

Ad Holzhauser, "A Man for All Uniforms"

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**"He has more stuff than he knows what to do with."
- Beaumont Enterprise, April 14, 1927**

September 2, 1931 - Facing a key three-game season-ending series with the visiting Evansville Hubs, Bloomington Cubs' manager [Joe Kelly](#) names veteran right-hander [Ad Holzhauser](#) to be his game one starter. A late-season free agent acquisition from Binghamton of the New York-Penn League, the well-travelled right-hander is 3-2 with three complete games for the Cubs, his third team of the season.

However, in his last start four days earlier against the Terre Haute Tots, the 36-year-old "saliva slabster" had yielded eight runs on eight hits and three walks in only 3 1/3 innings. Evansville manager [Bob Coleman](#), whose Hubs (40-24) trail first-place Quincy (40-22) by one game with three games remaining, counters Holzhauser with 16-game winner [Dick Schultz](#).



Despite a heavy rainfall the night before and a light drizzle that morning, the temperature hovers around 60 degrees when the crowd of 300 settles in for the Three-I League game at 30-year-old [Fans Field](#).

Holzhauser opens the contest by striking out leadoff hitter Tony Governor. Skeeter Newsome follows by popping up to shortstop [Roy Beckwith](#) for out No. 2. With future Hall of Famer [Hank Greenberg](#) swinging a couple of bats on deck, Hub blonde centerfielder [Fred Tauby](#) finds one of Holzhauser's offerings his liking and drives the pitch back at "Adolph's underpinning so ferociously," that it splinters Holzhauser's shin, forcing his removal from the game. Holzhauser is replaced by 25-year-old [Hy Vandenberg](#), who allows eight hits and strikes out six in 8 1/3 innings en route to recording his eighth win with the Cubs.

And with that pitch, Ad Holzhauser's career comes to an abrupt end.

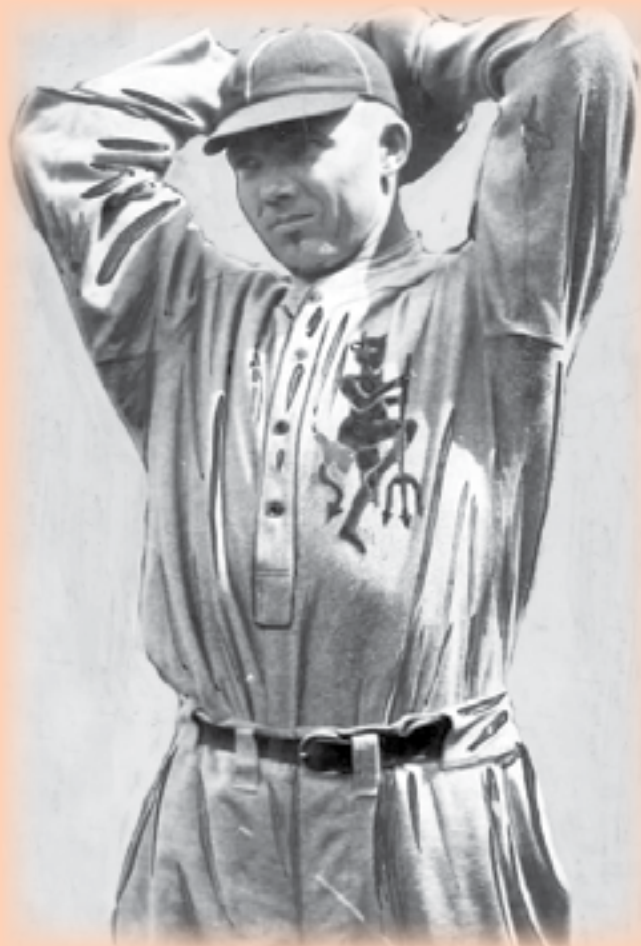


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1922 Decatur Commodores

It's not known if the Portland, Missouri, native stays in the dugout to watch the Bees pound four Evansville hurlers (including the before-mentioned Greenberg) for 18 hits in a 19-4 win.

The Hubs (42-28) will win only two of their last six games and finish two games back of Quincy (42-28) for the second half championship while Bloomingham finishes fifth with a 31-39 mark.

At the beginning of his career, Holzhauser is known as a curveball artist with an above-average fastball. Later, as the innings take their toll, salivates up and becomes a noted emery and spitball pitcher. In 13 minor league seasons, Holzhauser is 119-100-1. In the first three years of his career he is 49-16-1 (.750), over the last 10, he is 70-84-1 (.455). Of his 156 career complete games, 20 are shutouts. On five occasions he plays for a pennant-winning team, four times for cellar-dwelling organizations. He wins 20 games twice, including a career-best 25 in 1922.



Ad Holzhauser [2 of 9]:

Adolph Merlin Holzhauser is born on September 19, 1984, in [Portland, Missouri](#). His father, a prosperous farmer, is a first-generation immigrant from [Baden, Germany](#), while his mother Annie is a native Missourian.

A noted semipro pitcher, Holzhauser is one of six "youngsters" that are invited to St. Louis in July, 1916, to try out and hopefully earn a spot within the Cardinals' organization. He fails to impress the Red Bird brass that summer, but three years later he makes his pro debut as a 24-year-old on September 13, 1919, with the Western League's Tulsa Oilers. In his first full pro season the following year, he is 9-3 with a 2.56 ERA for the Okmulgee Drillers of the Western (D) Association before being sold to the Western (A) League's Tulsa Oilers.

