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## AROUND THE HORN

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### START OF SOMETHING BIG

Baseball's newest stars are gearing up for the 2019 season at Spring Training camps in Arizona and Florida, but the National Baseball Hall of Fame is prepping for the game's biggest annual celebration when six legends will be inducted as the Class of 2019 this July in Cooperstown...With the election of Roy Halladay, Edgar Martinez, Mike Mussina and Mariano Rivera by the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Jan. 22, the total number of BBWAA electees in the last six elections is 20... Halladay, Martinez, Mussina and Rivera will be honored with Today's Game Era Committee electees Harold Baines and Lee Smith as the Class of 2019 at 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 21 on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown...2019 Ford C. Frick Award winner Al Helfer and 2019 J.G. Taylor Spink Award winner Jayson Stark of *The Athletic* will be honored during Induction Weekend at the *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 20 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

**HOF WEEKEND CREDENTIALS:** Hall of Fame Weekend 2019 will be held July 19-22 with the annual *Induction Ceremony* scheduled to take place on Sunday, July 21...The Weekend will feature the annual *Awards Presentation* at Doubleday Field on Saturday, July 20 at 4:30 p.m...The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Hall of Fame *Parade of Legends* will follow the *Awards Presentation* along Main Street...Media credentials for Hall of Fame Weekend will be accepted starting May 1 at [credentials.mlb.com](http://credentials.mlb.com)...For more information, please visit [baseballhall.org/media-info](http://baseballhall.org/media-info).

### THE CLASS OF 2019

**KING HAROLD:** Harold Baines played 22 seasons for the White Sox, Rangers, Athletics, Orioles and Indians, earning six All-Star Game selections and twice winning the Outstanding Designated Hitter Award (now named the Edgar Martinez Award)...An eight-time .300 hitter who reached the 20-homer mark in 11 seasons, Baines drove in 90-or-more runs eight times and ranks 34<sup>th</sup> on the all-time list with 1,628 RBI...Baines' 2,830 games played rank 20<sup>th</sup> on the all-time list...Among batters who played at least 50 percent of their games as a designated hitter, Baines' 2,866 hits rank first and his and his 384 home runs and 1,628 RBI rank third behind only David Ortiz and Frank Thomas, respectively...Baines recorded 2,866 hits and 1,628 RBI, making him one of only 17 players MLB history to have reached both 2,800 hits and 1,600 RBI.

**BLUE JAY WAY:** Roy Halladay pitched 16 seasons for the Blue Jays and Phillies, winning Cy Young Awards in 2003 and 2010 and finishing in the Top 5 of his league's Cy Young Award voting in five other seasons...An eight-time All-Star, Halladay led his league in complete games seven times, the most of any pitcher whose career started after World War II...A three-time 20-game winner, Halladay led his league in strikeout-to-walk ratio five times, innings pitched four times, shutouts four times and victories twice... Halladay threw two no-hitters for the Phillies during the 2010 season, the first a perfect game against the Marlins on May 29 and then a no-hitter against the Reds in Game 1 of the NLDS, making Halladay the second pitcher in postseason history to throw a no-hitter following Don Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series.

**MARINER MUSINGS:** Edgar Martinez played 18 seasons, all with the Seattle Mariners...A seven-time All-Star and five-time Silver Slugger Award winner, Martinez was a two-time American League batting champion who led the AL in on-base percentage three times...Topping the 20-homer mark in eight seasons, Martinez drove in 100-or-more runs six times and hit .300 in 10 full seasons...A third baseman at the start of his career, injuries pushed Martinez into a DH role, where he thrived for a decade...He was named the AL's outstanding designated hitter five times, an award that is now named after him...When he retired, Martinez was one of only six players in history with a .300 batting average, .400 on-base percentage, .500 slugging percentage, 500 doubles and 300 home runs.

**MOOSE SIGHTING:** Mike Mussina pitched for 18 seasons for the Orioles and Yankees...A five-time All-Star, Mussina finished in the Top 6 of the AL Cy Young Award voting nine times and won at least 10 games in 17 seasons...A seven-time Gold Glove Award winner, Mussina became the oldest first-time 20-game winner when he reached the mark at age 39 in 2008, his final big league season...Totaled 2,813 strikeouts, 19<sup>th</sup>-most all-time at the time of his retirement...Retired as one of only four Live Ball Era pitchers with at least 270 wins and a .625 winning percentage...Made 59.5 percent of his regular season starts in Fenway Park, Oriole Park at Camden Yards or Yankee Stadium, playing for teams in the AL East for his entire career.

