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# NEWS

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## AROUND THE HORN

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### FALL'S A BALL AT THE HALL

As the baseball season heads toward the Postseason, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has put together an all-star lineup of programming during the fall months of 2017...The Museum will host the annual fan favorite Baseball Film Festival, promote awareness of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and celebrate the annual Fall Classic with the popular World Series Gala...The schedule includes:

**ON THE BIG SCREEN:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum recognizes the twin traditions of baseball and film when, for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, it hosts the Baseball Film Festival in Cooperstown, Sept. 22-24...Twenty-one films, with themes ranging from Baltimore baseball in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the career path of Dodgers' rookie Cody Bellinger, will be screened on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as filmmakers and fans celebrate the timeless connection between baseball and the big screen...All films will be shown in the Hall of Fame's Bullpen Theater...A complete list of the films to be screened and screening times is available at [baseballhall.org/events](http://baseballhall.org/events)...Tickets for all films are free but must be reserved in advance by calling 607-547-0397.

**ALS AWARENESS WEEKEND:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will host ALS Awareness Weekend, Oct. 14-15...Known as Lou Gehrig's disease following the diagnosis and passing of the Yankees star first baseman seven decades ago, ALS continues to afflict about 30,000 people in the United States...Hall of Fame pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter died from the disease in 1999, and more recently Boston College outfielder and captain Pete Frates was diagnosed with ALS in 2012...Frates helped create the Ice Bucket Challenge in 2014, which has raised more than \$100 million for ALS research...In June, Frates donated the bucket and sunglasses he used for the Ice Bucket Challenge in 2014 at Fenway Park to the Hall of Fame, along with his glove and cap from his playing days with the Eagles...They are all currently on display in the Museum's *Today's Game* exhibit...The 2017-18 Boston College varsity team will visit Cooperstown during ALS Awareness Weekend and play two intra-squad scrimmages at historic Doubleday Field...ALS Awareness Weekend will also feature several Museum programs...More information is available at [baseballhall.org/events](http://baseballhall.org/events).

**GALA EVENT:** Enjoy the excitement of the World Series on the big screen at the Hall of Fame during one of our favorite annual family events, the World Series Gala...The entertaining evening on Oct. 28 will include refreshments, trivia, raffles and prizes during a live broadcast of Game 4 of the World Series...Tickets will go on sale to Members starting Oct. 2 at 607-547-0397, and any remaining tickets will be made available to the general public Oct. 23.

## HALL OF FAME WEEKEND RECAP

The induction on July 30 of Class of 2017 members **Jeff Bagwell, Tim Lincecum, Iván Rodríguez, John Schuerholz** and **Bud Selig** brings the total number of Hall of Famers to 317, including 73 living members...Award winners **Bill King** (Ford C. Frick Award for broadcast excellence), **Rachel Robinson** (Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award) and **Claire Smith** (J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writing) were honored at the July 29 *Awards Presentation* at Doubleday Field.

**A STAGE FILLED WITH HEROES:** Fifty-five of the 73 living Hall of Famers attended the July 30 *Induction Ceremony* at the Clark Sports Center:

|                  |                  |               |                 |                |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Henry Aaron      | Rollie Fingers   | Tony La Russa | Brooks Robinson | Billy Williams |
| Roberto Alomar   | Carlton Fisk     | Barry Larkin  | Frank Robinson  | Dave Winfield  |
| Jeff Bagwell     | Whitey Ford      | Greg Maddux   | Iván Rodríguez  | Robin Yount    |
| Johnny Bench     | Bob Gibson       | Juan Marichal | Nolan Ryan      |                |
| Craig Biggio     | Pat Gillick      | Joe Morgan    | Ryne Sandberg   |                |
| Bert Blyleven    | Tom Glavine      | Eddie Murray  | John Schuerholz |                |
| Wade Boggs       | Goose Gossage    | Phil Niekro   | Bud Selig       |                |
| George Brett     | Ken Griffey Jr.  | Tony Pérez    | Ozzie Smith     |                |
| Rod Carew        | Rickey Henderson | Gaylord Perry | John Smoltz     |                |
| Orlando Cepeda   | Whitey Herzog    | Mike Piazza   | Bruce Sutter    |                |
| Bobby Cox        | Fergie Jenkins   | Tim Lincecum  | Don Sutton      |                |
| Andre Dawson     | Randy Johnson    | Jim Rice      | Frank Thomas    |                |
| Dennis Eckersley | Sandy Koufax     | Cal Ripken    | Joe Torre       |                |

**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: **2018:** Andruw Jones, Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel; **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 Ortíz, Alex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira.

