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FALL'S A BALL AT THE HALL

As the baseball season heads toward the Postseason, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has put together an all-star lineup of programming during the fall months of 2023...The Museum will host the annual fan favorite World Series Gala and also welcome the Savannah Bananas to Cooperstown...The schedule includes:

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 against the Party Animals on Sept. 16 at the Village of Cooperstown's historic Doubleday Field...The game, which is sold out, will be the final contest of the Bananas' 2023 World Tour...On Friday, Sept. 15, the Museum will host *Banana Ball at the Hall*, featuring the debut of a new exhibit display honoring the Savannah Bananas and a chance to meet the Bananas and the Party Animals throughout the Museum...The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the exhibit will begin at 5 p.m....Media wishing to cover the event, which will feature Hall of Fame President Josh Rawitch and representatives of the Hall of Fame, Jesse Cole and representatives of the Savannah Bananas, members of the Bananas and Party Animals and Hall of Famers Ted Simmons and Lee Smith, are asked to RSVP to Hall of Fame director of communications Craig Muder at cmuder@baseballhall.org...A ticket to the Museum, which is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day, admits guests to *Banana Ball at the Hall*...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.

GALA EVENT: Enjoy the excitement of the World Series on the big screen at the Hall of Fame during one of our favorite annual family events, the World Series Gala...The entertaining evening on Oct. 28 will include refreshments, trivia, raffles and prizes during a live broadcast of Game 2 of the World Series...Tickets are now on sale to participants in the Hall of Fame's Membership Program at 607-547-0397, and any remaining tickets will be made available to the general public Oct. 16.

HALLOWEEN AT THE HALL: Children in costume and their parents/guardians can experience a trick-or-treat adventure at the Hall of Fame with candy and trivia from on Tuesday, Oct. 31...Admission for trick or treaters and their guardians is free from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND RECAP

The induction on July 23 of Class of 2023 members **Fred McGriff** and **Scott Rolen** brings the total number of Hall of Famers to 342, including 75 living members...Award winners **Carl Erskine** (Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award), **Pat Hughes** (Ford C. Frick Award for broadcast excellence) and **John Lowe** (BBWAA Career Excellence Award for writing) were honored at the July 22 Awards Presentation.

A STAGE FILLED WITH HEROES: Fifty of the 75 living Hall of Famers were in Cooperstown for Induction Weekend:

Jeff Bagwell	Whitey Herzog	Jack Morris	Ted Simmons
Harold Baines	Trevor Hoffman	Eddie Murray	Lee Smith
Johnny Bench	Fergie Jenkins	Mike Mussina	Ozzie Smith
Craig Biggio	Derek Jeter	Tony Oliva	Frank Thomas
Bert Blyleven	Randy Johnson	David Ortiz	Jim Thome
Wade Boggs	Chipper Jones	Tony Pérez	Joe Torre
George Brett	Jim Kaat	Tim Lincecum	Alan Trammell
Andre Dawson	Tony La Russa	Jim Rice	Larry Walker
Rollie Fingers	Barry Larkin	Cal Ripken	Billy Williams
Pat Gillick	Greg Maddux	Scott Rolen	Dave Winfield
Goose Gossage	Juan Marichal	Ryne Sandberg	Robin Yount
Ken Griffey Jr.	Fred McGriff	John Schuerholz	
Rickey Henderson	Paul Molitor	Bud Selig	

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions...The 2024 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 19-22, with the Induction on July 21...Future Induction Ceremony dates include July 27, 2025; and July 26, 2026...A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **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:** Lorenzo Cain, Yadier Molina, Albert Pujols and Kurt Suzuki.

COME ONE, COME ALL: More than 35,000 fans have attended six of the past nine Induction Ceremonies...In 2007, an estimated 82,000 fans packed Cooperstown, honoring the Hall of Fame induction of Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn and setting a Hall of Fame Weekend attendance record...Following 2007, the top 11 estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies: 55,000 (**2019**); 53,000 (**2018**); 50,000 (**1999** and **2016**); 48,000 (**2014**); 45,000 (**2015**); 40,000 (**1995**); 35,000 (**2022**); 27,500 (**2017**); 27,000 (**2001** and **2005**).

VOTING SEASON NEWS

The Contemporary Baseball Committee for Managers/Executives/Umpires will consider Hall of Fame candidates this fall, with eligible candidates among those managers, umpires and executives whose most indelible contribution to the game came from 1980 to the present day...The Contemporary Baseball Committee for Managers/Executives/Umpires meets for the first time on Dec. 3 at Baseball's Winter Meetings following restructuring of the Era Committee process that took place in April of 2022.

