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# **AROUND THE HORN**

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## FRICK AND SPINK AWARD FINALISTS IN SPOTLIGHT

Eight of the National Pastime's beloved voices have been named as the finalists for the 2021 Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in baseball broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Candidates from the *National Voices* category will be considered for the 2021 Frick Award in accordance with the three-year Frick Award election cycle...The eight finalists for the 2021 Frick Award are: **Buddy Blattner, Joe Buck, Dave Campbell, Dizzy Dean, Don Drysdale, Ernesto Jerez, Al Michaels** and **Dan Shulman.**... The winner of the 2021 Frick Award will be announced live on MLB Network as part of the network's programming beginning at 2 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Dec. 9., and will be honored along with 2020 Frick Award winner Ken Harrelson during the July 24 *Awards Presentation* as part of the July 23-26 Hall of Fame Weekend 2021 in Cooperstown...All candidates except for Blattner, Dean and Drysdale are living...The Frick Award election cycle rotates annually among *Major League Markets* (team-specific announcers); *National Voices* (broadcasters whose contributions were realized on a national level); and *Broadcasting Beginnings* (early team voices and pioneers of baseball broadcasting)...This cycle repeats every three years, with the *Broadcasting Beginnings* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2021 and the *Major League Markets* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2022...Criteria for selection is as follows: "Commitment to excellence, quality of broadcasting abilities, reverence within the game, popularity with fans, and recognition by peers."

Final voting for the 2021 Frick Award will be conducted by an electorate comprised of the 12 living Frick Award recipients and three broadcast historians/columnists, including past Frick honorees Marty Brennaman, Bob Costas, Ken Harrelson, Jaime Jarrín, Tony Kubek, Denny Matthews, Tim McCarver, Jon Miller, Eric Nadel, Vin Scully, Bob Uecker and Dave Van Horne, and historians/columnists David J. Halberstam (historian), Barry Horn (formerly of the *Dallas Morning News*) and Curt Smith (historian)...The 2021 Frick Award ballot was created by a subcommittee of the voting electorate that included Costas, Matthews, Nadel, Smith and Van Horne ...To be considered, an active or retired broadcaster must have a minimum of 10 years of continuous major league broadcast service with a ball club, network, or a combination of the two...For bios on the eight candidates, please visit baseballhall.org/frickaward2021.

**FRICK AWARD HISTORY:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Ford C. Frick Award has been presented annually since 1978 by the Museum for excellence in baseball broadcasting...Annual winners are announced as part of Baseball's Winter Meetings each year, while awardees are presented with their honor the following summer during Hall of Fame Weekend in Cooperstown, New York...Ken Harrelson became the 44<sup>th</sup> winner of the Frick Award in 2020.

**2021 SPINK AWARD FINALISTS**: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2021 J.G. Taylor Spink Award...The finalists are: Former *Newsday* beat writer and columnist **Marty Noble**; former *Kansas City Star* beat writer and columnist **Dick Kaegel**; and **Allan Simpson**, founder of *Baseball America*...The winner of the 2021 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writers will be announced Tuesday, Dec. 8.

**SCRIBES AND MIKEMEN:** Winners of the Frick and Spink Awards are featured in the Museum's "Scribes and Mikemen" exhibit, located on the first floor as part of the Library and Education Center of the Hall of Fame...Text of the award given to the current year's award winner and headshots of past award winners are featured in the exhibit, which outlines the media contributions to the game's history.

# ERA COMMITTEE ELECTIONS RESCHEDULED FOR 2021

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum announced Aug. 24 that its Board of Directors has voted unanimously to reschedule this winter's two Era Committee elections – the Golden Days Era Committee and the Early Baseball Era Committee – as a result of uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic...The Golden Days Era Committee and Early Baseball Era Committee were established by the Board of Directors in 2016 as part of a restructuring of the Era Committee process...The Golden Days Era Committee considers Hall of Fame candidates whose primary contributions to the game came from 1950 to 1969, and the Early Baseball Era Committee considers candidates whose primary contributions came prior to 1950...Each committee will consider a ballot of 10 candidates, compiled by the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Historical Overview Committee, which will be announced in the autumn of 2021...Both committees, which are reconstituted each time they meet, will consider these ballots later that year...Any candidates elected will be enshrined as part of the Hall of Fame's Class of 2022.