**COME ONE, COME ALL:** An estimated crowd of 27,500 fans attended the July 30 *Induction Ceremony*...More than 25,000 fans have attended each of the past four Induction Ceremonies...In 2007, an estimated 82,000 fans packed Cooperstown, honoring the Hall of Fame induction of Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn and setting a Hall of Fame Weekend attendance record...Following 2007, the top eight estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies: 50,000 (**1999**); 50,000 (**2016**); 48,000 (**2014**); 45,000 (**2015**); 40,000 (**1995**); 27,500 (**2017**); 27,000 (**2001** and **2005**).

## VOTING SEASON NEWS

The Modern Baseball Era Committee will consider Hall of Fame candidates for the first time this fall, with eligible candidates including players, managers, umpires and executives whose most indelible contribution to the game came from 1970 through 1987.

Four eras for committee consideration vote on a regular basis: Today's Game (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); Modern Baseball (for candidates from 1970 to 1987); Golden Days (for candidates from 1950 to 1969); and Early Baseball (for candidates 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 Committee elected John Schuerholz and Bud Selig in the fall of 2016.

Eras considered for yearly induction are 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; **2025** – Golden Days. *The Early Baseball era returns for induction consideration in 2031.*

The ballot size for each era ballot is 10 candidates, with no write-in candidates permitted. The ballots will be constructed by the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Historical Overview Committee. Each era committee voting body will consist of 16 members, reconstituted for each election. Candidates must receive at least 75 percent of the vote to earn election to the Hall of Fame. Candidates who fall off the BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot after exhausting their eligibility will be immediately eligible for Eras Committee consideration that fall.

All active executives age 70 or older may have their careers reviewed as part of the Era Committee balloting process, regardless of the position they hold in an organization, and regardless of whether their body of work has been completed.

**MODERN BASEBALL ERA COMMITTEE COMING THIS FALL:** The BBWAA-appointed Historical Overview Committee will devise the ballot for the Modern Baseball Era Committee election, with the final ballot to be announced this fall...That 10-person ballot will be voted on by the Modern Baseball Era Committee at Baseball's Winter Meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla....Any candidate appearing on at least 75 percent of ballots cast will be inducted as a member of the Class of 2018 at the Hall of Fame...The Modern Baseball Era Committee members will be announced following the 2017 MLB season.

**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, and have been retired for 15 or more seasons; 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.

## VETERANS VOTING HISTORY

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.

## THE CLASS OF 2017

**TALENT BY THE BAG-FULL:** Jeff Bagwell played his entire 15-year big league career with the Astros, posting eight seasons with at least 30 home runs, 100 runs scored and 100 RBI...One of only 11 players in MLB history with at least 440 home runs and 200 stolen bases, Bagwell won the 1991 National League Rookie of the Year Award and was the unanimous choice as the 1994 National League Most Valuable Player...He is the 50<sup>th</sup> Hall of Famer to play for just one team throughout his career...A four-time National League All-Star, Bagwell won a Gold Glove Award for his play at first base in 1994.

**ROCK SOLID:** Tim Lincecum is one of the game's most prolific base stealers, having totaled 808 steals – the fifth-most all-time – in his 23-year MLB career...He is the only player in history with 70-or-more steals in six straight seasons (1981-86) and was successful on 84.7 percent of his attempts...Raines is the only player in big league history with at least 100 triples, 150 home runs and 600 stolen bases and he is also the only player to record four different seasons with at least 50 extra-base hits and 70 steals...He played for the Expos, White Sox, Yankees, Athletics, Orioles and Marlins, earning World Series rings with the Yankees in 1996 and 1998.

