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*Above: Dr. James Walker, Dr. Judy Hiltner and Tom Shaer (pictured left to right) presented at the Emil Rothe Chicago Chapter's in-person session at LaGrange Public Library on Saturday, October 29, 2022. (Photo: Bill Pearch)*

## CHICAGO WHITE SOX HALL OF SHAME

BY: KEN CARRANO

As a member of the American League since its inception, the White Sox have a long list of players who have been elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. It might not be as long of a list as say, the New York Yankees, but after 122 seasons, the list has a number of familiar names. The list, found [here](#), is broken out into several sections:

- Those who played five or more seasons with the White Sox
- Those who played four or fewer seasons
- Managers, and
- Front Office

The names in the five or more season list are names that all White Sox fans will know – Luke Appling (77.6 Baseball Reference WAR (bWAR)), Frank Thomas (73.8b WAR/68.3 bWAR with the Sox), Ted Lyons (66.8), Ed Walsh (68.3), and even the marginally HOF worthy Harold Baines (38.8/24.8). These players played all or the vast majority of their careers with the Sox. The list also includes a number of players in this section who played at a HOF level with the Sox but played the majority of their careers with other teams, including Carlton Fisk (65.8/28.9), Tim Lincecum (69.4/16.6) and Goose Goslin (41.6/9.9).

The list of players who are in the Hall but played with the Sox for four years or less has a few players who enhanced their careers in the Sox uniform. The top of this list includes Jim Kaat (45.2/15.3), Jim Thome (73.1/12.1), who hit his 500th career home run with the Sox, and Tom Seaver (106/9.7), who won his 300th career game on the South Side. This essay, however, is not about these players. We will concentrate below on those players who would have been better off not answering their

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Four cards, one player. Can you guess who?







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# REMEMBERING MILWAUKEE COUNTY STADIUM



BY: BILL PEARCH

Growing up in greater Chicagoland, I had two baseball options. Despite pressure from my hardcore extended White Sox family, I became a Chicago Cubs fan. Perhaps my recessive genes kicked in.

Despite my local team affiliation, I attended games at both Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park. I remember when the Cubs played home games exclusively during the day, and when the White Sox played on the other side of 35th Street. As my baseball interests expanded beyond just my team, I became intrigued by ballparks. Each team had unique homes with rich histories. I established a goal to get out of my media market and visit every Major League Baseball park. Little did I know, the park closest to home is one I'd never visit.

During the early-1980s, my family spent substantial time visiting my paternal grandmother in Milwaukee. We enjoyed countless lunches at the nearby Ground Round. I threw peanut shells on the floor and accumulated more mini Brewers helmets than my Mom could stand. On our way home one day, my Dad took a different route. We looped around Milwaukee County Stadium, then the home of the Brewers, before one of the World Series games in 1982. My jaw dropped and my eyes widened. I had never seen so many cars in a parking lot. Even the Goodyear blimp hovered over the ballpark.