The updated schedule of Eras Committee meetings is as follows:

#### **Golden Days Era Committee and Early Baseball Era Committee**

To meet in fall of 2021 for the Class of 2022

#### **Today's Game Era Committee**

To meet in fall of 2022 for the Class of 2023

\*Considering candidates whose primary contribution came from 1988 to the present

#### **Modern Baseball Era Committee**

To meet in fall of 2023 for the Class of 2024

\*Considering candidates whose primary contribution came from 1970 to 1987

#### **Today's Game Era Committee**

To meet in fall of 2024 for the Class of 2025

## **Modern Baseball Era Committee**

To meet in fall of 2025 for the Class of 2026

#### **Golden Days Era Committee**

To meet in fall of 2026 for the Class of 2027

Candidates from the Today's Game Era and the Modern Baseball Era are each considered twice in a five-year period, with the Golden Days Era candidates considered once every five years and the Early Days Era candidates considered once every 10 years.

<u>VETERANS VOTING HISTORY</u>: The Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has been a part of the Hall of Fame voting process since the first class of electees in 1936, with the first Veterans Committee electees coming in 1937...In all its forms, the Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has elected 171 individuals (100 major leaguers, 30 executives, 22 managers, nine Negro Leaguers and 10 umpires) to the Hall of Fame.

THE COMMITTEE ON BASEBALL VETERANS: In 1953, the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee on Baseball Veterans was formed, outlining parameters that were similar through 2001, though with some variance throughout its time...Voting was conducted every other year from 1953-1959, with annual votes from 1961 until 2001...From 1961 through 2001, the Committee elected 101 members in 41 meetings, electing a candidate on all but three occasions: 1988, 1990 and 1993.

TURN OF THE CENTURY CHANGES: From 2001 through 2007, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans considered long-retired players, managers, umpires and executives on a bi-annual cycle featuring one ballot for players and another for managers, umpires and executives...The electorate was comprised of the living members of the Hall of Fame, the living recipients of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, the living recipients of the Ford C. Frick Award and Veterans Committee members whose terms had not yet expired...Beginning in 2003, the Committee held its election of players every other year...Also beginning in 2003, the election of managers, umpires and executives was held every four years...The three players elections (2003, 2005 and 2007) and the two composite-ballot elections (2003 and 2007) produced no candidates who received the 75 percent of the vote necessary for election.

REVAMPING THE PROCESS: From 2007 to 2010, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans was revamped to consider managers and umpires on one ballot, executives and pioneers on one ballot, players who began their big league careers prior to 1943 on one ballot and players who were retired for at least 21 seasons and whose careers began after 1942 on a fourth ballot...The electorates consisted of panels of Hall of Famers, executives and media members...Players whose big league careers began after 1942 were considered every other year, with the managers/umpires and executive pioneers ballots considered in the opposite years from the players...Players whose big league careers began prior to 1943 were considered every five years starting in the fall of 2008...In the fall of 2007, the Committee considered the managers/umpires ballot and the executives/pioneers ballot...Managers Billy Southworth and Dick Williams each received 13 of a possible 16 votes (81.3%) to earn election from the managers/umpires ballot, while Barney Dreyfuss (10 of 12 votes, 83%), Bowie Kuhn (10 of 12 votes, 83%) and Walter O'Malley (9 of 12 votes, 75%) were elected from the executives/pioneers ballot...In the fall of 2008, Joe Gordon received 10 of 12 votes (83%) to earn election from the pre-1943 players ballot...No player reached the 75 percent threshold needed for election on the post-1942 players ballot...In the fall of 2009, the managers/umpires and the executives/pioneers ballots were again considered...Umpire Doug Harvey (15 of 16 votes, 93.8%) and manager Whitey Herzog (14 of 16 votes, 87.5%) were elected from the managers/umpires ballot...No candidate received the necessary 75 percent of the vote to earn election from the executives/pioneers ballot.

