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HALL OF FAME WEEKEND, JULY 27-30

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2018: The 2018 edition of Hall of Fame Weekend will take place July 27-30, with the Induction Ceremony occurring on Sunday, July 29, at 1:30 p.m. EDT...Baseball Writers' Association of America electees Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome will join Modern Baseball Era electees Jack Morris and Alan Trammell to be inducted as the Class of 2018...Admission to the ceremony at the Clark Sports Center is free...MLB Network and MLB Network Radio on Sirius XM will carry the Induction Ceremony live...It will also be simulcast at baseballhall.org...Saturday, July 28, will feature the Hall of Fame Awards Presentation at 4:30 p.m. at Doubleday Field...Sheldon Ocker will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing and MLB Network's Bob Costas will be honored as the Ford C. Frick Award winner for excellence in broadcasting...For a complete schedule of Weekend events, see the list below or visit baseballhall.org/hofweekend.

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60 REALLY GOOD REASONS TO RETURN TO COOPERSTOWN: A record 60 of the 76 living Hall of Famers, including the Class of 2018 (in **boldface**), are planning to return to Cooperstown for Hall of Fame Weekend...Those planning to attend as of July 13 include:

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| Henry Aaron | Carlton Fisk | Sandy Koufax | Gaylord Perry | Don Sutton |
| Roberto Alomar | Bob Gibson | Tony La Russa | Tim Lincecum | Frank Thomas |
| Jeff Bagwell | Pat Gillick | Barry Larkin | Jim Rice | Jim Thome |
| Johnny Bench | Tom Glavine | Greg Maddux | Cal Ripken | Joe Torre |
| Craig Biggio | Goose Gossage | Juan Marichal | Brooks Robinson | Alan Trammell |
| Bert Blyleven | Ken Griffey Jr. | Pedro Martínez | Iván Rodríguez | Billy Williams |
| Wade Boggs | Vladimir Guerrero | Paul Molitor | Ryne Sandberg | Dave Winfield |
| George Brett | Rickey Henderson | Joe Morgan | Mike Schmidt | Robin Yount |
| Rod Carew | Trevor Hoffman | Jack Morris | John Schuerholz | |
| Bobby Cox | Fergie Jenkins | Eddie Murray | Bud Selig | |
| Andre Dawson | Randy Johnson | Phil Niekro | Ozzie Smith | |
| Dennis Eckersley | Chipper Jones | Jim Palmer | John Smoltz | |
| Rollie Fingers | Al Kaline | Tony Pérez | Bruce Sutter | |

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions...The 2019 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 19-22, with the Induction on July 21...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 Ramirez, Barry Zito; **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortiz, Alex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira; **2023:** Carlos Beltran, Jayson Werth.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: The 2018 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will once again be held at the Clark Sports Center, located one mile south of the Museum on Susquehanna Avenue...This marks the 27th consecutive year at that location for the event...From 1966-1991 (26 years) except 1967, the ceremony was held in Cooper Park, on the east side of the Museum...Ceremonies were originally held on Main Street in front of the main entrance to the Hall of Fame, from 1939-1965 and in 1967.

BY AIR: MLB Network will broadcast the Induction Ceremony and other events throughout the weekend from Cooperstown...The Induction Ceremony will be broadcast live on MLB Network, which has televised the event every year since its launch in 2009, on Sunday, July 29, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. EDT...MLB Network Radio on Sirius/XM will cover the ceremony nationwide...The ceremony will also be streamed live at baseballhall.org.

COME ONE, COME ALL: More than 40,000 fans have attended three 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** and **2016**); 48,000 (**2014**); 45,000 (**2015**); 40,000 (**1995**); 27,500 (**2017**); 27,000 (**2001** and **2005**).

LIFE OF BRIAN: Emmy Award-winning anchor Brian Kenny, who hosts *MLB Now* and *MLB Tonight* on MLB Network while appearing across the network's studio programming, will be the Master of Ceremonies at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in 2018...In 2011, Kenny, author of the bestseller "Ahead of the Curve: Inside the Baseball Revolution," joined MLB Network, which is televising the Induction Ceremony for the 10th straight year.

