

1959 MILWAUKEE BRAVES

86-70 2nd
MGR Fred Haney (#2)

DP: 311 to 333

Error: 351 to 355

	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Joe Adcock #9	.292	0		131	132	146	253	253	SLO	SD(1B)	1B89, OF21(LF)	R R
Bobby Avila #11 *	.238	3		114	121	125	235	233	AR		2B51	R R
Johnny Logan #23	.291	1		116	-	132	256	252	AR		SS138	R R
Eddie Mathews #41	.306	2		135	142	152	256	256	AR	SD	3B148	L R
Hank Aaron "Hammer" #44	.355	8		131	133	161	321	314	AAR	SD/T-1(OF)	OF152(RF/CF), 3B5	R R
Bill Bruton #38	.289	13		113	116	134	246	253	AAR	T-1	OF133(CF)	L R
Wes Covington #43	.279	0		114	116	134	244	251	SLO	LD	OF94(LF)	L R
Del Crandall #1	.257	5		123	124	136	243	241	AR	SD	C146	R R
Frank Torre #14	.228	0	MK	111	112	132	224	232	SLO		1B87, PH	L L
Felix Mantilla #18	.215	6		113	-	121	226	224	AR		2B60, SS23, PR, 3B9, OF7(CF/LF)	R R
Andy Pafko "Handy Andy" #48	.218	0		112	115	135	225	225	AR		OF64(LF/CF/RF)	R R
Lee Maye #24	.300	2		116	122	134	254	255	AAR		OF44(LF/RF)	L R
Johnny O'Brien #11	.198	0		112	-	123	223	216	AR		2B37	R R
Mickey Vernon #15	.220	0		121	-	134	224	226	SLO	LD(OF)	PH, 1B10, OF4(LF/RF)	L L
Casey Wise #19	.171	0	MK	113	-	123	211	211	AR		2B20, SS5	B R
Stan Lopata "Stash" #6	.104	0	PK	-	-	-	146	144	SLO		PH, C11, 1B2	R R
Mel Roach #12	.097	0		-	-	-	143	143	AR	LD	2B8, PH, OF4(LF), 3B1	R R
Del Rice #7	.207	0		-	-	-	225	222	SLO	LD	C9, PH	R R
Chuck Cottier #13	.125	0	PK	-	-	123	153	153	AR		2B10	R R
Joe Morgan #19 +	.217	0		-	-	123	224	225	AR	LD	PH, 2B7	L R
Jim Pisoni #24 +	.167	0	PK	-	-	123	166	166	AR		OF9(CF/LF)	R R
Enos Slaughter "Country" #25 X	.167	0		-	-	-	166	166	SLO	LD	PH, OF5(LF)	L R
Ray Boone "Ike" #19 *	.200	0	PW	132	-	-	222	221	SLO		PH, 1B3	R R
Lew Burdette	.202	0	MW PK	-	112	135	224	221	SLO	SD	P41	R R
Warren Spahn	.231	0	MW PK	114	-	116	231	232	SLO		P40	L L
Juan Pizarro	.122	0	MW PK	-	-	125	146	153	SLO		P29	L L
Joey Jay	.086	0	PK	-	-	-	143	136	SLO		P34	B R
Bob Rush	.188	0	PK	-	-	-	221	214	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	2.96	292	125	624	40	36	0	.231	L L
Lew Burdette #33 SD	4.07	290	116	636	41	39	1	.202	R R
Bob Buhl #10 SD	2.86	198	135	622	31	25	0	.057	R R
Joey Jay #47	4.09	136	143	612	34	19	0	.086	B R
Juan Pizarro #34	3.77	134	146	543	29	14	0	.122	L L
Carl Willey #16	4.15	117	126	632	26	15	0	.103	R R <u>Carlton Francis</u>
Bob Rush #17	2.40	101	124	613	31	9	0	.188	R R
Don McMahon #20	2.57	81	142	566	60	0	15	.222	R R
Bob Trowbridge #30	5.93	30	131	612	16	0	1	.000	R R
Bob Giggie #32	4.05	20	143	564	13	0	1	.000	R R

The Braves bid for a third straight National League title came close to fruition. They ended the season in a flat-footed tie for first place with the recently re-located Los Angeles Dodgers, both with identical 86-68 records. The League office scheduled a best-of-three playoff series to determine the N. L. champion, games which were part of the regular schedule. The Dodgers took the first game in Milwaukee, September 28th, with a 3-2 score. Just a little over 18,000 fans were in attendance. In Game Two at the L. A. Coliseum the following day, the contest went to the bottom of the twelfth inning with the score knotted at 5-5. After the first two batters were retired by the Braves Bob Rush, Rush walked Gil Hodges and then allowed a single to left by catcher Joe Pignitano, sending Hodges to second base. Carl Furillo was next with a single to shortstop, but Hodges came around to score on a throwing error by the Braves Felix Mantilla, giving the Dodgers a walk-off victory and N. L. flag. Lew Burdette had started the game for Milwaukee and went eight innings while giving up five earned runs. He struck out four and gave up a homer to L. A.'s Charlie Neal in front of 36,528 spectators. Warren Spahn registered a blown save in the Dodger ninth with the Braves up, 5-4...Hank Aaron finished third in MVP balloting for '59, right behind teammate Eddie Mathews. "Hammerin' Hank" led the majors in batting average, base hits (223), slugging percentage (.636), and OPS (1.037). He slammed 39 home runs, scored 116, drove in 123, and won his second Gold Glove. Mathews led the big leagues in homers (46) and the team in runs scored (118). Eddie also drove home 114 runs. The Braves ended the year third in the league in batting average (.265) and first in home runs (177)...Burdette and Spahn both finished with 21-15 W/L records. Spahn topped the staff with 143 strikeouts and 21 complete games. Burdette posted 20 complete games. Bob Buhl won fifteen and dropped nine. The staff's final ERA (3.51) placed them second in the N. L. They had the most complete games (69) and shutouts (18).