

# 1956 MILWAUKEE BRAVES

92-62 2nd

MGRs Charlie Grimm #40 (46 games)

Fred Haney #2 (108 games)

DP: 311 to 336

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Joe Adcock #9	.291	1		136	-	155	256	252	AR	SD	1B129	R R
Danny O'Connell #4	.239	3		111	115	126	236	233	AR	SD(2B)	2B138, 3B4, SS1	R R
Johnny Logan #23	.281	3		116	122	141	253	246	AAR		SS148	R R
Eddie Mathews #41	.272	6		132	133	145	244	245	AR		3B150	L R
Hank Aaron "Bad Henry" #44	.328	2		123	132	152	312	264	AAR	T-1	OF152(RF)	R R
Bill Bruton #38	.272	8		113	123	136	244	245	AAR	T-1	OF145(CF)	L L
Bobby Thomson #25	.235	2		124	126	135	235	232	AR		OF136(LF/CF), 3B3	R R
Del Crandall #1	.238	1		125	126	144	235	233	AR	SD	C109	R R
Del Rice #7	.213	0		113	114	132	224	224	SLO		C65	R R
Frank Torre #14	.258	1	MK	-	-	122	241	242	SLO	SD	1B89, PH	L L
Wes Covington #43	.283	1		113	-	123	244	252	AR	LD	PH, OF35(LF/RF)	L R
Jack Dittmer #6	.245	0		112	-	124	235	235	AR		2B42	L R
Andy Pafko #48	.258	0		115	-	135	244	241	AR		OF37(LF/RF)	R R
Chuck Tanner #18	.238	0		113	-	124	231	234	AR		PH, OF8(LF/RF)	L L
Felix Mantilla #5	.283	0	MW	-	114	122	252	251	AAR		SS15, 3B3, PR	R R
Toby Atwell #39 X	.167	0	MK	132	-	143	166	166	SLO		C10	L R
Jim Pendleton #3 #11	.000	0		-	-	-	-	-	AR		PH, SS3, 3B2, 1B1, 2B1	R R
Earl Hersh #28	.231	0	PK	-	-	232	231	232	AR		PH, OF2(LF)	L L
Warren Spahn	.210	1	MW PK	116	-	126	221	224	SLO	SD	P39	L L
Lew Burdette	.186	0	MW	-	-	113	215	214	SLO	SD	P39	R R
Ray Crone	.122	0	PK	-	-	114	154	152	SLO		P35	R R
Gene Conley	.156	0	MW	-	-	115	166	163	SLO		P31	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	2.78	281	123	626	39	35	3	.210	L L			
Lew Burdette #33 SD	2.70	256	124	631	39	35	1	.186	R R			
Bob Buhl #10	3.32	217	144	633	38	33	0	.096	R R			
Ray Crone #20	3.87	170	126	632	35	21	2	.122	R R			
Gene Conley #22	3.13	158	133	632	31	19	3	.156	R R			
Taylor Phillips #17	2.26	88	136	632	23	6	2	.000	L L	"T-Bone"		
Ernie Johnson #32	3.71	51	136	624	36	0	5	.250	R R			
Bob Townbridge #30	2.66	51	155	554	19	4	0	.000	R R			
Dave Jolly #16	3.74	46	162	631	29	0	6	.000	R R	"Gabby"		
Lou Sleater #36	3.15	46	151	565	25	1	2	.500	L L	(last name pronounced SLAY-ter)		
"Red" Murff #19	4.44	24	131	563	14	1	1	.200	R R	John Robert		
Chet Nichols #17	6.75	4	146	634	2	0	0	.000	B L			

*The Braves held a fragile lead of one game in the standings over Brooklyn with both ball clubs scheduled for their last three games--Milwaukee at Saint Louis and the Dodgers at Ebbets Field versus Pittsburgh. When the dust had settled, Brooklyn won the National League crown after sweeping the Pirates; the Braves lost two of their three games to the Cardinals. Walter Alston's Bums finished a game ahead of Milwaukee. Cincinnati ended the campaign in third place, a game behind the Braves. Milwaukee won both season series versus their closest rivals: 12-10 over Brooklyn, 13-9 over the Redlegs...After the Braves opened the season with a flat 24-22 record, Charlie Grimm was replaced in the dugout as manager by Fred Haney who guided the ball club to a 68-40 mark the rest of the way. Haney took over June 17<sup>th</sup>...Henry Aaron has blossomed into a super-star after leading the league in base hits (200), batting average, and doubles (34). He topped the Braves in runs scored (106) but finished behind Joe Adcock in runs batted in, 103-92. Adcock would hit 38 home runs to lead the Braves while Eddie Mathews was next with 37 round-trippers, 103 runs scored, and 95 RBI. Bobby Thomson socked 20 homers and drove home 74 in his best year as a Brave before being traded back to the Giants before the '57 season. As a team, Milwaukee finished third in the league with 177 home runs and a .259 batting average...The pitching staff listed arguably the best starting trio in baseball. Warren Spahn won twenty games, Lew Burdette nineteen, and Bob Buhl eighteen. Ray Crone was 11-10 in wins/losses. Spahn was the staff leader with twenty complete games and one hundred twenty-eight strikeouts. Burdette completed sixteen ball games and topped the hurlers with six shutouts. The staff ended the season Number One in the N.L. in several categories: ERA (3.11), complete games (64), shutouts (12), fewest runs allowed (569), and fewest homers allowed (133).*