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REMEMBERING JACKIE

HIS PLACE IN COOPERSTOWN: Jack Roosevelt Robinson earned his spot in Cooperstown in 1962, as part of an Induction class featuring Bob Feller, Bill McKechnie and Edd Roush...Robinson earned election on his first ballot, joining Feller from that year, as the first two first-ballot electees by the Baseball Writers' Association of America since the inaugural 1936 Hall of Fame vote...Robinson earned votes on 77.5 percent (124 of 160) of all ballots cast.

A CAREER REVISITED: Jackie Robinson burst onto the scene in 1947, breaking baseball's color barrier and bringing the Negro leagues' electrifying style of play to the majors...He quickly became baseball's top drawing card and a symbol of hope to millions of Americans...With Robinson as the catalyst, the Dodgers won six pennants in his 10 seasons, along with the 1955 World Series title over the New York Yankees...He dominated games on the base paths, stealing home 19 times while riling opposing pitchers with his daring baserunning style...Robinson was named National League MVP in 1949, leading the loop in hitting (.342) and steals (37), while driving in 124 runs.

ROBINSON FACTS:

- **Born:** January 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia
- **Major league debut:** April 15, 1947
- **Teams:** Kansas City Monarchs (1945) – Negro leagues; Brooklyn Dodgers (1947-1956)
- **Awards:** Six-time All-Star (1949-1954), National League MVP (1949), Rookie of the Year (1947)
- **Career Statistics:** .311 batting average, 1,518 hits, 137 home runs, 734 RBI, 740 walks, 947 runs scored, 197 stolen bases

Died: October 24, 1972, in Stamford, Connecticut

BEFORE YOU CAN SAY JACKIE ROBINSON: One of 16 education thematic units offered by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's education department, "Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson," explores Civil Rights in the cultural development of America and baseball...Designed for students in grades 4-12, the module illustrates how baseball reflected and led critical social shifts in American history, keyed by Robinson's integration of Major League Baseball in 1947...The unit features stories of honor, courage and perseverance, brought to life through interactive multicultural lessons...For more information on the module and the Hall of Fame's education programs, please visit www.baseballhall.org.

JACKIE'S IMPACT AS A PLAYER: From Jackie's major league debut in 1947 until 1959, when the Boston Red Sox became the last of the 16 teams to integrate, African Americans won nine Most Valuable Player awards, nine Rookie of the Year awards, five Home Run titles, four league batting crowns and a Cy Young...The African-American players capturing major awards in this span: **Hank Aaron** (1956 BAT, 1957 HR, 1957 MVP, 1959 BAT); **Ernie Banks** (1958 HR, 1958, 1959 MVP); **Joe Black** (1952 ROY); **Roy Campanella** (1951, 1953, 1955 MVP); **Orlando Cepeda** (1958 ROY); **Larry Doby** (1952, 1954 HR); **Joe Gilliam** (1953 ROY); **Sam Jethroe** (1950 ROY); **Willie Mays** (1951 ROY, 1954 MVP, 1954 BAT, 1955 HR); **Willie McCovey** (1959 ROY); **Don Newcombe** (1949 ROY, 1956 MVP, 1956 CYA); **Frank Robinson** (1956 ROY); and **Jackie** (1947 ROY, 1949 MVP, 1949 BAT).

MORE JACKIE AVAILABLE: Additional information on Jackie Robinson's career, including his Hall of Fame plaque, a streamed video bio, statistics of Jackie's career, and much more information and entertainment on the Hall of Famer can be viewed at the Museum's Web site at www.baseballhall.org...More information on Jackie Robinson is also available at the Web site of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, www.jackierobinson.org.

