

## **Scott Rolen Zoom Call 1-24-23**

**Jon Shestakofsky 00:00**

So again, thanks everyone for your patience here and welcome to tonight's media availability with class of 2023 Hall of Fame inductee Scott Rolen. My name is Jon Shestakofsky, Vice President of Communications and Education here at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. So earlier today, Scott was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot. He will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 23 in Cooperstown, alongside fellow member of the Class of 2023, Fred McGriff, who was elected to the Hall of Fame by the Contemporary Baseball Era Players Committee, which met on December 4th. Please note a couple notes that this session is being recorded, and the transcript will become available to media within the next 24 hours at the Hall of Fame's website [baseballhall.org](http://baseballhall.org). Also, please note that the in-person new inductee media availability, which had been scheduled to take place in Cooperstown tomorrow will not be able to take place as originally scheduled due to weather. And we'll have some details for rescheduled media appearance later this week, that we'll send out in the coming days. So with that, Scott, I want to say again, congratulations to you on this very special day. Thank you for joining us on this call. And before we open for questions, would you like to share any opening remarks?

**Scott Rolen 01:30**

Well, I thank you, thank you very much. First of all, I think it goes without saying that. Thank you to all the baseball writers in the association and across the country, whether with a vote or without a vote. I really appreciate everything. I enjoyed my career enjoyed my time and everybody's professionalism. So that being said, I appreciate everything. I'd be happy to hopefully answer any questions if they're not too hard.

**Jon Shestakofsky 01:53**

We think you're capable, Scott. So thank you.

**Scott Rolen 01:59**

Good to know.

**Jon Shestakofsky 02:00**

And we're now ready to take questions from participants. So if you would like to ask a question of Scott, please click reactions at the bottom of your screen, then click raise hand. And we'll have the first question, just a second, coming from Tyler Kepner. Tyler, you can unmute yourself.

**Tyler Kepner 02:24**

All right, Scott, congratulations. How are you?

**Scott Rolen 02:26**

Thank you. Great. How are you?

**Tyler Kepner 02:28**

Good. I wanted to ask you, I mean, what were your expectations sort of about the whole Hall of Fame process when you first got on the ballot? It was a tough of a low start to the ballot, and then you gradually moved, moved up the ranks. After that first year, did you think that you would make it? Or did you see this sort of progression happening?

**Scott Rolen** 02:50

There was actually never a point in my life that I thought I was going to be a Hall of Fame baseball player. So we can start there. And then, you know, when, you know, never did I think I was gonna get drafted and never did I think I was gonna play in the Major Leagues never gonna be whatever, you know, and then certainly, when I make the ballot, you know, it's a great honor at that time. And it was funny, I was coaching my son's basketball team at the time. And we were sitting in the parking lot, the very first time through. He was probably in fourth grade, or fifth grade, or whatever. And we're gonna go have a horrendous practice, you know, just set up. And we were waiting, and we're listening on the radio before he went in. And he was asked me a bunch of questions. And I said, I have to, I need 5%, and that's all I need. His name is Finn. And he's like, dad, I think you're getting in. I'm like, oh, man. I don't think so. But that was Chipper Jones. Jim Thome, you know, Trevor (Hoffman), it was a big ballot, right? And so I didn't know a lot about the system at the time, for quite a while. And at that time, you know, it came up, I think, what 10.7 or something like that. And we heard that I was 10.7. I was still on. And he says to me, did we win? I said, oh, we won. Yes, we won. And so we went in had a horrendous practice that I set up and it was successful with fourth grade basketball, and then you know, came out and then the next year went to 17, or whatever it was, and, and with another big ballot and just moved along the way, you know, no thoughts, no expectations. But started maybe gain a little more interest in the process. I didn't know a lot about the process. And I got to a point where, actually I'll throw out throw, but last year, two years ago, last year, two years ago, Larry Walker and Gary Bennett introduced me to Ryan Spaeder, who, you know, is a numbers guy and we've been in contact and he kind of educated me on the process and what happens and WAR and the numbers. I didn't know any of that, you know, and he's like, they help you dude. I'm like, what that level you know, so it was just a growing interest. I think it as much for from my son as anything else he was he was getting older and his buddies were kind of following it. And he was getting more educated. And so I kind of caught up, you know, with him and we kind of went through this together. And then this was, this was silly here. This is kind of over the top. We're all we're all pretty nervous to sit around. And it was it was really cool.

**Tyler Kepner** 05:20

Congratulations, Scott. Thanks.

