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## AROUND THE HORN

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### ELECTION HEADQUARTERS

Induction Weekend 2016 at the Baseball Hall of Fame will be held July 22-25 in Cooperstown, with the Induction Ceremony scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 24 at the Clark Sports Center...The Class of 2016 will feature any candidates who are elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...2016 Ford C. Frick Award winner **Graham McNamee** and 2016 J.G. Taylor Spink Award winner **Dan Shaughnessy** will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 23 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

**CRUNCH TIME:** 2016 Hall of Fame ballots have been returned to the BBWAA from eligible 10-year Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA) members...Results will be announced **Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. ET** at [www.baseballhall.org](http://www.baseballhall.org) and the announcement will be televised live on MLB Network with Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson delivering the results...This marks the first time ever that the Hall of Fame election announcement will be made in primetime... A live video stream of the announcement will be carried at [baseballhall.org](http://baseballhall.org) and [MLB.com](http://MLB.com).

**THE 2016 BALLOT:** The BBWAA ballot features 32 players, including 15 new candidates (in bold face in chart below) and 17 returnees... First-year candidates appearing on the 2016 ballot: Garret Anderson, Brad Ausmus, Luis Castillo, David Eckstein, Jim Edmonds, Troy Glaus, Ken Griffey Jr., Mark Grudzielanek, Mike Hampton, Trevor Hoffman, Jason Kendall, Mike Lowell, Mike Sweeney, Billy Wagner and Randy Winn ...In 2015, Randy Johnson (97.3 percent of the vote), Pedro Martínez (91.1%), John Smoltz (82.9%) and Craig Biggio (82.7%) earned election to the Hall of Fame... Don Mattingly received 9.1% of the vote in his final year of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot...Mattingly will be eligible for consideration by the Expansion Era Committee beginning in the fall of 2016...Rich Aurilia, Aaron Boone, Tony Clark, Carlos Delgado, Jermaine Dye, Darin Erstad, Cliff Floyd, Brian Giles, Tom Gordon, Eddie Guardado, Troy Percival and Jason Schmidt each received less than 5% of the vote in 2015 and are no longer eligible for consideration by the BBWAA...The 2016 candidates, the number of years on the ballot, and 2015 vote percentage:

NAME	YR	2015	NAME	YR	2015	NAME	YR	2015
<b>Garret Anderson</b>	1	-	<b>Mike Hampton</b>	1	-	Gary Sheffield	2	11.7
<b>Brad Ausmus</b>	1	-	<b>Trevor Hoffman</b>	1	-	Lee Smith	14	30.2
Jeff Bagwell	6	55.7	<b>Jason Kendall</b>	1	-	Sammy Sosa	4	6.6
Barry Bonds	4	36.8	Jeff Kent	3	14.0	<b>Mike Sweeney</b>	1	-
<b>Luis Castillo</b>	1	-	<b>Mike Lowell</b>	1	-	Alan Trammell	15	25.1
Roger Clemens	4	37.5	Edgar Martinez	7	27.0	<b>Billy Wagner</b>	1	-
<b>David Eckstein</b>	1	-	Fred McGriff	7	12.9	Larry Walker	6	11.8
<b>Jim Edmonds</b>	1	-	Mark McGwire	10	10.0	<b>Randy Winn</b>	1	-
Nomar Garciaparra	2	5.5	Mike Mussina	3	24.6			
<b>Troy Glaus</b>	1	-	Mike Piazza	4	69.9			
<b>Ken Griffey Jr.</b>	1	-	Tim Lincecum	9	55.0			
<b>Mark Grudzielanek</b>	1	-	Curt Schilling	4	39.2			

**THE VOTING ELECTORATE:** A total of 549 ballots were cast by BBWAA voters in 2015, marking the 13<sup>th</sup> time that more than 500 ballots have been cast: (also: 515-2001; 506-2004; 516-2005; 520-2006; 545-2007; 543-2008; 539-2009; 539-2010; 581-2011; 573-2012; 569-2013; 571-2014)...A record 581 ballots were cast in the 2011 election...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.

