Mathews' Series Play Won Fans' Hearts

Outdone Only By Burdette In Triumph

Eddie Earned 'Achievement' Award From Chi Scribés for Classic Performance

By BOB WOLF

MILWAUKEE, Wis.

After three games of the 1957 World's Series had been played, Eddie Mathews was just about the last man anyone would have expected to emerge as a hero. He hadn't made so much as a scratch single. Yet when it was all over and the Braves returned home as world's champions, the fanatical burghers of Milwaukee were waving banners reading, "Mathews for vice-president."

The "vice-presidency," of course, was the highest office available. Lew Burdette's three pitching victories, the last two being shutouts, had made him No. 1 man on the slate by acclamation. So when the fans designated Mathews as Burdette's running mate, they accorded him an honor as significant as it was well deserved.

In addition, the Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America raised a hurrah over Eddie's outstanding performance in the fall classic, voting him the Achievement of the Year Award for his play against the Yankees. On the night of January 19, Eddie will be presented with a plague at the scribes' annual Diamond Dinner in the Palmer House.

A Flock of Big Moments

Mathews had a flock of big moments in the last four games of the Series. The Braves won three of the four, and he had a major role in all three victories. His two-run homer in the tenth inning won the fourth contest, his "leg" single in the sixth set up the only run in the fifth game, and his two-run double in the third frame gave Burdette all the offensive help he needed to win the finale. Moreover, Mathews came up with one fine defensive play after another, climaxing his great performance with a Seriesending stop of Bill Skowron's menacing hot smash with the bases full of Yankees.

For sheer satisfaction, though, it is doubtful that any of these moments could match that when Mathews' name was mentioned in almost the same breath as Burdette's as a Series hero. There was a certain amount of vindication involved—a certain amount of proof that young Eddie was quite a baseball player after all.

For the last couple of seasons, Milwankee's fans had maligned Mathews more than any other player on the club. There didn't seem to be any particular reason for their attitude, since Mathews is the perennial All-Star third baseman of the National League and one of the outstanding power-hitters in the game. Perhaps ever mindful of the fantastically successful season Mathews enjoyed in 1953, they had made up their minds to accept nothing short of such brilliance thereafter. This seemed to be as logical an analysis as any.

Fans' Favor Regained

But whatever the reason, the folks would "get on" Mathews when he wasn't hitting and they would do likewise when he muffed one in the field. They would show almost no patience with him when he did something wrong, and by the same token they would take for granted anything he did right.

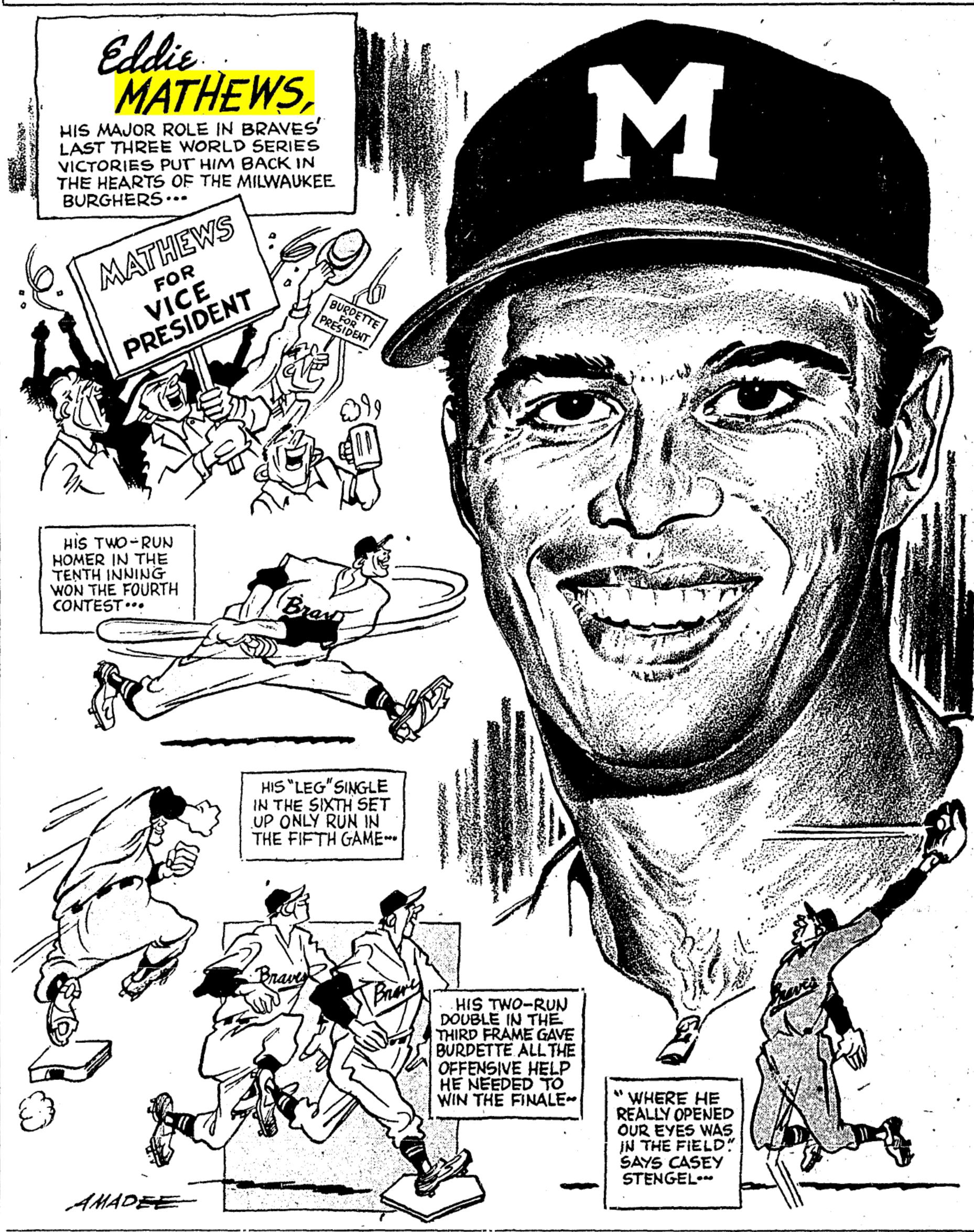
Now that's all over. Mathews has proved himself at last-has regained in the hearts of Milwaukee fandom the place he had in those fabulous first-year days of 1953.

The youthful slugger, who is only 26

despite the fact that he already has played six full seasons in the big leagues, doesn't feel that the fans were unfair to him.

"I know they got down on me when I was in a slump," he said the other day, "but fans are like that. I'm just glad I was able to do as well as I did considered, Mathews says nothing can in the Series."

Brewtown Bangs Steins for Cool Guy at Hot Sack



Eddie Says Grab of Skowron Rap Was His Best of Series

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Of all the fine fielding plays by Eddie Mathews in the World's Series, he considers the one that ended the final game to be his best.

The play in question was the one on which Mathews robbed Bill Skowron of an extra-base hit and stepped on third to force Jerry Coleman for the last out,

"That play was the toughest," Mathews recalled, "Some of the others weren't easy, either-the one on Harry Simpson in the fifth game, for example. (He started a double play on that one with two Yankees on base.) But this one was hit like a shot, and besides, the whole Series was riding on it."

When only individual pleasure is run that broke up the fourth game By beating out a high chopper to Sec- *

and enabled the Braves to even the

"That was the biggest single kick I ever got out of baseball," he recalled. "I'll never forget it as long as I live. "Don't get me wrong, though. Winning the Series was the climax of everything.' It was a different kind of thrill and I think it was even bigger because it was the first time we ever won it. All of a sudden, all the disappointments we 'had in the past were forgotten and we were world's champs."

. . . Made Clutch Plays

Mathews' record in the Series shows how misleading statistics can be. He hit only .227, but four of his five hits were key factors in three of the Braves' four victories. In the field he committed one of the three Milwaukee errors, but he also pulled off at least five plays that few third basemen would have been able to make.

And he did something else that didn't top the thrill he got from the home show up in the composite box score.

Forced to Use Own Bat, He Doubled

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Although Eddie Mathews used one of Teammate Joe Adcock's bats to hit the home run that won the fourth game of the World's Series, he switched back to his own before rapping the decisive double in the finale. The reason? He had broken Adcock's bat in the sixth game.

"I tried to find another one of Joe's bats to use," Mathews ex-

plained, "but that was the only 33ouncer he had. All the rest weighed 34."

Mathews made the switch originally, at the start of the fourth game, because of a blood blister on his hand.

His own bat, which has a knob on the end, aggravated the blister and Adoock's, which has no knob, did not bother him. WOLF.

