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With the election of **Adrián Beltré**, **Todd Helton** and **Joe Mauer** by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, the Class of 2024 is now set at the Baseball Hall of Fame...Beltré, Helton and Mauer will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 21 on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown along with Contemporary Baseball Era Committee electee **Jim Leyland**, who was elected in December...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* in Cooperstown.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY THURSDAY, JAN. 25 IN COOPERSTOWN: The in-person new inductee media conference will take place at noon on Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery in Cooperstown. Accredited media can reserve a credential for the media availability by contacting Hall of Fame director of communications Craig Muder at cmuder@baseballhall.org.

THE 2024 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 26 players, including 14 new candidates and 12 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...Gary Sheffield appeared on the ballot for the 10th-and-final time and is no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appears in italics below...Sheffield will be eligible for the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee players ballot in the fall of 2025...Two first-year candidates who were not elected received the five percent of the vote necessary to remain on the ballot: Chase Utley (28.8%) and David Wright (6.2%)...Fourteen players will return for consideration in 2024...A total of 385 votes were cast, with 289 votes necessary for election and 20 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...No blank ballots were cast...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

| NAME | YR | 2024 | NAME | YR | 2024 | NAME | YR | 2024 |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|----|-------|-------------------------|----|------|
| Adrián Beltré | 1 | 95.1% | Omar Vizquel | 7 | 17.7% | <i>Bartolo Colon</i> | 1 | 1.3% |
| Todd Helton | 6 | 79.7% | Bobby Abreu | 5 | 14.8% | <i>Matt Holliday</i> | 1 | 1.0% |
| Joe Mauer | 1 | 76.1% | Jimmy Rollins | 3 | 14.8% | <i>Adrián González</i> | 1 | 0.8% |
| Billy Wagner | 9 | 73.8% | Andy Pettitte | 6 | 13.5% | <i>Brandon Phillips</i> | 1 | 0.3% |
| <i>Gary Sheffield</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>63.9%</i> | Mark Buehrle | 4 | 8.3% | <i>José Reyes</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Andrew Jones | 7 | 61.6% | Francisco Rodríguez | 2 | 7.8% | <i>James Shields</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Carlos Beltrán | 2 | 57.1% | Torii Hunter | 4 | 7.3% | | | |
| Álex Rodríguez | 3 | 34.8% | David Wright | 1 | 6.2% | | | |
| Manny Ramírez | 8 | 32.5% | <i>José Bautista</i> | 1 | 1.6% | | | |
| Chase Utley | 1 | 28.8% | <i>Victor Martínez</i> | 1 | 1.6% | | | |

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 394 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2024 election, 385 were returned, a return rate of 98.0 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 voting conducted by the BBWAA, year-in and year-out.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2024 marked the 80th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 71 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 80 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 | 10 | 2024 | Beltré, Helton, Mauer |
| 2 | 27 | 2020 | Jeter, Walker |
| 1 | 28 | 2023 | Rolen |
| 0 | 9 | 2021 | ---- |

HOME AT THIRD: Adrián Beltré becomes the 10th third baseman elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA, joining Wade Boggs, George Brett, Chipper Jones, Eddie Mathews, Paul Molitor, Brooks Robinson, Scott Rolen, Mike Schmidt and Pie Traynor...Beltré is just the 19th third baseman elected to the Hall of Fame via any method.

DOMINICAN PRIDE: Adrián Beltré becomes the fifth Hall of Famer from the Dominican Republic, joining Juan Marichal (1983), Pedro Martínez (2015), Vladimir Guerrero (2018) and David Ortiz (2022)...Beltré is the first Hall of Fame third baseman to be born outside of the United States.

CATCHING ON: Joe Mauer becomes the third catcher elected by the BBWAA in his debut year on the BBWAA ballot, joining Johnny Bench (1989) and Iván Rodríguez (2017)...Mauer, who was selected by the Twins with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 MLB Draft, becomes the fourth No. 1 overall pick elected to the Hall of Fame, following Harold Baines (drafted No. 1 overall in 1977), Ken Griffey Jr. (1987) and Chipper Jones (1990).

ST. PAULI BOYS: Joe Mauer is the fourth Hall of Famer who was born in St. Paul, Minn., joining Paul Molitor, Jack Morris and Dave Winfield on that list...Several large metro areas are the birthplace of multiple Hall of Famers, but the nearest comparison could be Mobile, Ala., which is the birthplace of Hank Aaron, Willie McCovey, Satchel Paige and Ozzie Smith...Billy Williams was born in Whistler, Ala., which at the time of Williams’ birth was an unincorporated area that remains just seven miles from downtown Mobile.

GET CLOSER: Joe Mauer’s four-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 6**.

PICK A PAIR: Todd Helton and Joe Mauer each spent their entire MLB careers with one team, with Helton playing for the Rockies from 1997-2013 and Mauer with the Twins from 2004-2018...There are now 58 Hall of Famers (see “One Team Wonders” chart on **Page 4**) who played for just one team during their careers...The last time two BBWAA electees who played for only one team were part of a single Hall of Fame class was 2007 when Tony Gwynn (Padres) and Cal Ripken Jr. (Orioles) were elected.

