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HALL OF FAME WEEKEND, JULY 21-24

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2023: The 2023 edition of Hall of Fame Weekend will take place July 21-24, with the *Induction Ceremony* occurring on Sunday, July 23, at 1:30 p.m. EDT...Baseball Writers' Association of America electee Scott Rolen will join Contemporary Baseball Players Era Committee electee Fred McGriff to be inducted as the Class of 2023...Admission to the ceremony at the Clark Sports Center is free...MLB Network and MLB Network Radio on Sirius XM will carry the Induction Ceremony live...It will also be simulcast at baseballhall.org...Saturday, July 22, will feature the *Hall of Fame Awards Presentation* at 3 p.m. in a private event that will be simulcast live at Doubleday Field...Carl Erskine will be honored with the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, Cubs voice Pat Hughes will receive the Ford C. Frick Award for excellence in broadcasting and John Lowe will receive the BBWAA Career Excellence Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing...For a complete schedule of Weekend events, see the list below or visit baseballhall.org/hofweekend.

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52 REALLY GOOD REASONS TO RETURN TO COOPERSTOWN: Fifty-two of the 75 living Hall of Famers, including the Class of 2023 (in **boldface**), are planning to return to Cooperstown for Hall of Fame Weekend...Those planning to attend as of July 20 include:

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| Jeff Bagwell | Ken Griffey Jr. | Fred McGriff | John Schuerholz |
| Harold Baines | Rickey Henderson | Paul Molitor | Bud Selig |
| Johnny Bench | Whitey Herzog | Jack Morris | Ted Simmons |
| Craig Biggio | Trevor Hoffman | Eddie Murray | Lee Smith |
| Bert Blyleven | Fergie Jenkins | Mike Mussina | Ozzie Smith |
| Wade Boggs | Derek Jeter | Tony Oliva | Frank Thomas |
| George Brett | Randy Johnson | David Ortiz | Jim Thome |
| Rod Carew | Chipper Jones | Tony Pérez | Joe Torre |
| Orlando Cepeda | Jim Kaat | Tim Lincecum | Alan Trammell |
| Andre Dawson | Tony La Russa | Tim Lincecum | Larry Walker |
| Rollie Fingers | Barry Larkin | Cal Ripken | Billy Williams |
| Pat Gillick | Greg Maddux | Scott Rolen | Dave Winfield |
| Goose Gossage | Juan Marichal | Ryne Sandberg | Robin Yount |

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions...The 2024 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 19-22, with the Induction on July 21...Future Induction Ceremony dates include July 27, 2025; and July 26, 2026...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:** Lorenzo Cain, Yadier Molina, Albert Pujols and Kurt Suzuki.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: The 2023 Hall of Fame *Induction Ceremony* will once again be held on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center, located one mile south of the Museum on Susquehanna Avenue...This marks the 31st year at that location for the event...From 1966-1991 (26 years) except 1967, the ceremony was held in Cooper Park, on the east side of the Museum...Ceremonies were originally held on Main Street in front of the main entrance to the Hall of Fame, from 1939-1965 and in 1967...Due to the pandemic, no *Induction Ceremony* was held in 2020.

BY AIR: MLB Network will broadcast the *Induction Ceremony* and other events throughout the weekend from Cooperstown...The *Induction Ceremony* will be broadcast live exclusively on MLB Network, which has televised the event every year since its launch in 2009, on Sunday, July 23, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. EDT...MLB Network Radio on SiriusXM will cover the ceremony nationwide...The ceremony will also be streamed live at baseballhall.org.

COME ONE, COME ALL: More than 40,000 fans have attended five of the past eight Induction Ceremonies...In 2007, an estimated 82,000 fans packed Cooperstown, honoring the Hall of Fame induction of Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn and setting a Hall of Fame Weekend attendance record...Following 2007, the top 11 estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies: 55,000 (2019); 53,000 (2018); 50,000 (1999 and 2016); 48,000 (2014); 45,000 (2015); 40,000 (1995); 35,000 (2022); 27,500 (2017); 27,000 (2001 and 2005).

