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## INDUCTION CEREMONY JULY 25

Hall of Fame Class of 2020 members Derek Jeter, Marvin Miller, Ted Simmons and Larry Walker will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Sunday, July 25 in Cooperstown....2020 and 2021 Ford C. Frick Award winners Ken Harrelson and Al Michaels, respectively, 2020 and 2021 J.G. Taylor Spink Award winners Nick Cafardo and Dick Kaegel, respectively, and 2020 Buck O'Neil Award winner David Montgomery will be honored during Induction Weekend at the annual *Awards Presentation*.

**THE 2021 BALLOT:** The BBWAA ballot featured 25 players, including 11 new candidates and 14 returnees...No candidate received votes on 75 percent of ballots cast necessary to earn election...Three first-year candidates received the five percent of the vote necessary to remain on the ballot: Mark Buehrle (11.9%), Torii Hunter (9.5%) and Tim Hudson (5.2%)...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Seventeen players will return for consideration in 2022...A total of 401 votes were cast, with 301 votes necessary for election and 21 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...A record 14 blank ballots were cast...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2021	NAME	YR	2021	NAME	YR	2021
Curt Schilling	9	71.1%	Jeff Kent	8	32.4%	<i>LaTroy Hawkins</i>	1	0.5%
Barry Bonds	9	61.8%	Manny Ramírez	5	28.2%	<i>Barry Zito</i>	1	0.2%
Roger Clemens	9	61.6%	Sammy Sosa	9	17.0%	<i>A.J. Burnett</i>	1	0.0%
Scott Rolen	4	52.9%	Andy Pettitte	3	13.7%	<i>Michael Cuddyer</i>	1	0.0%
Omar Vizquel	4	49.1%	Mark Buehrle	1	11.0%	<i>Dan Haren</i>	1	0.0%
Billy Wagner	6	46.4%	Torii Hunter	1	9.5%	<i>Nick Swisher</i>	1	0.0%
Todd Helton	3	44.9%	Bobby Abreu	2	8.7%	<i>Shane Victorino</i>	1	0.0%
Gary Sheffield	7	40.6%	Tim Hudson	1	5.2%			
Andrew Jones	4	33.9%	<i>Aramis Ramírez</i>	1	1.0%			

**THE VOTING ELECTORATE:** Of the 414 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2021 election, 401 were returned, a return rate of 96.9 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:** 2021 marked the 77<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 68 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 77 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	9	2021	----

**NINE FROM 13:** The 2021 election marks the ninth time in 77 BBWAA Hall of Fame elections that no candidate appeared on the 75 percent of ballots necessary to earn election...The most recent election that yielded no candidates came in 2013...In the eight years since then, nine candidates on that ballot have earned Hall of Fame election, either via the BBWAA vote or the Eras Committee process...The nine candidates from the 2013 BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot who have since earned Hall of Fame election include: Jeff Bagwell (elected by BBWAA in 2017), Craig Biggio (elected by BBWAA in 2015), Edgar Martinez (elected by BBWAA in 2019), Jack Morris (elected by Modern Baseball Era Committee in 2018), Mike Piazza (elected by BBWAA in 2016), Tim Raines (elected by BBWAA in 2017), Lee Smith (elected by Today’s Game Era Committee in 2019), Alan Trammell (elected by Modern Baseball Era Committee in 2018) and Larry Walker (elected by BBWAA in 2020).

**ROSTER ADDITIONS:** From 2014-20, BBWAA 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 marked the first time the BBWAA has elected two-or-more candidates in seven consecutive years and the most total electees in any seven-year stretch...The 2014-2020 stretch also featured at least one first-ballot inductee in seven straight years, the first such stretch since a run of eight straight years from 1988-95.

**THREE FOURS:** In three of the last seven BBWAA elections, four candidates have earned a place in Cooperstown...Roy Halladay, Edgar Martinez, Mike Mussina and Mariano Rivera were elected in 2019; Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome were elected in 2018; and Craig Biggio, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martínez and John Smoltz were elected in 2015...The other two years that featured exactly four BBWAA electees were 1947 (Mickey Cochrane, Frankie Frisch, Lefty Grove and Carl Hubbell) and 1955 (Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dazzy Vance)...Only one BBWAA election featured as many as five electees: The inaugural election of 1936 that produced inductees Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner.

**39 IN 60:** The most recent year that featured no Hall of Fame electees either by the BBWAA or a veterans election body was 1960, where no BBWAA candidate reached the 75 percent threshold needed for election and no veterans election was held...Edd Roush, who would be elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962, received the most votes of any candidate on the BBWAA ballot in 1960, finishing with 54.3 percent of the vote...Each of the top 12 vote-getters in that election were eventually elected to the Hall of Fame: Luke Appling, Jim Bottomley, Kiki Cuyler, Red Faber, Lefty Gomez, Burleigh Grimes, Tony Lazzeri, Sam Rice, Eppa Rixey, Red Ruffing, Hack Wilson and Roush...In total, 39 candidates who received votes in the 1960 BBWAA election were eventually enshrined in Cooperstown.

**NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE:** A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortiz, Alex 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 from 1920-1948 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 Martinez, 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:** Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 263 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)	<b>Second Baseman</b> ..20 (11)	<b>Left Fielders</b> .....22 (12)
<b>Catchers</b> ..... 19 (10)	<b>Third Baseman</b> .....17 (8)	<b>Center Fielders</b> .....24 (8)
<b>First Baseman</b> .... 24 (12)	<b>Shortstops</b> .....26 (12)	<b>Right Fielders</b> .....26 (15)
<b>Designated Hitter</b> .... 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 in 2020, 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, 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 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:** In 2020, 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	% 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

## 2020 & 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. The 2020 Award Winners, including Frick Award winner Ken Harrelson, Spink Award winner Nick Cafardo and Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award winner David Montgomery, will also be honored at the July 24 *Awards Presentation*.

**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 45<sup>th</sup> 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 72<sup>nd</sup> winner of the Spink Award.

**HAWK'S PRIDE:** Ken Harrelson, who became a Chicago icon while calling White Sox games for 34 of his 43 years behind the mic, was selected as the 2020 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born Sept. 4, 1941, in Woodruff, S.C., and raised in Savannah, Ga., Harrelson was a star amateur athlete in several sports before signing with the Kansas City Athletics in 1959 following a heated bidding war...A series of deals in the 1967 season brought Harrelson to Boston, where he helped the "Impossible Dream" Red Sox win the American League pennant...In 1968, Harrelson had his best season, hitting 35 home runs to go with an AL-best 109 RBI during the Year of the Pitcher...A broken leg in Spring Training of 1970 hastened the end of his playing career, and, after a stint as a pro golfer, Harrelson turned to broadcasting...He called games on television and radio for the Red Sox from 1975-81, then moved to the White Sox in 1982...He was hired as the White Sox's general manager following the 1985 campaign, and after one season in the front office returned to the broadcast booth with the Yankees in 1987...Harrelson rejoined the White Sox's booth in 1989, remaining with the team for the next three decades before retiring after the 2018 season...A five-time Emmy Award winner, Harrelson's trademark calls of "You can put it on the board...Yes!" and "Mercy!" became the nightly soundtrack for multiple generations of White Sox fans...Harrelson is the 44<sup>th</sup> winner of the Frick Award.

**PHILADELPHIA FEELING:** David Montgomery is the 2020 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...Montgomery, who passed away on May 8, 2019, becomes the fifth 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...Montgomery became a Philadelphia icon while spending his entire career in baseball, spanning parts of five decades, devoted to the Phillies, working his way up from the sales office to become executive vice president and chief operating officer before acquiring an ownership stake in the team...He later served as president, chief executive officer and then assumed the role of chairman in January of 2015...In his role as president and CEO, Montgomery became the face of the Phillies front office...Under his leadership, the team enjoyed one of the longest sustained periods of success in franchise history from 2007-11, winning five consecutive National League East titles, two NL pennants and the World Series in 2008...Montgomery advanced many community service efforts for the Phillies, including helping raise more than \$19 million for the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia, the official charity of the team...Montgomery worked closely with Phillies Charities, Inc., the official charitable arm of the organization, to provide support for other nonprofit organizations in the Philadelphia area and in the communities of the Phillies' minor league affiliates...O'Neil was honored as the first recipient of the Award in 2008...Roland Hemond (2011), Joe Garagiola (2014) and Rachel Robinson (2017) are the other previous winners of the O'Neil Award.

**NICK OF TIME:** Nick Cafardo, whose tireless reporting and discerning writing brought Red Sox baseball to millions of New Englanders, was named the winner of the 2020 J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...A Weymouth Mass., native and Suffolk University graduate, Cafardo joined the *Boston Globe* as baseball columnist in 1989 and took over the Globe's venerable Sunday notes column...The author of four baseball books and the winner of the Massachusetts Sportswriter of the Year Award in 2014, Cafardo covered the Red Sox's World Series wins in 2004, 2007, 2013 and 2018...Cafardo, who passed away while still on the job on Feb. 21, 2019, is the 71<sup>st</sup> 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.

For more information about these programs, visit [baseballhall.org/corporateexperiences](https://baseballhall.org/corporateexperiences)...To learn more about the Virtual Event Experiences programs or to book your event, call (607) 547-0249 or email [experience@baseballhall.org](mailto:experience@baseballhall.org).

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**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](https://shop.baseballhall.org).

**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](https://www.baseballhall.org) or call or (607) 547-7200.