Jurges Polished Mathews' Third Basing To Give Braves' "New Ruth" Quick Start

By MURRAY OLDERMAN

NEW YORK (NEA) — They're calling he Braves' rookie, Ed Mathews, the new Babe Ruth, but his long distance slugging alone didn't land the cherub-cheeked lad his job.

Mathews didn't figure to stick this season because he was supposed to be a weak sister around third base.

"Yeah, they said he was weak in the field," agrees one of the Boston pitchers, "but I should only be so weak."

First, there's nothing puny about a 20-year-old kid who weighs a solid 194 pounds. And he's been moving that weight with creditable agility around third base. Modest Ed gives Coach Billy Jurges, the old Cub and Giant shortstop, credit.

"Billy worked on me all Spring," says the youngster. "He made me bend my knees more to get a better shot at the ball.

"My hitting's another story. I'm striking out too much."

Mathews' average hasn't been soaring like his left-handed home run shots. Southpaws give him lots of trouble.

"But," he smiles, "it didn't stop me from hitting my first major league homer off a lefty — Ken Heintzelman — in Philadelphia.

"My biggest thrill? Just being in the big leagues is thrill enough for me."

Eddie made it in two years after snubbing 14 other bids to sign with the Braves the night of his high school graduation in 1949.

"One o'clock in the morning to be exact," he recalls.

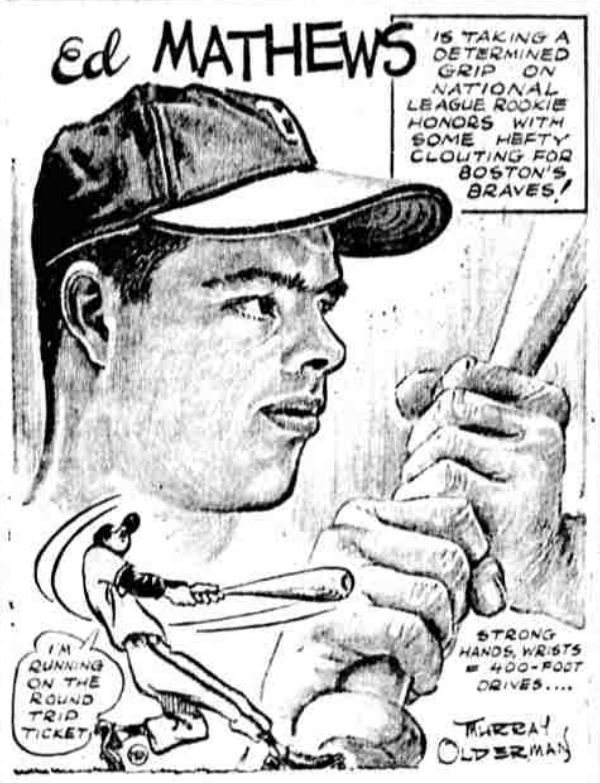
"Why the Braves? Well, I figured Bob Elliott was getting old, and they were my best bet."

By 1951 he had solidified his future with his long range clouting at Atlanta. His 32 homrs are still vividly recalled in the Southern Association. No Chinese homers for Mathews. His go 400 feet or more, propelled by fine wrist action.

Power almost made a campus football hero of him. He was a prep fullback in Santa Barbara, and a good one. His team held St. Anthony's of Long Beach to a tie in southern California's championship game. And who did the Long Beach team have opposite Eddie at fullback? Just about the best in the nation today—Johnny Olszewski of California.

Mathews could have gone to any school on the coast or to Georgia, but chose baseball instead. Any regrets?

"Are you kidding?" grins Ed Mathews, soaking in the big league atmosphere around him.



ROSE QUEEN — Jeanne Wallace, 18, pretty Portland high school student is pictured in regal robes after being selected as queen of the Portland Rose Festival. Queen-elect Jeanne and her court of seven princesses, all high school girls, will reign during the annual rose event, June 11 to 15.

POWER-FUL—Vic Power is punishing American Association fences batting .350 for Kansas City. The youngster may be the long-ball hitting first baseman the Yankees are seeking and the first Negro to play with the World Champions. (NEA)

Legion Nine Gets Tests

Klamath Falls' new American Legion Coca-Cola baseball team came out of a weekend shakedown tour with one win out of four games against Eugene and Albany.

