

“Yea, from the table of my memory
I’ll wipe away all trivial fond records”
Hamlet

True Triple Crown Winners

Approaching the 2009 All Star break, the baseball world is abuzz with the prospect of the great Albert Pujols’ seizing the game’s first triple crown since Carl Yastrzemski in 1968. Let me stress, however, that Pujols has already won the more encompassing title of Barry Code Triple Crown Winner, 2008!

The traditional triple crown categories of batting average, home runs, and runs batted in are included, yet transcended by the three areas measured by the Codell laurel: (1) the Average Average (AA), combining batting, on-base, and slugging averages, (2) Homer Efficiency (HE), Barry’s “Home Run Average,” weighing home run bases against at-bat outs, and (3) Scoring Average, using the RBI and Runs, comprising his Runs Tallied invention.

The rarity (13 times) of the traditional statistical triple crown may emphasize more its oddity than its meaningfulness. And that may explain why Ruth never won one (although he was a seven-time Barry Code Triple Crown king!).

The so-called Sabermetric Triple Crown (somehow, in its most recent incarnation, mixing OBP, TB and RC) has had a total of 42 league claimants, for better or worse. Apart from the virtue of building upon each of baseball’s history triple crown indicators, the Barry Code Triple Crown has differed intrinsically from both the traditional and the Sabermetric by Codell’s search for the **major league** leader to legitimately capture the crowning Triple Crown!

Below, I have compiled a rundown of the 33 Barry Code Triple Crown seasons, using my 300 AB standard. Enjoy!

“The Don”

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Player	Year	AA	HE	ScAv
Albert Pujols	2008	.491	.439	.320
Barry Bonds	2004	.594	.756	.483
Barry Bonds	2003	.540	.700	.391
Barry Bonds	2002	.584	.724	.447
Barry Bonds	2001	.569	.913	.416
Mark McGwire	1998	.507	.708	.388
Mark McGwire	1996	.503	.715	.373
Barry Bonds	1993	.490	.514	.352
Kevin Mitchell	1989	.438	.488	.292
John Lowenstein	1982	.446	.438	.308
Mike Schmidt	1981	.465	.512	.349
Hank Aaron	1971	.469	.565	.320
Willie McCovey	1969	.476	.539	.340
Carl Yastrzemski	1967	.455	.451	.299
Willie Mays	1965	.453	.546	.302
Mickey Mantle	1962	.471	.469	.361
Mickey Mantle	1956	.507	.603	.380
Ted Williams	1955	.518	.544	.388
Ted Williams	1950	.472	.491	.393
Ted Williams	1941	.565	.546	.470
Hank Greenberg	1940	.481	.434	.369
Lou Gehrig	1936	.509	.524	.426
Lou Gehrig	1934	.511	.531	.397
Jimmie Foxx	1933	.503	.520	.390
Jimmie Foxx	1932	.527	.624	.430
Babe Ruth	1931	.523	.549	.466
Babe Ruth	1926	.542	.605	.465
Babe Ruth	1924	.543	.559	.401
Babe Ruth	1923	.567	.517	.445
Babe Ruth	1921	.579	.702	.518
Babe Ruth	1920	.586	.758	.518
Babe Ruth	1919	.478	.396	.370
Ty Cobb	1909	.442	.101	.312