**ENTER SANDMAN:** Mariano Rivera pitched 19 seasons in the big leagues, all with the New York Yankees, retiring after the 2013 season with a record 652 saves and 952 games finished...A 13-time All-Star, Rivera helped the Yankees win five World Series titles and seven American League pennants...The Yankees advanced to the postseason in 17 of Rivera's 19 seasons...Rivera led the AL in saves three times and finished with 40-or-more saves nine times, a record he shares with Hall of Famer Trevor Hoffman...Rivera's career ERA of 2.21 is the lowest of any Live Ball Era pitcher with at least 1,000 innings pitched, and his career WHIP of 1.0003 ranks third all-time behind Hall of Famers Addie Joss and Ed Walsh...In 96 postseason appearances, Rivera was 8-1 with 42 saves and a 0.70 ERA, winning World Series MVP honors in 1999 and ALCS MVP honors in 2003.

**MR. SMITH GOES TO COOPERSTOWN:** Lee Smith pitched 18 seasons for the Cubs, Red Sox, Cardinals, Yankees, Orioles, Angels, Reds and Expos and retired as MLB's the all-time saves leader, a title he held for 13 seasons...Smith's 478 saves currently rank third all-time, as do his 802 games finished...A seven-time All-Star, Smith led his league in saves four times and reached the 30-save mark in 10 seasons...Smith finished in the Top 10 of his league's Cy Young Award voting four times, including a second-place finish in the NL Cy Young Award voting in 1991...Of Smith's 478 saves, 169 required at least four outs and 94 required two-or-more innings pitched...Smith averaged 8.73 strikeouts per nine innings, which ranks third all-time among pitchers with at least 1,000 appearances behind Trevor Hoffman (9.36) and Dan Plesac (8.74).

## 2019 AWARD WINNERS

Al Helfer, winner of the 2019 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Jayson Stark, the 2019 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, will be honored at the 2019 Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 20, at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

**A MUTUAL RESPECT:** Al Helfer, who called games for eight big league teams and also was the voice of the *Mutual Game of the Day* for five seasons during the 1950s, was elected posthumously as the 2019 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum... A Pennsylvania native, Helfer left University of Pittsburgh medical school in 1929 after only one month and secured a job at a small radio station in Silver Haven, Pa....In 1933, Helfer's long tenure in the bigs began in Pittsburgh recreating Pirates games on the radio...Following stints with the Reds, Giants, Yankees and Dodgers, he would serve in the Navy in World War II...He signed on as play-by-play for the *Mutual Game of the Day* in 1950, and called six big league games a week for five years, reaching an estimated 80 million listeners via more than 400 stations in non-MLB markets in America and around the world...He stepped away from the *Game of the Day* in 1955 and would work calling Dodgers, Phillies, Colt .45s and Athletics games during the final years of his career...Helfer passed away on May 16, 1975 and is the 43<sup>rd</sup> winner of the Frick Award.

**WRITTEN HISTORY:** Jayson Stark, whose game coverage and insight have provided fans with a unique look at the National Pastime, has been named the winner of the 2019 J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America... The Philadelphia native and Syracuse University graduate began his sports writing career with the *Providence Journal* (1975-78), where he occasionally covered the Red Sox, then moved closer to home, joining the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (1979-1999), where he worked the Phillies' beat before transitioning into a columnist...By 2000, Stark had joined ESPN, where he not only wrote for their website but also appeared on the network...Writing for *The Athletic* since 2018, he also appears on MLB Network and hosts "Baseball Stories" on Stadium TV...Stark is the 70<sup>th</sup> winner of the Spink Award.