TIMELESS WORDS: Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jack Morris, Jim Thome and Alan Trammell will present acceptance speeches during the Induction Ceremony...The acceptance speeches will be preceded by the welcome to the Hall of Fame by Chairman Jane Forbes Clark and the dedication of the five plaques, with the reading of the plaque text by MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: The 2018 *Awards Presentation*, hosted by MLB Network's Greg Amsinger, will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Doubleday Field...Sheldon Ocker will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing, while MLB Network's Bob Costas will be honored as the Ford C. Frick Award winner for excellence in broadcasting...The returning Hall of Famers will be present on the stage at Doubleday Field...Gates open at 3 p.m. and admission is free.

EXTENDED STAY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is open for extended hours during Hall of Fame Weekend: Friday, July 27 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, July 28 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, July 29 – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Monday, July 30 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m....Participants in the Hall of Fame's Membership Program can enter the Museum one hour early on Saturday, Sunday and Monday...Plan your trip to Cooperstown for Hall of Fame Weekend by visiting baseballhall.org/hofweekend...Special Hall of Fame Weekend travel packages are available at sportstravelandtours.com.

THE CLASS OF 2018

VLAD TO BE HERE: Vladimir Guerrero played 16 seasons for the Expos, Angels, Rangers and Orioles, earning nine All-Star Game selections and winning the 2004 American League Most Valuable Player Award...An eight-time Silver Slugger Award winner for his work in right field and at designated hitter, Guerrero hit .300-or-better 13 times, drove in 100-or-more runs 10 times and topped the 30-home run mark in eight seasons...The owner of two 30 home run/30 stolen base seasons, Guerrero is one of only eight players in big league history to have at least a .318 career batting average and a .553 slugging percentage, a list that includes Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Lou Gehrig, Rogers Hornsby, Stan Musial, Babe Ruth and Ted Williams...Guerrero never struck out more than 95 times in any season, and of all the players in baseball history with at least 449 career home runs, only Stan Musial, Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig and Mel Ott struck out less frequently than Guerrero...Those five batters are the only players in MLB history with at least 400 home runs and fewer than 1,000 strikeouts.

WHAT A RELIEF: Trevor Hoffman pitched 18 seasons for the Marlins, Padres and Brewers, spending 16 seasons in San Diego...The first pitcher to reach both the 500-save and 600-save milestones, Hoffman ranks second in MLB history with 601 saves and second with 856 games finished...A seven-time All-Star who finished in the Top 10 of the NL Cy Young Award voting four times, Hoffman led the NL in saves twice and saved 40-or-more games nine times, tied with Mariano Rivera for the most such seasons all time...Ranks seventh all-time – and first among relief pitchers – with a career average of 6.989 hits per nine innings pitched...His career WHIP of 1.058 ranks ninth all-time and fifth all-time among pitchers whose careers started after 1920.

PUSHING IN ALL THE CHIPS: Chipper Jones played 19 seasons, all for the Atlanta Braves, including 13 years where the Braves made the postseason...The first overall pick in the 1990 MLB Draft, Jones becomes the second No. 1-overall selection to earn Hall of Fame election, following Ken Griffey Jr. in 2016...An eight-time All-Star and the 1999 NL Most Valuable Player, Jones topped the 100-RBI mark nine times and had eight seasons with at least 100 runs scored...Among players who appeared in at least half their games at third base, Jones is the only major leaguer to record at least 1,600 RBI and score at least 1,600 runs...As a rookie in 1995, led the Braves to the World Series title...One of only nine players in big league history with at least 400 home runs, a .300 batting average, a .400 on-base percentage and a .500 slugging percentage, along with Jimmie Foxx, Lou Gehrig, Mel Ott, Stan Musial, Manny Ramirez, Babe Ruth, Frank Thomas and Ted Williams.

