

Those Slugging Hurlers

Pitchers With 20 or More Lifetime Home Runs

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Twelve pitchers have hit twenty or more homers in a career. Topping the list is Wes Ferrell, who stroked 38 round-trippers in 374 major league games. With 1,128 times at bat, Ferrell's HR frequency was one home run for every 29.7 at-bats.

The pitcher with the best HR frequency was Ponchatoula-native Earl Wilson. In 740 at-bats, Wilson drilled 35 homers, for a frequency on one HR per 21.1 times at-bat.

Among pitchers with 20 or more homers, the lowest HR frequency is credited to Walter Johnson, whose 25 home runs in 2,288 at-bats crunch out to one homer for every 91.5 times at-bat.

Wondering about Babe Ruth? Curiously enough, the Babe hit only 15 home runs as a pitcher in 490 at-bats (as a pitcher) for a frequency of one per 32.6 at-bats. Amazing, considering Ruth's career frequency of 11.8.

Pitcher	G	AB	HR	AB/HR	BA
Wes Ferrell	374	1,128	38	29.7	.280
Bob Lemon	460	1,126	37	30.4	.234
Red Ruffing	624	1,932	36	53.7	.269
Warren Spahn	750	1,872	35	53.5	.194
Earl Wilson	338	740	35	21.1	.195
Don Drysdale	518	1,169	29	40.3	.187
Walter Johnson	801	2,288	25	91.5	.237
John Clarkson	531	1,895	24	78.9	.218
Bob Gibson	528	1,328	24	55.3	.206
Jack Stivetts	387	1,287	21	61.3	.297
Dizzy Trout	521	961	20	46.1	.213
Milt Pappas	520	1,073	20	53.7	.123