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TODAY'S GAME ERA ELECTION

The National Baseball Hall of Fame will take the first steps toward Induction Weekend 2019 at Baseball's Winter Meetings in Las Vegas this weekend, as the Today's Game Era Committee considers a ballot of 10 candidates for Hall of Fame election whose contributions came from 1988 through the present...Results of the Today's Game Era ballot vote will be announced at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT on Sunday, Dec. 9 live on MLB Network's *MLB Tonight*...Any electees to emerge from the Today's Game Era Committee balloting will be honored during Hall of Fame Weekend 2019, July 19-22 in Cooperstown...The 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. ET on July 21.

ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS: Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson will announce the results of the 2018 Today's Game Era balloting at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT Sunday, Dec. 9 live on MLB Network's *MLB Tonight* from the Winter Meetings in Las Vegas...If any living electees emerge from the voting, conference calls with each individual electee are expected to be held Sunday evening...A press conference featuring any living electees will be held on Monday, Dec. 10 at the Winter Meetings, with all credentialed media invited to attend...The press conference will be shown live by MLB Network and at MLB.com.

THE TODAY'S GAME ERA BALLOT: Six former big league players, three managers and one executive were named Nov. 5 to the Hall of Fame's Today's Game Era Ballot...The 10 finalists on the 2019 Today's Game Era Ballot include: **Harold Baines, Albert Belle, Joe Carter, Will Clark, Orel Hershiser, Davey Johnson, Charlie Manuel, Lou Piniella, Lee Smith** and **George Steinbrenner**...Johnson, Manuel and Piniella are included for their work as managers, Steinbrenner for his work as an executive and all other candidates are included for their work as players...All candidates are living except for Steinbrenner... Any candidate to receive votes on 75 percent of the ballots cast by the 16-member Today's Game Era Committee will be elected and enshrined as part of the Class of 2019.

THE TODAY'S GAME ERA ELECTORATE: The 16-member Today's Game Era electorate features Hall of Fame members **Roberto Alomar, Bert Blyleven, Pat Gillick, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux, Joe Morgan, John Schuerholz, Ozzie Smith** and **Joe Torre**; major league executives **Al Avila** (Tigers), **Paul Beeston** (Blue Jays), **Andy MacPhail** (Phillies) and **Jerry Reinsdorf** (White Sox); and veteran media members/historians **Steve Hirdt, Tim Kurkjian** and **Claire Smith** ...The Today's Game Era ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran members: **Bob Elliott** (*Canadian Baseball Network*); **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*); **Steve Hirdt** (Elias Sports Bureau); **Rick Hummel** (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*); **Bill Madden** (formerly *New York Daily News*); **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA); **Jim Reeves** (formerly *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*); **Tracy Ringolsby** (*Baseball America*); **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly *San Francisco Chronicle*); **Dave Van Dyck** (formerly *Chicago Tribune*); and **Mark Whicker** (*Southern California News Group*)...The HOC annually sets ballots for the Era Committee elections.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE: The Today's Game Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact was realized from 1988 through the present...Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more years in baseball and retired for at least five years; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years, with any active executives 70 or older eligible for consideration.

FUTURE ELECTIONS: Four era committees for consideration of managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players meet on a rotating basis: *Today's Game* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); *Modern Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); *Golden Days* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and *Early Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950)...The *Today's Game* and *Modern Baseball* eras are considered twice each in a five-year period, with the *Golden Days* era considered once every five years and the *Early Baseball* era considered once every 10 years...The *Today's Game* era was considered in the fall of 2016, with John Schuerholz and Bud Selig earning Hall of Fame election...The *Modern Baseball* era was considered in the fall of 2017, with Jack Morris and Alan Trammell earning Hall of Fame election...Eras considered for yearly induction will be as follows: **2019** – Today's Game; **2020** – Modern Baseball; **2021** – Both Golden Days and Early Baseball; **2022** – Today's Game; **2023** – Modern Baseball; **2024** – Today's Game; **2025** – Modern Baseball; **2026** – Golden Days. *The Early Baseball era returns for induction consideration in 2031.*

HISTORY OF THE VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has been a part of the Hall of Fame voting process since the first class of electees in 1936, with the first Veterans Committee electees coming in 1937...In all its forms, the Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has elected 169 individuals (98 major leaguers, 30 executives, 22 managers, nine Negro Leaguers and 10 umpires) to the Hall of Fame.

