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ERA COMMITTEES ELECTIONS

The National Baseball Hall of Fame will take the first steps toward Induction Weekend 2024 this weekend in Nashville, Tenn., as the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee considers a ballot of managers, executives and umpires for Hall of Fame election...Results of the vote will be announced at 7:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, Dec. 3 live on MLB Network's *MLB Tonight*...Any electees to emerge from the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee balloting will be honored during Hall of Fame Weekend 2024, July 19-22 in Cooperstown...The 2024 Hall of Fame *Induction Ceremony* will be held at 1:30 p.m. ET on July 21.

ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS: Hall of Fame President Josh Rawitch will announce the results of the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee balloting at 7:30 p.m. ET Sunday, Dec. 3, live on MLB Network's *MLB Tonight*...If any electees emerge from the voting, Zoom calls with each individual living electee are expected to be held Sunday evening.

THE CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL ERA MANAGERS/EXECUTIVES/UMPIRES BALLOT: Eight former managers, executives and umpires were named Oct. 19 to the Hall of Fame's Contemporary Baseball Era Committee Managers/Executives/Umpires Ballot...The eight finalists include: **Cito Gaston, Davey Johnson, Jim Leyland, Ed Montague, Hank Peters, Lou Piniella, Joe West** and **Bill White**...The Contemporary Baseball Era Committee considers candidates whose primary contribution to the game came from 1980 through the present...All candidates except Peters are living...Any candidate who receives votes on 75 percent of the ballots cast by the 16-member Contemporary Baseball Era Committee will be elected and enshrined as part of the Class of 2024.

THE CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL ERA ELECTORATE: The 16-member Contemporary Baseball Era Committee electorate features Hall of Famers **Jeff Bagwell, Tom Glavine, Chipper Jones, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Jim Thome** and **Joe Torre**; major league executives **Sandy Alderson, Bill DeWitt, Michael Hill, Ken Kendrick, Andy MacPhail** and **Phyllis Merhige**; and veteran media members/historians **Sean Forman, Jack O'Connell** and **Jesus Ortiz**... Hall of Fame Chairman of the Board **Jane Forbes Clark** will serve as the non-voting Chairman of the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee...The Contemporary Baseball Era Committee managers/executives/umpires ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran members: **Adrian Burgos** (University of Illinois), **Bob Elliott** (*Canadian Baseball Network*); **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*); **Steve Hirdt** (*Stats Perform*); **David O'Brien** (*The Athletic*); **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA); **Jim Reeves** (formerly *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*); **Tracy Ringolsby** (*InsideTheSeams.com*); **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly *San Francisco Chronicle*); **Susan Slusser** (*San Francisco Chronicle*); and **Mark Whicker** (*Southern California News Group*)...The HOC annually sets ballots for the Era Committee elections.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE: The Contemporary Baseball Era managers/executives/umpires ballot covers candidates whose most significant career impact was realized from 1980 through the present... Eligible candidates include: managers and umpires with 10 or more major league seasons and retired for at least five years (candidates who are 65 years or older are eligible six months following retirement); and executives retired for at least five years (active executives 70 years or older are eligible for consideration regardless of the position they hold in an organization and regardless of whether their body of work has been completed)...All candidates must not be on Baseball's Ineligible List.

FUTURE ELECTIONS: The *Contemporary Baseball Era* is split into two separate ballots – one ballot to consider only players who made their greatest impact on the game since 1980, and another composite ballot consisting of managers, executives and umpires whose greatest contributions to the game have come since 1980... Each of these three Era Committees – the Contemporary Baseball Era player ballot, the Contemporary Baseball Era non-player ballot and the Classic Baseball Era composite ballot – will rotate on an annual basis, and each ballot will consist of eight candidates... Eligible players must have been retired for 16 or more seasons, equal to a one-year waiting period following their final potential year of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot... Eras considered for yearly election are as follows: December 2023 (for Class of 2024) – *Contemporary Baseball/Managers-Umpires-Executives*; December 2024 (for Class of 2025) – *Classic Baseball*; : December 2025 (for Class of 2026) – *Contemporary Baseball/Players*; ... This cycle will repeat every three years, with Contemporary Baseball/Managers-Executives-Umpires eligible for consideration again in December 2026 for the Class of 2027.

