

JIM THOME

THE ROAD TO 500 HOME RUNS

Historical Perspective

■ Jim Thome is attempting to become the 23rd player in major-league history (third in 2007) to hit 500 home runs and the 10th left-handed batter ... some facts as Thome approaches the historic milestone:

■ Among the 16 eligible players with 500 home runs, 15 are in the Hall of Fame ... Mark McGwire, who was first-time eligible on the 2007 ballot, is the exception.

■ Thome is in line to become the 11th member of the 500 club with at least a .280 batting average and 1,400 walks ... Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson, Mickey Mantle, Jimmie Foxx, Ted Williams, Mel Ott and Frank Thomas are the others in that elite group.

■ His ratio of one home run every 13.64 at-bats ranks fourth in major-league history, trailing only Mark McGwire (10.61), Babe Ruth (11.76) and Barry Bonds (12.93).

■ Thome's .563 career slugging percentage would rank seventh among 500-homer club members, behind only Babe Ruth (.690), Ted Williams (.634), Jimmie Foxx (.609), Barry Bonds (.607), Mark McGwire (.588) and Alex Rodriguez (.576).

■ 26.0 percent of Thome's career hits have been home runs, which would be the third-highest percentage among players the 500 club ... only Mark McGwire (35.9 percent) and Harmon Killebrew (27.5) would have a higher percentage of his hits as home runs ... the list:

Player	Hits	HR	Pct.
Mark McGwire	1,626	583	35.9
Harmon Killebrew	2,086	573	27.5
Jim Thome	1,881	490	26.0
Barry Bonds	2,915	756	25.9
Babe Ruth	2,873	714	24.9

■ Thome and Alex Rodriguez are the only players in major-league history to hit 40-plus home runs for three different teams ... Thome hit 40-plus three times with Cleveland, twice with Philadelphia and once with the White Sox.

■ Ranks first in Cleveland Indians history with 334 home runs ... his 52 home runs in 2002 are an Indians single-season record, while his 42 home runs with the White Sox in 2006 are a club record for left-handers.

■ The Peoria native is the all-time home run leader among Illinois natives ... Thome is followed by Gary Gaetti (360), Shawn Green (326), Greg Luzinski (307), Fred Lynn (306), Rickey Henderson (297) and Ted Kluszewski (279).

Home Run Breakdown

■ Has hit 30 or more home runs 12 times, 40 or more six times and 50 or more once (52 in 2002).

■ Has 36 career multihomer games, most recently on 4/18/07 vs. Texas in support of Mark Buehrle's no-hitter ... hit three home runs on 7/22/94 vs. the White Sox and 7/6/01 vs. St. Louis (both with Cleveland).

■ Hit 40-plus homers in each of his five full seasons from 2001-06, excluding 2005 when he was limited by injury to 59 games ... averaged 46.4 home runs in that five-year span, including a career-high 52 in 2002.

■ Has homered off 328 different pitchers, vs. 29 teams and at 37 ballparks ... the Phillies are the only team against whom he has not hit a home run.

■ Rick Reed (nine) is his most victimized pitchers, followed by Roger Clemens (eight), Eric Milton, Mike Mussina and Bobby Witt (six apiece).

■ Has hit his most home runs vs. Detroit (51) and his most at Jacobs Field (178) ... among parks that were not his home field, has homered most frequently at the Metrodome (24).

■ Has 404 home runs runs off right-handed pitchers and 86 off lefties.

■ Has hit 271 solo home runs, 151 two-run homers, 60 three-run shots and eight grand slams.

■ Has homered most often in June (109), on Tuesday and Wednesday (80 apiece), at first base (310), from the cleanup spot in the order (168), in the fourth inning (77) and on the first pitch (72).

■ Owns 17 career postseason home runs, including eight in the ALDS, six in the ALCS and three in the World Series.

Miscellaneous Info

■ Hit his first home run on 10/4/91 at Yankee Stadium (off Steve Farr), his 100th on 5/14/97 at Texas (Bobby Witt), his 200th on 4/15/00 vs. Texas (Mark Clark), his 300th on 6/5/02 at Minnesota (Eric Milton) and his 400th on 6/14/04 vs. Cincinnati (Jose Acevedo) ... a breakdown of Thome's milestone home runs.

