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MODERN BASEBALL ERA ELECTION

The National Baseball Hall of Fame will take the first steps toward Induction Weekend 2018 at Baseball's Winter Meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., this weekend, as the Modern Baseball Era Committee considers a ballot of 10 candidates for Hall of Fame election whose contributions came from 1970 through 1987...Results of the Modern Baseball Era ballot vote will be announced at 6 p.m. ET on Sunday, Dec. 10 live on MLB Network's "MLB Tonight"...Any electees to emerge from the Modern Baseball Era Committee balloting will be honored during Hall of Fame Weekend 2018, July 27-30 in Cooperstown...The 2018 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. ET on July 29.

ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS: Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson will announce the results of the 2018 Modern Baseball Era balloting at 6 p.m. ET Sunday, Dec. 10 live on MLB Network's "MLB Tonight" from the Winter Meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla....If any living electees emerge from the voting, conference calls with each individual electee are expected to be held Sunday evening...A press conference featuring any living electees will be held at 11 a.m. ET on Monday, Dec. 11 at the Winter Meetings, with all credentialed media invited to attend...The press conference will be shown live by MLB Network, at MLB.com and at baseballhall.org.

THE MODERN BASEBALL ERA BALLOT: Nine former big league players and one executive were named Nov. 6 to the Hall of Fame's Modern Baseball Era Ballot...The 10 finalists on the 2018 Modern Baseball Era Ballot include: **Steve Garvey, Tommy John, Don Mattingly, Marvin Miller, Jack Morris, Dale Murphy, Dave Parker, Ted Simmons, Luis Tiant** and **Alan Trammell**...Miller is included for his work as an executive, while all other candidates are included for their work as players...All candidates are living except for Miller... Any candidate to receive votes on 75 percent of the ballots cast by the 16-member Modern Baseball Era Committee will be elected and enshrined as part of the Class of 2018.

THE MODERN BASEBALL ERA ELECTORATE: The 16-member Modern Baseball Era electorate features Hall of Fame members **George Brett, Rod Carew, Bobby Cox, Dennis Eckersley, John Schuerholz, Don Sutton, Dave Winfield** and **Robin Yount**; major league executives **Sandy Alderson** (Mets), **Paul Beeston** (Blue Jays), **Bob Castellini** (Reds), **Bill DeWitt** (Cardinals) and **David Glass** (Royals); and veteran media members/historians **Bob Elliott, Steve Hirdt** and **Jayson Stark**...The Modern Baseball Era ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran members: **Bob Elliott** (*Canadian Baseball Network*); **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*); **Steve Hirdt** (Elias Sports Bureau); **Rick Hummel** (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*); **Bill Madden** (formerly *New York Daily News*); **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA); **Jim Reeves** (formerly *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*); **Tracy Ringolsby** (*MLB.com*); **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly *San Francisco Chronicle*); **Dave Van Dyck** (formerly *Chicago Tribune*); and **Mark Whicker** (*Southern California News Group*)...The HOC annually sets ballots for the Era Committee elections.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE: The Modern Baseball Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact was realized from 1970 through 1987...Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more years in baseball and retired for at least five years; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years, with any active executives 70 or older eligible for consideration.

FUTURE ELECTIONS: Four era committees for consideration of managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players meet on a rotating basis: *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)...The *Today's Game* and *Modern Baseball* eras will be considered twice each in a five-year period, with the *Golden Days* era considered once every five years and the *Early Baseball* era considered once every 10 years...The *Today's Game* era was considered in the fall of 2016, with John Schuerholz and Bud Selig earning Hall of Fame election...Eras considered for yearly induction will be as follows: **2018** – Modern Baseball; **2019** – Today's Game; **2020** – Modern Baseball; **2021** – Both Golden Days and Early Baseball; **2022** – Today's Game; **2023** – Modern Baseball; **2024** – Today's Game; **2025** – Modern Baseball; **2026** – Golden Days. *The Early Baseball era returns for induction consideration in 2031.*

HISTORY OF THE VETERANS COMMITTEE

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 167 individuals (96 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 1942 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.

FOUR FOR ALL: 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).

VETERAN INFLUENCE: 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.

