

From *Homer Summa* to . . . *Homer Summa!*

The “*Homer Summa*” (HS) is Barry Codell’s ultimate home run summation, unveiling unequivocally the ingredients of actual scoring created by a player’s round trippers. The HS translates each batter’s Home Run Tallied Bases per Outs batting into a personal score signifying his Home Run Runs Tallied for every 27 at-bat outs. Runs Tallied here, of course, is Barry’s compilation of true scoring contribution accomplished solely by homering, all to wit:

1. Home Run = $\frac{1}{2}$ (Home Run Runs + Home Run RBI)
Runs Tallied 2
2. Home Run = 4 (Home Run Runs Tallied)
Tallied Bases
3. *Homer Summa* = 27 (HR Runs Tallied)
 (AB – H)

Codell wrote that “home run scoring, like so much of baseball, mirrors the actions and inactions of a certain living, a perfectly imperfect balance of what a person makes happen, as hitting a home run, and what happens to him, as inheriting baserunners before homering.” Its resultant precision makes the *Homer Summa* an embodiment of his “irreal decision”—the co-equal crediting of individual accomplishment and team contribution.

The HS is another of what I call Barry’s signature “hand-carved” stats—a charting of his “base data” without using a database! All home runs have been scrutinized for RBI production, taking his axiom of the Solo home run solely as one Run Tallied to an actual accounting of homer scoring, weighing teammate scoring, before returning his theoretic aesthetic in the *Homer Summa* formula, generating a run-scoring figure per game for a “nine man, same man” lineup!

Before we reach the summit of the *Summa* (see *The 500 Homer Club--and Homer Summa* chart), Codell takes us around his bases, introducing Home Run Tallied Bases and then, by dividing by the unhideable, undeniable at-bat outs, $\frac{\text{HRTaBa}}{\text{AB} - \text{H}}$, creating a complete complement to his own Home Run Efficiency (see HE

in “Formulae”) and putting them together, leaving behind traditional Home Run totals and Home Run frequencies in their wake.

The *Summa* of Codell, it should be noted, takes a personal path as a tribute to 1929 Philadelphia A’s Champions’ outfielder Homer Summa, a favorite player of Barry’s father Seymour, former Negro League batboy! And although “left at the post” total-wise, Homer Summa’s TR/HR (Teammate Runs per Homer) leaves the royal round tripper club behind (see *Postscript* at *The 500 Homer Club* chart).

Can we create a Homer Summa *Homer Summa* top-of-the-list category? Perhaps most teammates scored per homer of any player in history playing at least 10 years and hitting above .300?! Just a thought-provoking, Codell-provoked thought . . .

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