The changes featured a consolidation of eras into two timeframes – the *Contemporary Baseball Era*, consisting of the period from 1980 to present day, and the *Classic Baseball Era*, consisting of the period prior to 1980 and including Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues stars...The *Contemporary Baseball Era* was 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 consisting of eight candidates...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.

The ballots will be constructed by the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Historical Overview Committee, and this year's ballot for the Contemporary Baseball Committee for Managers/Executives/Umpires to consider will be announced in the days following the completion of the 2023 World Series...Each era committee voting body will consist of 16 members, reconstituted for each election...Candidates must receive votes on at least 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election to the Hall of Fame.

VETERANS VOTING HISTORY

The Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has been a part of the Hall of Fame voting process since the first class of electees in 1936, with the first Veterans Committee electees coming in 1937...In all its forms, the Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has elected 179 individuals (105 major leaguers, 33 executives, 22 managers, nine Negro Leaguers and 10 umpires) to the Hall of Fame.

THE COMMITTEE ON BASEBALL VETERANS: In 1953, the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee on Baseball Veterans was formed, outlining parameters that were similar through 2001, though with some variance throughout its time...Voting was conducted every other year from 1953-1959, with annual votes from 1961 until 2001...From 1961 through 2001, the Committee elected 101 members in 41 meetings, electing a candidate on all but three occasions: 1988, 1990 and 1993.

TURN OF THE CENTURY CHANGES: From 2001 through 2007, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans considered long-retired players, managers, umpires and executives on a bi-annual cycle featuring one ballot for players and another for managers, umpires and executives...The electorate was comprised of the living members of the Hall of Fame, the living recipients of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, the living recipients of the Ford C. Frick Award and Veterans Committee members whose terms had not yet expired...Beginning in 2003, the Committee held its election of players every other year...Also beginning in 2003, the election of managers, umpires and executives was held every four years...The three players elections (2003, 2005 and 2007) and the two composite-ballot elections (2003 and 2007) produced no candidates who received the 75 percent of the vote necessary for election.

REVAMPING THE PROCESS: From 2007 to 2010, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans was revamped to consider managers and umpires on one ballot, executives and pioneers on one ballot, players who began their big league careers prior to 1943 on one ballot and players who were retired for at least 21 seasons and whose careers began after 1942 on a fourth ballot...The electorates consisted of panels of Hall of Famers, executives and media members...Players whose big league careers began after 1942 were considered every other year, with the managers/umpires and executive pioneers ballots considered in the opposite years from the players...Players whose big league careers began prior to 1943 were considered every five years starting in the fall of 2008...In the fall of 2007, the Committee considered the managers/umpires ballot and the executives/pioneers ballot...Managers **Billy Southworth** and **Dick Williams** each received 13 of a possible 16 votes (81.3%) to earn election from the managers/umpires ballot, while **Barney Dreyfuss** (10 of 12 votes, 83%), **Bowie Kuhn** (10 of 12 votes, 83%) and **Walter O'Malley** (9 of 12 votes, 75%) were elected from the executives/pioneers ballot...In the fall of 2008, **Joe Gordon** received 10 of 12 votes (83%) to earn election from the pre-1943 players ballot...No player reached the 75 percent threshold needed for election on the post-1942 players ballot...In the fall of 2009, the managers/umpires and the executives/pioneers ballots were again considered...Umpire **Doug Harvey** (15 of 16 votes, 93.8%) and manager **Whitey Herzog** (14 of 16 votes, 87.5%) were elected from the managers/umpires ballot...No candidate received the necessary 75 percent of the vote to earn election from the executives/pioneers ballot.

A NEW ERA: From 2011-15, the Veterans Committee transitioned to the Eras Committee, which featured three candidate categories based on the era in which the candidate left his or her most indelible mark...The Expansion Era Committee, the Golden Era Committee and the Pre-Integration Era Committee met on a three-year rotating basis, with two complete cycles of the committee votes held from 2011-15...The Expansion Era Committee elected executive **Pat Gillick** to the Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2011 in its first session, then elected managers **Bobby Cox**, **Tony La Russa** and **Joe Torre** to the Class of 2014...The Golden Era Committee elected **Ron Santo** as part of the Class of 2012, with no Golden Era candidates receiving the necessary 75 percent of the vote to be elected with the Class of 2015...The Pre-Integration Era Committee elected umpire **Hank O'Day**, executive **Jacob Ruppert** and third baseman **Deacon White** to the Class of 2013, with no Pre-Integration Era candidates reaching the 75-percent mark needed to be included with the Class of 2016.

