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ELECTION HEADQUARTERS

Induction Weekend 2022 at the Baseball Hall of Fame will be held July 22-25 in Cooperstown, with the *Induction Ceremony* scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 24 on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center... This year's ceremony will feature Era Committee electees **Bud Fowler, Gil Hodges, Jim Kaat, Minnie Miñoso, Tony Oliva** and **Buck O'Neil** along with any candidates elected to the Class of 2022 by the Baseball Writers' Association of America... 2022 Ford C. Frick Award winner **Jack Graney** and 2022 BBWAA Career Excellence Award winner **Tim Kurkjian** will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation*.

CRUNCH TIME: 2022 Hall of Fame ballots have been returned to the BBWAA from eligible 10-year Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA) members... Results will be announced **Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. ET**... MLB Network will air extensive coverage, interviews and analysis beginning at 4 p.m. ET, then televise the announcement live from Cooperstown as Hall of Fame President Josh Rawitch delivers the results... The announcement will also be simulcast on facebook.com/baseballhall and **MLB.com**.

THE CANDIDATES: The 2022 BBWAA ballot was announced Nov. 22 and consists of: Bobby Abreu, Barry Bonds, Mark Buehrle, Roger Clemens, Carl Crawford, Prince Fielder, Todd Helton, Ryan Howard, Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Andruw Jones, Jeff Kent, Tim Lincecum, Justin Morneau, Joe Nathan, David Ortiz, Jonathan Papelbon, Jake Peavy, Andy Pettitte, A.J. Pierzynski, Manny Ramírez, Álex Rodríguez, Scott Rolen, Jimmy Rollins, Curt Schilling, Gary Sheffield, Sammy Sosa, Mark Teixeira, Omar Vizquel and Billy Wagner... For candidate bios, visit baseballhall.org/bbwaa... First-time eligibles are Crawford, Fielder, Howard, Lincecum, Morneau, Nathan, Ortiz, Papelbon, Peavy, Pierzynski, Rodríguez, Rollins and Teixeira... Holdover candidates include Schilling, who was named on 71.1 percent of the BBWAA ballots cast in 2021; Bonds, who was named on 61.8 percent of ballots cast in 2021; Clemens, who was named on 61.6 percent of ballots cast in 2021; and Rolen, who was named on 52.9 percent of ballots cast a year ago... Schilling, Bonds, Clemens and Sosa are appearing on the ballot for the 10th-and-final time... Other returning candidates include Abreu, Buehrle, Hudson, Hunter, Helton, Jones, Kent, Pettitte, Ramírez, Sheffield, Vizquel and Wagner.

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 414 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2021 election, 401 were returned, a return rate of 96.9 percent... The most ballots ever cast in one BBWAA Hall of Fame election came in 2011 with 581... Voting privileges are extended to those BBWAA members meeting their organization's Hall of Fame voting qualifications and in good standing with the BBWAA... Voters can select from zero to 10 names on their Hall of Fame ballot... Votes on 75 percent of all ballots cast are necessary for election.

CREDIT AN ASSIST: Thanks to the firm of Ernst and Young for its assistance in verifying the vote and the voting process, year-in and year-out.

MEET THE MEDIA: Any candidates elected by the BBWAA will be available to media via Zoom calls on the evening of Jan. 25... Times and links will be emailed to media following the 6 p.m. announcement on MLB Network... This will be the only media availability with any electees following the announcement.

THE 2021 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 25 players, including 11 new candidates and 14 returnees...No candidate received votes on 75 percent of ballots cast necessary to earn election, the first BBWAA shutout since 2013...Three first-year candidates received the five percent of the vote necessary to remain on the ballot: Mark Buehrle (11.9%), Torii Hunter (9.5%) and Tim Hudson (5.2%)...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Seventeen players will return for consideration in 2022...A total of 401 votes were cast, with 301 votes necessary for election and 21 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...A record 14 blank ballots were cast...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2021	NAME	YR	2021	NAME	YR	2021
Curt Schilling	9	71.1%	Jeff Kent	8	32.4%	<i>LaTroy Hawkins</i>	1	0.5%
Barry Bonds	9	61.8%	Manny Ramírez	5	28.2%	<i>Barry Zito</i>	1	0.2%
Roger Clemens	9	61.6%	Sammy Sosa	9	17.0%	<i>A.J. Burnett</i>	1	0.0%
Scott Rolen	4	52.9%	Andy Pettitte	3	13.7%	<i>Michael Cuddyer</i>	1	0.0%
Omar Vizquel	4	49.1%	Mark Buehrle	1	11.0%	<i>Dan Haren</i>	1	0.0%
Billy Wagner	6	46.4%	Torii Hunter	1	9.5%	<i>Nick Swisher</i>	1	0.0%
Todd Helton	3	44.9%	Bobby Abreu	2	8.7%	<i>Shane Victorino</i>	1	0.0%
Gary Sheffield	7	40.6%	Tim Hudson	1	5.2%			
Andruw Jones	4	33.9%	<i>Aramis Ramírez</i>	1	1.0%			