**CHANGE TO ELECTORATE:** On July 28, 2015, the Hall of Fame’s Board of Directors announced changes to the Baseball Writers’ Association of America electorate for Hall of Fame voting...Hall of Fame voters must now meet requirements as active members who are still covering the game...A 10-year grace period will be provided for BBWAA members who are no longer active in baseball...BBWAA members previously holding Hall of Fame voting privileges who are no longer active in the game and are more than 10 years removed from active status will have the opportunity for annual reinstatement, based on their coverage of the game in the preceding year....This fall, approximately 475 ballots were mailed out to Hall of Fame voters...The estimated 450-475 ballots that the Hall will receive this year will mark the first time an election has featured less than 500 votes since 2003, which featured 496 total ballots...This size electorate is representative of elections in the 1990s, when the ten elections in the decade featured an average of 457 ballots cast.

**CREDIT AN ASSIST:** Thanks to the firm of Ernst and Young for its assistance in verifying the vote and the voting proces, year-in and year-out.

**CAREFUL SELECTION:** 2016 marks the 72<sup>nd</sup> Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 63 times and on eight occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013)...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 71 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in one player more than any other quantity (26 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	3	2015	Biggio, Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz
3	8	2014	Glavine, Maddux, Thomas
2	25	2011	Alomar, Blyleven
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	----

**PACKED PODIUM:** The BBWAA has elected seven players to the Hall of Fame over the past two years, representing the most electees in a two-year span since 1954-55...With four players enshrined by the BBWAA last year (Craig Biggio, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martínez and John Smoltz), the 2016 election has a chance to tie the inaugural elections of 1936-37 for the record of eight (8) electees in a two-year span...The 1936-37 elections included Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner in 1936 and Nap Lajoie, Tris Speaker and Cy Young in 1937...If the BBWAA elects at least three candidates in 2016, the 10 total players voted in from 2014-16 would set a new record for most electees in a three-year span...The elections of 1936-38 and 1954-56 currently hold the three-year record of nine BBWAA electees.

**NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE:** A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2017:** Vladimir Guerrero, Jorge Posada, Manny Ramirez, Ivan Rodriguez; **2018:** Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel; **2019:** Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera; **2020:** Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Alfonso Soriano; **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramirez and Barry Zito.

**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 310 elected members...Included are 215 former major league players, 28 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 119 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 165 deserving candidates (96 major leaguers, 28 executives, 22 managers, 10 umpires and nine Negro Leaguers)...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 68 living members.

**68 AMBASSADORS:** The 68 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Hank Aaron, Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Lou Brock, Jim Bunning, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Bobby Doerr, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Doug Harvey, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Monte Irvin, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tom Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Willie McCovey, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Eddie Murray, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, Red Schoendienst, Tom Seaver, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Joe Torre, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

**CONNECTING GENERATIONS:** Bobby Doerr is the oldest living Hall of Famer in history, having surpassed Al Lopez (97 years, 71 days) on June 18, 2015...Doerr was born on April 7, 1918, while World War I was still raging around the globe... Pedro Martínez, who was born on Oct. 25, 1971, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 44 years of age.

**BETWEEN THE LINES:** Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 244 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 parenthesis indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

<b>Pitchers</b> ..... 77 (41)	<b>Second Baseman</b> ...21 (11)	<b>Left Fielders</b> .....21 (11)
<b>Catchers</b> ..... 16 (8)	<b>Third Baseman</b> ..... 16 (6)	<b>Center Fielders</b> .....23 (7)
<b>First Baseman</b> ..... 21 (9)	<b>Shortstops</b> .....24 (11)	<b>Right Fielders</b> .....24 (13)
<b>Designated Hitter</b> .... 1 (1)		

DH: Thomas (2014)

PITCHER: Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz (2015)  
 CATCHER: Carter (2003)  
 FIRST BASE: Murray (2003)

SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015)  
 THIRD BASE: White (2013)  
 SHORTSTOP: Larkin (2012)

LEFT FIELD: Henderson, Rice (2009)  
 CENTER FIELD: Puckett (2001)  
 RIGHT FIELD: Dawson (2010)

