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HALL OF FAMERS ON OPENING DAY

Future Hall of Famers have left their mark on Opening Day throughout the years...Some of the highlights include:

April 2, 2001: Padres outfielder Tony Gwynn collected his 3,110th hit, tying him with Dave Winfield on the all-time list. With his appearance in the game against the Giants, Gwynn became the fourth player in National League history to spend 20+ years while playing his entire career with one team. The others are: Mel Ott (1926-1947 Giants), Stan Musial (1941-1944, 1946-1963 Cardinals), and Willie Stargell (1962-1982 Pirates), with Craig Biggio (1988-2007 Astros) later joining that list.

April 3, 2000: Vladimir Guerrero hit two home runs and drove in all four runs in Montreal's 10-4 loss to the Dodgers.

April 2, 1996: Derek Jeter hit his first career home run in the fifth inning off Cleveland's Dennis Martinez at Jacobs Field in a game that was postponed one day due to snow. The Yankees won 7-1.

March 31, 1996: Randy Johnson struck out 14 White Sox batters in seven innings as the Mariners defeated Chicago 3-2 in 12 innings in the first Opening Day game to be held in the month of March.

April 26, 1995: Larry Walker had three doubles and three RBI as the Rockies opened Coors Field with an 11-9 win over the Mets in 14 innings.

April 6, 1993: Jack Morris of the Blue Jays made his 14th straight Opening Day start to set an American League record. From 1980-93, Morris' 14 assignments on Opening Day are five more than any other pitcher in that span and include five complete games.

April 5, 1983: Tom Seaver made his first appearance for the New York Mets since 1977 and matched an Opening Day record in the process. For Seaver, it was his 14th Opening Day assignment, tying the then-major league record set by Walter Johnson. Seaver, who would go on to extend his record to 16 Opening Day starts, defeated the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-0, at Shea Stadium.

April 8, 1975: Frank Robinson of the Cleveland Indians became the first Black manager in the history of the AL or the NL, making his managerial debut at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium. Robinson not only guided the Indians to a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees, but also hit the 575th home run of his illustrious career.

April 4, 1974: Atlanta Braves slugger Hank Aaron blasted a historic three-run home run against Reds pitcher Jack Billingham. The home run, coming at Riverfront Stadium, was the 714th of Aaron's career, tying him with the legendary Babe Ruth for the most home runs in major league history. Four days later, Aaron would break Ruth's long-standing record by hitting a home run against Al Downing of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

April 6, 1971: Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants blasted a home run on Opening Day, marking the start of a historic streak. The 39-year-old Mays would hit home runs in each of the Giants' first four games, setting a major league record.

April 11, 1959: The Dodgers' Don Drysdale hit his first Opening Day home run, accounting for the Dodgers' only run in a 6-1 loss to the Chicago Cubs. Drysdale would later homer on Opening Day in 1965 against the Mets, becoming the only pitcher to homer in multiple Opening Day games.

April 15, 1947: Jackie Robinson made a historic debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play in the segregated white major leagues in the 20th century. Robinson went 0-for-3 in his debut but scored a run and flawlessly handled 11 chances at first base against the Boston Braves.

April 16, 1940: Cleveland's Bob Feller hurled the first and only Opening Day no-hitter in major league history. Feller out-dueled Edgar Smith of the Chicago White Sox in winning a 1-0 decision at Comiskey Park. In the ninth inning, White Sox star Luke Appling drew a two-out walk after a 10-pitch at-bat. But Feller retired the next batter, Chicago's Taffy Wright, to end the game. The contest marks the only known game in big league history where one team's players all ended the game with the same batting average that they started: The White Sox all began and ended the day with batting averages of .000.

April 11, 1917: Boston's Babe Ruth pitched a three-hitter in shutting down the Yankees on Opening Day. Ruth's performance marked the start of good things to come: He would win 24 games in 1917, while leading the American League with 35 complete games.

April 14, 1910: William Howard Taft became the first U.S. President to throw out a ceremonial first pitch on Opening Day. Attending the game in Washington, D.C., President Taft tossed the first ball to future Hall of Famer Walter Johnson and that ball now resides in Cooperstown.