## VOTING RECAP

**THE 2019 BALLOT:** The BBWAA ballot featured 35 players, including 20 new candidates and 15 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...Fourteen players will return for consideration in 2020...Fred McGriff, by virtue of being on the ballot for 10 years, is no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration...McGriff will be eligible for consideration by the Today’s Game Era Committee in the fall of 2021...A total of 425 votes were cast, with 319 votes necessary for election and 22 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Roy Halladay and Mariano Rivera became the 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> players elected to the Hall on their first BBWAA ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2019	NAME	YR	2019	NAME	YR	2019
<b>Mariano Rivera</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	Scott Rolen	2	17.2%	<i>Rick Ankiel</i>	1	0.0%
<b>Roy Halladay</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>85.4%</b>	Billy Wagner	4	16.7%	<i>Jason Bay</i>	1	0.0%
<b>Edgar Martinez</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>85.4%</b>	Todd Helton	1	16.5%	<i>Freddy García</i>	1	0.0%
<b>Mike Mussina</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>76.7%</b>	Gary Sheffield	5	13.6%	<i>Jon Garland</i>	1	0.0%
Curt Schilling	6	60.9%	Andy Pettitte	1	9.9%	<i>Travis Hafner</i>	1	0.0%
Roger Clemens	7	59.5%	Sammy Sosa	7	8.5%	<i>Ted Lilly</i>	1	0.0%
Barry Bonds	7	59.1%	Andrew Jones	2	7.5%	<i>Derek Lowe</i>	1	0.0%
Larry Walker	9	54.6%	<i>Michael Young</i>	1	2.1%	<i>Darren Oliver</i>	1	0.0%
Omar Vizquel	2	42.8%	<i>Lance Berkman</i>	1	1.2%	<i>Juan Pierre</i>	1	0.0%
Fred McGriff	10	39.8%	<i>Miguel Tejada</i>	1	1.2%	<i>Vernon Wells</i>	1	0.0%
Manny Ramírez	3	22.8%	<i>Roy Oswalt</i>	1	0.9%	<i>Kevin Youkilis</i>	1	0.0%
Jeff Kent	7	18.1%	<i>Plácido Polanco</i>	1	0.5%			

**THE VOTING ELECTORATE:** Of the 428 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2019 election, 425 were returned, an all-time record return rate of 99.3 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.

**CAREFUL SELECTION:** 2019 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 67 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 75 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in either one or two players more than any other quantity (26 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	26	2016	Griffey Jr., Piazza
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	----

**20/20 VISION:** With the election of Roy Halladay, Edgar Martinez, Mike Mussina and Mariano Rivera, the BBWAA has elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in six straight years and a total of 20 candidates during that time...No six-year period in history has resulted in as many BBWAA electees, with the previous high of 15 coming in the six-year period from 1951-56...That was also the last time the BBWAA elected at least two candidates six years in a row.

**FIVE FOR FOUR:** The 2019 election marks the fifth time in 75 BBWAA Hall of Fame elections that the BBWAA has elected four players...Three of those elections have come in the last five years, with Craig Biggio, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and John Smoltz elected in 2015 and Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome elected in 2018...The other two years that featured exactly four BBWAA electees were 1947 (Mickey Cochrane, Frankie Frisch, Lefty Grove and Carl Hubbell) and 1955 (Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dazzy Vance).

**56 AT FIRST:** The election of Roy Halladay and Mariano Rivera brings the total of first-year BBWAA inductees to 56 and marks the six straight year with at least one first-ballot inductee, the first such stretch since a run of eight straight years from 1988-95.

**PERFECT 100:** Mariano Rivera becomes the first player elected unanimously by the BBWAA...The highest percentage received by any candidate in the 74 previous BBWAA elections was Ken Griffey Jr., who received 99.3 percent of the vote in 2016.

**DIFFERENT BUT SAME:** Roy Halladay and Edgar Martinez became the second BBWAA electees in the same election to receive the exact same number of votes...Babe Ruth and Honus Wagner tied with 95.1 percent of the vote apiece in the inaugural election of 1936.

**HEROES REMEMBERED:** Roy Halladay becomes the sixth player posthumously elected by the BBWAA by standard election procedures...Christy Mathewson (1936), Willie Keeler (1939), Herb Pennock (1948), Harry Heilmann (1952) and Rabbit Maranville (1954) were previous posthumous electees by the BBWAA...Roberto Clemente was elected posthumously in a special BBWAA election in 1973.

**FINAL ANSWER:** Edgar Martinez becomes the fifth player elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA in his final year of eligibility, joining Red Ruffing (1967), Ralph Kiner (1975), Jim Rice (2009) and Tim Lincecum (2017).

**NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE:** A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2020:** Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Cliff Lee, Alfonso Soriano; **2021:** Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramirez, Barry Zito; **2022:** Prince Fielder, David Ortiz, Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira; **2023:** Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey, Francisco Rodríguez, Jayson Werth; **2024:** Adrián Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright.

**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 329 elected members...Included are 232 former major league players, 30 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 132 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 171 deserving candidates (100 major leaguers, 30 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 79 living members.

**79 AMBASSADORS:** The 79 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Henry Aaron, Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Harold Baines, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Lou Brock, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Vladimir Guerrero, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Trevor Hoffman, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Chipper Jones, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tom Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martinez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazeroski, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Tom Seaver, Bud Selig, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

**CONNECTING GENERATIONS:** **Tommy Lasorda**, born Sept. 22, 1927, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 91...**Vladimir Guerrero**, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, 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 261 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> ..... 83 (45)	<b>Second Baseman</b> ..21 (11)	<b>Left Fielders</b> .....22 (12)
<b>Catchers</b> ..... 18 (10)	<b>Third Baseman</b> .....17 (8)	<b>Center Fielders</b> .....24 (8)
<b>First Baseman</b> .... 24 (12)	<b>Shortstops</b> .....25 (11)	<b>Right Fielders</b> .....25 (14)
<b>Designated Hitter</b> .... 2 (1)		

P: Halladay, Mussina, Rivera, Smith (2019)	DH: Baines, Martinez (2019)	LF: Raines (2017)
C: Rodríguez (2017)	2B: Biggio (2015)	CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)
1B: Thome (2018)	3B: Jones (2018)	RF: Guerrero (2018)
	SS: Trammell (2018)	

**FIRST THINGS FIRST:** With the election of Roy Halladay and Mariano Rivera in 2019, 56 players have been elected in their first year of eligibility (18 pitchers, seven RF, six 3B, six LF, five CF, five SS, three 2B, three 1B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 13 of the last 19 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 56.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1980	Al Kaline	1993	Reggie Jackson	2007	Tony Gwynn
1936	Honus Wagner	1981	Bob Gibson	1994	Steve Carlton	2009	Rickey Henderson
1936	Babe Ruth	1982	Hank Aaron	1995	Mike Schmidt	2014	Greg Maddux
1936	Christy Mathewson	1982	Frank Robinson	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Tom Glavine
1936	Walter Johnson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	George Brett	2014	Frank Thomas
1962	Jackie Robinson	1985	Lou Brock	1999	Robin Yount	2015	Randy Johnson
1962	Bob Feller	1986	Willie McCovey	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	Pedro Martínez
1966	Ted Williams	1988	Willie Stargell	2001	Dave Winfield	2015	John Smoltz
1969	Stan Musial	1989	Johnny Bench	2002	Ozzie Smith	2016	Ken Griffey Jr.
1972	Sandy Koufax	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2003	Eddie Murray	2017	Iván Rodríguez
1973	Warren Spahn	1990	Jim Palmer	2004	Dennis Eckersley	2018	Chipper Jones
1974	Mickey Mantle	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Paul Molitor	2018	Jim Thome
1977	Ernie Banks	1991	Rod Carew	2005	Wade Boggs	2019	Roy Halladay
1979	Willie Mays	1992	Tom Seaver	2007	Cal Ripken	2019	Mariano Rivera

**TRY AND TRY AGAIN:** The 74 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 74 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, P.Waner, B.Williams); **7th election** (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); **8th election** (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); **9th election** (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Perez); **10th election** (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, E Martinez, Raines, 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 54 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2019 electees Edgar Martinez and Mariano Rivera the most recent additions 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, Walter Johnson, Chipper Jones, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Edgar Martinez, Bill Mazaroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, 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:** Mariano Rivera became the first player elected unanimously by the BBWAA and the 34<sup>th</sup> player overall to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election... The 34 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
2019	Mariano Rivera	425	425	100%	0
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 Martinez	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:

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

**CLOSE, AND CIGAR:** Meanwhile, 26 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
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
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