No.	Date	Opp.	Pitcher	Game	Age
1	10/4/91	at NYY	Steve Farr	25	21.038
100	5/14/97	at Tex.	Bobby Witt	535	26.260
200	4/15/00	vs. Tex.	Mark Clark	927	29.231
300	6/5/02	at Min.	Eric Milton	1,288	31.282
400	6/14/04	vs. Cin.	Jose Acevedo	1,589	33.291

■ Played 510 games between home run No. 1 and 100, 392 between 100 and 200, 361 between 200 and 300 and 301 between 300 and 400.

■ Is the all-time major-league leader with 53 home runs in interleague play.

■ Hit the longest home run of his career on 7/3/99 vs. Oakland at Jacobs Field, a 511-foot shot to center field off Don Wengert ... the home run stands as the longest in the 14-year history of Jacobs Field.

A Season For The Ages

■ Frank Thomas and Alex Rodriguez each hit his 500th home run earlier this season, and Thome (490) and Manny Ramirez (489) are approaching the milestone.

■ According to David Vincent of the Society For American Baseball Research, there have only been three seasons since 1967 in which two batters each have joined the 500 club: Mickey Mantle and Eddie Mathews in 1967, Harmon Killebrew and Frank Robinson in 1971 and Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro in 2003.

ALL-TIME HOME RUN LEADERS

(THROUGH 8/7)

No.	Player	HR
1.	Hank Aaron	755
	Barry Bonds*	755
3.	Babe Ruth*	714
4.	Willie Mays	660
5.	Sammy Sosa	604
6.	Ken Griffey Jr.*	589
7.	Frank Robinson	586
8.	Mark McGwire	583
9.	Harmon Killebrew	573
10.	Rafael Palmeiro*	569
11.	Reggie Jackson*	563
12.	Mike Schmidt	548
13.	Mickey Mantle#	536
14.	Jimmie Foxx	534
15.	Willie McCovey*	521
	Ted Williams*	521
17.	Ernie Banks	512
	Eddie Mathews*	512
19.	Mel Ott*	511
20.	Frank Thomas	505
21.	Eddie Murray#	504
22.	Alex Rodriguez	500
23.	Lou Gehrig*	493
	Fred McGriff*	493
25.	Jim Thome*	490
26.	Manny Ramirez	489

*Left-handed

#Switch-hitter

ACTIVE HOME RUN LEADERS

(THROUGH 8/7)

No.	Player	HR
1.	Barry Bonds	756
2.	Sammy Sosa	604
3.	Ken Griffey Jr.	589
4.	Frank Thomas	505
5.	Alex Rodriguez	500
6.	Jim Thome	490
7.	Manny Ramirez	489
8.	Gary Sheffield	478
9.	Carlos Delgado	424
10.	Mike Piazza	422

ALL-TIME AB/HR LEADERS

(THROUGH 8/7)

No.	Player	HR
1.	Mark McGwire	10.61
2.	Babe Ruth	11.76
3.	Barry Bonds	12.93
4.	Jim Thome	13.64
5.	Ralph Kiner	14.11
6.	Adam Dunn	14.14
7.	Albert Pujols	14.19
8.	Harmon Killebrew	14.22
9.	Manny Ramirez	14.26
10.	Alex Rodriguez	14.37

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JIM THOME MISCELLANEOUS HOME RUN DATA