**IVÁN THE GREAT:** Iván Rodríguez appeared in a record 2,427 games as a catcher during his 21-year big league career, and caught in 95.4 percent of the MLB games he played (2,427 of 2,543)...Among players who appeared in at least 50 percent of their games at catcher, Rodríguez has the most hits (2,844), runs (1,354), doubles (572) and total bases (4,451)...Rodríguez's 13 Gold Glove Awards are the most of any catcher, and he was selected to 14-All-Star Games during a career that featured seasons with the Rangers, Marlins, Tigers, Yankees, Astros and Nationals...Rodríguez led his league in caught stealing percentage a record nine times, including a record six years in a row (1996-2001)...He earned a World Series ring with the Marlins in 2003.

**BRAVE GENERAL:** John Schuerholz became the sixth Hall of Fame electee whose primary job function was team building (among non-owners)...Schuerholz laid the groundwork for the Royals 1985 World Series championship team as farm director and general manager, then moved to the Braves...As general manager, and later president and vice chairman in Atlanta, Schuerholz built a club that qualified for 14 consecutive postseasons, advanced to five World Series and won the crown in 1995...He was the first general manager to lead teams to World Series titles in both the American and National Leagues, and in 25 of his 26 seasons as a GM Schuerholz's teams finished in third place or better.

**DER KOMMISSAR'S IN TOWN:** Allan H. "Bud" Selig was Major League Baseball's ninth commissioner...His tenure started in 1992 as acting commissioner before he was named commissioner in 1998...Selig oversaw two rounds of expansion, the creation of Wild Card playoff teams and interleague play as well as the creation of the World Baseball Classic...MLB enjoyed uninterrupted labor peace for the final 20 full seasons of Selig's tenure, which ended on Jan. 25, 2015...The same day Selig was inducted into the Hall of Fame on July 30 in Cooperstown, he turned 83 years old and become the first living Hall of Famer to be inducted on his birthday...Selig, who is the fifth commissioner elected to the Hall of Fame, now serves as MLB's commissioner emeritus.

## 2017 AWARD WINNERS

Bill King, winner of the 2017 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters; Rachel Robinson, the 2017 Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award winner; Claire Smith, the 2017 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, were honored at the 2017 Hall of Fame Awards Presentation.

**KING OF THE AIR:** Bill King, whose quarter-of-a-century run as the voice of the Oakland Athletics cemented his status as one of the Bay Area's iconic voices, was selected as the 2017 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born Oct. 6, 1927, in Bloomington, Ill., King began his broadcasting career with the Armed Forces Radio Network during World War II, then returned home where he worked covering high school games...Moving to the Bay Area in the late 1950s, King was hired by KSFO-AM as a fill-in broadcaster on San Francisco Giants games – subbing for future Frick Award winners Lon Simmons and Russ Hodges – before landing the job as the play-by-play voice of the San Francisco Warriors of the National Basketball Association in 1962...In 1966, King added the duties of Oakland Raiders play-by-play to his schedule, becoming one of the signature voices of the National Football League when the Raiders and the American Football League merged with the NFL in 1970... King was reunited with Simmons when he joined the Athletics' broadcast team in 1981, and they worked together in the A's booth through 1995...Known for his signature handlebar mustache, passionate delivery and his ever-present "Holy Toledo!" exclamation, King called the revitalization of the Athletics during the "Billy Ball" years with manager Billy Martin in the early 1980s, then provided the narrative for the "Bash Brothers" teams that won three American League pennants and the 1989 World Series title from 1988-90...King, who passed away on Oct. 18, 2005, is the 41<sup>st</sup> winner of the Frick Award.