In 1921, Holzhauser is 14-3-1 and two saves with the Independence Producers, a team that captures the Southwestern (D) League's pennant by 19 games with a 103-38 record. All three of his losses are by one run with the Producers totalling five runs in the setbacks. He leads the team in shutouts (6) and is tied with 28-game winner [Jewell Campbell](#) in complete games (20) when his contract is purchased on July 6, for \$3,500 by the American (AA) Association's Kansas City Blues. With the Blues, he is 1-1 with a 8.65 ERA and walks 37 in 51 innings.

SAYS INDEPENDENCE USED EMERY BALL

Bartlesville Will Protest Southwest-
ern League Game

Bartlesville, Okla., June 15. — Manager John McClaskey of the Bartlesville team of the Southwestern league today said that he would protest the game yesterday with the Independence, Kan., team on the grounds that Holtzhauser, pitcher for Independence, used an emery ball. According to McClaskey he has twelve mutilated balls in his possession which he will hold for evidence against Holtzhauser. These balls were taken from the pitcher at yesterday's game, he alleged. Independence won the game, 8 to 6.

Ad Holzhauser Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	Finish	W-L	GP	GS	CG	SHO	INN	H	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1915	Mokane Invincibles		SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1919	Booneville	Central Missouri	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1919	Tulsa Oilers	Western	A			0-0	1	0	0	0	1.0	1	0	1	0	0.00
1920	2 Teams	2 Leagues	D-A			9-3	28	15	9	1	112.1	71	32	35	75	2.56
	Tulsa Oilers	Western	A	92-61	1 of 8	0-0	2	1	0	0	6.1	3	2	4	0	2.84
	Okmulgee Drillers	Western Association	D	83-46	1 of 8	9-3	26	14	9	1	106.0	68	30	31	75	2.55
1921	2 Teams	2 Leagues	D-AA			15-4-1	38	23	17	6	215.0	181	-	78	96	--
	Independence Producers	Southwestern	D	103-38	1 of 8	14-3-1	22	20	17	6	164.0	108	-	41	62	--
	Kansas City Blues	American Association	AA	84-80	3 of 8	1-1	16	3	0	0	51.0	73	49	37	34	8.65
1922	2 Teams	2 Leagues	B-AA			25-9	38	29	29	6	278.2	231	67	65	171	2.16
	Decatur Commodores	Three-I	B	78-58	2 of 8	24-9	37	28	28	6	269.2	223	65	62	166	2.17
	Kansas City Blues	American Association	AA	92-76	3 of 8	1-0	1	1	1	0	9.0	8	2	3	5	2.00
1923	2 Teams	2 Leagues	AA-A			6-5	27	14	4	1	121.1	127	58	56	56	4.30
	Oklahoma City Indians	Western	A	73-94	6 of 8	1-1	2	2	2	0	19.1	16	4	6	15	1.86
	St. Paul Saints	American Association	AA	111-57	2 of 8	5-4	25	12	2	1	102.0	111	54	50	41	4.76
1924	St. Paul Saints	American Association	AA	96-70	1 of 8	10-12	38	26	10	0	185.1	174	117	59	101	5.68
1925	2 Teams	2 Leagues	A-AA			20-9	42	31	19	1	252.2	269	-	86	98	--
	St. Paul Saints	American Association	AA	91-75	3 of 8	1-1	5	1	0	0	19.2	27	-	8	5	--
	Des Moines Demons	Western	A	98-70	1 of 8	19-8	37	30	19	1	233.0	242	-	78	93	--
1926	3 Teams	2 Leagues	A-AA			7-14	33	17	10	1	163.2	157	69	81	86	3.79
	St. Paul Saints	American Association	AA	82-81	6 of 8	1-1	7	1	0	0	20.2	23	5	11	8	2.17
	Dallas Steers	Texas	A	89-66	1 of 8	2-6	13	7	5	1	59.1	70	-	25	31	--
	Beaumont Exporters	Texas	A	76-80	5 of 8	4-7	13	9	5	0	83.2	64	-	45	47	--
1927	Beaumont Exporters	Texas	A	56-97	8 of 8	5-9	18	15	6	0	103.0	127	83	55	42	7.25
1928	Beaumont Exporters	Texas	A	50-106	8 of 8	6-14-1	31	24	12	0	195.0	217	100	88	88	4.62
1929	3 Teams	2 Leagues	B-A			10-13	30	20	15	1	175.2	197	92	62	76	4.71
	Des Moines Demons	Western	A	72-86	7 of 8	1-6	11	4	0	0	34.2	49	32	18	19	8.31
	Wilkes-Barre Barons	New York-Penn	B	50-86	8 of 8	2-3	7	5	5	0	46.0	58	31	23	17	--
	Elmira Colonels	New York-Penn	B	66-72	5 of 8	7-4	12	11	10	1	95.0	90	29	21	40	--
1930	Elmira Colonels	New York-Penn	B	73-64	2 of 8	18-5	29	24	17	2	200.0	222	84	46	68	3.78
1931	3 Teams	2 Leagues	B			6-8	25	19	8	1	114.2	135	-	47	46	--
	Elmira Colonels	New York-Penn	B	44-96	8 of 8	1-3	5	4	1	0	16.1	23	-	12	5	--
	Binghamton Triplets	New York-Penn	B	76-64	4 of 8	2-3	10	8	4	1	54.0	66	-	12	22	--
	Bloomington Cubs	Three-I	B	58-61	5 of 8	3-2	10	7	3	0	44.1	46	-	23	19	--
Minor League Totals		13 Seasons				119-100-2	378	257	156	20	2119.0	2109	-	759	1003	--

1921 - Independence Producers season-opener starting pitcher.

