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MODERN BASEBALL ERA ELECTION

The National Baseball Hall of Fame will take the first steps toward Induction Weekend 2020 at Baseball's Winter Meetings in San Diego this weekend, as the Modern Baseball Era Committee considers a ballot of 10 candidates for Hall of Fame election whose primary contributions came from 1970-87...Results of the Modern Baseball Era ballot vote will be announced at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT on Sunday, Dec. 8 live on MLB Network's *MLB Tonight*...Any electees to emerge from the Modern Baseball Era Committee balloting will be honored during Hall of Fame Weekend 2020, July 24-27 in Cooperstown...The 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. ET on July 26.

ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS: Hall of Fame President Tim Mead will announce the results of the 2019 Modern Baseball Era Committee balloting at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT Sunday, Dec. 8 live on MLB Network's *MLB Tonight* from the Winter Meetings in San Diego...If any living electees emerge from the voting, conference calls with each individual electee are expected to be held Sunday evening...A press conference featuring any living electees will be held at 3 p.m. PT on Monday, Dec. 9 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 MODERN BASEBALL ERA BALLOT: Nine former big league players and one executive were named Nov. 4 to the Hall of Fame's Modern Baseball Era Ballot...The 10 finalists on the Modern Baseball Era Ballot include: **Dwight Evans, Steve Garvey, Tommy John, Don Mattingly, Marvin Miller, Thurman Munson, Dale Murphy, Dave Parker, Ted Simmons** and **Lou Whitaker**...Miller is included for his work as the head of the Major League Baseball Players Association from 1966-82, and all other candidates are included for their work as players...All candidates are living except for Miller and Munson... Any candidate who receives votes on 75 percent of the ballots cast by the 16-member Modern Baseball Era Committee will be elected and enshrined as part of the Class of 2020.

THE MODERN BASEBALL ERA ELECTORATE: The 16-member Modern Baseball Era electorate features Hall of Fame members **George Brett, Rod Carew, Dennis Eckersley, Eddie Murray, Ozzie Smith** and **Robin Yount**; major league executives **Sandy Alderson** (Athletics), **Dave Dombrowski, David Glass** (Royals), **Walt Jocketty** (Reds), **Doug Melvin** (Brewers) and **Terry Ryan** (Phillies); and veteran media members/historians **Bill Center, Steve Hirdt, Jack O'Connell** and **Tracy Ringolsby**...The Modern Baseball Era ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran members: **Bob Elliott** (*Canadian Baseball Network*); **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*); **Steve Hirdt** (formerly Elias Sports Bureau); **Rick Hummel** (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*); **Bill Madden** (*New York Daily News*); **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA); **Jim Reeves** (formerly *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*); **Tracy Ringolsby** (*InsideTheSeams.com*); **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly *San Francisco Chronicle*); **Dave Van Dyck** (formerly *Chicago Tribune*); and **Mark Whicker** (*Southern California News Group*)...The HOC annually sets ballots for the Era Committee elections.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE: The Modern Baseball Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact was realized from 1970-87...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; and in the fall of 2018, with Harold Baines and Lee Smith 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: **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 171 individuals (100 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 beloved voices have been named as the finalists for the 2020 Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in baseball broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Candidates from the *Current Major League Markets* category will be considered for the 2020 Frick Award in accordance with the three-year Frick Award election cycle...The eight finalists for the 2020 Frick Award are: **Joe Castiglione, Jacques Doucet, Tom Hamilton, Ken Harrelson, Pat Hughes, Ned Martin, Mike Shannon** and **Dewayne Staats**...The winner of the 2020 Frick Award will be announced on Dec. 11 at baseball's Winter Meetings in San Diego and will be honored during the July 25 *Awards Presentation* as part of the July 24-27 Hall of Fame Weekend 2020 in Cooperstown...All candidates except for Martin are living...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 *National Voices* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2020 and the *Broadcasting Beginnings* ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2021...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 2020 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 Jarrín, 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 2020 Frick Award ballot was created by a subcommittee of the voting electorate that included Costas, Mathews, Nadel, Smith and Van Horne...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/frickaward2020.

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...Al Helfer became the 43rd winner of the Frick Award in 2019.

2020 SPINK AWARD FINALISTS: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2020 J.G. Taylor Spink Award...The finalists are: Former *Boston Globe* beat writer and columnist Nick Cafardo; former *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* beat writer and columnist Jim Reeves; and *Minneapolis Star Tribune* columnist Patrick Reusse...The winner of the 2020 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writers will be announced on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Baseball's Winter Meetings...Jayson Stark became the 70th winner of the Spink Award in 2019.

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.

