## Today's Sports

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NEW YORK (P) - Strapping Eddie Mathews won't break Babe Ruth's magic home run record of 60 round trippers this season but the mauler from Milwaukee al-ready has proved beyond doubt that here is the man who

may better the Bambino's mark.

As of the moment, handsome Eddie has 43 home runs As of the moment, handsome Eddie has 43 home runs in 133 games. Discounting the date and all the other camaflouge, he is four behind the Babe's record pace of 1927 in the matter of games played, for the Babe had 47 in 133 games. There is one gimmick that favors Eddie — the Braves have played two ties, so he gets 156 games against Ruth's season total of 154.

NEEDS 18 FOR RECORD

NEW YORK (P) — The high-riding New York Yankees blithely turned to maken ing plans for the World Series today, now that they have just about snuffed out the last flickering pennant hopes of the Chicago White

Nobody is going to surpass the Bambino's record — smashing September stretch run of 17 homers by much. Certainly Mathews can't be expected to get the 18 he needs for baseball's biggest record in the mere 23 games he has

But Eddie is just getting under way in this baseball business, and every sign points toward his eventually surpassing the immortal slugger's greatest mark.

Consider, first, that last season as a freshman he hit 25 homers. Ralph Kiner, whose seven - year reign Mathews is ending, hit only 23 to win the title as a rookie Then, too, Kiner at that time was 24 years old — but Eddie is only 21.

#### **BIG AND STRONG**

Mechanically and physically, Mathews has all the necessary qualifications. He is big and strong, six feet, one inch and 200 pounds, has a perfect swing and lightning reflexes. Kiner had those attributes, too, but lacked the power hitter behind him. Milwaukee will see that Eddie

gets such support.

The raves for Mathews came from all sections of the baseball world, but two of the finest come from the rival Brooklyn Dodgers to compliment the swing and reflexes which will keep Mathews front and center as a

home run swinger for the ages.

"You thing you've got the ball past him," says pitcher Carl Erskine, "and then he seems to hit it right out of the catchers gloev." "He has a fine level swing," adds Manager Church Dressen, "and he is one of the few lefthanded batters who don's seem to be bothered by lefthanded

One of the principal criticisms of Mathews is that he strikes out a lot. It may be pointed out that Ruth did, too.

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# Yankees Planning For World Se

# W. Sox Hopes

Phil Rizzuto's two-run single in ne fourth inning and Mantle's 17th omer in the seventh had given ord a 3-1 margin, but he was erricked when the Sox loaded the

bases with none out in the seventh. Sain came on and retired the side with only one run scoring to preserve the victory. Virgil Trucks was the loser.

DODGERS WHIP CARDINALS
The was the only night section.

R. C. Owls 9, Lexington 0 Marion 11, Shelby 5.

### Sports Shorts

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.: Joe Sal-cone, 129, Warren, O., drew with Harry Mujica, 133, Miami (F).

204, Tampa, outpointed Keene Sim mons, 220, Bayonne, N. J. (10).

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. (P) — A rugged group of foreign stars, headed by Australia's Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad, was favored today to grab seven of the final 16 berths in the fourth round of the wide-open scramble for the U. S. men's singles tennis championship.

JACKSONVILLE ® — They will wind up the 1953 seasons in the South Atlantic League tonight, and although the Jacksonville B-aves have won the pennant, there still should be a real scrap for third and fourth place. Four teams are in the battle for the bottom two spots of the first division. And fans in Macon, Savannah and Aug-

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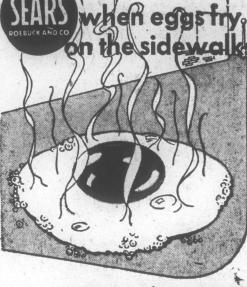
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