

Killebrew 14th in 400 Club

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CHICAGO, Ill.—Harmon Killebrew's 400th home run came on his 5,300th major league at-bat Sunday.

He became the 14th player to hit 400 home runs in a major league career. Killebrew, who will be 33 June 29, has a home run frequency of one every 13.25 times at bat.

Yesterday's home run off Gary Peters was Killebrew's 316th as a Twin. He had 84 for the old Washington Senators.

Killebrew hit home run No. 1 off Billy Hoelt of the Detroit Tigers five days before his 19th birthday in Washington in 1955.

The ball Killebrew hit yesterday was returned to him and will be kept in Killebrew's home along with other significant baseballs.

Among balls Killebrew has saved is the one he hit over the left field roof in Detroit's Tiger Stadium.

That home run, off Jim Bunning on Aug. 3, 1962, was one of the only two ever hit over the left-field roof at Tiger Stadium. Frank Howard hit the other.

Killebrew started playing regularly in 1959. He won or tied for the American League home run championship in 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1967. He was the runner up in 1966. His best year was 1964 when he hit 49.

Killebrew hit his 100th major league home run June 16, 1961, at Chicago off present Twins pitching coach Early Wynn. He hit No. 200 on July 19, 1963, at Metropolitan Stadium off Jim Duckworth of Washington. No. 300 came on May 21, 1966, off Bob Friend at New York.

Asked which home run was the hardest, Killebrew laughed and said, "I guess it will be the next one."

Killebrew said again yesterday that he doesn't think in terms of goals. "He did admit, however, looking forward to No. 400. "It was inevitable, I guess, because I had 397 at the end of last year."

Yesterday's home run was his third this year and came on his 61st at bat. It put the Twins ahead 1-0.

"All the home runs feel good," Killebrew said, "but I was glad that the 400th was significant and didn't come when we were ahead 8-0."

The next significant milestone Killebrew could reach is the 407 home run mark of Duke Snyder.

Babe Ruth's major league leading total was recently revised from 714 to 715.

The top 14 in major league career homers:

1. Babe Ruth	715	8. Mel Ott	511
2. Willie Mays	590	9. Lou Gehrig	493
3. Mickey Vernon	536	10. Ernie Banks	476
4. Jimmy Fox	524	11. Stan Musial	475
5. Ted Williams	521	12. Frank Robinson	427
6. Hank Aaron	512	13. Duke Snider	407
7. Eddie Matthews	512	14. Harmon Killebrew	400



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