City Recreation Director Bob Bonney said the Klamath nine showed "real promise."

For many of the local combine, it was the first competitive action in baseball.

The locals begin regular league play next week with a game at Medford.

Weekend line scores:

KF Coca-Cola	2	3	9
Eugene	12	7	2

George and Hatcher; Hinkle and Bowan.

KF Coca-Cola	0	4	4
Eugene	5	7	0

Mitchell and Yarnell; Pollard, Ahre and Bowman.

KF Coca-Cola	4	6	1
Albany	2	5	2

Hatcher and Yarnell; Smith, Sitser, Willert, Fox and Bradley and Johnson.

KF Coca-Cola	1	6	1
Albany	6	6	1

Mitchell, Hanson and Lawver; Willert, Hadley and Bradley and Johnson.

The University of Alabama's new track coach, Herb Hodges, formerly coached high school teams at Wheaton, Ill.

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MINOR LEAGUE Results

By The Associated Press

SUNDAY'S games

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Baltimore 3-3 Toronto 1-1
Syracuse 11-6 Montreal 9-5
Ottawa 5-0 Rochester 0-8

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Minneapolis 8-4 Toledo 5-5
St Paul 12-7 Columbus 7-15
Indianapolis 10-2 Milwaukee 9-1
Kansas City 14-3 Louisville 12-1

TEXAS LEAGUE
Beaumont 3-2 Dallas 0-5
Shreveport 10 Fort Worth 6
Houston 4-1 Oklahoma City 3-0
San Antonio 4-1 Tulsa 0-3

PIONEER LEAGUE
Magiv Valley 10 Great Falls 6
Boise 6 Billings 2
Pocatello 6 Salt Lake 2
Idaho Falls 12 Ogden 10

N.C. Loop Lead Tied

The Northern California baseball loop was all tied up like a Father's Day gift today. Second-place Weed licked first-place McCloud, 6-4, yesterday to knot the loop lead. Other games yesterday wound up with Scott Valley, Tulelake and Dunsmuir tied for second place, each with .500 averages.

Line scores:

Tulelake	13	13	5
Mt. Shasta	6	13	6

Sowles and Falconer; Anderson, Carrington and Brooks.

Dunsmuir	19	17	7
Yreka	8	11	1

Williams and Cartwright; Behnke and Freeman.

Scott Valley	2	5	4
Hilt	9	13	2

Ruff, Sharp and True; Maddon and G. Trinka.

McCloud	4	7	1
Weed	6	13	5

Kersten and Denevi; Barron and Fuzza.

STANDINGS

McCloud	5	1	.833
Weed	5	1	.833
Scott Valley	3	3	.509
Tulelake	3	3	.500
Dunsmuir	3	3	.500
Mt. Shasta	1	5	.166
Yreka	0	6	.000

Merrill Wins Wild Game

Merrill decisioned Chiloquin, 11-8, yesterday as play officially opened in the Klamath Basin Independent League.

The game was a wild affair, with 19 runs, 19 hits and 20 errors.

Hendrickson and Sawes of Merrill led the hit parade, each getting three for five. Hendrickson got two doubles and a homer; Dawes collected three singles.

White and yellow bass belong to the sea bass family; black bass are members of the sunfish family.—Sports Afield

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Red Hot Rainiers Cop Doubleheader

By The Associated Press

The Seattle Rainiers, pre-season favorites to retain the Pacific Coast League pennant, have finally come to life after a dismal start.

Getting the pitching and hitting they lacked, the red hot Rainiers have won 10 straight games to lift themselves from the cellar into the first division.

They copped a doubleheader from San Francisco Sunday 6-0 and 4-1, for their first series sweep of the season. In other games Portland beat Hollywood 5-3 then lost 12-1, Oakland downed Sacramento 6-5 and 4-1, and San Diego split with Los Angeles, the Padres taking the opener 6-5 then losing 3-2.

In this week's series the soaring Rainiers meet seventh place Portland, league - leading San Diego takes on last place Sacramento, Hollywood tackles San Francisco and Los Angeles plays Oakland.