**HERE'S TO YOU, MRS. ROBINSON:** Rachel Robinson was named the 2017 recipient of the John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award... Working with her husband, Jackie Robinson, during their 26-year marriage and after his passing in 1972, Rachel Robinson created the Jackie Robinson Development Corporation, founded to build and manage housing for people of moderate and low incomes...A year later, she formed the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which provides college scholarships and leadership training, and headed the Foundation's Board of Directors until stepping down in 1996...A career nurse who worked as a researcher at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Department of Social and Community Psychiatry, Robinson has received honorary doctorates from nearly a dozen colleges and universities...Robinson becomes the fourth 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 O'Neil, who passed away in 2006 after eight decades of contributions to the game...O'Neil was honored as the first recipient of the Award in 2008...Long-time executive Roland Hemond was honored with the second Buck O'Neil Award in 2011, followed by Joe Garagiola in 2014...The Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Board of the Directors of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at its discretion, though not more frequently than every three years...A permanent, life-size bronze statue of O'Neil is located at the Hall of Fame on the Museum's first floor and serves as the home for the Award.

**CLAIRE CHOICE:** Claire Smith, a pioneering voice among women sportswriters, was elected the 2017 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...Smith covered the New York Yankees for five years beginning in 1983 for the *Hartford Courant* and maintained a high profile as a columnist with *The New York Times* from 1991-98 and as an editor and columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* from 1998-2007...A graduate of Temple University, Smith currently serves as ESPN's news editor of remote productions, responsible for the integration of news and analysis in live game broadcasts and the *Baseball Tonight* and *SportsCenter* studio programs...A two-time Pulitzer Prize nominee and winner of three *New York Times* Publishers' Awards, Smith was the New York Chapter Chair of the BBWAA in 1995 and '96 and has served on three Hall of Fame Era Committees...Smith is the 68<sup>th</sup> winner of the Spink Award.

**2018 FRICK AWARD BALLOT ANNOUNCED IN EARLY OCTOBER:** The eight-person ballot for the 2018 Ford C. Frick Award will be announced in October... 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, N.Y...Following changes to the voting regulations implemented by the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors in the summer of 2016, a new election cycle has been established, rotating annually between *Current Major League Markets* (team-specific announcers) with the 2017 Frick Award; *National Voices* (broadcasters whose contributions were realized on a national level) with the 2018 Frick Award; and *Broadcasting Beginnings* (early team voices and pioneers of baseball broadcasting) with the 2019 Frick Award. This cycle will repeat every three years... New criteria for selection is as follows: "Commitment to excellence, quality of broadcasting abilities, reverence within the game, popularity with fans, and recognition by peers"...The Frick Award Committee will cast ballots during November, with the 2018 winner to be announced during the 2017 Baseball Winter Meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

**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.

## BBWAA BALLOTING RECAP

**THE 2017 BALLOT:** The BBWAA 2017 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|----|-------|------------------------|----|------|
| <b>Jeff Bagwell</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>86.2%</b> | Larry Walker           | 7  | 21.9% | <i>Pat Burrell</i>     | 1  | 0.0% |
| <b>Tim Raines</b>     | <b>10</b> | <b>86.0%</b> | Fred McGriff           | 8  | 21.7% | <i>Orlando Cabrera</i> | 1  | 0.0% |
| <b>Iván Rodríguez</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>76.0%</b> | 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 73<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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).

**SECOND FIRST AT CATCHER:** Iván Rodríguez became the second catcher in history to be elected by the BBWAA in his first year of eligibility, following Johnny Bench in 1989...Rodríguez is the 10<sup>th</sup> catcher ever elected by the BBWAA...Following Mike Piazza’s election in 2016, Rodríguez’s selection marks the first time since 1954-55 (Bill Dickey and Gabby Hartnett) that the BBWAA has elected catchers in back-to-back years.

**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: 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.

**RECORD CROWD IN COOPERSTOWN:** The induction of Jeff Bagwell, Tim Lincecum, Iván Rodríguez, John Schuerholz and Bud Selig brings the total of living Hall of Fame electees in the last four years to 17...The last time as many as 17 living Hall of Famers were elected in a four-year span was 1972-75...The record for living inductees in any four-year span is 19 from 1969-72.