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 180 individuals (106 major leaguers, 33 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 BBWAA Career Excellence 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 1943 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, still had 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 BBWAA CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD FINALISTS IN SPOTLIGHT

2024 FRICK AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED DEC. 6: The 2024 Ford C. Frick Award winner will be announced on Wednesday, Dec. 6...The Frick Award voting cycle features a composite ballot with local and national voices whose careers began after, or extended into, the Wild Card Era in four consecutive years, followed by a fifth year featuring a ballot of candidates whose broadcasting careers concluded prior to the advent of the Wild Card Era in 1994...The new cycle began with the 2023 Frick Award, with composite ballots of local and national voices continuing with the Awards in 2024, 2025 and 2026 before the pre-Wild Card Era ballot is considered for the 2027 Award...The cycle then repeats every five years...The finalists for the 2023 Frick Award are: **Joe Buck, Joe Castiglione, Gary Cohen, Jacques Doucet, Tom Hamilton, Ernie Johnson Sr., Ken Korach, Mike Krukow, Duane Kuiper** and **Dan Shulman**...The 2024 Frick Award winner will be honored at the *Awards Presentation* on July 20, 2024, in Cooperstown as part of Hall of Fame Weekend.

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...Pat Hughes became the 47th winner of the Frick Award in 2023.

2024 BBWAA CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD FINALISTS: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2024 BBWAA Career Excellence Award...The finalists are: The late **Gerry Fraley**, who spent three decades covering baseball and the Texas Rangers for the *Dallas Morning News*; **Bruce Jenkins**, writer and columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*; and longtime *New York Post* writer **Joel Sherman**...The winner of the 2024 BBWAA Career Excellence Award for writers will be announced Dec. 5.

SCRIBES AND MIKEMEN: Winners of the Frick and BBWAA Career Excellence 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 photos of past award winners are featured in the exhibit, which outlines the media's contributions to the game's history.

2024 BBWAA ELECTION

2024 RESULTS ANNOUNCED JAN. 23: The Hall of Fame and BBWAA will announce the results of the 2024 election live from Cooperstown at 6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Jan. 23... The results will be delivered live on MLB Network by Hall of Fame President Josh Rawitch and will also be released on the respective websites of the two organizations, baseballhall.org and bbwaa.com... A press event featuring any electees is scheduled to be held Thursday, Jan. 25, in Cooperstown.

THE CLASS OF JANUARY: The results of the 2024 Baseball Writers' Association of America Hall of Fame vote will be announced at 6 p.m. ET on Jan. 23, 2023, live on MLB Network... The 2024 BBWAA ballot was announced Nov. 20 and consists of: Bobby Abreu, José Bautista, Carlos Beltrán, Adrián Beltré, Mark Buehrle, Bartolo Colon, Adrián González, Todd Helton, Matt Holliday, Torii Hunter, Andruw Jones, Victor Martinez, Joe Mauer, Andy Pettitte, Brandon Phillips, Manny Ramírez, José Reyes, Álex Rodríguez, Francisco Rodríguez, Jimmy Rollins, Gary Sheffield, James Shields, Chase Utley, Omar Vizquel, Billy Wagner and David Wright... For candidate bios, visit baseballhall.org/bbwaa... First-time eligibles are Bautista, Beltré, Colon, González, Holliday, Martinez, Mauer, Phillips, Reyes, Shields, Utley and Wright... Holdover candidates include Helton, who was named on 72.2 percent of ballots cast a year ago, Wagner, who was named on 68.1 percent of ballots a year ago; and Jones, who was named on 58.1 percent of ballots in 2023... Sheffield, who was named on 55.0 percent of ballots in 2023, is appearing on the ballot for the 10th-and-final time... Other returning candidates include Abreu, Buehrle, Hunter, Pettitte, Ramírez, Álex Rodríguez, Francisco Rodríguez, Rollins and Vizquel.

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions... The 2024 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 19-22, with the Induction on July 21... Future Induction Ceremony dates include July 27, 2025; and July 26, 2026... A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2025:** Brian McCann, CC Sabathia, Ichiro Suzuki, Troy Tulowitzki; **2026:** Ryan Braun, Edwin Encarnación, Matt Kemp, Nick Markakis; **2027:** Jay Bruce, Jon Lester, Buster Posey, Kyle Seager; **2028:** Brock Holt, Yadier Molina, Albert Pujols, Kurt Suzuki; **2029:** Miguel Cabrera, Adam Wainwright

