

Ronnie Kline Shuts Out Giants 3 to 0; Cards Retain Lead

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Ronnie Kline, the "forgotten man" in Pittsburgh's spectacular rise, moved front and center today to receive his rightful acclaim with all the other Pirate heroes.

While most of the cheers were going to fellows like Dale Long, Bob Friend, Frank Thomas and Lee Walls, the 24-year old Kline was toiling more or less in the background.

He remedied that Thursday night, however, when he posted his fourth victory and second shutout by blanking the Giants, 3-0, in a game called in the eighth inning because of rain.

"A different guy picks us up in every game," says Pittsburgh manager Bobby Bragan. "One day it's Long, the next time it's Friend and then maybe Thomas or Walls."

Thursday night it was Kline's turn as he limited the Giants to four singles, allowed no walks and struck out three. It was quite a performance for the six-foot-three right-hander who had a sour 0-7 record with the Pirates in 1952 and won only six games last year after returning from service.

Press Clears Sacks

Despite threatening weather which finally turned to rain and halted the game with one out and the Pirates at bat in the eighth, 15,123 fans turned out at Forbes Field and set up a thunderous din when Gene Freese smashed a bases-loaded double off Jim Hearn in the fifth.

The second-place Cardinals remained a half-game ahead of the onrushing Pirates with a 9-3 victory over the Redlegs.

Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell gained his fifth victory and had a two-hitter until the ninth inning when Gus Bell, Ted Kluszewski and Frank Robinson hit successive homers. The Cards hopped on Cincinnati starter Art Fowler for four runs in the first inning and added four more in the second.

Milwaukee held on to first place by crushing Chicago, 15-8, with a 15-hit bombardment that included five homers. The barrage of homers gave the Braves a total of 15 for their three-game series with the Cubs, equalling the major league home run record for three consecutive games by one club.

Joe Adcock led Milwaukee's home run parade with two circuits while Del Crandall, Bill Bruton and Eddie Mathews each hit one. Jim King homered for

Links Day Contention Slated Here

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Jack Fleck and Fay Crocker, 1955 United States' Golf association open champions, on June 9, National Golf day, will play 18-hole rounds at the Oak Hill Country club, Rochester, N. Y. The nation's other golfers, playing on their home or other courses in the country, can play their rounds from June 3 through 9. They'll try to beat the champions' gross scores with their own nets.

Those who succeed in beating the champs will receive medals. Men will try to beat Fleck and the women will attempt to better Miss Crocker's score. The nation's linksmen and linksladies will play against the champs with their full handicaps.

Every man and woman paying a \$1 entry fee is eligible to contend and may play as many rounds as desired by submitting the \$1 fee for each 18 holes. Entry fee for caddies is 25 cents. Proceeds from National Golf day will be sent to the Professional Golfers association of America which will turn the money over to the National Golf Fund, Inc. The money will go for worthy golf projects and charities. A total of \$160,632.63 was collected last year and \$478,577.33 is the total turned in for four National Golf days previously held.

SPORTS

Bucs' Youth Movement Now of Age

By RUDY CERNKOVIC
Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The youth movement of the Pittsburgh Pirates has come of age.

The "peach fuzz brigade" nurtured by Branch Rickey are now men, confident and poised. That's why National League teams who once used the Pirates as a door mat must find another team to trample.

Blended into the renaissance of the Pirates are the inspiring leadership of rookie Manager Bobby Bragan and the phenomenal performances of slugger Dale Long and pitcher Bob Friend.

The pre-season experts who consigned Pittsburgh to a cellar position it monopolized the past four years are rubbing their eyes in surprise. For the first time since 1948 the Pirates have maintained first division status beyond Memorial day.

Confidence And Maturity

General Manager Joe L. Brown, now wearing the mantle of Rickey, attributes the success of the club to Bragan's contagious confidence and the maturity of the players.

"The boys began playing like

men," Brown said. "This was evident in the latter stages of the 1955 season in their play against Brooklyn and Milwaukee."

"Then along came Bragan who instilled confidence in the team. He is a positive manager. He doesn't think about defeat."

While Brown does not hesitate to recognize the potent bat of Long and the skilled right arm of Friend, he points out the Pirates are not a "two-man operation."

"There have been contributions from every man along the line," he said. "Men like Eddie O'Brien, who has batted only once and played a few innings on defense, are typical of the spirit of the club. He keeps running up and down in front of the dugout, cheering his teammates on."

President Hails Resurgence

The resurgence of the Pirates was hailed by President John W. Galbreath as "delightful."