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2021 marked the 77th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 68 times and on nine occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013, 2021)...On nine occasions, no election was held (1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965)...The BBWAA membership has elected from zero to five candidates in each of its 77 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in two players more than any other quantity (27 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	5	2019	Halladay, Martinez, Mussina, Rivera
3	9	2017	Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez
2	27	2020	Jeter, Walker
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	9	2021	----

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2023:** Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey, Francisco Rodríguez, Jayson Werth; **2024:** Adrián Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright; **2025:** Brian McCann, CC Sabathia, Ichiro Suzuki, Troy Tulowitzki; **2026:** Ryan Braun, Edwin Encarnación, Matt Kemp, Nick Markakis; **2027:** Jay Bruce, Jon Lester, Buster Posey, Kyle Seager.

RULES FOR ELECTION: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa>...Voting rules state that: “Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played.”

THE GAME’S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 339 elected members...Included are 267 former major league players, as well as 40 executives/pioneers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 134 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 179 deserving candidates ...The defunct “Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues” selected nine men between 1971-77 and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues in 2006 elected 17 Negro Leaguers...There are currently 74 living members.

74 AMBASSADORS: The 74 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Harold Baines, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Vladimir Guerrero, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Trevor Hoffman, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Derek Jeter, Randy Johnson, Chipper Jones, Jim Kaat, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martínez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Tony Oliva, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Larry Walker, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: Willie Mays, born May 6, 1931, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 90...The Hall of Fame to reach the highest age was **Bobby Doerr**, who was 99 years, 220 days old when he passed away in 2017... **Vladimir Guerrero**, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 46 years of age...The youngest elected Hall of Famer was **Sandy Koufax**, who was 36 when he was elected in 1972.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 267 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field...Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position...Numbers in parentheses indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

Pitchers 84 (45)	Second Basemen ..21 (11)	Left Fielders23 (12)
Catchers 19 (10)	Third Basemen17 (8)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Basemen 25 (12)	Shortstops26 (12)	Right Fielders27 (15)
Designated Hitter 2 (1)		

P: Kaat (2022)	DH: Baines, Martinez (2019)	LF: Miñoso (2022)
C: Simmons (2020)	2B: Biggio (2015)	CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)
1B: Hodges (2022)	3B: Jones (2018)	RF: Oliva (2022)
	SS: Jeter (2020)	

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Derek Jeter in 2020, 57 players have been elected in their first year of eligibility (18 pitchers, seven RF, six 3B, six LF, six SS, five CF, three 2B, three 1B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 14 of the last 20 elections, at least one player has been elected in his first year of eligibility...Other than the inaugural Hall of Fame election, 1999, 2014 and 2015 are the only three years where as many as three first-year candidates were elected at once...NOTE: Lou Gehrig (who received votes in 1936 while active and then was elected by acclamation in 1939) and Roberto Clemente (by special election in 1973) were each elected through a non-traditional process and are not counted in the 57.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1981	Bob Gibson	1995	Mike Schmidt	2014	Tom Glavine
1936	Honus Wagner	1982	Hank Aaron	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Frank Thomas
1936	Babe Ruth	1982	Frank Robinson	1999	George Brett	2015	Randy Johnson
1936	Christy Mathewson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	Robin Yount	2015	Pedro Martínez
1936	Walter Johnson	1985	Lou Brock	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	John Smoltz
1962	Jackie Robinson	1986	Willie McCovey	2001	Dave Winfield	2016	Ken Griffey Jr.
1962	Bob Feller	1988	Willie Stargell	2002	Ozzie Smith	2017	Iván Rodríguez
1966	Ted Williams	1989	Johnny Bench	2003	Eddie Murray	2018	Chipper Jones
1969	Stan Musial	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2004	Dennis Eckersley	2018	Jim Thome
1972	Sandy Koufax	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Paul Molitor	2019	Roy Halladay
1973	Warren Spahn	1990	Jim Palmer	2005	Wade Boggs	2019	Mariano Rivera
1974	Mickey Mantle	1991	Rod Carew	2007	Cal Ripken Jr.	2020	Derek Jeter
1977	Ernie Banks	1992	Tom Seaver	2007	Tony Gwynn		
1979	Willie Mays	1993	Reggie Jackson	2009	Rickey Henderson		
1980	Al Kaline	1994	Steve Carlton	2014	Greg Maddux		