LIFE OF BRIAN: Emmy Award-winning anchor Brian Kenny, who hosts *MLB Now* and *MLB Tonight* on MLB Network while appearing across the network's studio programming, will be the Master of Ceremonies at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in 2023...In 2011, Kenny, author of the bestseller "Ahead of the Curve: Inside the Baseball Revolution," joined MLB Network, which is televising the *Induction Ceremony* for the 14th year.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The 2023 *Awards Presentation*, hosted by MLB Network's Greg Amsinger, will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, as a private event and will be simulcast on television at Doubleday Field...Carl Erskine will be honored with the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, Pat Hughes will receive the Ford C. Frick Award for excellence in broadcasting and John Lowe will receive the BBWAA Career Excellence Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing...Gates open at 2 p.m. at Doubleday Field and admission is free.

EXTENDED STAY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is open for extended hours during Hall of Fame Weekend: Friday, July 21 – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 22 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, July 23 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Monday, July 24 – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m....Participants in the Hall of Fame's Membership Program can enter the Museum one hour early on Saturday and Sunday...Plan your trip to Cooperstown for Hall of Fame Weekend by visiting baseballhall.org/hofweekend...Special Hall of Fame Weekend travel packages are available at sportstravelandtours.com.

TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE: Transcripts from Sunday's *Induction Ceremony* will be available within five hours after the event in the Media Center.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be performed at the *Induction Ceremony* by Fort Drum's Barbershop Quartet: Sergeant Benjamin Pryce, Sergeant Kevin Mitchell, Sergeant Andrew Fisher and Specialist Gregory Snider...Fort Drum is a U.S. Army base located about 120 miles north of Cooperstown.

NOTABLE NAMES FLOCK TO COOPERSTOWN: Many members of the baseball family and sports world are planning to be in Cooperstown for Induction Weekend to honor the newest electees...Among those scheduled to attend the festivities, as of July 21, include: Tony Clark, Ron Coomer, Rob Ducey, David Falk, Tom Foley, Walt Jocketty, Matt LaPorta, Mark Lemke, Dave Magadan, John Mozeliak, Tom Ricketts and Tony Saunders.

TROLLEY TRANSPORTATION: The Cooperstown Trolley will provide transit for Cooperstown visitors to the Hall of Fame and Doubleday Field from three different locations during the Weekend: the Red Lot on Route 28 (Glen Avenue) at Maple Street; the Blue Lot on Route 28 just south of Cooperstown; and the Yellow Lot on Route 80 at the upper parking lot of the Fenimore Art Museum...All-day passes are available (\$5 per person), payable by cash only...The Trolley will operate throughout Hall of Fame Weekend daily 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SPECIAL PARKING OPTIONS: Two special paid parking lots will be available only on Sunday, July 23...These lots are located adjacent to the Blue Trolley Lot at 172 Linden Avenue (paid lot is Cy Young Lot) and on Route 33 just east of the Induction Site (paid lot is the Hank Aaron Lot)...Trolley service extends to the Cy Young Lot but neither Trolley nor bus service extends to the Hank Aaron Lot.

A BIG LEAGUE THANK YOU: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum extends special thanks to the following organizations for their support of Hall of Fame Weekend events: Canon USA, Clark Foundation, Clark Sports Center, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Cooperstown Bat Company, Cooperstown Central School, Fernleigh Greenhouse, Jostens, Leatherstocking Corporation, MIDTEL, MLB Network, Otesaga Hotel and Resort, P & J Corporation, Price Chopper Supermarkets, Sports Travel & Tours, Taylor Print Impressions, Village of Cooperstown.

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.

WEEKEND CREDENTIALS: The deadline to apply for Hall of Fame Weekend credentials has already passed...Please call 607-547-0227 for information...For an up-to-date schedule of events visit baseballhall.org/hofw.

