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With the election of **Scott Rolen** by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, the Class of 2023 is now set at the Baseball Hall of Fame...Rolen will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 23 on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown along with Contemporary Baseball Era Committee electee **Fred McGriff**, who was elected in December...2023 Ford C. Frick Award winner Pat Hughes, 2023 BBWAA Career Excellence Award winner John Lowe and any honoree selected by the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors as the 2023 Buck O'Neil Award winner will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation* in Cooperstown.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY POSTPONED: The in-person new inductee media conference, which had been scheduled to take place in Cooperstown on Wednesday, will not take place as originally scheduled due to weather. Details on a rescheduled media conference later this week will be available in the coming days.

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 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%
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>	10	46.5%	<i>Bronson Arroyo</i>	1	0.3%	<i>Jered Weaver</i>	1	0.0%
Álex Rodríguez	2	35.7%	<i>R.A. Dickey</i>	1	0.3%	<i>Jayson Werth</i>	1	0.0%
Manny Ramírez	7	33.2%	<i>John Lackey</i>	1	0.3%			
Omar Vizquel	6	19.5%	<i>Mike Napoli</i>	1	0.3%			

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 becomes 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 also 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 5.

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.

ROLE MODEL: Scott Rolen played 17 seasons for the Phillies, Cardinals, Blue Jays and Reds, earning eight Gold Glove Awards at third base...A unanimous choice as the 1997 National League Rookie of the Year, Rolen debuted with the Phillies in 1996 but fell one at-bat short of exhausting his Rookie of the Year eligibility when he was hit by a pitch in September, ending his season...He won his first Gold Glove Award in 1998 and a Silver Slugger Award 2002, a year in which he was traded to the Cardinals...With St. Louis, he was named to the NL All-Star team in each of his first four seasons, finishing fourth in the NL Most Valuable Player Award voting in 2004 while helping the Cardinals win the NL pennant...In 2006, Rolen helped the Cardinals to another NL pennant before hitting .421 with five runs scored in the World Series as St. Louis captured the title...Finishing his career with stints with Toronto and Cincinnati, Rolen compiled an .855 OPS, 316 home runs, 118 stolen bases and 517 doubles over 17 seasons...A seven-time All-Star Game selection, Rolen ranks 12th all-time with 2,023 games played at third base...He is one of only four third basemen in history (players who appeared in at least 50 percent of their games at third base) with at least 300 home runs, 100 stolen bases and 500 doubles, along with Adrián Beltré, George Brett and Chipper Jones.

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2024:** Adrián Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright; **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:** Yadier Molina, Albert Pujols.

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 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, 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, Brooks Robinson, 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 91...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 47 years of age...The youngest elected Hall of Famer was **Sandy Koufax**, who was 36 when he was elected in 1972.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 269 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 ..21 (11)	Left Fielders23 (12)
Catchers 19 (10)	Third Basemen 18 (9)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Basemen 25 (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: Hodges (2022)	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, Gehring, 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

ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION

The Contemporary Baseball Era Committee met for the first time on Dec. 4 in San Diego, Calif. 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: Fred McGriff was the lone candidate who earned election via the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee on Dec. 4 in San Diego, Calif. ... McGriff was the only one of the eight player candidates who reached the 75-percent-of-the-vote threshold necessary for election. ... McGriff will be inducted at the 2023 *Induction Ceremony* on July 23 in Cooperstown. ... **RESULTS OF CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL COMMITTEE ELECTION (12 NEEDED FOR ELECTION):** Fred McGriff (16 votes, 100%), Don Mattingly (8 votes, 50%), Curt Schilling (7 votes, 43.8%); Dale Murphy (6 votes, 37.5%); Albert Belle, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Rafael Palmeiro each received four-or-fewer votes.

RIGHT SAID FRED: Fred McGriff played 19 seasons with the Blue Jays, Padres, Braves, Devil Rays, Cubs and Dodgers, earning five All-Star Game selections. ... McGriff is one of only four players to lead both the American League and National League in home runs, joining Buck Freeman, Sam Crawford and Mark McGwire. ... A key member of the 1995 World Champion Braves, McGriff batted cleanup for Atlanta in every game he played that year while playing in a league-high 144 games. ... The author of 10 30-homer seasons, McGriff was the first player in history to record a 30-homer season for five different franchises (Blue Jays, Padres, Braves, Devil Rays and Cubs). ... Finished in Top 10 of his league's Most Valuable Player Award voting in six straight seasons (1989-94) and garnered MVP votes in eight straight years (1988-95). ... Totaled eight seasons with at least 100 RBI. ... Batted .303 with 10 home runs in 50 career postseason games across 10 seasons. ... Named Most Valuable Player of 1994 All-Star Game after his pinch-hit, two-run, bottom-of-the-ninth home run sent the game to extra innings, where the National League eventually won.

