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HALL OF FAME CLASSIC

Hall of Fame legends will be joined by a roster of 30 former major league players for the Hall of Fame Classic on Saturday, May 27 at Cooperstown's historic Doubleday Field...The 13th edition of the Classic, presented by Boeing, highlights a weekend of family entertainment programs designed to celebrate the timeless connection of baseball across generations...Recently retired players representing each of the 30 major league clubs are expected to join the roster and participate in the Classic – a seven-inning legends game – and weekend events...The Classic will feature the pre-game Home Run Derby at 12 p.m., while the first pitch of the game is slated for 1:05 p.m....Hall of Famers Rollie Fingers, Fergie Jenkins, Jim Kaat and Jack Morris will serve as managers and coaches for the event, with additional Hall of Famers to be announced this spring...Players already committed to the Classic include Jeremy Affeldt (Giants, Jorge Cantú (Marlins), Rajai Davis (Guardians), Brian Dozier (Twins), Greg Garcia (Padres), Garrett Jones (Pirates), James Loney (Dodgers), Terrence Long (Athletics), Gerardo Parra (Nationals), Chris Ray (Orioles), Pokey Reese (Reds), J.C. Romero (Phillies), Ryan Rowland-Smith (Mariners), Glendon Rusch (Mets), Brendan Ryan (Cardinals), Travis Snider (Blue Jays) and Scott Spiezio (Angels)...**Tickets for the 2023 Hall of Fame Classic are on sale now at baseballhall.org or can be reserved by calling (407) 564-8059.** Tickets for the Classic are \$20 for grandstand seats, \$15 for infield seats and \$13 for outfield seats...For more info, visit baseballhall.org/hofclassic.

FROM CLASSIC TO INDUCTION: Six future Hall of Famers have played in the Classic since the inaugural game in 2009...Jim Kaat (Class of 2022) pitched in the 2009 Classic, following Bob Feller to the mound...Pedro Martínez (Class of 2015), Iván Rodríguez (Class of 2017) and Jim Thome (Class of 2018) each played in the 2014 Classic, while Alan Trammell (Class of 2018) appeared in the 2015 and 2016 Classic and Lee Smith (Class of 2019) appeared in the Classic in 2009.

CLASSICS DOZEN: In the inaugural Hall of Fame Classic in 2009, 90-year-old Bob Feller started on the mound and led his team to a 5-4 victory...Former all-time saves leader Lee Smith picked up the win in relief...In the second Hall of Fame Classic in 2010, Mark Whiten hit two home runs to lead Team Feller past Team Killebrew 9-0...The third Hall of Fame Classic in 2011 featured an 8-6 win by Team Knucksie over Team Smith, powered by the Bob Feller Player of the Game performance by Dmitri Young...The 2012 Hall of Fame Classic resulted in a 5-4 win by Team Knucksie over Team Smith as Desi Relaford took home the Bob Feller Player of the Game Award...The 2013 Hall of Fame Classic legends game was canceled due to inclement weather...Hideki Matsui, Jack Wilson and Iván Rodríguez homered as rain brought the end to the 2014 Classic in a 4-4 tie between the Knucksies and the Wizards...In 2015, Aaron Rowand's two-run homer and Brady Anderson's two-run double led the Knucksies to a come-from-behind 7-5 victory...In 2016, Melvin Mora homered twice to lead the Knucksies to a 5-4 victory...In 2017, Rowand became the first two-time winner of the Bob Feller Player of the Game Award by notching three hits in the Wizards' 5-1 win – the Wizards' first victory of the series...In 2018, game MVP Shane Victorino had two hits and two RBI to lead the Knucksies past the Wizards 6-0...In 2019, Orlando Cabrera had a grand slam and five RBI as Team Rollie and Team Goose played to a 9-9 tie...And in the 2022 Hall of Fame Classic, Garrett Jones had two homers and six RBI to lead Team Ozzie past Team Fergie 10-7...The Classic was not played in 2020 or 2021.