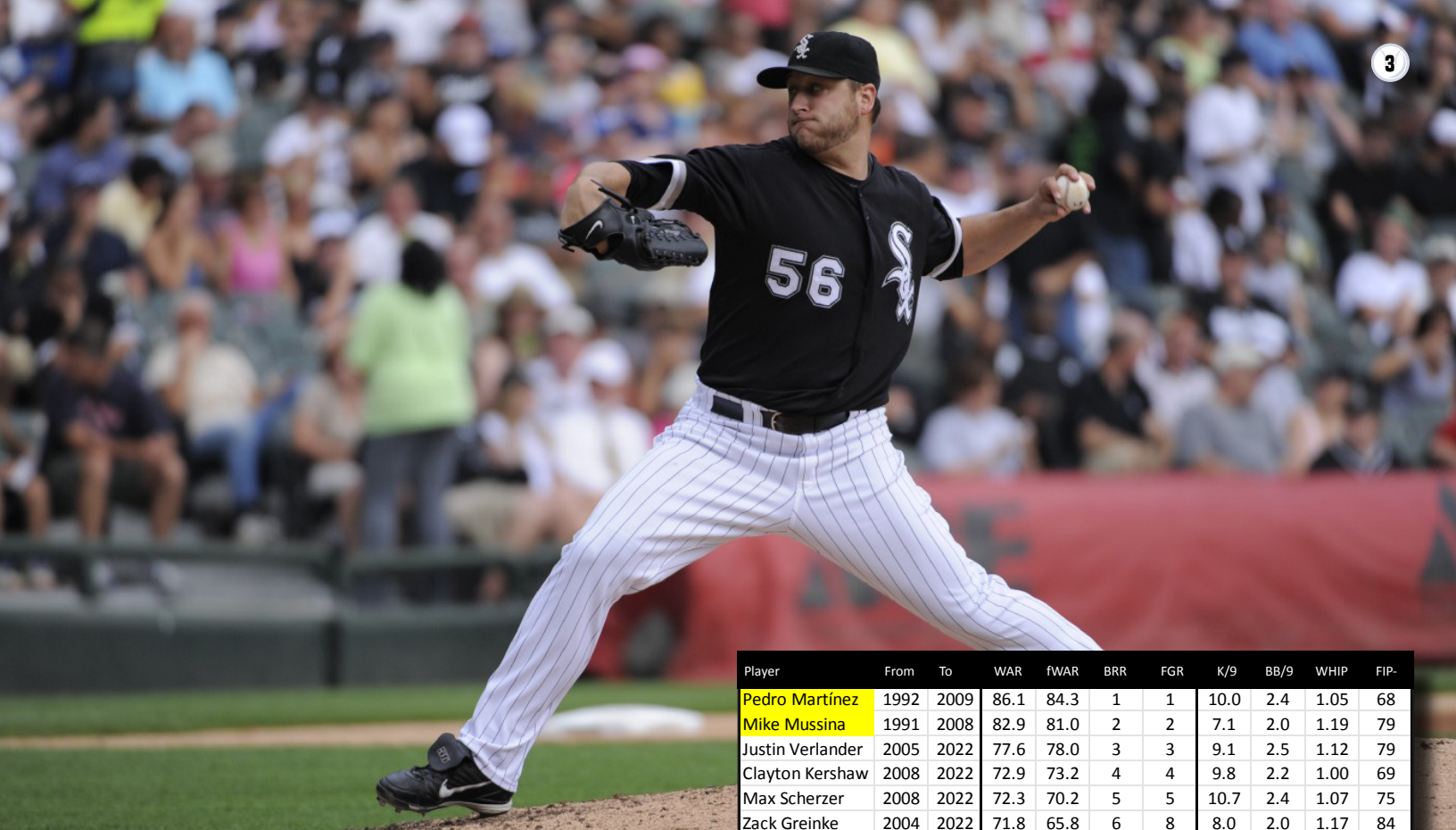
**Top:** The marker commemorating the location of Milwaukee County Stadium's home plate.

**Inset:** A memorial honoring all of the players, managers and coaches of the Milwaukee Braves.

The Brewers continued playing their home games at County Stadium through the 2000 season before moving to Miller Park (renamed American Family Field in 2021). To the surprise of the 9-year-old in me, I never attended a game at County Stadium (I did see a Paul McCartney concert there in 1993).

Despite having a date with the wrecking ball, the Brewers guaranteed the memory of County Stadium would endure. Baseball fans can enjoy the home plate marker placed where Henry Aaron and Eddie Mathews powered the Milwaukee Braves





# THE MARK BUEHRLE HALL OF FAME CASE

BY: SCOTT LINDHOLM

As voting for inclusion in the 2023 Hall of Fame Class begins, Mark Buehrle enters as a decided underdog. In 2021, his first year on the ballot, he received 11 percent of the vote, well short of the 75 percent threshold needed, but not a bad start. He dropped precipitously in 2022 to 5.8 percent, staving off ballot elimination by a mere three votes.