THE COMMITTEE ON BASEBALL VETERANS: In 1953, the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee on Baseball Veterans was formed, outlining parameters that were similar through 2001, though with some variance throughout its time...Voting was conducted every other year from 1953-1959, with annual votes from 1961 until 2001...From 1961 through 2001, the Committee elected 101 members in 41 meetings, electing a candidate on all but three occasions: 1988, 1990 and 1993.

TURN OF THE CENTURY CHANGES: From 2001 through 2007, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans considered long-retired players, managers, umpires and executives on a bi-annual cycle featuring one ballot for players and another for managers, umpires and executives...The electorate was comprised of the living members of the Hall of Fame, the living recipients of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, the living recipients of the Ford C. Frick Award and Veterans Committee members whose terms had not yet expired...Beginning in 2003, the Committee held its election of players every other year...Also beginning in 2003, the election of managers, umpires and executives was held every four years...The three players elections (2003, 2005 and 2007) and the two composite-ballot elections (2003 and 2007) produced no candidates who received the 75 percent of the vote necessary for election.

REVAMPING THE PROCESS: From 2007 to 2010, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans was revamped to consider managers and umpires on one ballot, executives and pioneers on one ballot, players who began their big league careers prior to 1943 on one ballot and players who were retired for at least 21 seasons and whose careers began after 1942 on a fourth ballot...The electorates consisted of panels of Hall of Famers, executives and media members...Players whose big league careers began after 1942 were considered every other year, with the managers/umpires and executive pioneers ballots considered in the opposite years from the players...Players whose big league careers began prior to 1942 were considered every five years starting in the fall of 2008...In the fall of 2007, the Committee considered the managers/umpires ballot and the executives/pioneers ballot...Managers **Billy Southworth** and **Dick Williams** each received 13 of a possible 16 votes (81.3%) to earn election from the managers/umpires ballot, while **Barney Dreyfuss** (10 of 12 votes, 83%), **Bowie Kuhn** (10 of 12 votes, 83%) and **Walter O'Malley** (9 of 12 votes, 75%) were elected from the executives/pioneers ballot...In the fall of 2008, **Joe Gordon** received 10 of 12 votes (83%) to earn election from the pre-1943 players ballot...No player reached the 75 percent threshold needed for election on the post-1942 players ballot...In the fall of 2009, the managers/umpires and the executives/pioneers ballots were again considered...Umpire **Doug Harvey** (15 of 16 votes, 93.8%) and manager **Whitey Herzog** (14 of 16 votes, 87.5%) were elected from the managers/umpires ballot...No candidate received the necessary 75 percent of the vote to earn election from the executives/pioneers ballot.

A NEW ERA: From 2011-15, the Veterans Committee transitioned to the Eras Committee, which featured three candidate categories based on the era in which the candidate left his or her most indelible mark...The Expansion Era Committee, the Golden Era Committee and the Pre-Integration Era Committee met on a three-year rotating basis, with two complete cycles of the committee votes held from 2011-15...The Expansion Era Committee elected executive **Pat Gillick** to the Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2011 in its first session, then elected managers **Bobby Cox**, **Tony La Russa** and **Joe Torre** to the Class of 2014...The Golden Era Committee elected **Ron Santo** as part of the Class of 2012, with no Golden Era candidates receiving the necessary 75 percent of the vote to be elected with the Class of 2015...The Pre-Integration Era Committee elected umpire **Hank O'Day**, executive **Jacob Ruppert** and third baseman **Deacon White** to the Class of 2013, with no Pre-Integration Era candidates reaching the 75-percent mark needed to be included with the Class of 2016.

FOUR FOR ALL: In 2016, the Hall of Fame Board of Directors revamped the eras committees, placing a much greater emphasis on modern eras....Additionally, those major league players, managers, umpires and executives who excelled before 1950, as well as Negro Leagues stars, will still have an opportunity to have their careers reviewed, but with less frequency...Four eras for committee consideration were identified: *Today's Game* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); *Modern Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); *Golden Days* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and *Early Baseball* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950).