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cisive sixth inning of the fifth game, he as an all-round player. And it wasn't demonstrated the value of speed and only his vital hit that did it. His feat hustle to a ball club. Had he been of turning Suitcase Simpson's hot a step slower, or had he "conceded" smash in the fourth inning into a sidethe putout, as so many players do, the retiring double play was every bit as side would have been retired and the important. It may, indeed, have been

It was this game that really opened (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4, COL. 5)

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Yankee Players Cite 'Monopoly' in Pay Demands

Point to Club's Sole Occupancy of New York Area: Bombers Must Woo Giant and Dodger Followers

By DAN DANIEL



city has arrived on the calendar, as well as in its incredible impacts and repercussions. It is 1958. With it, the New York has brought the relocation of the Giants in San Francisco and the Dodgers in Los Angeles. On February 1, these shifts, bringing complete abandonment of New York by the National League, now no closer to Broadway than Philadelphia, will become official. The changes already are here in fact.

Now, in a baseball sense. New York is the complete property of the Yankees. On January 25, in joint session here, the majors will adopt revisions of Major League Rule No. I which will close Manhattan and the Bronx to the Bombers, and leave

Brooklyn and Queens to possible, but now apparently improbable, return to this city by the National League. What already are the effects, what are going to be the addi-

tional impacts, of this strange sit-> = uation on the Yankees, who in 1903 invaded this city with chances of survival so precurious and the Admits He Merits Reduction Giants and the Dodgers entrenched for all time".

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Tankee players already in salary merestitution with the from office are using the club's singular simution as a strong argument for more pay. They main that in 1955 the Tankets will three better than LAMAML and that the retirement of the Giants and the Dodgers. who between them plened to LRMLAND paid even in the poor Harlem season of 1957, will add 50k.000 admissions to the 15minm drawn here by the American Learners last year.

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peneral and the Tunkers in particular. The Bombers will have to win these customers over to their side. And they must brace themselves for much

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Phils' Spring Card Topped by Yank Tilts

10 Bomber Games on State; 11 Major Le que Clubs to Be Met in Exhibitions

> By ALLEN LEWIS PHILADELPHIA, Pa.



For the third straight year, the Phillies have scheduled 35 preseason exhibition games, all against major league opposition, and each of the 11 other big league clubs training in Florida will be met by Manager Mayo Smith's squad.

Meyo Seelth

Although they will leave their Clearwater training was assured more than a week before base five days earlier than in 1957, the the dinner at which J. G. Taylor Phils will have only two off-days from | Spink, publisher of THE SPORTING NEWS, March & through April 13, when they will present the Baseball Bible's Maconclude the exhibition season against jor League Manager of the Year award helluva hole. So what happens? He the Yankees at Philadelphia's Connie to Fred Hutchinson, Cardinal skipper, grabs the ball kinds off-balance and Mack Stadium. They will play three fewer games while based in Clearwater dinner that six former major league but will make them up with a longer managers would be among the 13 St. trip north, this year meeting the Yanks Louis all-stars who will attend the eight times after breaking camp on city's biggest BBWAA dinner ever April 4.

their traveling in 1958 by air, will get pilots on the all-time St. Louis club an early start in that regard when they | include George Sisler, Rogers Hornsby, fly to Miami to meet the Dodgers in Marty Marion, Frank Frisch, Bob the first exhibition games of the spring. O'Farrell and Terry Moore. The team will fly to Miami the morning of March & play the Dodgers that might and the next afternoon (Sunday), and then fly back immediately after the mare.

Reds Listed for Four Games

The Dodgers, met only once a year ago, will return the visit with a game at Chearwater on April 2. With the exception of the Yankees, the Phils will play only one team more than three times. The Cincinnati Redlegs, based at nearby Tampa, are listed for four games, with the Dodgers, Washington Senators and Detroit Tigers scheduled for three apiece.

Red Sox, Chicago White Sox and Yankees of the Amserican League and the champion Milwaukee Braves, St. Louis | clude: On the field, the Yankee munipoly home-and-home, two-game series. Each there three times, the Senators twice.

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Mathews Popped Yank Optics With Dazzling Hot Sack Play

Harwell, Legion Star in '56, Expected to Ink Dodger Pact

NEW ORLEANS, La. - Jimmy Harwell, New Orleans' outstanding athlete in 1956 when he was named the nation's top American Legion Junior player, will sign a \$50,000 bonus contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers, according to a reliable source.

A freshman at Tulane, where he has a grant-in-aid basketball scholarship, Harwell will sign at the end of the present semester.

Harwell, according to reports, will continue his education and will take five or six years to get his degree.

A basketball and baseball star at De La Salle High School, Jimmy will celebrate his nineteenth birthday, January 24. BILL KEEFE.

St. Louis

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Spink pointed out in advance of the and the writers' first official function The Phillies, who will do most of since 1927. The former big league

All Living Members to Attend

Others on the team-and all have agreed to attend-are Dizzy Dean, Stan Musial, Jesse Haines, Ken Williams, Johnny Tobin.

The selection of an all-star team and, in fact, the golden jubilee writers' dinner, were the suggestions of Bob Broeg, St. Louis Post-Dispatch baseball writer and THE SPORTING NEWS correspondent, who is national BBWAA president this year.

Chapter Chairman Robert L. Burnes, sports editor of the Globe-Democrat, said that Broeg would speak briefly on The Kansas City Athletics, Boston the BBWAA origin and that other speakers, in addition to Spink. Hutchinson and the 13 all-stars, would in-

> Warren Giles, National League president: Maurice Podoloff, president of the National Basketball Association: J. Roy Stockton, Post-Dispatch sports editor: Bing Devine Cardinal general, manager, and Coaches Alex Hannum and Red Auerbach of the professional basketball All-Stars.

NBA All-Stars on Hand

The NBA All-Star Game is scheduled for the St. Louis Arena the night after the BEWAA dinner and Ben Kerofficials and out-of-town basketball killed us." writers to be his guests at the \$10-a-St. Louis area, could attend.

Masters of ceremonies will be two former major leaguers. Bud Blattner! and Joe Garagiola, now broadcasters

and banquet speakers.

As added attractions, Burnes will present to John Edward Wray, retired Post-Dispatch sports editor. a framed award recently voted him by the Helms Hall of Fame and if Sherm Lollar is able to delay his departure for a baseball trip to Germany, the White Sox catcher will receive his Rawlings Gold Glove award as baseball's ranking defensive catcher in The Phillies' spring training schedule 1957, an honor he received in a poll conducted by THE SPORTING NEWS.

Burnes, in addition, was understood to be ready to announce the establishment by the St. Louis writers of future awards to be made in the names of local journalists who have distinguished themselves.

first job was to get the player contracts into the mail. Some large cuts were believed in the works as well as some handsome raises. . . . The Phils' bosses were not unhappy when they heard that Shortstop Chico Fernandez had before. had stopped playing in the Cuban Winter League. The flashy fielder, who had been a member of the Cientuegos club, play in a tough spot." New York! Tirringly maching. A Tan- kine camp on Tehrmary II in St. Prints. Fee Statistics at Yan- burners are least burner. The Mark Statistics.

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even more so, since two Yankees were on base at the time.

From Manager Casey Stengel on down, the Bombers agreed that Mathews up to that time had been the most valuable member of the Milwaukee club. That was quite a bouquet in view of Burdette's two victories, and even after Burdette beat them again in the finale, the vanquished had many a good word for Mathews. Said Stengel:

"Without him in that Milwaukee lineup, it would have been a different Series.

"Before the Series started, we all knew he could take you out of the game with one shot. Just in case we didn't know it, he reminded us with that homer that best us in the fourth game. But I'm not talkin' so much about his hittin'.

"Where he really opened our eyes was in the field. Why, he plays a great third base. Maybe a lotta people didn't realize it, but he saved the fifth game just as much as Covington did with that fancy catch on McDougald. The play I'm talkin' about was the one on Simpson in the fourth innin'.

"If Mathews plays the thing any way but perfect, we got Burdette in a makes as good a throw as I ever seen to second base and bang, they got themselves a dandy double play."

Coleman, quite understandably, was very much impressed by Mathews' fleetness afoot.

"I just didn't think he was that fast," the veteran second baseman commented after Mathews legged out the bounder that led to the Braves' victory in the pivotal fifth game.

Tabbed Only 'Fair' Runner

"None of us did," remarked Teammate Gil McDougald, "We Hank Severeid. Red Schoendienst and all thought he was merely a fair runner, but the truth is that there aren't many who can beat him getting down to first base."

Whitey Ford was still another Yankee who jumped on the Mathews bandwagon.

"My impression of him was that he was a wild swinger," Ford said. "I" thought he went for the fences all the time. But he's got as good an idea of the strike zone as any hitter I've ever pitched to. The only guy with a bettereye is Ted Williams."

To those who had seen Mathews play from day to day and had realized long since what kind of a player he was, the impressions carried by the Yankees into the Series seemed a bit ridiculous. It was almost incredible that anyone could have scouted a club for six weeks, as two Yankee employees did, and not discern that Mathews had exceptional speed and a keen batting

eye. But that was another matter. The point was that the Yankees, the same proud Yankees who had made a habit of winning world's championships until the Braves came along, singled Mathews out as "the guy who really

Mathews was not wholly satisfied plate dinner. The Cardinals also bought with the season he had last year-the

> Wanted More Homers, RBIs "I raised my average 20 points," he explained, "but I had hoped for more homers and RBIs."