1922 - Led Three-I League in wins (24), ERA (2.17) and 2nd in strikeouts (166); had 3 saves

1925 - Named to the Western League All-Star team as selected by the league's managers

1930 - Named to the New York-Penn League post-season All-Star team as selected by attending media

Ad Holzhauser [3 of 9]:

In the off-season, Kansas City sends Holzhauser to the Decatur Commodores with instructions to work on his control. Under the guidance of manager [Dan O'Leary](#), a former catcher and noted handler of pitchers, Holzhauser responds with a career year leading the Three-I League in wins (24) and ERA (2.17) while finishing second in strikeouts (166). In five of his nine losses, the 28-year-old allows three runs or less. He completes all 28 of his starts with six shutouts, but more importantly he walks only 62 in 269 2/3 innings.

Not Exactly Popular

August 17, 1923 - *The Rockford Republic*

"Another story that made its appearance in Decatur fandom was that Bourq, Lamb and Novak had beaten up one Holzhauser during the last road trip of the Commies. While we doubt that they did we don't doubt but what any member of the Decatur team would like to do it. Holzhauser gets the watch for being the most egotistical hurler in the Three-I League."

the 111-win Saints fall just short of claiming the American Association pennant by two games to the Kansas City Blues.

A year later, Holzhauser spends the entire season with one team for the first time in his career. He starts the campaign in St. Paul's starting rotation and he is 6-2 with five complete games and a save in his first nine outings. Over the rest of the season he is 4-10 and on July 22, following a difficult two-inning start against Toledo, he is removed from the starting rotation and will pitch

seven innings or longer once over the remainder of the season. Twice he starts a game but is removed after facing only three batters. On August 15, he allows 17 runs on 10 hits and seven walks in a two-inning start against Louisville. He finishes 10-12 with 10 complete games and an elevated 5.68 ERA.



Wayne Windle

A 16-year-old teammate of Holzhauser with the Okmulgee Drillers in 1920, [Wayne Windle](#) hits .277 with 16 doubles, 12 triples and 18 home runs. On September 14, 1919, as a 15-year-old he hits 2-for-3 with a home run in the season finale for the Western League's Joplin Miners while a student at Drury College and a member of the school's football team. Windle is a star shortstop in the Texas League for four seasons with Fort Worth and Waco. In the late 1930s, he is a part owner of the Texarkana club and helps form the East Texas League.

Plagued by a sore arm in 1925, Holzhauser pitches inconsistently in the first couple of weeks of his third season with St. Paul. After five appearances with the Saints his contract is purchased by Des Moines of the Western League on May 21. With Des Moines he becomes a part of the league's most formidable starting rotations. Led by [Leo Moon's](#) 22 wins, the top four starters - Holzhauser (19), [Claude Thomas](#) (19) and side-winder [James House](#) (13) - combine for 73 of the team's 98 wins as [Joe Mathes'](#) Demons capture the league flag by one game over Denver.

Back with St. Paul again in time for the team's 1926 season opener, Holzhauser is 1-1 with a 2.17 ERA when he draws his release on May 12, in a general housecleaning by the team's management. Picked up by the Texas League's Dallas Steers he is 2-6 in 13 appearances when the Steer management tries to send him to the Corsicana Oilers on July 7. But similar to four years earlier, a league team puts in a claim for his services and he ends up with the Beaumont Exporters. For the season he is 7-14 with 10 complete games and a 3.79 ERA.

Holzhauser's next two seasons spent in Beaumont are mostly forgettable as the Exporters are a combined 106-203 (.343) and post back-to-back last-place Texas League finishes. In 1927 and 1928, he is a combined 9-23-1 with 18 complete games and a 5.52 ERA in 39 starts and the 1927 season turns out to be the low point of his career.

Suffering from several illnesses, including a mid-season attack of tonsillitis, he is 5-9 with a career-worst 7.25 ERA. In all fairness, Magnolia Ballpark, the team's home field, is an extreme "band box" of its era, with the right field line measuring only 260 feet. A vertical line was painted on the fence in right field, towards the alley in right center field. The ballpark's ground rules had that anything hit over the fence to the right of that line was a ground rule double.



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After two-and-a-half seasons in the heat and humidity (not to mention the little league right-field foul line), Holzhauser elects to leave Beaumont and re-signs with the Des Moines Demons where he won 19 games four years earlier. Unfortunately success is fleeting for the 34-year-old as he is 1-6 with two saves when he and outfielder [Chief Wano](#) are released on May 30, to make room for pitcher [Ted Pilette](#) and college outfielder [Tommy Hughes](#).



Bill Wano

A 33-year-old teammate of Holzhauser with the Des Moines Demon in 1929, Bill "Chief" Wano is hitting an uncharacteristically low .248 when he and Holzhauser are released on May 30. Born on the Pottawatomie Tribe reservation in Oklahoma on May 12, 1896, An Army veteran, Wano serves with the 79th Infantry, 15th Division at Camp Logan, Texas. In 1928, Wano hits a career-high .343 for the Pueblo Steelworkers. On July 30, 1945, Wano, a guard in the North American Aviation Plant in Dallas, is being held in city jail when according to reports he is punched by another prisoner and falls hitting his head on the floor. The 48-year-old Wano dies that night. No charges are ever filed in his death.

Signing with Wilkes-Barre of the New York-Penn League on June 16, he doesn't pitch for the Barons until the 23rd because of a swollen right arm that he thinks was caused from an insect bite he received while traveling in a sleeper from his home in Missouri. Following a brief four-week stay with [Punch Knoll's](#) last-place Barons, he draws his second release of the season on July 21. He quickly signs with Elmira and for the Colonels one day later.