With a relatively weak 2023 ballot (the only newcomer with any realistic chance is Carlos Beltran, and that vote will be extremely interesting), it'll be time for candidates like Buehrle, Scott Rolen, and others to enhance their candidacies with a closer review of their careers. This chart shows all pitchers whose careers began in 1990 or later:

Player	From	To	WAR	fWAR	BRR	FGR	K/9	BB/9	WHIP	FIP-
Pedro Martínez	1992	2009	86.1	84.3	1	1	10.0	2.4	1.05	68
Mike Mussina	1991	2008	82.9	81.0	2	2	7.1	2.0	1.19	79
Justin Verlander	2005	2022	77.6	78.0	3	3	9.1	2.5	1.12	79
Clayton Kershaw	2008	2022	72.9	73.2	4	4	9.8	2.2	1.00	69
Max Scherzer	2008	2022	72.3	70.2	5	5	10.7	2.4	1.07	75
Zack Greinke	2004	2022	71.8	65.8	6	8	8.0	2.0	1.17	84
Roy Halladay	1998	2013	65.5	65.3	7	9	6.9	1.9	1.18	78
CC Sabathia	2001	2019	62.1	66.6	8	7	7.8	2.8	1.26	87
Andy Pettitte	1995	2013	60.9	68.1	9	6	6.6	2.8	1.35	83
Mark Buehrle	2000	2015	60.0	52.2	10	13	5.1	2.0	1.28	93
Cole Hamels	2006	2020	58.4	51.7	11	14	8.5	2.6	1.18	88
Tim Hudson	1999	2015	57.0	49.0	12	16	6.0	2.6	1.24	90
Johan Santana	2000	2012	51.0	45.6	13	21	8.8	2.5	1.13	81
Felix Hernández	2005	2019	50.5	54.1	14	10	8.3	2.7	1.21	85
Roy Oswalt	2001	2013	50.2	52.6	15	12	7.4	2.1	1.21	78
Bartolo Colon	1997	2018	47.9	51.1	16	15	6.6	2.5	1.31	96
Chris Sale	2010	2022	46.5	45.5	17	22	11.1	2.1	1.04	69
Brad Radke	1995	2006	45.8	38.8	18	51	5.4	1.6	1.26	94
Jon Lester	2006	2021	45.1	46.4	19	20	8.2	2.9	1.28	91
Javier Vazquez	1998	2011	43.4	53.7	20	11	8.0	2.4	1.25	88
Cliff Lee	2002	2014	42.7	48.4	21	17	7.6	1.9	1.20	82
Adam Wainwright	2005	2022	42.4	47.9	22	18	7.5	2.4	1.22	85
Jacob deGrom	2014	2022	41.1	41.1	23	46	10.9	2.1	1.00	64
David Price	2008	2022	41.0	42.4	24	44	8.7	2.4	1.16	83

The HOFers are highlighted, and one can pick out Buehrle easily by looking at the K/9 column. Buehrle never was a power pitcher, but he certainly was a control one, as his BB/9 attests. When looking at his Wins Above Replacement, he's just outside the cut of the HOFers and guaranteed-to-be HOFers like Verlander, Kershaw, Scherzer, and most likely Greinke.

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*Above: During his 16-year career, Mark Buehrle was a five-time All-Star and four-time Gold Glove winner. (Photo: Inside the White Sox)*



