

Ageless Konerko Enters Hall of Fame Discussion

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The continued excellence of 36-year-old Paul Konerko has been quite impressive this season, so much so that it's not premature to assess his Hall of Fame chances.

According to the Bill James projections, the White Sox veteran is on a pace for a .285 batting average, 2,649 hits, 519 home runs and 1,638 RBI. The career totals are eerily similar to those of another Chicago first baseman, name of Ernie Banks, who checks in at .274, 2,583, 512 and 1,636, respectively.

Unlike Mr. Cub, Konerko hasn't won a significant individual award or led the league in a major statistical category in the regular season. As a one-time ALCS Most Valuable Player, Konerko does have a World Series ring to show for his efforts.

If Konerko remains productive through his 30s, he'll have one foot in the door at the very least.