## HALL OF FAME CLASSIC WEEKEND, MAY 24-26

Celebrate the National Pastime with a trip to the Hall of Fame Classic this Memorial Day Weekend... The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum hosts the return of an annual tradition on Saturday, May 25, with the 11<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame Classic, presented by Ford Motor Company... The Hall of Fame Classic will be played on the Saturday before Memorial Day, with family-friendly activities in Cooperstown all weekend long... The Classic, which begins at 1:05 p.m., will feature Hall of Famers Rollie Fingers and Alan Trammell, along with four more Hall of Famers to be announced this spring and representatives from all 30 big league teams... The full weekend of events will feature the Hall of Fame Classic Weekend Golf Tournament, the pregame Home Run Contest and the *May 25 Night at the Museum* event featuring a meet and greet with Hall of Fame Classic participants from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.... Ticket packages for the Hall of Fame Classic go on sale starting March 11 via phone at (607) 207-9519 and at [baseballhall.org](http://baseballhall.org)... Tickets are \$12.50 for first and third base seats, \$11 for outfield seats.

**A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM:** Saturday evening, May 25, features the seventh edition of *Night at the Museum*... Hall of Famers and former big leaguers will meet and greet fans at the Hall of Fame from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.... A ticket is required for entrance to this event... Tickets are priced at \$50 for participants in the Museum's Membership Program and \$100 for non-Members... For information on Museum Membership, please visit [baseballhall.org/join](http://baseballhall.org/join).

**GOLF CLASSIC:** The Hall of Fame is giving fans yet another reason to return to baseball's home as the Museum presents the ninth annual Hall of Fame Classic Weekend Golf Tournament... Hall of Fame legends will team up with fans for an experience of a lifetime at picturesque Leatherstocking Golf Course in Cooperstown on Sunday, May 26 – the day after the annual Hall of Fame Classic at Doubleday Field... A perfect gift or a chance to play with your favorite foursome, the Hall of Fame Classic Weekend Golf Tournament will feature a scramble format comprised of only 24 golfers... A fundraiser for the Museum, the tournament will be played on the same course Hall of Famers play during Induction Weekend... The festivities begin Friday night, with an exclusive cocktail reception in the Hall of Fame Gallery, featuring your chance to meet the Hall of Famers... A behind-the-scenes archival tour follows, taking you into the heart of the Museum's collections... On Sunday morning, a private breakfast precedes the tournament... All golfers will get the chance to golf with a Hall of Fame member... Each golfer also receives a Hall of Fame goodie bag, a golf shirt and a foursome photo along with two Grandstand seats for Saturday's Hall of Fame Classic... An awards luncheon concludes the event... For more information, call 607-547-0310.

## COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

**VIP TREATMENT:** Fans have the opportunity to explore the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum through a special program designed to give Cooperstown visitors a Hall of Fame VIP Experience...The Museum has partnered with Cooperstown accommodations to offer this unique package, which includes behind-the-scenes experiences at the Museum...This special package is only available through participating accommodations...Your VIP Experience will begin with exclusive after-hours access to the Hall of Fame on Thursday evening and wrap up on Friday with a private reception...Upcoming dates include March 14-15, Sept. 5-6, Oct. 24-25 and Nov. 7-8...For more information, please visit [www.baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience](http://www.baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience) or call 607-547-0397.

**SPEND A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM:** The larger-than-life heroes of the National Pastime can be found year-round in Cooperstown at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...But the game's biggest fans can also call the Hall of Fame "home" – at least for a few nights a year thanks to the Museum's Extra Innings Overnights program...Open to both Museum members and youth groups, Extra Innings Overnights is one of the Museum's most popular programs...Children ages 7-12 and their parents can sleep in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery among the plaques honoring Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson and the rest of baseball's greats...The evening includes all-access to the Museum's public areas after-hours, special hands-on programs throughout the Museum, and a late-night snack and a movie in the Bullpen Theater...A light breakfast is provided the following morning, and all junior participants receive a Hall of Fame knapsack filled with mementos of the evening...The program costs \$50 per person...Upcoming dates include: March 23-24, April 6-7 and April 13-14...For more information or to register, please call the Museum's education department 607-547-0329.

**TIME TO VISIT:** The Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Memorial Day Weekend, when summer hours begin...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$25 for adults (13 and over), \$20 for seniors (65 and over), \$18 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations and \$15 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 [baseballhall.org](http://baseballhall.org) or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.