GOLF CLASSIC: The Hall of Fame is giving fans yet another reason to return to baseball's home as the Museum presents the 12th annual Hall of Fame Classic Weekend Golf Tournament...Hall of Fame legends participating in the Classic will team up with fans for an experience of a lifetime at picturesque Leatherstocking Golf Course in Cooperstown on Sunday, May 28 – the day after the annual Hall of Fame Classic at Doubleday Field...A perfect gift or a chance to play with your favorite foursome, the Hall of Fame Classic Weekend Golf Tournament will feature a scramble format comprised of only 24 golfers...A fundraiser for the Museum, the tournament will be played on the same course Hall of Famers play during Induction Weekend...The festivities begin Friday night, with an exclusive cocktail reception in the Hall of Fame Gallery, featuring your chance to meet the Hall of Famers...A behind-the-scenes archival tour follows, taking you into the heart of the Museum's collections...On Sunday morning, a private breakfast precedes the tournament...All golfers will get the chance to golf with a Hall of Fame member...Each golfer also receives a Hall of Fame goodie bag, a golf shirt and a foursome photo along with two Grandstand seats for Saturday's Hall of Fame Classic...An awards luncheon concludes the event...For more information, call 607-547-0310.

HALL OF FAMERS ON OPENING DAY

Future Hall of Famers have left their mark on Opening Day throughout the years...Some of the highlights include:

April 11, 1907: The Giants' Roger Bresnahan played the game against Philadelphia wearing leg guards usually used in cricket, believed to be the first shin guards in major league history. The leg guards came in handy, protecting Bresnahan from a fifth-inning foul tip. Other catchers would follow Bresnahan's lead and wear similar shin guards.

April 14, 1910: William Howard Taft became the first U.S. President to throw out a ceremonial first pitch on Opening Day. Attending the game in Washington, D.C., President Taft tossed the first ball to future Hall of Famer Walter Johnson and that ball now resides in Cooperstown.

April 11, 1917: Boston's Babe Ruth pitched a three-hitter in shutting down the Yankees on Opening Day. Ruth's performance marked the start of good things to come: He would win 24 games in 1917, while leading the American League with 35 complete games.

April 16, 1940: Cleveland's Bob Feller hurled the first and only Opening Day no-hitter in major league history. Feller out-dueled Edgar Smith of the Chicago White Sox in winning a 1-0 decision at Comiskey Park. In the ninth inning, White Sox star Luke Appling drew a two-out walk after a 10-pitch at-bat. But Feller retired the next batter, Chicago's Taffy Wright, to end the game. The contest marks the only known game in big league history where one team's players all ended the game with the same batting average that they started: The White Sox all began and ended the day with batting averages of .000.

April 15, 1947: Jackie Robinson made a historic debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play Major League Baseball in the 20th century. Robinson went 0-for-3 in his debut but scored a run and flawlessly handled 11 chances at first base against the Boston Braves.

April 11, 1959: The Dodgers' Don Drysdale hit his first Opening Day home run, accounting for the Dodgers' only run in a 6-1 loss to the Chicago Cubs. Drysdale would later homer on Opening Day in 1965 against the Mets, becoming the only pitcher to homer in multiple Opening Day games.

April 6, 1971: Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants blasted a home run on Opening Day, marking the start of a historic streak. The 39-year-old Mays would hit home runs in each of the Giants' first four games, setting a major league record.

April 4, 1974: Atlanta Braves slugger Hank Aaron blasted a historic three-run home run against Reds pitcher Jack Billingham. The home run, coming at Riverfront Stadium, was the 714th of Aaron's career, tying him with the legendary Babe Ruth for the most home runs in major league history. Four days later, Aaron would break Ruth's long-standing record by hitting a home run against Al Downing of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

April 8, 1975: Frank Robinson of the Cleveland Indians became the first African-American manager in the history of the major leagues, making his managerial debut at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium. Robinson not only guided the Indians to a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees, but also hit the 575th home run of his illustrious career.

April 5, 1983: Tom Seaver made his first appearance for the New York Mets since 1977 and matched an Opening Day record in the process. For Seaver, it was his 14th Opening Day assignment, tying the then-major league record set by Walter Johnson. Seaver, who would go on to extend his record to 16 Opening Day starts, defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-0, at Shea Stadium.

April 6, 1993: Jack Morris of the Blue Jays made his 14th straight Opening Day start to set an American League record. From 1980-93, Morris' 14 assignments on Opening Day are five more than any other pitcher in that span and include five complete games.

March 31, 1996: Randy Johnson struck out 14 White Sox batters in seven innings as the Mariners defeated Chicago 3-2 in 12 innings in the first Opening Day game to be held in the month of March.

