

# It Happened Only Once - The Double Triple Crown of the 1933 Major League Season

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Sixty years ago, a unique event occurred in baseball history. Two major league players, both playing for Philadelphia, one in each league, won the Triple Crown in the same season. Jimmie Foxx of

the Philadelphia Athletics and Chuck Klein of the crosstown Phillies, both in the Hall of Fame, accomplished this feat in 1933.

This presentation presents highlights of this event, which took place in the context of the Great Depression and the rise of Fascism. The 1930's were a fascinating decade; with the passage of time, there are only a few players around who played in that era. Yet going through old newspapers and talking to people who played then, such as Mel Harder, brings this period back to life.

Foxx and Klein stood head and shoulders above their peers in 1933, even though their respective teams weren't particularly successful. Foxx continued to dominate the AL. until the end of the decade. Klein did get traded to the Cubs after the season and never again reached his previous heights. However, the double Triple Crown of 1933 enriched baseball and was a feat which we may never see again.