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 75 men not elected by the BBWAA in their first year eligible were done so on a later ballot, taking from two to 16 elections...The length of time a player could stay on the BBWAA ballot has varied throughout history...From 1946-56, the rule was that a player must have been active at some point in the 25 years prior to the election – it was increased to 30 years from 1956-62, was 20 years from 1963-2014 and is now 15 years...When one walks through the Hall of Fame Gallery, though, the year or method by which players were elected are not noted...The 75 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Guerrero, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hoffman, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); **4th election** (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Piazza, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); **5th election** (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); **6th election** (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehring, Mussina, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Pérez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, E Martinez, Raines, Simmons, Walker); **11th election** (Snider); **12th election** (Dean, Hartnett, Heilmann, Lemon); **13th election** (Kiner, Sutter); **14th election** (Blyleven, Maranville, Terry); **15th election** (Rice, Ruffing); **16th election** (Vance).

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: There are 56 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2022 electee Tony Oliva the most recent addition to this list...The list includes: Luke Appling, Jeff Bagwell, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, George Brett, Roy Campanella, Roberto Clemente, Earle Combs, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Don Drysdale, Red Faber, Bob Feller, Whitey Ford, Lou Gehrig, Charlie Gehringer, Bob Gibson, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Derek Jeter, Walter Johnson, Chipper Jones, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Edgar Martinez, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Tony Oliva, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Alan Trammell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW: In 2020, Derek Jeter became the 35th player to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election...The 35 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
2019	Mariano Rivera	425	425	100%	0
2020	Derek Jeter	397	396	99.75%	1
2016	Ken Griffey Jr.	440	437	99.32%	3
1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	98.84%	5
1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	98.79%	6
2007	Cal Ripken	545	537	98.53%	8
1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	98.23%	4
1999	George Brett	497	488	98.19%	9
1982	Hank Aaron	415	406	97.83%	9
2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	97.60%	13
2015	Randy Johnson	549	534	97.27%	15
2014	Greg Maddux	571	555	97.20%	16
2018	Chipper Jones	422	410	97.16%	12
1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	96.52%	16
1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	96.42%	16
1994	Steve Carlton	456	436	95.61%	20
1936	Honus Wagner	226	215	95.13%	11
1936	Babe Ruth	226	215	95.13%	11
2009	Rickey Henderson	539	511	94.81%	28
1979	Willie Mays	432	409	94.67%	23
1989	Carl Yastrzemski	447	423	94.63%	24
1962	Bob Feller	160	150	93.75%	10
1993	Reggie Jackson	423	396	93.62%	27
1966	Ted Williams	302	282	93.37%	20
1969	Stan Musial	340	317	93.23%	23
2018	Vladimir Guerrero	392	422	92.89%	30
1990	Jim Palmer	444	411	92.57%	33
1983	Brooks Robinson	374	344	91.97%	30
2014	Tom Glavine	571	525	91.94%	46
2005	Wade Boggs	516	474	91.86%	42
2002	Ozzie Smith	472	433	91.74%	39
2015	Pedro Martínez	549	500	91.07%	49
1936	Christy Mathewson	226	205	90.70%	21
1991	Rod Carew	443	401	90.50%	42
2011	Roberto Alomar	581	523	90.02%	58