With Elmira, Holzhauser resurrects his career going 25-9 with a 3.45 ERA with 27 complete games and three shutouts in 35 starts over his first two seasons in the county seat of Chemung County. In 1930 he starts the season 7-0 and his eventual 18 wins rank second in the league while his .783 winning percentage, with a 18-5 record, is tops among all pitchers.

Believing he has one more season left in his well-travelled right-arm, a 36-year Holzhauser returns to Elmira in 1931, but is 1-3 in four starts when he draws his outright release on May 25. Signing with league for Binghamton, he is an immediate success winning his first two starts allowing only one run and 12 hits and securing his last career shutout, blanking Elmira 10-0. However, after failing to work into the fifth inning in three-straight starts, he draws the final release of his career on July 10. On August 3, Holzhauser signs with the Three-I Bloomington Cubs, his last stop in a 13-year career.

Following his playing days, Holzhauser returns to his family farm in Missouri. On January 7, 1968, he suffers a cerebral hemorrhage and passes away at the age of 73.

HOLZHAUSER CHRONOLOGY

June 8, 1915

Pitching for the Invincibles of Mokane, Missouri, 20-year-old Holzhauser strikes out 15 and allows only five hits in a 15-inning, 3-2 win over the Marthasville Browns.

July 1916

Holzhauser is one of six "youngsters" that are invited to St.

Louis to try and earn a position within the Cardinals organization. The players are: pitcher [Oscar Horstman](#) of the PCL's Los Angeles Angels, pitcher [Mule Watson](#), a pitcher for the Paris, Texas, club; an infielder named Dorris of Harrisburg, Illinois, pitcher and contract jumper [Joe Lotz](#), and local semipro Bill Brinkop.

June 29, 1919

Pitching for a semipro team from Boonville, Holzhauser has a no-hitter until the bottom of the 10th inning when visiting Moberly scores twice on two hits.

July 27, 1919

Holzhauser stikes out 23 as Boonville beats Keytesville and Pittsburgh Pirate spitball pitcher and holdout [Roy Sanders](#) ... Sanders is working in the ticket office at Kansas City's [Union Station](#) ... despite several offers, Sanders elects to stay in the semipro ranks as he says he makes more money then when he pitched for the Pirates.



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1925 Des Moines Demons

Brothers Holzhauser
August 13, 1919

St. Louis Black Giants vs. Holzhauser Brothers

Negro Giants Defeat Holzhauser Bros. 12-6

The St. Louis Giants played a greater feeling game than did their opponents and defeated the Holzhauser Brothers, 12 to 6, at the Giants' park yesterday afternoon. Seven brothers composed the greater part of the losing team. Finner, hurling for the Giants, was touched for twelve hits, four of which went for extra bases. Score:

ST. LOUIS GIANTS				HOLZHAUSER BROS.							
AB	R	H	A. E.	AB	R	H	A. E.				
Holt, ss.	4	0	2	1	0	Freese, 3b.	5	0	1	4	0
Wallace, 2b.	2	1	2	1	0	Allen's r, 2b.	2	2	0	1	0
Hennett, lf.	4	2	0	0	0	Kellner, ss.	5	1	0	0	2
Blackwell, cf.	5	3	0	0	0	Allen's p, 1b.	5	1	4	0	0
Brooks, rf.	5	1	4	0	0	N. H. r, rf.	5	1	1	0	0
McAdoo, 1b.	2	2	1	0	0	Dick H. r, lf.	5	2	0	0	0
Cobb, c.	4	2	5	0	0	H. H. r, 1b-p.	5	2	2	1	0
Heed, 3b.	3	1	2	1	0	Miller, c.	2	1	5	1	2
Finner, p.	4	1	0	7	0	Gus Hol's r, c.	2	1	2	0	0
						D. Kent, cf.	2	0	0	1	0
						Spoone's r, rf.	2	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	14	27	11	2						

Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
St. Louis Giants	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	4	x-12
Holzhauser Bros.	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0-6

Two-base hits—McAdoo, Blackwell, Dick Holzhauser and Spoenemann. Home run—A. Holzhauser. Stolen bases—Blackwell, Cobb, Heed, Finner, McAdoo (2). Double play—Freese to A. Holzhauser to Gus Holzhauser. Wild pitches—A. Holzhauser, 2. Bases on balls—Off A. Holzhauser, 2; off H. Holzhauser, 3; off Finner, 2. Struck out—By A. Holzhauser, 4; by H. Holzhauser, 1; by Finner, 3. Pitching record—Off A. Holzhauser, 4 hits 6 runs in 5 innings. Left on bases—Giants, 5; Holzhausers, 11. Time of game—2:15:00. Umpire—Rush.

September 13, 1919

Signing with Tulsa in August, Holzhauser makes his pro debut with the Oilers ... relieving 20-year-old and future major leaguer [Bill Bayne](#), he pitches a scoreless ninth inning in a 20-7 win over Sioux City.

February 7, 1920

Holzhauser is considered as a "better-than-even chance" of making the Tulsa Oilers' opening day roster for the upcoming season ... even if a "trifle" wild, he has shown so much ability that he is considered a strong contender for the starting rotation.

May 4, 1920

Holzhauser picks up his first professional win in Okmulgee's 11-8 win over Enid ... he relieves starter Blevins with two outs in the bottom first inning with the Harvesters ahead 4-0.

April 22, 1921

An opening day starter for the first time in his career, Holzhauser strikes out seven and allows five hits in a 13-8 win over Parsons.

April 26, 1921

Holzhauser turns in his first nine-inning shut-out out-dueling Parsons' future major leaguer [Oscar Roettger](#) in a four-hit 1-0 win.