FRICK AND SPINK AWARD FINALISTS IN SPOTLIGHT

Eight of the National Pastime's most recognizable and honored voices have been named as the finalists for the 2018 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 2018 Frick Award in accordance with the three-year Frick Award election cycle...The eight finalists for the 2018 Frick Award are: **Buddy Blattner, Joe Buck, Bob Costas, Dizzy Dean, Don Drysdale, Al Michaels, Joe Morgan** and **Pee Wee Reese**...The winner of the 2018 Frick Award will be announced on Dec. 13 at baseball's Winter Meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and will be honored during the July 28 *Awards Presentation* as part of the July 27-30 Hall of Fame Weekend 2018 in Cooperstown...Buck, Costas, Michaels and Morgan are living, while all other candidates are deceased...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 will repeat every three years, with the *Broadcasting Beginnings* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2018 and the *Major League Markets* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2019...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 2018 Frick Award will be conducted by an electorate comprised of the 11 living Frick Award recipients and four broadcast historians/columnists, including past Frick honorees **Marty Brennaman, Dick Enberg, Jaime Jarrin, 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** (*Dallas Morning News*), **Ted Patterson** (historian) and **Curt Smith** (historian)...The 2018 Frick Award ballot was created by a subcommittee of the voting electorate that included Enberg, McCarver, Miller, Nadel and Smith...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/frickaward.

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...Longtime Oakland Athletics broadcaster Bill King became the 41st winner of the Frick Award in 2017.

2018 SPINK AWARD FINALISTS: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2018 J.G. Taylor Spink Award...The finalists are: Former *Akron Beacon Journal* beat writer and columnist Sheldon Ocker; former *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* beat writer and columnist Jim Reeves; and *Minneapolis Star Tribune* columnist Patrick Reusse...The winner of the 2018 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writers will be announced at Baseball's Winter Meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

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.

2018 BBWAA ELECTION

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND: Hall of Fame Weekend 2018 will be held July 27-30, with the annual Induction Ceremony scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. EDT...Admission to the Ceremony is free and the Ceremony will be broadcast live on MLB Network...The Weekend will feature the annual *Awards Presentation* at Doubleday Field on Saturday, July 28, where the winners of the 2018 Ford C. Frick Award and J.G. Taylor Spink Award will be honored...The ninth annual Hall of Fame *Parade of Legends* will follow the *Awards Presentation* on Main Street...For more information or to plan your trip to Cooperstown, please visit www.baseballhall.org/visit.

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions...The 2018 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 27-30, with the Induction on July 29...A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2019:** Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera; **2020:** Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Cliff Lee, Alfonso Soriano; **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramírez, Barry Zito; **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortiz, Alex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira; **2023:** Carlos Beltrán.

THE CLASS OF JANUARY: The results of the 2018 Baseball Writers’ Association of America Hall of Fame vote will be announced at 6 p.m. ET on Jan. 24, 2018, live on MLB Network... The 2018 BBWAA ballot was announced Nov. 20 and consists of: Barry Bonds, Chris Carpenter, Roger Clemens, Johnny Damon, Vladimir Guerrero, Livan Hernandez, Trevor Hoffman, Orlando Hudson, Aubrey Huff, Jason Isringhausen, Andruw Jones, Chipper Jones, Jeff Kent, Carlos Lee, Brad Lidge, Edgar Martinez, Hideki Matsui, Fred McGriff, Kevin Millwood, Jamie Moyer, Mike Mussina, Manny Ramirez, Scott Rolen, Johan Santana, Curt Schilling, Gary Sheffield, Sammy Sosa, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel, Billy Wagner, Larry Walker, Kerry Wood and Carlos Zambrano...For candidate bios, visit baseballhall.org/hof/2018-bbwaa-ballot...First-time eligibles are Carpenter, Damon, Hernandez, Hudson, Huff, Isringhausen, A. Jones, C. Jones, Lee, Lidge, Matsui, Millwood, Moyer, Rolen, Santana, Thome, Vizquel, Wood and Zambrano...Holdover candidates include Hoffman, who was named on 74 percent of the BBWAA ballots cast in 2018, and Guerrero, who was named on 71.7 percent of ballots cast a year ago...Other returning candidates include Bonds, Clemens, Kent, Martinez, McGriff, Mussina, Ramirez, Schilling, Sheffield, Sosa, Wagner and Walker.

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.

