

1953 MILWAUKEE BRAVES

92-62 2nd
MGR Charlie Grimm (#40)
"Jolly Cholly"

DP: 311 to 341

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Joe Adcock #9	.285	3		121	123	143	254	251	AR	1B157		R R
Jack Dittmer #6	.266	1	MW MK	114	-	131	241	244	AR	2B138		L R
Johnny Logan #23	.273	2	MK	114	121	135	245	245	AR	SD SS150		R R
Eddie Mathews #41	.302	1		136	143	163	252	256	AR	3B157		L R
Andy Pafko "Pruschka" #48	.297	2	MK	121	123	141	255	254	AR	T-1 OF139(RF)		R R
Bill Bruton #38	.250	26		-	115	125	236	236	AAR	T-1 OF150(CF)		L R
Sid Gordon #4	.274	1		123	125	143	246	245	AR	OF137(LF)		R R
Del Crandall #1	.272	2		122	123	134	251	244	AR	SD C108		R R
Jim Pendleton #3	.299	6	MW	116	123	141	261	254	AR	OF105(LF/RF/CF), SS7		R R
Walker Cooper #39	.219	1		115	-	132	226	225	SLO	C35		R R
Harry Hanebrink #2	.238	1		113	116	123	231	234	AR	2B21, 3B1		L R
George Crowe #37	.286	0		124	-	142	251	252	AR	1B9		L L
"Sibby" Sisti #13 Sebastian	.217	0	PW	-	-	123	232	224	AR	2B13, SS6, 3B4		R R
Ebba St. Claire #42	.200	0	MW	115	-	131	222	221	SLO	C27		B R
Bob Thorpe #18	.162	0	MW	-	-	116	165	165	AR	OF18(LF/RF)		R R
Warren Spahn	.219	0	MW	114	-	132	223	226	SLO	SD P35		L L
Johnny Antonelli	.177	0	MW	-	-	121	165	213	SLO	P31		L L
Max Surkont	.286	0		-	114	145	255	251	SLO	P28		R R
Bob Buhl	.113	0	MW PK	-	-	-	152	146	SLO	P30		R R
Lew Burdette	.170	0	MW	-	-	-	213	166	SLO	P46		R R
Jim Wilson	.167	0		116	-	-	166	166	SLO	P20		R R
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					
Warren Spahn #21 SD	2.10	266	131	615	35	32	3	.219	L L			
Johnny Antonelli #34	3.18	175	136	562	31	26	1	.177	L L			
Lew Burdette #33	3.24	175	132	641	46	13	8	.170	R R			
Max Surkont #36	4.18	170	135	625	28	24	0	.286	R R			
Bob Buhl #10	2.97	154	143	621	30	18	0	.113	R R			
Don Liddle #15 #43	3.08	129	141	624	31	15	2	.088	L L			
Jim Wilson #19	4.34	114	135	613	20	18	0	.167	R R			
Ernie Johnson #32	2.67	81	126	631	36	1	0	.071	R R			
Vern Bickford #24	5.28	58	151	632	20	9	1	.067	R R			
Dave Jolly #16	3.52	38	156	613	24	0	0	.500	R R	"Gabby"		
Dave Cole #30	8.59	15	166	554	10	0	0	.500	R R			
Joey Jay #47	0.00	10	146	631	3	1	0	.000	B R			

Following years and years of low attendance and apparent lack of interest for the Braves in Boston, owner Lou Perini moved his ball club to Milwaukee which hadn't seen big league baseball since the Brewers of 1901. The relocation came just weeks before the start of the '53 season. On Opening Day in Cincinnati, the Braves won their first game for the city of Milwaukee, 2-0, behind the pitching of Max Surkont. The following day, Warren Spahn defeated the Cardinals, 3-2, in a complete game victory in front of over 34,000 boisterous fans at the team's new wigwam, County Stadium. The Braves proved to be a HUGE hit--finishing runners-up to the Dodgers by 13 games in the standings, but leading the National League in attendance, over 1.8 million...In their season series, the Braves were 9-13 versus Brooklyn...At the conclusion of their final season in "Beantown," the Braves were seventh (64-89) and finished 32 games behind the National League champion Dodgers.

Twenty-one year old Eddie Mathews led the majors with 47 home runs, the Braves with 135 runs batted in, and 110 runs scored. Sid Gordon followed with 19 dingers and 75 RBI. Joe Adcock, who hit 18 homers, was second to Mathews with 80 runs batted in. Andy Pafko clubbed 17 home runs and Del Crandall added fifteen. Bill Bruton collected 14 triples. For the year, the Braves hit .266 and 156 home runs...Milwaukee pitching was outstanding: a league best 3.30 ERA, the most shutouts (14), fewest runs allowed (589), and fewest homers allowed (107). Leading the way was lefty Warren Spahn who spun his curveball for 23 wins, 148 strikeouts, 24 complete games, and five shutouts. Spot starter Lew Burdette was a 15-game winner, Bob Buhl added thirteen, and Johnny Antonelli won twelve contests. Surkont was 11-5 for the season...Mathews, the Braves outstanding third sacker, finished second in National League MVP voting. Spahn had the lowest ERA in baseball at 2.10 and tied the Phillies' Robin Roberts for the most wins.