FOUR FOR ALL: In 2016, the Hall of Fame Board of Directors revamped the eras committees, placing a much greater emphasis on modern eras...Additionally, those major league players, managers, umpires and executives who excelled before 1950, as well as Negro Leagues stars, will still have an opportunity to have their careers reviewed, but with less frequency...Four eras for committee consideration were identified: Today's Game (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); Modern Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); Golden Days (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and Early Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950).

VETERAN INFLUENCE: The Veterans Committee, in all its forms, has been electing players to the Hall of Fame since 1937, when **Morgan Bulkeley**, **Ban Johnson**, **Connie Mack**, **John McGraw** and **George Wright** comprised the first Veterans Committee class...The largest class came in 1946 when 11 men were elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee...The 11 electees in 1946 were: **Jesse Burkett**, **Frank Chance**, **Jack Chesbro**, **Johnny Evers**, **Clark Griffith**, **Tommy McCarthy**, **Joe McGinnity**, **Eddie Plank**, **Joe Tinker**, **Rube Waddell** and **Ed Walsh**...The 17 former Negro league players and executives chosen for enshrinement in 2006 were elected through a special committee on Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues candidates.

THE CLASS OF 2023

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 appearing 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.

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.

2023 AWARD WINNERS

Carl Erskine, winner of the 2023 Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award; Pat Hughes, winner of the 2023 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 on Saturday, July 22.

DODGER CARL: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Board of Directors has selected Carl Erskine as the 2023 recipient of the John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to an individual for extraordinary efforts to enhance baseball's positive impact on society...Erskine, 96, becomes the sixth winner of the Buck O'Neil Award, which was established in 2007 to honor an individual whose efforts broadened the game's appeal and whose character, integrity and dignity is comparable to the late O'Neil, who passed away in 2006 after eight decades of contributions to the game and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2022...As a standout pitcher for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers from 1948 to 1959, Erskine, an Indiana native, racked up 122 wins, two World Series championships and two no-hitters...Erskine posted a career record of 122-78 over 12 seasons with the Dodgers, throwing 14 career shutouts and appearing in 11 games during five World Series...He also pitched two no-hitters, one on June 19, 1952, against the Chicago Cubs and the other versus the New York Giants on May 12, 1956...In Game 3 of the 1953 World Series against the Yankees, he set a single-game record (since broken) with 14 strikeouts...After his playing career ended, he returned to his hometown of Anderson, Ind., and was the baseball coach at Anderson College for 12 years (1961-1971 and 1973), winning four conference championships...With more than four decades as a volunteer, he was awarded Special Olympics' highest honor, the Spirit of the Special Olympics. Erskine was also a charter member of both the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Baseball Assistance Team.

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.

BBWAA VOTING RECAP

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

NAME	YR	2023	NAME	YR	2023	NAME	YR	2023
Scott Rolen	6	76.3%	Andy Pettitte	5	17.0%	<i>Huston Street</i>	1	0.3%
Todd Helton	5	72.2%	Bobby Abreu	4	15.4%	<i>Mat Cain</i>	1	0.0%
Billy Wagner	8	68.1%	Jimmy Rollins	2	12.9%	<i>Jacoby Ellsbury</i>	1	0.0%
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 became just the ninth third basemen elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA, joining Wade Boggs, George Brett, Chipper Jones, Eddie Mathews, Paul Molitor, Brooks Robinson, Mike Schmidt and Pie Traynor...Rolen is just the 18th third baseman elected to the Hall of Fame via any method.

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

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

RULES FOR ELECTION: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa>...Voting rules state that: “Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played.”

