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ELECTION HEADQUARTERS

Induction Weekend 2021 at the Baseball Hall of Fame will be held July 23-26 in Cooperstown, with the *Induction Ceremony* scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 25 on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center...This year's ceremony will feature Class of 2020 electees **Derek Jeter**, **Marvin Miller**, **Ted Simmons** and **Larry Walker** along with any candidates elected as the Class of 2021 by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...2020 and 2021 Ford C. Frick Award winners **Ken Harrelson** and **Al Michaels**, respectively, and 2020 and 2021 J.G. Taylor Spink Award winners **Nick Cafardo** and **Dick Kaegel**, respectively, will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 24 in Cooperstown.

CRUNCH TIME: 2021 Hall of Fame ballots have been returned to the BBWAA from eligible 10-year Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA) members...Results will be announced **Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. ET**...MLB Network will air extensive coverage, interviews and analysis beginning at 3 p.m. ET, then televise the announcement live as Hall of Fame President Tim Mead delivers the results...The announcement will also be simulcast on **MLB.com**.

THE CANDIDATES: 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 Ramírez, Scott Rolen, Curt Schilling, Gary Sheffield, Sammy Sosa, Nick Swisher, Shane Victorino, Omar Vizquel, Billy Wagner and Barry Zito...For candidate bios, visit www.baseballhall.org/bbwaa...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.

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.

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

THE 2020 BALLOT: The 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 57th player elected to the Hall on his first BBWAA ballot...Larry Walker became the sixth 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% | <i>J.J. Putz</i> | 1 | 0.3% |
| Larry Walker | 10 | 76.6% | Sammy Sosa | 8 | 13.9% | <i>Josh Beckett</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Curt Schilling | 8 | 70.0% | Andy Pettitte | 2 | 11.3% | <i>Heath Bell</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Roger Clemens | 8 | 61.0% | Bobby Abreu | 1 | 5.5% | <i>Chone Figgins</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Barry Bonds | 8 | 60.7% | <i>Paul Konerko</i> | 1 | 2.5% | <i>Rafael Furcal</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Omar Vizquel | 3 | 52.6% | <i>Jason Giambi</i> | 1 | 1.5% | <i>Carlos Peña</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Scott Rolen | 3 | 35.3% | <i>Alfonso Soriano</i> | 1 | 1.5% | <i>Brian Roberts</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Billy Wagner | 5 | 31.7% | <i>Eric Chávez</i> | 1 | 0.5% | <i>José Valverde</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Gary Sheffield | 6 | 30.5% | <i>Cliff Lee</i> | 1 | 0.5% | | | |
| Todd Helton | 2 | 29.2% | <i>Adam Dunn</i> | 1 | 0.3% | | | |
| Manny Ramírez | 4 | 28.2% | <i>Raúl Ibañez</i> | 1 | 0.3% | | | |
| Jeff Kent | 7 | 27.5% | <i>Brad Penny</i> | 1 | 0.3% | | | |

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2020 marked the 76th 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 | ---- |

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortiz, Álex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira; **2023:** Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey, Francisco Rodríguez, Jayson Werth; **2024:** Adrián Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright; **2025:** Brian McCann, CC Sabathia, Ichiro Suzuki, Troy Tulowitzki; **2026:** Alex Gordon, Hunter Pence

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 333 elected members...Included are 263 former major league players, as well as 38 executives/pioneers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 134 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 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...In 2020, players who appeared in seven specific Negro Leagues between 1920 and 1948 were designated with major league status...There are currently 72 living members.

72 AMBASSADORS: The 72 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, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martínez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Larry Walker, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: Willie Mays, born May 6, 1931, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 89...Vladimir Guerrero, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 44 years of age.

BETWEEN THE LINES: 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.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pitchers 83 (45) | Second Baseman ..21 (11) | Left Fielders22 (12) |
| Catchers 19 (10) | Third Baseman 17 (8) | Center Fielders24 (8) |
| First Baseman 24 (12) | Shortstops26 (12) | Right Fielders26 (15) |
| Designated Hitter 2 (1) | | |

DH: Baines, Martinez (2019)

P: Halladay, Mussina, Rivera, Smith (2019)
 C: Simmons (2020)
 1B: Thome (2018)

2B: Biggio (2015)
 3B: Jones (2018)
 SS: Jeter (2020)

LF: Raines (2017)
 CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)
 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** (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 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 Mazerowski, 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 35th player to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election... The 35 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

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

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR: Several individuals have come close to being elected to the Hall of Fame, but have missed by the slimmest of margins in a given year:

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

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

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

2021 AWARD WINNERS

Al Michaels, the 2021 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Dick Kaegel, the 2021 winner of the Baseball Writers’ Association of America’s J.G. Taylor Spink Award, will be honored at the 2021 Hall of Fame Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 24 in Cooperstown.