May 9, 1921

Holzhauser pitches a six-hit shutout and hits the first home run of his career, a double and two singles in a 16-0 win over Bartlesville.

July 6, 1921

Holzhauser is 14-3-1 when his contract is purchased for \$3,500 by the American (AA) Association's Kansas City Blues.

April 5, 1922

Holzhauser is one of six players released by the Kansas City Blues to the Decatur Commodores of the Three-I (B) League.

May 12, 1922

Holzhauser has a no-hitter until one out in the ninth inning when [John Command](#), a .342 hitter at season's end, singles to left-center ... he ends the game with a one-hitter and a 4-1 win.

May 21, 1922

Forced to travel 60 miles by car on back roads after a [Rock Island Railroad](#) wreck at [Lafayette](#), the Decatur players arrive in Bloomington a little after 4 p.m., only 30 minutes before the scheduled 4:30 start ... Holzhauser allows a one run on only two hits, but that single tally is enough for the host Bloomers to claim a 1-0 win behind [Millikin University](#) product [Randolph Young's](#) no-hitter.

June 16, 1922

Holzhauser is 4-for-4 and strikes out seven and does not walk a batter in a 6-1 win over Peoria.

Professional Debut

September 13, 1919

Sioux City Indians at Tulsa Oilers
McNulty Park, Tulsa, Oklahoma

SIOUX CITY		AB	R	H	PO	A	E.
P. Hargrove, 2b.	3	1	1	7	5	1	
Goodwin, ss.	4	0	2	4	4	0	
Melton, lf.	5	2	3	1	0	1	
Brokaw, 1b.	5	1	2	8	0	1	
Eiffert, rf.	5	1	2	0	0	1	
Melermott, c.	4	0	2	4	2	0	
R. Hargrove, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	0	
McMullen, 3b.	4	0	0	2	0	2	
Allen, p.	4	2	2	0	1	0	
Totals	37	7	11	24	12	6	

TULSA		AB	R	H	PO	A	E.
Burke, cf.	4	3	1	3	0	2	
Wuffli, 2b.	5	3	2	4	4	0	
Slattery, 1b.	6	1	2	11	1	0	
Nagle, lf.	6	4	3	2	0	0	
Cleveland, 3b.	4	4	3	2	2	0	
Davis, rf.	4	2	1	0	0	0	
Tierney, 2b.	6	1	3	0	3	0	
Schmidt, c.	3	1	3	4	1	1	
O'Brien, c.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bayne, p.	5	1	2	1	2	0	
Holzhauser, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	43	20	20	27	13	3	

Score by innings:
Sioux City 000 003 130—7
Tulsa 631 035 02x—20
Summary: Two-base hits, Eiffert 2, Brokaw 2, Cleveland 2, Wuffli; three-base hits, Burke, Melton; sacrifice hit, Cleveland; sacrifice fly, Goodwin; stolen bases, Burke, Wuffli, Nagle, Cleveland 3, Davis 3, Tierney 3; bases on balls, off Allen 7, off Bayne 2, off Holzhauser 1; struck out, by Allen 2, by Bayne 4; runs and hits, off Bayne, 7 and 13 in 8, off Holzhauser, 0 and 1 in 1; double plays, Allen to Hargrove to Brokaw, Cleveland to Wuffli, Wuffli to Slattery; left on bases, Sioux City 5, Tulsa 8

Holzhauser makes his major league debut relieving 20-year-old and future major leaguer [Bill Bayne](#) and pitching a scoreless ninth inning in a 20-7 win over Sioux City.



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1925 Des Moines Demons

**HOLZHAUSER BESTED IN
HARD FOUGHT PITCHING
DUEL FOR FIRST LOSS**

Ad Holzhauser [6 of 9]:

August 17, 1922

It was an all-around "Holzhauser Day" as the slender right-hander not only wins his 22nd game of the year in a complete game effort, but hits for the cycle in Decatur's 5-4 win over visiting Rockford.

September 18, 1922

One week after the end of the season and posting a league-best 24-11 record, Holzhauser is recalled by the Kansas City Blues.

GRAB BLUES' PITCHERS

Saint Paul Refuses to Waive on Men Sent to Oklahoma City

ST. PAUL, April 23.—Pitchers Holzhauser and Songer, who were sent to the Western league for seasoning by the Kansas City baseball club, will be claimed by the St. Paul American association team through the waiver system.
—Kansas City neglected to secure waivers on the players before sending them to Oklahoma City.

second game of a doubleheader, he pitches a three-hit complete game victory over the visiting Columbus Senators.

September 23, 1923

Holzhauser turns in his first shutout of the season, limiting last-place Toledo to six hits en route to a 4-0 victory ... with the twin whitewashing of the Mud Hens, the Saints maintain their 3-game lead over the second-place Kansas City Blues.

Bad Day at Parkway

August 15, 1924

St. Paul Saints at Louisville Colonels
Parkway Field, Louisville, Kentucky

ST. PAUL				LOUISVILLE			
AB	R	H	PO	AB	R	H	PO
Ch'teen, cf	2	0	0	4	1	0	0
Morse, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bourge, 2b	2	0	0	2	2	0	0
Neus, 1b	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Riggert, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Dreaser, 3b	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hass, 1p	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
Wade, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0	0
Boone, ss	3	0	0	0	4	0	0
Dixon, c	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atline, p	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
Holzhauser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Koenig, 1b	2	0	0	6	0	0	0
McQuaid	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	0	2	24	0	0	0

McQuaid batted for Holzhauser in third.
The score by innings:
St. Paul 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Louisville 10 7 0 4 1 0 3 0 1—25
The summary: Errors—Hass, Wade 2. Two-base hits—Tyson, Vick, Ballenger. Three-base hits—Smith, Corrington, Tyson, Shannon. Stolen bases—Acosta, Christensen, Tyson. Sacrifices—Estell. Double play—Ballenger to Brotem. Left on bases—St. Paul 2, Louisville 6. Bases on balls—Off Holzhauser 7, off Hass 3, off Estell 2. Struck out—by Hass 2. Hits—Off Holzhauser 10 in two innings. Hit by pitcher—By Holzhauser, Acosta. Losing pitcher—Holzhauser. Umpires—Pinner and Connolly. Time—1:52.