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR: Several individuals have come close to being elected to the Hall of Fame, but have missed by the slimmest of margins in a given year. All on the list below were subsequently elected to the Hall of Fame:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	NEEDED/ELECTION	SHORT BY
2014	Craig Biggio	571	427	429	2
1985	Nellie Fox	395	295	297	2
1947	Pie Traynor	161	119	121	2
1986	Billy Williams	425	315	319	4
1988	Jim Bunning	427	317	321	4
2010	Bert Blyleven	539	400	405	5
2017	Trevor Hoffman	442	327	332	5
1994	Orlando Cepeda	455	335	342	7
1967	Joe Medwick	292	212	219	7
1945	Frank Chance	247	179	186	7
1953	Bill Terry	264	191	198	7
1982	Juan Marichal	415	305	312	7
1951	Paul Waner	226	162	170	8
1968	Roy Campanella	283	205	213	8
2010	Roberto Alomar	539	397	405	8
1975	Robin Roberts	362	263	272	9
1997	Don Sutton	473	346	355	9
2002	Gary Carter	472	343	354	11

CLOSE, AND CIGAR: Twenty-seven Hall of Famers have earned election by 10 votes or less:

YEAR	PLAYER	VOTES NEEDED	RECEIVED	MARGIN
1939	Willie Keeler	206	207	1
1953	Al Simmons	198	199	1
1975	Ralph Kiner	272	273	1
1991	Ferguson Jenkins	333	334	1
1937	Cy Young	151	153	2
1947	Lefty Grove	121	123	2
1948	Pie Traynor	91	93	2
1948	Herb Pennock	91	94	3
1962	Jackie Robinson	120	124	4
2017	Iván Rodríguez	332	336	4
1972	Early Wynn	297	301	4
1987	Jim “Catfish” Hunter	310	315	5
1954	Bill Terry	189	195	6
1955	Gabby Hartnett	189	195	6
2005	Ryne Sandberg	387	393	6
2020	Larry Walker	298	304	6
1939	Eddie Collins	206	213	7
1942	Rogers Hornsby	175	182	7
1947	Mickey Cochrane	121	128	7
1956	Joe Cronin	145	152	7
1970	Lou Boudreau	225	232	7
2009	Jim Rice	405	412	7
2019	Mike Mussina	319	326	7
1951	Jimmie Foxx	170	179	9
1991	Gaylord Perry	333	342	9
1974	Whitey Ford	274	284	10
2000	Tony Pérez	375	385	10

ERA COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Golden Days Era Committee and the Early Baseball Era Committee each met for the first time on Dec. 5 in Orlando, Fla. The Golden Days Era Committee considered a 10-person ballot of candidates whose primary contributions to the game came from 1950-69, and the Early Baseball Era Committee considered a ballot of 10 candidates whose primary contributions came prior to 1950.

GOLDEN DAYS ERA COMMITTEE RESULTS: Four electees emerged from voting by the Modern Baseball Era Committee on Dec. 5 in Orlando, Fla...Gil Hodges, Jim Kaat, Minnie Miñoso and Tony Oliva each reached the 75-percent-of-the-vote threshold necessary for election...All will be inducted at the 2022 Induction Ceremony on July 24 in Cooperstown...**RESULTS OF GOLDEN DAYS ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION (12 NEEDED FOR ELECTION):** Minnie Miñoso (14 votes, 87.5%), Gil Hodges (12 votes, 75%), Jim Kaat (12 votes, 75%), Tony Oliva (12 votes, 75%), Dick Allen (11 votes, 68.8%); Ken Boyer, Roger Maris, Danny Murtaugh, Billy Pierce and Maury Wills each received three-or-fewer votes.

HODGE PODGE: Gil Hodges played 18 seasons with the Dodgers and the Mets from 1943-63, earning eight All-Star Game selections and three Gold Glove Awards at first base...He topped the 20-homer mark in 11 straight seasons from 1949-59, drove in 100-or-more runs each year from 1949-55 and played on seven pennant winners and two World Series champions, ending his career with 370 home runs – the third-most by a right-handed hitter at the time of his retirement...Hodges went on to manage the Senators and Mets for nine seasons, leading New York to a memorable World Series title in 1969...Hodges passed away on April 2, 1972.

KAAT TREATS: Jim Kaat pitched for 25 seasons with the Senators, Twins, White Sox, Phillies, Yankees and Cardinals, winning 283 games...A three-time 20-game winner, three-time All-Star and 16-time Gold Glove Award winner, Kaat’s 625 career games started ranks 17th all-time and his 4,530.1 innings pitched ranks 25th...He helped the Twins win the 1965 American League pennant and the Phillies win National League East titles from 1976-78 before transitioning to the bullpen, when he was a key member of manager Whitey Herzog’s relief corps as the Cardinals won the World Series.