VETERAN INFLUENCE: The Veterans Committee, in all its forms, has been electing players to the Hall of Fame since 1937, when **Morgan Bulkeley, Ban Johnson, Connie Mack, John McGraw** and **George Wright** comprised the first Veterans Committee class...The largest class came in 1946 when 11 men were elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee...The 11 electees in 1946 were: **Jesse Burkett, Frank Chance, Jack Chesbro, Johnny Evers, Clark Griffith, Tommy McCarthy, Joe McGinnity, Eddie Plank, Joe Tinker, Rube Waddell** and **Ed Walsh**...The 17 former Negro league players and executives chosen for enshrinement in 2006 were elected through a special committee on Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues candidates.

FRICK AND SPINK AWARD FINALISTS IN SPOTLIGHT

Eight of the National Pastime's pioneering voices have been named as the finalists for the 2019 Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in baseball broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Candidates from the *Broadcasting Beginnings* category will be considered for the 2019 Frick Award in accordance with the three-year Frick Award election cycle...The eight finalists for the 2019 Frick Award are: **Connie Desmond, Pat Flanagan, Jack Graney, Harry Heilmann, Al Helfer, Waite Hoyt, Rosey Rowswell** and **Ty Tyson**...The winner of the 2019 Frick Award will be announced on Dec. 12 at baseball's Winter Meetings in Las Vegas and will be honored during the July 20 *Awards Presentation* as part of the July 19-22 Hall of Fame Weekend 2019 in Cooperstown...All candidates are deceased...The Frick Award election cycle rotates annually among *Current Major League Markets* (team-specific announcers); *National Voices* (broadcasters whose contributions were realized on a national level); and *Broadcasting Beginnings* (early team voices and pioneers of baseball broadcasting)...This cycle will repeat every three years, with the *Current Major League Markets* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2019 and the *National Voices* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2020...Criteria for selection is as follows: "Commitment to excellence, quality of broadcasting abilities, reverence within the game, popularity with fans, and recognition by peers."

Final voting for the 2019 Frick Award will be conducted by an electorate comprised of the 11 living Frick Award recipients and four broadcast historians/columnists, including past Frick honorees **Marty Brennaman, Bob Costas, Jaime Jarrin, Tony Kubek, Denny Matthews, Tim McCarver, Jon Miller, Eric Nadel, Vin Scully, Bob Uecker** and **Dave Van Horne**, and historians/columnists **David J. Halberstam** (historian), **Barry Horn** (formerly of the *Dallas Morning News*), **Ted Patterson** (historian) and **Curt Smith** (historian)...The 2019 Frick Award ballot was created by a subcommittee of the voting electorate that included Mathews, McCarver, Miller, Nadel and Smith...To be considered, an active or retired broadcaster must have a minimum of 10 years of continuous major league broadcast service with a ball club, network, or a combination of the two...For bios on the eight candidates, please visit baseballhall.org/frickaward2019.

FRICK AWARD HISTORY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Ford C. Frick Award has been presented annually since 1978 by the Museum for excellence in baseball broadcasting...Annual winners are announced as part of Baseball's Winter Meetings each year, while awardees are presented with their honor the following summer during Hall of Fame Weekend in Cooperstown, New York...MLB Network's Bob Costas became the 42nd winner of the Frick Award in 2018.

2019 SPINK AWARD FINALISTS: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2019 J.G. Taylor Spink Award...The finalists are: Former *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* beat writer and columnist Jim Reeves; *Minneapolis Star Tribune* columnist Patrick Reusse; and Jayson Stark of *The Athletic*...The winner of the 2019 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writers will be announced at Baseball's Winter Meetings.

SCRIBES AND MIKEMEN: Winners of the Frick and Spink Awards are featured in the Museum's "Scribes and Mikemen" exhibit, located on the first floor as part of the Library and Education Center of the Hall of Fame...Text of the award given to the current year's award winner and headshots of past award winners are featured in the exhibit, which outlines the media contributions to the game's history.

2019 BBWAA ELECTION

RESULTS ANNOUNCED JAN. 22: The Hall of Fame and BBWAA will announce the results of the 2019 election on Tuesday, Jan. 22...The results will be delivered live on MLB Network by Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson and will also be released on the respective websites of the two organizations, baseballhall.org and bbwaa.com...A press conference featuring any electees will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23 in New York City.

