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Not everything that counts can be counted;
not everything that is counted is worth counting.
--Albert Einstein

In 1944, Yankee Manager Joe McCarthy became ill in spring training, returned home to Buffalo, and didn't rejoin the Yankees until May 10. In the interim, coach Art Fletcher managed the team to a 9-4 record. Yet none of the encyclopedias show Fletcher managing the team in 1944. I think that these 13 games should be credited to Fletcher, not McCarthy just like the 11 he managed at the end of 1929, which are correctly credited to him rather than Miller Huggins.

Pete Palmer responded to John Schwartz's question on Cleveland batter strikeouts in the 1895 Temple Cup Series. Pete says John is correct in reporting that Chief Zimmer had five. However, the strikeout given to Patsy Tebeau in Game Five should actually go to Chippy McGarr. So, Cleveland's nine strikeouts go to Harry Blake (2), Chippy McGarr (1), Cy Young (1), and Chief Zimmer (5).

On the matter of John's question about Elmer Gedeon's one RBI in 1939, Pete says that according to the "official" sheets it happened on September 19 in Washington's 10-9 victory over Cleveland. Washington's 10 RBI's in that game are given to Buddy Lewis (3), Mickey Vernon (2), Morrie Aderholt, Hal Quick, Sammy West, Early Wynn, and Gedeon. However, in checking the box score of this game in the Washington Post, Washington Star, and Cleveland Plain Dealer, I found the RBI's were credited to Buddy Lewis (3), Mickey Vernon (2), Morrie Aderholt, Hal Quick, Sammy West, Early Wynn, and *Al Evans*. This one remains temporarily undecided.

Ron Rakowski says his review of the 1961 American League season for Retrosheet has turned up more than 150 errors, mostly minor (except for his finds on Mantle and Maris), but errors nonetheless. Ron defines these errors as those made by the official scorer, which then got moved onto the official league sheets. For instance in a Yankee-Red Sox game at Boston on September 24, Hector Lopez replaced Yogi Berra in left field in the bottom of the fourth inning. But when Lopez batted in the sixth (he reached on an error) the at-bat was incorrectly given to Berra. Therefore, Berra's 1961 and lifetime records should have one less at-bat, and Lopez's should have one more.

Ron also found something interesting in the second game of a doubleheader between the Orioles and White Sox, played at Chicago on July 17, 1960. In the bottom of the 8th inning, with the White Sox leading 14-2, Busby went into the game as a catcher for the Orioles. He caught the one inning and had no putouts, assists or errors. The official records incorrectly show Busby playing centerfield in this game when in fact Gene Stephens played the entire game in center. So subtract one game in the outfield for Busby and add one behind the plate; his only one in the American League. Busby also caught one game in the National League, for Houston in 1962.

Ted DiTullio keeps a running count of home run leaders by letters of the alphabet and offers these corrections to the list in the February newsletter. Joe Carter (327) has passed Gary Carter for 5th place on the "C" list; Kirk Gibson (255) has passed Joe Gordon for fifth place on the "G" list; and Vada Pinson (256) is tied with Larry Parrish for fifth place on the "P" list.

I was pleased to see that many of the additions and corrections suggested by members of the Records Committee have made their way into the the 1996 edition of The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book. Here is a brief description of some of them:

Home run in first major league at-bat. In the AL, *Luke Stuart* of St. Louis (April 16, 1929).--**Herm Krabbenhoft**; also *Garey Ingram* of the Dodgers (May 19, 1994).--**Ross Adell**

Most runs scored at start of game with none out. Philadelphia has NL record: they scored *nine* runs against New York on August 13, 1948 before an out was made.--**Jim Smith**

Most times scoring 10 or more runs in one inning. Boston's AL record is 25--**Frank Williams**

Most assists by a catcher in a nine-inning game. NL record is seven; add *Fred Jacklitsch* to the list.
Most shortstops used, extra-inning game. The American League record is four. Add to that list: *Texas vs. Seattle, September 25, 1992, 16 innings.*--**Joe Dittmar**

Most unassisted double plays, career--outfielder. Tris Speaker holds the ML and AL record with *six*.
Most unassisted double plays, season--third baseman. NL record is *three*, by Harry Wolverton of Philadelphia (1902) and Heinie Groh of Cincinnati (1915).--**Ray Gonzalez**

Most strikeouts by pinch hitters, inning. AL record is three. Add *Cleveland vs. Detroit* (June 25, 1975)--**Greg Beston** and *Detroit vs. New York* (September 8, 1979)--**Bob Davids**

Most sacrifice hits, inning (no sacrifice flies)--AL record is three. Add *Oakland vs. Kansas City* (June 26, 1977 (1G)) and *Seattle vs. California* (April 29, 1984).