RINGS OF SATURNINO: Minnie Miñoso starred in the Negro National League with the New York Cubans from 1946-48 before debuting with the Cleveland Indians in 1949...Born Saturnino Orestes Armas Miñoso in Havana, Cuba, he played 17 seasons with the Indians, White Sox, Cardinals and Senators, becoming the first dark-skinned Latin American player to appear in an AL or NL game...Miñoso finished second in the AL Rookie of the Year voting in 1951 and earned the first of nine All-Star Game selections in the AL/NL Midsummer Classic that year...A three-time Gold Glove Award winner in left field, Miñoso led the AL in triples and stolen bases three times apiece and finished his career with 2,110 hits and a .299 batting average...Minoso passed away on March 1, 2015.

TONY'S REWARD: Tony Oliva spent his entire 15-year big league career with the Twins, winning three AL batting titles while leading the league in hits five times... The 1964 American League Rookie of the Year, Oliva was named to the All-Star Game in eight straight seasons from 1964-71 before knee injuries took their toll... A Gold Glove Award winner for his play in right field in 1966, Oliva became the first player in AL/NL history to win batting titles in each of his first two seasons... He received votes in the AL Most Valuable Player balloting in each season from 1964-71 and finished his career with a .304 batting average.

THE GOLDEN DAYS ERA ELECTORATE: The 16-member Hall of Fame Board-appointed electorate charged with the review of the Golden Days Era ballot was comprised of Hall of Fame members **Bert Blyeven, Fergie Jenkins, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ozzie Smith and Joe Torre**; major league executives **Al Avila, Bill DeWitt, Ken Kendrick, Kim Ng and Tony Reagins**; and veteran media members/historians **Adrian Burgos Jr., Steve Hirdt, Jaime Jarrín and Jack O'Connell**... Hall of Fame Chairman of the Board Jane Forbes Clark served as the non-voting chairman of the Golden Days Era Committee... The Golden Days Era ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran members: **Bob Elliott** (*Canadian Baseball Network*); **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*); **Steve Hirdt** (*Stats Perform*); **Rick Hummel** (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*); **David O'Brien** (*The Athletic*); **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA); **Jim Reeves** (formerly *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*); **Tracy Ringolsby** (*InsideTheSeams.com*); **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly *San Francisco Chronicle*); **Susan Slusser** (*San Francisco Chronicle*); and **Mark Whicker** (*Southern California News Group*)... The HOC annually sets ballots for the Era Committee elections.

EARLY BASEBALL ERA COMMITTEE RESULTS: Two electees emerged from voting by the Early Baseball Era Committee on Dec. 5 in Orlando, Fla.... Bud Fowler and Buck O'Neil both reached the 75-percent-of-the-vote threshold necessary for election... Both will be inducted at the 2022 Induction Ceremony on July 24 in Cooperstown... **RESULTS OF EARLY BASEBALL ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION (12 NEEDED FOR ELECTION):** Buck O'Neil (13 votes, 87.5%), Bud Fowler (12 votes, 75%), Vic Harris (10 votes, 62.5%), John Donaldson (8 votes, 50%), Allie Reynolds (6 votes, 37.5%), Lefty O'Doul (5 votes, 31.3%), George Scales (4 votes, 25%); Bill Dahlen, Grant Johnson and Dick Redding each received three-or-fewer votes.

BUDDY SYSTEM: Born John W. Jackson Jr. in Fort Plain, N.Y., on March 16, 1858, Bud Fowler's family moved to Cooperstown – located about a half hour from Fort Plain – just a few years later... Often acknowledged as the first Black professional baseball player, Fowler endured a nomadic career in search of opportunities to play baseball... He played professionally for nearly two decades and his talents earned him recognition in the baseball community... In 1894, Fowler helped form the Page Fence Giants, who would go on to become one of the all-time great Black barnstorming teams... Later on, he had a hand in establishing other barnstorming clubs, including the Smoky City Giants, the All-American Black Tourists and the Kansas City Stars, and was a strong proponent of establishing Black baseball leagues... Fowler passed away on Feb. 26, 1913.