As it was, these last two figures were Mathews' smallest since his rookie season in 1952. Yet this was not the entire story. By learning to hit to all fields for the first time. Mathews broke up the infield shift that rivals had been using against

"This might have cut down on my home-run and RBI totals," Mathews. pointed out. "But I picked up ground late in the season and I'm sure that breaking up the shift will help me in years to come."

And there was still another noteworthy feature of Mathews' 1957 seeson -his fielding. At long last, he silenced once and for all the critics who said he couldn't play third base. He fielded an imposing 966 the best by far of his career.

"Tre always worked hard on my fielding." Mathews said, "but last year I made more improvement than I ever

"For the first time, I gained confdence in my ability to make the tough

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Mathews-Robinson Bout Sparks Cincy Melee

'I'm Sorry'



Eddie Mathews

Eddie Uncorks Kayo Wallop After Tagging Red Star Trying to Stretch Double

> By BOB WOLF CINCINNATI, O.

Eddie Mathews, already the All-Star third baseman of the National League, could claim the league's heavyweight title as well on the strength of his quick knockout of Frank Robinson here, August 15.

The slugging Brave was a lopsided winner over the Reds' left fielder in a scrap that enlivened the first game of a twi-night double-header. He flattened Robinson with a flurry of rights a la Floyd Patterson.

Robinson emerged from the tussle a bloody mess. His right eye was almost shut, his nose was bleeding, he had a ond game. Moreover, he was the hitcut on his right cheek, and his right ting hero of the Reds' 4 to 0 victory. thumb was bruised.

fight unmarked, either. He hit Robin- out of it. His nose continued to bleed, son so hard that he bruised his right too, and he twice had to interrupt hand, and he also suffered a slightly- his time at but to wipe it with a towel. cut lower lip. The cut was presum- Yet he hit a double and a two-run might have resulted from the melee a perfect game at bat by walking and field line and was an easy out on he said something to me. I yelled hansson must have felt," he said. "Acwhich followed when players from being hit by a pitch. both sides streamed onto the field.

'Normal Fight, No Fine'--Fleig

'Penalty Only for Repeated Action,' Says Loop Official

CINCINNATI, O.

Fred Fleig

The National League took no punitive action against Eddie Mathews of the Braves for his knockout victory over Frank Robinson of the Reds here, August 15.

Fred Fleig, assistant secretarytreasurer of the league, explained, "The league office came to the conclusion that this was a normal fight between ball players. There have been five or six other instances like it this season, and our policy is not to fine

or suspend players except in cases of repeated ac-

The decision brought an angry protest from Fred Hutchinson, Reds' manager, who likened the case to that in which the Reds' Billy Martin sent Jim Brewer of the Cubs to the hospital with a broken cheekbone. Martin drew a \$500 fine and a five-day suspension.

"Why not be consistent?" Hutchinson demanded.

gets nothing. As a matter of fact, Brewer had more of a warning than Robinson did. Martin was 60 feet away from him before it started. I could say a lot more about it, but I'd better not."

Many of the Cincinnati players also were bitter. Martin commented, "I hate to see anyone fined or suspended, although Mr. Wrigley (Owner Phil Wrigley of the Cubs) probably will have a statement about it. I have one objection, though. I can't see how the severity of the injury can be considered."

Both Know Who Swung First

Wrigley, also vice-president of the league, had called Martin's sentence too light.

Robinson said, "It doesn't mean anything to me one way or another. I know who struck the first blow and I'm sure he (Mathews) does, too." Mathews declined to comment.

Fleig insisted that there was no parallel between the cases of Martin and Mathews.

"This doesn't mean we condone fighting," Fleig said, "but Robinson continued to play and practically won the second game that night singlehanded. "One guy gets fined and suspended, the other guy ! Brewer was put out of action and he's still out."

out, of the game, which was in the inning, he robbed Mathews of an ex-from the way Robinson slid into third. the Cincinnati star couldn't continue, anyway. He had to retire to the clubhouse for treatment by Trainer Richard Rohde.

Robbie Starred in Nightcap

To the surprise of everybody, Robinson came back and played the sec-

Robinson's injured eye was so bad Mathews didn't come through the by that time that he could hardly see ably inflicted by Robinson, but it homer, scored twice, and completed

And all this was a warmup for to Mathews. Umpire Al Barlick tossed Mathews Robinson's real revenge. In the eighth

seventh inning at the time. He took tra-base hit by diving headlong into no such action against Robinson, but the left field seats for his long drive. Mathews said. "Last year he almost Said Mathews afterward, "He really got even with me the good way."

Jim Brewer of the Cubs to a hospital by. with a broken cheekbone in a recent brawl at Chicago, was an innocent bystander this time. This was just as well, since at a mere 175 pounds he would have been out of his weight division against Mathews. Even Robin- I don't know who swung first." son, a rugged 185, had to give away 15 pounds.

Hostilities broke out after Robinson slid into Mathews in a futile at- how I got this blood all over me. I He had hit a blooper down the right was ready to take off my helmet when First Baseman Joe Adcock's throw something back and we went to it.

Mathews said the flare-up stemmed hit me with, but it did surprise me. anyway, I'm a bleeder."

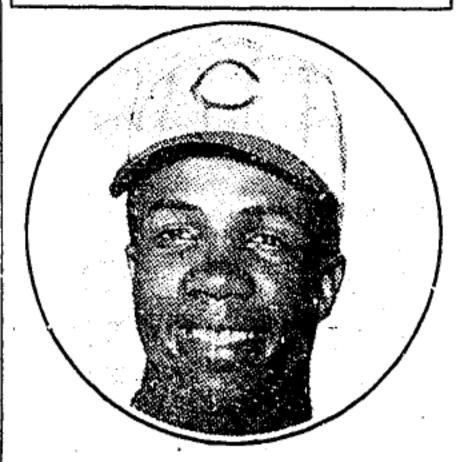
"He pulls that stuff all the time," came in with his left arm out and Billy Martin of the Reds, who sent caught me on the arm as he went

> First Swing? Ed's Not Sure "When he did it, I said to him, 'Cut when it started. It happened so fast

> Robinson gave this description of the embroglio:

"He tagged me on the nose. That's

'I Understand'



Frank Robinson

Robbie Suffers Face Cuts; Brave Ace Bruises Hand; Pair Later Bury Hatchet

I really don't know what started it. He was in the baseline, sure, but was I supposed to tell him to tag me?

"If it had been (Johnny) Logan, I might have thought more about it, 'cause I cut him once in '57 and he was out quite a while."

Hitting Ed's Head Injured Digit Robinson said he had hurt his kicked my leg off. This time he thumb, which was bandaged for the second game, as he slid into Mathews. Hearing this, Mathews remarked, "I know how he did it. He hit me on

the head with it." The 14,507 fans anticipated a rethat out, you so and so.' He yelled sumption of warfare when Robinson something back at me, and that's reached third base in the sixth inning of the nightcap. But instead, the battlers used the occasion to make up.

Mathews said to Robinson, "I'm sorry it happened," and Robinson replied, "Forget it. I understand."

Robinson didn't let his many bruistempt to stretch a double into a triple. | thought the inning was over and I es interfere with his sense of humor.

"Now I know how (Ingemar) Jotually I never should have taken this "It wasn't a sucker punch that he fight. I haven't trained enough, and,

Cincy's Snazzy Hurling Slips Reds Quick Hypo

Club Cops Seven Out of Nine on Home Stand as Hurlers Turn in Dazzling Efforts

By EARL LAWSON

CINCINNATI, O. The way the

Reds' pitchers have been performing, that age old cry of "wait until next year" may not be just another hollow warning.

Returning home from an ill-fated swing through the

West, the Reds, Jim Brosnan combining effective pitching with timely hitting, won seven of their stand.

And they didn't pick on any patsies. 11 for the season. The Reds opened the home stand by nosing out the Giants, 4 to 3, August 8, on Ed Bailey's ninth-inning homer off Southpaw Mike McCormick.

Brosnan, "that Bailey and I used before."

by Bailey against Milwaukee earlier tossing a 3 to 0 shutout, August 11 in the season had given Brosnan his in the opener of a five-game series second victory.

The victory Brosnan picked up on August 8 with a scoreless, two-inning back with a 3 to 2 victory as young relief stint was his fifth against two Jay Hook notched his ninth victory losses.

McLish Shutout of Dodgers Was His Second in Majors

CINCINNATI, O.-Redleg players were surprised to learn, when Cal McLish blanked the Dodgers, 2 to 0, August 14, that the shutout was only the second of the righthander's major league career. His first whitewashing was against the Boston Braves in 1951 when Cal was with the Cubs.

"But don't forget," Cal said, "that in a year and one-half at Cleveland I had 15 one-run games."

series with the Giants, 5 to 3, on August 10.

This time it was a bases-loaded pinch-single by Willie Jones in the eighth inning which provided the win.

The pinch-hit was Jones' ninth in first nine games of a 16-game home 23 swings this season, and the two RBIs boosted his pinch-hitting total to

Bridges Notches First Win

Marshall Bridges, a recent waiver acquisition from the Cardinals, earned the victory, his first with the Reds, by "That's a play," said a grinning Jim | holding the Giants scoreless the last | two frames.