2017 RESULTS: The 2017 BBWAA ballot featured 34 players, including 19 new candidates and 15 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...Fifteen players will return for consideration in 2018...A total of 442 votes were cast, with 332 votes necessary for election and 23 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Iván Rodríguez became the 52nd player elected to the Hall on his first BBWAA ballot...Lee Smith received 34.1 percent of the vote in his final year of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2017	NAME	YR	2017	NAME	YR	2017
Jeff Bagwell	7	86.2%	Larry Walker	7	21.9%	<i>Pat Burrell</i>	1	0.0%
Tim Lincecum	10	86.0%	Fred McGriff	8	21.7%	<i>Orlando Cabrera</i>	1	0.0%
Iván Rodríguez	1	76.0%	Jeff Kent	4	16.7%	<i>Mike Cameron</i>	1	0.0%
Trevor Hoffman	2	74.0%	Gary Sheffield	3	13.3%	<i>J.D. Drew</i>	1	0.0%
Vladimir Guerrero	1	71.7%	Billy Wagner	2	10.2%	<i>Carlos Guillen</i>	1	0.0%
Edgar Martínez	8	58.6%	Sammy Sosa	5	8.6%	<i>Derrek Lee</i>	1	0.0%
Roger Clemens	5	54.1%	<i>Jorge Posada</i>	1	3.8%	<i>Melvin Mora</i>	1	0.0%
Barry Bonds	5	53.8%	<i>Magglio Ordóñez</i>	1	0.7%	<i>Arthur Rhodes</i>	1	0.0%
Mike Mussina	4	51.8%	<i>Edgar Renteria</i>	1	0.5%	<i>Freddy Sanchez</i>	1	0.0%
Curt Schilling	5	45.0%	<i>Jason Varitek</i>	1	0.5%	<i>Matt Stairs</i>	1	0.0%
Lee Smith	15	34.1%	<i>Tim Wakefield</i>	1	0.2%			
Manny Ramírez	1	23.8%	<i>Casey Blake</i>	1	0.0%			

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 459 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2017 election, 442 (96.3 percent) were returned...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: 2017 marked the 73rd Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 65 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 73 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in either one or two players more than any other quantity (26 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	3	2015	Biggio, Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz
3	9	2017	Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez
2	26	2016	Griffey Jr., Piazza
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	----

SEVENTY UP: Five players on the 2017 BBWAA ballot received at least 70 percent of the vote: Jeff Bagwell, Tim Raines, Iván Rodríguez, Trevor Hoffman and Vladimir Guerrero, tying the mark for the most in BBWAA election history...Only twice before has a BBWAA election resulted in five candidates reaching the 70-percent mark: 1947 (when Carl Hubbell, Frankie Frisch, Mickey Cochrane and Lefty Grove were elected and Pie Traynor received 73.9 percent of the vote) and the inaugural election of 1936 (when Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson were all elected).

ANOTHER DOZEN: With the election of Jeff Bagwell, Tim Raines and Iván Rodríguez, the BBWAA has elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in four straight years and a total of 12 candidates during that time...The BBWAA has only once before elected as many as 12 candidates in any four-year period by traditional voting procedures, as 12 candidates were voted in from 1936-39...Lou Gehrig was the 13th candidate elected by the BBWAA in the four years from 1936-39, but Gehrig was elected non-traditionally by acclamation late in 1939...The last time two or more candidates earned election in four straight years was 1989-92, which featured a total of nine electees (Johnny Bench and Carl Yastrzemski in 1989, Joe Morgan and Jim Palmer in 1990, Rod Carew, Fergie Jenkins and Gaylord Perry in 1991 and Rollie Fingers and Tom Seaver in 1992).

YOUNG AT HEART: Iván Rodríguez is the youngest current Hall of Famer, having been born Nov. 27, 1971, 33 days after Pedro Martínez...At 45 years old, Rodríguez is one of six Hall of Famers in their 40s, with Roberto Alomar, Frank Thomas, Mike Piazza, Ken Griffey Jr. and Martínez...The youngest elected Hall of Famer ever was Sandy Koufax, who was 36 when he was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972.

RULES FOR ELECTION: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at 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.”

MISSING FRIENDS: Hall of Famer Bobby Doerr, who was the oldest living Hall of Famer ever, passed away at the age of 99 on Nov. 13...Doerr, who was also the oldest living former MLB player at the time of his passing, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1986...Red Schoendienst, who was born on Feb. 2, 1923, is now the oldest living Hall of Famer.

THE GAME'S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 317 elected members...Included are 220 former major league players, 30 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 124 candidates to the Hall while the veterans/eras committees (in all forms) have chosen 167 deserving candidates (96 major leaguers, 30 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 72 living members.

72 AMBASSADORS: The 72 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Hank Aaron, Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Lou Brock, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Doug Harvey, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tom Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Willie McCovey, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Eddie Murray, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, Red Schoendienst, John Schuerholz, Tom Seaver, Bud Selig, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Joe Torre, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 255 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 parenthesis indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

Pitchers 77 (41)	Second Basemen ..21 (11)	Left Fielders22 (12)
Catchers 18 (10)	Third Basemen 16 (6)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Basemen 22 (10)	Shortstops24 (11)	Right Fielders24 (13)
Designated Hitter 1 (1)		

DH: Thomas (2014)

PITCHER: Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz (2015)

SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015)

LEFT FIELD: Raines (2017)

CATCHER: Rodríguez (2017)

THIRD BASE: White (2013)

CENTER FIELD: Griffey Jr. (2016)

FIRST BASE: Bagwell (2017)

SHORTSTOP: Larkin (2012)

RIGHT FIELD: Dawson (2010)

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Iván Rodríguez, 52 players have now been elected in their first year of eligibility (16 pitchers, seven RF, six LF, five CF, five SS, five 3B, three 2B, two 1B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 11 of the last 17 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 51.