April 11, 1907: The Giants' Roger Bresnahan played the game against Philadelphia wearing leg guards usually used in cricket, believed to be the first shin guards in major league history. The leg guards came in handy, protecting Bresnahan from a fifth-inning foul tip. Other catchers would follow Bresnahan's lead and wear similar shin guards.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION 2021

Due to the ongoing safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Board of Directors has announced the Museum will not hold 2021 Induction Weekend ceremonies at the traditional Clark Sports Center location...The *Induction Ceremony* will be a television-only event broadcast on MLB Network....Media credentials will not be issued.

The Class of 2020, featuring Derek Jeter, Marvin Miller, Ted Simmons and Larry Walker, will be inducted on Sunday, July 25...2020 and 2021 Ford C. Frick Award winners Ken Harrelson and Al Michaels, respectively; 2020 and 2021 BBWAA Career Excellence Award winners Nick Cafardo and Dick Kaegel, respectively; and 2020 Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award winner David Montgomery will be honored during Induction as well.

THE CLASS OF 2020

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC: Derek Jeter played 20 seasons, all for the New York Yankees, and led the Yankees to five World Series titles, winning World Series MVP honors in 2000...He was named 1996 American League Rookie of the Year after hitting .314, scoring 104 runs and helping the Yankees win their first World Series title in 18 seasons...A 14-time All-Star who finished in the Top 10 of the AL Most Valuable Player voting eight times, Jeter was named 2000 All-Star Game Most Valuable Player...He led the American League in hits twice (1999, 2012) and runs scored once (1998)...A five-time Gold Glove Award winner at shortstop, Jeter never played a position other than short in his 2,674 games in the field, which ranks second all-time among shortstops...Jeter was named eighth captain in Yankees history in 2003...He scored 100-or-more runs 13 times, hit .300-or-better 12 times and stole 30-or-more bases four times...Jeter reached the 200-hit plateau in eight seasons, third-most such seasons all time and the most of any shortstop...Jeter ranks sixth all-time in hits (3,465), seventh in at-bats (11,195), 11th in runs scored (1,923), 23rd in total bases (4,921), 29th in games played (2,747) and 35th in doubles (544)...He appeared in 33 Postseason series over 16 seasons, the most Postseason series of any player in history...Over a record 158 Postseason games, he hit .308 with 111 runs scored, 200 hits, 32 doubles, 20 homers, 61 RBI and 66 walks.

MARVIN'S GARDENS: Marvin Miller was elected as the head of the Major League Baseball Players Association in 1966 and quickly turned the union into a powerhouse...By 1968, he had negotiated the first collective bargaining agreement between the owners and players and increased the minimum salary by more than 40 percent...By 1970, he had secured the right to independent arbitration to resolve player grievances...Through that arbitration process, Miller won free agency for the players when Dave McNally and Andy Messersmith played out their contracts following the 1975 season...By the time Miller retired in 1982, the average player salary was approximately 20 times what it was when he took over...Miller passed away on Nov. 27, 2012.

TED TALK: Ted Simmons played for 21 seasons for the Cardinals, Brewers and Braves, totaling a .285 batting average, 2,472 hits, 483 doubles, 248 home runs and 1,389 RBI...An eight-time All-Star – and the first catcher to start the All-Star Game for both the National League (1978) and the American League (1983) – he garnered MVP votes seven times in his career and finished among his league’s top 10 players in batting average six times...His 193 hits in 1975 are the most of any catcher who caught at least 150 games in a season, and his 192 hits in 1973 rank second on that same list...Among those who played at least 50 percent of their games at catcher, Simmons ranks second in hits, second in doubles, second in RBI and fifth in runs scored...Simmons never struck out more than 57 times in a season, and he is one of only 12 players in history with at least 240 home runs and fewer than 700 strikeouts...Simmons is one of only six catchers with at least two seasons of appearing in at least 150 games at catcher (1973, 1975), and Simmons ranked eighth all-time in games caught (1,771) and first all-time in homers among NL switch-hitters (182) at the time of his retirement.