THE GAME’S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 342 elected members...Included are 270 former major league players, as well as 40 executives/pioneers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 136 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 180 deserving candidates ...The defunct “Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues” selected nine men between 1971-77 and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues in 2006 elected 17 Negro Leaguers...There are currently 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 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, 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 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 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: The following is a breakdown by position of the 270 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field...Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position...Numbers in parentheses indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

Pitchers 84 (45)	Second Basemen ..20 (11)	Left Fielders23 (12)
Catchers 19 (10)	Third Basemen 18 (9)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Basemen 26 (12)	Shortstops26 (12)	Right Fielders27 (15)
Designated Hitter 3 (2)		

P: Kaat (2022)

C: Simmons (2020)

1B: McGriff (2023)

DH: Ortiz (2022)

2B: Biggio (2015)

3B: Rolen (2023)

SS: Jeter (2020)

LF: Miñoso (2022)

CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)

RF: Oliva (2022)

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 35th player to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election...The 35 players with at least 90 percent of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
2019	Mariano Rivera	425	425	100%	0
2020	Derek Jeter	397	396	99.75%	1
2016	Ken Griffey Jr.	440	437	99.32%	3
1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	98.84%	5
1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	98.79%	6
2007	Cal Ripken	545	537	98.53%	8
1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	98.23%	4
1999	George Brett	497	488	98.19%	9
1982	Hank Aaron	415	406	97.83%	9
2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	97.60%	13
2015	Randy Johnson	549	534	97.27%	15
2014	Greg Maddux	571	555	97.20%	16
2018	Chipper Jones	422	410	97.16%	12
1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	96.52%	16
1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	96.42%	16
1994	Steve Carlton	456	436	95.61%	20
1936	Honus Wagner	226	215	95.13%	11
1936	Babe Ruth	226	215	95.13%	11
2009	Rickey Henderson	539	511	94.81%	28
1979	Willie Mays	432	409	94.67%	23
1989	Carl Yastrzemski	447	423	94.63%	24
1962	Bob Feller	160	150	93.75%	10
1993	Reggie Jackson	423	396	93.62%	27
1966	Ted Williams	302	282	93.37%	20
1969	Stan Musial	340	317	93.23%	23
2018	Vladimir Guerrero	392	422	92.89%	30
1990	Jim Palmer	444	411	92.57%	33
1983	Brooks Robinson	374	344	91.97%	30
2014	Tom Glavine	571	525	91.94%	46
2005	Wade Boggs	516	474	91.86%	42
2002	Ozzie Smith	472	433	91.74%	39
2015	Pedro Martínez	549	500	91.07%	49
1936	Christy Mathewson	226	205	90.70%	21
1991	Rod Carew	443	401	90.50%	42
2011	Roberto Alomar	581	523	90.02%	58

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR: Several individuals have come close to being elected to the Hall of Fame but have missed by the slimmest of margins in a given year. All but Todd Helton on the list below have been subsequently elected to the Hall of Fame:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	NEEDED/ELECTION	SHORT BY
2014	Craig Biggio	571	427	429	2
1985	Nellie Fox	395	295	297	2
1947	Pie Traynor	161	119	121	2
1986	Billy Williams	425	315	319	4
1988	Jim Bunning	427	317	321	4
2010	Bert Blyleven	539	400	405	5
2017	Trevor Hoffman	442	327	332	5
1994	Orlando Cepeda	455	335	342	7
1967	Joe Medwick	292	212	219	7
1945	Frank Chance	247	179	186	7
1953	Bill Terry	264	191	198	7
1982	Juan Marichal	415	305	312	7
1951	Paul Waner	226	162	170	8
1968	Roy Campanella	283	205	213	8
2010	Roberto Alomar	539	397	405	8
1975	Robin Roberts	362	263	272	9
1997	Don Sutton	473	346	355	9
2002	Gary Carter	472	343	354	11
2023	Todd Helton	389	281	292	11

CLOSE AND CIGAR: Twenty-eight Hall of Famers have earned election by 10 votes or less:

YEAR	PLAYER	VOTES NEEDED	RECEIVED	MARGIN
1939	Willie Keeler	206	207	1
1953	Al Simmons	198	199	1
1975	Ralph Kiner	272	273	1
1991	Ferguson Jenkins	333	334	1
1937	Cy Young	151	153	2
1947	Lefty Grove	121	123	2
1948	Pie Traynor	91	93	2
1948	Herb Pennock	91	94	3
1962	Jackie Robinson	120	124	4
2017	Iván Rodríguez	332	336	4
1972	Early Wynn	297	301	4
1987	Jim “Catfish” Hunter	310	315	5
2023	Scott Rolen	292	297	5
1954	Bill Terry	189	195	6
1955	Gabby Hartnett	189	195	6
2005	Ryne Sandberg	387	393	6
2020	Larry Walker	298	304	6
1939	Eddie Collins	206	213	7
1942	Rogers Hornsby	175	182	7
1947	Mickey Cochrane	121	128	7
1956	Joe Cronin	145	152	7
1970	Lou Boudreau	225	232	7
2009	Jim Rice	405	412	7
2019	Mike Mussina	319	326	7
1951	Jimmie Foxx	170	179	9
1991	Gaylord Perry	333	342	9
1974	Whitey Ford	274	284	10
2000	Tony Pérez	375	385	10