A NEW ERA: From 2011-15, the Veterans Committee transitioned to the Eras Committee, which featured three candidate categories based on the era in which the candidate left his or her most indelible mark...The Expansion Era Committee, the Golden Era Committee and the Pre-Integration Era Committee met on a three-year rotating basis, with two complete cycles of the committee votes held from 2011-15...The Expansion Era Committee elected executive Pat Gillick to the Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2011 in its first session, then elected managers Bobby Cox, Tony La Russa and Joe Torre to the Class of 2014...The Golden Era Committee elected Ron Santo as part of the Class of 2012, with no Golden Era candidates receiving the necessary 75 percent of the vote to be elected with the Class of 2015...The Pre-Integration Era Committee elected umpire Hank O'Day, executive Jacob Ruppert and third baseman Deacon White to the Class of 2013, with no Pre-Integration Era candidates reaching the 75-percent mark needed to be included with the Class of 2016.

<u>FOUR FOR ALL</u>: In 2016, the Hall of Fame Board of Directors revamped the eras committees, placing a much greater emphasis on modern eras...Additionally, those major league players, managers, umpires and executives who excelled before 1950, as well as Negro Leagues stars, will still have an opportunity to have their careers reviewed, but with less frequency...Four eras for committee consideration were identified: Today's Game (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); Modern Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); Golden Days (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and Early Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950).

<u>VETERAN INFLUENCE</u>: The Veterans Committee, in all its forms, has been electing players to the Hall of Fame since 1937, when **Morgan Bulkeley, Ban Johnson, Connie Mack, John McGraw** and **George Wright** comprised the first Veterans Committee class...The largest class came in 1946 when 11 men were elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee...The 11 electees in 1946 were: **Jesse Burkett, Frank Chance, Jack Chesbro, Johnny Evers, Clark Griffith, Tommy McCarthy, Joe McGinnity, Eddie Plank, Joe Tinker, Rube Waddell** and Ed Walsh...The 17 former Negro league players and executives chosen for enshrinement in 2006 were elected through a special committee on Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues candidates.

# 2021 BBWAA ELECTION

**2021 RESULTS ANNOUNCED JAN. 26:** The Hall of Fame and BBWAA will announce the results of the 2021 election live from Cooperstown on Tuesday, Jan. 26...The results will be delivered live on MLB Network by Hall of Fame President Tim Mead and will also be released on the respective websites of the two organizations, <u>baseballhall.org</u> and <u>bbwaa.com</u>.

THE CLASS OF JANUARY: The results of the 2021 Baseball Writers' Association of America Hall of Fame vote will be announced at 6 p.m. ET on Jan. 26, 2021, live from Cooperstown on MLB Network... The 2021 BBWAA ballot was announced Nov. 16 and consists of: Bobby Abreu, Barry Bonds, Mark Buehrle, A.J. Burnett, Roger Clemens, Michael Cuddyer, Dan Haren, LaTroy Hawkins, Todd Helton, Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Andruw Jones, Jeff Kent, Andy Pettitte, Aramis Ramírez, Manny Ramirez, Scott Rolen, Curt Schilling, Gary Sheffield, Sammy Sosa, Nick Swisher, Shane Victorino, Omar Vizquel, Billy Wagner and Barry Zito...For candidate bios, visit <a href="https://www.baseballhall.org/bbwaa">www.baseballhall.org/bbwaa</a>...First-time eligibles are Buehrle, Burnett, Cuddyer, Haren, Hawkins, Hudson, Hunter, A. Ramírez, Swisher, Victorino and Zito...Holdover candidates include Schilling, who was named on 70.0 percent of the BBWAA ballots cast in 2020; Clemens, who was named on 61.0 percent of ballots cast in 2020; Bonds, who was named on 60.7 percent of ballots cast in 2020; and Vizquel, who was named on 52.6 percent of ballots cast a year ago...Other returning candidates include Abreu, Helton, Jones, Kent, Pettitte, M. Ramírez, Rolen, Sheffield, Sosa and Wagner.