HELLO LARRY: Larry Walker played 17 seasons for the Expos, Rockies and Cardinals...A seven-time Gold Glove Award winner in right field and a five-time All-Star, Walker won three National League batting titles and led the NL in on-base percentage twice and slugging percentage twice... Walker’s .565 career mark ranks 12th all-time and his career OPS of .965 ranks 15th all-time...Walker won the 1997 National League Most Valuable Player Award, hitting .366 with NL-leading totals in home runs (49), total bases (409), the 18th-best single-season total in history), on-base percentage (.452) and slugging percentage (.720)...Walker won three Silver Slugger Awards as an outfielder...He posted 30-homer/30-steal season in 1997 with 49 home runs and 33 stolen bases, becoming just the 14th different NL player to reach that milestone...Walker drove in at least 100 runs in five seasons, hit better than .300 in nine seasons and scored 100-or-more runs in four seasons...Walker is one of four retired players in history – along with Hank Aaron, George Brett and Willie Mays – with at least a .300 batting average, 300 home runs and 200 stolen bases.

2020 & 2021 AWARD WINNERS

Al Michaels, the 2021 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Dick Kaegel, the 2021 winner of the Baseball Writers’ Association of America’s Career Excellence Award, will be honored at the 2021 Hall of Fame *Induction Ceremony* in Cooperstown. The 2020 Award Winners, including Frick Award winner Ken Harrelson, BBWAA Career Excellence Award winner Nick Cafardo and Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award winner David Montgomery, will also be honored at the *Induction Ceremony*.

CALL HIM AL: Al Michaels, whose passionate and authoritative voice was the nationwide soundtrack of the game for more than a decade, has been selected as the 2021 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born Nov. 12, 1944, in Brooklyn, Michaels attended Dodgers games at Ebbets Field while growing up and followed the team on radio via legendary voices like Red Barber and Vin Scully...After attending Arizona State University, Michaels was hired to do public relations for the NBA’s Los Angeles Lakers, then moved to Hawaii, where in 1968 he became the broadcaster of the Pacific Coast League’s Hawaii Islanders and also called football and basketball games for the University of Hawaii...Michaels became the lead announcer for the Cincinnati Reds in 1971 and then the San Francisco Giants in 1974...Michaels joined ABC Sports in 1976 as a back-up announcer for *Monday Night Baseball*, the beginning of a 30-year tenure with the network...He became lead announcer of *Monday Night Baseball* in 1983 while calling an array of other sports, including nearly two decades of *Monday Night Football* and calling the Miracle on Ice at the 1980 Winter Olympics...As ABC’s lead baseball voice, Michaels called the thrilling Game 5 of the 1986 ALCS between the Boston Red Sox and California Angels, where the Red Sox rallied from a three-run deficit in the ninth with the Angels one out away from clinching the series...He also was prepared to cover Game 3 of the 1989 World Series between San Francisco and Oakland when the Loma Prieta earthquake occurred, causing widespread damage and delaying the Fall Classic for several days...Michaels returned to NBC Sports in 2006 and continues to work there today as the voice of the network’s *Sunday Night Football* package...Michaels is the 45th winner of the Frick Award.

WRITE TIME FOR KAEGEL: Dick Kaegel, the eyes and ears of Missouri baseball fans for six decades, was elected the 2021 winner of the BBWAA Career Excellence Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America... Kaegel started his career with the *Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat* while in high school in southwest Illinois before earning a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri...He worked his way to St. Louis in 1968, joining the staff of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*...Kaegel covered the Cardinals for the *Post-Dispatch* for 12 years, eventually earning the job as the paper’s executive sports editor...In 1979, Kaegel became the managing editor of the *Sporting News*, and in 1981 he was named *TSN*’s editor, a position he held until the summer of 1985...Kaegel moved on to the *Kansas City Star* and the Royals beat in 1988, staying with the paper until 2003...He finished his career at MLB.com, famously covering every one of the Royals’ 162 games in 2011 four years after receiving a liver transplant following a cancer diagnosis... Kaegel is the 72nd winner of the BBWAA Career Excellence Award.