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

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

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received treasures from the 2023 season, including: The cap worn by World Baseball Classic Most Valuable Player Shohei Ohtani in Japan's championship game victory on March 21...A new larger base from the Braves vs. Nationals game on March 30 at Nationals Park...A ClockCom buzzer that alerted umpire Ron Kulpa to the first pitch clock violation in an MLB game on March 30 at Wrigley Field...A ball thrown by Giants pitcher Sean Manaea on April 8 when he and catcher Blake Sabol became the first Samoan born battery to appear in an MLB game...The cap worn by the Rangers' Andrew Heaney when he tied an AL record by striking out nine straight batters...The batting gloves worn by the Marlins' Luis Arraez on April 11 when he became the first player in franchise history to hit for the cycle...The City Connect jersey worn by the Rangers' Adolis García when he hit three home runs and totaled five extra base hits on April 22...Manny Machado's Padres City Connect jersey from the Padres vs. Giants game in Mexico City on April 29, and the first pitched ball thrown by San Diego's Joe Musgrove from that game...The cap worn by the Red Sox' Kenley Jansen on May 10 when he recorded his 400th career save...The first pitched ball thrown by the Cardinals' Adam Wainwright from the June 24 London Series game between St. Louis and Chicago...Batting helmet worn by the Reds' Elly De La Cruz when he hit for the cycle in just his 15th big league game on June 23...Batting gloves worn by the Cubs' Ian Happ when he hit two home runs in Game 1 of the London Series on June 24...Cap worn by the Cardinals' Paul Goldschmidt in Game 1 of the London Series when he became the first big leaguer to play a game in five different countries...Jersey worn by the Cardinals' Nolan Arenado in Game 2 of the London Series...Cap worn and ball thrown by Domingo Germán of the Yankees when he pitched a perfect game on June 28...Ball thrown by Tigers starter Max Manning and signed by pitchers Manning, Jason Foley, Alex Lange as well as catcher Eric Haase following their combined no-hitter against the Blue Jays... Jersey worn by Rockies catcher Elias Díaz when he won the All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Award on July 11...A ball thrown by the Rangers' Nathan Eovaldi and signed by all six Rangers who participated in the All-Star Game...A cap worn by the Astros' Framber Valdez during his Aug. 1 no-hitter and a ball he threw in that game...A jersey worn by the Royals' Bobby Witt Jr. on Aug. 4 when he became the first player in history with 20 homers and 30 steals in each of his first two seasons...The shoes worn by Phillies' pitcher Michael Lorenzen when he pitched a no-hitter on Aug. 9.

PICTURING AMERICA'S PASTIME EXHIBIT ON EXHIBIT ON LONG ISLAND: The National Pastime and the art of photography came of age almost simultaneously, and baseball has long been a favorite subject of professional and amateur shooters alike...This year at The Long Island Museum in Stony Brook, N.Y., fans can view some of the game's most telling images from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's world-renown archive in the traveling exhibition *Picturing America's Pastime: A Snapshot of the Photograph Collection at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum*...Running through Oct. 15, *Picturing America's Pastime* features 51 framed photographs representing the Hall of Fame's collection of approximately a quarter million images...Just like the Museum's exhibit in Cooperstown, the touring version of *Picturing America's Pastime* shows the historic link between the two American passions...Featuring work from photographers spanning generations, like Charles M. Conlon, Carl J. Horner, Arthur Rothstein, William C. Greene and Brad Mangin – along with many unidentified photographers whose images have been donated to the Museum – *Picturing America's Pastime* captures the grandeur of the early game to the vibrancy of today's sport through images in sepia, color and black-and-white...*Picturing America's Pastime* will also be traveling to the Dubuque Museum of Art in Dubuque, Iowa (2024); the Upcountry History Museum-Furman University in Greenville, S.C. (2025); and the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, Miss. (2025).

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.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the day before Memorial Day, when summer hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. resume...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$28 for adults (13 and over), \$22 for seniors (65 and over), \$19 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$17 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members and active or career retired military personnel are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at www.baseballhall.org or call (607) 547-7200.