**FIRST THINGS FIRST:** Fifty players have been elected in their first year of eligibility (16 pitchers, seven RF, six LF, four CF, five SS, five 3B, three 2B, two 1B, one DH and one catcher; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In nine of the last 14 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 now 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 50.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1979	Willie Mays	1991	Rod Carew	2004	Paul Molitor
1936	Honus Wagner	1980	Al Kaline	1992	Tom Seaver	2005	Wade Boggs
1936	Babe Ruth	1981	Bob Gibson	1993	Reggie Jackson	2007	Cal Ripken
1936	Christy Mathewson	1982	Hank Aaron	1994	Steve Carlton	2007	Tony Gwynn
1936	Walter Johnson	1982	Frank Robinson	1995	Mike Schmidt	2009	Rickey Henderson
1962	Jackie Robinson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Greg Maddux
1962	Bob Feller	1985	Lou Brock	1999	George Brett	2014	Tom Glavine
1966	Ted Williams	1986	Willie McCovey	1999	Robin Yount	2014	Frank Thomas
1969	Stan Musial	1988	Willie Stargell	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	Randy Johnson
1972	Sandy Koufax	1989	Johnny Bench	2001	Dave Winfield	2015	Pedro Martínez
1973	Warren Spahn	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2002	Ozzie Smith	2015	John Smoltz
1974	Mickey Mantle	1990	Jim Palmer	2003	Eddie Murray		
1977	Ernie Banks	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Dennis Eckersley		

**TRY AND TRY AGAIN:** The 67 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 67 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); **4th election** (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); **5th election** (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); **6th election** (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehringer, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Perez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, Simmons); **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 49 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team...2015 inductee Craig Biggio is the most recent addition to that list...The others: Luke Appling, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, 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, Walter Johnson, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

**NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW:** No individual has been elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA as a unanimous choice, though there have been many close calls...In 2015, Randy Johnson and Pedro Martínez became the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> players to earn at least 90 percent of the BBWAA vote in any one election...The 30 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
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
1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	96.52%	16
1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	96.42%	16
1994	Steve Carlton	455	436	95.82%	19
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
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...2015 electee Craig Biggio, who missed by two votes in 2014, is the most recent example.

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
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

**CLOSE, AND CIGAR:** Meanwhile, 24 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	90	93	3
1948	Herb Pennock	90	94	4
1962	Jackie Robinson	120	124	4
1972	Early Wynn	297	301	4
1987	Jim "Catfish" Hunter	310	315	5
1954	Bill Terry	189	195	6
1955	Gabby Hartnett	189	195	6
2005	Ryne Sandberg	387	393	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
1951	Jimmie Foxx	170	179	9
1991	Gaylord Perry	333	342	9
1974	Whitey Ford	274	284	10
2000	Tony Perez	375	385	10

**TRYING FOR TWENTY:** Jeff Bagwell (55.7 percent in 2015) and Tim Lincecum (55 percent) are looking for a 20-percent jump in their vote totals to earn the game's greatest honor...In the history of Hall of Fame voting, 10 men have made a jump of at least 20 percent to earn election – needing at least a 20 percent increase in the vote to earn election – from one year to the next...The 10 players that received the necessary support to earn 75% or more, in order of their jump percentage year to year, are (Luke Appling and Charlie Gehringer achieved election after a runoff election):

PLAYER	YEAR	%RECEIVED	NEXT YEAR	% RECEIVED	%JUMP
Frankie Frisch	1946	25.2%	1947	84.5%	59%
Carl Hubbell	1946	28.5%	1947	87%	58.5%
Mickey Cochrane	1946	24.7%	1947	79.5%	54.8%
Lefty Grove	1946	23.2%	1947	76.4%	53.2%
Luke Appling	1962	30%	1964	70.6%	40.6% (Won runoff)
Cy Young	1936	49.1%	1937	76.1%	27%
Joe Cronin	1955	53.8%	1956	78.8%	25%
Herb Pennock	1947	53.4%	1948	77.7%	24.3%
Charlie Gehringer	1948	43%	1949	66.7%	23.7% (Won runoff)
Tris Speaker	1936	58.8%	1937	82.1%	23.3%

## BY THE NUMBERS: 2016 CANDIDATES

**THIRD FOR BASES:** Ken Griffey Jr. led the American League in total bases in 1997 with 393, becoming just the third center fielder in history to reach that number in one season, trailing only two other Hall of Famers on the all-time list...Hack Wilson holds the record for center fielders with 423 total bases in 1930, while Joe DiMaggio tallied 418 total bases in 1937.

**CENTER STAGE:** Griffey also stands near the top defensively at his position, as his 10 Gold Glove Awards are tied with Andruw Jones for second behind Willie Mays (12) for most Gold Glove Awards won by players who played the majority of their games in center field...The Gold Glove Award was given to specific positions (right field, center field, left field) in the outfield from 1957 to 1961 before switching to just outfielders from 1961 to 2010...It has been awarded once again to specific outfield positions each year since 2011.