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

PHILADELPHIA FEELING: David Montgomery is the 2020 recipient of the John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to an individual for extraordinary efforts to enhance baseball's positive impact on society... Montgomery, who passed away on May 8, 2019, becomes the fifth winner of the Buck O'Neil Award, which was established in 2007 to honor an individual whose efforts broadened the game's appeal and whose character, integrity and dignity is comparable to the late O'Neil, who passed away in 2006 after eight decades of contributions to the game... Montgomery became a Philadelphia icon while spending his entire career in baseball, spanning parts of five decades, devoted to the Phillies, working his way up from the sales office to become executive vice president and chief operating officer before acquiring an ownership stake in the team... He later served as president, chief executive officer and then assumed the role of chairman in January of 2015... In his role as president and CEO, Montgomery became the face of the Phillies front office... Under his leadership, the team enjoyed one of the longest sustained periods of success in franchise history from 2007-11, winning five consecutive National League East titles, two NL pennants and the World Series in 2008... Montgomery advanced many community service efforts for the Phillies, including helping raise more than \$19 million for the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia, the official charity of the team... Montgomery worked closely with Phillies Charities, Inc., the official charitable arm of the organization, to provide support for other nonprofit organizations in the Philadelphia area and in the communities of the Phillies' minor league affiliates... O'Neil was honored as the first recipient of the Award in 2008... Roland Hemond (2011), Joe Garagiola (2014) and Rachel Robinson (2017) are the other previous winners of the O'Neil Award.

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

VOTING RECAP

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

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

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 414 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2021 election, 401 were returned, a return rate of 96.9 percent... The most ballots ever cast in one BBWAA Hall of Fame election came in 2011 with 581... Voting privileges are extended to those BBWAA members meeting their organization's Hall of Fame voting qualifications and in good standing with the BBWAA... Voters can select from zero to 10 names on their Hall of Fame ballot... Votes on 75 percent of all ballots cast are necessary for election.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2021 marked the 77th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 68 times and on nine occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013, 2021)...On nine occasions, no election was held (1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965)...The BBWAA membership has elected from zero to five candidates in each of its 77 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in two players more than any other quantity (27 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	5	2019	Halladay, Martinez, Mussina, Rivera
3	9	2017	Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez
2	27	2020	Jeter, Walker
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	9	2021	----

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

ROSTER ADDITIONS: From 2014-20, the BBWAA elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in seven straight years and a total of 22 candidates during that time...The 2014-2020 stretch marked the first time the BBWAA has elected two-or-more candidates in seven consecutive years and the most total electees in any seven-year stretch...The 2014-2020 stretch also featured at least one first-ballot inductee in seven straight years, the first such stretch since a run of eight straight years from 1988-95.

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

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

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortiz, Álex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira; **2023:** Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey, Francisco Rodríguez, Jayson Werth; **2024:** Adrián Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright; **2025:** Brian McCann, CC Sabathia, Ichiro Suzuki, Troy Tulowitzki; **2026:** Alex Gordon, Nick Markakis, Daniel Murphy, Hunter Pence

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

THE GAME’S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 333 elected members...Included are 263 former major league players, as well as 38 executives/pioneers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 134 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 173 deserving candidates (101 major leaguers, 31 executives, 22 managers, 10 umpires and nine Negro Leaguers)...The defunct “Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues” selected nine men between 1971-77 and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues in 2006 elected 17 Negro Leaguers...In 2020, players who appeared in seven specific Negro Leagues from 1920-1948 were designated with major league status...There are currently 72 living members.

72 AMBASSADORS: The 72 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Harold Baines, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Vladimir Guerrero, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Trevor Hoffman, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Derek Jeter, Randy Johnson, Chipper Jones, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martinez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Larry Walker, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: Willie Mays, born May 6, 1931, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 89... Vladimir Guerrero, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 46 years of age.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 263 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field... Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position... Numbers in parentheses indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

Pitchers 83 (45)	Second Basemen ..20 (11)	Left Fielders22 (12)
Catchers 19 (10)	Third Basemen17 (8)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Basemen 24 (12)	Shortstops26 (12)	Right Fielders26 (15)
Designated Hitter 2 (1)		

P: Halladay, Mussina, Rivera, Smith (2019)	DH: Baines, Martinez (2019)	LF: Raines (2017)
C: Simmons (2020)	2B: Biggio (2015)	CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)
1B: Thome (2018)	3B: Jones (2018)	RF: Walker (2020)
	SS: Jeter (2020)	