THE CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL ERA ELECTORATE: The 16-member Hall of Fame Board-appointed electorate charged with the review of the Contemporary Baseball Era Players Ballot was comprised of Hall of Fame members **Greg Maddux, Jack Morris, Ryne Sandberg, Lee Smith, Frank Thomas** and **Alan Trammell**; major league executives **Paul Beeston, Theo Epstein, Derek Hall, Arte Moreno, Kim Ng, Dave St. Peter** and **Ken Williams**; and veteran media members/historians **Steve Hirdt, LaVelle Neal** and **Susan Slusser**. Hall of Fame Chairman of the Board Jane Forbes Clark served as the non-voting chairman of the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee. ... The Contemporary Era Committee players ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, which was comprised of 11 veteran members: **Bob Elliott** (*Canadian Baseball Network*); **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*); **Steve Hirdt** (*Stats Perform*); **Rick Hummel** (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*); **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 players ballot covers candidates whose most significant career impact was realized from 1980 through the present. ... Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons who have been retired for at least 15 years and who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list.

FUTURE ELECTIONS: The *Contemporary Baseball Era* will 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. ... Effective beginning in January 2023, 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 2022 (for Class of 2023) – *Contemporary Baseball/Players*; December 2023 (for Class of 2024) – *Contemporary Baseball/Managers-Umpires-Executives*; December 2024 (for Class of 2025) – *Classic Baseball*. ... This cycle will repeat every three years, with Contemporary Baseball/Players eligible for consideration again in December 2025 for the Class of 2026.

2023 AWARD WINNERS

Pat Hughes, the 2023 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and John Lowe, the 2023 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Career Excellence Award, will be honored at the 2023 Hall of Fame Awards *Presentation* during Hall of Fame Weekend.

SHADES OF HUGHES: Pat Hughes, who has called Chicago Cubs games for more than a quarter of a century as the team's radio play-by-play voice, was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born May 27, 1955, in Tucson, Ariz., Hughes attended San Jose State University and began his baseball broadcast career in 1978 with the San Jose Missions...After a season with the Columbus Clippers, Hughes joined the Minnesota Twins broadcast team in 1983 before moving to Milwaukee a year later, calling Brewers games on radio with Bob Uecker, the 2003 Frick Award winner, through 1995...A nine-time winner of the Illinois Sportscaster of the Year Award, Hughes also won three straight Wisconsin Sportscaster of the Year Awards from 1990-92...He has called more than 6,000 MLB games during his 40-year career, including eight no-hitters, the 25-inning White Sox vs. Brewers contest from 1984 that was the longest game in American League history and Kerry Wood's 20-strikeout game in 1998.

LOWDOWN ON LOWE: John Lowe, who roamed press boxes, fields and clubhouses from 1979 through 2014, the last 28 of those years as the Tigers beat writer for the *Detroit Free Press*, was elected the 2023 winner of the BBWAA Career Excellence Award...Lowe covered Angels home games for the *Los Angeles Daily News* before taking over the Dodgers beat at that paper from 1981 to 1984...After two years at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Lowe came to Detroit where during his tenure was credited with creating the Quality Start statistic for pitchers that remains a measuring stick...Lowe covered more than 300 postseason games, including 147 in the World Series...He also chronicled Cal Ripken Jr. breaking Lou Gehrig's consecutive-games record in 1995 and the culmination of the Mark McGwire-Sammy Sosa home run chase in 1998...Lowe, who served as national BBWAA president in 2010, sought insight from trusted sources in both clubhouses, resulting in clearly written stories that explained the sport in rich detail...Lowe wrote with nuanced perspective, the direct result of countless conversations that equipped him with the knowledge to explain late-game drama on tight Eastern time zone deadlines.

