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ELECTION HEADQUARTERS

Induction Weekend 2020 at the Baseball Hall of Fame will be held July 24-27 in Cooperstown, with the *Induction Ceremony* scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 26 on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center...The Class of 2020 will feature former Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director **Marvin Miller** and eight-time All-Star **Ted Simmons** along with any candidates who are elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...2020 Ford C. Frick Award winner **Ken Harrelson** and 2020 J.G. Taylor Spink Award winner **Nick Cafardo** will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 25 in Cooperstown.

CRUNCH TIME: 2020 Hall of Fame ballots have been returned to the BBWAA from eligible 10-year Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA) members...Results will be announced **Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. ET**...MLB Network will air extensive coverage, interviews and analysis beginning at 3 p.m. ET, then televise the announcement live as Hall of Fame President Tim Mead delivers the results...The announcement will also be simulcast on **MLB.com**.

THE CANDIDATES: 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.

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.

CREDIT AN ASSIST: Thanks to the firm of Ernst and Young for its assistance in verifying the vote and the voting process, year-in and year-out.

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%			

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	----

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramírez, Barry Zito; **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortíz, Alex 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.

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 331 elected members...Included are 233 former major league players, 31 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 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...There are currently 80 living members, the most at any point in Hall of Fame history.

80 AMBASSADORS: The 80 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 Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Tom Seaver, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, 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 262 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 Baseman ..21 (11)	Left Fielders22 (12)
Catchers 19 (10)	Third Baseman 17 (8)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Baseman 24 (12)	Shortstops25 (11)	Right Fielders25 (14)
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: 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

MODERN BASEBALL ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION

MODERN BASEBALL ERA COMMITTEE RESULTS: Two electees emerged from voting by the Modern Baseball Era Committee on Dec. 8 at the Winter Meetings in San Diego...**Marvin Miller**, the Executive Director of the Major League Baseball Players Association from 1966-82, and **Ted Simmons**, an eight-time All-Star catcher for the Cardinals, Brewers and Braves, each reached the 75-percent-of-the-vote threshold necessary for election...Both will be inducted at the 2020 Induction Ceremony on July 26 in Cooperstown...**RESULTS OF TODAY'S GAME ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION (12 NEEDED FOR ELECTION):** Ted Simmons (13 votes, 81.3%), Marvin Miller (12 votes, 75%), Dwight Evans (8 votes, 50%); Dave Parker (7 votes, 43.8%); Steve Garvey (6 votes, 37.5%); Lou Whitaker (6 votes, 37.5%); Tommy John, Don Mattingly, Thurman Munson and Dale Murphy each received three-or-fewer votes.

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, 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) at the time of his retirement.

TRIPLE PLAY: For the third straight year, a Hall of Fame veterans committee elected at least one living former big league player, with the election of Ted Simmons by the Modern Baseball Era Committee coming on the heels of the election of Harold Baines and Lee Smith by the Today's Game Era Committee in 2018 and Jack Morris and Alan Trammell by the Modern Baseball Era Committee in 2017...The last time a veterans committee chose at least one living former big league player in three straight years was 1984-86, when Rick Ferrell and Pee Wee Reese were elected in 1984, Enos Slaughter was elected in 1985 and Bobby Doerr was elected in 1986.

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: **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.*

2020 AWARD WINNERS

Ken Harrelson, the 2020 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Nick Cafardo, the 2020 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, will be honored at the 2020 Hall of Fame Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 25 in Cooperstown.

HAWK'S PRIDE: Ken Harrelson, who became a Chicago icon while calling White Sox games for 34 of his 43 years behind the mic, has been 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 is the 44th winner of the Frick Award.

NICK OF TIME: Nick Cafardo, whose tireless reporting and discerning writing brought Red Sox baseball to millions of New Englanders, has been named the winner of the 2020 J.G. Taylor Spink 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, is the 71st winner of the Spink Award.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2020 INTERNS DUE JAN. 31: The chance to spend the summer in Cooperstown is every baseball fan's dream...For college students aspiring to land a once-in-a-lifetime summer experience in the National Baseball Hall of Fame's 2020 internship program, only a handful of weeks remain before applications are due Jan. 31...The 2020 Frank and Peggy Steele Internship Program for Youth Leadership Development will provide students the chance to join the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum team in a 10-week paid summer internship, offering meaningful, hands-on training in numerous professional career fields for those who are chosen from the hundreds of applications received in Cooperstown each year...To be considered for the program, students must be enrolled in a bachelor's or master's degree program at a college or university, having completed at least their sophomore year of studies, or must have just graduated in May of the year of their internship...All applications must be completed online at baseballhall.org/intern...In order to complete an application, candidates must attach a cover letter and resume to the online application...Only completed applications will be reviewed for acceptance into the program...Applications must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2020...Now in its 20th year, the Frank and Peggy Steele Internship Program has welcomed more than 350 interns in its first 19 years, equipping college students with the knowledge and experience necessary to work in their field of study.

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, April 16-17, Sept. 10-11** and **Nov. 5-6**...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.