2020 BBWAA ELECTION

RESULTS ANNOUNCED JAN. 21: The Hall of Fame and BBWAA will announce the results of the 2020 election on Tuesday, Jan. 21...The results will be delivered live on MLB Network by Hall of Fame President Tim Mead 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. 22 in New York City.

THE CLASS OF JANUARY: The results of the 2020 Baseball Writers’ Association of America Hall of Fame vote will be announced at 6 p.m. ET on Jan. 21, 2020, live on MLB Network... The 2020 BBWAA ballot was announced Nov. 18 and consists of: Bobby Abreu, Josh Beckett, Heath Bell, Barry Bonds, Eric Chávez, Roger Clemens, Adam Dunn, Chone Figgins, Rafael Furcal, Jason Giambi, Todd Helton, Raúl Ibañez, Derek Jeter, Andruw Jones, Jeff Kent, Paul Konerko, Cliff Lee, Carlos Peña, Brad Penny, Andy Pettitte, J.J. Putz, Manny Ramírez, Brian Roberts, Scott Rolen, Curt Schilling, Gary Sheffield, Alfonso Soriano, Sammy Sosa, José Valverde, Omar Vizquel, Billy Wagner and Larry Walker...For candidate bios, visit www.baseballhall.org/bbwaa...First-time eligibles are Abreu, Beckett, Bell, Chávez, Dunn, Figgins, Furcal, Giambi, Ibañez, Jeter, Konerko, Lee, Peña, Penny, Putz, Roberts, Soriano and Valverde...Holdover candidates include Schilling, who was named on 60.9 percent of the BBWAA ballots cast in 2019; Clemens, who was named on 59.5 percent of ballots cast in 2019; Bonds, who was named on 59.1 percent of ballots cast in 2019; and Walker, who was named on 54.6 percent of ballots cast a year ago and will appear on the BBWAA ballot for the final time in 2020...Other returning candidates include Helton, Jones, Kent, Pettitte, Ramírez, Rolen, Sheffield, Sosa, Vizquel and Wagner.

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: The 2020 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 24-27, with the Induction on July 26...The 2020 BBWAA voting results will be announced on Jan. 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; **2025:** Brian McCann, CC Sabathia, Ichiro Suzuki, Troy Tulowitzki.

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.

THE 2019 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 35 players, including 20 new candidates and 15 returnees...Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Fourteen players will return for consideration in 2020...Fred McGriff, by virtue of being on the ballot for 10 years, is no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration...McGriff will be eligible for consideration by the Today’s Game Era Committee in the fall of 2021...A total of 425 votes were cast, with 319 votes necessary for election and 22 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Roy Halladay and Mariano Rivera became the 55th and 56th 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 | 2019 | NAME | YR | 2019 | NAME | YR | 2019 |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|----|-------|-----------------------|----|------|
| Mariano Rivera | 1 | 100% | Scott Rolen | 2 | 17.2% | <i>Rick Ankiel</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Roy Halladay | 1 | 85.4% | Billy Wagner | 4 | 16.7% | <i>Jason Bay</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Edgar Martinez | 10 | 85.4% | Todd Helton | 1 | 16.5% | <i>Freddy García</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Mike Mussina | 6 | 76.7% | Gary Sheffield | 5 | 13.6% | <i>Jon Garland</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Curt Schilling | 7 | 60.9% | Andy Pettitte | 1 | 9.9% | <i>Travis Hafner</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Roger Clemens | 7 | 59.5% | Sammy Sosa | 7 | 8.5% | <i>Ted Lilly</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Barry Bonds | 7 | 59.1% | Andruw Jones | 2 | 7.5% | <i>Derek Lowe</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Larry Walker | 9 | 54.6% | <i>Michael Young</i> | 1 | 2.1% | <i>Darren Oliver</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Omar Vizquel | 2 | 42.8% | <i>Lance Berkman</i> | 1 | 1.2% | <i>Juan Pierre</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Fred McGriff | 10 | 39.8% | <i>Miguel Tejada</i> | 1 | 1.2% | <i>Vernon Wells</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Manny Ramírez | 3 | 22.8% | <i>Roy Oswalt</i> | 1 | 0.9% | <i>Kevin Youkilis</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Jeff Kent | 6 | 18.1% | <i>Plácido Polanco</i> | 1 | 0.5% | | | |

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 428 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2019 election, 425 were returned, an all-time record return rate of 99.3 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: 2019 marked the 75th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 67 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 75 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 | 5 | 2019 | Halladay, Martinez, Mussina, Rivera |
| 3 | 9 | 2017 | Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez |
| 2 | 26 | 2016 | Griffey Jr., Piazza |
| 1 | 26 | 2012 | Larkin |
| 0 | 8 | 2013 | ---- |

20/20 VISION: With the election of Roy Halladay, Edgar Martinez, Mike Mussina and Mariano Rivera, the BBWAA has elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in six straight years and a total of 20 candidates during that time...No six-year period in history has resulted in as many BBWAA electees, with the previous high of 15 coming in the six-year period from 1951-56...That was also the last time the BBWAA elected at least two candidates six years in a row.