**52 AT FIRST:** The induction of Iván Rodríguez brings the total of first-year BBWAA inductees to 52 and marks the fourth straight year with at least one first-ballot inductee, the first such stretch since a run of five straight years from 2001-05.

**TEAMING UP IN HOUSTON:** 2017 Hall of Fame inductee Jeff Bagwell and 2015 inductee Craig Biggio played together on the Astros for 15 seasons, the entirety of Bagwell’s career (1991-2005)...Among Hall of Famers who played on only one MLB team, Bagwell and Biggio are only the fourth pair of teammates to play at least 15 years together...Roberto Clemente and Bill Mazerowski hold the record for most seasons as teammates while playing for just one team, playing together for 17 seasons (1956-72) and each spending their entire career with the Pirates...Carl Hubbell and Mel Ott played together for 16 seasons with the New York Giants (1928-43), while Whitey Ford and Mickey Mantle played together on the Yankees for 15 seasons (1953-67).

**RULES FOR ELECTION:** Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at [baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa](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 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 73 living members.

**73 AMBASSADORS:** The 73 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, Bobby Doerr, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gosage, 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 Lincecum, 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.

|                                     |                                   |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Pitchers</b> ..... 77 (41)       | <b>Second Basemen</b> ..21 (11)   | <b>Left Fielders</b> .....22 (12)  |
| <b>Catchers</b> ..... 18 (10)       | <b>Third Basemen</b> ..... 16 (6) | <b>Center Fielders</b> .....24 (8) |
| <b>First Basemen</b> ..... 22 (10)  | <b>Shortstops</b> .....24 (11)    | <b>Right Fielders</b> .....24 (13) |
| <b>Designated Hitter</b> .... 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** (Pennoch, 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 already 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 3,000<sup>th</sup> 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 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 2,000<sup>th</sup> hit of his career...A jersey worn by the Angels' Albert Pujols during the game in which he hit his 600<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 2,000<sup>th</sup> 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 55<sup>th</sup> straight save...The batting helmet the Rangers' Adrian Beltre wore when he recorded his 3,000<sup>th</sup> 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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 2,000<sup>th</sup> career hit on Aug. 3...And the jersey worn by Team Japan's Seiya Arai at the Little League World Series.

**LET'S GET DIGITAL:** The Hall of Fame Digital Preservation Project launched in 2016, providing 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](http://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

**VIP TREATMENT:** This fall, fans have the opportunity to explore the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum through a special program designed to give Cooperstown visitors a Hall of Fame VIP Experience...The Museum has partnered with Cooperstown accommodations to offer this unique package, which includes behind-the-scenes experiences at the Museum...This special package is only available through participating accommodations...Your VIP Experience will begin with exclusive after-hours access to the Hall of Fame on Thursday evening and wrap up on Friday with a private reception...Upcoming dates include **Oct. 12-13** and **Nov. 16-17**...For more information, please visit [baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience](http://baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience).

**SPEND A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM:** The larger-than-life heroes of the National Pastime can be found year-round in Cooperstown at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...But the game's biggest fans can also call the Hall of Fame "home" – at least for a few nights a year thanks to the Museum's Extra Innings Overnights program...Open to both Museum members and youth groups, Extra Innings Overnights is one of the Museum's most popular programs...Children ages 7-12 and their parents can sleep in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery among the plaques honoring Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson and the rest of baseball's greats...The evening includes all-access to the Museum's public areas after-hours, special hands-on programs throughout the Museum, and a late-night snack and a movie in the Bullpen Theater...A light breakfast is provided the following morning, and all junior participants receive a Hall of Fame knapsack filled with mementos of the evening...The program costs \$49.95 per person...Upcoming dates include: **Oct. 21-22** and **Nov. 4-5**...For more information or to register, please call the Museum's education department 607-547-0329.

**TIME TO VISIT:** The Museum resumed regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on Labor Day... 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 [baseballhall.org/visit](http://baseballhall.org/visit) or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.