

Stephens and Dahlgren in Second Places

NEW YORK, July 6 (AP). — The congestion on the trains and buses over the weekend could hardly have been worse than the jam in the batting averages at the top of the two major leagues Tuesday.

Out of the crowd emerged two new hitting leaders, Frank McCormick of the Cincinnati Reds in the National League and Rookie Guy Curtright of the Chicago White Sox in the American, but their margins over the pace-makers of previous weeks, Babe Dahlgren and Vernon Stephens, were slight.

McCormick moved into first place with a .329 average after Monday's games, just one point better than Dahlgren, the Phillies' star, who slumped from .351 to .328 in a week. McCormick, although snagging the lead, skidded from a .336 average last week. Close behind this pair, Billy Herman of Brooklyn and Stan Musial of St. Louis were tied at .324.

In the American League Stephens, star shortstop of the St. Louis Browns, slipped from .342 to .333 and second place to yield the lead to Curtright. The White Sox outfielder skyrocketed into the lead late last week on the crest of a 26-game hitting streak that lifted his batting average to .362 last Thursday. But since then he, too, collapsed and Tuesday had a comparatively modest mark of .337.

Oris Hockett of Cleveland, who a week ago was tied with Stephens at .342, dropped to .327 and third place.

The ten leaders and ties in each league:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Player-Club—	G.	Ab.	R.	H.	Pct.
McCormick, Cincinnati . . .	68	265	32	87	.329
Dahlgren, Philadelphia . . .	69	259	25	85	.328
Herman, Brooklyn	75	275	39	89	.324
Musial, St. Louis	70	272	45	88	.324
Hack, Chicago	70	266	33	85	.320
Frey, Cincinnati	60	253	34	80	.316
Cavaretta, Chicago	59	213	32	65	.305
McCarthy, Boston	65	265	27	80	.302
Galan, Brooklyn	72	270	46	80	.296
Tipton, Cincinnati	68	240	35	71	.296
Gustine, Pittsburgh	62	230	22	68	.296
Kurowski, St. Louis	57	216	31	64	.296

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Curtright, Chicago	55	172	29	58	.337
Stephens, St. Louis	57	213	31	71	.333
Hockett, Cleveland	58	248	33	81	.327
Wakefield, Detroit	66	286	35	92	.322
Cramer, Detroit	57	243	31	73	.300
Higgins, Detroit	64	244	31	73	.299
Appling, Chicago	65	249	21	74	.297
Johnson, Washington	70	265	39	78	.294
Ettien, New York	67	250	26	70	.288