TOP TEN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum presents the Top 10 moments in the career of Jackie Robinson:

- 10:** In **1941**, Robinson became the first athlete in the history of UCLA to letter in four sports (baseball, football, basketball, track);
- 9:** On **October 23, 1945**, Robinson was signed to a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers by Branch Rickey;
- 8:** On **April 18, 1946**, Robinson debuted with the Montreal Royals of the International League as the starting second baseman, becoming the first African-American player in professional baseball since the turn of the century. Robinson won the International League batting title in 1946;
- 7:** On **April 15, 1947**, 28-year-old Jackie Robinson made an historic debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play Major League Baseball in the 20th century...Robinson went 0-for-3 in his debut, but flawlessly handled 11 chances at first base against the Boston Braves;
- 6:** On **Sept. 17, 1947**, Robinson was named the Rookie of the Year by *The Sporting News*, though the season had two weeks remaining. In his rookie season, Robinson hit .297 with 12 home runs and 48 RBI in 151 games;
- 5:** On **Nov. 18, 1949**, Robinson was named the National League's Most Valuable Player, batting .342 with 16 home runs and 124 RBI.
- 4:** On **Sept. 28, 1955**, at Yankee Stadium in Game One of the 1955 World Series, Jackie Robinson steals home in the top of the 8th inning to close the score to 6-5 Yankees...Frank Kellert was pinch-hitting for the Dodgers, with Whitey Ford pitching and Yogi Berra catching for New York...The Yankees would win Game One, 6-5, though the Dodgers would win the series in seven games.
- 3:** On **October 15, 1972**, just nine days before his death, in his last public appearance, Robinson throws out the first pitch before Game Two of the 1972 World Series, and calls for Major League Baseball to hire a black manager;
- 2:** On **April 15, 1997**, Major League Baseball universally retires Jackie Robinson's number 42 for every major league team;
- 1:** On **July 23, 1962**, Jackie Robinson is inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION SPEECH

IN JACKIE'S WORDS: Jackie Robinson delivered the following address on his Induction Day into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown on July 23, 1962...Robinson was introduced by Ford C. Frick:

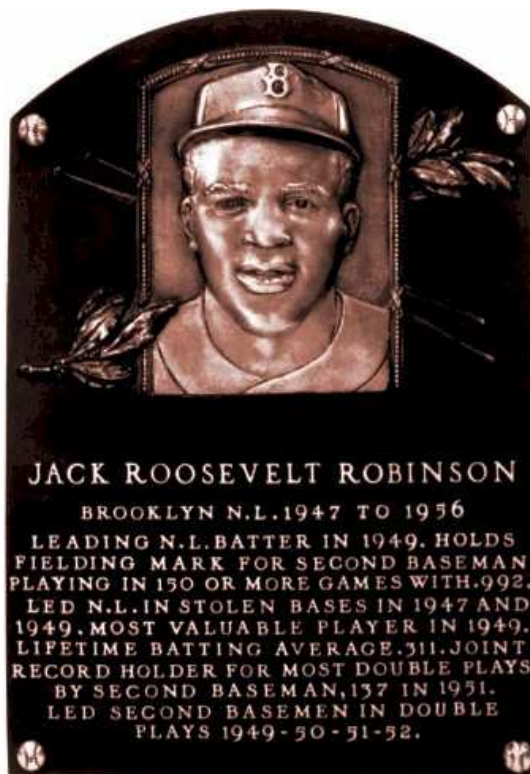
"Thank you very much, Mr. Frick. First let me say how much of a thrill it is to be coming into the Hall of Fame with Bob Feller, Mr. McKechnie, and Mr. Roush. I want to also let you know that I feel quite inadequate here this afternoon, or this morning. But I think a lot of this has been eliminated, because today, it seems that everything is complete.

First of all, I want you to know that this honor that was brought up on me here could not have happened without the great work and the advice and guidance that I've had from three of the most wonderful people that I know. And if any of them weren't here today, I know that this day could not be complete. But, they're all here and I just hope you don't mind if I just pay a word of thanks and a tribute to my advisor and a wonderful friend, a man who I consider a father, Mr. Branch Rickey.

And my mother, who taught me so much of the important things early in life. I appreciate no end, my mother Mrs. Robinson. And lastly, ladies and gentlemen, my wife, who has been such a wonderful inspiration to me. And the person who has guided and advised me throughout our entire marriage. I couldn't have been here today without her help.