Holzhauser's problems with the Louisville Colonels continues as he is torched for 17 run on 10 hits and seven walks in two innings of work. A Ladies' Day crowd of 5,003 watched the Colonels set an American Association record for a margin of victory, eclipsing Toledo's 22-1 earlier in the season on July 29. Right-hander Tom Estell allows only two singles in recording his second shutout of the year. In his last four starts against Louisville, Holzhauser has allowed 27 runs on 17 hits and 13 walks in only 10 innings of work.

April 26, 1923

Holzhauser pitches his second complete game in as many starts for Oklahoma City before being claimed off of waivers by the St. Paul Saints of the American Association.

August 19, 1923

In the middle of a heated American Association pennant race, Holzhauser claims his first win of the season in a St. Paul Saints' uniform ... in the

June 16, 1924

In the shortest start in his career to date, Holzhauser has a hit batter and two walks in the bottom of the first inning against Louisville ... relieved by Paul Fittery after a walk to Sam Covington, all three runners come around to score ... the Colonels score a run in the bottom of the ninth inning to eventually post a 5-4 win.

June 24, 1924

Holzhauser lasts 1/3 of an inning in a 14-5 loss at Toledo ... over his last three appearances, he has allowed 15 runs on 10 hits and six walks in only 2 2/3 innings.

July 8, 1924

Following two complete game wins, Holzhauser, for the second time in five starts lasts only three batters as Louisville scores seven first inning runs en route to a 13-5 victory ... in his last two starts against the Colonels, he has allowed six runs on five walks and a hit batter while not retiring a batter.

September 28, 1924

With the pennant "safely tucked away," St. Paul's young mascot Pat Reilly plays one inning in the first game of a season-ending doubleheader with Louisville ... Reilly doubles and later scores in his only at bat against 24-game winner Ben Tincup.

May 21, 1925

Holzhauser is 1-1 for the St. Paul Saints when his contract is purchased by the Western League's Des Moines Demons.

The Cycle & Win No. 22

August 17, 1922

Rockford Rox at Decatur Commodores
Staley Athletic Field, Decatur, Illinois

ROCKFORD.												
	ab	r	h	tb	bb	sh	sb	po	a	e		
Stokes, 2b	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	
Brant, ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	5	0		
Command, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	4	2	0		
Eubser, 1b	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	11	2	0		
Hall, rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Maguire, lf	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Zim'man, 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0		
Kost, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Rigsby, c	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0		
Eddleman, p	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0		
x Landry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	33	4	9	10	3	1	0	24	19	0		

DECATUR.												
	ab	r	h	tb	bb	sh	sb	po	a	e		
Brausen, 3b	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	3	0		
Runser, ss	4	0	3	6	0	0	0	1	3	0		
Cole, cf	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0		
Milan, lf	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	3	0	0		
Strain, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Bourg, 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0		
Sorrells, 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	2		
Lamb, c	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	2	0		
Holtz'ser, p	4	2	4	10	0	0	0	0	3	1		
Totals	34	5	14	26	3	0	1	27	13	3		

Score By Innings.												
Rockford	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Decatur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

Home run—Holzhauser. Three base hit—Holzhauser. Milan, Runser. Two base hits—Holzhauser, Milan, Runser, Eubser. Struck out—By Holzhauser, 6. Bases on balls—Off Holzhauser, 3; off Eddleman, 3. Double plays—Brausen to Sorrells to Bourg; Command to Brant; Eddleman to Eubser to Zimmerman to Rigsby to Zimmerman. Left on bases—Decatur, 6; Rockford, 6. Umpire—Christian. Time—1:40.

Holzhauser wins his 22nd game of the season and hits for the cycle for the first time in his career as Decatur beats visiting Rockford 5-4 before 700 fans at Staley Athletic Field. Staley Athletic Field was also used by the Decatur Staleys of the American Professional Football Association in 1920, who were coached by George Halas.

Ad Holzhauser [7 of 9]:

June 18, 1925

In the first game of a Western League doubleheader, Holzhauser allows Tulsa 16 hits and moves to 6-0 on the year with a 8-6 win.

August 22, 1925

Holzhauser is 11-5 with 14 complete games and is named to the mid-season Western League all-star team.

August 25, 1925

On the same day that Oklahoma City sells 20-year-old lefty [Carl Hubbell](#) (right) to the Detroit Tigers, Holzhauser improves his record to 12-5 with a 9-6 win over Tulsa.



January 9, 1926

St. Paul reclaims Holzhauser in a player transaction.