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Derek Jeter in 2020, 57 players have been elected in their first year of eligibility (18 pitchers, seven RF, six 3B, six LF, six SS, five CF, three 2B, three 1B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)... In 14 of the last 20 elections, at least one player has been elected in his first year of eligibility... Other than the inaugural Hall of Fame election, 1999, 2014 and 2015 are the only three years where as many as three first-year candidates were elected at once... NOTE: Lou Gehrig (who received votes in 1936 while active and then was elected by acclamation in 1939) and Roberto Clemente (by special election in 1973) were each elected through a non-traditional process and are not counted in the 57.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1981	Bob Gibson	1995	Mike Schmidt	2014	Tom Glavine
1936	Honus Wagner	1982	Hank Aaron	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Frank Thomas
1936	Babe Ruth	1982	Frank Robinson	1999	George Brett	2015	Randy Johnson
1936	Christy Mathewson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	Robin Yount	2015	Pedro Martínez
1936	Walter Johnson	1985	Lou Brock	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	John Smoltz
1962	Jackie Robinson	1986	Willie McCovey	2001	Dave Winfield	2016	Ken Griffey Jr.
1962	Bob Feller	1988	Willie Stargell	2002	Ozzie Smith	2017	Iván Rodríguez
1966	Ted Williams	1989	Johnny Bench	2003	Eddie Murray	2018	Chipper Jones
1969	Stan Musial	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2004	Dennis Eckersley	2018	Jim Thome
1972	Sandy Koufax	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Paul Molitor	2019	Roy Halladay
1973	Warren Spahn	1990	Jim Palmer	2005	Wade Boggs	2019	Mariano Rivera
1974	Mickey Mantle	1991	Rod Carew	2007	Cal Ripken Jr.	2020	Derek Jeter
1977	Ernie Banks	1992	Tom Seaver	2007	Tony Gwynn		
1979	Willie Mays	1993	Reggie Jackson	2009	Rickey Henderson		
1980	Al Kaline	1994	Steve Carlton	2014	Greg Maddux		

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 75 men not elected by the BBWAA in their first year eligible were done so on a later ballot, taking from two to 16 elections... The length of time a player could stay on the BBWAA ballot has varied throughout history... From 1946-56, the rule was that a player must have been active at some point in the 25 years prior to the election – it was increased to 30 years from 1956-62, was 20 years from 1963-2014 and is now 15 years... When one walks through the Hall of Fame Gallery, though, the year or method by which players were elected are not noted... The 75 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Guerrero, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hoffman, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); **4th election** (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Piazza, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); **5th election** (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); **6th election** (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehringer, Mussina, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Perez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, E Martinez, Raines, Simmons, Walker); **11th election** (Snider); **12th election** (Dean, Hartnett, Heilmann, Lemon); **13th election** (Kiner, Sutter); **14th election** (Blyleven, Maranville, Terry); **15th election** (Rice, Ruffing); **16th election** (Vance).

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: There are 55 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2020 electee Derek Jeter the most recent addition to this list... The list includes: Luke Appling, Jeff Bagwell, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, George Brett, Roy Campanella, Roberto Clemente, Earle Combs, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Don Drysdale, Red Faber, Bob Feller, Whitey Ford, Lou Gehrig, Charlie Gehringer, Bob Gibson, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Derek Jeter, Walter Johnson, Chipper Jones, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Edgar Martinez, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Alan Trammell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW: In 2020, Derek Jeter became the 35th player to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election... The 35 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
2019	Mariano Rivera	425	425	100%	0
2020	Derek Jeter	397	396	99.75%	1
2016	Ken Griffey Jr.	440	437	99.32%	3
1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	98.84%	5
1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	98.79%	6
2007	Cal Ripken	545	537	98.53%	8
1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	98.23%	4
1999	George Brett	497	488	98.19%	9
1982	Hank Aaron	415	406	97.83%	9
2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	97.60%	13
2015	Randy Johnson	549	534	97.27%	15
2014	Greg Maddux	571	555	97.20%	16
2018	Chipper Jones	422	410	97.16%	12
1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	96.52%	16
1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	96.42%	16
1994	Steve Carlton	456	436	95.61%	20
1936	Honus Wagner	226	215	95.13%	11
1936	Babe Ruth	226	215	95.13%	11
2009	Rickey Henderson	539	511	94.81%	28
1979	Willie Mays	432	409	94.67%	23
1989	Carl Yastrzemski	447	423	94.63%	24
1962	Bob Feller	160	150	93.75%	10
1993	Reggie Jackson	423	396	93.62%	27
1966	Ted Williams	302	282	93.37%	20
1969	Stan Musial	340	317	93.23%	23
2018	Vladimir Guerrero	392	422	92.89%	30
1990	Jim Palmer	444	411	92.57%	33
1983	Brooks Robinson	374	344	91.97%	30
2014	Tom Glavine	571	525	91.94%	46
2005	Wade Boggs	516	474	91.86%	42
2002	Ozzie Smith	472	433	91.74%	39
2015	Pedro Martínez	549	500	91.07%	49
1936	Christy Mathewson	226	205	90.70%	21
1991	Rod Carew	443	401	90.50%	42
2011	Roberto Alomar	581	523	90.02%	58