THE 2023 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 28 players, including 14 new candidates and 14 returnees... Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below... Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below... Jeff Kent appeared on the ballot for the 10th-and-final time and is no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appears in italics below... Kent will be eligible for the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee players ballot in the fall of 2025... Two first-year candidates received the five percent of the vote necessary to remain on the ballot: Carlos Beltrán (46.5%) and Francisco Rodríguez (10.8%)... Fourteen players will return for consideration in 2024... A total of 389 votes were cast, with 292 votes necessary for election and 20 votes necessary to remain on the ballot... Eight blank ballots were cast... The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2023	NAME	YR	2023	NAME	YR	2023
Scott Rolen	6	76.3%	Andy Pettitte	5	17.0%	<i>Huston Street</i>	1	0.3%
Todd Helton	5	72.2%	Bobby Abreu	4	15.4%	<i>Mat Cain</i>	1	0.0%
Billy Wagner	8	68.1%	Jimmy Rollins	2	12.9%	<i>Jacoby Ellsbury</i>	1	0.0%
Andruw Jones	6	58.1%	Mark Buehrle	3	10.8%	<i>Andre Ethier</i>	1	0.0%
Gary Sheffield	9	55.0%	Francisco Rodríguez	1	10.8%	<i>J.J. Hardy</i>	1	0.0%
Carlos Beltrán	1	46.5%	Torii Hunter	3	6.9%	<i>Jhonny Peralta</i>	1	0.0%
<i>Jeff Kent</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>46.5%</i>	<i>Bronson Arroyo</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>Jered Weaver</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Álex Rodríguez	2	35.7%	<i>R.A. Dickey</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.3%</i>	<i>Jayson Werth</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Manny Ramírez	7	33.2%	<i>John Lackey</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.3%</i>			
Omar Vizquel	6	19.5%	<i>Mike Napoli</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.3%</i>			

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 405 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2023 election, 389 were returned, a return rate of 96.0 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, year-in and year-out.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2023 marked the 79th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 70 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 79 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has one player more than any other quantity (28 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	28	2023	Rolen
0	9	2021	----

JUMP FOR JOY: Scott Rolen debuted on the BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot in 2018 and received 10.2 percent of the vote...2020 BBWAA electee Larry Walker received 10.2 percent of the BBWAA vote in his fourth year on the ballot in 2014 but had received more than 20 percent of the vote in each of his first three years...Rolen and Walker are the only players elected by the BBWAA who received less than 12 percent of the vote in any election during their candidacy since Bob Lemon, who was elected in 1976 and received 11.9 percent of the vote in his first year eligible in 1964.

HOME AT THIRD: Scott Rolen became just the ninth third basemen elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA, joining Wade Boggs, George Brett, Chipper Jones, Eddie Mathews, Paul Molitor, Brooks Robinson, Mike Schmidt and Pie Traynor...Rolen is just the 18th third baseman elected to the Hall of Fame via any method.

GET CLOSER: Scott Rolen's five-vote margin for election was the closest in the BBWAA voting since Iván Rodríguez secured four votes more than the necessary 75 percent in the 2017 balloting...On four occasions, candidates earned election by a single vote, the last time coming in 1991 when Ferguson Jenkins was elected...See "Close and Cigar" chart on **Page 8**.

GREAT START: Carlos Beltrán appeared on 46.5 percent of all BBWAA ballots submitted in the 2023 election, the most of any of this year's first-time candidates...Historically, every candidate who has topped the 42 percent mark on their first year on the BBWAA ballot has been elected to the Hall of Fame in subsequent years.

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 342 elected members...Included are 270 former major league players, as well as 40 executives/pioneers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 136 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 180 deserving candidates...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 74 living members.

74 AMBASSADORS: The 74 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, Jim Kaat, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martinez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Fred McGriff, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Tony Oliva, David Ortiz, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Iván Rodríguez, Scott Rolen, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, 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 92...The Hall of Famer to reach the highest age was **Bobby Doerr**, who was 99 years, 220 days old when he passed away in 2017...**David Ortiz**, who was born on Nov. 18, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 48 years of age...The youngest elected Hall of Famer was **Sandy Koufax**, who was 36 when he was elected in 1972.

BETWEEN THE LINES: The following is a breakdown by position of the 270 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 84 (45)	Second Basemen ..20 (11)	Left Fielders23 (12)
Catchers 19 (10)	Third Basemen 18 (9)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Basemen 26 (12)	Shortstops26 (12)	Right Fielders27 (15)
Designated Hitter 3 (2)		

P: Kaat (2022)	DH: Ortiz (2022)	LF: Miñoso (2022)
C: Simmons (2020)	2B: Biggio (2015)	CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)
1B: McGriff (2023)	3B: Rolen (2023)	RF: Oliva (2022)
	SS: Jeter (2020)	

FIRST THINGS FIRST: Fifty-eight 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 two DHs; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 15 of the last 21 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 58.