JACK IN THE BOX: Jack Morris pitched 18 seasons for the Tigers, Twins, Blue Jays and Indians, earning 14 Opening Day starts and four World Series rings...A five-time All-Star, Morris finished in the Top 5 of his league's Cy Young Award voting five times and led all pitchers in the 1980s with 2,444.2 innings pitched and 162 wins and all American League pitchers in strikeouts with 1,629...Among pitchers whose careers began after 1976, Morris recorded the most complete games with 175...In Game 7 of the 1991 World Series for the Twins, Morris pitched 10 shutout innings, earning the victory in the bottom of the 10th when Gene Larkin's single drove home Dan Gladden with the winning run...Morris was named the MVP after going 2-0 with a 1.17 ERA in three starts against the Braves.

JIM'S GEMS: Jim Thome played 22 seasons for the Indians, Phillies, White Sox, Dodgers, Twins and Orioles...One of nine members of the 600-home run club, Thome's 612 long balls rank eighth on the all-time list, and his 1,747 walks rank No. 7 all-time...Thome recorded 100-or-more RBI nine times and scored 100-or-more runs in eight seasons...Thome, who ranks fifth all-time in at bats per home run with a mark of 13.76, began his career as a third baseman before moving to first base...A five-time All-Star, Thome led the league in walks three times and in homers once...He is one of only five players in big league history – along with Barry Bonds, Mel Ott, Babe Ruth and Ted Williams – with at least 500 home runs, 1,500 runs scored, 1,600 RBI and 1,700 walks...Thome's six seasons with at least 40 home runs, 100 RBI, and 100 walks rank third all-time behind only Babe Ruth (10) and Barry Bonds (7) and his nine seasons with at least 30 home runs and 100 walks are tied with Lou Gehrig for third most all-time behind only Bonds and Ruth with 11 such seasons each...Thome recorded at least 30 home runs, 100 RBI, and 100 walks in six straight seasons from 1999-2004, joining Jeff Bagwell (1996-2001) as the only players to post six straight such seasons.

TRAM'S TIME: Alan Trammell played 20 seasons for the Tigers, earning six All-Star Game selections, four Gold Glove Awards and three Silver Slugger Awards at shortstop...A seven-time .300 hitter, Trammell scored 100-or-more runs three times, topped the 30-double mark six times and stole 20-or-more bases three times...His 2,139 games at shortstop rank 11th on the all-time list, and his .977 fielding percentage ranks sixth among shortstops with at least 2,000 games played...The clubhouse leader of the 1984 Tigers that won the World Series title, Trammell was named the Fall Classic MVP after hitting .450 with two homers and six RBI in Detroit's five-game victory...In 1987, Trammell – batting out of the cleanup spot – hit .343 with 28 home runs and 105 RBI, the first season by a shortstop in history with at least a .340 batting average, 25 homers and 100 RBI.

WEEKEND CREDENTIALS: Members of the media planning to cover Hall of Fame Weekend are asked to please apply for credentials immediately, as the deadline to apply has already passed...Please call 607-547-0215 for information...No freelance journalists, unless on assignment for a news gathering organization, will be considered...Wire services and daily papers will be given first priority...For an up-to-date schedule of events visit baseballhall.org/hofw.

CAP CHOICES: Plaques representing Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jack Morris, Jim Thome and Alan Trammell will be revealed as the prelude to each electee's induction speech on July 29...The Hall of Fame plaque, which serves to reflect the totality of a career, details an individual's accomplishments in the game in approximately 90 words, while listing each team on which an individual played or managed...An artist's rendering of the individual being honored tops the Hall of Fame plaque, and in many instances, a cap, where a logo may or may not be featured...In conjunction with the Hall of Fame, the members of the Class of 2018 have made their selections for the logo inclusion on their Hall of Fame plaque: Vladimir Guerrero – Los Angeles Angels; Trevor Hoffman – San Diego Padres; Chipper Jones – Atlanta Braves; Jack Morris – Detroit Tigers; Jim Thome – Cleveland Indians; Alan Trammell – Detroit Tigers.