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.

2023 AWARD WINNERS

Carl Erskine, winner of the 2023 Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award; 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.

DODGER CARL: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Board of Directors has selected Carl Erskine as the 2023 recipient of the John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to an individual for extraordinary efforts to enhance baseball's positive impact on society...Erskine, 96, becomes the sixth winner of the Buck O'Neil Award, which was established in 2007 to honor an individual whose efforts broadened the game's appeal and whose character, integrity and dignity is comparable to the late O'Neil, who passed away in 2006 after eight decades of contributions to the game and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2022...As a standout pitcher for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers from 1948 to 1959, Erskine, an Indiana native, racked up 122 wins, two World Series championships and two no-hitters...Erskine posted a career record of 122-78 over 12 seasons with the Dodgers, throwing 14 career shutouts and appearing in 11 games during five World Series...He also pitched two no-hitters, one on June 19, 1952, against the Chicago Cubs and the other versus the New York Giants on May 12, 1956...In Game 3 of the 1953 World Series against the Yankees, he set a single-game record (since broken) with 14 strikeouts...After his playing career ended, he returned to his hometown of Anderson, Ind., and was the baseball coach at Anderson College for 12 years (1961-1971 and 1973), winning four conference championships...With more than four decades as a volunteer, he was awarded Special Olympics' highest honor, the Spirit of the Special Olympics. Erskine was also a charter member of both the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Baseball Assistance Team.

PREVIOUS BUCK O'NEIL AWARD WINNERS: **2008** – Buck O'Neil; **2011** – Roland Hemond; **2014** – Joe Garagiola; **2017** – Rachel Robinson; **2020** – David Montgomery.

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.

PREVIOUS FRICK AWARD WINNERS: 1978 – Mel Allen, Red Barber; 1979 – Bob Elson; 1980 – Russ Hodges; 1981 – Ernie Harwell; 1982 – Vin Scully; 1983 – Jack Brickhouse; 1984 – Curt Gowdy; 1985 – Buck Canel; 1986 – Bob Prince; 1987 – Jack Buck; 1988 – Lindsey Nelson; 1989 – Harry Caray; 1990 – By Saam; 1991 – Joe Garagiola; 1992 – Milo Hamilton; 1993 – Chuck Thompson; 1994 – Bob Murphy; 1995 – Bob Wolff; 1996 – Herb Carneal; 1997 – Jimmy Dudley; 1998 – Jaime Jarrin; 1999 – Arch McDonald; 2000 – Marty Brennaman; 2001 – Felo Ramirez; 2002 – Harry Kalas; 2003 – Bob Uecker; 2004 – Lon Simmons; 2005 – Jerry Coleman; 2006 – Gene Elston; 2007 – Denny Matthews; 2008 – Dave Niehaus; 2009 – Tony Kubek; 2010 – Jon Miller; 2011 – Dave Van Horne; 2012 – Tim McCarver; 2013 – Tom Cheek; 2014 – Eric Nadel; 2015 – Dick Enberg; 2016 – Graham McNamee; 2017 – Bill King; 2018 – Bob Costas; 2019 – Al Helfer; 2020 – Ken Harrelson; 2021 – Al Michaels; 2022 – Jack Graney.

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.