And then I...and I must thank the baseball writers...I never thought at all that I would have this wonderful honor coming to me so early in my lifetime. And to have the writers to elect me on the first time is a thrill that I shall never forget. We have been up in cloud nine since the election. I don't ever think I'll come down. But I want to thank all of the people throughout this country who were just so wonderful during those trying days. I appreciate it at no end and it's the greatest honor any person could have and I only hope that I'll be able to live up to this tremendously fine honor. It's something that I think those of us who are fortunate again, must use in order to help others. Because it's such a tremendous honor that we should be able to go out and do things to help. I'm just grateful and I'm sorry I've taken so long, but I just wanted to you know that I appreciate it so much. Thank you."

HALL OF FAME PLAQUE

**ROBINSON'S PLAQUE TEXT:**

JACK ROOSEVELT ROBINSON
 BROOKLYN N.L. 1947 TO 1956
 LEADING N.L. BATTER IN 1949. HOLDS
 FIELDING MARK FOR SECOND BASEMAN
 PLAYING IN 150 OR MORE GAMES WITH .992.
 LED N.L. IN STOLEN BASES IN 1947 AND
 1949. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN 1949.
 LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE .311. JOINT
 RECORD HOLDER FOR MOST DOUBLE PLAYS
 BY SECOND BASEMAN, 137 IN 1951.
 LED SECOND BASEMEN IN DOUBLE
 PLAYS 1949-50-51-52.

FAMOUS QUOTES SPOKEN BY JACKIE ROBINSON:

- *"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."*
- *"I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me. All I ask is that you respect me as a human being."*
- *"Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life."*

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: Of the 286 elected Hall of Fame members (199 former major leaguers), Jackie Robinson is one of 47 players to spent his entire playing career with one club....The other 46: 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, Lefty Gomez, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Walter Johnson, Al Kaline, Addie Joss, Sandy Koufax, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Cal Ripken Jr., Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Robin Yount and Ross Youngs.

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

REMEMBERING JACKIE: On Tuesday, April 15, the Museum will pay tribute to Jackie Robinson Day with a presentation from Ron Rabinovitz, who forged an amazing friendship with Robinson as a pen pal....As a youth, Rabinovitz started writing to Robinson in the early 1950s and will present his nearly two dozen handwritten letters received from Robinson in a public program at 1 p.m...The program is open to all Museum visitors and included with admission...Rabinovitz, who hails from Sheboygan, Wisconsin and lives in Edina, Minnesota, also presented the program on Monday, April 14.

RESEARCHER LANDS ON JEOPARDY!: Gabriel Schechter, a researcher at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Library since 2002, will be a featured contestant on the April 18 nationwide broadcast of *Jeopardy!*...Schechter was chosen to compete after completing an online exam and an in-person exam and interview.

HOME GAMES: Throughout 2008, the Museum will feature a temporary exhibit entitled *Home Games: A Century of Baseball Games from the Collection of Dr. Mark Cooper*...The exhibit features more than 20 board baseball games from 1869-1960 from the collection of Cooper, a Philadelphia-based collector and fan...The exhibit will be on display through 2008.

MINOR LEAGUE MOMENTS: Captured in more than two dozen original photographs, the Museum will also display throughout the 2008 season a special exhibition of the works of Roger Freeman in an exhibit entitled *Minor League Photos*...A photography professor with a life-long love of baseball, the photos are the result of Freeman's attendance at New York-Penn League games throughout the mid-1990s, with compelling moments captured in black-and-white images.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE: The Museum has teamed with the American Library Association to present "Step Up to the Plate @ your library," a national initiative designed to promote the awareness of literary skills and to build awareness of libraries at essential informational resources...Hall of Fame Education Ambassador Ozzie Smith helped kick off the program April 4 in Mobile, Alabama in conjunction with the Mobile Bay Bears of the Southern League...Trivia questions and participation information is available at www.ala.org/baseball with one grand prize winner landing a trip to Cooperstown in October.