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

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 70 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 68 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, 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, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Pérez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, Raines, Simmons); **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 50 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2017 electee Jeff Bagwell 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, Walter Johnson, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

TEAMMATES IN COOPERSTOWN: Burleigh Grimes and Waite Hoyt share the record for most Hall of Fame teammates, based on playing on the same team in the same year...Both Grimes and Hoyt were on teams with 36 other future Hall of Famers...Grimes, whose big league career spanned 19 seasons with the Pirates, Dodgers, Giants, Braves, Cardinals, Cubs and Yankees, pitched from 1916-34 and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1964...Hoyt pitched 21 seasons with the Giants, Red Sox, Yankees, Tigers, Athletics, Dodgers and Pirates and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1969.

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...Trevor Hoffman, who missed by five votes in 2017, is the most recent example.

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: Meanwhile, 25 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	90	93	3
1948	Herb Pennock	90	94	4
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
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
1951	Jimmie Foxx	170	179	9
1991	Gaylord Perry	333	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 2017 season, including: The pullover worn by Team USA manager Jim Leyland during the World Baseball Classic final March 22 vs. Puerto Rico...A cap worn by WBC Most Valuable Player Marcus Stroman during the tournament...A batting helmet used by Team USA's Brandon Crawford in the WBC...A cap and jersey worn by Adam Jones of Team USA at the WBC...A jersey worn by Puerto Rico's Javier Báez during the WBC...A lineup card and the baseball used for the first pitch during the championship game between the United States and Puerto Rico...The yarmulke worn by Team Israel's Dylan Axelrod during pregame ceremonies at the WBC...A game-worn cap from Team Israel's Josh Zeid, who pitched three scoreless innings in Team Israel's win in Game 1 of the WBC...A game-worn batting helmet from Ryan Lavarney, who hit the first home run in WBC history for Team Israel in its Game 2 matchup in pool play...A bat used by Team Puerto Rico's Carlos Correa during the WBC...The batting helmet used by the Braves' Ender Enciarte when he recorded the first hit and first home run at Atlanta's SunTrust Park on April 14...The cap worn by Braves' starting pitcher Julio Teheran in the team's first game at SunTrust Park on April 14...The batting helmet worn by the Giants' Madison Bumgarner on April 2 when he hit two home runs against the Diamondbacks on Opening Day...The cap worn by the Pirates' Dovydas Neverauskas on April 24 when he became the first native of Lithuania to pitch in the big leagues...The cap worn by the Pirates' Gift Ngoepe on April 26 when he became the first player born in continental Africa to appear in an MLB game...A game-used ball marked "Ichiro 3,000" from the April 30 Pirates vs. Marlins game that commemorated Ichiro Suzuki's 3,000th hit...The batting helmet worn by the Rangers' Carlos Gomez when he hit for the cycle on April 29...The jersey worn by the Nationals' Anthony Rendon on April 30 when he went 6-for-6 with three home runs, a double and 10 RBI...The ball hit by the Rockies' Michael Cuddyer on Aug. 17, 2014 for an eighth-inning double to complete his second career cycle...Game-worn cap and spikes from the Marlins' Edinson Vólquez and a ball from his no-hitter on June 3...The bat used by the Reds' Scooter Gennett to hit four home runs on June 6 against the Cardinals...The bucket and sunglasses Pete Frates used during his Ice Bucket Challenge at Fenway Park in 2014, along with a signed baseball, his glove and Boston College cap from his days as a player and captain with the Eagles' baseball team...The first base bag from Citi Field on May 20 when the Mets' Jose Reyes recorded the 2,000th hit of his career...A jersey worn by the Angels' Albert Pujols during the game in which he hit his 600th career home run on June 3...The cap worn by Brewers' closer Corey Knebel on June 30 against the Marlins when he set a new single-season MLB record for relievers with a strikeout in his 40th straight game...The stars-and-stripes socks worn by Charlie Blackmon of the Rockies on July 4...The cap worn by Futures Game MVP Brent Honeywell on July 9...The jersey worn by the Blue Jays' Russell Martin July 1 on Canada Day...The jersey worn by the Twins' Miguel Sano during the All-Star Home Run Derby on July 10 in Miami...The jersey worn by All-Star Game MVP Robinson Canó on July 11 in Miami...The batting helmet worn by the Tigers' Victor Martinez when he recorded his 2,000th career hit on July 