VOICE OF HISTORY: Buck O'Neil played, managed, coached, scouted and served as an executive for nearly eight decades – but his incredible legacy expands far beyond just baseball... O'Neil got his start in semipro ball before spending time with various barnstorming and minor league clubs... He broke into the Negro American League with the Memphis Red Sox in 1937, then latched on at first base for the Kansas City Monarchs in 1938... He would remain with the club for nearly two decades... From 1939-42, the Monarchs captured four consecutive Negro American League pennants, sweeping the Homestead Grays in the Negro League World Series in 1942... In 1948, O'Neil was named player-manager of the Monarchs – a role he would hold until 1955... O'Neil departed Kansas City in 1955 and signed on as a scout for the Chicago Cubs... The Cubs promoted O'Neil to their major league coaching staff in 1962, making him the first Black coach to serve on an AL or NL roster... A beloved champion of the game and gifted storyteller, O'Neil helped establish the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City in 1990... O'Neil passed away on Oct. 6, 2006.

FOUR SQUARE: For the fourth straight election cycle, a Hall of Fame veterans committee elected at least one living former big league player, with the election of Jim Kaat and Tony Oliva coming on the heels of the election of Ted Simmons by the Modern Baseball Era Committee in 2019, the election of Harold Baines and Lee Smith by the Today's Game Era Committee in 2018 and the election of Jack Morris and Alan Trammell by the Modern Baseball Era Committee in 2017... The last time a veterans committee chose at least one living former big league player in four straight years was 1983-86, when George Kell was elected in 1983, Rick Ferrell and Pee Wee Reese were elected in 1984, Enos Slaughter was elected in 1985 and Bobby Doerr was elected in 1986.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE: The Golden Days Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact was realized from 1950-69, while the Early Baseball Era covers candidates whose primary contribution was realized prior to 1950... Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more major league seasons and retired for at least five years; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years, with any active executives 70 or older eligible for consideration.

FUTURE ELECTIONS: Four era committees for consideration of managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players meet on a rotating basis: *Today's Game* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); *Modern Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); *Golden Days* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and *Early Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950)...The *Today's Game* and *Modern Baseball* eras are considered twice each in a five-year period, with the *Golden Days* era considered once every five years and the *Early Baseball* era considered once every 10 years... Eras considered for yearly induction will be as follows: **2023** – Today's Game; **2024** – Modern Baseball; **2025**– Today's Game; **2026** – Modern Baseball; **2027** – Golden Days. *The Early Baseball era returns for induction consideration in 2032.*

2022 AWARD WINNERS

Jack Graney, the 2022 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Tim Kurkjian, the 2022 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Career Excellence Award, will be honored at the 2022 Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* during Hall of Fame Weekend.

JACKS TO OPEN: Jack Graney, who followed up a 14-year big league career with the Cleveland Indians by becoming a legendary Northeast Ohio broadcasting voice, has been selected as the 2022 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Graney was selected from a final ballot of candidates in the *Broadcasting Beginnings* category per the three-year cycle for the Frick Award... Born June 10, 1886, in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, Graney was a gifted left-handed amateur pitcher who joined the Cleveland Naps in 1908, pitching two games before spending most of the rest of the season in the minors...Converted to the outfield the next season, Graney returned to Cleveland in 1910 – becoming a regular for the next decade...A disciplined hitter, Graney led the American League in walks in both 1917 and 1919 and appeared in three games off the bench in the 1920 World Series, helping Cleveland defeat Brooklyn for the title...Graney made history as the first to bat against Babe Ruth in the big leagues (1914) and the first 20th century big league player to appear at bat with a number on his uniform (1916)...Ending his big league career in 1922 with 1,178 hits and a .354 on-base percentage, Graney went into the automotive sales industry...Then in 1932, WHK-AM began broadcasting Cleveland games and hired Graney, who is now widely considered to be the first former big league player to broadcast a major league game...For the next 22 years – except for 1945, when network radio broadcasts pre-empted local programming – Graney called games for a variety of Cleveland stations, including WHK, WGAR, WJW and WERE...Teaming with several partners, including 1997 Frick Award winner Jimmy Dudley, Graney's meticulous descriptions of the action on the field and the elements of the ballpark brought the game to life for those who had never been to League Park or Cleveland Stadium...Graney called the World Series for a national audience in 1935 and also broadcast that year's All-Star Game in Cleveland...He passed away on April 20, 1978.