Most Runs Scored By Two Players, Game--NL record since 1900 is 11. Add *Mel Ott and Phil Weintraub* of the Giants (April 30, 1944 1G)--**Ed Brown**

Most Wild Pitches, Game Atlanta's Phil Niekro had six, but the date was *August 4, 1979 (2G)*.--**Clem Comly**

Also, **Steve Kanehl** says two errors that he informed TSN about are now listed correctly. They are the NL and ML Championship Series record for Most putouts, total series by a catcher--Gary Carter had 127. (He is tied with Bob Boone for the ML record.) Steve also pointed out to TSN that Ernie Lombardi's NL record for Most years leading league in passed balls should be 9. Lombardi didn't lead in 1942, Ray Lamanno did, as **Neil Munro** wrote in the Baseball Records Update-1993. Steve is a new member of the Records Committee. You can reach him at 881 Yorkshire Lane, Newport News, VA 23608; 804-875-0670

Following are some Record Committee discoveries that did not make it into this year's edition. All have appeared in previous editions of this newsletter and have been sent to The Sporting News. But this is an evolutionary process; perhaps in 1997.

While working on the 1961 American League season for Retrosheet, **Ron Rakowski** discovered that Roger Maris had "only" 141 RBI's that year (not 142), and therefore Baltimore's Jim Gentile, who also had 141, should be listed as AL co-leader. Also, because Mickey Mantle had only 131 runs-scored that year (not 132), Maris should be shown as the undisputed leader in that category.

Most consecutive games won from one club at home. TSN still lists the NL record as 18, by Milwaukee/Atlanta against New York in 1964-66 (p.125). **Seymour Siwoff** and **Jim Smith** say it should be 32, by Baltimore against Louisville in 1893-94. TSN lists the AL record as 22, by Boston against Philadelphia in 1949-50. Seymour says it should be 27 by Cleveland against St. Louis/Baltimore.

Most consecutive road games lost, season. TSN still lists the NL record as 22, by Pittsburgh in 1890 and New York in 1963 (p.125). **Bob Tiemann** discovered that the 1890 Pittsburgh club actually lost 41 consecutive road games, and that is the NL and major league record.

Most pitchers used by both clubs, inning The American League record is correctly shown (p.11) as seven. It happened in the ninth inning of a game between Chicago (4) and Baltimore (3) on July 16, 1955. However, while working on the 1975 Red Sox for Retrosheet, **Greg Beston** found another game in which seven pitchers were used in one inning. In the ninth inning at Baltimore on June 20, 1975, the Orioles used Mike Torrez, Grant Jackson, Doyle Alexander and Ross Grimsley, and Boston used Bill Lee, Reggie Cleveland and Roger Moret. And **Joe Dittmar** found a third game. September 3, 1983, at Oakland. In the ninth inning, the A's used Dave Beard, Tom Underwood, Ed Farmer, Curt Young, Bert Bradley, and Jeff Jones, while Cleveland used Dan Spillner.

Most games won by visiting clubs, season. For the NL as an 8-club league, TSN still has the record at 307 in 1948 (p. 129). **Jim Smith** says NL visiting clubs won 308 games in both 1917 and 1923.

Most runs by both clubs, 12th inning. TSN lists the AL record as 11 (New York 11, Detroit 0) on July 26, 1928 1G (p. 46). While that is correct, **Greg Beston** says there is an earlier game, May 14, 1923, where the same two teams combined for 11 runs in the 12th inning (New York 8 Detroit 3).

Boston Braves' record for longest 1-0 game won. The record is 13 innings. TSN says it happened five times, the last being May 11, 1921 vs Pittsburgh (p. 283). **Greg Beston** found a 13-inning 1-0 Braves victory against Brooklyn on May 4, 1923.

Most pinch-hitters used, extra-inning game and Most pinch-hitters used by both clubs, extra-inning game **Joe Dittmar** points out that these two records (p. 9), which occurred in the same game, between Oakland and Chicago, were set on September 19, 1972, not on September 17, 1972. Also, that three other records on this page were tied in the Atlanta-Montreal game of September 21, 1993. Most pinch-hitters used, nine inning game. Atlanta used nine. Most pinch-hitters used, inning. Atlanta used six in the 7thinning. Most consecutive pinch-hitters used, inning. Atlanta used five in the 7th inning.