Sandy Koufax, fanning 13 batters, A ninth-inning grand-slam homer temporarily cooled off the Reds by with the Dodgers.

On August 12, the Reds bounced against 12 losses.

Rained out the next day, the Reds | A two-run rally in the eighth inrallied for three runs in the eighth ning, climaxed by Rookie Gordy Coleinning to complete a sweep of the man's game-winning single, did the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8, COL. 1) | *

Burdette Bolsters Brave Flag Bid With No-Hitter

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Added strength was given to the Braves' pennant bid, August 18, when Lew Burdette hurled the first no-hitter of his career, beating the Phillies, 1 to 0.

The veteran righthander permitted only one batter to reach base. He nicked Tony Gonzalez on the shoulder with a pitch in the fifth inning, but the Phil rookie was cut down on a double play, so that Burdette faced only 27 batters.

Lew also scored the only run of the game, clouting an eighthinning double off his former teammate, Gene Conley, and racing home on another twobagger by Bill Bruton.

Full details of Burdette's performance and the box score will be carried in the August 31 issue.

job. Coleman's hit scored Frankie Robinson, who had singled home the tying run and then moved into scoring position by stealing second.

Hook, in going the route, limited the Dodgers to five hits.

Young Jimmy O'Toole picked up the victory as the Reds made it two in succession over the Dodgers with 6 to 2 success on August 13. The lefty got a helping hand from Brosnan.

The bespectacled Reds' relief ace took over in the eighth with two runners on and none out and pitched out of the inning without a run scoring. He then set the side down in order in the ninth.

This was after he had bounced a two-run double off the scoreboard in the eighth inning as the Reds rallied for three runs to sew up the victory. Perhaps the most encouraging as-

Big Three to Carry Brave Do-or-Die Stretch Drive

Vets Spahn, Burdette, Buhl to Shoulder Main Load as Second-Line Hurlers Skid

> By BOB WOLF MILWAUKEE, Wis.



League pennant race reached the critical stage with the Braves continuing to get no place in their pursuit of the pacesetting Pirates. It became apparent that Manager Charley Dressen's only hope was to

The National

Lew Burdette concentrate on his pitching Big Three the remainder of the way.

When the season began, Dressen boasted that he had six starting pitchers. Besides the three hardy perennials-Warren Spahn, Lew Burdette and Bob Buhl-he counted on Carl Willey, Joey Jay and Juan Pizarro. Later, he added George Brunet to his list on the strength of Brunet's spectacular showing in a 10%-inning stint against the Cardinals.

July 26 and all except one had been to the Reds. credited to the Big Three. Brunet got the other victory in relief.

Aaron Performs at Keystone as Injury Wave Hits Braves

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Manager Charley Dressen of the Braves, who said at the start of the season that Henry Aaron would be spared the unwelcome task of playing second base, was forced by an emergency into using the slugging outfielder there for one inning, August 15.

Red Schoendienst was out with a pulled groin muscle, Felix Mantilla with a knee injury suffered when he hit the outfield wall at County Stadium, and Al Dark with a pulled leg muscle.

When Eddie Mathews was thrown out of the first game of the double-header with the Reds that night, Mel Roach shifted from second to third and Aaron from center field to second.

Dressen thought he would have to start Aaron at second the next night, but Roach recovered from a thigh injury in time to play.

had a composite record of 0-7 since Willey triumphed on July 26.

The situation was illustrated with particular clarity in a six-game stretch But by the middle of August, Dres- from August 11 through 15. First Pisen finally had to almit that his best zarro lost to the Giants, then Spahn, bet was to stick primarily with Spahn, Buhl and Burdette all beat the Giants Burdette and Buhl. The Braves had in low-score games, and finally Piwon only seven of 20 games since zarro and Willey lost a double-header

Pizarro pitched a complete game in

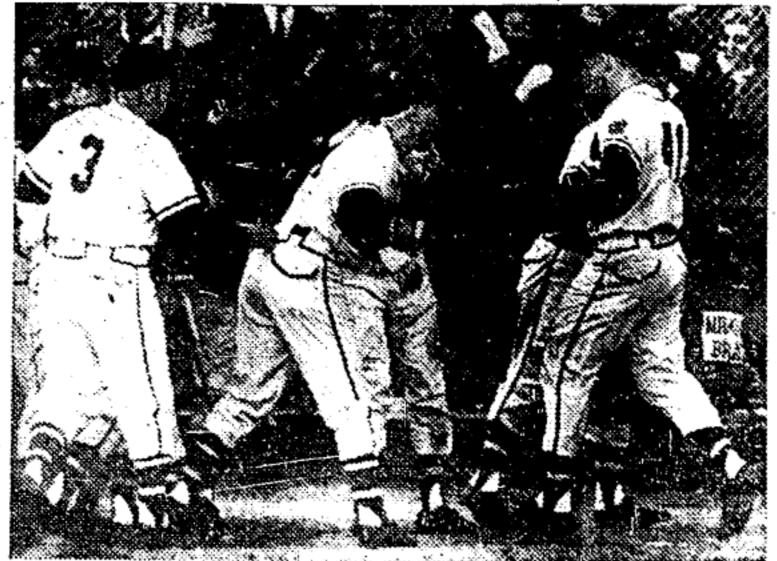
Willey, Jay and Pizarro, meanwhile, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6, COL. 3)

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'There It Goes!' ... Mathews' Sunday Punch Made Milwaukee Happy



Mathews Connects for His Tenth-Inning Homer.



Ed's Royal Reception After Crossing Home Plate.



The Conquering Hero Leads Triumphal Procession.

Fourth Game

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 24)

Mantilla coming over with the tying

The crowd was screaming when Ed Mathews walked to the plate. He had doubled in the Braves' four-run fourth for his first Series hit. Would Grim, a righthander, pitch to Mathews or walk him? First base was open and it would set up a possible double play, even though Hank Aaron came next in the batting order. Stengel decided to pitch to the southpaw slugger.

Eddie hit a long foul to right, then a shorter one to the left. The count was 2 and 2 when he connected. It was a lofty drive into right-center and there was no wind. Bauer moved back toward the screen near the 355-foot mark. but the ball was out of reach! As one, the storm-jacketed Braves rushed from the dugout in a celebration at the plate as Mathews arrived.

Ironically, thousands among the 45,804 had left before the souped-up proceedings in the two final innings. They had begun departing to "beat the crowd" when Spahn started breezing past the Yankees in the ninth.

Reconstructing the situation going into the ninth, the Yanks had jumped into the lead for the third time in the four games by scoring a run in the first inning. They had been checked thereafter by Spahn with the aid of double plays in the fifth, seventh and eighth innings. Meanwhile, the Braves had ripped into Starter Tom Sturdivant for four runs in the fourth, including homers by Aaron and Frank Torre.

Howard's Homer Knots Count

Spahn had a six-hitter when the ninth got under way. Aaron came into short center for Bauer's fly. Logan, who had ten assists at shortstop, took Mantle's hard shot and threw him out. Then Hollywood started taking over. Yogi Berra lined the first pitch to right for a single. Gil McDougald belted a single which went only inches over Schoendienst's upstretched glove. Fred Haney, the Braves' manager, came out, gave Spahn a reassuring pat and the the start of the fifth. crowd roared its approval.

denly the game was tied.

knocked off the Braves in order in their half of the ninth.

Spahn came out to pitch the tenth. Here was more fodder for the secondguessers. Wouldn't a fresh Ernie Johnson or Don McMahon be better than a tired Spahn? Warren looked far from through when Logan threw out Jerry Coleman and the hard-hitting Byrne struck out.

Kubek Beats Out Slow Roller

Then it happened again. Schoendienst came in for Kubek's slow roller, but could make no play when the ball stuck in his glove. He'd have had no chance, anyway, to throw out the lanky rookie. Then Bauer connected. The ball landed at the base of the wall near the 394-foot mark and now the Yankees led in typical late-inning style. Andy Pafko's catch of Mantle's drive brought the Braves in for the finish of the script.

The Braves had made only one hit before their four-run blasting of Sturdivant in the fourth and only one hit thereafter until the tenth-inning sockaroo. They made only seven hits in all while Spahn was bumped for 11. This victory enabled the 36-year-old Oklahoma rancher to pull even in Series competition at 2-2.

In one stretch, from the first inning into the fifth, the crafty slider and curve-ball specialist cut down 11 Yankees in order. He fanned only two and his lone walk was issued to Berra.

the game by beating out a bunt toward

'Wonderful Honor,' Spahn's Reaction to Award by 'Bible'

MILWAUKEE, Wis .- THE SPORTING News' selection of Warren Spahn as the National League's top pitcher. of 1957 was termed a "wonderful honor" by the Braves' southpaw when he appeared on the "Today" show over NBC-TV, October 7.

Sports Editor Cliff Evans, after displaying a copy of the October 9 issue of the "Baseball Bible" in which Spahn's selection was announced, asked the hurler for his reactions to the honor.