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: The 2021 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 23-26, with the Induction on July 25...The 2021 BBWAA voting results will be announced on Jan. 26...A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: 2022: Prince Fielder, David Ortíz, Álex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira; 2023: Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey, Francisco Rodríguez, Jayson Werth; 2024: Adrían Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright; 2025: Brian McCann, CC Sabathia, Ichiro Suzuki, Troy Tulowitzki.

CHANGES TO THE ELECTION PROCESS: In July 2014, the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors altered the election criteria for candidates under consideration by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, reducing the maximum number of years a candidate can be considered by the BBWAA from 15 years to 10 years...On July 28, 2015, the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors announced changes to the Baseball Writers' Association of America electorate for Hall of Fame voting...Hall of Fame voters must meet requirements as active members who are still covering the game, with a 10-year grace period provided for BBWAA members who are no longer active in baseball...BBWAA members previously holding Hall of Fame voting privileges who are no longer active in the game and are more than 10 years removed from active status will have the opportunity for annual reinstatement, based on their coverage of the game in the preceding year.

**THE 2020 BALLOT:** The 2020 BBWAA ballot featured 32 players, including 18 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...Fourteen players will return for consideration in 2021...A total of 397 votes were cast, with 298 votes necessary for election and 20 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Derek Jeter became the 57<sup>th</sup> player elected to the Hall on his first BBWAA ballot...Larry Walker became the seventh player elected to the Hall in his final year eligible on the BBWAA ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2020	NAME	YR	2020	NAME	YR	2020
Derek Jeter	1	99.7%	Andruw Jones	3	19.4%	J.J. Putz	1	0.3%
Larry Walker	10	76.6%	Sammy Sosa	8	13.9%	Josh Beckett	1	0.0%
Curt Schilling	8	70.0%	Andy Pettitte	2	11.3%	Heath Bell	1	0.0%
Roger Clemens	8	61.0%	Bobby Abreu	1	5.5%	Chone Figgins	1	0.0%
Barry Bonds	8	60.7%	Paul Konerko	1	2.5%	Rafael Furcal	1	0.0%
Omar Vizquel	3	52.6%	Jason Giambi	1	1.5%	Carlos Peña	1	0.0%
Scott Rolen	3	35.3%	Alfonso Soriano	1	1.5%	Brian Roberts	1	0.0%
Billy Wagner	5	31.7%	Eric Chávez	1	0.5%	José Valverde	1	0.0%
Gary Sheffield	6	30.5%	Cliff Lee	1	0.5%			
Todd Helton	2	29.2%	Adam Dunn	1	0.3%			
Manny Ramírez	4	28.2%	Raúl Ibañez	1	0.3%			
Jeff Kent	7	27.5%	Brad Penny	1	0.3%			

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 409 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2020 election, 397 were returned, a return rate of 97.1 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.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2020 marked the 76<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 68 times and on eight occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013)...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 76 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in two players more than any other quantity (27 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	5	2019	Halladay, Martinez, Mussina, Rivera
3	9	2017	Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez
2	27	2020	Jeter, Walker
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	

**20/20 VISION**: With the election of Derek Jeter and Larry Walker, the BBWAA has elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in seven straight years and a total of 22 candidates during that time...The 2014-2020 stretch marks the first time the BBWAA has elected two-or-more candidates in seven consecutive years.

**57 AT FIRST**: The election of Derek Jeter brings the total of first-year BBWAA inductees to 57 and marks the seventh straight year with at least one first-ballot inductee, the first such stretch since a run of eight straight years from 1988-95.

YANKEES TOP THE LIST: Derek Jeter's election gives the Yankees 21 players in the Hall of Fame, breaking a tie with the New York Giants for most Hall of Fame players...For that list, games played was the deciding factor for position players who suited up for more than one club; for pitchers, games won was the yardstick used...Using that criteria, Yankees players in the Hall of Fame include: Yogi Berra, Jack Chesbro, Earle Combs, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Whitey Ford, Lou Gehrig, Lefty Gomez, Joe Gordon, Goose Gossage, Waite Hoyt, Derek Jeter, Willie Keeler, Tony Lazzeri, Mickey Mantle, Herb Pennock, Mariano Rivera, Phil Rizzuto, Red Ruffing, Babe Ruth and Dave Winfield.