2018 AWARD WINNERS

Bob Costas, winner of the 2018 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Sheldon Ocker, the 2018 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, will be honored at the 2018 Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 28 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

BOB'S BOOTH: Bob Costas, who has passionately and poignantly called games and narrated the baseball experience for four decades, has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Learning his trade at local stations while at Syracuse University, Costas graduated in 1974 and landed the play-by-play duties with the Spirits of St. Louis of the American Basketball Association on KMOX-AM...After handling regional NBA and NFL telecasts for CBS in the late 1970s, Costas moved to NBC in 1980...In 1982, Costas was paired with Sal Bando on the backup broadcast of NBC's Major League Baseball Game of the Week package, then teamed up with 2009 Ford Frick Award winner Tony Kubek in the same role from 1983-89...Along the way, Costas handled play-by-play of the American League Championship Series in 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1989 along with pregame duties at the All-Star Game those same years as well as pregame assignments at the World Series in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1988...NBC and ABC formed The Baseball Network following CBS' handling of the MLB contract from 1990-93, and Costas worked the 1994 All-Star Game as well as the 1995 ALDS, ALCS and World Series for TBN...When TBN dissolved, Costas called the World Series for NBC in 1997 and 1999, the 1998 and 2000 ALCS, the 1999 NLCS and the 2000 All-Star Game...In 2009, Costas – a 28-time Emmy Award winner – returned to baseball when he joined the new MLB Network, where he has called games and served as a documentary host for 10 seasons...Costas is the 42nd winner of the Frick Award.

SHELL'S GAME: Sheldon Ocker, who covered the Cleveland Indians for 33 seasons, was elected the 2018 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...Ocker began covering the Indians for the *Akron Beacon Journal* after 10 years of covering the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers...He was one of only three Indians beat writers at the ABJ since 1930 and covered the team from 1981 through 2013...Ocker was national president of the BBWAA in 1985 and served as chair of the Cleveland Chapter 11 times...Ocker was named Ohio Sports Writer of the Year in 1997 and 2000 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association...Ocker is the 69th winner of the Spink Award.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND LINEUP

PLAN NOW FOR A HISTORIC 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 as the highlight of the weekend...The Induction Weekend schedule includes:

Friday, July 27

- Ozzie Smith's *PLAY Ball* Museum fundraiser will be held at 8 a.m. The annual fundraiser for the Museum's educational programs gives fans a unique opportunity to experience on-field moments and share stories with Ozzie, fellow Hall of Famer Tim Raines and additional Hall of Famers to be announced. The event begins with an exclusive morning reception in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery, then moves to a Cooperstown-area diamond for two hours of interactive stories, instruction and fun. To register, please call 607-547-0310.

Saturday, July 28

- The Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* will take place at 4:30 p.m. at Doubleday Field. Sheldon Ocker will receive the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award for meritorious contributions to baseball writing; and MLB Network's Bob Costas will be honored with the Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick Award for major contributions to baseball broadcasting.
- The ninth edition of the Hall of Fame *Parade of Legends* will begin at 6 p.m. along Main Street. Hall of Fame members will participate in the parade, which will originate on Chestnut Street and conclude at the front steps of the Museum on Main Street. Hall of Famers will ride in trucks provided by Ford Motor Company en route to a private reception at the Museum.

Sunday, July 29

- The annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Clark Sports Center, located one mile south of the Hall of Fame. Baseball Writers' Association of America electees Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome along with Modern Baseball Era Committee electees Jack Morris and Alan Trammell will be inducted on stage in front of more than four dozen returning Hall of Famers. Admission to the ceremony at the Clark Sports Center, which is expected to last approximately three hours, is free.

Monday, July 30

- The Class of 2018 will share memories of their careers and reminisce about Induction Weekend as MLB Network's Peter Gammons hosts the *Legends of the Game Roundtable* at 10:30 a.m. at Doubleday Field. Tickets for this event are available to participants in the Museum's Membership Program and can be reserved by calling 607-547-0397.