"THE SPORTING NEWS is the important paper of baseball," Spahn replied, "and it's nice to win such a wonderful honor in a league as competitive as ours."

infield out, but when Spahn grabbed Mantle's hot smash. Tony was trapped getting back to second on a throw to Logan. Spahn walked Berra and Mc-Dougald singled to score Mantle,

Action was desultory until the bumper Milwaukee fourth. Logan led off with a walk and Mathews bounced a double off the right field wall, Logan halting at third. The count was 1 and 1. when Aaron knocked his homer over the left field screen near the 355-foot sign, Kubek making a vain jump for the ball. Wes Covington grounded out, but Torre clubbed Sturdivant's first pitch into the right-center field bleachers. This was the first homer the reserve first baseman had ever hit in his own park. It was the longest of the three Milwaukee wallops.

Spahn had eliminated 11 Yankees in succession when Coleman singled into right with one out in the fifth. The ball brushed Bob Hazle's glove as he tried to make a diving catch. Harry Simpson, batting for Sturdivant, gave Schoendienst an easy double - play chance. Red took his bouncer a step from second, stepped on the bag and threw to Torre.

Shantz Starts With Strikeout

Bobby Shantz opened his brilliant three-inning job by fanning Spahn at

Berra led off in the seventh with a Spectators were crowding the aisles single to right. Pafko retreated near on their way out when they heard the the screen in right-center for McDouhorrible sound-Howard's homer. Sud- gald's fly. Then came the second double play. Elston Howard grounded to Byrne, fourth of five Yankee pitchers, Logan, whose throw nipped Berra at second. Schoendienst's relay to Torre beat Howard by two strides.

> Andy Carey opened with a double to left-center, but held second as Logan threw out Coleman. This, it developed, also was a big play. Jerry Lumpe, batting for Shantz, singled to center, but Carey was held at third on Aaron's quick throw to Schoendienst. Logan snapped up Kubek's shot, tossed to Schoendienst for the force on Lumpe, and Torre stretched for the throw the Hall of Fame star rated by many and Torre stretched for the throw which just beat Tony at first.

> score in their eighth. Schoendienst opened against Johnny Kucks with a double to left-center. Logan, after flubbing sacrifice attempts, struck out.
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> Mathews flied to Kubek-first putout
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> W ITH Tom Sturdivant pitching, Yogi Berra brought out a catcher's mitt so beat up and torn that it looked by a Yankee outfielder. Aaron's walk brought Stengel to the mound for another pitching change. He called in the left-handed Byrne, who slipped a saw the mitt, he reached into his pocket third strike past Covington.

ning heroics.

Western Thriller

EDDIE SPURRED BY RELATIVES DDIE MATHEWS was mobbed by his teammates when he crossed the plate after his game-winning homer and, in the dressing room, he was the center of interest for a host of Kubek, promoted to leadoff, opened writers. The 25-year-old third baseman. who has hit more major league homers (222) at his age than any player in Spahn. He moved shead on Eauer's history, said, "Man, I just had to come twenty-eighth in Series history, with the

Cliff-Hanger

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through. I had about ten relatives out there from Iowa and California and Milwaukee's third double-killing—in about ten of my in-laws came down the eighth—was the most vital one. from upper Wisconsin. I hope," he added, "that they didn't leave when the Yankees went ahead."

> A season's record of 11,792 cars Jammed the Stadium's parking lot. The parking fee is only 25 cents.

which just beat Tony at first.

The Braves also blew a chance to core in their eighth. Schoendienst of ducks on the pond yesterday."

YOGI HAS MITT FOR KNUCKLER

like a candidate for the ash can. "It's the only thing I can hold his knuckler with," Yogi explained. When Joe Garagiola, Yogi's boyhood buddy, and brought out two dollars. "Here," he Then came the ninth and tenth-in- said, "I'm starting a collection to buy you a new glove." One of the fans also got off a good wisecrack at Berra's ex-pense. He yelled, "Hey Yogi, how are things at Harvard."

> Manager Fred Haney declined to discuss what he had said to Warren Spahn when he went out to the mound in the ninth inning, just before Elston Howard smashed his game-tying homer for the Yankees. However, Spahn, in self-rebuke, disclosed, "He told me not to do what I then did-get the ball inside where Howard could pull it."

The extra-inning game was the

Adeock's Bat, Luck Charm Proved Lucky for Mathews

MILWAUKEE, Wis.-Eddie Mathews didn't even use his own weapon in beating the Yankees into submission, October 6. It belonged to his teammate, Joe Adcock.

"I borrowed Joe's bat," the young slugger revealed after his dramatic tenth-inning homer had enabled the Braves to square the World's Series at

"My bat has a knob at the end of it and my right hand was sore from the constant rubbing against it. So I decided to switch to Joe's model,

which weighs the same but doesn't have a knob." . The otherwise undemonstrative Mathews flashed a big grin as he told

"I was the happiest guy in the world when I went around the bases, believe me. This beats everything I've ever done before."

Hardly superstitious by nature, Mathews disclosed that he carried a luck charm and three pennies in his back pocket.

"I had gone 0 for 8 before this," Eddie pointed out, "and I was willing to try anything. I've never believed in charms before, but this makes a believer out of me."

Les Biederman, baseball writer for the Pittsburgh Press, had stuck the luck charm in Mathews' pocket before the game the day before. "It had a sort of delayed action," Eddie laughed.

Biederman told him he had tried it with Ralph Kiner, the old Pirate slugger, years ago and recently with Frank Thomas. "They worked all the time," the Pittsburgh writer assured Eddie.

As Eddie went down the stairs leading to the dugout, another visiting scribe, Charles Feeney of the Long Island Star-Journal, put three pennies in his pocket.

"Just for luck," Feeney whispered in Mathews' ear. LOU CHAPMAN.

Braves' victory marking the thirteenth; won by home clubs. The visiting teams had copped 12 of the overtime contests and the three others had ended in ties.

LOGAN SETS MARK FOR ASSISTS HEN Johnny Logan threw out Jerry Coleman in the tenth inning, the chance gave the Braves' shortstop a new Series record for assists at his position with ten. The high in a nine-inning game, tied by Logan, is nine, set by Roger Peckin-paugh of the Yankees, October 5, 1921.

The extra inning enabled Hank Bauer to extend his Series hitting streak to 11 straight games—seven last year and four this year. He had gone hitless in four trips until he tripled in the tenth.

Charlie Root, the Braves' pitching coach, reported that when the Yankees went ahead in the tenth inning, some fans sitting near the bull pen tore up their tickets for the fifth game and left the park in disgust.

W HEN Manager Casey Stengel stoping to grab a wild pickoff throw, fell on Mickey's right shoulder. Some of the press and radio-TV men had been told about the injury in confidence. Mel Allen, describing the tenth inning on Gillette's telecast, broke the news when Mantle trotted off the field, with Tony Kubek moving to center and Enos Slaughter taking over in left.

Casey Stengel had a simple and direct answer when someone asked him why

Six of Yankees Had Played at Two or More Positions

NEW YORK, N. Y. - Versatility could be a key to Yankee successes. In the second game of the World's Series, the Yankees had six players in their lineup who could play anywhere from two to five positions. All have actually played these positions in major league competition,

Here is the list:

Tony Kubek, two in outfield, third base, shortstop and second base.

Gil McDougald, shortstop, second and third base. Jerry Coleman, shortstop, second

and third base. Elston Howard, outfield, catcher and first base.

Yogi Berra, catcher and outfield. Mickey Mantle, outfield and shortstop.

Torre's Home Run His First in Two Years at Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis .- The home run that Frank Torre belted in the fourth inning of the fourth game was not only his first Series hit, but also his first round-tripper in Milwaukee in two seasons with the Braves. He had no homers during 1956, but hit five, all on the road, the past season.

Don Dix, public address announcer at St. Paul (American Association), who was seated in the right field bleachers, caught the drive. A boy brought Dix the message that Torre wanted the ball for a souvenir. Dix delivered it after the game and was given two front box seat tickets as a reward by the first baseman. JOE HENNESSY.

remove Mickey Mantle from the he had not ordered an intentional pass game, the defensive shift provided for Eddie Mathews in the tenth inning; the first disclosure that the Yankee "I though the feller out there (Bob slugger had suffered a shoulder injury. Grim) could get him out," said the Yang

He was hurt in the first inning of the kee manager. "It just didn't turn out third game when Red Schoendienst, try- that way."

BRAVES EQUAL RECORD FOR RUNS FIGHE Braves tied the all-time Series record for most runs scored in an extra inning when they came from behind with three markers in the tenth. The Giants scored three runs against the Athletics, October 8, 1913, and three against the Indians, September 29, 1954, and the Yankees did it against the Reds, October 8, 1939, all in the tenth inning.

Mickey Mantle, in his by-lined story distributed to a number of newspapers, said the defeat was "the most bitter experience our team has had since I became a Yankee, No less at any time hurt us so much, or left us more disappointed and mad at ourselves."

Lou Perini, owner of the Braves, was on the verge of tears in his excitement and happiness over his team's great victory. "I couldn't stand another one like this," he said. "It would kill me, And I think it would have killed the fans here, too, if we had lost." Perint rushed from his box seat through the dugout into the dressing room and was the first to congratulate the Braves on their comeback triumph.