AT&T CONNECTS GENERATIONS: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation, the philanthropic foundation of AT&T that supports educational programs and initiatives...The gift marks a renewal of a pledge made by the AT&T Foundation in 2007, to further help the Museum fulfill its educational mission by extending the reach of its national education programs...In 2008, the grant will be used to help underwrite the Museum's annual electronic field trip, slated to be broadcast this fall to more than 10 million school children across America on the rich history of the 7th inning stretch song, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and its place in American culture...For more information, visit baseballhall.org.

ONE FOR ALL, ALL FOR ONE: On Mother's Day Weekend, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will host a special tribute to Mom with the return of several alumnae of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League for a program on Saturday, May 10 at 1 p.m. in the Museum....AAGPBL alums **Sarah "Salty" Ferguson, Gloria Elliott, Joanne McComb and Dolly White** will participate in a day-long salute to women in baseball...A panel discussion will highlight the day, along with an afternoon tea in the Education Gallery...Tickets for afternoon tea are available for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children...Tickets are available by calling 607-547-0397.

VOICES OF THE GAME PROGRAMS RETURN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will once again in 2008 host the Voices of the Game series, in conjunction with XM Satellite Radio, bringing some of the game's brightest stars and most magical voices to Cooperstown for a special Members-Only series...Among the programs on tap for 2008:

May 17 – **Hall of Famer Carlton Fisk** (tickets first available April 21);

May 24 – **2008 Frick Award Winner Dave Niehaus** (tickets first available April 21);

June 15 – **Hall of Famer Ferguson Jenkins** (tickets first available May 19)

More events for 2008 will be announced soon...Events are open to members of the Museum's membership program, though tickets may be available after being first available to members...For more information, visit baseballhall.org or call 607-547-0397.

COOPERSTOWN SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATES 20: The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture returns for its 20th year at the Hall of Fame and Museum, June 4-6, co-hosted by the Museum and the State University of New York College at Oneonta, exploring the relationship between the national pastime and the American culture...More than 100 presentations from academics and scholars are scheduled to take place...For more information, please call 607-547-0311 or visit baseballhall.org.

MUSEUM HOURS AND ADMISSION: Open seven days a week the year round, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, the Hall of Fame is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. until Memorial Day Weekend...Beginning May 23, summer hours are from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. daily...Ticket prices are \$16.50 for adults (13 and over), \$11 for seniors (65 and over) and for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$6.50 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children six years of age or younger, active and retired card-carrying military personnel...For more information, visit our Web site at baseballhall.org or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.

2008 HALL OF FAME ELECTEES AND HONOREES

A GREAT '08 CLASS: The National Baseball Hall of Fame will induct six new members on July 27 in Cooperstown, New York...**Rich "Goose" Gossage** was the sole electee from the Baseball Writers' Association of America annual election, announced on January 8, earning 85.8% of all ballots cast (466 of 543) to meet the 75% ballots cast requirement to earn election to the Hall of Fame...Gossage becomes the 199th former major leaguer to earn election to the Hall of Fame, the 106th chosen by the BBWAA...His election brings the total number of Hall of Famers to 286, with the election of five members via the Veterans Committee election, December 3, 2007...Three executives (**Barney Dreyfuss**, **Bowie Kuhn** and **Walter O'Malley**) and two managers (**Billy Southworth** and **Dick Williams**) will join Gossage as the Hall of Fame class of 2008:

BARNEY DREYFUSS: Barney Dreyfuss totaled 43 years of service in baseball as an influential team owner and policy maker, as the first owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Following a 10-year tenure as part-owner of the Louisville Colonels in the American Association, Dreyfuss brought 14 players with him to the Pirates, including Hall of Famers Honus Wagner, Fred Clark and Rube Waddell. Overall, his teams won six pennants and two World Series (1909, 1925), as he is considered one of the fathers of the modern World Series, bringing the Series to reality in 1903 as the owner of the Pirates.

