

1948 BOSTON BRAVES

91-62 1st  
MGR Billy Southworth (#30)

DP: 311 to 333

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Earl Torgeson #9	.253	19		115	121	136	235	241	AAR	1B129		L L
Eddie Stanky "The Brat" #12	.320	3	PW MK	112	114	134	264	263	AR	2B66		R R
Al Dark "Blackie" #2	.322	4	MW MK	111	113	136	266	263	AR	SS133		R R
Bob Elliott "Mr. Team" #3	.283	6	PW	123	125	143	252	251	AR	3B150		R R
Tommy Holmes "Kelly" #1	.325	1	MK	112	115	136	261	265	AR	T-1 OF137(RF)		L L
Mike McCormick #31	.303	1		111	115	141	261	255	AR	OF100(LF/CF/RF)		R R
Jeff Heath #4	.319	2		126	133	156	263	263	AR	OF106(LF)		L R
Phil Masi #10	.253	2	MK	113	-	132	243	236	AAR	C109		R R
Jim Russell #5	.264	4		116	121	141	243	243	AR	OF84(CF)		B R
Sibby Sisti #7 <i>Sebastian</i>	.244	0		-	112	122	241	234	AR	2B44, SS26		R R
Clint Conatser "Connie" #19	.277	0		113	116	133	253	245	AR	OF76(CF/LF)		R R
Bill Salkeld #15	.242	1	PW	123	124	141	232	235	SLO	C59		L R
Frank McCormick "Buck" #6	.250	0	MK	115	121	136	236	236	SLO	LD 1B50		R R
Connie Ryan #8	.213	0		-	-	115	224	224	AR	2B40, 3B4		R R
Bobby Sturgeon #14	.218	0	MK	-	113	125	225	225	AR	2B18, SS4, 3B4		R R
Danny Litwhiler #4 +	.273	0	MK	-	-	131	245	245	AR	OF8(LF)		R R
Johnny Sain	.217	0	MW MK	-	112	122	232	224	SLO	P42		R R
Warren Spahn	.167	0	PK	112	-	123	166	166	SLO	SD P36		L L
Vern Bickford	.204	0	MW PK	-	-	123	222	222	SLO	P33		R R
"Red" Barrett	.179	0	MW PK	-	-	-	215	212	SLO	P34		R R
Nelson Potter *	.379	0		-	-	121	323	324	SLO	P18		L R
Bobby Hogue	.095	0		-	-	124	144	142	SLO	P40		R R
Clyde Shoun	.190	0	MW	-	-	143	215	215	SLO	P36		L 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				
Johnny Sain #33	2.60	315	126	631	42	39	1	.217	R R		
Warren Spahn #21 <i>SD</i>	3.71	257	132	631	36	35	1	.167	L L		
Bill Voiselle #96	3.63	216	136	633	37	30	2	.097	R R	"Ninety Six"	
Vern Bickford #24	3.27	146	142	632	33	22	1	.204	R R		
"Red" Barrett #13	3.65	128	123	642	34	13	0	.179	R R	<i>Charles</i>	
Bobby Hogue #37	3.23	86	124	624	40	1	2	.095	R R		
Nelson Potter #22 *	2.33	85	115	616	18	7	2	.379	L R	"Nellie"	
Clyde Shoun #26	4.01	74	126	641	36	2	4	.190	L L	"Hardrock"	
Ernie White #29	1.96	23	163	634	15	0	2	.000	R L		
Johnny Beazley #17	4.50	16	136	646	3	2	0	.000	R R	"Nig"	
Jim Prendergast #38	10.26	17	125	655	10	2	1	.000	L L		
Al Lyons #25	7.82	13	146	636	7	0	0	.167	R R		

The Braves were National League Champions in '48, but lost the World Series to the Cleveland Indians, four games to two. Boston won Game One at home, then dropped the next three before winning Game Five. Cleveland won the finale at Braves Field, 4-3.

A phrase that still resounds to this day to describe a team's outstanding group of starting pitchers originated with the Braves' excellent duo at the top of their rotation: "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain." Warren Spahn is a Hall of Famer while Johnny Sain was a well-respected pitching coach long after his playing days ended.

BRAVES FIELD (aka THE WIGWAM), the Home of the Braves, was a neat little ball park near the Charles River. The site today is known as Nickerson Field, the home for Boston University football and other athletic teams. The structure which housed the Braves Field Box Office and part of the bleachers along the rightfield line still exist. The "Jury Box" that sat beyond the rightfield wall of the former ballpark is long gone. A trio of university buildings now surround the approximate area where home plate was once positioned...

Slugging third baseman Bob Elliott led the ball club with 23 homers, 100 RBI, and 99 runs scored. Outfielder Jeff Heath hit 20 home runs and drove home seventy-six. Earl Torgeson added ten dingers and 67 RBI. The Braves led the N.L. with a .275 batting average and were fifth after hitting 95 homers. They led the league in doubles (272) and hits (1,458); they scored 739 runs (2<sup>nd</sup>)...Johnny Sain topped the pitching staff with his 24 wins, 137 strikeouts, 28 complete games and four shutouts. Lefty Warren Spahn with his outstanding curveball won fifteen games and completed sixteen. Bill Voiselle (13) and Vern Bickford (11) were double-digit winners as well. The staff led the N.L. in ERA (3.38), complete games (70), fewest runs allowed (582), and fewest home runs allowed (93).