"For five years it has been my ambition to give Pittsburgh a winning team. The fans deserve it. They have been wonderful

with their response and were loyal during our dismal years.

Not to be overlooked in the Pirate forward movement is the groundwork laid by Rickey. Now serving in an advisory capacity, the builder of baseball empires in Brooklyn and St. Louis is proud of the Pirates.

But the Mahatma is not surprised. To him the new threat of the league is no accident, no mere happenstance. The "quantity from quality" theme he set five years ago is bearing fruit.

FOLSOMS ARE EXPECTING

Montgomery, Ala. — (U.P.) — Gov. and Mrs. James E. Folsom are expecting a child, the governor's seventh, his office reported Thursday night. The birth is expected in four months. Two of the Folsom children were borne by the governor's first wife and the forthcoming child will be Mrs. Folsom's fifth.

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Portland City Council Approves Biggest Budget

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland city council yesterday approved the largest budget in the city's history, calling for expenditures of \$42,822,355 for the next fiscal year. This is nearly \$4,000,000 above the 1955-56 budget.

Japan produced 530,829,000 pounds of spun rayon in 1955.

THIEVES WORK FOR NOUGHT

Rudd, Iowa — (U.P.) — Thieves refused to believe a sign on the door of an implement company safe and went to the trouble of knocking the dial off and opening the safe. They found the sign told the truth when it said "This safe contains no money, nothing but records. Here's the combination."

ROMANO TO MOUNTIES

Chicago — (U.P.) — Catcher Johnny Romano was purchased from Memphis by the Chicago White Sox today and immediately optioned to Vancouver in the Pacific Coast League. Romano hit .301 in 31 games at Memphis.

League Leaders

(By United Press)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player & Club	G.	AB	R.	H.	Pct.
Long, Pitts.	38	146	28	55	.377
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STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
(By United Press)

W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	32	17	.660	
Sacramento	29	19	.604	3
Seattle	21	27	.437	11
San Francisco	25	23	.521	7
Portland	24	24	.500	8
Hollywood	21	28	.429	11 1/2
Vancouver	17	36	.321	18

Thursday's Results
Seattle 4, San Diego 3 (11 innings)
Portland 3, San Francisco 0
Vancouver 16, Los Angeles 13
Sacramento 6, Hollywood 2

Now Series Ended
Los Angeles 3, Vancouver 1
San Francisco 2, Portland 2
Seattle 3, San Diego 1
Sacramento 3, Hollywood 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	19	10	.655	
St. Louis	22	18	.550	1
Pittsburgh	12	15	.443	1 1/2
Cincinnati	21	16	.568	4
Brooklyn	19	16	.543	5
New York	15	21	.417	7 1/2
Philadelphia	12	22	.353	9 1/2
Chicago	10	24	.294	11 1/2

Thursday's Results
Milwaukee 15, Chicago 8
Pittsburgh 3, New York 0 (8 innings, rain, night)
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 3 (night)

Friday's Probable Pitchers
New York at Cincinnati (night)—Margner (1-0) vs. Nuxhall (1-4)
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (night)—Friend (8-2) vs. Spain (3-2)
Philadelphia at St. Louis (night)—Stimmons (1-3) vs. Poholsky (3-2)

Saturday's Games
New York at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (night)
Brooklyn at Chicago
Philadelphia at St. Louis

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
New York	29	13	.690	
Chicago	18	15	.545	6 1/2
Cleveland	20	17	.541	6 1/2
Boston	20	19	.512	7 1/2
Baltimore	19	21	.475	9
Detroit	19	21	.475	9
Washington	16	25	.390	12 1/2
Kansas City	15	24	.385	12 1/2

Thursday's Results
New York 9, Washington 6
Boston 4, Baltimore 1
(Only games scheduled.)

Friday's Probable Pitchers
Cleveland at Washington (night)—Lemon (6-1) vs. Wiesler (2-0)
Chicago at Baltimore (night)—Downs (2-1) or Keegan (2-1) vs. Johnson (0-1)
Detroit at New York (night)—Hoelt (4-2) vs. Byrne (2-0)
Kansas City at Boston (night)—Herrige (1-3) vs. Brewer (6-1)

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NORTHWEST LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Yakima	21	10	.677	
Lewiston	16	10	.615	2 1/2
Tacoma	17	12	.586	3
Tri-City	16	13	.551	4
Spokane	11	18	.379	9
Wenatchee	12	21	.363	10
Solom	10	19	.345	10

Thursday's Results
Salem 4, Eugene 3
Lewiston 6, Wenatchee 5
Yakima at Tri-City (postponed because of high winds)

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