ALL-STARS AND COOPERSTOWN

The 89th MLB All-Star Game will be played at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., on July 17... The connection between Hall of Famers and the All-Star Game goes back to 1933, three years before the first class of Hall of Famers was elected:

IN THE BEGINNING: When the All-Star Game debuted on July 6, 1933 in Chicago, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y., was not yet a part of the American lexicon... But for 17 players, both managers and two umpires, Cooperstown – and immortality – would become a part of their future... Of the 30 players that appeared in that first All-Star Game, 17 – eight from the National League and nine from the American League – would one day be elected to the Hall of Fame... The NL box score featured future Hall of Famers Frankie Frisch, Chick Hafey, Gabby Hartnett, Carl Hubbell, Chuck Klein, Bill Terry, Pie Traynor and Paul Waner, while future Hall of Famers who appeared in the game for the AL included Earl Averill, Joe Cronin, Rick Farrell, Lou Gehrig, Charlie Gehringer, Lefty Gomez, Lefty Grove, Babe Ruth and Al Simmons... The teams were managed by future Hall of Famers Connie Mack (AL) and John McGraw (NL), with future Hall of Fame umpires Bill Klem and Bill McGowan at first and second base, respectively.

1,236 AND COUNTING: In the 80-plus years since the first All-Star Game, future Hall of Famers have accounted for 1,236 All-Star Game selections – 271 pitcher selections and 965 position player selections... Of these selections, Hank Aaron has accounted for 25, the most of any player, followed by Willie Mays and Stan Musial who have each been selected to 24 Mid-Summer Classics... Of the 18 players selected to start the 1934 All-Star Game, only one, Wally Berger, has not been elected to the Hall of Fame... The 28 future Hall of Famers selected to play in the 1934 contest is also a record... No big league game has ever featured more future Hall of Famers than the 1934 All-Star Game, which had 31 (including playing and non-playing Hall of Famers).

BBWAA BALLOTING RECAP

THE 2018 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 33 players, including 19 new candidates and 14 returnees... Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below... Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below... Fifteen players will return for consideration in 2018... A total of 422 votes were cast, with 317 votes necessary for election and 21 votes necessary to remain on the ballot... Chipper Jones and Jim Thome became the 53rd and 54th players elected to the Hall on their first BBWAA ballot... The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2018	NAME	YR	2018	NAME	YR	2018
Chipper Jones	1	97.2%	Fred McGriff	9	23.2%	<i>Hideki Matsui</i>	1	0.9%
Vladimir Guerrero	2	92.9%	Manny Ramirez	2	22.0%	<i>Chris Carpenter</i>	1	0.5%
Jim Thome	1	89.8%	Jeff Kent	5	14.5%	<i>Kerry Wood</i>	1	0.5%
Trevor Hoffman	3	79.9%	Gary Sheffield	4	11.1%	<i>Livan Hernandez</i>	1	0.2%
Edgar Martinez	9	70.4%	Billy Wagner	3	11.1%	<i>Carlos Lee</i>	1	0.2%
Mike Mussina	5	63.5%	Scott Rolen	1	10.2%	<i>Orlando Hudson</i>	1	0.0%
Roger Clemens	6	57.3%	Sammy Sosa	6	7.8%	<i>Aubrey Huff</i>	1	0.0%
Barry Bonds	6	56.4%	Andruw Jones	1	7.3%	<i>Jason Istringhausen</i>	1	0.0%
Curt Schilling	5	51.2%	<i>Jamie Moyer</i>	1	2.4%	<i>Brad Lidge</i>	1	0.0%
Omar Vizquel	1	37.0%	<i>Johan Santana</i>	1	2.4%	<i>Kevin Millwood</i>	1	0.0%
Larry Walker	8	34.1%	<i>Johnny Damon</i>	1	1.9%	<i>Carlos Zambrano</i>	1	0.0%

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 436 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2018 election, 422 (96.8 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: 2018 marked the 74th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA... Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 66 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 74 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	4	2018	Guerrero, Hoffman, Jones, Thome
3	9	2017	Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez
2	26	2016	Griffey Jr., Piazza
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	----

FIVE AND SEVENTY: Five players on the 2018 BBWAA ballot received at least 70 percent of the vote: Chipper Jones, Vladimir Guerrero, Jim Thome, Trevor Hoffman and Edgar Martinez, tying the mark for the most in BBWAA election history... Only three times previously has a BBWAA election resulted in five candidates reaching the 70-percent mark: 2017 (when Jeff Bagwell, Tim Lincecum, Iván Rodríguez were elected and Trevor Hoffman-74.0% and Vladimir Guerrero-71.7% cleared 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).