PREVIOUS BBWAA CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS: 1962 – J.G. Taylor Spink; 1963 – Ring Lardner; 1964 – Hugh Fullerton; 1965 – Charles Dryden; 1966 – Grantland Rice; 1967 – Damon Runyon; 1968 – H.G. Salsinger; 1969 – Sid Mercer; 1970 – Heywood Broun; 1971 – Frank Graham; 1972 – Dan Daniel, Fred Lieb, J. Roy Stockton; 1973 – Warren Brown, John Drebing, John F. Kieran; 1974 – John Carmichael, James Isaminger; 1975 – Tom Meany, Shirley Povich; 1976 – Harold Kaese, Red Smith; 1977 – Gordon Cobbledick, Edgar Munzel; 1978 – Tim Murnane, Dick Young; 1979 – Bob Broeg, Tommy Holmes; 1980 – Joe Reichler, Milton Richman; 1981 – Bob Addie, Allen Lewis; 1982 – Si Burick; 1983 – Ken Smith; 1984 – Joe McGuff; 1985 – Earl Lawson; 1986 – Jack Lang; 1987 – Jim Murray; 1988 – Bob Hunter, Ray Kelly; 1989 – Jerome Holtzman; 1990 – Phil Collier; 1991 – Ritter Collett; 1992 – Leonard Koppett, Bus Saidt; 1993 – Wendell Smith; 1995 – Joseph Durso; 1996 – Charley Feeney; 1997 – Sam Lacy; 1998 – Bob Stevens; 1999 – Hal Lebovitz; 2000 – Ross Newhan; 2001 – Joe Falls; 2002 – Hal McCoy; 2003 – Murray Chass; 2004 – Peter Gammons; 2005 – Tracy Ringolsby; 2006 – Rick Hummel; 2008 – Larry Whiteside; 2009 – Nick Peters; 2010 – Bill Madden; 2011 – Bill Conlin; 2012 – Bob Elliott; 2013 – Paul Hagen; 2014 – Roger Angell; 2015 – Tom Gage; 2016 – Dan Shaughnessy; 2017 – Claire Smith; 2018 – Sheldon Ocker; 2019 – Jayson Stark; 2020 – Nick Cafardo; 2021 – Dick Kaegel; 2022 – Tim Kurkjian.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND LINEUP

PLAN NOW FOR A HISTORIC WEEKEND: Hall of Fame Weekend 2023 will be held July 21-24 with the annual *Induction Ceremony* scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 23, at 1:30 p.m. EDT as the highlight of the weekend...The Induction Weekend schedule includes:

Friday, July 21

- Ozzie Smith's *PLAY Ball* Museum fundraiser will be held at 8 a.m. The annual fundraiser for the Museum's educational programs gives fans a unique opportunity to experience on-field moments and share stories with Ozzie and Hall of Fame teammates Eddie Murray, Larry Walker and Dave Winfield. The event begins with an exclusive morning reception in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery, then moves to Doubleday Field for two hours of interactive stories, instruction and fun. To register, please call 607-547-0385.
- Join MLB Youth Ambassador Coach Ballgame for special PLAY BALL events at Doubleday Field from 12-7 p.m. Advance registration for this free event is requested. For more information, visit baseballhall.org/playballcoop.

Saturday, July 22

- The Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* will take place at 3 p.m. as a private event. Carl Erskine will be honored with the Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, Pat Hughes will receive the Ford C. Frick Award and John Lowe will receive the Baseball Writers’ Association of America’s Career Excellence Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing. The *Awards Presentation* will be simulcast live on the big screen at Doubleday Field. Admission to the simulcast is free.
- Join MLB Youth Ambassador Coach Ballgame for special PLAY BALL events at Doubleday Field from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Advance registration for this free event is requested. For more information, visit baseballhall.org/playballcoop.
- The 13th edition of the Hall of Fame *Parade of Legends* will begin at 6 p.m. along Main Street. Hall of Fame members will participate in the parade, which will conclude at the front steps of the Museum on Main Street.

Sunday, July 23

- The annual Hall of Fame *Induction Ceremony* will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center, located one mile south of the Hall of Fame. Baseball Writers’ Association of America electee Scott Rolen along with Contemporary Baseball Players Era Committee electee Fred McGriff will be inducted on stage in front of more than four dozen returning Hall of Famers. Admission to the ceremony at the Clark Sports Center, which is expected to last more than three hours, is free.