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

AUTUMN GLORY: Artifacts from the Houston Astros' world championship are on display in the Museum's *Autumn Glory* exhibit...The artifacts from the 2022 postseason will be on display through the 2023 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum's exhibition celebrating the postseason...Artifacts include:

- Game 2 jersey, wristbands and box of toothpicks from Astros manager **Dusty Baker**
- Glove used by outfielder **Chas McCormick** when he made a game-saving catch in Game 5
- Jersey worn by World Series MVP **Jeremy Peña** during Game 1
- Spikes worn by starting pitcher **Framber Valdez** in Game 2
- Spikes worn by starting pitcher **Justin Verlander** in Game 5 when he won his first career World Series start
- Spikes worn by closer **Ryan Pressly** when he closed out the clinching Game 6
- Elbow guard worn by leadoff hitter **Jose Altuve** in Game 6
- Ball thrown by **Cristian Javier** from Game 4 combined no-hitter and signed by all four Astros pitchers as well as catcher **Christian Vázquez**
- Rosin bag from Game 4 of combined no-hitter
- Scorecard kept by Hall of Famer and FOX broadcaster **John Smoltz** during Game 4 combined no-hitter
- A batting helmet worn by NLCS MVP **Bryce Harper** of the Phillies during various postseason games including the Wild Card, Division, Championship and World Series

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

APPLICATIONS FOR 2023 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 2023 internship program, only a handful of weeks remain before applications are due January 31...The 2023 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 2023 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. ...Twenty-two internships will be awarded...All applications must be completed online at baseballhall.org/intern...Applications must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2023.

HALL OF FAME TO HOST SAVANNAH BANANAS SEPT. 16 AT HISTORIC DOUBLEDAY FIELD: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will host the Savannah Bananas in a Banana Ball Game on Sept. 16 at the Village of Cooperstown's historic Doubleday Field...The game will be the final contest of the Bananas' 2023 World Tour...The Savannah Bananas began play in the Coastal Plain League in 2016 before launching Banana Ball, which is played under modified rules, in 2020...Banana Ball features a two-hour time limit, no stepping out of the batter's box or mound visits and no bunting as well as the recording of an out when a fan catches a batted foul ball...For the game at Doubleday Field, the Bananas will face off against their rival, the Party Animals...The Bananas and Party Animals rosters will be filled by independent professional players who have been scouted, tried out, and signed contracts for the 2023 Banana Ball World Tour...For the complete Savannah Bananas World Tour schedule and opportunity for tickets, visit thesavannahbananas.com/worldtour and join the Ticket Pre-sale List.

EXPLORE THE INCREDIBLE STORIES OF THE NATIONAL PASTIME WITH 'BASEBALL MEMORIES AND DREAMS' BOOK: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum brings the game's greatest stories to life every day in Cooperstown and around the world...Now, some of the game's best baseball writing – first featured in the Museum's Official Magazine, *Memories and Dreams* – is featured in one must-have anthology...Produced by the Hall of Fame and Mango Publishing, "Baseball Memories & Dreams: Reflections of the National Pastime from the Baseball Hall of Fame" is now available...Drawing on more than 20 years of issues of *Memories and Dreams* magazine, "Baseball Memories & Dreams" features more than two dozen award-winning authors and includes stories of Hall of Famers, historic artifacts and memorable moments from more than 150 years of baseball history...Featuring a forward by Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith and contributors such as John Grisham, Tim Kurkjian, Terence Moore, Dan Shaughnessy and George Vecsey, "Baseball Memories & Dreams" is available now from the Hall of Fame's [Online Store](#)... "Baseball Memories & Dreams" can also be ordered through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other book retailers.

MUSEUM EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH MORGAN STANLEY, LINCOLN AVENUE CAPITAL UNDERWAY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, in partnership with Morgan Stanley and Lincoln Avenue Capital, is continuing programming initiatives based on the Hall of Fame's award-winning educational curriculum in low-income communities across the country...In 2021, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum received a grant from Morgan Stanley that is funding a four-year effort to support students across the country, including Morgan Stanley-funded affordable housing developments, through inspiring and educational programming...As part of this initiative, Lincoln Avenue Capital – a mission-driven affordable housing acquirer and developer, investor, and operator serving low-income individuals and families nationwide – will hold afterschool programs at several of its properties... Locations to benefit from Morgan Stanley's grant this spring will be Lincoln Avenue Capital properties Jubilee Courtyards in Florida City, Fla.; Logan Heights in Sanford, Fla.; Orchard Place in Rochester, N.Y.; Troutdale Terrace in Troutdale, Ore; and Zephyr Pointe in Reno, Nev.... Each off-site education program funded by Morgan Stanley will run for eight weeks, with local partner educators delivering the Hall of Fame's curriculum...A weekly live connection to Cooperstown with a Hall of Fame expert educator is integrated into each week's lesson plan, with these virtual field trips reinforcing the lessons being taught on-site using distance-learning technology...Participating community groups will have the opportunity to customize their individual curriculum to their own interests and needs.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Memorial Day Weekend, when summer hours 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.