April 3, 2000: Vladimir Guerrero hit two home runs and drove in all four runs in Montreal's 10-4 loss to the Dodgers.

April 2, 2001: Padres outfielder Tony Gwynn collected his 3,110th hit, tying him with Dave Winfield on the all-time list. With his appearance in the game against the Giants, Gwynn became the fourth player in National League history to spend 20+ years while playing his entire career with one team. The others are: Mel Ott (1926-1947 Giants), Stan Musial (1941-1944, 1946-1963 Cardinals), and Willie Stargell (1962-1982 Pirates), with Craig Biggio (1988-2007 Astros) later joining that list.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2023

As baseball's newest stars are set to begin the 2023 season, the National Baseball Hall of Fame is prepping for the game's biggest annual celebration when six legends will be inducted as the Class of 2023 this July in Cooperstown...With the election of **Fred McGriff** by the Contemporary Baseball Players Era Committee on Dec. 4 and **Scott Rolen** by the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Jan. 24, the Class of 2023 brings the total number of Hall of Famers to 342, including 75 living Hall of Famers...McGriff and Rolen will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 23 live on MLB Network on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown...2023 Ford C. Frick Award winner **Pat Hughes** and 2023 BBWAA Career Excellence Award winner **John Lowe** will be honored during Induction Weekend at the July 22 Awards Presentation.

HOF WEEKEND CREDENTIALS: Hall of Fame Weekend 2023 will be held July 21-24 with the annual *Induction Ceremony* scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 23...The Weekend will feature the annual *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 22 at 3 p.m....The Hall of Fame *Parade of Legends* be held starting at 6 p.m. July 22 along Main Street...Ozzie Smith's *PLAY Ball* Museum fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 21...Class of 2023 members Fred McGriff and Scott Rolen will be honored during the *Induction Ceremony*...Admission to the Ceremony is free and the ceremony will be broadcast live on MLB Network...Media credential applications for Hall of Fame Weekend will be accepted starting May 1 at credentials.mlb.com... For more information, please visit baseballhall.org/media-info.

THE CLASS OF 2023

RIGHT SAID FRED: Fred McGriff played 19 seasons with the Blue Jays, Padres, Braves, Devil Rays, Cubs and Dodgers, earning five All-Star Game selections...McGriff is one of only four players to lead both the American League and National League in home runs, joining Buck Freeman, Sam Crawford and Mark McGwire...A key member of the 1995 World Champion Braves, McGriff batted cleanup for Atlanta in every game he played that year while appearing in a league-high 144 games...The author of 10 30-homer seasons, McGriff was the first player in history to record a 30-homer season for five different franchises (Blue Jays, Padres, Braves, Devil Rays and Cubs)...Finished in Top 10 of his league's Most Valuable Player Award voting in six straight seasons (1989-94) and garnered MVP votes in eight straight years (1988-95)...Totaled eight seasons with at least 100 RBI...Batted .303 with 10 home runs in 50 career postseason games across 10 seasons...Named Most Valuable Player of 1994 All-Star Game after his pinch-hit, two-run, bottom-of-the-ninth home run sent the game to extra innings, where the National League eventually won.

ROLE MODEL: Scott Rolen played 17 seasons for the Phillies, Cardinals, Blue Jays and Reds, earning eight Gold Glove Awards at third base...A unanimous choice as the 1997 National League Rookie of the Year, Rolen debuted with the Phillies in 1996 but fell one at-bat short of exhausting his Rookie of the Year eligibility when he was hit by a pitch in September, ending his season...He won his first Gold Glove Award in 1998 and a Silver Slugger Award 2002, a year in which he was traded to the Cardinals...With St. Louis, he was named to the NL All-Star team in each of his first four seasons, finishing fourth in the NL Most Valuable Player Award voting in 2004 while helping the Cardinals win the NL pennant...In 2006, Rolen helped the Cardinals to another NL pennant before hitting .421 with five runs scored in the World Series as St. Louis captured the title...Finishing his career with stints with Toronto and Cincinnati, Rolen compiled an .855 OPS, 316 home runs, 118 stolen bases and 517 doubles over 17 seasons...A seven-time All-Star Game selection, Rolen ranks 12th all-time with 2,023 games played at third base...He is one of only four third basemen in history (players who appeared in at least 50 percent of their games at third base) with at least 300 home runs, 100 stolen bases and 500 doubles, along with Adrián Beltré, George Brett and Chipper Jones.

