

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - 2008

Hank Sauer

First Baseman - Outfielder

Full Name Henry John Sauer
Born March 17, 1917 in Pittsburgh, PA
Died August 24, 2001 in Burlingame, CA
Bats/Throws Right/Right
Height 6'4"
Weight 199



NOTES: 1947 IL Most Valuable Player
1947 Sporting News Minor League Player of the Year
Member of 1947 IL Postseason All-Star Team
Led IL in RBI (141), hits (182), and runs scored (130) in 1947
Played for 1942, 1943, and 1947 Governors' Cup Champions
Member of Syracuse Baseball Wall of Fame (1998)
Selected to Chiefs All-Time Team in 1964 by Sports Writers
Selected to Syracuse All Century Team 1900-2000
Uniform # 9 retired by Syracuse July 25, 1998
"Hank Sauer Room" opens at P&C Stadium on April 3, 2003

		IL PLAYING CAREER									
		<u>AVG</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>SB</u>
1942	Syracuse	.213	82	291	35	62	9	2	11	44	1
1943	Syracuse	.275	154	571	73	157	32	9	12	75	8
1946	Syracuse	.282	140	517	99	146	29	2	21	90	13
1947	Syracuse	.336	146	542	130	182	28	1	50	141	4
TOTALS		.285	522	1921	337	547	98	14	94	350	26

In 1947 Hank Sauer enjoyed one of the finest seasons in IL history. He became one of only five men ever to hit 50 home runs in a single season. He led the League in RBI, hits, and runs scored while leading the Chiefs to the Governors' Cup Championship. His totals in homers, RBI, runs, and total bases remain records for the Syracuse franchise.

After his MVP season with the Chiefs Sauer went on to a successful Major League career with the Reds, Cubs, Cardinals, and Giants, highlighted by his 1952 National League MVP Award. Following his retirement he spent over three decades as a coach, instructor, and scout. In 1997 he was inducted into the Chicago Cubs Wall of Fame, and one year later he became the first player in Syracuse history to have his number retired.