FIVE FOR FOUR: The 2019 election marked the fifth time in 75 BBWAA Hall of Fame elections that the BBWAA elected four players...Three of those elections have come in the last five years, with Craig Biggio, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martínez and John Smoltz elected in 2015 and Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome elected in 2018...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).

56 AT FIRST: The election of Roy Halladay and Mariano Rivera brings the total of first-year BBWAA inductees to 56 and marked the sixth straight year with at least one first-ballot inductee, the first such stretch since a run of eight straight years from 1988-95.

PERFECT 100: Mariano Rivera became the first player elected unanimously by the BBWAA...The highest percentage received by any candidate in the 74 previous BBWAA elections was Ken Griffey Jr., who received 99.3 percent of the vote in 2016.

DIFFERENT BUT SAME: Roy Halladay and Edgar Martinez became the second BBWAA electees in the same election to receive the exact same number of votes...Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner tied with 95.1 percent of the vote apiece in the inaugural election of 1936.

HEROES REMEMBERED: Roy Halladay became the sixth player posthumously elected by the BBWAA by standard election procedures...Christy Mathewson (1936), Willie Keeler (1939), Herb Pennock (1948), Harry Heilmann (1952) and Rabbit Maranville (1954) were previous posthumous electees by the BBWAA...Roberto Clemente was elected posthumously in a special BBWAA election in 1973.

FINAL ANSWER: Edgar Martinez became the fifth player elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA in his final year of eligibility, joining Red Ruffing (1967), Ralph Kiner (1975), Jim Rice (2009) and Tim Lincecum (2017).

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 329 elected members...Included are 232 former major league players, 30 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 132 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 171 deserving candidates (100 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 79 living members.

79 AMBASSADORS: The 79 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Henry Aaron, Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Harold Baines, 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, Edgar Martinez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Tom Seaver, Bud Selig, Lee Smith, 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 92... **Vladimir Guerrero**, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 44 years of age.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 261 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.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pitchers 83 (45) | Second Baseman ..21 (11) | Left Fielders22 (12) |
| Catchers 18 (10) | Third Baseman 17 (8) | Center Fielders24 (8) |
| First Baseman 24 (12) | Shortstops25 (11) | Right Fielders25 (14) |
| Designated Hitter 2 (1) | | |

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|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| P: Halladay, Mussina, Rivera, Smith (2019) | DH: Baines, Martinez (2019) | LF: Raines (2017) |
| C: Rodríguez (2017) | 2B: Biggio (2015) | CF: Griffey Jr. (2016) |
| 1B: Thome (2018) | 3B: Jones (2018) | RF: Guerrero (2018) |
| | SS: Trammell (2018) | |

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Roy Halladay and Mariano Rivera in 2019, 56 players have been elected in their first year of eligibility (18 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 13 of the last 19 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 56.

| 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 | 2019 | Roy Halladay |
| 1979 | Willie Mays | 1992 | Tom Seaver | 2007 | Cal Ripken | 2019 | Mariano Rivera |

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 74 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 74 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); **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 54 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2019 electees Edgar Martinez and Mariano Rivera 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, 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 2019, Mariano Rivera became the first player elected unanimously by the BBWAA and the 34th player overall to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election... The 34 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 |
| 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, 26 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 |
| 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 Washington Nationals' first 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 2019 postseason will be on display through the 2020 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum's exhibition celebrating the postseason... Artifacts include:

- The ball hit by Howie Kendrick off the right field foul pole for the go-ahead home run in Game 7
- A jersey worn by World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg in his Game 6 victory
- A cap worn by starting pitcher Max Scherzer in Game 7
- The ball hit by Juan Soto for his Game 1 home run
- A hoodie worn by manager Dave Martinez
- A bat used by Anthony Rendon
- The spikes worn by Kurt Suzuki
- The glove used by reliever Fernando Rodney
- A "Baby Shark" plush toy
- The batting helmet worn by ALCS MVP José Altuve throughout the postseason, including when he hit his series-ending, walk-off home run in Game 6 of the ALCS
- The glove used Michael Brantley throughout the 2019 season, including for his diving catch in Game 6 of the ALCS
- The bat used by Howie Kendrick to hit his grand slam in Game 5 of the NLDS

COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has received many treasures from the 2019 season, including: A ball used during the March 20 game in Tokyo between the Athletics and the Mariners...The spikes worn by the Twins' Jorge Polanco on April 5 when he hit for the cycle against the Phillies...The first-pitch ball from the Angels' April 10 game against the Brewers when Albert Pujols became the 10th player in history to appear in 1,000 games for two different MLB teams...A ball used during the April 13 game in Monterrey, Mexico, between the Reds and the Cardinals...A jersey worn by the Yankees' CC Sabathia on April 30 during the game against the Arizona Diamondbacks where he struck out his 3,000th career batter, along with a ball thrown by Sabathia to record his 3,003rd career strikeout on May 6... The spikes worn by the Mets' Noah Syndergaard on May 2 when he pitched a shutout against the Reds and hit a home run to account for the game's only run...The Athletics' cap worn by Mike Fiers and a game ball from Fiers' no-hitter against the Reds on May 7...The batting gloves worn by the Rangers' Joey Gallo on May 8 when he became the third-fastest player in history to reach the 100-home run mark... The Blue Jays cap worn by Edwin Jackson on May 15 when he became the first player to appear for 14 different big league teams...The first pitched ball from the June 13 game between the Tigers and Royals in Omaha, marking the first regular season MLB game played in Nebraska...The spikes worn by the Yankees' Aaron Hicks on June 29 when he hit the first home run in a regular season MLB game on European soil...The bat used by the Yankees' D.J. LeMahieu on June 29 when he recorded the first hit a regular season MLB game on European soil...The jersey worn by the Red Sox's Christian Vazquez when he caught the first pitches of the Yankees vs. Red Sox game in London on June 29...Home plate from the two London Series games June 29-30...The bat used by Futures Game MVP and Rangers prospect Sam Huff on July 7...The cap worn by All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Shane Bieber of the Indians on July 9...The caps worn by Angels pitchers Taylor Cole and Felix Peña during their combined no-hitter on July 12, along with a ball from that game thrown by Peña and autographed by Cole, Peña and catcher Dustin Garneau, and a jersey worn by the Angels' Andrew Heaney for the game, when the Angels all wore jerseys honoring the late Tyler Skaggs... The spikes worn by Tony Thomas of the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs of the Atlantic League on July 13 when he became the first player to steal first base under the new rules being tested...The Orioles cap worn by Stevie Wilkerson on July 25 when he became the first position player to earn a save since the save rule was introduced in 1969, along with the final out ball from that game...Ear piece used by home plate umpire Fred DeJesus in the Atlantic League game between the New Britain Bees and Long Island Ducks on July 25, the first regular-season game that made use of the Automated Ball-Strike System in the Atlantic League...A game-used ball signed by the four Astros hurlers, Aaron Sanchez, Will Harris, Joe Biagini and Chris Devenski, who combined to pitch a no-hitter against the Mariners on Aug. 3, along with a cap worn by Sanchez in the game...The bat used by the Reds' Aristides Aquino on Aug. 10 when he hit three home runs in his 10th big league game...A ball thrown by the Astros' Justin Verlander during his no-hitter – the third of his career – against the Blue Jays on Sept. 1...The bat used by the Orioles Jonathan Villar on Sept. 11 when he hit the 6,106th home run of the MLB season, a new record...The helmet used by the Royals' Whit Merrifield throughout the 2019 season when he became the second right-handed batter in history to lead the majors in hits for two straight seasons...A fan-giveaway transistor radio commemorating 2000 Ford C. Frick Award winner Marty Brennaman's last game in the booth with the Cincinnati Reds...A bat used by the White Sox Tim Anderson during the 2019 season when he led MLB with a .335 batting average...A jersey worn by the Rangers' Elvis Andrus on Sept. 29, 2019, in the last game played at Globe Life Park...And the batting gloves used by the Blue Jays' Cavan Biggio on Sept. 17 when he hit for the cycle, joining his father Craig Biggio as the second father/son duo to hit for the cycle in the big leagues.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

HALL OF FAME FEATURED IN 'THE GREAT COURSES': The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has teamed up with The Great Courses to tell the story of baseball, which dates back hundreds of years...In 24 lectures that paint a portrait of the sport's remarkable past, taking you from the decades before the Civil War to the pivotal year of 1920, *Play Ball! The Rise of Baseball as America's Pastime* strikes a perfect balance between sports lore and cultural history...For more information, please visit TheGreatCourses.com/BHOF.

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 **March 12-13** and **April 16-17**...For more information, please visit baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience or call 607-547-0249.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum resumed regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on Labor Day... The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$25 for adults (13 and over), \$20 for seniors (65 and over), \$18 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$15 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 or (607) 547-7200.