CAP CHOICES: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has announced that a St. Louis Cardinals logo will appear on the cap of the Hall of Fame plaque for 2023 Hall of Fame electee Scott Rolen...Rolen will be joined in the Class of 2023 by Fred McGriff, who was elected by the Contemporary Baseball Players Era Committee on Dec. 4 and whose Hall of Fame plaque will not feature a team logo...Each Hall of Fame plaque will be revealed immediately prior to each electee's induction speech on July 23...The Hall of Fame plaque, which serves to reflect the totality of a career, details an individual's accomplishments in the game in approximately 90 words, while listing each team on which an individual played or managed...An artist rendering of the individual being honored tops the Hall of Fame plaque, and in many instances, a cap, where a logo may or may not be featured, is included.

VOTING RECAP

THE 2023 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 28 players, including 14 new candidates and 14 returnees...Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Jeff Kent appeared on the ballot for the 10th-and-final time and is no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appears in italics below...Kent will be eligible for the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee players ballot in the fall of 2025...Two first-year candidates received the five percent of the vote necessary to remain on the ballot: Carlos Beltrán (46.5%) and Francisco Rodríguez (10.8%)...Fourteen players will return for consideration in 2024...A total of 389 votes were cast, with 292 votes necessary for election and 20 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Eight blank ballots were cast...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

| NAME | YR | 2023 | NAME | YR | 2023 | NAME | YR | 2023 |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Scott Rolen | 6 | 76.3% | Andy Pettitte | 5 | 17.0% | <i>Huston Street</i> | 1 | 0.3% |
| Todd Helton | 5 | 72.2% | Bobby Abreu | 4 | 15.4% | <i>Mat Cain</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Billy Wagner | 8 | 68.1% | Jimmy Rollins | 2 | 12.9% | <i>Jacoby Ellsbury</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Andruw Jones | 6 | 58.1% | Mark Buehrle | 3 | 10.8% | <i>Andre Ethier</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Gary Sheffield | 9 | 55.0% | Francisco Rodríguez | 1 | 10.8% | <i>J.J. Hardy</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Carlos Beltrán | 1 | 46.5% | Torii Hunter | 3 | 6.9% | <i>Jhonny Peralta</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| <i>Jeff Kent</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>46.5%</i> | <i>Bronson Arroyo</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>0.3%</i> | <i>Jered Weaver</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>0.0%</i> |
| Alex Rodríguez | 2 | 35.7% | <i>R.A. Dickey</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>0.3%</i> | <i>Jayson Werth</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>0.0%</i> |
| Manny Ramírez | 7 | 33.2% | <i>John Lackey</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>0.3%</i> | | | |
| Omar Vizquel | 6 | 19.5% | <i>Mike Napoli</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>0.3%</i> | | | |

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 405 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2023 election, 389 were returned, a return rate of 96.0 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, year-in and year-out.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2023 marked the 79th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 70 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 79 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has one player more than any other quantity (28 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 | 28 | 2023 | Rolen |
| 0 | 9 | 2021 | ---- |

JUMP FOR JOY: Scott Rolen debuted on the BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot in 2018 and received 10.2 percent of the vote...2020 BBWAA electee, Larry Walker received 10.2 percent of the BBWAA vote in his fourth year on the ballot in 2014 but had received more than 20 percent of the vote in each of his first three years...Rolen and Walker are the only players elected by the BBWAA who received less than 12 percent of the vote in any election during their candidacy since Bob Lemon, who was elected in 1976 and received 11.9 percent of the vote in his first year eligible in 1964.

HOME AT THIRD: Scott Rolen becomes just the ninth third basemen elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA, joining Wade Boggs, George Brett, Chipper Jones, Eddie Mathews, Paul Molitor, Brooks Robinson, Mike Schmidt and Pie Traynor...Rolen is just the 18th third basemen elected to the Hall of Fame via any method.

GET CLOSER: Scott Rolen’s five-vote margin for election was the closest in the BBWAA voting since Iván Rodríguez secured four votes more than the necessary 75 percent in the 2017 balloting...On four occasions, candidates earned election by a single vote, the last time coming in 1991 when Ferguson Jenkins was elected...See “Close and Cigar” chart on **Page 7**.