SIX MILLION DOLLAR MEN: The election of Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jack Morris, Jim Thome and Alan Trammell to the Class of 2018 marks the first time since 1971 that at least six former big league players were elected in one year... In 1971, former big leaguers Dave Bancroft, Jake Beckley, Chick Hafey, Harry Hooper, Joe Kelley and Rube Marquard were elected by the Veterans Committee, while Satchel Paige – who pitched in the big leagues following a stellar career in the Negro Leagues – was elected by the Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues.

SWEET 16: With the election of Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome, the BBWAA has elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in five straight years and a total of 16 candidates during that time... No five-year period in history has resulted in as many BBWAA electees, with the previous high of 13 coming in the five-year period from 1952-56... That was also the last time the BBWAA elected at least two candidates five years in a row.

LIVING HISTORY: With six living electees in the Class of 2018, there have been 23 living Hall of Famers elected in the last five years, more than any other five-year period in Hall of Fame history... The previous record for most living Hall of Famers in any five-year period was 20 from 1969-73.

54 AT FIRST: The election of Chipper Jones and Jim Thome brings the total of first-year BBWAA inductees to 54 and marks the fifth straight year with at least one first-ballot inductee, the first such stretch since a run of five straight years from 2001-05.

RULES FOR ELECTION: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa>... Voting rules state that: “Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played.”

THE GAME’S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 323 elected members... Included are 226 former major league players, 30 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires... The BBWAA has elected 128 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 169 deserving candidates (98 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 76 living members.

76 AMBASSADORS: The 76 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Henry 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 Gosage, Ken Griffey Jr., Vladimir Guerrero, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Trevor Hoffman, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Chipper Jones, 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, Jack Morris, 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, John Schuerholz, Tom Seaver, Bud Selig, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: **Tommy Lasorda**, born Sept. 22, 1927, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 90... **Vladimir Guerrero**, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 43 years of age.

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 79 (42)	Second Baseman ...21 (11)	Left Fielders22 (12)
Catchers 18 (10)	Third Baseman17 (7)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Baseman 23 (11)	Shortstops25 (11)	Right Fielders25 (14)
Designated Hitter 1 (1)		

PITCHER: Hoffman, Morris (2018)	DH: Thomas (2014)	LEFT FIELD: Raines (2017)
CATCHER: Rodríguez (2017)	SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015)	CENTER FIELD: Griffey Jr. (2016)
FIRST BASE: Thome (2018)	THIRD BASE: Jones (2018)	RIGHT FIELD: Guerrero (2018)
	SHORTSTOP: Trammell (2018)	

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Chipper Jones and Jim Thome, 54 players have now been elected in their first year of eligibility (16 pitchers, seven RF, six 3B, six LF, five CF, five SS, three 2B, three 1B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 12 of the last 18 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 54.

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

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 72 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 72 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Guerrero, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hoffman, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); **4th election** (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Piazza, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); **5th election** (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); **6th election** (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehringer, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Perez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, 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 52 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2018 electees Chipper Jones and Alan Trammell the most recent additions 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, Chipper Jones, 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, Alan Trammell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW: No individual has been elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA as a unanimous choice, though there have been many close calls...Chipper Jones and Vladimir Guerrero became the 32nd and 33rd players to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election...Ken Griffey Jr., who received 99.32% of the vote in 2016, set a record for highest vote percentage received in a BBWAA election...The 33 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

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

MUSEUM UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 17: All-Star Gala: Join the excitement and entertainment as the Hall of Fame hosts the annual All-Star Game Gala...The night will include games, prizes, food, entertainment and, of course, live coverage of the 2018 All-Star Game from Washington, D.C., at 8 p.m. in the Hall of Fame’s completely renovated Grandstand Theater...Participants in the Museum’s Membership Program may reserve tickets immediately by calling the Membership Department at 607-547-0397.