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

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

CLOSE, AND CIGAR: Twenty-seven Hall of Famers have earned election by 10 votes or less:

YEAR	PLAYER	VOTES NEEDED	RECEIVED	MARGIN
1939	Willie Keeler	206	207	1
1953	Al Simmons	198	199	1
1975	Ralph Kiner	272	273	1
1991	Ferguson Jenkins	333	334	1
1937	Cy Young	151	153	2
1947	Lefty Grove	121	123	2
1948	Pie Traynor	91	93	2
1948	Herb Pennock	91	94	3
1962	Jackie Robinson	120	124	4
2017	Iván Rodríguez	332	336	4
1972	Early Wynn	297	301	4
1987	Jim "Catfish" Hunter	310	315	5
1954	Bill Terry	189	195	6
1955	Gabby Hartnett	189	195	6
2005	Ryne Sandberg	387	393	6
2020	Larry Walker	298	304	6
1939	Eddie Collins	206	213	7
1942	Rogers Hornsby	175	182	7
1947	Mickey Cochrane	121	128	7
1956	Joe Cronin	145	152	7
1970	Lou Boudreau	225	232	7
2009	Jim Rice	405	412	7
2019	Mike Mussina	319	326	7
1951	Jimmie Foxx	170	179	9
1991	Gaylord Perry	333	342	9
1974	Whitey Ford	274	284	10
2000	Tony Pérez	375	385	10

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

AUTUMN GLORY: Artifacts from the Los Angeles Dodgers world championship are now on display in the Museum's *Autumn Glory* exhibit...The artifacts from the 2020 postseason will be on display through the 2021 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum's exhibition celebrating the postseason...Artifacts from the Dodgers include:

- The ball thrown by Clayton Kershaw for the opening pitch in Game 1, the first neutral-site game in Series history
- A bat used by NLCS and World Series MVP Corey Seager during Game 6
- The road jersey worn by Mookie Betts in Games 3, 4 and 5
- The batting helmet worn by Max Muncy during the World Series
- A jacket worn by Dodgers manager Dave Roberts throughout the World Series
- A mask worn by Dodgers manager Dave Roberts during the season
- A mask worn by Dodgers third base coach Dino Ebel during the World Series

Additional artifacts from the 2020 postseason that will be part of *Autumn Glory* include:

- A bat used by the Rays' Randy Arozarena in Game 4 of the World Series when he established a record for most home runs in one postseason
- A jersey worn by the Rays' Ji-Man Choi during Game 2 of the World Series when he became the first Korean-born position player to start a World Series game
- The spikes worn by the Rays' Brett Phillips when he drove in the winning run of Game 4 of the World Series

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

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- *Diversity in the Dugout* recognizes that the diversity of baseball makes the game stronger as shown in our ¡Viva Baseball! exhibit.
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- *Women's History: Dirt on Their Skirts* highlights our Diamond Dreams exhibit and discusses how female baseball players have challenged gender stereotypes.
- *The Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery* virtual tour explores the iconic space that is sacred ground for baseball fans.

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