**BACKSTOP BRAUN:** Mike Piazza holds the career record for most home runs by a catcher with 396...He also had nine seasons of 30 or more home runs, more than double the total of any other backstop in history...In 2000, Piazza tied an MLB record by hitting a homer in 18 different ballparks...Piazza hit home runs when his team needed them most: 157 of his 427 career homers (37 percent) came when his team was behind...Piazza was also able to combine his power with an elite ability to get on base, as he is the only catcher in history to record three different seasons with an OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage) of 1.000 or higher.

**SIX PACKED:** Jeff Bagwell posted eight seasons with at least 30 home runs, 100 runs scored and 100 RBI, tying him for eighth on that list all-time with Willie Mays and Jim Thome...Six of those seasons came in a row for Bagwell (1996-2001), making him one of just six players to reach that mark: Alex Rodriguez (11 straight seasons, 1998-2008), Lou Gehrig (9 straight seasons, 1929-37), Jimmie Foxx (9 straight seasons, 1932-40), Babe Ruth (7 straight seasons, 1926-32) and Albert Pujols (6 straight seasons, 2001-06).

**HIT AND RUN:** Tim Lincecum is the only player in big league history with at least 100 triples, 150 home runs and 600 stolen bases...He is also the only player to record four different seasons with at least 50 extra-base hits and 70 steals...Only Lincecum has stolen 70 or more steals in six straight seasons, and among players with at least 400 stolen base attempts, Lincecum ranks first with an 84.7 percent success rate...Lincecum's 1983 campaign (183 hits, 97 walks, 90 stolen bases) ranks among his finest, as it is the only season in baseball's Live Ball Era (1920-present) in which a player tallied 180 hits, 90 walks and 90 steals...Hall of Famers Ty Cobb (1915) and Billy Hamilton (1894-95) are the only two players besides Lincecum to reach those marks in a season...Lincecum's 1983 season is also the only time in modern baseball history in which a player combined at least 50 extra-base hits and 90 stolen bases.

**THREE AND OUT:** Trevor Hoffman's 601 career saves rank second on the all-time list...He was most effective when coming in to close out the ninth inning, as his 498 saves of exactly three outs ranks first among all pitchers...Hoffman also ranks third in overall save percentage (88.8%) among pitchers with at least 300 saves...Beginning in September 1997 to the end of the 2006 campaign, the Padres went 364-20 (94.8 win percentage) when they handed the ball to Hoffman to get a save.

**HIGH AND LOW:** If elected, Ken Griffey Jr. would become the first electee who was chosen with the No. 1 overall selection in the MLB Amateur Draft (1987 – Mariners), while Mike Piazza would become the lowest draft choice (1988 – 62<sup>nd</sup> round; pick No. 1,390 by the Dodgers) to eventually earn enshrinement in Cooperstown...Reggie Jackson, the 2<sup>nd</sup> overall choice by the Kansas City Athletics in 1966, is the highest-drafted player currently in the Hall of Fame...John Smoltz, selected in the 22<sup>nd</sup> round with the 574<sup>th</sup> overall pick by the Tigers in 1985, is currently the lowest-drafted Hall of Famer.

**12 STARS:** Since the Mid-Summer Classic debuted in 1933, 35 position players have been named to All-Star Games in at least 12 big league seasons...Twenty-six (26) of those players are already enshrined in the Hall of Fame, and another four (Alex Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez, Manny Ramirez, Derek Jeter) are not yet eligible because they have not been retired for at least five seasons...Two (Barry Bonds, Mike Piazza) are making their fourth appearance on the BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot this year, while Ken Griffey Jr. is making his debut after retiring in 2010...The final two are Pete Rose, who is not eligible for the Hall of Fame, and Mark McGwire, who is making his 10th and final appearance on the BBWAA ballot this year:

PLAYER	ALL-STAR SEASONS	ELECTED TO HOF
Hank Aaron.....	21.....	1982
Willie Mays.....	20.....	1979
Stan Musial .....	20.....	1969
Cal Ripken .....	19.....	2007
Rod Carew .....	18.....	1991
Carl Yastrzemski	18.....	1989
Pete Rose .....	17.....	-
Ted Williams.....	17.....	1966
Mickey Mantle...	16.....	1974
Yogi Berra .....	15.....	1972
Tony Gwynn .....	15.....	2007
Al Kaline.....	15.....	1980
Brooks Robinson	15.....	1983
Ozzie Smith.....	15.....	2002
Johnny Bench....	14.....	1989
Barry Bonds .....	14.....	-
Reggie Jackson ..	14.....	1993
Alex Rodriguez ..	14.....	-
Ivan Rodriguez...	14.....	-
George Brett.....	13.....	1999
Joe DiMaggio.....	13.....	1955
Ken Griffey Jr. ...	13.....	-
Derek Jeter .....	13.....	-
Roberto Alomar .	12.....	2011
Wade Boggs.....	12.....	2005
Roberto Clemente	12.....	1973
Nellie Fox .....	12.....	1997
Barry Larkin.....	12.....	2012
Mark McGwire ..	12.....	-
Mel Ott.....	12.....	1951
Mike Piazza.....	12.....	-
Manny Ramirez..	12.....	-
Frank Robinson..	12.....	1982
Mike Schmidt.....	12.....	1995
Dave Winfield....	12.....	2001

## PRE-INTEGRATION ERA COMMITTEE ELECTION

**PRE-INTEGRATION ERA COMMITTEE RESULTS:** In December, the Pre-Integration Era Committee considered candidates whose biggest contributions to the game came from baseball's origins through 1946, the year before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the major leagues, during Baseball's Winter Meetings Dec. 6-7 in Nashville, Tenn....No candidate emerged from the election with the necessary 75 percent of the vote needed to earn election to the Hall of Fame...**RESULTS OF PRE-INTEGRATION ERA BALLOT ELECTION (12 NEEDED FOR ELECTION):** Doc Adams (10 votes, 62.5%); Bill Dahlen (8 votes, 50.0%); Harry Stovey (8 votes, 50.0%); Sam Breadon, Wes Ferrell, August "Garry" Herrmann, Marty Marion, Frank McCormick, Chris von der Ahe and Bucky Walters received three or fewer votes each.

**THE PRE-INTEGRATION ERA ELECTORATE:** The 16-member Pre-Integration Era electorate featured Hall of Fame members **Bert Blyleven, Bobby Cox, Pat Gillick and Phil Niekro**; major league executives **Chuck Armstrong, Bill DeWitt, Gary Hughes and Tal Smith**; and veteran media members **Steve Hirdt, Peter Morris, Jack O'Connell, Claire Smith, Tim Sullivan, T.R. Sullivan, Gary Thorne and Tim Wendel**....The Pre-Integration Era Committee is reconstituted each time it meets, with the next meeting scheduled for the fall of 2018 for consideration of candidates for the Class of 2019...The Pre-Integration Era ballot was devised by the Baseball Writers' Association of America-appointed Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran members: **Dave Van Dyck** (*Chicago Tribune*), **Bob Elliott** (*Toronto Sun*), **Jim Henneman** (formerly *Baltimore Sun*), **Rick Hummel** (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*), **Steve Hirdt** (*Elias Sports Bureau*), **Bill Madden** (formerly *New York Daily News*), **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA secretary/treasurer), **Jim Reeves** (formerly *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*), **Tracy Ringolsby** (MLB.com), **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly *San Francisco Chronicle*) and **Mark Whicker** (*Los Angeles News Group*).

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE:** The Pre-Integration Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact came from baseball's origins through 1946, the year before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the major leagues ...Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more years in baseball; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years.

**ON DECK FOR 2016:** At the Winter Meetings in 2016 in Washington, D.C., a Voting Committee will be comprised to consider the Expansion Era Ballot, as devised by the BBWAA's Historical Overview Committee, featuring candidates whose most significant contributions came from 1973 to the present.

**FUTURE ELECTIONS:** The 2010 changes to the Hall of Fame election process maintain the high standards for earning election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, with focus on three eras: Expansion (1973-present); Golden (1947-1972) and Pre-Integration (origins through 1946), as opposed to the previous four Committees on Baseball Veterans, which considered the four categories of candidates...Three separate electorates consider by era a single composite ballot of managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players on an annual basis, with the Expansion Era candidates to be considered at the 2016 Winter Meetings for Induction in 2017 and the Golden Era Committee candidates to be considered at the 2017 Winter Meetings for Induction in 2018...The Pre-Integration Era Committee will next meet in the fall of 2018 for consideration of candidates for the Class of 2019.