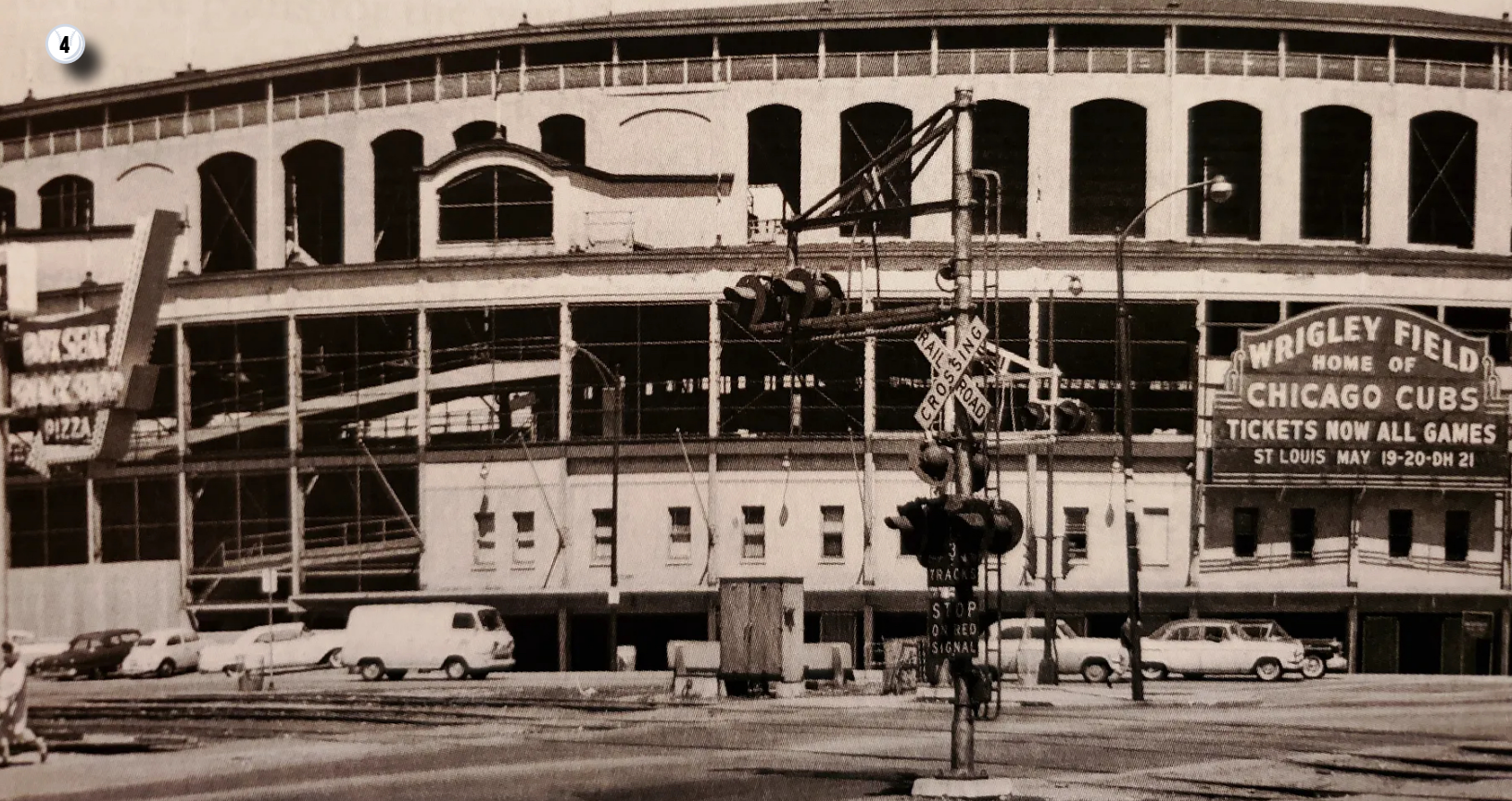
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CAN YOU NAME ALL OF THE PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME?





## 1961 CHICAGO CUBS: GREATEST TEAM EVER?



BY: JASON SCHWARTZ

As fondly as Cubs fans recall the 2016 championship or imagine the glory years of Tinker to Evers to Chance, there can be no dispute as to which Cubs team was the greatest of them all. That would be, unequivocally and unambiguously, the northside squad of 1961. “But didn’t they win only 64 games?” Ah, I think I see the misunderstanding. You thought I meant “on the field” when in fact I meant (and always mean!) “in the pack.”

Following an all-Ted Williams set in 1959 and a smaller “Baseball Greats” set in 1960, the Frank H. Fler Corporation issued what would be its magnum opus, the 1961 Fler “Baseball Greats” set. While Cooperstown itself held only 84 plaques, this Fler set boasted a 154-card checklist ranging from top shelf immortals like Ruth and Cobb to lesser stars such as Fred Toney, Bump Hadley, and Joe Hauser.

Not surprisingly then, the Cubs team set included all the players you’d expect to see. The aforementioned Tinker, Evers, and Chance, for example, have cards in the set, as do Cap Anson, Three Finger Brown, and Hack Wilson.