HILL RIVALS SQUARE ON PITCHES ARREN SPAHN threw 126 pitches, exactly the same number as his five rivals. The Yankee breakdown: Tom Sturdivant, 55 pitches; Bobby Shantz, 34; Johnny Kucks, 15; Tommy Byrne, 13, and Bob Grim, 9. Spahn's wife, Lorene, who kept encouraging him with chirps of "Atta boy, Warren," during the game, said, "I can see where I'm going to add a tiny gold baseball with a diamond in it to my charm bracelet. Warren promised to

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ARGUMENTS PROVE ALL-STAR GAME'S VALUE

The National League's satisfaction in winning the twentieth annual All-Star Game was all the keener because the outcome represented the fourth successive triumph over Casey Stengel, who, as the Yankee pilot, had humbled the National's pennant winners for the same length of time in World's Series competition.

The triumph of Chuck Dressen's stellar crew effectively disposed of any contention that the American League, by virtue of its World's Series reign, was the stronger circuit. Perhaps the Yankees might be the standout individual club over the past four years, but the National had demonstrated its superiority over a similar period in contests involving the collective stars of the two loops.

The American League's 1953 defeat also served to sharpen the criticism of Stengel in the ranks of his own league for some of his omissions on the All-Star squad. These critics felt that Casey erred in not picking such pitchers as Mel Parnell of the Red Sox, Bob Porterfield of the Senators and Alex Kellner of the Athletics, and in passing up Infielder Pete Suder of the A's. However, as long as the All-Star managers are charged with making some of the selections, there will be criticism of this kind, for they must use their own judgment in picking the men they believe are best suited for the available spots.

While the fourth consecutive victory of the National and the fourth setback in a row for Stengel as the American League manager was the outstanding feature of the game itself, there was a significant development in the voting that disturbed many observers. This was the strong campaign for ballots staged in the final week by Cincinnati partisans for Ted Kluszewski and Gus Bell of the Reds, which enabled both players to win starting places.

THE SPORTING NEWS received an avalanche of complaints about the over-zealous tactics used by some Redleg fans who wanted to be certain that their favorites topped the list at their respective positions. According to these charges, everything from bottle labels to box

tops was inscribed with the names of the Cincinnati stars and sent in, often with names and addresses chosen from the telephone book. This publication has no way of knowing whether the fans of

any other cities were equally resourceful. And there is no intention here to challenge the right of Ted and Gus to their places.

No harm was done-but the incident suggests a situation of the future in which the fans could make a satire of the annual election and man the teams with players clearly not entitled to the honor.

At best, the ballot process which has been in use is on the freewheeling side. There is nothing to prevent a fan-or club official or player, for that matter-from clipping out as many newspaper ballots as he pleases, sign them with fictitious names and addresses and send them to one or more newspapers. Certainly no sports department in the country takes the time and trouble to check the identity of every voter—and to make sure that he voted only once.

It isn't easy to see what can be done about the situation. After all, the object is to make it as simple as possible for the fans to express their preferences, so publication of the ballots in this and other papers is a logical approach.

Besides, neither baseball nor the papers can be expected to set up the sort of election machinery which goes into action when the voters turn out to choose the President of the United States.

But until a better plan is hit upon, it does seem that elementary fairness to all candidates calls for use of the more or less formal ballots printed in the papers. The bottle label and box top system of voting is an affront to a great occasion.

However, regardless of all the criticism that inevitably accompanies an event of such national interest, the tremendous enthusiasm aroused by the 1953 All-Star Game again proved its value as an annual it always was. "Never had to fixture on baseball's calendar. Arguments merely confirm the strong leave a game with a sore arm," interest which the game holds for the fans, for if the event did not he said. "Of course, there were have such a high place in their affections, or represent so much to some occasions when I had to be them from a standpoint of competition, they would not even bother taken out for what is commonly to debate its controversial features.

GIANTS SHOW HOW TO REBUILD PITCHING

Young Allan Worthington's spectacular double shutout in his the customers are pretty sharp along first two major league games not only gave a big lift to the Giants in their hopes of another "little miracle" stretch drive, but was so rich in baseball drama that it served to afford inspiration to other young pitchers striving for recognition.

It is unusual enough for a rookie to pitch one shutout in his big a few times when I should have listenleague bow, but two in succession represent a prodigious feat. In ed to the fans, but you're always temptaddition, the circumstances under which Worthington accomplished ed to give a fellow one more 'out' his second calcimining made his performance all the more sensational. For 24 consecutive games no pitcher, not even Robin Roberts, had been able to restrain the Dodgers from hitting one or more homers. But Worthington stopped them one short of tying the being roughed up and the fans were

able to shut out Brooklyn, until young Allan came along. For the last three years, the Giants have been able to pluck a pitching prodigy out of seeming thin air. In 1951, they won the pen- then sat down again. Why? "Because I nant as they uncovered Al Corwin as a pinch pitcher who won five got thinking about him," said the Redgames, lost one, with particular nuisance value against the Dodgers, bird boss. in a blazing stretch drive. Last year, Bill Connelly, as a chap who just dropped in, made it 5-0 in the clutch, which was sufficient to

Worthington, who may be the most valuable of the three. It must be that someone in the Giants' organization, perhaps probably go all the way and look good Carl Hubbell, has the talent and imagination to measure these minor enough so we could keep him. leaguers against major standards, toss in a dash of rooting interest,

and give the boys a chance. Worthington is not the only 1953 newcomer to the Giants' staff who has made a favorable showing. The Polo Grounders salvaged vanked him then, but the fans, who Ruben Gomez from Puerto Rico after he had left the Yankee chain. If Marvin Grissom follows his first Giant win with others, there will ture, knew he should have gone be red faces among the seven American League and three National sooner." League clubs which waived on the veteran. In Worthington the Giants have a pitcher who apparently did not interest the Cubs, who

some time ago had first call on him. In rebuilding their staff this season, the Giants provide an season, belted Paul with disdain. object lesson to clubs which sit in a corner moaning about a staff which lacks depth and lamenting there is not a pitcher to be found game and as he reached first, I just anywhere, for love or money. The Giants have shown that they can be found-by a resourceful front office.

and Derringer

Paul Recalls Time Ump Called Strike on Cuyler -By JOHN P. CARMICHAEL-of the Chicago Daily News CINCINNATI, O.



The house is 50 years old and stands atop a hill. There's a kid-sized swimming pool in the back yard and between that and the back porch, Faul Derringer was broiling steaks and saying:

Paul Derringer quite a character, the old man. . . .'

He'd been talking about Bill Klem, the No. 1 umpire of his day ... and of the afternoon that Paul was pitching to Kiki Cuyler of the Cubs. He decided to throw "Ki" a sidearm curve by way of third base. The ball started out so wide that Cuyler fell down on the theory it was going to

As he lay there, he heard Klem say: 'Strike two." Kiki leaped to his feet in amazement and said to Bill: "You don't mean to tell me that ball got a piece of the plate?"

Klem gave Cuyler a blank look and said: "It fooled me, too, young man, but I'm still standing. . . ."

Another day that Derringer relieved was also against the Cubs with Gilly Campbell hitting and Klem, of course, behind the dish.

Paul let one fly that Bill called a strike and Campbell stepped out of the box. "That thing was two feet outside," he yelled.

Klem took off his mask and raised his index finger. "For your information, sir," he began, "I've made quite a study of this pitcher and I can assure you he hasn't been a foot away from the plate in 15 years. . . . "

· Stories about anybody as colorful as Klem always lead to one more. Paul thinks it was Jim Wilson catching one afternoon with Klem doing the calling.

Wilson was fidgeting around all through the game, muttering to Bill and pulling every pitch over to the center of the plate as if to second-guess the old "arbitrator."

In the dressing room one of the other umps asked Bill: "What was the matter with Wilson . . . jumping around like that?"

"Did you see him?" barked Klem. "Just imagine that guy spending the whole game trying to make me call one wrong."

Never a Sore Arm

Paul must weigh 280 pounds now, but his arm is as pliable as called ineffective hurling." laughed and added: "But even the fans could tell when it wasn't my day."

As a matter of fact, it was agreed, such lines as knowing when a pitcher should be taken out.

Somebody recalled Eddie Stanky, the Cardinal manager, saying: "I remember against your better judgment."

Eddie cited a case early in the spring when one of his young pitchers was major league record. Since last September no pitcher had been yelling at Eddie: "Get him outta there . . what are you waiting for?"

Stanky got up to yank the kid and

"He had a wife and a baby and there he was trying to make a job for himkeep the crippled Giants in the race up to the final week. Now it is | self and maybe if he could get the next hitter, he'd pull himself together and

"So I let him face one more man. The guy doubled home enough runs to take the game away from us. weren't thinking of his family or fu-

The big hitters never bothered Derringer much. But guys like Leo Durocher, who averaged around .250 per

"Leo got his third hit off me one stood and looked at him and he started to laugh and said: 'I know, Paul, it ain't right, but at least I keep 'em inside * the park.' That was a big help, at that." | does if he had a million.