**Scott Rolen** 05:21

Thank you.

**Jon Shestakofsky** 05:24

Next up, Derrick Goold. Please go right ahead.

**Derrick Goold** 05:27

Scott, congratulations.

**Scott Rolen 05:32**

Thank you. Thank you, Gooldie.

**Derrick Goold 05:34**

You're welcome. I wanted to piggyback on what Tyler asked just real quick, ask was all your family together for this. Were all your kids able to be there for this? And then I had a second question.

**Scott Rolen 05:47**

We, yes, we, we have our whole family here, at my brother's house is where I am right now. And we all we all got together here. I was at my house. We just live. I mean, literally on the same property almost. So mom and dad are up here, his family, my family. And we were our family was at my house when, when we were waiting for the call just to try to take a breath a little bit. And then we and then it's funny it came and you know, it's fantastic. And we're over here right now. And like I said, I promised everybody great steaks, no matter what. And I had to turn the tongs over, which I think is a good thing because I was normally going to grill for everybody. But now, you know, my brother-in-law's grilling I mean, that's a good thing.

**Derrick Goold 06:32**

You were asked during the interview about the home run off of Roger Clemens and I wondered if you might look back on your time with the Cardinals sort of what it meant to come and join that lineup, which could include a couple other Hall of Famers, and then specifically about 06 when what you went through physically during that NLCS and wanting to get back in the lineup, and then how that finished for you with your performance in the World Series. Just how you look at that in in the frame of kind of catapulting a Hall of Fame career.

**Scott Rolen 07:04**

When I got traded. You know, I mentioned earlier my six years in Philadelphia kind of taught me how to play the game. We were a little rough, we were young and I learned to really kind of hustle and play hard or it wasn't gonna work very well for you. And, you know, you move on to St. Louis and the biggest thing about St. Louis, is that there were just seasoned professional veterans there at the time that you know, you could really learn from overnight. And that was it was a it was a veteran team. It was an older team. They've been around they've competed together for a long time so that was a great thing in my career that I think I was ready for you know kind of pushing for six years pretty hard and young and not knowing what I'm doing and then all of a sudden you know, we didn't have much success in Philadelphia but we had good players and you know Bobby Abreu you and obviously Schilling was there and Rico Brogna a bunch of guys you know but you know we kind of I got traded to a championship team or at least a caliber championship team and what I found out they were veteran guys and their mindset was a little different than mine. You know, I went to the ballpark at three o'clock because I was supposed to go to ballpark three o'clock you know they went to the ballpark at three o'clock because they were going to do their job and I'm like oh man, okay, you know this is a different thing for me and as it my time went through especially in 04 with Supp and Carb and Metal I think all these guys we were all that same age we had similar situations we're married we're raising families and it was just a fun time for our wives fun time for us and you know, we really competed well together. At that time I after the 04 when we got swept by the Red Sox. I told my wife after that in the offseason I

said I'm never gonna win a World Series because I can't play on a better team than that talentwise and certainly a more cohesive team like that that's as good a group inside the group as you can possibly have and we got killed. And we come back in 06 and you know, it changed my mind about a lot of things we got hot we kind of backed in and we got hot and kind of ran the table and it was it was pretty impressive there too with a good group but not certainly not the 04 group. I forgot your question. Did I answer any of them?

**Derrick Goold 09:25**

I just asked about what you were going through physically, you know six to you know, lineup and then to finish the way you did with that championship be chaste.

**Scott Rolen 09:33**

Yeah, physically in 06, 05 is when I had two surgeries on my shoulder and I was coming back and rehabbing and our got hurt early in the season, which prolonged stretches that I was playing and you know, I got at the end of it at the end of 06 I kind of you know, wore down a little bit and tried to stay out on the field and you know, that's when Tony and I decided to headbutt each other a little bit. And, you know, it ended up, it ended up all the best, you know, for all of us. And you know, we ended up winning a world championship in an unlikely situation.

**Jon Shestakofsky 10:16**

Next, Shi Davidi.

**Shi Davidi 10:18**

Hey, Scott, congratulations, thanks for taking the time to do this. I'm wondering, your stay in Toronto was a brief one. But I'm wondering what you remember if where you felt you were in your career when you arrived in Toronto, and what that time there allowed you to do in terms of just maybe resetting yourself a bit as a player after the end of the St. Louis experience?