Monday, July 24

- Fred McGriff and Scott Rolen will share memories of their careers and reminisce about Induction Weekend as MLB Network’s J.P. Morosi hosts the *Legends of the Game Roundtable* at 10:30 a.m. at Doubleday Field. Tickets for this event are available to participants in the Museum’s Membership Program and can be reserved by calling 607-547-0397.

BBWAA 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>	10	46.5%	Bronson Arroyo	1	0.3%	<i>Jered Weaver</i>	1	0.0%
Álex Rodríguez	2	35.7%	R.A. Dickey	1	0.3%	<i>Jayson Werth</i>	1	0.0%
Manny Ramírez	7	33.2%	<i>John Lackey</i>	1	0.3%			
Omar Vizquel	6	19.5%	<i>Mike Napoli</i>	1	0.3%			

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 baseman 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.

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 Mazeroski, Fred McGriff, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Tony Oliva, David Ortiz, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, 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 92...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 270 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 ..20 (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)	DH: Ortiz (2022)	LF: Miñoso (2022)
C: Simmons (2020)	2B: Biggio (2015)	CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)
1B: McGriff (2023)	3B: Rolen (2023)	RF: Oliva (2022)
	SS: Jeter (2020)	

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

NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Attempting to categorize Hall of Famers by team is complicated in those cases where an individual distinguishes himself with multiple organizations...For this chart, games played was the deciding factor for position players to suit up for more than one club; for pitchers, games won was the yardstick used...Executives and managers are included...By this method, the Yankees have better representation than any other club (30) and also have placed the most former **players** in the Hall (21).

#	LG	TEAM	HALL OF FAMERS
30	AL	NYN	Barrow, Berra, Chesbro, Combs, Dickey, DiMaggio, Ford, Gehrig, Gomez, Gordon, Gossage, Hoyt, Huggins, Jeter, Keeler, Lazzeri, Larry MacPhail, Lee MacPhail, Mantle, McCarthy, Pennock, Rivera, Rizzuto, Ruffing, Ruppert, Ruth, Torre, Stengel, Weiss, Winfield
21	NL	NYG	Bresnahan, Connor, Davis, Ewing, T.Jackson, Hubbell, Irvin, Keefe, G. Kelly, Lindstrom, Marquard, Mathewson, McGinnity, McGraw, O'Rourke, Ott, Rusie, Terry, Ward, Welch, Youngs
