

## ***Unique, Using Traditional Stats . . . .***

### **Four for Four - Hitting Perfection**

With the end of his career now seemingly assured, the final numbers for Frank Thomas enable him to join three Hall of Fame immortals in a revealing (and symmetric) metric--the 4 P's! Surpassing career totals of .300 BA, 500 HR, 1500 RBI and 1500 BB, indicating, respectively, the **Proficiency, Power, Production** and **Patience** emanating from the batter's box, creates a most exclusive club. The short list:

	<b>Player</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>BB</b>
1.	Babe Ruth	1915-1935	.342	714	2217	2056
2.	Mel Ott	1926-1947	.305	511	1860	1708
3.	Ted Williams	1939-1960	.344	521	1839	2018
4.	Frank Thomas	1990-2008	.301	521	1704	1667

Thomas, of course, becomes the first right-handed hitter ever to accomplish the feat, completing the diamond's four cornerstones of baseball batting royalty that Babe Ruth began over 90 years ago!

#### ***Barry Codell Notes:***

“Whatta Hitta! Using traditional stats, Thomas joins Ruth as the only hitters in history to have reached a total of 10,000 PA with a batting average of over .300, while surpassing totals of 500 HRs, 1500 RBI, and 1500 BB before #10,000, as evidenced by his lifetime stats through 2008! For batting average lovers, Thomas proves a true .300 hitter, with a career average over .300 every year he played while compiling those 10,000 PA's--and not a BOP-unfriendly sacrifice bunt in the bunch, to boot!”

#### ***IBAR, 2008***