CALL HIM AL: Al Michaels, whose passionate and authoritative voice was the nationwide soundtrack of the game for more than a decade, has been selected as the 2021 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born Nov. 12, 1944, in Brooklyn, Michaels attended Dodgers games at Ebbets Field while growing up and followed the team on radio via legendary voices like Red Barber and Vin Scully...After attending Arizona State University, Michaels was hired to do public relations for the NBA’s Los Angeles Lakers, then moved to Hawaii, where in 1968 he became the broadcaster of the Pacific Coast League’s Hawaii Islanders and also called football and basketball games for the University of Hawaii. Michaels became the lead announcer for the Cincinnati Reds in 1971 and then the San Francisco Giants in 1974...Michaels joined ABC Sports in 1976 as a back-up announcer for *Monday Night Baseball*, the beginning of a 30-year tenure with the network...He became lead announcer of *Monday Night Baseball* in 1983 while calling an array of other sports, including nearly two decades of *Monday Night Football* and calling the Miracle on Ice at the 1980 Winter Olympics...As ABC’s lead baseball voice, Michaels called the thrilling Game 5 of the 1986 ALCS between the Boston Red Sox and California Angels, where the Red Sox rallied from a three-run deficit in the ninth with the Angels one out away from clinching the series...He also was prepared to cover Game 3 of the 1989 World Series between San Francisco and Oakland when the Loma Prieta earthquake occurred, causing widespread damage and delaying the Fall Classic for several days...Michaels returned to NBC Sports in 2006 and continues to work there today as the voice of the network’s Sunday Night Football package...Michaels is the 45th winner of the Frick Award.

WRITE TIME FOR KAEGEL: Dick Kaegel, the eyes and ears of Missouri baseball fans for six decades, was elected the 2021 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America... Kaegel started his career with the *Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat* while in high school in southwest Illinois before earning a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri...He worked his way to St. Louis in 1968, joining the staff of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*...Kaegel covered the Cardinals for the *Post-Dispatch* for 12 years, eventually earning the job as the paper’s executive sports editor. In 1979, Kaegel became the managing editor of the *Sporting News*, and in 1981 he was named *TSN*’s editor, a position he held until the summer of 1985...Kaegel moved on to the *Kansas City Star* and the *Royals* beat in 1988, staying with the paper until 2003...He finished his career at *MLB.com*, famously covering every one of the *Royals*’ 162 games in 2011 four years after receiving a liver transplant following a cancer diagnosis... Kaegel is the 72nd winner of the Spink Award.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

MUSEUM DEBUTS VIRTUAL EVENT EXPERIENCES: With the aid of virtual technology, businesses can now provide their staff and clients with Cooperstown moments through the Hall of Fame's *Virtual Event Experiences*...With companies searching for new ways to keep their constituents and employees engaged while following health and safety guidelines, the Museum is offering *Virtual Event Experiences* that will provide unique and meaningful interactions at a time when in-person events may not be possible... The Hall of Fame's *Virtual Event Experiences* programs offer a diverse lineup of live entertaining educational opportunities and interactive virtual events with Hall of Famers, including:

- *Hall of Famer Conversations* provide the opportunity to meet and interact live with a Hall of Famer and hear stories about his career, experiences in Cooperstown and what it means to be an all-time great.
- *Diversity in the Dugout* recognizes that the diversity of baseball makes the game stronger as shown in our *¡Viva Baseball!* exhibit.
- *Civil Rights: Before You Could Say "Jackie Robinson"* is an introduction to racial segregation and its impact on baseball and American society as shown in our Ideals and Injustices exhibit.
- *Women's History: Dirt on Their Skirts* highlights our Diamond Dreams exhibit and discuss how female baseball players have challenged gender stereotypes.
- *The Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery* virtual tour explores the iconic space that is sacred ground for baseball fans.

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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 baseballhall.org/discover/safe-at-home 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 a 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 gift for the baseball fan in your life, "The National Baseball Hall of Fame Collection" is available for purchase online at shop.baseballhall.org.

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.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m...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 www.baseballhall.org or call or (607) 547-7200.