GOOSE GOSSAGE: Goose Gossage tormented batters over a 22-year major league career as one of the game's most dominant and intimidating relief pitchers. Gossage becomes the 61st pitcher overall and fifth to be used primarily as a reliever to be elected to the Hall of Fame. Gossage, 56, compiled a 124-107 record with a 3.01 earned run average and 310 saves in 1,002 games for nine clubs with his best seasons coming with the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees and San Diego Padres. The hard-throwing right-hander led the American League in saves three times, twice won the Sporting News' AL Fireman of the Year Award and was selected to nine All-Star teams.

BOWIE KUHN: Bowie Kuhn served as Commissioner of Major League Baseball from 1969-'84, the game's fifth commissioner. During his tenure, MLB attendance tripled and lucrative television contracts followed, on the heels of the introduction of night-time baseball to the World Series. Kuhn is the first former commissioner elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame since Happy Chandler earned election in 1982.

WALTER O'MALLEY: Walter O'Malley is noted as perhaps the most influential owner of baseball's early expansion era, as owner of the Brooklyn and later, Los Angeles Dodgers. Gaining control of the Dodgers in 1950, O'Malley led the club to four pennants and a World Series title in his first seven years, before leading baseball's expansion west of the Mississippi, leading the charge to relocate the team to Los Angeles.

BILLY SOUTHWORTH: Billy Southworth managed for 13 seasons (1929, 1940-'51), including seven with the Cardinals and six with the Braves, posting a .597 winning percentage, fifth-best all-time, with a record of 1,044-704. Southworth guided his teams to four World Series appearances and two World Championships, posting a winning record in 10 of his 13 seasons, including three straight seasons of 105-wins or more, from 1942 to 1944 with St. Louis.

DICK WILLIAMS: Dick Williams managed for 21 seasons with six different teams, recording 1,571 wins against 1,451 losses, a .520 winning percentage, winning four pennants and two World Series. Williams guided the 1972 and 1973 A's to World Series titles, also taking the 1967 Boston Red Sox and the 1984 San Diego Padres to the World Series.

'SIDES' SNARES THE SPINK: **Larry Whiteside**, a pioneer among African-American sports journalists, was elected the 2008 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America on December 5...His memory will be honored with the award that is presented annually to a sportswriter "for meritorious contributions to baseball writing" during the 2008 National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum induction ceremony July 27 at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown, N.Y....Whiteside, who died June 15, 2007 of complications from Parkinson's disease, becomes the 59th winner of the award since its inception in 1962 and named for the first recipient.

NIEHAUS NABS THE FRICK AWARD: **Dave Niehaus**, the voice of the Seattle Mariners for all 32 seasons of the club's existence, has been named the 2008 Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum for broadcasting excellence...Entering the 2008 season, Niehaus has broadcast 4,817 of the 4,899 Mariners games played, missing just 82 contests in the team's 31-year history...As one of the first two inductees to the Seattle Mariners Hall of Fame in 2000, he is also a member of the Puget Sound Sports Hall of Fame...In 2004, Niehaus was named Washington State Broadcaster of the Year by the Washington State Association of Broadcasters, having also earned Sportscaster of the Year honors for Washington in 1995 and 1996 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

ONLY ONE O'NEIL: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will honor the legacy of the late **John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil**, the Negro leagues legend whose baseball contributions spanned eight decades before his death at age 94 one year ago, with the creation of the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, to be first presented during Hall of Fame Weekend 2008, with O'Neil the Award's first recipient...A permanent, life-size bronze statue of O'Neil will be dedicated in the Museum and will serve as the Award, accompanied by two plaques with the statue: One to educate Museum visitors about O'Neil's contributions to the game, and the other to list the recipients of the Award...The Award honors an individual whose extraordinary efforts to enhance baseball's positive impact on society, has broadened the game's appeal, and whose character, integrity and dignity are comparable to Buck O'Neil.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2008...AND BEYOND: Hall of Fame Weekend is held over the last Sunday every July...In 2008, ceremonies will be held on Sunday, July 27, with the weekend running July 25-28...Future dates: **2009** – July 24-27; **2010** – July 23-26...A complete Hall of Fame Weekend 2008 schedule will be announced next month.