Most catchers used by both clubs, game (page 10). The record is six, four times in the AL and three times in the NL. **Joe Dittmar** says we should add a fourth game to the NL list. New York at Chicago (17 innings), May 2, 1956: Giants used Ray Katt, Wes Westrum and Jim Mangan; Cubs used Hobie Landrith, Elvin Tappe, and Harry Chiti.

Greg Beston calls our attention to the following items in the new TSN Record Book. These are problems that have not appeared in these pages before.

On page 60, the record for Most runs in league, one day, in NL since 1900 is listed at 118, set July 21, 1923. Greg says NL teams scored 123 runs on August 18, 1995. (This record does not distinguish between an 8-team league and a 14-team league.)

On page 93 there are two separate entries for the Second Baseman record for Longest game with no putouts. Obviously, there is a typo here somewhere.

The American League record for Most right fielders used by both clubs, nine-inning game is five, shared by many clubs. Add the Boston at Oakland game of June 6, 1980. Boston used Jim Dwyer, Dwight Evans and Dave Stapleton; Oakland used Tony Armas and Mike Davis.

Jim Troisi discovered an error in the record of Ed MacGamwell, a Brooklyn first baseman who played in only four major league games, all in 1905. Jim checked the local newspapers and found these numbers for MacGamwell.

April 14 PHI 2-4
 April 15 PHI 2-4
 April 17 PHI 0-4
 April 18 BOS 0-3

However, on the league day-by-day sheets, provided by the Hall of Fame's Scott Mondore, MacGamwell is listed at 0-4 on the 18th. That would make him 4-16 on the season, which is the way he is shown in Total Baseball, The Baseball Encyclopedia, and The Sports Encyclopedia--Baseball. What the league sheets missed, and what is confirmed in the game stories that both Pete Palmer and I double-checked, is that in the game of the 18th, Charlie Babb batted for MacGamwell in the ninth inning. Therefore, MacGamwell's 1905 and lifetime record of four hits in 16 at-bats, should be changed to four hits in 15 at-bats.

As for Babb, The Baseball Encyclopedia shows him at 0-1 as a pinch-hitter in 1905, but that was for his appearance on July 25, when he popped out for pitcher Elmer Stricklett in the bottom of the ninth against St. Louis's Jack Taylor. Babb's 1905 record should list him 0-2 as a pinch, with 236 at-bats instead of 235, and 76 games instead of 75, with similar adjustments to his lifetime record.

John Matthew IV has found some errors in the source books for the dates of certain no-hitters.

Jay Cashion--Washington--August 20, 1912 (2G). Total Baseball has August 20, 1910.

Rube Foster--Boston (A)--June 21, 1916. Total Baseball has June 16, 1916.

Dutch Leonard--Boston (A)--June 3, 1918. The Sports Encyclopedia--Baseball has June 25, 1918.

Jim Bibby--Texas--July 30, 1973. Total Baseball has July 20, 1973.

Here, from Neil Munro, is a list of the twentieth century pitchers who allowed fewer than eight base runners per nine innings. (minimum 200 I.P)

<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>HB</u>	<u>BR per 9 IP</u>
Walter Johnson	1913	WAS (A)	346.0	232	38	9	7.260
Addie Joss	1908	CLE (A)	325.0	232	20	2	7.310
Christy Mathewson	1909	NY (N)	275.1	192	36	0	7.450
Greg Maddux	1995	ATL (N)	209.1	147	23	4	7.469
Ed Walsh	1910	CHI (A)	369.2	242	61	4	7.474
Christy Mathewson	1908	NY (N)	390.2	285	42	3	7.600
Mordecai Brown	1908	CHI (N)	312.1	214	49	5	7.720
Pete Alexander	1915	PHI (N)	376.1	253	64	10	7.820
Sandy Koufax	1965	LA (N)	335.2	216	71	5	7.830
Juan Marichal	1966	SF (N)	307.1	228	36	5	7.880
Bob Gibson	1968	STL (N)	304.2	198	62	7	7.890
Dave McNally	1968	BAL (A)	273.0	175	55	10	7.912
Ed Walsh	1908	CHI (A)	464.0	343	56	9	7.914
Sandy Koufax	1963	LA (N)	311.0	214	58	3	7.960
Luis Tiant	1968	CLE (A)	258.1	152	73	4	7.980