**Scott Rolen 10:46**

I think you just said it, to tell you the truth. It was a it was a time like, you know, I was just telling Derek we kind of at the back end of St. Louis. You know, we were banging around a little bit. And I ended up you know, getting traded to Toronto, and I think it was needed for, for us and my family and for, you know, the organization at that time. And you know, certainly no hard feelings, they've embraced it. That's St. Louis is a fantastic place, the organization has been absolutely phenomenal. But yeah, went to a whole different situation with a different group of people kind of scratching my head not knowing where my career was, at the time because I'd been injured, I I'd lost a little traction, you know, ability-wise, or where I was swinging a bat and doing some stuff. So J.P (Ricciardi) traded for me, he wanted me in that he wanted me in the clubhouse. You know, as, as some veteran has some time, you know, in the game and to try to pull some things together because they had a lot of talent, obviously, you know, Roy Halladay was there and AJ Burnett and Dustin McGowan those guys, I mean, the staff was, was unbelievable. And, you know, he's just trying to pull everything together. And I, I needed a second for that, and try to figure out where I was and, and it was worked out great, like, so I met so many incredible people that I'm still in contact with. And it really kind of refocused me like, this is baseline

Scotty, just go play baseball, and you know, just get away from it and try to get the damn ball up the middle. And let's see what happens.

**Shi Davidi** 12:25

And towards the end of your time, Toronto, I believe memory serves the turf, it started catching up with you, as are wearing you down a little bit. I mean, if not for the turf, could you have potentially stayed in Toronto longer? Were there some other considerations there about? How that was a fit for you at that point?

**Scott Rolen** 12:41

Yeah, it was, uh, my contract was ending, I wasn't sure where I was. And, you know, it was kind of a short term idea, I think, you know, for JP at the time, and, you know, Walt Jocketty from Cincinnati, you know, kind of a he kind of contacted JP and I think he was looking for a similar thing that maybe JP was and it was an opportunity for me to get back home. My kids were young at the time, and I could get if the closest major league team to my to where I live and where my kids are going to school. So it was pretty interesting to me. So yeah, that worked out well also.

**Shi Davidi** 13:17

Thanks again, Scott.

**Scott Rolen** 13:18

Sure, no problem.

**Jon Shestakofsky** 13:21

Thanks, Shi. Next, we'll go to Scott Lauber. Scott, you can unmute yourself.

**Scott Lauber** 13:25

Scott, congratulations.

**Scott Rolen** 13:29

Thank you.

**Scott Lauber** 13:31

I think on TV, you talked about your relationship with John Vukovich early in your Phillies career and wanted to see if you would expand on that a little bit, just in terms of what he meant to you and what those first, you know, several years meant to you in terms of being formative years for you in the major leagues.

**Scott Rolen** 13:53

Yeah, Vuk, as people didn't know Vuk, he's a nasty, nasty man, which we love about him, you know, and that's all said, in, like, in supportive, we love Vuk, and he just had a hard way about him and hard demeanor and that was a, I think that's probably what I needed at the time. I was I went to my first major league camp, it must have been 96. And so, you know, I wasn't going to make the team. I was a young kid. Everything was off, like, you do your ground ball, you do your hitting work before the

veterans get in there. And if you have ground balls, you do the ground balls before your early hitting work before the veterans get there. So, you know, it wasn't necessarily light all the time when we got to the field and Vuk about four days a week. I said I was a minor league kid, he, you know, "Kid be there at six!". You know, I'm gonna be there at six. And so we go out there and I mean, he he as much as anybody taught me how to work. You know, you're not sure you know, oh, this kid works hard. He made me work hard, you know, it wasn't a choice, I didn't have a choice to work hard. He worked as hard as I did. And he's sweating and he's hitting balls. And, and it was nonstop. I mean, we just did this over and over and over and over. And he took, he took a real real interest in me and not only that, he taught me different likes of defensive fundamentals that I just didn't know about. And work through some stuff, change around, widen my stance, widen how I, you know, when the ball's in the hitting zone, make sure my feet are down, I'm in a nice wide position, put my glove in a certain spot. And so really, really, you know, the learning curve was so fast, because he was just right there with me the whole way. And then you know, and then he moved on to the big league guys that were gonna be there and did his job as a third base coach and work with them, but spent so much time with me and was, was was rough on me or great on me. And, and we challenged each other and, and, you know, the world called him Vuk and after, he's just trying to beat me and beat me up and I'm panting and after he hit the last ball, I sprinted by him every day and said, "thank you, John", and he got so mad. Oh, he was so pissed. "Get outta here, kid!" Because I'm actually like, you didn't kill me. And I don't just die, you know, but it's just a huge, huge piece of my early development without question.