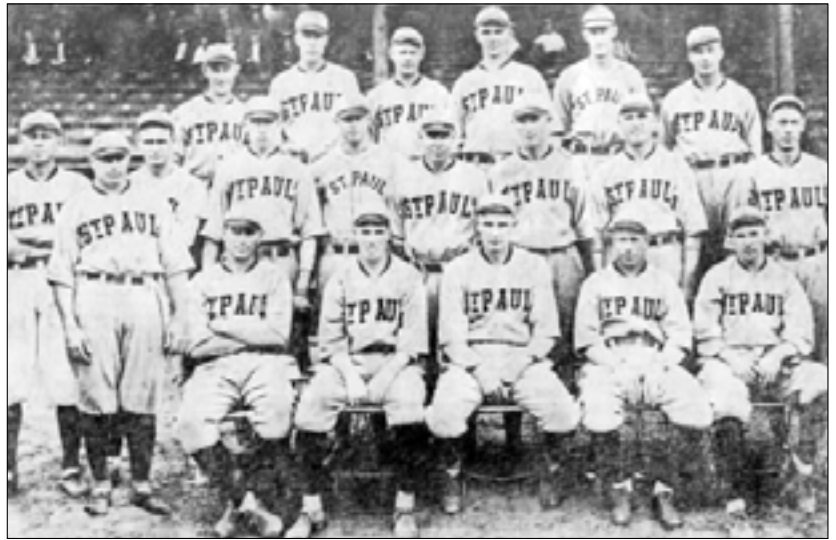
April 4, 1926

Des Moines enters into discussions with the St. Paul Saints for the services of Holzhauser.

April 19, 1926

Holzhauser wins his last game for the St. Paul Saints, pitching five innings of relief work in a 6-4 win over Columbus

1924 St. Paul Saints - American Association Champion



Top Row - L-R: Charlie Dressen, 3B; Herb McQuaid, P; Hap Morse, 2B; Ad Holtzhauser, P; Cliff Lee, RF; Paul Fittery, P; **Middle Row:** Marty Berghammer, 2B; Bruno Haas, LF; Cliff Markle, P; Dick Wade, OF; Oscar Roettger, P; Howard Merritt, P; Mark Koenig, SS; Tony Faeth, P; Joe Riggert, OF; **Bottom Row:** Johnny Neun, 1B; Leo Dixon, C; Nick Allen, Manager; Danny Boone, SS; Walter Christensen, CF.

Lone Star Debut

May 24, 1926

Dallas Steers at Waco Cubs
Katy Park, Waco, Texas

DALLAS, A.H.O.A.					WACO, A.H.O.A.				
Bauman, 2	6	1	4	5	Wolgast, 3	4	0	1	2
Gross, s	4	2	1	3	McNam, m	4	0	2	0
Woerber, l	5	2	0	0	Bogges, s	2	1	0	5
Miller, r	5	1	5	1	Pratt, 2	0	0	1	1
Riley, l	5	1	9	0	Agullar, r	1	0	0	0
Metzler, m	5	1	1	0	Davis, l	5	1	3	0
Morse, s	4	0	1	0	Mueller, l	4	2	1	1
Billings, c	4	3	6	0	West, r-m	5	1	5	1
Holtzhar, p	4	3	0	2	Goff, o	4	1	4	2
					Tuero, p	4	1	0	1
Totals 42 14 27 11					Totals 24 7 27 13				

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Waco001 100 000—2
Summary—Runs, Bauman, Gross (3), Woerber (2), Miller (2), Riley, Metzler, Morse, Holtzhauser, Tuero, McNamara. Errors, Bogges (2), Tuero (2), West, McNamara, Riley, Bauman. Two-base hit, Woerber, Home run, Woerber, Double play, Gross to Bauman to Riley; West to Goff to Tuero to Bogges to Mueller. Sacrifice hits, Agullar, Billings, Holtzhauser. Base on balls, Holtzhauser 7, Tuero 5. Struck out, Tuero 2, Holtzhauser 5. Stolen base, Gross 2, Miller, McNamara 2. Left on base, Waco 12, Dallas 10. Time 2:45.

Holzhauser's first-ever appearance in the state of Texas proves successful in Waco's Katy Park. He allows two runs on seven hits and seven walks and Moose Woerber hits one of his 25 home runs on the year as Dallas (23-14) maintains its 1/2 game lead on San Antonio (23-15) with a 12-2 victory over last-place Waco (14-24).

May 12, 1926

In a general house cleaning, Holzhauser despite a 2.17 ERA in seven appearances, is released by St. Paul.

May 22, 1926

Doing his first workout for the Dallas Steers, Holzhauser almost "wilts" under the Texas sun.

May 24, 1926

Two days after arriving in Dallas, Holzhauser makes his first-ever appearance in the state proves successful as he allows two runs on seven hits in 12-2 win over Waco.

June 19, 1926

After pitching four times in nine days and losing three times, Dallas manager [Snipe Conley](#) decides to give a struggling Holzhauser eight days off and Holzhauser responds with a 1-0, five-hit shutout of Houston.

July 7, 1926

Holzhauser is 2-6 in 13 appearances with Dallas when the Steer management elects to send him to the Corsicana Oilers after the Texas (D) Association team loses the services of former major league pitcher [Suds Sutherland](#) due to illness ... Holzhauser does not pitch in a game for the Oilers and instead ends up back in the Texas League with the Beaumont Exporters.

February 1927

Holzhauser is listed on the Beaumont Exporters' pre-season roster.



Ad Holzhauser
1925 Des Moines Demons

Ad Holzhauser [8 of 9]:

April 14, 1927

Holzhauser had the "one-run" affliction with the Dallas Steers, meaning that he had the penchant for losing games by the narrowest of margins.

May 6, 1927

Ruddy-mugged "Curve ball artist" Holzhauser improves to 3-1 on the season, allowing league-leading Wichita seven hits in a 7-4 complete game win over the Spudders.

