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Before becoming a big leaguer, Frank Thomas played in the early 1980's Columbus, Georgia Babe Ruth League. Thomas was born and raised in Columbus, Georgia, and attended Columbus High School, where he was a standout in both football and baseball.

- Thomas spent 19 years in the majors as one of the most feared hitters in the league. He was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the first round of the June 1989 Major League Baseball Draft and made his major league debut on August 2, 1990.

- Thomas was nicknamed "The Big Hurt" during the 1992 season by broadcaster Ken Harrelson. He was known for menacing home run power and he routinely swung a rusted piece of rebar that he reportedly found during a renovation project in Old Comiskey Park in the on-deck circle.

Thomas' accomplishments include five straight All-Star Game appearances, two MVP awards, two Silver Slugger each at two different positions, and some of the most impressive numbers in Major League Baseball history. In fact, Thomas is the only player to go seven consecutive seasons with 20+ homeruns, 100+ RBIs, 100+ walks and a .300+ batting average. There are only five other players in history who have both hit more home runs and have a higher career batting average than Thomas: Hank Aaron, Jimmie Foxx, Willie Mays, Manny Ramirez, and Babe Ruth.

On January 8, 2014, Thomas was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and officially inducted on July 26, 2014.

