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## AROUND THE HORN

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### ELECTION HEADQUARTERS

Induction Weekend 2024 at the Baseball Hall of Fame will be held July 19-22 in Cooperstown, with the *Induction Ceremony* scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 21 on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center...This year's ceremony will feature Contemporary Baseball Era Committee electee **Jim Leyland** along with any candidates elected to the Class of 2024 by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...2024 Ford C. Frick Award winner **Joe Castiglione** and 2024 BBWAA Career Excellence Award winner **Gerry Fraley** will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation*.

**CRUNCH TIME:** 2024 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. 23 at 6 p.m. ET**...MLB Network will air extensive coverage, interviews and analysis beginning at 2 p.m. ET, then televise the announcement live from Cooperstown as Hall of Fame President Josh Rawitch delivers the results...The announcement will also be simulcast on [facebook.com/baseballhall](https://facebook.com/baseballhall) and **MLB.com**.

**THE CANDIDATES:** 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup>-and-final time...Other returning candidates include Abreu, Beltrán, Buehrle, Hunter, Pettitte, Ramírez, Álex Rodríguez, Francisco Rodríguez, Rollins and Vizquel.

**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 independent accounting firm of Ernst and Young for its assistance in tabulating the voting results, year-in and year-out.

**MEET THE MEDIA:** Any candidates elected by the BBWAA will be available to media via Zoom calls on the evening of Jan. 23...Times and links will be emailed to media following the 6 p.m. announcement on MLB Network...To add your email to the Hall of Fame's distribution list, please email Hall of Fame director of communications Craig Muder at [cmuder@baseballhall.org](mailto:cmuder@baseballhall.org)...A media availability will be held with any electees at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery in Cooperstown...To reserve a spot at the Jan. 25 media availability, please email Hall of Fame director of communications Craig Muder at [cmuder@baseballhall.org](mailto:cmuder@baseballhall.org)...**This will be the only in-person media availability following the announcement.**

**THE 2023 BALLOT:** The 2023 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 10<sup>th</sup>-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
<b>Scott Rolen</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>76.3%</b>	Andy Pettitte	5	17.0%	<i>Huston Street</i>	1	0.3%
Todd Helton	5	72.2%	Bobby Abreu	4	15.4%	<i>Matt Cain</i>	1	0.0%
Billy Wagner	8	68.1%	Jimmy Rollins	2	12.9%	<i>Jacoby Ellsbury</i>	1	0.0%
Andrew 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>			

**CAREFUL SELECTION:** 2023 marked the 79<sup>th</sup> 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	----

**NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE:** 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:** Michael Brantley, Miguel Cabrera, Nelson Cruz, Adam Wainwright.

**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 343 elected members...Included are 270 former major league players, as well as 40 executives/pioneers, 23 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 136 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 181 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 75 living members.

**75 AMBASSADORS:** The 75 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, Jim Leyland, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martínez, 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.

<b>Pitchers</b> ..... 84 (45)	<b>Second Basemen</b> ..20 (11)	<b>Left Fielders</b> .....23 (12)
<b>Catchers</b> ..... 19 (10)	<b>Third Basemen</b> ..... 18 (9)	<b>Center Fielders</b> .....24 (8)
<b>First Basemen</b> ..... 26 (12)	<b>Shortstops</b> .....26 (12)	<b>Right Fielders</b> .....27 (15)
<b>Designated Hitter</b> .... 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, Cochrane, 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 Mazerowski, 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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

## ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION

The Contemporary Baseball Era Committee considering managers, executives and umpires met for the first time on Dec. 3 in Nashville, Tenn. The Contemporary Baseball Era Committee considered an eight-person ballot of candidates whose primary contributions to the game came since 1980.

**CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL ERA COMMITTEE RESULTS:** Jim Leyland was the lone candidate who earned election via the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee on Dec. 3 in Nashville, Tenn....Leyland was the only one of the eight manager/umpire/executive candidates who reached the 75-percent-of-the-vote threshold necessary for election...Leyland will be inducted at the 2024 *Induction Ceremony* on July 21 in Cooperstown...**RESULTS OF CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL COMMITTEE ELECTION (12 NEEDED FOR ELECTION):** Jim Leyland (15 votes, 93.8%), Lou Piniella (11 votes, 68.8%), Bill White (10 votes, 62.5%); Cito Gaston, Davey Johnson, Ed Montague, Hank Peters and Joe West each received less than five votes.

**YOU DON'T MESS AROUND WITH JIM:** Jim Leyland managed in the big leagues for 22 seasons with the Pirates, Marlins, Rockies and Tigers...Amassing 1,769 victories, six first-place finishes, three pennants and the 1997 World Series title with the Marlins, Leyland was a three-time Manager of the Year winner – twice with the Pirates in 1990 and 1992 and again with the Tigers in 2006...Leyland's team also finished second five times and he finished in the Top 2 of his league's Manager of the Year voting six times...He led his teams to 90-or-more victories seven times and his victory total ranks second all-time among managers who never played in the big leagues, trailing only Hall of Famer Joe McCarthy...Following his big league managerial career, Leyland skippered Team USA to the World Baseball Classic title in 2017, the first championship in the event for the United States.

**THE CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL ERA ELECTORATE:** The 16-member Contemporary Baseball Era Committee electorate charged with reviewing the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee managers/executives/umpires ballot included 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** served 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** (formerly *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 2024 (for Class of 2025) – *Classic Baseball*; December 2025 (for Class of 2026) – *Contemporary Baseball/Players*; December 2026 (for Class of 2027) – *Contemporary Baseball/Managers-Umpires-Executives*...This cycle will repeat every three years.