July 30, 1927

Holzhauser makes his first appearance for Beaumont in 22 days as a pinch-hitter against Fort Worth ... his absence from the Exporter rotation has been the "cause for much unfair comment" ... suffering from tonsillitis, he is scheduled for another examination and it is possible he will be out for several more weeks.

August 15, 1927

The body of Beaumont outfielder [Rebel Dunning](#), who died at Shreveport early Sunday morning, reaches Dixon Mills, Alabama for burial. ... Dunning's body is escorted to his home by Holzhauser.

January 28, 1928

The Beaumont Enterprise opines that Holzhauser, coming off his worst season as a pro, is "due for a trade."

May 20, 1928

Holzhauser allows eight hits, strikes out and hits his ninth career home run in Beaumont's 9-2 win over San Antonio.

May 30, 1929

Having lost five in a row and allowing 22 runs in his last 16 innings, Holzhauser and outfield [Chief Wano](#) are released by Des Moines to make room for pitcher [Ted Pillette](#) and college outfielder [Tommy Hughes](#) ... Pillette, recently released by Omaha where he was 3-6, will go 4-14 for Des Moines ... Hughes will hit .281 in 84 games with the Demons.

June 16, 1929

Holzhauser signs with the Wilkes-Barre Barons of the New York-Penn (B) League.

1925 Des Moines Demons - Western League Champion



Top Row - L-R: Gill, INF; Pug Griffin, OF; Grady McClung, P; Leo Moon, P; Don Rader, SS; Howie Haworth, C. **Middle Row**: Cy Lingle, C; Marion Thomas, P; Manager Joe Mathes, Charles Stuvengen, 1B; Tony Faeth, P; Claude Thomas, P; Charles Koupal, P. **Lower Row**: Connolly, 2B; Ad Holzhauser, P; Sam Langford, OF; James House, P; Buzz Wetzel, OF; Chick Knaupp, 2B; Pete Brausen, 3B.



Ad Holzhauser
1929 Elmira Colonels

June 20, 1929

Holzhauser arrives in Wilkes-Barre with a swollen right arm that he thinks is caused from an insect bite he received while traveling in a sleeper from Missouri, "I'd hate to have a spider bite keep me idle after traveling all the way here to go to work." Holzhauser says.

July 27, 1930

In first place by 1/2 game over Harrisburg and Williamsport, Elmira signs two former major leaguers - former Boston Braves' outfielder [Henry Peploski](#) and former Detroit pitcher [Bill Moore](#) - to assist the team for the

1928 Beaumont Exporters



Top Row: Elmer Hanson, P; Buzz Phillips, P; Harris, 1B; Clarence Williams, P. **Second Row**: Robert Petrie, OF; Ad Holzhauser, P; Joe Klein, OF; Tom Ferrell, P; Carl Hubbell, P; William Thomas, P; Gene Bailey, UT. **Bottom Row** - L-R: Cooper, OF; Dee Payne, OF; Hank Schrieber, 2B; Manager Claude Robertson, C; Buck Riley, 3B; Doc Marshall, SS; Schroyer, C.

Ad Holzhauser [9 of 9]:

remainder of the season ... Moore is signed after Holzhauser complains of arm stiffness in his last start.

August 11, 1930

Holzhauser is used as a courtesy runner for shortstop Lou Allen in the first, second and ninth innings in a 12-8 loss to York in 10 innings.

May 25, 1931

A day after picking up his first win of the season, Holzhauser draws his release from Elmira.

June 1, 1931

Signing with Binghamton, Holzhauser makes his Triplett debut with a six-hit complete game win over Williamsport, 2-1.

July 7, 1931

Holzhauser is 2-3 in nine outings with Binghamton when he is "fired" by manager [Heinie Groh](#) to make room for pitcher [Hollis McLaughlin](#).



Ad Holzhauser
1931 Bloomington Cubs

August 3, 1931

Once again a free agent, Holzhauser signs with the 14th and final organization of his 13-year minor league career when he inks a contract with the sixth-place Bloomington Cubs of the Three-I (B) League ... to make room for the veteran right-hander, Bloomington manager [Joe Dunn](#) releases promising youngster [Walter Meine](#).

August 7, 1931

In his first start for Bloomington, Holzhauser pitches a complete game win over Quincy.

September 3, 1931

In what turns out to be the last appearance in his career, Holzhauser is forced to leave the game with two outs in the first inning when a line drive off the bat of Evansville Hub centerfielder Fred Tauby hits his shin, forcing his removal from the game.

January 7, 1968

Two days after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage, Adolph Merlin Holzhauser passes away in his hometown of Portland, Missouri at the age of 73.

Guy Dunning, Popular Baseball Player, Dead

Interment of the remains of Guy Dunning, who died suddenly in Shreveport in the early hours of Sunday morning was made at Dixons Mills Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives, friends and admirers.

Guy, who was a member of the Beaumont club of the Texas League, was playing in Shreveport at the time he was stricken. It was stated by teammates that he had played an unusually hard game and shortly after went to his hotel, where he felt a touch of cramps, an ailment to which he was subject. He prepared to take a hot bath, as this treatment had always given him relief, but soop after getting in the bathtub the pains became more acute and he realized that he was in a serious condition. He informed a teammate of his condition and a physician was immediately called in, but being unable to give him relief, the physician called in Dr. B. C. Garrett and they rushed him to the hospital, where they labored with him all night in vain, death claiming him at 3:10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Gunning For Gangsters



September 3, 1931 - The Decatur Daily Review: Allie Deming (left) and Fred York, Maine guides, arriving in New York to help solve the gangster problems. They offered their services to Police Commissioner Mulrooney in New York, saying that their experience as game hunters would enable them to "pick off" gangsters.