19	NL	Cubs	Anson, Banks, Brown, Chance, Cuyler, Evers, Griffith, Jenkins, Hartnett, Herman, K.Kelly, Sandberg, Santo, L. Smith, Spalding, Sutter, Tinker, B.Williams, Wilson
19	NL	STL	Bottomley, Brock, Dean, Frisch, Gibson, Hafey, Haines, Herzog, Hornsby, La Russa, Medwick, Mize, Musial, *Rickey, Schoendienst, Simmons, Southworth, Slaughter, Smith
16	AL	CWS	Aparicio, Appling, Baines, E.Collins, Comiskey, Faber, Fisk, Fox, Lopez, Lyons, Miñoso, Schalk, Thomas, Veeck, Walsh, Wilhelm
13	NL	Pit	Beckley, Carey, Clarke, Clemente, Dreyfuss, Kiner, Mazerowski, Stargell, Traynor, Vaughan, Wagner, P.Waner, L.Waner
13	AL	Cle	Averill, Boudreau, Coveleski, Doby, Feller, Flick, Joss, Lajoie, Lemon, Sewell, Speaker, Thome, Wynn
12	AL	Det	Anderson, Bunning, Cobb, Crawford, Gehringer, Greenberg, Heilmann, Kaline, Kell, Morris, Newhouser, Trammell
12	NL	Brook	Campanella, Durocher, Grimes, Hodges, MacPhail, Reese, *Rickey, J.Robinson, W.Robinson, Snider, Vance, Wheat
12	NL	Phil	Alexander, Ashburn, Bancroft, Carlton, Delahanty, Hamilton, Klein, Roberts, Rolen, Schmidt, Thompson, Wright
11	NL	Cin	Bench, Giles, Larkin, Lombardi, McKechnie, McPhee, Morgan, Perez, F.Robinson, Rixey, Roush
11	AL	Bos	Boggs, J.Collins, Cronin, Doerr, Hooper, Martínez, J. Rice, Ortiz, T.Williams, Yastrzemski, Yawkey
9	AL	Phil	Baker, Bender, Cochrane, Foxx, Grove, Mack, Plank, Simmons, Waddell
8	NL	Atl	Cox, Glavine, Jones, Maddux, McGriff, Niekro, Schuerholz, Smoltz
7	NL	Bos	Clarkson, Duffy, Maranville, McCarthy, Nichols, Willis, Wright
6	AL	Balt	Murray, Mussina, Palmer, Ripken, B.Robinson, Weaver
6	AL	Wash	Goslin, Griffith, Harris, Johnson, Manush, S. Rice
6	NL	LA	Alston, Drysdale, Koufax, Lasorda, O'Malley, Sutton
6	AL	Min	Blyleven, Carew, Kaat, Killebrew, Oliva, Puckett
5	NL	SF	Cepeda, Marichal, Mays, McCovey, Perry
5	AL	Oak	Eckersley, Fingers, Henderson, Hunter, R. Jackson
5	NL	Mon	Carter, Dawson, Guerrero, Raines, D. Williams
4	AL	StL	Ferrell, Paige, Sisler, Wallace
3	NL	Mil	Aaron, Mathews, Spahn
3	NL	Bal	Hanlon, Jennings, J.Kelley
3	NL	Buffalo	Brouthers, Galvin, White
3	AL	Sea	Griffey, R. Johnson, E. Martinez
3	AL	Tor	Alomar, Gillick, Halladay
2	NL	Cle	Burkett, Young
2	NL	Hou	Bagwell, Biggio
2	AL	Mil	Molitor, Yount
2	NL	Mets	Piazza, Seaver
2	NL	SD	Gwynn, Hoffman
1	NL	Prov	Radbourn
1	AL	KC	Brett
1	AL	Cal	Ryan
1	AL	Tex	Rodríguez
1	NL	Col	Walker