<u>ONE AND ONLY</u>: Derek Jeter is the ninth Yankees player elected to the Hall of Fame who spent his entire career with the Yankees...Fifty-five Hall of Famers spent their entire career with one team, and no other team besides the Yankees has more than five Hall of Famers who played their entire career with the same franchise.

**KEEP ON WALKING**: Larry Walker received 10.2 percent of the BBWAA vote in his fourth year on the ballot in 2014...He is the first player elected by the BBWAA who received less than 12 percent of the vote in any election during his candidacy since Bob Lemon, who was elected in 1976 and received 11.9 percent of the vote in his first year eligible in 1964.

**NORTH OF THE BORDER**: Larry Walker, a native of Maple Ridge, British Columbia, became the second Canadian elected to the Hall of Fame...Ferguson Jenkins, a native of Chatham, Ontario, was elected in 1991.

**FINAL ANSWER**: Larry Walker became the seventh player elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA in his final year of eligibility, joining Red Ruffing (1967), Joe Medwick (1968), Ralph Kiner (1975), Jim Rice (2009), Tim Raines (2017) and Edgar Martinez (2019).

**TEAMING UP**: With Larry Walker's election, each of the current 30 MLB teams have featured a Hall of Famer on their roster at some point...Prior to the 2020 BBWAA election, the Rockies were the only team that never had a future Hall of Famer appear in a regular season game.

<u>HIGH JUMP</u>: Larry Walker added 22 points to his 2020 voting percentage from his 2019 voting percentage...The Top 5 jumps in BBWAA voting history among players elected to the Hall of Fame in that year, compared to their previous year's percentage: Frankie Frisch: 59 percent jump from 1946-47; Carl Hubbell: 58.5 percent jump from 1946-47; Mickey Cochrane: 54.8 percent jump from 1946-47; Lefty Grove: 53.2 percent jump from 1946-47; Cy Young: 27 percent jump from 1936-37.

<u>RULES FOR ELECTION</u>: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <a href="http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa">http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa</a>... 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 333 elected members...Included are 235 former major league players, 31 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 134 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 173 deserving candidates (101 major leaguers, 31 executives, 22 managers, 10 umpires and nine Negro Leaguers)...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 76 living members.

76 AMBASSADORS: The 76 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Henry Aaron, 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, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tommy Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martinez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazeroski, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Larry Walker, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

<u>CONNECTING GENERATIONS</u>: **Tommy Lasorda**, born Sept. 22, 1927, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 93...**Vladimir Guerrero**, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 45 years of age.

**BETWEEN THE LINES**: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 264 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.

<b>Pitchers</b> 83 (45)	Second Baseman 21 (11)	<b>Left Fielders</b> 22 (12)
<b>Catchers</b> 19 (10)	<b>Third Baseman</b> 17 (8)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Baseman 24 (12)	<b>Shortstops</b> 26 (12)	<b>Right Fielders</b> 26 (15)

**Designated Hitter** .... 2 (1)

DH: Baines, Martinez (2019)

 P: Halladay, Mussina, Rivera, Smith (2019)
 2B: Biggio (2015)
 LF: Raines (2017)

 C: Simmons (2020)
 3B: Jones (2018)
 CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)

 1B: Thome (2018)
 SS: Jeter (2020)
 RF: Walker (2020)

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

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

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

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: There are 55 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2020 electee Derek Jeter 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, 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: Derek Jeter became the 35<sup>th</sup> player to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election...The 35 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED		OMITTED BALLOTS
			425		
			396		
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
			488		9
			406		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
			431		
			436		
			215		
			215		
2009	Rickey Henders	on539	511	94.81%	28
1979	Willie Mavs	432	409	94.67%	23
1989	Carl Yastrzemsk	i447	423	94.63%	24
			150		
1993	Reggie Jackson.	423	396	93.62%	27
1966	Ted Williams	302	282	93.37%	20
			317		
			422		
1990	Jim Palmer	444	411	92.57%	33
1983	Brooks Robinson	n 374	344	91 97%	30
			525		46
			474		42
			433		39
			500		49
			205		21
1991	Rod Carew	443	401	90.50%	
			523		