GREAT START: Carlos Beltrán appeared on 46.5 percent of all BBWAA ballots submitted in the 2023 election, the most of any of this year’s first-time candidates...Historically, every candidate who has topped the 42 percent mark on their first year on the BBWAA ballot has been elected to the Hall of Fame in subsequent years.

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **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; **2028:** Yadier Molina, Albert Pujols.

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 342 elected members...Included are 270 former major league players, as well as 40 executives/pioneers, 22 managers and 10 umpires.... The BBWAA has elected 136 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 180 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 75 living members.

75 AMBASSADORS: The 75 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 Martinez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Fred McGriff, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Tony Oliva, David Ortiz, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Scott Rolen, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, 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 91...The Hall of Famer to reach the highest age was **Bobby Doerr**, who was 99 years, 220 days old when he passed away in 2017...**David Ortiz**, who was born on Nov. 18, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 47 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 269 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 Basemen 18 (9) | Center Fielders24 (8) |
| First Basemen 26 (12) | Shortstops26 (12) | Right Fielders27 (15) |
| Designated Hitter 3 (2) | | |

P: Kaat (2022)

C: Simmons (2020)

1B: McGriff (2023)

DH: Ortiz (2022)

2B: Biggio (2015)

3B: Rolen (2023)

SS: Jeter (2020)

LF: Miñoso (2022)

CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)

RF: Oliva (2022)

FIRST THINGS FIRST: Fifty-eight 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 two DHs; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 15 of the last 21 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 58.

| 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 | 2022 | David Ortiz |
| 1979 | Willie Mays | 1993 | Reggie Jackson | 2009 | Rickey Henderson | | |
| 1980 | Al Kaline | 1994 | Steve Carlton | 2014 | Greg Maddux | | |

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 76 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 76 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, Gehringer, Mussina, Rolen, 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 percent 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 but Todd Helton on the list below have been 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 |
| 2023 | Todd Helton | 389 | 281 | 292 | 11 |

CLOSE, AND CIGAR: Twenty-eight 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 |
| 2023 | Scott Rolen | 292 | 297 | 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 |

2023 AWARD WINNERS

Pat Hughes, winner of the 2023 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and John Lowe, the 2023 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Career Excellence Award, will be honored at the 2023 Hall of Fame Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 22.

SHADES OF HUGHES: Pat Hughes, who has called Chicago Cubs games for more than a quarter of a century as the team's radio play-by-play voice, was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born May 27, 1955, in Tucson, Ariz., Hughes attended San Jose State University and began his baseball broadcast career in 1978 with the San Jose Missions...After a season with the Columbus Clippers, Hughes joined the Minnesota Twins broadcast team in 1983 before moving to Milwaukee a year later, calling Brewers games on radio with Bob Uecker, the 2003 Frick Award winner, through 1995...A nine-time winner of the Illinois Sportscaster of the Year Award, Hughes also won three straight Wisconsin Sportscaster of the Year Awards from 1990-92...He has called more than 6,000 MLB games during his 40-year career, including eight no-hitters, the 25-inning White Sox vs. Brewers contest from 1984 that was the longest game in American League history and Kerry Wood's 20-strikeout game in 1998.

LOWDOWN ON LOWE: John Lowe, who roamed press boxes, fields and clubhouses from 1979 through 2014, the last 28 of those years as the Tigers beat writer for the *Detroit Free Press*, was elected the 2023 winner of the BBWAA Career Excellence Award...Lowe covered Angels home games for the *Los Angeles Daily News* before taking over the Dodgers beat at that paper from 1981 to 1984...After two years at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Lowe came to Detroit where during his tenure was credited with creating the Quality Start statistic for pitchers that remains a measuring stick...Lowe covered more than 300 postseason games, including 147 in the World Series...He also chronicled Cal Ripken Jr. breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive-games record in 1995 and the culmination of the Mark McGwire-Sammy Sosa home run chase in 1998...Lowe, who served as national BBWAA president in 2010, sought insight from trusted sources in both clubhouses, resulting in clearly written stories that explained the sport in rich detail...Lowe wrote with nuanced perspective, the direct result of countless conversations that equipped him with the knowledge to explain late-game drama on tight Eastern time zone deadlines.