CAPTAIN KURK: Tim Kurkjian, who has hit for the cycle as a baseball writer – newspaper beat coverage, magazine writing, internet essayist, television reporter/analyst – and found the time to author three books, was elected the 2022 winner of the BBWAA Career Excellence Award...A graduate of Walter Johnson High school in his native Bethesda, Md., and the University of Maryland, Kurkjian began his career in 1979 for the *Washington Star* and two years later was the Rangers beat writer for the *Dallas Morning News*...After four years in Texas, Kurkjian returned to Maryland, joining the *Baltimore Sun* to cover the Orioles for four years...Kurkjian then spent seven years as *Sports Illustrated's* senior baseball writer...In 1998, he joined ESPN where he has worked as a columnist for ESPN.com and a reporter/analyst/host for "Baseball Tonight," the latter assignment earning him an Emmy Award in 2002...He won a second Emmy for contributions to "SportsCenter" in 2003-04...Along the way, Kurkjian penned "America's Game" (2000), an interactive look at baseball; "Is This a Great Game or What?" (2007), a collection of his personal reflections covering the sport; and "I'm Fascinated by Sacrifice Flies" (2017), detailing the idiosyncrasies that define his love for the game...Kurkjian has served on two Era Committees for the Hall of Fame and is on the board of directors for the Shirley Povich Center for Sports Journalism at Maryland.

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

AUTUMN GLORY: Artifacts from the Atlanta Braves' world championship have arrived in Cooperstown and are now on display in the Museum's *Autumn Glory* exhibit...The artifacts from the 2021 postseason will be on display through the 2022 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum's exhibition celebrating the postseason...Artifacts include:

- The pearl necklace worn by Joc Pederson throughout the Postseason
- Spikes worn by Braves Game 6 starter Max Fried, who pitched six shutout innings to earn the victory
- Batting helmet worn by World Series MVP Jorge Soler
- Bat used by Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman in Game 6 when he doubled and homered
- Glove used by NLCS MVP Eddie Rosario
- Cap worn by Braves Game 3 starter Ian Anderson, who did not allow a hit over five innings, and a ball he threw during that game
- Spikes worn in Game 6 by Braves reliever Will Smith, who did not allow a run in 11 Postseason appearances
- Cap worn in Game 6 by Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson
- Jersey worn in Game 1 by Braves manager Brian Snitker
- Cap worn by Astros manager Dusty Baker during the regular season
- Batting helmet worn by ALCS MVP Yordan Álvarez during the Postseason

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

MUSEUM DEBUTS HALL OF FAME CONNECTIONS YOUTUBE SERIES: Through its new YouTube series *Hall of Fame Connections*, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is sharing the fascinating connections that link early baseball with today's game...Produced by MLB Network and made possible by a grant from New York State's Division of Tourism, the series looks at the Hall of Fame's collection from a new and exciting angle, with each episode telling a different story of how two seemingly unrelated artifacts in the Museum's vast collection connect to each other, crossing through generations of baseball history...Each two-part episode features both a narrative storytelling element that weaves through the history of some of the Museum's most iconic artifacts, and the Hall of Fame's curators conversing about those artifacts and stories with MLB Network personalities Carlos Peña, a former MLB All-Star, and sports journalist Lindsay Berra, the granddaughter of Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra...The series consists of 13 episodes, all available to stream for free through the Hall of Fame's YouTube channel at youtube.com/baseballhall.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 FRANK AND PEGGY STEELE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DUE JAN. 31: The chance to spend the summer in Cooperstown is every baseball fan's dream...For college students aspiring to land a once-in-a-lifetime summer experience in the National Baseball Hall of Fame's 2022 internship program, only a handful of weeks remain before applications are due Jan. 31...The 2022 Frank and Peggy Steele Internship Program for Youth Leadership Development will provide students the chance to join the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum team in a 10-week paid summer internship, offering meaningful, hands-on training in numerous professional career fields for those who are chosen from the hundreds of applications received in Cooperstown each year...In addition, interns learn and work in the company of baseball's best-known personalities during the annual Hall of Fame Weekend and Induction Ceremony...To be considered for the program, students must be enrolled in a bachelor's or master's degree program at a college or university, having completed at least their sophomore year of studies, or must have just graduated in May of the year of their internship...Intern positions for 2022 are available in the following fields: Collections, Communications, Curatorial, Development/Membership, Education, Library Research, Licensing & Sales, Manuscript Archives, Photo Archives & Digital Collections, Public Programs, Social Media and Special Events...Nineteen internships will be awarded...All applications must be completed online at baseballhall.org/intern...Applications must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2022.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Memorial Day Weekend, when summer hours resume...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$28 for adults (13 and over), \$22 for seniors (65 and over), \$19 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$17 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members and active or career retired military personnel are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at www.baseballhall.org or call (607) 547-7200.