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	2022	David Ortiz
1979	Willie Mays	1993	Reggie Jackson	2009	Rickey Henderson		
1980	Al Kaline	1994	Steve Carlton	2014	Greg Maddux		

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 76 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 76 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, Cochran, Frisch, Gehringer, Mussina, Rolen, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Pérez); **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 56 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2022 electee Tony Oliva 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, Tony Oliva, 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 percent 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. All but Todd Helton on the list below have been subsequently elected to the Hall of Fame:

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
2023	Todd Helton	389	281	292	11

CLOSE AND CIGAR: Twenty-eight 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
2023	Scott Rolen	292	297	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 Rangers world championship have arrived in Cooperstown and will soon be on display in the Museum’s *Autumn Glory* exhibit. The artifacts from the 2023 postseason will be on display through the 2024 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum’s exhibition celebrating the postseason. Artifacts include:

- Cap worn by manager Bruce Bochy, who became the first skipper to win four World Series titles and reach that mark with more than one team
- Batting helmet worn by World Series MVP Corey Seager
- Glove worn by pitcher Josh Sborz, who recorded a save in the final game
- Batting gloves worn by Evan Carter, who set a record with nine doubles in the postseason
- Jersey worn by Marcus Semien in Game 5 and his “510” armband
- Spikes and cap worn by Game 5 winner Nathan Eovaldi
- Bat used by Adolis García in Game 1 when he hit the game-winning home run
- World Series luggage tag used by Will Smith, who became the first player in history to win three straight World Series while playing for three different teams

The National League champion Diamondbacks also donated artifacts, including:

- Bat used by Ketel Marte in Game 4 when he extended his postseason hitting streak to a record 20 games
- A headset used by broadcaster Greg Schulte during his final season

SOULS OF THE GAME EXHIBIT TO DEBUT IN SPRING OF 2024: The stories and impact of the Black baseball experience will be recognized and celebrated through *The Souls of the Game: Voices of Black Baseball*, the groundbreaking new exhibit opening in spring of 2024 at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown...From the decades-long history of Black baseball prior to the formation of the Negro Leagues, through the complexities of baseball's re-integration, to the challenges that remain today, *The Souls of the Game* will reveal the deep connections between baseball and Black America...The exhibit is part of the Hall of Fame's Black Baseball Initiative that includes additional outreach programs, educational materials and virtual programming and is made possible by the Yawkey Foundation with additional support from Bill Janetschek in honor of his siblings Robert and Ann, the Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation and the Bisignano Family...The new exhibit will be in the Yawkey Gallery...*The Souls of the Game*, a title that pays tribute to W.E.B. Du Bois's seminal 1903 book "The Souls of Black Folk," will explore the Black baseball experience of those African-American men, women and children who were and are an integral part of our National Pastime...Subtitled *Voices of Black Baseball*, the exhibit will highlight first-person accounts by the many individuals whose Black baseball experiences shaped them, their community, baseball and America at large...Featuring historically significant artifacts, important documents and engaging photographs, and utilizing audio, video and interactive elements, the exhibit will tell a more inclusive story of baseball, shine a light on and correct misconceptions about Black baseball, and provide an authentic, cohesive narrative of African-American baseball history...*The Souls of the Game* will feature men and women telling the story of Black baseball in their own voices. Sections will cover stories of early Black baseball, the Negro Leagues era, the complexities of reintegration, Jackie Robinson, post-reintegration progress and retrogress, and calls for change in today's game.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 FRANK AND PEGGY STEELE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 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 2024 internship program, only a handful of weeks remain before applications are due January 31...The 2024 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...In addition, interns learn and work in the company of baseball's best-known personalities during the annual Hall of Fame Weekend and Induction Ceremony...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...Intern positions for 2024 are available in the following fields: Archives, Collections, Communications, Curatorial, Data Analyst, Development/Membership, Digital Assets, Education, Library-Giamatti Research Center, Licensing & Sales, Multimedia, Public Programs, Social Media and Special Events...All applications must be completed online at baseballhall.org/intern...Applications must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2024.

GOING BANANAS IN COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum opened a new exhibit display dedicated to the Savannah Bananas Sept. 15, one day before Cooperstown hosted the Bananas' final game of their 2023 World Tour at Doubleday Field, which welcomed a sellout crowd to watch the Party Animals defeat the Bananas to win the teams' season series... Among the artifacts in the new exhibit are one of Bananas team owner Jesse Cole's yellow top hats, a kilt once used as part of a uniform, a Bananas jersey signed by fans, Bananas and Party Animals caps, a signature yellow baseball, championship rings from a prior incarnation of the team in the Coastal Plain League, notebooks with ideas, Banana Ball rules and a scorecard.

HALL OF FAME TO HOST SABR JERRY MALLOY NEGRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE JUNE 6-9: The Society for American Baseball Research will host the annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference June 6-9 in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Grandstand Theater...Open to all baseball fans, the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference promotes activities to enhance scholarly, educational and Literary Objectives as the only symposium dedicated exclusively to the examination and promotion of Black baseball history...SABR's Negro Leagues Committee is one of the original committees formed by the organization, which was founded in Cooperstown in 1971.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the day before Memorial Day, when summer hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. resume...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$28 for adults (13 and over), \$22 for seniors (65 and over), \$19 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$17 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 (607) 547-7200.