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

SHOHEI OHTANI'S CAP AMONG WBC ARTIFACTS FROM TEAM JAPAN COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: With the world watching every pitch, Team Japan wrapped up the 2023 World Baseball Classic title in Miami on Tuesday night in thrilling fashion...Artifacts from that historic victory are now preserved at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Following Japan's 3-2 victory over Team USA on March 21., the Museum acquired several artifacts that will forever tell the story of a team and a tournament that captivated the baseball world. Artifacts en route to Cooperstown include:

- Cap worn by WBC Most Valuable Player Shohei Ohtani in the championship game
- Bat used by Masataka Yoshida during the WBC
- Batting gloves worn by Munetaka Murakami during the championship game and batting helmet worn by Murakami throughout the WBC
- Jersey worn by winning pitcher Shota Imanaga in the championship game
- Pullover worn by manager Hideki Kuriyama in the championship game

Additional artifacts from the 2023 World Baseball Classic donated by Team USA include:

- Cap worn by pitcher Adam Wainwright throughout the WBC
- Spikes worn by Trea Turner during the WBC
- Batting glove worn by Trea Turner during the semifinals vs. Team Cuba

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

HALL OF FAME TO HOST SAVANNAH BANANAS SEPT. 16 AT HISTORIC DOUBLEDAY FIELD: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will host the Savannah Bananas in a Banana Ball Game on Sept. 16 at the Village of Cooperstown's historic Doubleday Field...The game will be the final contest of the Bananas' 2023 World Tour...The Savannah Bananas began play in the Coastal Plain League in 2016 before launching Banana Ball, which is played under modified rules, in 2020...Banana Ball features a two-hour time limit, no stepping out of the batter's box or mound visits and no bunting as well as the recording of an out when a fan catches a batted foul ball...For the game at Doubleday Field, the Bananas will face off against their rival, the Party Animals...The Bananas and Party Animals rosters will be filled by independent professional players who have been scouted, tried out, and signed contracts for the 2023 Banana Ball World Tour...For the complete Savannah Bananas World Tour schedule and opportunity for tickets, visit thesavannahbananas.com/worldtour and join the Ticket Pre-sale List.

EXPLORE THE INCREDIBLE STORIES OF THE NATIONAL PASTIME WITH ‘BASEBALL MEMORIES AND DREAMS’ BOOK: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum brings the game’s greatest stories to life every day in Cooperstown and around the world...Now, some of the game’s best baseball writing – first featured in the Museum’s Official Magazine, *Memories and Dreams* – is featured in one must-have anthology...Produced by the Hall of Fame and Mango Publishing, “Baseball Memories & Dreams: Reflections of the National Pastime from the Baseball Hall of Fame” is now available...Drawing on more than 20 years of issues of *Memories and Dreams* magazine, “Baseball Memories & Dreams” features more than two dozen award-winning authors and includes stories of Hall of Famers, historic artifacts and memorable moments from more than 150 years of baseball history... Featuring a forward by Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith and contributors such as John Grisham, Tim Kurkjian, Terence Moore, Dan Shaughnessy and George Vecsey, “Baseball Memories & Dreams” is available now from the Hall of Fame’s [Online Store](#)...“Baseball Memories & Dreams” can also be ordered through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other book retailers.

MUSEUM EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH MORGAN STANLEY, LINCOLN AVENUE CAPITAL UNDERWAY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, in partnership with Morgan Stanley and Lincoln Avenue Capital, is continuing programming initiatives based on the Hall of Fame’s award-winning educational curriculum in low-income communities across the country...In 2021, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum received a grant from Morgan Stanley that is funding a four-year effort to support students across the country, including Morgan Stanley-funded affordable housing developments, through inspiring and educational programming...As part of this initiative, Lincoln Avenue Capital – a mission-driven affordable housing acquirer and developer, investor, and operator serving low-income individuals and families nationwide – will hold afterschool programs at several of its properties... Locations to benefit from Morgan Stanley’s grant this spring will be Lincoln Avenue Capital properties Jubilee Courtyards in Florida City, Fla.; Logan Heights in Sanford, Fla.; Orchard Place in Rochester, N.Y.; Troutdale Terrace in Troutdale, Ore; and Zephyr Pointe in Reno, Nev.... Each off-site education program funded by Morgan Stanley will run for eight weeks, with local partner educators delivering the Hall of Fame’s curriculum...A weekly live connection to Cooperstown with a Hall of Fame expert educator is integrated into each week’s lesson plan, with these virtual field trips reinforcing the lessons being taught on-site using distance-learning technology...Participating community groups will have the opportunity to customize their individual curriculum to their own interests and needs.

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.