## 2016 AWARD WINNERS

Graham McNamee, winner of the 2016 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Dan Shaughnessy, the 2016 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, will be honored at the 2016 Hall of Fame Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 23 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

**BOSTON STRONG:** *Boston Globe* sports columnist Dan Shaughnessy, who has been a major voice on baseball in New England and nationally for 35 years, has been elected the 2016 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...Shaughnessy, born July 20, 1953 in Groton, Mass., began his career with the *Baltimore Evening Sun* in 1977 and then took a role as a national baseball writer for the *Washington Star* before settling in with the *Globe* in 1986...The Holy Cross graduate has covered more than 35 spring trainings and 25 World Series...He has also written 12 books, including nine on baseball, most notably "Curse of the Bambino"...Shaughnessy also popularized the phrase, "Red Sox Nation" that took on special meaning during the team's storybook run to the 2004 World Series championship, which marked the franchise's first title in 86 years...Through his columns, Shaughnessy has taken on owners, front offices, managers, coaches and players alike in pertinent issues through good times and bad with the Red Sox...He was the last writer to interview Hall of Famer Ted Williams before the legend's passing in 2002...Shaughnessy becomes the fifth Boston-based writer to be honored, joining Harold Kaese and Tim Murnane, plus his former *Globe* colleagues Peter Gammons and Larry Whiteside...Shaughnessy is the 67<sup>th</sup> winner of the Spink Award.

**RADIO'S FIRST SUPERSTAR:** Graham McNamee, whose national play-by-play of the World Series in the earliest days of radio transformed the one-time opera singer into a household name, has been selected as the 2016 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Born July 10, 1888 in Washington, D.C. and raised in St. Paul, Minn., McNamee aspired to be an opera singer...But during a lunch break from jury duty in 1923, McNamee strolled into radio station WEAJ in New York City and auditioned for a job as an announcer...The station was impressed with his diction and voice and hired him...When the 1923 World Series arrived featuring the Yankees and the Giants, McNamee was paired with legendary sportswriter Grantland Rice on the air – and quickly demonstrated a knack for entertaining reportage of the games...McNamee's work at the World Series vaulted him to the head of the class of announcers in the fledgling world of national radio broadcasts...He helped establish the role of NBC at major events, calling auto races, boxing matches, political conventions and the return of Charles Lindbergh from his transatlantic flight in 1927...Just like Lindbergh, McNamee was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine for his exploits in 1927...But it was through baseball games where McNamee reached his greatest audience...He called the World Series each year from 1923 through 1934 and also worked the first four MLB All-Star Games from 1933 through 1936...McNamee passed away in 1942 at the age of 53...He is the 40<sup>th</sup> winner of the Frick Award.

## MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

**AUTUMN GLORY:** Artifacts from the Kansas City Royals' second world championship in franchise history have arrived in Cooperstown and are now on display in the Museum's *Autumn Glory* exhibit...The artifacts from the 2015 postseason will be on display through the 2016 postseason in *Autumn Glory*, the Museum's exhibition celebrating the postseason...Artifacts include:

- Jersey worn by Royals first baseman Eric Hosmer in Game 5, which featured his daring dash home with the tying run in the ninth inning
- Glove used by Royals catcher and World Series Most Valuable Player Salvador Perez throughout the Series
- Spikes worn throughout the Series by Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain
- Road cap worn by Royals closer Wade Davis, who struck out eight batters in four innings of work and notched the Series' only save
- Bat used by Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas, who hit .304 in the Series and drove in three runs
- Bat used by Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar, who scored four runs and drove in four more in the Series

The Royals' World Series artifacts are joined in *Autumn Glory* by a jersey worn during the postseason by the Mets' Daniel Murphy...Murphy was named the Most Valuable Player of the Mets' National League Championship Series triumph, and hit seven home runs in 14 postseason games this year.

