

April 19, 1939

39 Fans

The Kansas City Blues, behind home runs by Vince DiMaggio and Billy Hitchcock, defeat the home-standing Columbus Red Birds 5-3 in an American Association game before only 39 fans ... "drab and freezing weather" limits total attendance for three American Association games that day to 419 spectators.

DiMaggio, brother of New York Yankee's slugger, Joe DiMaggio, hits a 400-foot homer into the left field bleachers, driving in three runs.

KANSAS CITY TOPS COLUMBUS, 5 TO 3, BEFORE 39 FANS

Vince DiMaggio Drives in Three Tallies With 400-Foot Homer

COLUMBUS, O., April 19— (AP) — Kansas City defeated Columbus, 5 to 3, here this afternoon in near-freezing weather to capture its first victory of the American Association season. Only 39 spectators witnessed the well-played ball game to set a new low attendance record for the season.

Vince DiMaggio's home run in the fifth inning accounted for the first three Kansas City runs.

K.C.	A	B	O	A	COLUMBUS	A	B	O	A
Hodges, rf	4	0	2	0	Sturgeson, 2b	5	7	2	2
Rizzuto, c	4	1	1	0	Baehler, 3b	4	1	1	1
Salts, c/rf	3	2	0	1	Norwood, cf	5	3	5	0
Matheson, lf	4	0	1	0	Friedhoff, lf	5	0	7	0
McMahan, cf	4	2	1	0	Mauch, 1b	5	2	10	1
Probst, 2b	4	2	2	3	Schubert, cf	5	0	0	0
Starns, 1b	1	0	1	0	Schwartz, rf	5	1	2	0
Hitchcock, 3b	3	1	2	0	Horn, 2b	4	3	2	2
McCall, c	4	0	6	3	Brenner, c	3	0	2	4
Habeck, p	4	1	1	3	Schultz, c	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	12	27	12	Andrews, p	5	0	0	0
					Macon	1	0	0	0
					Klemke, p	0	0	0	1
					Hanaber	0	0	0	0
					Krause, p	0	0	1	0
					Totals	40	12	27	11

*Batted for Andrews in seventh.
 *Batted for Klemke in eighth.
 Kansas City 000 020 011—5
 Columbus 100 000 020—3
 Home — Rizzuto, Salts, Scar, DiMaggio.



"VINCE" DI MAGGIO

The 26-year-old DiMaggio enjoys a career year with the Blues in 1939, hitting .290 with 32 doubles and 46 home runs ... the Martinez, Calif., native will play 10 years in the majors with five different clubs, finishing with a .249 career batting average, 79 home runs and 584 RBIs ... DiMaggio's 1941 Play Ball card (#61) is valued at \$300.00 in N/M condition.