THURSDAY, JULY 19: Authors’ Series: Co-author Erik Sherman visits the Museum to discuss the book “Davey Johnson: My Wild Ride in Baseball and Beyond”...Erik Sherman examines the career of Johnson, onetime star with the Baltimore Orioles who gained even more fame as the manager of several teams, including the Orioles, New York Mets and Cincinnati Reds...A true Renaissance man, Johnson has also found success as a land investor, pilot, scratch golfer, scuba diving teacher and mathematician, pioneering the use of Sabermetrics in the big leagues...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum’s Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25: Authors’ Series: Author and former big league pitcher Mark Littell visits the Museum to discuss his book “On the 8th Day, God Made Baseball”...A onetime closer with the Kansas City Royals, Littell recounts his personal story, growing up in poverty in Missouri, his struggles in the minor leagues, and his emergence as a standout reliever in Kansas City...Although best known as the pitcher who surrendered Chris Chambliss’ pennant-winning home run in 1976, Littell has a story of perseverance that runs far deeper...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum’s Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

THURSDAY, JULY 26: Authors' Series: Author Jerry Amernic visits the Museum to discuss his book "Babe Ruth: A Superstar's Legacy"... A longtime writer of both fiction and non-fiction, Amernic explores the legacy of Ruth on a number of fronts, both in and beyond baseball....It's a legacy that involves sport, culture, business, the arts and humanity....Unlike any book ever written about the remarkable icon who captured America and the world, "A Superstar's Legacy" serves as a testament to Ruth's enduring appeal...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1: Authors' Series: Author Larry Baldassaro visits the Museum to discuss his book "Baseball Italian Style"... A leading historian on Italian-American baseball, Larry Baldassaro brings together the memories of Italian major leaguers whose collective careers span almost a century...In these first-person accounts, fans will meet at an intimate level the players they cheered, as well as coaches, managers, front-office executives, and umpires....A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

SATURDAY, AUG. 4: Authors' Series: Author Bill Sullivan visits the Museum to discuss his book "Long Before the Miracle: The Making of the New York Mets"...In 1969, the New York Mets overcame all odds to deliver a baseball miracle. But that miracle was not the beginning of the Mets' franchise...An award-winning book recognized by the Society for American Baseball Research, "Long Before the Miracle" charts the dawn of the New York Mets, explaining who was responsible for influencing Major League Baseball to consider expansion into New York City...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8: Authors' Series: Author Todd Radom visits the Museum to discuss his book "Winning Ugly"... A celebrated graphic designer, professional sports branding expert and professional writer, Todd Radom has authored the definitive history of baseball's bizarre uniforms..."Winning Ugly" examines some of the strangest and most uniquely colorful uniforms the game has ever seen, from Charlie Finley's mix-and-match green-and-gold color scheme to the "Tequila Sunrise" uniforms of the Houston Astros...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15: Authors' Series: Author and former big league pitcher Skip Lockwood visits the Museum to discuss his book "Insight Pitch: My Life as a Major League Closer"... In telling a story spanning three decades, retired relief ace Skip Lockwood recalls a career that included stops with the Kansas City Athletics, Seattle Pilots, Milwaukee Brewers, California Angels, New York Mets and Boston Red Sox...Along the way, Lockwood details on-the-field triumphs and off-the-field shenanigans, as well as the enormous psychological process that he underwent every time he took the mound...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18: Authors' Series: Author David Wanczyk visits the Museum to discuss his book "Beep: Inside the Unseen World of Baseball for the Blind"...Author David Wanczyk illuminates the sport of blind baseball to show us a remarkable version of America's pastime...With specially made balls squealing three times per second and with bases that buzz, baseball for the blind is both innovative and intense...And when the best "beep" baseball team in America, the Austin Blackhawks, take on their international rival from Taiwan, no one is thinking about disability...Instead, the book reveals a story of athletes who are playing all out to win a championship. ...A book signing will follow the 1 p.m. program in the Museum's Bullpen Theater with books available in the Museum's bookstore, located in the Library Atrium.