Split	No.	Pct.	Opponent (30)	No.	Pct.	Day	No.	Pct.
Home	272	55.1	Arizona	8	1.9	Sunday	68	14.0
Road	218	44.9	Atlanta	11	2.6	Monday	45	8.7
Day	138	28.4	Baltimore	23	4.2	Tuesday	80	15.9
Night	352	71.6	Boston	32	6.5	Wednesday	80	16.3
vs. Left	86	17.6	Chicago-AL	41	9.5	Thursday	61	12.7
vs. Right	404	82.4	Chicago-NL	6	0.7	Friday	78	16.1
Grass	413	84.1	Cincinnati	8	1.9	Saturday	78	16.3
Turf	77	15.9	Cleveland	5	0.8			
Pre-ASG	285	57.4	Colorado	3	0.7	Men On	No.	Pct.
Post ASG	205	42.6	Detroit	51	9.8	0	263	55.7
Interleague	53	11.0	Florida	10	1.9	1	148	31.4
Intraleague	437	89.0	Houston	7	1.6	2	53	11.2
			Kansas City	33	7.0	3	8	1.7
Park (37)	No.	Pct.	Los Angeles-AL	21	4.5	Position	No.	Pct.
Jacobs	178	37.7	Los Angeles-NL	3	0.6	1B	310	65.7
U.S. Cellular	55	9.1	Milwaukee	20	4.2	3B	93	21.6
Veterans	28	5.9	Minnesota	48	9.7	DH	84	14.0
Citizens	25	5.3	Montreal	9	1.9	PH	3	0.6
Metrodome	24	5.1	New York-AL	24	4.9	Order	No.	Pct.
Fenway	20	4.0	New York-NL	11	2.3	3rd	128	23.5
Camden Yards	12	2.3	Oakland	25	4.9	4th	168	35.4
Comerica	11	2.1	Pittsburgh	5	1.1	5th	113	26.3
Kauffman	11	2.3	St. Louis	18	3.8	6th	41	9.5
Tiger	11	2.3	San Diego	1	0.2	7th	22	5.1
Yankee	11	2.3	San Francisco	2	0.4	8th	15	3.5
Ameriquest	10	2.1	Seattle	10	2.1	9th	3	0.6
McAfee	10	1.9	Tampa Bay	12	2.3	Count	No.	Pct.
Rogers	10	1.9	Texas	24	4.5	0-0	72	14.4
Angel	9	1.7	Toronto	19	3.8	0-1	33	4.4
Tropicana	8	1.5	Inning	No.	Pct.	0-2	12	2.3
Municipal	6	1.3	1st	61	12.3	1-0	57	11.0
County	6	1.3	2nd	54	11.4	1-1	59	12.3
Turner	6	1.3	3rd	53	10.2	1-2	31	6.6
Old Busch	5	1.1	4th	77	15.6	2-0	30	6.1
Shea	5	1.1	5th	48	8.7	2-1	40	8.5
Chase	3	0.6	6th	56	11.9	2-2	38	8.1
Dolphins	3	0.6	7th	46	9.3	3-0	16	3.0
Wrigley	3	0.6	8th	55	11.4	3-1	37	7.8
Cinergy	2	0.4	9th	31	6.6	3-2	65	13.3
Dodger	2	0.4	X	9	1.9			
Kingdome	2	0.4	Month	No.	Pct.			
Miller	2	0.4	April	58	12.3			
Minute Maid	2	0.4	May	82	17.2			
Olympic	2	0.4	June	109	22.2			
PNC	2	0.2	July	86	16.7			
Arlington	1	0.2	August	82	17.2			
Great American	1	0.2	Sept./Oct.	68	14.4			
PETCO	1	0.2						
SAFECO	1	0.2						
SBC	1	0.2						
Three Rivers	1	0.2						

Thome's Home Run Breakdown By Season															
Year	No.	Home	Road	LHP	RHP	1R	2R	3R	GS	M/A	M	JN	JL	AG	S/O
1991	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	1
1992	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	—	0	1	1	0	—
1993	7	5	2	2	5	6	1	0	0	—	—	—	—	2	0
1994	20	10	10	2	18	13	5	2	0	3	3	4	8	2	5
1995	25	13	12	3	22	14	5	6	0	0	8	8	4	1	4
1996	38	18	20	7	31	21	9	7	1	4	6	5	6	11	6
1997	40	17	23	4	36	27	9	3	1	5	5	12	5	9	4
1998	30	18	12	7	23	15	11	4	0	4	9	8	8	0	1
1999	33	19	14	6	27	16	12	2	3	4	3	4	6	9	7
2000	37	21	16	6	31	26	9	2	0	6	8	9	4	5	5
2001	49	30	19	4	45	26	19	4	0	3	8	10	12	10	6
2002	52	30	22	12	40	32	10	8	2	7	7	10	7	11	10
2003	47	28	19	10	37	21	20	6	0	4	8	9	6	10	10
2004	42	19	23	12	30	20	17	5	0	7	5	15	4	8	3
2005	7	6	1	2	5	4	2	1	0	1	1	5	—	—	—
2006	42	25	17	6	36	20	17	4	1	10	10	5	8	3	6
2007	18	12	6	3	15	8	4	6	0	5	1	4	7	1	—
Total	490	272	218	86	404	271	151	60	8	63	82	109	86	82	68