7...The jersey worn by the Orioles' Zach Britton on July 23 when he set a new AL record by converting his 55th straight save...The batting helmet the Rangers' Adrian Beltre wore when he recorded his 3,000th career hit on July 30...The batting helmet worn by the Rays' Evan Longoria on Aug. 1 when he hit for the cycle...The bat used by the Mariners' Robinson Cano on Aug. 4 against the Royals when he hit his 500th career double...The spikes worn by the Reds' Joey Votto during road games of his streak of 20 straight games reaching base multiple times that ran from July 26 through Aug. 15...The bat used by the Braves' Nick Markakis to record his 2,000th career hit on Aug. 3...The jersey worn by Team Japan's Seiya Arai at the Little League World Series...The jersey worn by Stacey Piagno of the Sonoma Stompers on July 15 when she became the third female pitcher since 1950 to record a victory in an American men's professional league game...A game-worn jersey from National League Rookie of the Year Cody Bellinger on Aug. 5...A game-worn jersey from the Cardinals' Yadier Molina from the Aug. 20 game in Williamsport, Pa...A ball thrown by the Dodgers' Rich Hill when he no-hit the Pirates through nine innings on Aug. 23 before losing on a walk-off home run in the 10th inning...The bat used by the Indians' Jose Ramirez on Sept. 3 when he tied a record with five extra-base hits in one game...The bat used by the Diamondbacks' J.D. Martinez when he hit four home runs in one game against the Dodgers on Sept. 4...A game-worn jersey from the Cubs' Kris Bryant from Sept. 12, when Bryant hit a three-run homer against the Mets...A game-worn jersey from the Cubs' Anthony Rizzo from Sept. 14 when he went 3-for-4 with two RBI against the Mets...The ball thrown by Corey Kluber for the first pitch of the game Sept. 12 when the Indians defeated the Tigers for their 20th win in a row...The jersey worn by the Indians' Mike Clevinger when he was the winning pitcher in Cleveland's 5-3 win over Detroit Sept. 13, the Indians' 21st win in a row...The second base bag from Jay Bruce's walk-off double in the Indians' record-setting 22nd victory in a row on Sept. 14...The ball hit by the Royals' Alex Gordon for the 5,694th home run of the MLB season, setting a new record...An umpire's mask and cap from Jen Pawol, the seventh woman to umpire in organized baseball who called games in the New York-Penn League in 2017...The jersey worn by the White Sox's Jose Abreu on Sept. 23 when he became the third player in big league history to have at least 25 home runs and 100 RBI in his each of his first four seasons...The spikes worn by the Red Sox's Chris Sale on Sept. 20 when he reached the 300-strikeout plateau for the season...The bat used by the Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton to hit a home run on Aug. 15, the final game of his six-game streak with a home run...A batting helmet with personalized faceguard worn by the Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton during the 2016 season...A game-worn cap and protective cap insert used by the Angels' Matt Shoemaker during the 2017 season...The Players' Weekend jersey worn by the Yankees' Gary Sanchez on Aug. 25 featuring his nickname "Kraken" on the back...The jersey worn by the Yankees' Aaron Judge when he hit his 44th home run of the season on Sept. 18.

LET'S GET DIGITAL: The Hall of Fame Digital Preservation Project provides the opportunity for fans and researchers to explore the Museum's unparalleled collection...Additional digitized material – including photos, audio, video and text – from the Museum collection will be published regularly as the Museum adds to the PASTIME online collection, which is available at collection.baseballhall.org...Many of these materials will be available to the public for the first time, allowing fans to browse the Museum collection as they plan their visit to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, or continue their exploration of baseball history after they tour the Museum...With more than three million Library items, a quarter of a million unique images and 40,000 three-dimensional artifacts representing baseball's illustrious history, the Museum preserves an immense physical collection that brings baseball history to life...Through the Hall of Fame Digital Preservation Project, the Museum, over the next several years, will continue to digitize its collections and Library archive, making PASTIME *the* online resource for baseball history...The goal of the Project is to provide online access to the precious artifacts and documents that are preserved in Cooperstown for fans and researchers around the globe, while ensuring that they are digitally preserved for future generations of fans.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Memorial Day Weekend, when summer hours begin...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$23 for adults (13 and over), \$15 for seniors (65 and over) and for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$12 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members 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 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.