Bouncing Around



Old Warhorse Shows Heels to Pair of Colts

CINCINNATI, O.

This was to be an essay about two great kids who started in the 1953 All-Star Game, written in the gloaming as soon as possible after completion of the twentieth mid-summer baseball spectacle at Croslev Field.

It's still going to be a piece about Marvelous Mickey Mantle, the New York Yankees' fantastic 21-year-old genius, and Elegant Eddie Mathews, the Milwaukee Braves' pace-setter in baseball's power department, who is Mickey's senior by exactly one week.

Mantle and his lengthy drives, as measured and attested by Red Patterson, the Yankee surveyor, and Mathews' slightly shorter homers to a total of 27, with 75 runs batted in at the time of the All-Star



Would They Hustle Like Enos If They Had a Million?

Game on July 14, certainly remain subject matter for a character comparison treatise.

But on this night of the All-Star Game I found it necessary to sit and pender about some of the other gentlemen in the spectacle who had a tendency to derail me in my "youth will be served" theme.

Before I got to the discussion of these two 21-year-olds, born a week apart in the near Southwest, I ask your indulgence while I doff my fading straw skimmer in respect to a few fine old gents who took the glamor rays off these wonderful youths, with especial attention to a 37-year-old of unbelievable skill, hustle, inspiration, moxie, sinew, cerebrum and cerebellum. I refer to Enos Slaughter and a few of his aged contemporaries who also played throughout the 1953 game along with one of our aforesaid fiery youths, Mathews.

No Hits for Either Mickey or Eddie

In the ether wave "roundup" on the eve of the All-Star contest, Del Webb, co-owner of the Yankees and the deed to Mantle, said over the radio that the principal interest the 1953 game held for him was the chance to compare the two spectacular youths, Mickey and Eddie, a thought shared by many fans, myself included.

Except for giving beholders of the game the opportunity to make comparison in the physical setup, Mickey and Eddie presented the All-Star patrons and television viewers with little chance for a comparative sizeup.

Mantle pleased his worshippers by insisting that he start in center field, as per the demand of the fans in the All-Star poll. He has been suffering from a sore leg and it would have been all right with his Yankee and All-Star boss, Casey Stengel, if he had sat on the bench, resting his sore leg, and perhaps learning something of the possibilities for a long-term outfielding career by

watching ol' Enos steal the show. Mickey, wounded though he was, stuck around for twice the three innings prescribed for starters, but never gave Surveyor Patterson a chance to measure even a safe bunt, much less a homer.

Mathews played the entire game, scored the first run of the afternoon after getting hit on the foot with a pitched ball, but never got the ball out of the infield.

The thing to do now is to forget the expected chance to compare the lads on the same field and talk about them and their talents.

As he came to the All-Star Game, Mathews, thoroughly sound, possessed a .304 batting average in 303 times at bat, led the majors with 27 homers and in runs batted in, with 75 in 83 games.

As Mantle fetched his suit roll to the unfamiliar terrain of Crosley Field for the All-Star Game, he was batting ten points higher than Mathews-.314 in 75 games—but he had driven in 57 runs to Eddie's 75 and knocked 13 homers to Eddie's 27.

Both Have the Muscles to Succeed

In pursuing the comparison of the two athletes, I find that Eddie is a couple of inches taller than Mickey, 6:01 to 5:11, and ten pounds heavier, 195 to 185.

There appears to be no considerable difference as to their muscular equipment. Both are extremely powerful for young gents so recently arrived at voting age.

Baseball people, scouts, players and the like, who have had the opportunity to watch the progress of both Mantle and Mathews, point out that Mantle, in center field, is in a more difficult assignment than Mathews, at third base.

There generally is some mention of the advantage Mantle has in being about equally effective right and lefthanded, as a switch-hitter.

After these routine observations, those interviewed appear to show a preference for Mathews as the more consistent of the two youths. Then they temporize by saying Mathews is fairly fast but not nearly so rapid as Mantle.

Some say that the handsome bachelor, Mathews, has a personality that sparkles a little more than that of husband and father Mantle. It is agreed that both are conscientious, modest and eager to learn.

How They Both Can Make a Million

Mantle, who is said to get a salary of around \$17,500 from the Yanks, gets much more than this on the side, but is said to have a flair for becoming mixed up with agents, television, endorsements and otherwise.

Mathews gets no such salary, never has dipped into a World's Series pot, and hasn't been beset with agents to any great extent. But he's learning fast about sidelines and will keep on learning, though Milwaukee hasn't as many agents as New York. Besides, Mathews, although born in Texarkana, Tex., rates as a Californian, a Santa Barbara boy. Santa Barbara hasn't as many agents as Hollywood, but let Eddie get into a World's Series and swarms of agents from Hollywood, Santa Barbara and points east will be helping him make side dough-for the nominal agent's fee.

I predict that if Mickey and Eddie bear down like Enos Slaughter has all his baseball life, and 16 years hence can play like Enos did in the 1953 All-Star Game, they'll both be millionaires.

Not that I think Enos has a million. Maybe he wouldn't hustle like he

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CARD GUIDE FANS' GOLD MINE HE 1954 Budweiser Baseball Guide. published by THE SPORTING NEWS in conjunction with the Cardinals, contains virtually everything a Redbird fan will want to know



Harry Coray

about his favorite club, as well as other major league teams. From the diagram of the park and its handy reference to seat

locations on page 4 to the Cardinals' schedule on the inside of the back cover, the book sparkles with Bob Broeg's

description of renovated Busch Stadium, Harry Caray's thrills in nine years of broadcasting Cardinal games, Bill Stern's instructions on how to article on which was the best Redbird team, the world champions of 1925, '31 or '34,

The 130-page, pocket-size book also contains major league averages for nicknames, a character sketch of Manager Eddie Stanky, "Little Guy With Big Will to Win," All-Star Game results, final-game box scores of all the World's Series in which the club has season. Mathews, in only his third participated, the lifetime records of all | year in the majors, should go on draw-Cardinal players voted into the Hall ing big paychecks, based on his longof Fame, and numerous other interesting sections.

by sending 25 cents to Harry Caray, Box 11, St. Louis, Mo.

MATHEWS PROFILED BY LOOK

To N"HIS article, "Eddie Mathews. . . . The Milwaukee Blaster," Tim Cohane, in the May 4 issue of Look. states: "He's the home run king of the majors at 22. So fans are asking: 'Is he the one who'll top Ruth's 60?' "

Author Cohane states that the lad who hit 47 home runs last year will never play third base like Billy Cox of the Dodgers, but he adds hastily that he won't have to because of the potence of his big bat.

And while the scribes have been wondering if Mathews will break Ruth's home run mark, established in 1927, Look's sports editor believes the odds are against Eddie, since he plays half of his 154 games in Milwaukee's County Stadium, where new grandstand additions edging onto the infield have cut the distance from home plate to the rightfield barrier, but the barrier has been made much higher. Actually, it's 376 feet in straightaway right to 397 feet in right-center, where Mathews polls most of his round-trippers.

But his old boss, Earl Mann, head of the Atlanta Crackers of the Southern Association, who once saw Eddie crack a homer that carried over 500 feet, predicts freely that the kid will shatter Ruth's record. "Ed will break Ruth's mark sooner or later," says Mann.

Given a trial at Milwaukee, when the city held an American Association franchise in 1951, Eddie was shunted aside, sent to bat only nine times and came through with three hits, one a homer, before being sent on his way to Atlanta. Now he's the toast of Milwaukee!

In the spring of 1952, when Tommy Holmes was managing the Braves, he attempted to experiment with Mathews in the outfield. However, when the kid collided with three bystanders, including Commissioner Ford Frick, and broke his nose, the idea was given up and Mathews was shifted to third base when Bob Elliott, who had been playing there, was sent to the Giants.

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Right Pitch



APPEARING in Grand Forks, N. D., for a concert, Helen Traubel, famous soprano and formerly a stockholder in the Browns, score a game and J. Roy Stockton's helped to launch an advance ticket drive for the Northern League club, April 6, by purchasing a book of tickets from President E. M. Shields. The 1953, park diagrams, history of club Grand Forks club, which is operating independently, set \$15,-000 as the goal of the drive.

ball hitting, Cohane predicts.

Last year, he chummed around with Copies of the book may be obtained | Sid Gordon, a fashion plate, and Sid got him interested in fancy clothes. Because a college degree didn't appeal to him, he turned down several football scholarship offers.

MATHEWS A SECOND RUTH?

TNVEILING of a "second Babe Ruth" is almost as much a part of baseball's opening day ceremonies as the ritual of throwing out the first ball. Tom Meany declares in his article, "The Wrists That Made Milwaukee Famous," in the April 30 issue of Collier's.

Milwaukee's nomination, Meany writes, is "Ed Mathews, third baseman of the Braves, leading home run hitter of the majors in 1953 and a more solid choice than the majority of his predecessors.

"Ruth left behind him many home run records, at least two of which have been thought unbreakable—the 60 he clouted in the 1927 season, and his lifetime total of 714," Meany continues. "Mathews, at twenty-two, already has hit 72 home runs in a two-year career, a total the Babe didn't reach until he was 25. And Ruth was 32 the year he collected his record 60; log-

in baseball today. His peak years lie striking out nine. ahead of him.

the sloping shoulders and powerful the second. wrists of the true slugger."