**Scott Lauber** 16:22

And do you sort of feel like your timing in Philadelphia was, I mean, not ideal in the sense that after you left few years after you left, you know, they sort of became kind of their, their period where they were really became a good team and played with a couple of those guys, but you sort of missed that group. Do you ever kind of feel like your, your time there just didn't align maybe with the organization's?

**Scott Rolen** 16:45

You know, what they, as I said, I went through the minor league system with the Philadelphia Phillies and I learned how to play the game, they taught me how to play the game. And my six years in Philadelphia, I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. And it taught me how to play the game and taught me who I was as a player and what, you know, what I was going to do for and how I was going to work no matter where I went, you know, I got I got traded. Yes, there was contract negotiations, there was, you know, here, there, but, you know, their plan. And their plan was that with the new stadium and to get in and, you know, to spend some money and put, you know, they brought Jim Thome in, which is fantastic, you know, as a human being and, and, and great him but, you know, my, I think it was at that point where they weren't there yet. We weren't there yet. We didn't really come to agreement on what the future looks like and the contract and, you know, everything worked out for both of us, I suppose to turn.

**Scott Lauber** 17:46

Thanks. Congratulations, again.

**Scott Rolen** 17:48

No problem. Thank you.

**Jon Shestakofsky** 17:50

Next question will come from, let me see here, Ron Blum. Ron, you can unmute yourself.

**Ron Blum** 17:58

Hi, Scott. Congratulations. When you say your brother's house. Is that the one in Holmes Beach, Florida?

**Scott Rolen** 18:05

No, I'm in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Ron Blum** 18:07

Bloomington, Indiana. And which son were you referring to when you were talking about with Tyler at the beginning of a few years ago.

**Scott Rolen** 18:15

I have a son and a daughter. His name's Finn.

**Ron Blum** 18:17

Finn. Okay. And looking at the hall, you're just the 18th third baseman by the fewest of any position. Why do you think third baseman have had such a difficult time getting to the hall?

**Scott Rolen** 18:30

I actually don't have the answer to that. I think I mentioned Ryan Spaeder on this interview when he'd kind of educated me or was it on the other one, he was kind of educating me about his beliefs. So I don't want to use his words necessary because I don't want to put them in his mouth. But he kind of he his opinion that his education to me was kind of a third baseman seem to be compared to shortstops and he thinks it's a distinct different position, so to speak. And third baseman, you know, you feel you hit your drive runs in and it's a position in its own and maybe it's not an outfield position, but maybe it's an infield position with some distinction, but I don't have a actual opinion of mine. I'm just relaying to you kind of you know, what you're talking about, I think and those are again, that's not my opinion, necessarily my words, but I it's an interesting conversation to have, which I do understand and appreciate. I don't know the answer.

**Ron Blum** 19:26

Growing up. How did you wind up with third base?

**Scott Rolen** 19:31

It's a good question, too. I was a shortstop and pitched a little bit. And then through high school I was I played right field, center field, left field, second, third and short in the same year. And you know, I kind of kept growing and there's another kid that was that played shortstop and I just kind of was an infielder and got moved over to third base and caught a little attention, I guess in the summer and that's just kind of where they kept me and I never played anywhere after that.

**Ron Blum** 20:02

That was your junior year?

**Scott Rolen** 20:05

That would have been my, yeah, probably like junior year sophomore junior year.

**Ron Blum** 20:10

Thank you. Congratulations.

**Scott Rolen** 20:12

Thank you.

**Jon Shestakofsky** 20:14

Next up, Bruce Levine. Bruce, you can unmute yourself.

**Bruce Levine** 20:19

Scott, congratulations, as a young player, I interviewed you a couple of times with the Phillies and the thing that stood out to me was the humbleness that you had, but also the confidence at the same time, I wonder where that came from. And you know, where you, you know, you drew the line on when people would ask you questions like myself about you, when you obviously wanted to talk about the team?

**Scott Rolen** 20:48

Well, I'm from Jasper, Indiana, I'm from Southern Indiana, it's a hard-working community, you know, that values, you know, hard work and going to work, getting your job done and doing things right and treating people hopefully well, and with respect. On top of that, I am Ed Lynn Rowland's son, my brother Todd, and my sister Christie's brother, and that didn't fly in our house. It's just kind of the way we were brought up and lived. And we had responsibilities. And, you know, it's just, there's no better childhood that I could have come up with. I mean, how I was raised, I aspire to raise my children in some sort of capacity that mom and dad did. And we talk about a mom and dad, they don't even know what we're talking about, which I guess is the humility aspect of what it is. But, you know, they've kind of actions, actions over words, type people. That's how we brought up.