JIM THOME: AN ALL-STAR IN THE COMMUNITY

- In April 2007, Thome and his wife Andrea, along with the Paul and Jennifer Konerko, announced a new partnership with Children's Home + Aid ... the program, dubbed "Family Champions for Family Champions," focuses on promoting a positive perception of foster care and raising awareness about the needs of foster children ... on May 12, 2007, the Thome and Konerko families announced the start of a fundraising campaign ... to kick off the "Bring Me Home" campaign, Thome donated \$10,000 to Children's Home + Aid.
- Was chosen as *The Sporting News* "No. 1 Good Guy" in Major League Baseball in 2005 for his fundraising efforts in his native Peoria, Ill. ... also was the recipient of the 2005 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, presented annually by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity to the Major League Baseball Player who best exemplifies the giving character of the Hall of Famer ... the award was first presented in 1955 and is permanently maintained at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.
- Was the 2002 recipient of the Roberto Clemente Award, presented annually to the Major League Baseball player who exemplifies Clemente's passion for the game, sportsmanship and community involvement ... with the honor, John Hancock Financial Services made a \$25,000 donation in his name to the Steve Palermo Chapter of the National Paralysis Foundation in Leawood, Kan. ... Thome's nephew, Brandon, is currently unable to walk after bruising his spinal cord in June 2001.
- Named the Marvin Miller "Man of the Year" in 2001 by the MLBPA for his numerous efforts in the community ... served as honorary

- co-chairman of the United Way Home Run Derby from 1998-2002 ... program has helped raise approximately \$200,000 for the United Way's youth programs since 1996.
- Has raised more than \$1,000,000 for the Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria ... hosted the 12th annual "Night with Jim Thome" dinner in January 2007 which raised approximately \$205,000, an event record ... hosts a golf tournament in Peoria each year to benefit the hospital.
- Is involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, granting wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses ... on several occasions in December, has dressed as Santa Claus and visited hospitals and non-profit agencies, purchasing and distributing toys for child patients ... has a street named after him in Peoria and purchased a scoreboard for his high school baseball field.
- Since 2004, he and his wife, Andrea, serve as honorary board members on the Tug McGraw Foundation, which helps offer quality of life and research opportunities to people suffering from brain tumors ... the couple has been title sponsors and actively involved with Fieldstone Farm/The Therapeutic Riding Center in Cleveland, a facility that helps mentally and physically challenged people with horses and riding.
- The couple has substantially supported the following organizations in the Cleveland area for the past five to seven years: NearWest Theatre (an inner-city youth theatre group), The Cleveland Foodbank and Adopt-A-Greyhound ... recently became capital donors to the Cleveland Clinic's new "Health and Wellness Fund"

- and Facility ... has a personal relationship with the head of the clinic, who oversees the allocation of the Thome's three-year commitment at \$50,000 per year.
- Participated in the First Energy Grand Slam Summer Literacy Program with Andrea, and served as the team's honorary captain for CapCure for Prostate Cancer Awareness in 2001 ... he and Andrea have made significant contributions to the Maternity Care Coalition and Easter Seals.
- As members of the Phillies, the couple on many occasions donated their suite at Citizens Bank Park to charitable organizations in the Philadelphia region ... started a new program in 2005 with the Philadelphia Food Bank called "Home Runs For Hunger" in which donations were made to the Food Bank based on his home runs ... at the April 18 press conference, presented the Food Bank with a check for \$25,000.
- Served as 2003 Chairman of the Phillies Fundamentals after-school programs for inner city children ... named 2003 Pro Athlete of the Year and 2004 Media Good Guy, both by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association.
- Did public service announcements for Children's Miracle Network, the Lupus Foundation, United Way, United Cerebral Palsy, The National Conference for Community & Justice and Ohio's "Buckle Up" Public Safety Campaign ... distributed toys to Cleveland-area youths at Christmas from 1998-2001 and made annual donations to Cleveland Indians Charities to fund the event.