THE CLASS OF JANUARY: The results of the 2019 Baseball Writers’ Association of America Hall of Fame vote will be announced at 6 p.m. ET on Jan. 22, 2018, live on MLB Network... The 2019 BBWAA ballot was announced Nov. 19 and consists of: Rick Ankiel, Jason Bay, Lance Berkman, Barry Bonds Roger Clemens, Freddy Garcia, Jon Garland, Travis Hafner, Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andruw Jones, Jeff Kent, Ted Lilly, Derek Lowe, Edgar Martinez, Fred McGriff, Mike Mussina, Darren Oliver, Roy Oswalt, Andy Pettitte, Juan Pierre, Placido Polanco, Manny Ramirez, Mariano Rivera, Scott Rolen, Curt Schilling, Gary Sheffield, Sammy Sosa, Miguel Tejada, Omar Vizquel, Billy Wagner, Larry Walker, Vernon Wells, Kevin Youkilis and Michael Young...For candidate bios, visit baseballhall.org/hof/2019-bbwaa-ballot...First-time eligibles are Ankiel, Bay, Berkman, Garcia, Garland, Hafner, Halladay, Helton, Lilly, Lowe, Oliver, Oswalt, Pettitte, Pierre, Polanco, Rivera, Tejada, Wells, Youkilis and Young...Holdover candidates include Martinez, who was named on 70.4 percent of the BBWAA ballots cast in 2018, and Mussina, who was named on 63.5 percent of ballots cast a year ago...Other returning candidates include Bonds, Clemens, Jones, Kent, Martinez, McGriff, Ramirez, Rolen, Schilling, Sheffield, Sosa, Vizquel, Wagner and Walker.

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: 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: **2020:** Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Cliff Lee, Alfonso Soriano; **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramírez, Barry Zito; **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortíz, Álex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira; **2023:** Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey, Francisco Rodríguez, Jayson Werth; **2024:** Adrián Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright.

CHANGES TO THE ELECTION PROCESS: In July 2014, the Hall of Fame’s Board of Directors altered the election criteria for candidates under consideration by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America, reducing the maximum number of years a candidate can be considered by the BBWAA from 15 years to 10 years...On July 28, 2015, the Hall of Fame’s Board of Directors announced changes to the Baseball Writers’ Association of America electorate for Hall of Fame voting...Hall of Fame voters must meet requirements as active members who are still covering the game, with a 10-year grace period provided for BBWAA members who are no longer active in baseball...BBWAA members previously holding Hall of Fame voting privileges who are no longer active in the game and are more than 10 years removed from active status will have the opportunity for annual reinstatement, based on their coverage of the game in the preceding year.

2018 RESULTS: 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 Raines, 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...The last time six living players were elected in one year was 1955 when Frank Baker, Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons, Ray Schalk and Dazzy Vance were elected.

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 75 living members.

75 AMBASSADORS: The 75 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 Gossage, 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, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, 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 91...**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 Baseman 17 (8)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Baseman 23 (11)	Shortstops25 (11)	Right Fielders25 (14)
Designated Hitter 1 (1)		

PITCHER: Hoffman, Morris (2018)
 CATCHER: Rodríguez (2017)
 FIRST BASE: Thome (2018)

DH: Thomas (2014)
 SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015)
 THIRD BASE: Jones (2018)
 SHORTSTOP: Trammell (2018)

LEFT FIELD: Raines (2017)
 CENTER FIELD: Griffey Jr. (2016)
 RIGHT FIELD: Guerrero (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, Gehring, 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 Gehring, 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 Mazerowski, 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

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

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

CLOSE, AND CIGAR: 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

AUTUMN GLORY: Artifacts from the Boston Red Sox’s ninth world championship in franchise history have arrived in Cooperstown and are now on display in the Museum’s *Autumn Glory* exhibit...The artifacts from the 2018 postseason will be on display through the 2019 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum’s exhibition celebrating the postseason...Artifacts include:

- Jersey worn by David Price during Game 5 when the Red Sox’s left-hander picked up the win in the series-clinching game
- Bat used by Steve Pearce in Game 4 when he homered in the Red Sox’s 9-6 victory
- Glasses worn by relief pitcher Joe Kelly in Game 5
- Cap and spikes worn by pitcher Nathan Eovaldi throughout the World Series
- Ball/strike indicator used by home plate umpire Ted Barrett during Game 3, which was the longest game in World Series history
- Batting helmet and batting gloves used by Brock Holt throughout the postseason, including on Oct. 8 when he became the first player to hit for the cycle in a postseason game
- Hoodie worn by Red Sox manager Alex Cora throughout the World Series

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, along with a batting helmet, shin guard and elbow guard worn during the 2018 season... 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... Ball used in May 4 game when the Dodgers pitched a combined no-hitter against the Padres in Monterrey, Mexico... The spikes worn by Red Sox 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... 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... The cap worn by the Red Sox's Chris Sale when he started the All-Star Game for the third straight season, tying a record set by Lefty Gomez and matched by Robin Roberts... The bat used by the Astros' Alex Bregman in the All-Star Game when he hit his 10th inning homer that powered the American League to victory and won him the game's Most Valuable Player Award... The ball hit by the Reds' Scooter Gennett for the seventh homer in the All-Star Game, setting a new ASG record for most homers by both teams in a single All-Star Game... The bat used by the Cardinals' Matt Carpenter when he hit two doubles and three home runs and drove in seven runs July 20 against the Cubs... The bat used by the Angels' Francisco Arcia on July 28 when he drove in six runs in his second big league game, giving him a record 10 RBI in his first two big league games... The cap worn by the Rangers' Bartolo Colon on Aug. 7 when he won his 246th game, passing Dennis Martinez for first place on the wins list among Latin American-born pitchers... The bat used by the Blue Jays' Kendrys Morales to hit two home runs against the Orioles on Aug. 20, the second of seven straight games where he hit a home run... The Twins cap worn by Oliver Drake on Aug. 28 when he appeared for his record fifth team of the season... The Players' Weekend jersey worn on Aug. 25-26 by Brad Boxberger of the Diamondbacks, who selected emojis featuring a box and a burger on the back of his jersey in the name area... The jersey worn by the Orioles' Mychal Givens on Sept. 18 that featured Braille lettering as the Orioles celebrated the National Federation for the Blind... The jersey worn by the Rays' Blake Snell on Sept. 23 when he set a new franchise record with his 21st win of the season... A jersey worn by Nationals rookie Juan Soto during the 2018 season... A bat used by Cubs All-Star Javy Baez on Sept. 27... A jersey worn by Phillies' All-Star pitcher Aaron Nola on Sept. 29... A jersey worn by Myrtle Beach Pelicans jersey Buddy Bailey on Aug. 19 when the Pelicans celebrated Deaf Awareness Night with the word "Pelicans" spelled out in American Sign Language on the front of the jersey... The spikes worn by Indians pitcher Mike Clevinger on Sept. 22 when he reached the 200-strikeout mark for the season, giving the Indians a record four pitchers with 200 strikeouts on the year... The spikes worn by Reds first baseman Joey Votto on Sept. 30, his final game of a season where he finished the year with an NL-best .417 on-base percentage... The jersey worn by 2018 MLB home run leader Khris Davis of the Athletics on Sept. 21 when he hit his 44th and 45th homers of the season, including a walk-off in the 10th inning... The bat used by the Braves' Ronald Acuña on Oct. 7, 2018, when he became the youngest player in history to hit a postseason grand slam... Christian Yelich's batting gloves and spikes from the cycles recorded by the Brewers' outfielder against the Reds on Aug. 29 and Sept. 17, respectively... And the jersey worn by the Rockies' Trevor Story on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 during a season when he led the National League with 85 extra base hits.

EDUCATION EFFORTS HONORED: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Education Department has received a 2017-18 Pinnacle Award from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration... This honor recognizes "the remarkable quality of educational content and exceptional skill of delivery" of the Hall of Fame's distance learning programs, which allow our educators to connect with students across the country via online video conference technology... For more information on the Hall of Fame's education programs, please visit baseballhall.org/education.

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TIME TO VISIT: The Museum holds regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through the day before Memorial Day, when summer hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. go into effect... 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 or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.