**Jon Shestakofsky** 21:45

Next up, Marc Topkin. Mark, you can unmute yourself.

**Mark Topkin** 21:50

Thank you, Scott. Congratulations.

**Scott Rolen** 21:52

Thank you.

**Mark Topkin** 21:53

Just two quick questions for you one. Numbers, offensive numbers always catch attention. How much did you pride yourself on your defense?



**Scott Rolen 22:05**

That was what I did. I took pride in defense and baserunning, I thought those are two aspects that I could really contribute on a daily basis on the field is if I could get on base, I felt like I could use it offensively. And, and, you know, in my head, you know, when I when you get on base, you're trying to score a run. I mean, that's the idea. We're not, it's just my head again, I'm not trying to I'm trying to move around the bases. And in a technique that gets puts me in the best position for our team to score a run. And to have a good at bat. So I would fight through at bats and it was a struggle. And I'd spend a lot of time in the cage and maybe too much time and beat myself up. But defensively and baserunning, I felt like I contribute daily.

**Mark Topkin 22:49**

And then the second question, you'll share the stage with Fred McGriff in July. What do you recall of playing against Fred and seeing Fred play? What do you think of when you hear Fred McGriff?

**Scott Rolen 22:58**

Well, first, it just, it hit me a little bit ago that I missed congratulating Fred, when I had the opportunity to talk to Bob and all those guys, and I hate that. But certainly congratulations to Fred. I, I was young when Fred was there. And he just dominated, he dominated the game, you know, wherever, wherever he was playing. I played him so many times, you know, and he was in Atlanta, and I was in awe by how large the man was at first base. But what a wonderful like, a well spoken, soft spoken guy for that big guy who just seemed like he gave, gave advice, you know, a little bit and talked, you know, to rookies and young guys treated everybody with a lot of respect. And I have the most respect for Fred. I've, I've kind of been, you know, wishing that he would have gotten voted in a long, long ago. And, you know, it'll be fantastic and couldn't be a better, better person. He had the stage. He's a he's a veteran, great guy.

**Jon Shestakofsky 24:00**

We have time for just a few more. Next up will be JP Hoornstra. JP, you can unmute yourself.

**JP Hoornstra 24:10**

Hey, Scott, I'm hoping you can take a step back and reflect on your era because it spanned an interesting time in baseball history. You know, you get called up before Moneyball is even the word, retired long after. You get called up before every major homerun record fell and you retired when that part of the game was very different. How did the game change? And how much did it change when you compare your first game to your last?

**Scott Rolen 24:32**

That's, that's interesting. It's a great it's a great question. It's probably a better book, but I don't write, so. It was a just like every era before I don't ever want to get into oh, these guys these guys. You know, you hear that? Oh, this group, you know, back when we not, you know, I never wanted to do that. I never I never want to get into any of that because it's what's happening right now is what's happening right now. And that's when I came up and I came up, you know, with Dykstra and Kruk and Hollins and Incaviglia, Dalton, Schilling, David West, you know, this a rough group, you know, it's a veteran hardy

group. And, you know, you learn real quick, you keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut. And, you know, you weren't entitled anything at that time. And I'm not saying that in the way that was happening now. But you know, money goes through the game. And I was I got an early contract as well. So I'm, I'm kind of in that group. And you keep playing hard. And you see what happens. And like you said, yeah, homerun records going here. And then, you know, things change along the way. And then we start talking about WAR and we start talking about, you know, on base percentage, and OPS and, I mean, I'm in the clubhouse with a lot of the young guys in Cincinnati, and they show me who do you think so, you know, who do you think's gonna be winning the MVP this year, and it was Prince Fielder and, and whoever it was, at the time, they showed me the number I said, Well, let me see their numbers. And they show me the numbers and it's, you know, Prince Fielder, and then point something, something point something, something I'm like, what are their numbers? You know, what are their RBIs or their average? I don't even know what we're talking about here. And so that's, that's kind of where I ended and it was a, you know, trying to catch up and see how those how those get my teammates there in Cincinnati value. You know, the stats and the stats that they were playing in, in the world they were playing in. So yeah, just it got more to on base percentage and on base plus slugging and some of that stuff as opposed to average home runs and RBIs, which seemed more relevant to me at the time, I suppose.