## 2024 AWARD WINNERS

Joe Castiglione, the 2024 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and the late Gerry Fraley, the 2024 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Career Excellence Award, will be honored at the 2024 Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* during Hall of Fame Weekend. The *Awards Presentation* will take place as a private event on Saturday, July 20, with a simulcast of the event at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

**HEY JOE:** Joe Castiglione, who has called Red Sox games on the radio for a record 41 seasons, was selected as the 2024 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born March 2, 1947, in Hamden, Conn., Castiglione earned an undergraduate degree at Colgate University and took his master's degree at Syracuse University – each about an hour from Cooperstown – before beginning his career at WFMJ-TV in Youngstown, Ohio...After moving to Cleveland to work for WKYC-TV, he began calling Indians games in 1979 before working Brewers games in 1981 and then returning to the Indians' booth in 1982...Joining the Red Sox radio team in 1983, Castiglione has shared the microphone with partners including Bob Starr, Dave O'Brien, Jerry Trupiano and Will Flemming while also teaching broadcast journalism at Northeastern University, Franklin Pierce University and Emerson College...Inducted into the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame in 2014, Castiglione is the longest tenured broadcaster in Red Sox history and has called historic moments that have included both of Roger Clemens' 20-strikeout games, four no-hitters and the Red Sox's four World Series titles in a 15-year span from 2004-2018...In 2022, the home Fenway Park radio booth was named in his honor.

**ACE FRALEY:** For nearly 40 years from his hometown of Clearwater, Fla., to major league beats in Philadelphia, Atlanta and Arlington, Texas, the late Gerry Fraley formed relationships with players, coaches, scouts, executives, and umpires that made him one of the most trusted voices in the industry...Fraley, who passed away in 2019 at the age of 64, covered the Phillies, Braves and Rangers and was a pioneer in the advent of daily notebooks as part of beat coverage...He also was a national baseball writer at the *Dallas Morning News*, where he spent nearly 25 years as beat writer and columnist...During that time, Fraley eventually took on the role of "Super General Assignment Reporter" that was created especially for him because he was adept at assisting on other beats, including football, basketball, and auto racing...While at the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* covering the Braves, Fraley served as national BBWAA president in 1987.

## MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

**EAST-WEST CLASSIC IN COOPERSTOWN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:** The greatest legends of Black Baseball demonstrated their talent and desire for four decades at the annual Negro Leagues East-West All-Star Game...In 2024, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will honor that legacy by hosting the Hall of Fame East-West Classic: A Tribute to the Negro Leagues All-Star Game, presented by Boeing, during Memorial Day Weekend at Cooperstown's historic Doubleday Field...Scheduled for Saturday, May 25, the Hall of Fame East-West Classic, fueled by assistance from Major League Baseball, will feature more than two dozen former big leaguers, with Harold Baines, Ken Griffey Jr., Fergie Jenkins, Jim Kaat, Fred McGriff, Eddie Murray, Jim Rice, Lee Smith and Ozzie Smith among the Hall of Famers who will serve as the East and West teams' managers and coaches...The game, which will take the place of the Hall of Fame Classic in 2024, will be part of a weekend celebration as the Museum opens its new exhibit *The Souls of the Game: Voices of Black Baseball*...Players committed to participate in the May 25 Hall of Fame East-West Classic include team captains CC Sabathia and Chris Young; Josh Barfield, Tim Beckham, Ian Desmond, Prince Fielder, Dexter Fowler, Curtis Granderson, Tony Gwynn Jr., Jerry Hairston, Scott Hairston, LaTroy Hawkins, Ryan Howard, Edwin Jackson, Jeremy Jeffress, Adam Jones, Howie Kendrick, Russell Martin, Darrell Miller, David Price, Tony Sipp, B.J. Upton, Justin Upton and Dontrelle Willis...Tickets are available at [baseballhall.org/east-west](http://baseballhall.org/east-west).

**HALL OF FAME EAST-WEST CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 26 IN COOPERSTOWN:** The National Hall of Fame and Museum is giving guests a unique opportunity to celebrate the legends of Black Baseball as the Museum presents the East-West Classic Weekend Golf Tournament...Hall of Fame legends participating in the Hall of Fame East-West Classic, including Harold Baines, Fergie Jenkins, Jim Kaat, Fred McGriff and Ozzie Smith, will team up with East-West Classic players including Josh Barfield, Ian Desmond, Ryan Howard, Russell Martin, David Price, CC Sabathia, Dontrelle Willis and Chris Young to provide the experience of a lifetime for participating golfers at picturesque Leatherstocking Golf Course in Cooperstown on Sunday, May 26 – the day after the Hall of Fame East-West Classic at Doubleday Field...Participants will enjoy an unforgettable day of golf. Individuals, pairs or foursomes of all skill levels are welcome to join the Hall of Fame East-West Classic Weekend Golf Tournament...A Hall of Fame member or East-West Classic participant will join each foursome and serve as the team captain. A fundraiser for the Museum, this scramble-format tournament will be played on the same course Hall of Famers play during Induction Weekend...The cost is \$3,000 per golfer and includes three days of activities while supporting the Museum's mission to preserve history, honor excellence and connect generations...For more information or to register, call 607-547-0385.

**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
- Jersey worn 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

## 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](http://baseballhall.org/intern)...Applications must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2024.

**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 \$30 for adults (13 and over), \$24 for seniors (65 and over), \$20 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$21 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](http://www.baseballhall.org) or call (607) 547-7200.