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

YEAR PLAYER	<b>VOTES NEEDED</b>	RECEIVED	MARGIN
1939 Willie Keeler	206	207	1
1953 Al Simmons	198	199	1
1975 Ralph Kiner	272	273	1
1991 Ferguson Jenkins		334	1
1937 Cy Young	151	153	2
1947 Lefty Grove			
1948 Pie Traynor	91	93	2
1948 Herb Pennock	91	94	3
1962 Jackie Robinson			
2017 Iván Rodríguez	332	336	4
1972 Early Wynn	297	301	4
1987 Jim "Catfish" Hunter			
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			
1942 Rogers Hornsby	175	182	7
1947 Mickey Cochrane	121	128	7
1956 Joe Cronin			
1970 Lou Boudreau	225	232	7
2009Jim Rice	405	412	7
2019 Mike Mussina	319	326	7
1951 Jimmie Foxx.			
1991 Gaylord Perry		342	9
1974 Whitey Ford	274	284	10
2000 Tony Pérez	375	385	10

## MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

**COMING TO COOPERSTOWN**: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has received many treasures from the 2020 season, including: A ball used in the July 18 exhibition game between the Nationals and the Phillies, the first game between two teams in the Summer Camp period...The ball thrown by the National's Max Scherzer for the first pitch of the 2020 season on July 23 at Nationals Park...A bat used by the Giants' Hunter Pence on July 23 when he became the first designated hitter to come to bat in an NL vs. NL game...A jersey worn during warm-ups by Alyssa Nakken on July 23 when she became the first female coach in an MLB game... Base, first-pitch ball and jersey worn by Rangers pitcher Lance Lynn during the first game at Globe Life Field on July 24...Second base from the July 24 game between the Angels and the Athletics, the first game where a runner was placed on second base in extra innings...A jersey worn by the Royals' Alex Gordon on July 31, featuring a patch honoring former team owner and Hall of Fame board member David Glass...A unused baseball produced for Minor League Baseball's 2020 Opening Day...The spikes worn by the Mets' Billy Hamilton on Aug. 5 when he stole the 300th base of his career...The cap worn by the Tigers' Tyler Alexander on Aug. 2 against the Reds when he set a new record for relievers and tied the overall American League record with nine straight strikeouts...The spikes worn by the Marlins' Eddy Alvarez on Aug. 5 when he debuted in the big leagues to become the first Winter Olympics medalist to also play in an MLB game....The cap worn by Marlins manager Don Mattingly on Aug. 6 when he set a new franchise record with his 282<sup>nd</sup> victory...The bat used by the White Sox's Eloy Jiménez when he homered against the Cardinals on Aug. 16, giving the White Sox a record-tying four home runs in a row...The helmet worn by the Padres' Eric Hosmer Aug. 20 when his home run gave San Diego grand slam in a record fourth straight game...The cap worn by the White Sox's Lucas Giolito and a ball thrown by him during his Aug. 25 no-hitter against the Pirates...A game-used cap, mask, chest protector and shin guards from Joe West, who in 2020 became the first umpire to call games in six different decades...The batting gloves worn by the Cardinals' Yadier Molina when he recorded his 2,000th career hit on Sept. 24... The bat the Braves' Adam Duvall used in his three-homer games on Sept. 2 and Sept. 9... A cap worn by Alec Mills and a game-used ball from his no-hitter for the Cubs on Sept. 13... The cap worn by the Twins' Kenta Maeda on Sept. 29 in the first game of the best-of-3 Wild Card round...A bat used by the Reds' Mike Moustakas during the postseason featuring the "Heal & Unite" logo...The bat used by the Rays' Mike Brosseau when he hit the go-ahead home run in the eighth inning of Game 5 of the ALDS vs. the Yankees...A batting helmet worn by the Yankees' D.J. LeMahieu during the 2020 season when he won the AL batting title with a .364 mark, becoming the first modern era player to win the batting crown in both leagues...The jersey worn by Yankees manager Aaron Boone on Oct. 9 in Game 5 of the ALDS, a jersey which featured the No. 16 in tribute to the late Whitey Ford and an "HGS" patch in honor of late Yankees owner Hank Steinbrenner...A batting helmet worn by the Nationals' Juan Soto, who led the NL with a .351 batting average to become the youngest player – at age 21 – to win the NL batting crown...The cap the Marlins' Starling Marte wore on Sept. 27 when he appeared in his league-leading 61st game during the 60-game regular season...Ad the microphone used by Rangers public address announcer Chuck Morgan during the inaugural season of Globe Life Field in 2020.

## COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

SAFE AT HOME DELIVERS COOPERSTOWN TO EVERY TOWN: For centuries, baseball has been a source of solace during some of the world's most trying times...And now, the National Pastime is with us to help once again...With travel restrictions still in place for many areas, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum remains committed through its Safe at Home initiative to delivering educational and entertaining content throughout the world...This engaging virtual content allows fans of all ages to learn the game's history, explore its connection to global culture and experience the magic of the Museum from afar...The Safe at Home web resources and virtual events are available at <a href="mailto:baseballhall.org/discover/safe-at-home">baseballhall.org/discover/safe-at-home</a> and have been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor.

**BOOK IT AT THE HALL**: Published this fall, "The National Baseball Hall of Fame Collection" by James Buckley features biographies, statistics and photos of more than 175 members of the most exclusive club in the sport in beautiful book every baseball fan should own...Separated into chapters by position, "The National Baseball Hall of Fame Collection" highlights the best and the most memorable players, events, championships, moments, and more...Meet the greats of the game from before you were born and relive the memories that you shared with your diamond heroes of recent years...The text is updated through the 2020 Hall of Fame elections, with Derek Jeter, Marvin Miller, Ted Simmons and Larry Walker joining their fellow inductees in a book that features:

- Profiles of more than 175 legendary Hall of Famers
- Photo explorations into rare memorabilia, including game tickets, scouting reports, scorecards, and contracts
- Notable awards, records, stats and a complete list of the 333 members of the Hall of Fame
- Full-color photos and informative sidebars throughout

A great holiday gift for the baseball fan in your life, "The National Baseball Hall of Fame Collection" is available for purchase online at <a href="https://snateballhall.org">shop.baseballhall.org</a>.

<u>USS COOPERSTOWN CHRISTENED IN WISCONSIN</u>: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum participated in christening ceremonies for the future USS Cooperstown, a Freedom-variant littoral combat ship (LCS), on Feb. 29 in Marinette, Wis., at Fincantieri Marinette Marine, where the ship is nearing completion...As the USS Cooperstown's Honorary Sponsor, the Chairman of the Board of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Jane Forbes Clark, delivered the ceremony's keynote address...Announced in 2015 by United States Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, the Navy's 23rd Littoral Combat Ship was named the USS Cooperstown to honor the military veterans who are members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame...Sixty-eight Hall of Fame veterans interrupted their careers for service in the United States Military.

HALL OF FAME FEATURED IN 'THE GREAT COURSES': The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has teamed up with The Great Courses to tell the story of baseball, which dates back hundreds of years...In 24 lectures that paint a portrait of the sport's remarkable past, taking you from the decades before the Civil War to the pivotal year of 1920, *Play Ball! The Rise of Baseball as America's Pastime* strikes a perfect balance between sports lore and cultural history...For more information, please visit TheGreatCourses.com/BHOF.

<u>TIME TO VISIT</u>: The Museum resumed regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on June 26... The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$25 for adults (13 and over), \$20 for seniors (65 and over), \$18 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$15 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 <a href="www.baseballhall.org">www.baseballhall.org</a> or call or (607) 547-7200.