**Mark Topkin** 26:53

Thank you.

**Scott Rolen** 26:55

Sure. Thank you.

**Jon Shestakofsky** 26:56

And time for just a couple more. Next up, Bill Francis. Bill, you can unmute yourself.

**Bill Francis** 27:02

Hey, congratulations Scott. I'm in Cooperstown right now. Have you been at Cooperstown before?

**Scott Rolen** 27:04

Thank you. I had been to Cooperstown is probably 25 years ago or so I think I was in the minor leagues and I stopped there on my way to we're going from Indianapolis to Boston to check out a New Year's Eve and we pulled off, went into Cooperstown when I was probably 20 years old. 19-20 years old.

**Bill Francis** 27:28

Any memories of that little visit?

**Scott Rolen** 27:31

I don't know that I do. I remember driving by the lake and there was ice fishing going on. I'm like, wow, this place is is really cool. And not that I would, you know, go back and visit someday was my hope at some point. But I remember just how beautiful and clean everything was.

**Bill Francis 27:46**

I know you were supposed to come up tomorrow, but the weather got in the way. Expectations are coming up this summer. I mean, I'm sure you've heard about it from your friends and stuff like that.

**Scott Rolen 27:57**

Yeah, we've been talking about it. And especially, you know, my, my son and my daughter, they were they were pumped. So I want to get up there. Even if even if I'm coming up on my own, and it's not an official capacity. We want to get up there sooner rather than later and just maybe hang out for a weekend or something.

**Bill Francis 28:14**

And were you following the ballot tracking? I know you got I think five more votes than you needed, was that something you were following intently?

**Scott Rolen 28:22**

Well, I don't I didn't need to follow up because my phone would blow up about every day from my my son and my buddies and everybody telling me where it was almost on a daily basis. So yeah, I was I was kind of in tune, but there were a lot of, you know, the private ballots that don't come in. Obviously, there are a lot of unknowns.

**Bill Francis 28:40**

Thanks a lot, Scott. Appreciate it.

**Scott Rolen 28:42**

No problem. You're welcome.

**Jon Shestakofsky 28:44**

And our last question will come from Ed Randall. Ed, you can go right ahead.

**Ed Randall 28:51**

Thank you, Jon. And Scott, congratulations. Here in New York, you're remembered fondly by Mets fans, for one of the greatest catches ever made in the franchise's history. When you hit the ball that Endy Chavez brought back, it's right up there. The Swoboda is catch and Tommy Agee two catches in the World Series. Ultimately, of course, it worked out just fine is Adam Wainwright threw the curveball from hell to take care of, got Beltrán and you're in the World Series. Can you take us through that? And did you ever have any interchanges with Chavez through the years and just said you were lucky or anything like that?

**Scott Rolen 29:31**

No no, never anything like that. Truly. That was still it's just it's an unbelievable effort that he made an unbelievable catch if it was, it was funny because we all have our own things. We have gone through our head and we talked about earlier, you know, we were in that playoffs and we were going through whatever I did, I didn't play game two I think and then came back you know, that didn't rub me the right way necessarily. So things weren't necessarily going all that great in my head even at that time and I

get an opportunity, and I get a ball, you know, to make a difference in the game and I, I hit I barrel it and I know I homered it you know, I know I've played there a bunch of times and I know I homered that ball and he's not anywhere near it so to see him flying from nowhere and making that catch when I know that I've hit the ball over the fence. And on top of that doubling up Edmonds was unbelievable. So I have the opportunity to follow that up by throwing a ball in about the seventh row in the next inning, about the second ground ball that was hit to me or first or second ground ball and but that's when Jeff Suppan just clamped it down and gave us a chance to do what Wainwright did and Molina hit the home run, you know, inning or two later.

**Ed Randall** 30:49

Congratulations.

**Scott Rolen** 30:50

Thank you.

**Jon Shestakofsky** 30:52

Thanks, everyone for joining us, especially Scott. Thanks for spending so much time with this group. And we do very much look forward to celebrating your exceptional career at the 2023 Induction Ceremony which will take place July 23rd right here in Cooperstown and to reiterate, the in person new inductee media conference that had been scheduled to take place here and Cooperstown tomorrow is not going to take place because of weather. Details on a rescheduled time and date will be made available in the coming days. So thanks again for joining us, everyone.

**Scott Rolen** 31:26

Thank you.