THE 2008 VOTE: In 2008, 543 ballots were cast by the BBWAA, with 408 needed to earn election to the Hall of Fame...Any candidate to receive 5% of vote in 2008 will return to the ballot in 2009...**Dave Concepcion** was in his 15th year on the ballot in 2008 and will now have his candidacy considered by the Veterans Committee beginning in 2010...The results of the 2008 election, with total votes received (and percentage): **Rich “Goose” Gossage** 466 (85.8%), **Jim Rice** 392 (72.2%), **Andre Dawson** 358 (65.9%), **Bert Blyleven** 336 (61.9%), **Lee Smith** 235 (43.3%), **Jack Morris** 233 (42.9%), **Tommy John** 158 (29.1%), **Tim Lincecum** 132 (24.3%), **Mark McGwire** 128 (23.6%), **Alan Trammell** 99 (18.2%), **Dave Concepcion** 88 (16.2%), **Don Mattingly** 86 (15.8%), **Dave Parker** 82 (15.1%), **Dale Murphy** 75 (13.8%), **Harold Baines** 28 (5.2%), **Rod Beck** 2 (0.4%), **Travis Fryman** 2 (0.4%), **Robb Nen** 2 (0.4%), **Shawon Dunston** 1 (0.2%), **Chuck Finley** 1 (0.2%), **David Justice** 1 (0.2%), **Chuck Knoblauch** 1 (0.2%), **Todd Stottlemyre** 1 (0.2%), **Brady Anderson** 0 and **Jose Rijo** 0.

HISTORY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS: Comprehensive voting data from every BBWAA election is available exclusively at baseballhall.org...Visitors can sort election results by player, year and by votes received...This definitive database of Hall of Fame election data allows the user to view cumulative election results of each year since 1936.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro leagues players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 228 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field...Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position.

Pitchers 71	Second Baseman 18	Left Fielders 19
Catchers 16	Third Baseman 13	Center Fielders 23
First Baseman 21	Shortstops 23	Right Fielders 23
Designated Hitter 1	DH: Molitor (2004)	
PITCHER: Gossage (2007)	SECOND BASE: Sandberg (2005)	LEFT FIELD: Yastrzemski (1989)
CATCHER: Carter (2003)	THIRD BASE: Boggs (2005)	CENTER FIELD: Puckett (2001)
FIRST BASE: Murray (2003)	SHORTSTOP: Ripken Jr. (2007)	RIGHT FIELD: Gwynn (2007)

CAPPING THE ISSUE: The choice of which team logo appears on a player’s plaque is the Museum’s decision...The inductees wishes are always considered...As a history museum, it’s important that the logo be emblematic of the historical accomplishments of a player’s career...A player’s election is a career achievement, and as such, every team for whom he played is listed on the plaque; the logo selection is based on where that player makes his most indelible mark...For example, it would not be appropriate from an historical standpoint if Babe Ruth’s cap had a Red Sox logo, if Ty Cobb’s cap had a Philly A’s logo, or if Hank Greenberg’s a Pirates logo...However, when instances come up where a player’s career achievements were fairly evenly divided, as was the case with both Dave Winfield and Carlton Fisk, we give the player more ownership in the decision, though the Museum retains the final one.

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: Forty-seven Hall of Fame players spent their careers with one major league team: 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, Lefty Gomez, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Walter Johnson, Al Kaline, Addie Joss, Sandy Koufax, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Cal Ripken, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Robin Yount and Ross Youngs.

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2009:** David Cone, Mark Grace, Rickey Henderson, Mo Vaughn, Matt Williams. **2010:** Roberto Alomar, Barry Larkin, Edgar Martinez, Fred McGriff, Robin Ventura, **2011:** Jeff Bagwell, John Franco, Juan Gonzalez, Hideo Nomo, Rafael Palmeiro, Larry Walker.