YO ADRIÁN: Adrián Beltré played 21 seasons for the Dodgers, Mariners, Red Sox and Rangers, establishing himself as one of the best all-around third basemen in the game’s history with five Gold Glove Awards and four Silver Slugger Awards...Ranking second all-time with 2,759 games played at the hot corner, Beltré totaled 3,166 hits and 477 home runs to become the only regular third baseman in big league history (among those players who played at least half their games at third base) with at least 3,000 hits and 450 homers...Finishing in the Top 10 of his league’s Most Valuable Player Award voting six times, Beltré hit .300-or-better seven times, reached the 20-homer mark 12 times and totaled five seasons with at least 100 RBI...Among players whose primary position was third base, Beltré’s career Wins Above Replacement figure of 93.5 ranks third all-time behind Mike Schmidt and Eddie Mathews...Became the seventh player in history to hit three home runs in a postseason game when he hit three solo shots for the Rangers in Game 4 of the 2011 ALDS vs. the Rays...A four-time All-Star, Beltré becomes the fifth player born in the Dominican Republic to be elected to the Hall of Fame.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH: Todd Helton played 17 big league seasons – all with the Rockies – and retired as one of only 21 players in history with at least 1,000 games played, a .300 batting average, a .400 on-base percentage and a .500 slugging percentage...A five-time All-Star, Helton played quarterback at the University of Tennessee between two future NFL first-round draft picks – Heath Shuler and Peyton Manning – before concentrating on baseball...A first-round draft pick of the Rockies in 1995, Helton was a big league regular by 1998, embarking on an eight-year stretch where he averaged a 1.045 OPS and won the 2000 NL batting title...Amassed more than 400 total bases in both 2000 and 2001, becoming just the seventh player in history with multiple seasons with 400 total bases and one of four players with 400 total bases in back-to-back seasons...Three-time Gold Glove Award winner and four-time Silver Slugger Award recipient at first base...Career OPS of .953 ranks 23rd all-time and his career OPS on the road (.855) would rank among the Top 175 players of all-time if only his road numbers were counted.

NO AVERAGE JOE: Joe Mauer played 15 seasons – all with the Twins – and became the first and only catcher to win three league battle titles, doing so in his first five full big league campaigns...First batting title in 2006 made him the first catcher in AL history to win batting crown, and he followed up with titles in 2008 and 2009...Named the AL Most Valuable Player in 2009 after hitting .365 with a league-leading OPS of 1.031, becoming the only catcher (minimum 100 games played) to lead his league in OPS...Six-time All-Star, five-time Silver Slugger Award winner and three-time Gold Glove Award winner...No. 1 overall pick in 2001 MLB Draft joins Ken Griffey Jr. (2016), Chipper Jones (2018) and Harold Baines (1977) as only top overall draft picks elected to Cooperstown... Topped the .400 mark in on-base percentage in six of his seasons as a catcher, a total exceeded by only six other catchers, none of whom started their careers after 1930... Only catcher in history with at least 2,000 hits, a .300 batting average and a .380 on-base percentage.

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 346 elected members...Included are 273 former major league players, as well as 40 executives/pioneers, 23 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 139 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 78 living members.

78 AMBASSADORS: The 78 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Harold Baines, Adrián Beltré, 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, Todd Helton, 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, Joe Mauer, Willie Mays, Bill Mazeroski, 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...**Joe Mauer**, who was born on April 19, 1983, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 40 years of age and becomes the first elected Hall of Famer to be born in the 1980s...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 273 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 20 (11) | Third Basemen19 (10) | Center Fielders24 (8) |
| First Basemen 27 (13) | Shortstops26 (12) | Right Fielders27 (15) |
| Designated Hitter 3 (2) | | |

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|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| P: Kaat (2022) | DH: Ortiz (2022) | LF: Miñoso (2022) |
| C: Mauer (2024) | 2B: Biggio (2015) | CF: Griffey Jr. (2016) |
| 1B: Helton (2024) | 3B: Beltré (2024) | RF: Oliva (2022) |
| | SS: Jeter (2020) | |

FIRST THINGS FIRST: Sixty players have been elected in their first year of eligibility (18 pitchers, seven RF, seven 3B, six LF, six SS, five CF, four 1B, three catchers, three 2B and two DHs; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 16 of the last 22 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 60.

| 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 | 2024 | Adrián Beltré |
| 1980 | Al Kaline | 1994 | Steve Carlton | 2014 | Greg Maddux | 2024 | Joe Mauer |

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 77 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 77 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, Helton, 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 58 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2024 electees Todd Helton and Joe Mauer 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, Todd Helton, 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, Joe Mauer, 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: Adrián Beltré became the 36th player to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election... The 36 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 |
| 2024 | Adrián Beltré | 385 | 366 | 95.06% | 19 |
| 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 Billy Wagner 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 |
| 2024 | Billy Wagner | 385 | 284 | 289 | 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-nine 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 |
| 2024 | Joe Mauer | 289 | 293 | 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 player 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 Csstiglione, 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 and four no-hitters as well as 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 died 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, Gerry 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, Gerry 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 Ken Griffey Jr. 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, Russell Martin, David Price, Tony Sipp, B.J. Upton, Justin Upton and Dontrelle Willis.

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 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
- 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

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.

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 or call (607) 547-7200.