*Branch Rickey spent an equal number of years with St. Louis & Brooklyn

CHAPMAN AND THE CROW: The team with the most Hall of Fame representation is the 1931-33 New York Yankees...With 75% of its everyday players plus three hurlers and the manager, 10 people from those three successful Yankee clubs are recognized in Cooperstown...Those in the Hall include Bill Dickey (C); Lou Gehrig (1B), Tony Lazzeri (2B), Joe Sewell (3B); Earle Combs (CF); Babe Ruth (RF); Red Ruffing, Lefty Gomez and Herb Pennock (P); and Joe McCarthy (mgr.)...From those teams, only the shortstop (Frank Crosetti) and left field (Ben Chapman) positions have not been elected to the Hall of Fame...Sewell entered the Hall as a shortstop, though he played third base for the Yankees at the end of his career.

MUSEUM UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 21: Author Series: Hall of Fame favorite Erik Sherman tells the story of Fernando Valenzuela's arrival on the major league scene in 1981 and his influence on Dodgers history in his book "Daybreak at Chavez Ravine: Fernandomania and the Remaking of the Los Angeles Dodgers"...Through new interviews with players, coaches and media, the book brings fresh insight to the ways he transformed the Dodgers and started a phenomenon that altered the country's cultural landscape. A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

THURSDAY, JULY 27: Author Series: Novelist Mark Stevens tells the fictional story of pitcher Frank Ryder, an enormous talent who dominates hitters with an overpowering fastball, in "The Fireballer: A Novel"...Within the maelstrom of media attention, adulation and even wild speculation, Ryder remains haunted by a tragic incident from his distant past...Seeking redemption, he returns to the roots of his childhood...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3: Author Series: Young adult author Paul Ferrante tells the fictional story of Los Angeles Dodgers beat writer Rosa Santos, who has become dismayed by player suspensions for bad behavior, tainted records due to performance enhancing drugs and endless labor disputes in his book "The Kid from Dodgertown"...But then Santos meets pitcher Darnell Hayward, who offers to tell her a story that may change her perspective...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10: Author Series: Bestselling author Andrew Maraniss delves into the story of Glenn Burke, the first openly gay player in major league history, in "Singled Out: The True Story of Glenn Burke"... At one time a top outfield prospect with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Burke faced bigotry in Los Angeles and later with the Oakland A's...Tragically, Burke contracted AIDS in the 1990s and died at the age of 42...The son of Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Maraniss, Andrew Maraniss served as the media relations manager for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays during their inaugural season..."Singled Out" is his first book on baseball...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Grandstand Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31: Author Series: Longtime broadcaster and author Dan Taylor explores the 1926 scandal that involved two of the game's top stars, each accused of fixing and betting on games, in "Baseball at the Abyss: The Scandals of 1926, Babe Ruth and the Unlikely Savior Who Rescued a Tarnished Game"...Sportswriters called the scandal worse than that of the infamous "Black Sox"...After the banishment of Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, the game was saved, thanks in part to an unlikely individual: Christy Walsh, the business manager for Babe Ruth...Walsh arranged for The Babe to star in a motion picture and convinced Ruth to hire a fitness expert, change his habits and train diligently while working in Hollywood...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

SOULS OF THE GAME EXHIBIT TO DEBUT IN SPRING OF 2024: The stories and impact of the Black baseball experience will be recognized and celebrated through *The Souls of the Game: Voices of Black Baseball*, the groundbreaking new exhibit opening in spring of 2024 at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown...From the decades-long history of Black baseball prior to the formation of the Negro Leagues, through the complexities of baseball's re-integration, to the challenges that remain today, *The Souls of the Game* will reveal the deep connections between baseball and Black America...The exhibit is part of the Hall of Fame's Black Baseball Initiative that includes additional outreach programs, educational materials and virtual programming and is made possible by the Yawkey Foundation with additional support from Bill Janetschek in honor of his siblings Robert and Ann, the Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation and the Bisignano Family...The new exhibit will be in the Yawkey Gallery...*The Souls of the Game*, a title that pays tribute to W.E.B. Du Bois's seminal 1903 book "The Souls of Black Folk," will explore the Black baseball experience of those African-American men, women and children who were and are an integral part of our National Pastime...Subtitled *Voices of Black Baseball*, the exhibit will highlight first-person accounts by the many individuals whose Black baseball experiences shaped them, their community, baseball and America at large...Featuring historically significant artifacts, important documents and engaging photographs, and utilizing audio, video and interactive elements, the exhibit will tell a more inclusive story of baseball, shine a light on and correct misconceptions about Black baseball, and provide an authentic, cohesive narrative of African-American baseball history...*The Souls of the Game* will feature men and women telling the story of Black baseball in their own voices. Sections will cover stories of early Black baseball, the Negro Leagues era, the complexities of reintegration, Jackie Robinson, post-reintegration progress and retrogress, and calls for change in today's game.

