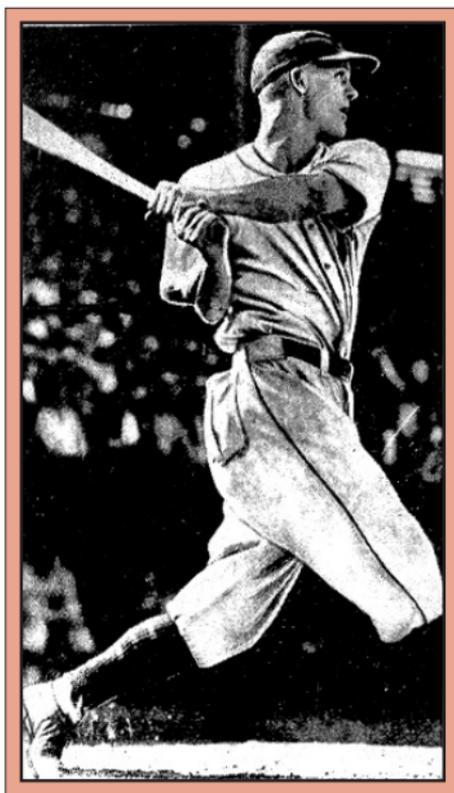


One of the great long ball hitters in minor league history, Minneapolis' **Joe Hauser** hits two home runs in an 8-6 loss to the Kansas City Blues giving the slugging first baseman 69 on the year with one game remaining.

Nicknamed "Unser Choe" (German for "Our Joe"), Hauser's chance of becoming the first player to hit 70 home runs is dashed the following afternoon when the season finale with the Blues is cancelled because of wet grounds.

The first player to hit 60 or more home runs twice in a career, the "Teutonic Slugger" finishes the 1933 season with a .332 batting average and 182 RBIs.



69 For Hauser

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 9 (AP) — Joe Hauser, Minneapolis first baseman, continued his onslaught of home runs today, smashing out two fourbase blows to bring his season's total to 69, as Minneapolis lost to Kansas City 8 to 6.

Besides his two home runs Hauser, who this season has broken the previous all-time home run record of 68 and the American Association total base record of 422, also garnered a double in three trips to the plate, driving in four runs.

Interestingly enough, Hauser accomplished the feat despite a pre-season decision by league officials to reduce the American Association schedule from 168 to 154 games for 1933 ... in addition, Hauser gets off to a slow start, failing to hit a home run in the first nine games of the season.

Thirty-one of his 69 home runs are hit off left-handers while 22 were hit playing on the road, including

at least one in each ballpark of the other seven American Association teams.

Hauser's mark of 69 stands alone until it is tied by Amarillo Gold Sox outfielder Bob Crues in 1948 and then eclipsed by Roswell Rockets first baseman Joe Bauman's 72 round-trippers in 1954.

Playing six years in the majors with the Philadelphia Athletics (1922-24, 1926, 1928) and the Cleveland Indians (1929), Hauser hits .284 with 79 home runs and 356 RBIs.

In his second year with the Athletics (1923), Hauser finishes tied for fourth in the American League in home runs (17) with Cleveland's Tris Speaker

Hauser's best year in the majors comes in 1924 when he hits .288 for Philadelphia and finishes second in the American League in home runs (27), fourth in RBIs (115) and seventh in slugging percentage (.516)... his 27 home runs are second only to Babe Ruth's 47 and nine ahead of Baby Doll Jacobsen's third-place total of 18 round-trippers.