Mathews, however, has some mighty tough obstacles in his assault on Ruth's records, Meany points out. While admitting that the distance down the right field foul line at Milwaukee Stadium is not tremendous, Meany emphasized the barrier dips sharply away in right field.

"Another drawback for Mathews at Milwaukee is that the park is built on low ground; the air is heavy and ball players insist, meteorologists to the contrary, that drives do not carry as far under these atmospheric conditions," Meany writes, "Still another problem Ruth never had to face is night baseball. The strain of playing under lights and following up a night game with another contest the next afternoon takes its toll."

Opening-Day N. L. Results Reverse Final '53 Lineup

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The National League turned itself upside down in the opening-day games, April 13, when all of last year's second-division clubs won and all of the firstdivision teams lost. The winners were the fifth-place Giants, sixthplace Reds, seventh-place Cubs and eighth-place Pirates. The champion Dodgers, second-place Braves and the Cardinals and Phillies, who tied for third in 1953, were the openinggame losers.

Montgomery Negroes' Bow Attracts 6,214

One of Pair Hits Two-Run Homer on First Time at Bat

By ELLWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS, Ga. The Class A South Atlantic League opened its fifty-first season, April 13, marked by the near-record attendance at Montgomery, the "Cradle of the Confederacy," where 6,214 turned out to see two Negro players in Rebel uniforms.

Augusta pulled 3,161 fans, Jacksonville 3,116 and Columbus 3,345, giving the league a total of 15,836.

The large turnout at Montgomery was rewarded with a thriller when the Rebels battled the Columbus Cardinals for three hours and 55 minutes before scoring a 3 to 2 decision in 15 innings.

One of the two Negro players in the Montgomery lineup-Big John Davis, a 33-year-old, 220-pound outfielder who last year set a home run record in the Florida International League with 35slammed a two-run homer on his first time at bat in the first inning off Columbus Starter Paul Dewey.

For the next 13 innings Montgomery failed to score, but with two down in the last of the fifteenth, Right Fielder Joe Brunacki threw wildly past the Cardinal infield into the Columbus dugout on Ray Cabanaw's single and George Schaufele, who had walked, scored all the way from first.

Columbus Manager George Kissell is believed to have set a league record when he used a total of eight pitchers in the game. After Dewey, he called on Gene Bone, Jack Roberts, Luis Arroyo, Bill Howard, Chico Cortez, Bob Musenfechter and Len Wile.

Lawrence Goes Route for Rebels

Meanwhile, Ernie Lawrence, who scored only four wins against ten losses last season, went the distance for Montgomery, giving up 11 hits, one of which was a home run by First Sacker Ray Mendoza which tied the score in the fourth.

The other Negro in the Montgomery lineup was George Handy, third sacker, Another Negro player, Shortstop Chico Terry, the first of his race to wear a Columbia Red uniform, slammed a two-run triple in the third inning to help pace Manager Ernie White's club to a 6 to 1 decision over the Charlotte Hornets, who returned to the league as

a replacement for Charleston, S. C.

At Jacksonville, the 1953 league chamically, then, young Ed has a ten-year | pions jumped on Righthander Billy head start in which to better the mark. | Riale for four runs on as many hits in "The belief that Mathews will be- | the first inning and went on to score come the second Babe Ruth is held by a 5 to 3 decision over the Savannah Inmany veteran baseball men-managers, dians. Humberto Robinson, making his coaches and players. Nearly all agree first start for Jacksonville, went the that he is the greatest home run threat | distance, giving up only six hits while

The Augusta Rams were the only "Mathews has all the physical qual- home team that failed to win the openifications for a home-run king who er, the Macon Peaches pounding out a would challenge Ruth's records. Six 10 to 1 decision behind Reliever Bob feet one inch tall and weighing 200 Saban, who gave up only two hits after pounds, Ed is well proportioned, with taking over from Starter Walt Nothe in

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Little Collects Four Hits. But Ryan Sees Dark Side

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. - When Catcher Ed Little of the Miami Beach (Florida International) club rapped a triple, double and two singles, April 8, General Manager Joe Ryan of the Flamingos wore a worried expression.

Asked about his pessimism, Ryan explained that Little had been purchased from Miami to catch, sell scorecard advertising and think up promotional stunts.

If Little keeps up his slugging, Ryan explained, and something should happen to Roy Campanella, the Brooklyn Dodgers are likely to send a wire, "Send us slugger Little immediately."

Then, Ryan wanted to know, who would think up the promotional stunts?

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Aunt Sally's Gossip

FIVE NEW UMPS FOR SALLY HE SALLY LEAGUE started the season with five new umpires and three returning for another year. The holdovers are Jim Odom, Sam Van Hook and Hank Stein. Newcomers to the staff are Cal Drummond, acquired from the Georgia State League; Bob Willis, from the Wisconsin State: Harry Scharts, from the Piedmont League; Paul Kolach, from the Carolina League, and Walt Vanderhoof, who was signed after serving as an umpire for two weeks on a trial basis at the end of last season.

John Mullen, farm director of the Milwaukee Braves; Hugh Wise, supervisor of the National League club's minor league training base at Waycross, Ga., and Paul Waner, special batting tutor at the Braves' base, saw the Jacksonville opener.

After announcing he would retire from the game rather than join the Jacksonville club, Walt Linden, former Milwaukee catcher, had a change of heart opening game.

Catcher-Manager Clyde Kluttz of Sapop foul at Jacksonville, April 13, and was replaced by Bill Robinson,

St. Pete Pulls 3,589 to Top F-I Openers

Three Rainouts Reduce Miami's Turnout to 826

By JIMMY BURNS

MIAMI, Fla.

There is no mistaking which is Florida's best baseball city. The nod goes to St. Petersburg, spring training home for the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Yankees.

Additional proof of St. Pete's interest in the game came in the second round of Florida International openers when Rudy Laskowski's Saints played to 3,589 spectators. This was the largest crowd for any of the inaugurals.

Tallahassee attracted 1,800, which was considered excellent in view of pregame rain and the fact the capital city was making its debut in the F-I.

With such added attractions as a southpaw mayor, Harold Shapiro, making the first pitch and the high school band adding music and color, the Miami Beach Flamingos attracted 1,312. April 12.

Robert J. Reidy, Chicago industrialist and new owner of the Miami Beach Flamingos, was fairly well pleased with the turnout. He promised the fans that he, Joe Ryan, general manager, and Pepper Martin, starting his sixth season as an F-I manager, will do everything possible to bring the championship back to Miami Beach.

The Miami Sun Sox, rained out three straight nights, finally played their opening game on April 9, but drew only 826 cash customers, although there were 1,540 fans on hand when the original opener was washed away in the fourth inning.

On Sunday night, April 22, only 522 cash customers were present to see West Palm Beach hand the Sun Sox their initial loss of the season, 4 to 3.

Miller Urges More Promotion Dale Miller, new president of the league, attended the Beach opening. Miller, formerly general manager of Indianapolis and later administrator of the American Legion Junior baseball program, is urging the club owners to redouble their efforts to sell baseball in their cities. He insists that each club must undertake promotional efforts suited to its location.

Miller agrees with Jimmie Foxx, former big leaguer and later manager of St. Petersburg, that the F-I probably starts its season too soon. The towns on Florida's west coast need to recover from the pocketbook inroads made by big league exhibitions.

In the Miami area, the competition with pari-mutuel sports is too keen at this time of the year. While 1,300 were watching the Flamingos, 3,900 were attending the dog races at the Miami Beach Kennel Club a couple of miles away. The dog track closed on April 16. However, Biscayne, in the north end of Miami, runs through May and the Gulfstream horse track does not close until April 23.

Joe Paul, new business manager at Miami, sees the need for introducing the Sun Sox to a lot of people in a hurry. He is seeking Owner Jose Aleman's permission to stage a 35-cent night, when each fan would be admitted for that price.

Paul also met with the Boosters Club, April 11, in an effort to come up with some new ideas for increasing attendance at Sun Sox games. The club hopes to interest various indusand reported to the Tars in time for the trial organizations in staging special nights.

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More Ruth Loop Leaders Named

TRENTON, N. J.-Babe Ruth League state commissioners for the New England Region have now been elected with the exception of Rhode Island's commissioner. All of the leagues, each consisting of at least four teams of 13, 14 and 15-year-old boys, participate in state elections.

Stamford, Conn., New England Regional champion in 1952 and 1953, entered the "World's Series" in Trenton, N. J., and emerged as world champions each time.

The following men have been elected as state commissioners: Connecticut - Edward Hunt, Stamford; Massachusetts-Colin Keegan, Pittsfield; New Hampshire-Dr. Francis Hand, Manchester; Vermont-Guido Targuinio, Barre. The New England Regional commissioner will be selected from this group in the near future.

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All-star tournament sites for each of these states will be announced soon. All state tournaments must be completed by August 1, with the state champions competing in regional elimination the following week.