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 in March 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 include:

- Cap worn by WBC Most Valuable Player Shohei Ohtani in the championship game
- Bat used by Masataka Yoshida during the WBC as he set a tournament record with 13 RBI
- 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

COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received treasures from the 2023 season, including: A new larger base from the Braves vs. Nationals game on March 30 at Nationals Park...A ClockCom buzzer that alerted umpire Ron Kulpa to the first pitch clock violation in an MLB game on March 30 at Wrigley Field...A ball thrown by Giants pitcher Sean Manaea on April 8 when he and catcher Blake Sabol became the first Samoan born battery to appear in an MLB game...The cap worn by the Rangers' Andrew Heaney when he tied an AL record by striking out nine straight batters...The batting gloves worn by the Marlins' Luis Arraez on April 11 when he became the first player in franchise history to hit for the cycle...The City Connect jersey worn by the Rangers' Adolis García when he hit three home runs and totaled five extra base hits on April 22...Manny Machado's Padres City Connect jersey from the Padres vs. Giants game in Mexico City on April 29, and the first pitched ball thrown by San Diego's Joe Musgrove from that game...The first pitched ball thrown by the Cardinals' Adam Wainwright from the June 24 London Series game between St. Louis and Chicago...Batting gloves worn by the Cubs' Ian Happ when he hit two home runs in Game 1 of the London Series on June 24...Cap worn by the Cardinals' Paul Goldschmidt in Game 1 of the London Series when he became the first big leaguer to play a game in five different countries...Jersey worn by the Cardinals' Nolan Arenado in Game 2 of the London Series...Cap worn by Domingo Germán of the Yankees when he pitched a perfect game on June 28...Jersey worn by Rockies catcher Elias Díaz when he won the All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Award on July 11...A ball thrown by the Rangers' Nathan Eovaldi and signed by all six Rangers who participated in the All-Star Game.

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.

ASTROS' WORLD SERIES TROPHY COMING TO COOPERSTOWN IN AUGUST: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will celebrate the Houston Astros' 2022 World Series title Aug. 4-6 at the home of baseball...The weekend will be highlighted by a visit by the 2022 World Series trophy during Astros Weekend, with the symbol of the Astros' title on display at the Museum Aug. 5-6...Visitors will have the chance to relive the 2022 season and create new memories in Cooperstown, where artifacts from the Astros' world title will be preserved forever...The trophy will be on exhibit at the Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6...Visitors will be permitted to take pictures with the trophy...A 2022 Astros World Series ring will also be on display as part of the Museum's Autumn Glory exhibit...The Museum's exhibit honoring the 2022 World Series champion Astros, which is part of the permanent Autumn Glory exhibit, features artifacts, photographs and ephemera detailing the Astros second World Series title.

PICTURING AMERICA'S PASTIME EXHIBIT OPENS ON LONG ISLAND: The National Pastime and the art of photography came of age almost simultaneously, and baseball has long been a favorite subject of professional and amateur shooters alike...This year at The Long Island Museum in Stony Brook, N.Y., fans can view some of the game's most telling images from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's world-renown archive in the traveling exhibition *Picturing America's Pastime: A Snapshot of the Photograph Collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum*...Running through Oct. 15, *Picturing America's Pastime* features 51 framed photographs representing the Hall of Fame's collection of approximately a quarter million images...Just like the Museum's exhibit in Cooperstown, the touring version of *Picturing America's Pastime* shows the historic link between the two American passions...Featuring work from photographers spanning generations, like Charles M. Conlon, Carl J. Horner, Arthur Rothstein, William C. Greene and Brad Mangin – along with many unidentified photographers whose images have been donated to the Museum – *Picturing America's Pastime* captures the grandeur of the early game to the vibrancy of today's sport through images in sepia, color and black-and-white...*Picturing America's Pastime* will also be traveling to the Dubuque Museum of Art in Dubuque, Iowa (2024); the Upcountry History Museum-Furman University in Greenville, S.C. (2025); and the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, Miss. (2025).

USS COOPERSTOWN COMMISSIONED IN NEW YORK CITY: The U.S. Navy commissioned its newest Freedom-variant littoral combat ship, USS Cooperstown (LCS 23) May 6 in New York City...USS Cooperstown is the first naval ship named after Cooperstown, New York and honors the 70 Hall of Famers who served the United States during wartime in a range of conflicts spanning the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War...The ship's homeport will be Mayport, Fla.

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.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. until the day before Labor Day, when hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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.