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received treasures from the 2018 season, including: The cap worn by the Angels' Shohei Ohtani when he made his big league pitching debut on April 1...The cap worn by the Rangers' Adrian Beltre on April 5 when he recorded career hit No. 3,054, passing Rod Carew on the all-time list for Latin American players...The batting helmet worn by the Twins' Joe Mauer when he recorded his 2,000th career hit on April 12...The spikes worn by the Orioles' Adam Jones to celebrate Jackie Robinson Day on April 15...Spikes honoring Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby worn by the Blue Jays' Curtis Granderson on April 17...The helmet worn by the Brewers' Ryan Braun on April 19 when he reached the 1,000-RBI level for his career...The cap worn by the Athletics' Sean Manaea and a game-used ball from his April 21 no-hitter...A uniform worn by Pirates' usher Phil Coyne, who retired in 2018 after 80 years on the job...The Nationals jersey worn by Bryce Harper when he hit two home runs against the Phillies on May 4...The spikes worn by Red Sox's closer Craig Kimbrel on May 5 when he recorded his 300th career save in fewer appearances and save opportunities than any pitcher in history...The cap worn by the Mets' P.J. Conlon on May 7 when he became the first native of Ireland to play in the majors since 1945...The cap worn by the Mariners' James Paxton when he pitched a no-hitter on May 8 against the Blue Jays...The cap worn by the Rays' Jonny Venters when he recorded his first win of the season on May 15 after missing five seasons due to three Tommy John surgeries...And the dugout lineup card from the May 19 Rays vs. Angels game when Sergio Romo started his first career game after 588 relief appearances; Romo started four games over nine days, including back-to-back starts on May 19-20.

MUSEUM'S COMPLETELY RENOVATED GRANDSTAND THEATER REOPENS: The Hall of Fame's 189-seat Grandstand Theater reopened May 25 as the start to Hall of Fame Classic Weekend... Made possible by grants from The Scriven Foundation and The Clark Foundation, the Hall's newest showpiece was created by design firm Populous and features the new *Generations of the Game* introductory film...Featuring cutting-edge technology and the latest in fan-friendly amenities, the new Grandstand Theater will provide an immersive experience to viewers with a Dolby Atmos sound system donated by Dolby Laboratories, state-of-the-art projectors donated by Christie Projectors and 16-foot high vertical videoboards along the theater's side walls...Wooden ballpark seating has been replaced by spacious, cushioned seats... Supported through the generosity of Museum Board member Thomas Tull, *Generations of the Game* was directed by acclaimed filmmaker Jonathan Hock... A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place during Hall of Fame Induction Weekend, July 27-30.

ASTROS EXHIBIT OPENS IN AUTUMN GLORY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's exhibit honoring the 2017 World Series champion Astros, which is part of the permanent *Autumn Glory* exhibit, is now open and features artifacts, photographs and ephemera detailing the Astros' first-ever World Series title...Artifacts in the exhibit include:

- Glove used by Astros third baseman Alex Bregman throughout the series
- Orange road jersey worn by Astros pitcher Francisco Liriano in Game 7
- Cap worn by Game 7 winning pitcher Charlie Morton
- Road jersey worn in Game 6 by Justin Verlander
- Ball used in Game 7
- Helmet worn by Derek Fisher in Game 5 when he scored the winning run in the 10th inning
- On-deck circle bat weight used by Astros hitters throughout the World Series

Also included in the exhibit will be 2017 World Series tickets, press pins and a program, along with the following artifacts representing the National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers:

- Home jersey used by Chris Taylor in Game 2
- Road jersey worn by Joc Pederson in Game 4
- Cap and spikes worn by Brandon Morrow throughout the World Series when he became only the second pitcher to appear in each game of a seven-game World Series

Then in August, as the pennant races heat up, the symbol of the Astros' historic championship will come to Cooperstown...The Hall of Fame will host **Astros Weekend Aug. 4-5**, with the 2017 World Series Trophy on display at the Museum both days. Museum visitors will have the chance to relive the 2017 season and create new memories in Cooperstown, where artifacts of the Astros' World Series title will be preserved forever...The trophy will be on exhibit at the Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

VIP TREATMENT: 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 Sept. 6-7, Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 8-9...For more information, please visit www.baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience or call 607-547-0397.

SUMMER DAYS, SUMMER NIGHTS: The Museum's extended hours begin Memorial Day Weekend and will remain in effect through the day before Labor Day...Extended summer hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Sunday, May 27 through Sept. 2...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), \$12 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$12 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members and active or career retired military personnel are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at www.baseballhall.org or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.