

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. | | |
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| 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 | | |
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| 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).