However, what separates the “1961” Cubs squad from all others is the preponderance of ringers, players donning Cubs garb in the

*Above: Wrigley Field, as pictured in 1961, from the corner of Clark and Addison. (Photo: Bleed Cubbie Blue)*

set despite their greater success with other franchises. Take this Murderers Row, for example, consisting of three great sluggers most fans forgot ever played here.

Also cracking the Cubs checklist are Lou Boudreau, fired as manager less than a year into his only season with the club, and spitballer Burleigh Grimes, whose Cubs record over one and a half seasons was a mere 9-17. Meanwhile, Rogers Hornsby and Chuck Klein spent a combined six and a half seasons in the Friendly Confines, but even the most die-hard Cubs rooters will admit the two are much better remembered as Cards and Phils respectively.



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# WHITE SOX HALL OF SHAME (CONT.)

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phone to hear about the move to the White Sox or should have considered missing their ride. In other words, the Chicago White Sox Hall of Shame.

## **Charles "Chief" Bender (42.8/-0.1)**

Bender had a very successful career with the Philadelphia A's before jumping to the Federal League's Baltimore Terrapins in 1915. After a poor season in Baltimore he went back to Philadelphia to play two seasons with the Phillies. Released by the Phillies, he successfully pitched and managed in the minor leagues. In 1925, while coaching with the White Sox under Eddie Collins, he was inserted into the 9th inning of game one of a doubleheader against the Boston Red Sox, giving up two runs in an eventual 6-3 loss, ending his major league career eight years after he probably thought it ended. White Sox fans can take some consolation that his bWAR with the Baltimore Feds was worse than his White Sox bWAR (-0.7). Bender was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1953.

## **Edd Roush (45.6/-0.2)**

Unlike most Hall of Famers that played short stints with the Sox, Roush started his career in Chicago, having had his contract purchased from Evansville in the Kitty League in August 1913. Roush made nine appearances with the Sox, securing his first major league hit, ironically, off Chief Bender. After being sent down to Lincoln in the Western League, he jumped to Indianapolis of the Federal League for the 1914 season. Completing two Federal seasons, he joined the New York Giants in 1916, only to be traded to Cincinnati along with Christy Mathewson during the season. Roush played with the Reds until 1926, accumulating most of his bWAR (40.7), before rejoining the Giants via trade in 1927. After a holdout, he finished his career back in Cincinnati in 1931. Roush joined the baseball immortals in 1962.

## **Roberto Alomar (67.0/-0.7)**

Alomar, perhaps unfortunately best known for spitting in umpire John Hirschbeck's face during the 1996 season, had a stellar career with several teams including the Padres, Blue Jays, Orioles and Indians before his two sojourns on the south side. The son of former Sox infielder Sandy Alomar, and the brother of then Sox catcher Sandy Alomar Jr., Roberto was traded from the Mets to support the Sox in the pennant race of 2003, Alomar hit .253 in 67 appearances with the Sox, who failed to make the playoffs. A free agent in 2004, Alomar signed with the Diamondbacks, only to be traded to the Sox again for the 2004 pennant drive, which again came up short for the Sox. Alomar hit .308 in 38 games with the D-Backs, only to finish his career hitting .180 in 61 at bats for the Sox. He signed a free agent contract with Tampa in 2005, only to retire in spring training.

He may have received a ring if he could have figured out a way to get back to Chicago in 2005, bWAR be damned. Alomar was elected to the Hall in 2011.

## **Charles "Red" Ruffing (55.4/-0.9)**

Winning isn't everything. Red Ruffing lost 47 games for the 1928-29 Boston Red Sox (and three more in 1930) before a trade to the Yankees kickstarted his Hall of Fame career. Sharing the mound with fellow Hall of Fame member Lefty Grove, Ruffing won six World Series titles with the Yanks before the war effort called in 1943. Rejoining the Yankees in 1945 after being discharged, Ruffing, then 40 years old, pitched effectively in New York until his kneecap was broken in June from a line drive. His career appeared to be over, but Sox manager Lyons who had pitched in 1946 at age 45 thought Ruffing young enough to give it another go. He should have stayed home, taking another line drive off the same knee in spring training. He finally got to Chicago in July, compiling a 3-5 record in nine starts, with a 6.11 ERA. Released at the end of the season, he stayed on with the Sox as a scout and then minor league manager. Ruffing was voted into the Hall in 1967.

