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Hail All! Regular BODs, Grand BAMS Lead New Names to Hall!

Successfully “Batting the Ball” (*Seker-Hemat*, as the early Egyptians called it centuries before Al Spalding’s boys threw their fast balls at the Great Sphinx) can not only pay dividends in the run-scoring that wins games, but can expedite entry, as all batsmen instinctively know, into the Batter’s Hall of Fame.

Why will Codell’s Hall ever say no to the fine likes of a Jim Rice, yet quickly welcome an Albert Pujols in the midst of his prime? Let’s look at a refiner’s qualifications that fire a hitter into a Hall of Fame orbit.

In those early days when Barry was “plying tenets without the Net,” passing 6,000 Averaged Bases while attaining more of such bases than outs batting was the automatic ticket to enshrinement. The tense battle of batting bases and outs is further dramatized by the batter’s base-out differential (BOD). Any player reaching a batting BOD exceeding a 600 total at any point during the course of his regular season career is immediately enshrined, regardless of his Averaged Bases total. Hence, enter Pujols, Dimaggio, Helton.

Further, Codell includes post-season games in career totals. “I count them because they count!” he proclaimed, enabling Al Simmons’ deserved entrance and Jim Thome’s 2009 All Star break quiet induction, if the post-season numbers produced assure what Codell calls “passing through a portal of mortal immortality.”

The “Grand BAMS” that are generated by the grand totals of combining regular and post-season career stats disclose this most interesting sidebar: only “Aloysius and the Three Henrys” (Aloysius “Al Simmons” Szymanski, Henry Louis Aaron, Henry Louis Gehrig, and Henry Benjamin Greenberg) raised their Grand Total Batting Mean (BAM) with their season-culminating batting effectiveness. Next on the Batter’s Hall of Fame horizon in 2010? You can start feeling Chipper

Below is the charmed and charted path of the Barry Code’s honorable (and dishonorable!) honorees:

All Star Break, 2009 – Batter’s Hall of Fame Redux
or
“The Grand Hallowing of That Sacred *Seker Hemat!*”

	Player	Regular Totals			Grand Totals		
		AvBa	BOD	BAM	AvBa	BOD	BAM
1.	Babe Ruth	8340.0	2815.0	1.510	8475.5	2863.5	1.510
2.	Ted Williams	7109.0	2057.0	1.407	7117.0	2045.0	1.403
3.	Lou Gehrig	7189.5	1909.5	1.362	7312.0	1956.0	1.365
4.	Jimmie Foxx	6883.5	1395.5	1.254	6929.5	1399.5	1.253
5.	Albert Pujols	4038.0	786.0	1.242	4185.5	805.0	1.238
6.	Barry Bonds	8543.0	1631.0	1.236	8664.5	1638.5	1.233
7.	Hank Greenberg	4332.0	767.0	1.215	4405.0	782.0	1.216
8.	Manny Ramirez	6196.5	900.5	1.170	6476.0	910.0	1.163
9.	Rogers Hornsby	6062.0	819.0	1.156	6082.5	802.5	1.152
10.	Joe Dimaggio	5319.0	712.0	1.155	5428.0	676.0	1.142
11.	Todd Helton	4731.0	523.0	1.124	6084.5	465.0	1.083
12.	Mickey Mantle	6314.5	627.5	1.110	6479.5	621.5	1.106
13.	Alex Rodriguez	6209.0	605.0	1.108	6292.0	582.0	1.102
14.	Frank Thomas	6350.0	619.0	1.100	6379.5	610.5	1.099
15.	Jim Thome	5950.5	490.5	1.090	6084.5	465.0	1.083
16.	Mel Ott	7125.5	545.5	1.083	7163.5	540.5	1.082
17.	Ty Cobb	7781.5	536.5	1.074	7811.5	518.5	1.071
18.	Stan Musial	7793.0	451.0	1.061	7833.0	427.0	1.058
19.	Al Simmons	5999.0	167.0	1.029	6058.0	177.0	1.038
20.	Willie Mays	7752.0	154.0	1.021	7794.0	129.0	1.017
21.	Frank Robinson	7136.5	73.5	1.010	7225.5	66.5	1.009
22.	Tris Speaker	6703.5	22.5	1.005	6740.5	9.5	1.001
23.	Hank Aaron	8616.0	23.0	1.003	8670.0	33.0	1.004
24.	Gary Sheffield	6457.0	-24.0	.996	6555.5	-46.5	.993
25.	Mike Schmidt	6096.0	-22.0	.996	6165.5	-59.5	.990
26.	Ken Griffey	6711.0	-104.0	.985	6758.5	-105.5	.985