Mike Matheny is in the midst of leading the Cardinals to a potential post-season run. Since taking over for Tony La Russa, Matheny has seen his team finish in the top half of the National League in three consecutive seasons. He has been praised for his managerial style and the way he has been able to motivate his players. Matheny has been a part of the Cardinals organization for over two decades, having served as a player, coach, and manager. His leadership has been a key factor in the team's success over the years.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**Saint Louis Cardinals (67-66) at San Francisco Giants (53-83)**

Game 134  ★ AT&T Park  ★ September 1, 2017

Jack Flaherty (14-4, 2.18 at AAA) vs. Johnny Cueto (6-7, 4.59)

**LEADING OFF:** The St. Louis Cardinals are in the midst of their 12th season of play in the National League...the team today in the Nats stadium focuses on their game against the San Francisco Giants...the appearance of Carlos Martinez that NL Wild Card position...the Cardinals are currently +50 in run difference (6th in NL).

**POWER BALL NUMBERS:** The Cardinals have 7 players with 15+ HR's, tops among NL teams and 12nd in the majors. This is the 12th time they have had 7 players hit 15+ HR's last year, as they paced the NS with 22 home runs.

**DEJONG DELIVERING:** Rookie Paul DeJong leads the team in home runs (20) despite the injuries to several players. Riddle and Matheny have been a key part of the Cardinals' offense this season, with Riddle hitting .294 with 10 HRs and 100 RBIs and Matheny hitting .281 with 9 HRs.

**DEKSER PLOWERS:** It's a 2-1 lead for St. Louis as Riddle gets the Cardinals on the board in the 3rd inning. Tommy Pham had 2 hits and 2 RBIs as the team cruised to a 3-1 win.

**UPCOMING GAMES & PITCHING PROBABILITIES**

Sept. 2, Sat. 2 at GIANTS: Lanser Lynn (21-6, 1.35) vs. Chris Stratton (3-0, 3.32)

Sun., Sept. 3 at GIANTS: Luke Weaver (3-1, 2.48) vs. Jeff Samardzija (9-12, 4.43)

3:05 p.m.*

**3:** Single, 2 doubles, 3 triples, 4 home runs, 8 RBIs, 0 K, 0 errors, 1 walk, 0 HR, Reach on error, 0 sacrifice, 1 sac fly, 0 stolen bases, 1 sacrifice fly, 1 out, 0 errors.

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FLAHERTY CAREER MILB HITTING TOTALS

MAKES HIS MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUT...has appeared in 20 MLB games (8 starts) in 2017 at Career high in on-base percentage (.353) and batting average (.267) while compiling a .227 OBP and .390 SLG...

HAS 11 GRAND SLAM HOMERS in his career, 8 in the last 11 years...made his MLB debut on May 3, 2016 vs. STL...his 8th career home run...

BECAME A CARDINAL IN THE 1ST SERIES OF THE SEASON...had a .335 BA and .381 OBP at Memphis...played all four infield positions this year at the game-winning run in the bottom of the 9th in 3-2 walk-off victory...played six games with STL during call-ups...Tied after 7 innings                       2-11
 Leading after 7 innings                    60-5
 Extra innings                                4-7
 Tied after 9 innings                        17-7
 Leading after 9 innings                      37-6
 Extra innings                                4-7

FLAHERTY ‐ LAST THREE APPEARANCES (AAA MEMPHIS)

Has yielded 2 runs or fewer in nine outings, with six of those coming in two-run starts.

Recognized as a Texas League Midseason and Postseason All Star at Springfield (AA). Opened season 7-2 with a 1.42 ERA (.917 FIP) and 54 strikeouts. Yielded 2 runs or fewer in nine outings, with six of those coming in two-run starts.

First game of the month                          3-26
 First victory of the month                      4-13

Has 898 career K's in his career, needs one more to tie Larry Jackson (1955-62) for 10th all-time in STL history.

Since 7/1, is 4-1 with a 2.13 ERA (67.2 IP/16 ER) in 11 starts; 2nd in NL ERA, 8th in Opp. AVG (.230). Is 7th in NL with a 1.03 GIDP/ 9 IP & T9th with 18 double plays induced, matching his season high from 2013.

Has 180 career K's in his career, needs one more to tie Larry Jackson (1955-62) for 10th all-time in STL history.

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