## **Ron Santo (70.5/-1.6)**

Santo has the distinction of being the worst performing player on the Sox Hall of Fame list. Santo had spent 14 years with the Cubs, hitting 337 home runs with a batting average of .279. The Cubs, who had been offloading their aging stars after their failed pennant runs of 1969 and the early '70s, traded Santo to the Sox for Steve Stone, Steve Swisher and Ken Frailing in December 1973. Stone would eventually make his way back to the Sox, then win a Cy Young with the Orioles in 1980. Santo would appear in 117 games with the Sox, but only hit .221 with five home runs to finish his career. Both Santo and Stone would spend time broadcasting for the Cubs and with Harry Carey. Stone now occupies the Sox booth where he teams with Jason Benetti. Santo was posthumously elected to the Hall in 2012.

## **Honorable Mention – John "Jocko" Conlan (-0.6)**

Conlan grew up Chicago and played minor league ball, primarily in the International League until he was called up to the Sox in 1934. Playing 128 games over two seasons, Conlan hit .263 with no home runs before being released after the 1935 season. While with the Sox, Conlan umpired two games in St. Louis when the assigned umpire suffered heat stroke in the July heat. When he was released, Sox GM Harry Grabiner suggested Conlan take up umpiring. Conlan started umpiring in the minors, where he worked for five years before becoming a National League umpire in 1941. In his 25-year career in the senior circuit, he umpired in five world series and six All-Star games before retiring after the 1964 season and was elected to the Hall 10 years later, not so much for his performance with the Sox. 🙄

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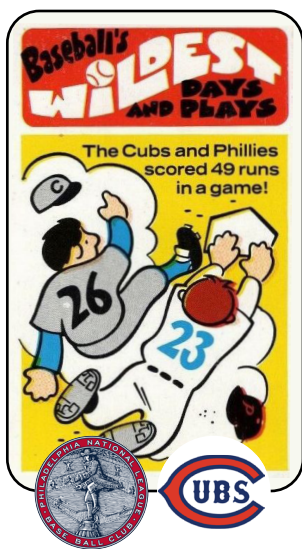




# RANDOM TANDEM

## PHILLIES VS. CUBS

BY: JASON SCHWARTZ



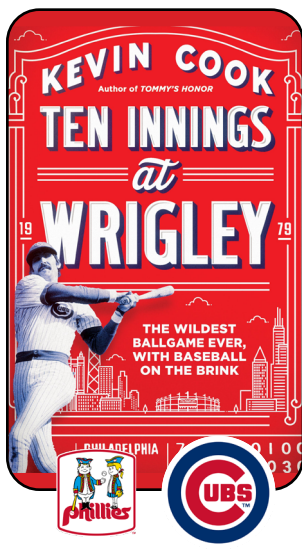
### Phillies at Cubs August 25, 1922

Highest scoring game  
in MLB history.

Cubs get two home runs from Hack Miller, nicknamed for his resemblance to wrestler George Hackenschmidt.

Cubs pitchers give up 26 hits.

Cubs middle infielder (John) Kelleher goes 0-for-1.



### Phillies at Cubs May 17, 1979

Second highest scoring game  
in MLB history.

Cubs surrender two home runs  
to a hackin' Schmidt.

Cubs batters bang out 26 hits.

Cubs middle infielder (Mick) Kelleher goes 0-for-1.

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## MARK BUEHRLE (CONT.)

Is a solid Wins Above Replacement enough to get him over the hump? It will take time, and considerable effort make his case. He didn't pitch in New York or Los Angeles, his skills were "hidden" as opposed to being a power pitcher, and he's not very outspoken on his own behalf. Voters haven't really gotten aboard any kind of Andy Pettitte bandwagon, and it will be interesting to see how CC Sabathia is treated when he reaches the ballot.