**A WHOLE NEW LOOK:** Baseball remains unchanged as the National Pastime, a label it has worn for more than 100 years...But the game is also forever changing, reflecting its days and adapting to its time...Those changes have never been more evident than in the past five decades, and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum tells the story of baseball's most recent era in its *Whole New Ballgame* exhibit...The Museum's newest permanent exhibit opened Nov. 7 in the new Janetschek Gallery on the Museum's second floor, and features more than 300 artifacts and Library items while exploring iconic moments like Carlton Fisk's home run in Game 6 of the 1975 World Series, game-altering rules changes like the designated hitter and labor challenges that redefined the fiscal boundaries of the sport...Featuring new video displays and the implementation of interactive elements not seen before at the Cooperstown shrine, *Whole New Ballgame* chronicles the changing nature of baseball from the 1970s to the present by examining the game and its culture as a whole. The game's athletic achievements and evolving nature are celebrated and explained as well as the fans' presence and the far-reaching social implications of the sport...*Whole New Ballgame* is made possible by a donation from Bill Janetschek, Jr. to honor his late father. The Janetscheks have been passionate fans of baseball dating back to Bill Sr.'s first Dodgers games at Ebbets Field in the 1940s.

## COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

**BEHIND THE SCENES IN 2016:** With more than 40,000 artifacts, 145,000 baseball cards and three million Library pieces, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum houses the most extensive collection of historic baseball-related items in the world...This year, fans can get a unique look at the Cooperstown shrine with two new Hall of Fame experiences...Two new Hall of Fame programs, the Custom Tour Experience and Collection Care and Conservation Workshop, will offer behind-the-scenes access and educational opportunities for Museum visitors in the coming year...On the Custom Tour, participants will enjoy a personalized visit focusing on artifacts from their favorite club not currently on display, along with a special team-focused guided tour of the Museum. The tour will be offered for a limited-time only in January and February on Mondays through Fridays for up to four participants...Following in March is the Collection Care and Conservation Workshop, which includes spotlights on artifacts from the Museum Collection and a tour of the extensive Library Archive, along with seminars led by Hall of Fame staff members detailing how they care for these cherished baseball relics...The two-day experience also includes a private catered dinner in the iconic Plaque Gallery...For more information, please visit <http://baseballhall.org/support/give-gift-of-2016-special-experiences>, or call 607-547-0397 or email [membership@baseballhall.org](mailto:membership@baseballhall.org).

**APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2016 INTERNS 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 2016 internship program, only a handful of weeks remain before applications are due January 31...The 2016 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...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...Intern positions for 2016 are available in the following fields: Collections, Communications, Curatorial, Development, Digital Strategy, Education-Public Programs, Library Research, Licensing & Sales, Multimedia, Photo Archives and Special Events...Nineteen internships will be awarded...All applications must be completed online at [www.baseballhall.org/intern](http://www.baseballhall.org/intern)...In order to complete an application, candidates must attach a cover letter and resume to the online application. Only completed applications will be reviewed for acceptance into the program...Applications must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2016...Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, the Frank and Peggy Steele Internship Program has welcomed nearly 300 interns in its first 16 years, equipping college students with the knowledge and experience necessary to work in their field of study.

**'BHOFF BEACON' MOBILE APP GUIDES VISITORS ON HISTORY-FILLED JOURNEY TO COOPERSTOWN:** The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has launched a new mobile app from the Cooperstown shrine – “BHOFF Beacon” – which is now available for free in iOS through iTunes...The app provides baseball fans with an exclusive location-based mobile tool that opens users' eyes to baseball history all around them, ultimately inspiring a pilgrimage to the Hall of Fame...The app also incorporates artifacts, historic imagery and video from the Museum, spotlighting destinations throughout New York State that a Cooperstown-bound visitor might encounter along the way, such as the location of the now-shuttered Ebbets Field where Jackie Robinson made his major league debut on April 15, 1947...The app will be expanding in the coming months to spotlight destinations across America...Built by Sullivan, a top brand engagement firm, The Beacon brings to fans a living exhibit of baseball moments and places throughout the country, starting with New York State...The Beacon provides users with indicators when near an historical baseball site, showcasing pictures, video and audio to deepen the user experience...Thanks to support from Empire State Development and the I Love NY Division of Tourism, The Beacon app is the first to be released by the Baseball Hall of Fame...In the coming weeks, the self-discovery experience of The Beacon app will be complemented with additional features and content as new places and moments from across the country are continually being added.

**TIME TO VISIT:** The Museum resumed regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily starting Labor Day... The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$23 for adults (13 and over), \$15 for seniors (65 and over) and for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$12 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at [www.baseballhall.org](http://www.baseballhall.org) or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.