R
Bill Mazeroski "Maz" #9	.271	2	MW MK	113	-	124	246	244	AR	SD	2B127, PH	R R
Gene Alley #14	.252	7		112	115	132	242	236	AAR		SS110, 2B40, 3B1	R R
Bob Bailey #7	.256	10		114	115	133	242	241	AR		3B142, OF28(LF)	R R
Roberto Clemente #21	.329	8		114	123	135	265	265	AAR	SD/T-1	OF145(RF)	R R
Bill Virdon #18	.279	4		112	114	132	244	251	AR		OF128(CF)	L R
Willie Stargell #8	.272	1	PK	125	132	146	244	245	AR		OF137(LF/RF), 1B7	L L
Jim Pagliaroni "Pag" #10	.268	0		123	-	135	251	243	SLO		C131	R R
Manny Mota #15	.279	2		113	121	126	251	246	AR		OF95(CF/LF/RF), PH	R R
Andre Rodgers #30	.287	2		112	-	135	252	252	AR		SS33, PH, 3B15, 1B6, 2B1	R R
Del Crandall #16	.214	1	MK	113	-	116	225	224	SLO	SD	C60	R R
Jerry Lynch #24	.281	0	PK	123	-	125	246	251	SLO	LD	PH, OF26(LF/RF)	L R
Dick Schofield "Ducky" #11 +	.229	1		-	-	124	233	231	AR		SS28, PH	B R
Gene Freese "Augie" #12 +	.263	0	PK	-	-	125	246	242	SLO		PH, 3B19	R R
Ozzie Virgil, Sr. #28	.265	0	MW	114	-	131	244	243	AR		PH, C15, PR, 3B7, 2B5	R R
Jose Pagan #11 X	.237	1	MW	-	-	116	234	233	AR		3B15, PR, PH, SS7	R R
Don Cardwell	.162	1	PK	116	-	123	165	165	SLO		P37	R R
Vern Law	.244	0	MW PK	113	-	-	241	234	SLO	SD	P29	R R
Al McBean	.222	0	MW PK	-	-	122	226	226	SLO		P62	R R
Joe Gibbon	.115	0	PK	-	-	-	154	146	SLO		P31	R 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					
Bob Veale #39	2.84	266	142	532	39	37	0	.086	B L			
Don Cardwell #43	3.18	240	126	626	37	34	0	.162	R R			
Bob Friend #19	3.24	222	124	641	34	34	0	.042	R R	"Warrior"		
Vern Law #32 SD	2.15	217	122	625	29	28	0	.244	R R			
Al McBean #34	2.29	114	134	625	62	1	19	.222	R R			
Tommie Sisk #25	3.40	111	142	614	38	12	0	.061	R R			
Joe Gibbon #22	4.51	106	133	613	31	15	1	.115	R L			
Don Schwall #29	2.92	77	135	564	43	1	4	.000	R R			
Wilbur Wood #35	3.16	51	133	615	34	1	0	.000	R L			
Frank Carpin #20	3.18	40	152	565	39	0	3	.000	L L			
Roy Face #26	2.66	20	134	544	16	0	0	.000	R R	Elroy Leon		
Tom Butters #31	7.00	9	146	611	5	0	0	.000	R R			
Luke Walker #31	0.00	5	125	523	2	0	0	.000	L L			

The Buccos opened the season with a flourish and were in first place at the end of the first week. Then a tailspin which saw them go 4-22 through May 20th had them spiraling to last place. The year turned around the following day with a 6-1 win over the Braves in Milwaukee. That victory, followed by eleven straight more, moved them to seventh, 7 ½ games out and three games under .500. Roberto Clemente, who would go on to capture his third National League batting crown, got off to a horrific start due to a freak injury at home in Puerto Rico during the off-season. An injury to one of his legs was aggravated by his willingness to play and hindered him in the season's early days. However, "The Great One" turned all that around during the team's aforementioned 12-game winning streak. He hit a blistering .458. At All Star time, the Pirates were sixth and six games in arrears. The rest of the campaign, the Bucs regained their batting prowess (.265 team BA in '65, 2nd in the league) and the pitching was magnificent (second overall at 3.01). The "Jolly Roger" was raised 46 times in 75 games during the second half, a .613 winning percentage. The high point came after a double-header sweep of the Dodgers in Pittsburgh, September 1st, placing the Bucs in fifth but only 2 ½ games out of first. Thereafter, they went 17-10 to reach third and seven games out to finish the season...Clemente's batting average was the highest in the big leagues—.008 points above the Twins hitting machine, Tony Oliva. He also finished tied with teammate Donn Clendenon and the Phillies' Dick Allen for the second most triples in the majors (14). Clendenon himself was tenth in doubles (32) while 25-year-old Wilver Dornel "Willie" Stargell drove in 107 runs (6th in the majors) and blasted National League pitching for 27 jacks. One hundred forty-nine of Clemente's 194 hits were singles (4th in MLB)...Six foot six lefty Bob Veale, 29, ended the year third in the majors with 276 strikeouts (9.338 per nine innings). He walked 119, completed 14 games, and hurled seven shutouts. Even though two long-time Buccos were nearing the end of their respective careers, Vernon Law, 35, and Bob Friend, 34, were prime contributors to the pitching staff. Law won 17 ballgames, his ERA third in MLB behind Sandy Koufax. His WHIP was 0.998. Veale also won 17 times; Friend added eight W's, walking 1.91 batters/9 innings.