As baseball moves further away from the magic numbers of the past (20-win seasons, 300 career wins, etc.), new ways of evaluating pitching careers need to be developed. While Pedro Martinez was enshrined in his first year of eligibility, it took Mike Mussina six tries. It won't be easy for Mark Buehrle to be elected, and I wouldn't be shocked if he slips off the ballot completely this year or next. It would be a shame, though, since he was one of the best pitchers of his baseball generation. ♡



## 1961 CUBS (CONT.)

Overall, 1961 Fleer "Baseball Greats" features 19 Cubs, the most of any team in the set. The result is a depth chart looking something like this:

- C: Gabby Hartnett, Johnny Kling
- 1B: Jimmie Foxx, Frank Chance, Cap Anson
- 2B: Rogers Hornsby, Tony Lazzeri, Johnny Evers
- 3B: Stan Hack
- SS: Lou Boudreau, Joe Tinker
- LF: Ralph Kiner, Riggs Stephenson
- CF: Hack Wilson
- RF: Chuck Klein, Kiki Cuyler
- RHP: Three Finger Brown, Burleigh Grimes
- LHP: Hippo Vaughn

Holy cow, that's a winning squad if I ever saw one! If there's ever been a better one out of packs, this lifelong card collector and amateur Hobby historian hasn't seen it!

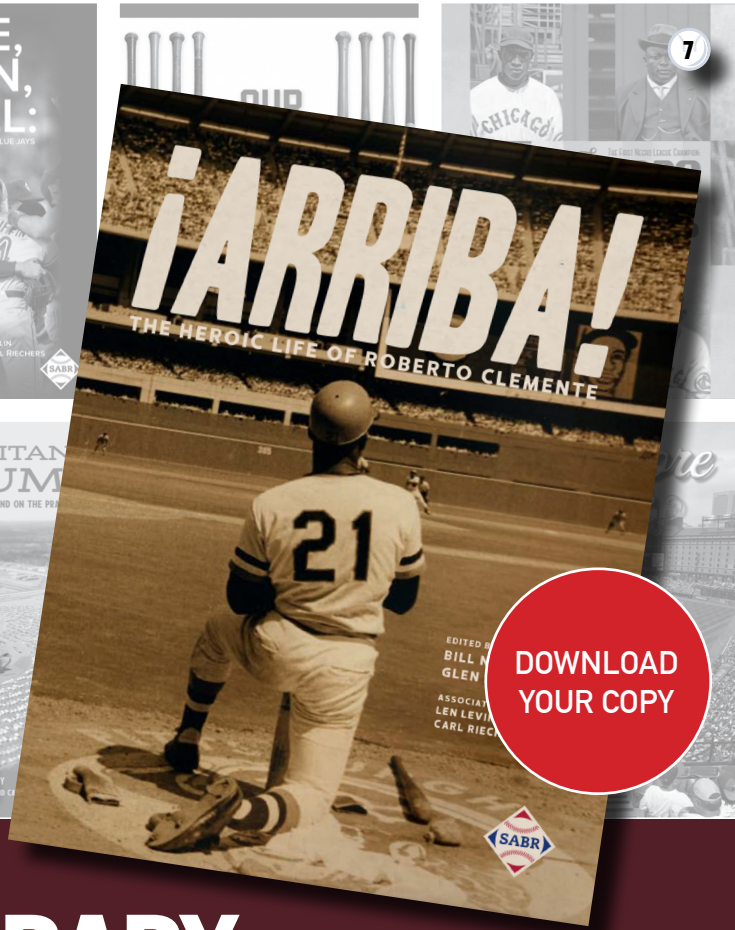
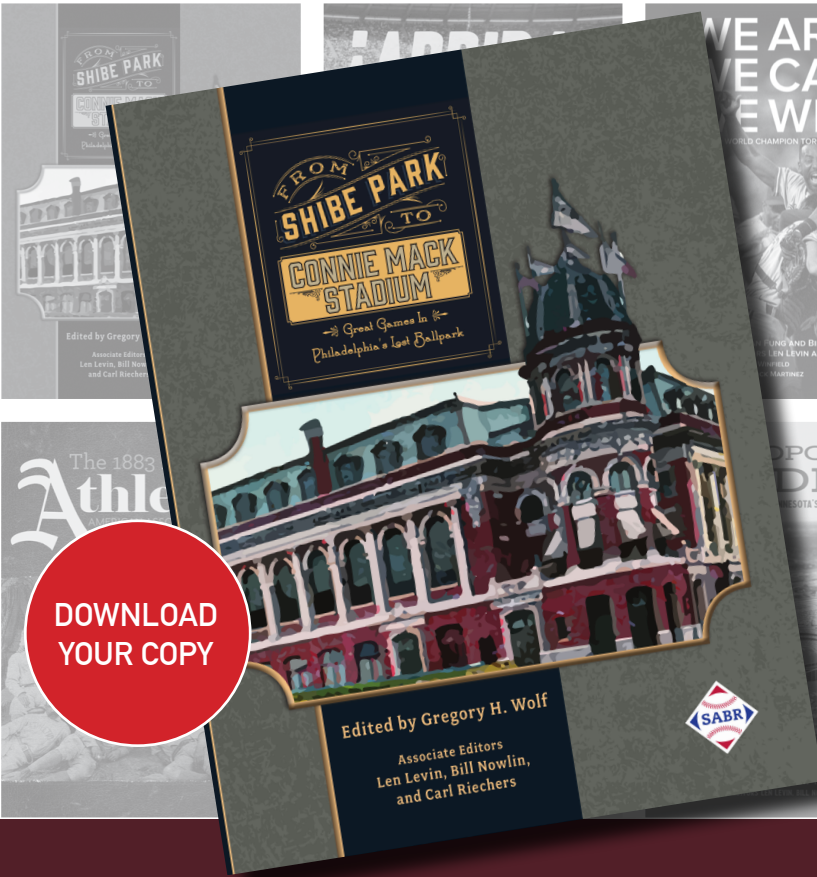
**Author's Note:** Some Hobby historians believe the 1961 Fleer set was issued over two seasons (cards 1-88 in 1961, cards 89-154 in 1962). Nonetheless, it remains known throughout the Hobby as a 1961 issue, which is how I've chosen to regard it here. ♡