SHUTOUT

Bob Hall pitched a three - hit shutout against San Francisco in the opener, which was decided in the second inning when Al Lyons hit a homer with one aboard. Bob Boyd knocked another four-bagger in fifth.

Al Widmar had a shutout going in the nightcap until the sixth when the Seals, with two out, scored their only run of the afternoon on singles by Bill McCawley, Hank Biasatti and Reno Cheso.

A stiff breeze helped both Hollywood and Portland batters fatten their averages. Ten pitchers allowed 40 hits in the games, including five homers. One of the latter gave Hollywood's Frank Kelleher Cause for celebration — it was the 200th of his Pacific Coast League career.

FINALLY

Red Adams, who pitched the curtain raiser for Portland, finally got a win over the Stars. In his last two appearances against them he tossed two hitters, but lost 1-0.

Carlos Bernier and Dick Cole homered for Hollywood and Clint Conaiser for Portland. The breeze seemed to favor the Stars in the second tilt. They got 12 hits including homers by Kelleher and Ed Malone.

Tookie Gilbert set the pace for Oakland in the opener against Sacramento with a pair of doubles and a two-run homer. Dave Mann, former Oregon State College football star making his first appearance in a professional baseball game, was also a hero. Coming in as pinch hitter in the sixth he smacked a double that scored two runs and tied the score.

Spokane Dog Leads Pack

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — A black Labrador, Black Cloud, owned by Paul H. Hull of Spokane, outshone 60 of the nation's best dogs Sunday at the two - day licensed retriever trials at Turnbull wildlife refuge, eight miles from here.

Competing against Black Cloud in the open all-age were numerous international, Canadian and American champions.

Second place went to Adryn's Ace, owned and handled by Eddie Salvine, Seattle. The dog is an American and Canadian field trial champion and a Canadian national champion.

Bick Corsair, owned by Glen S. Miller, Sunnyside, Wash., and handled by Roy J. Gonia, was third.

Certificates of merit in the open all - age went to Van Cleve, owned and handled by Alfred H. Schmidt, Portland.

Saturday in the amateur all-age, Van Cleve, placed first. Black Joe, owned and handled by Maurice C. Tilden, Vancouver, Wash., was second. Ardyn's ace was third.

Certificates of merits went to Aleutian Water Spray, owned by John C. Lundy, Boise, Idaho, Black Cloud, and Black Corsair.

The horned toad is not a toad but a lizard, closely related to the iguanas of Mexico and Central America.—Sports Afield

Amo Bessone, Michigan State's new ice hockey coach, scrimmages regularly with his squad in practice.

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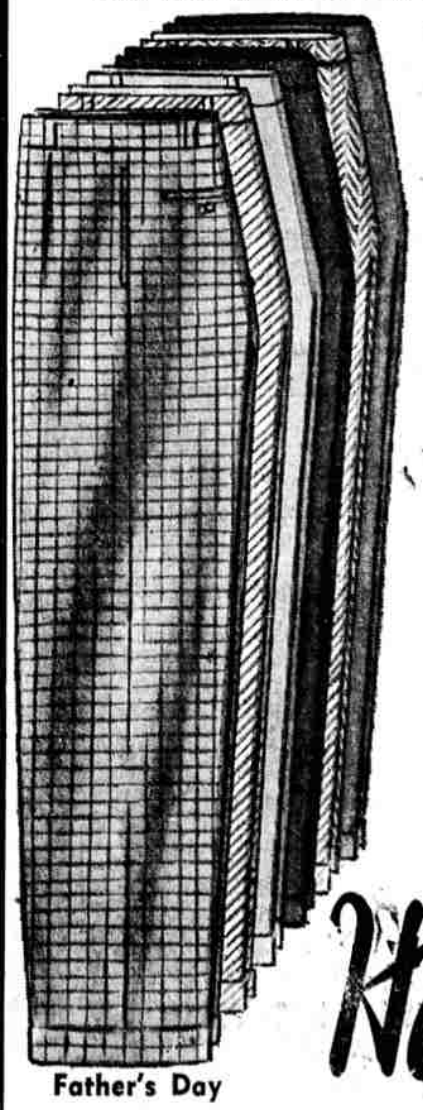

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