BASEBALL AS AMERICA CONCLUDES ITS TOUR

EAST COAST TOURS THROUGH HISTORY: *Baseball As America*, the national exhibition tour which examines the relationship between baseball and American culture, opened its 14th of 15 scheduled tour stop in February at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia for a three-month run through May 11 before concluding the U.S. Tour in Boston at the Museum of Science in summer 2008...The exhibit will open in Boston on June 14 and run through September 1...To date, more than 2.5 million people have visited the exhibit over the last five years, with the tour traveling to New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Petersburg, FLA, Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Houston, Oakland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Cleveland and Dallas...By comparison, the Museum welcomes about two million visitors to Cooperstown every seven years...The exhibit is sponsored nationally by **Ernst & Young**...For more information, visit baseballasamerica.org.

HALL OF FAME GAME 2008

ANNUAL TRADITION COMES TO A CLOSE: The 2008 National Baseball Hall of Fame Game will feature a pair of National League teams, the Central Division champion Chicago Cubs, and the National League West Division member San Diego Padres on Monday, June 16 in Cooperstown at historic Doubleday Field, in a rematch of the 1984 NL Championship Series...At the same time, Major League Baseball has announced that this will be the final Hall of Fame Game, a tradition started in 1940 and the last-surviving in-season exhibition game on the MLB schedule for many years...Chicago will be the home team and will occupy the first base dugout at Doubleday Field...The Padres will occupy the third base dugout as the road team.

STANDING ALONE: The 2008 Game marks the sixth consecutive year that it has been held independently of Hall of Fame Weekend, which is scheduled for July 25-28. Prior to 2003, the Game was held in conjunction with Weekend ceremonies, as a stand alone game on the Monday following induction ceremonies since 1977.

TICKETS ALL SOLD: All 9,791 tickets for the 2008 Hall of Fame Game were sold on March 8, with the popular one-day sale held in Cooperstown, as well as a Member sale by phone for those who support the Museum mission the year-round...Any returned tickets will be made available on Game Day, June 16, at 9 a.m. in the Doubleday Field Parking Lot tent.

PARADE FOR EVERYONE: On Monday, June 16, fans are invited to line Main Street for the Cooperstown Game Day Parade, beginning at 12 noon, presented by the Hall of Fame, the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce and the village of Cooperstown...Both teams will ride trolleys down Main Street and into Doubleday Field to conclude the parade.

HOME RUN DERBY: At 1 p.m., the fan-favorite Home Run Derby will feature three contestants from each major league team, slugging for beyond the fences.

CHILDREN RUN THE BASES: Following the game, children 12 and under are invited to run the bases at Doubleday Field.

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND: The Museum will soon announce details of a full weekend of programming associated with Father's Day Weekend, June 14-16 in Cooperstown, featuring a *Voices of the Game* event with Hall of Famer Fergie Jenkins on June 15...For more information, please visit www.baseballhall.org.

SAN DIEGO SHUTOUT: The Padres will make their third appearance in the Hall of Fame Game, going 0-2 in their previous appearances...In 1979, they lost to the Texas Rangers, 12-5, though future Hall of Famers Dave Winfield and Ozzie Smith both saw game action for the Padres...In 1997, Bill Russell's Dodgers outlasted Bruce Bochy's Padres, 16-8...Rickey Henderson, who becomes eligible for the Hall of Fame in 2009, saw game action and central New York native and fan favorite Archi Cianfrocco won the Home Run Derby.

WINNING WINDY CITY CUBS: The Cubs will make their seventh Hall of Fame Game appearance, bringing a 3-2-1 record in six previous tilts to Cooperstown...They last played in 1995 and beat the Tigers 8-6...Sammy Sosa won the Home Run Derby...In 1988 they tied the Indians 1-1 with the lone Cubs run coming on future Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg's first inning home run...Appropriately the Cubs are playing the final Hall of Fame Game, having also played in the inaugural contest in 1940, beating Boston 10-9...Both managers – Joe Cronin and Gabby Hartnett – went on to become Hall of Famers...Ted Williams hit two home runs in the game, with other future Hall of Famers Jimmie Foxx and Billy Herman seeing action.