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From Shibe Park to Connie Mack Stadium: Great Games in Philadelphia's Lost Ballpark evokes memories and the exciting history of the celebrated ballpark through stories of 100 games played there and several feature essays. The games included in this volume reflect every decade in the ballpark's history, from the inaugural game on April 12, 1909, to the last, on October 1, 1970.

Shibe Park was the home of the Philadelphia A's from 1909 until their relocation to Kansas City after the 1954 season, as well as the Philadelphia Phillies from 1938 until the ballpark's closure at the end of the 1970 season. In 1953 Shibe Park was renamed Connie Mack Stadium in honor of the baseball icon who had managed the Athletics for their first 50 seasons. Baseball's first steel-and-concrete ballpark, it hosted big-league baseball for 62 seasons and more than 6,000 games, including in excess of 3,500 games by the A's and 2,500 by the Phillies.

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The year 2022 marks the 50th anniversary year of Roberto Clemente's final year in major-league baseball. ¡Arriba! The Heroic Life of Roberto Clemente celebrates his life and his baseball career.

The first universally acknowledged Latino inductee into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Clemente played every one of his 18 seasons for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He became the 11th player to reach the 3,000-hit milestone, finishing his final season by hitting number 3000 on the season's last day. Named to 15 All-Star Game squads, Clemente also won 12 Gold Gloves, four batting titles, and was the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1966. He was twice a World Series champion, winning with the Pirates in both 1960 and 1971.

But off the baseball diamond, Clemente was known for his charitable work. He lost his life on the final day of 1972 while working to provide relief for victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua. He was aboard a plane loaded with relief supplies — the fourth such plane he had helped to stock — and had decided to accompany the flight personally to ensure the supplies were reaching those in need of aid and not merely falling into the hands of profiteers. The plane crashed immediately after takeoff from Puerto Rico, a tragic loss for baseball and the world.

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## CHICAGO SPORTS MUSEUM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Above: Grant DePorter provided a guided tour of the Chicago Sports Museum for several SABR members. (Pictured left to right: Bruce Allardice, Richard Smiley, Bill Pearch, Jacob Pomrenke, Dan Wallach, Grant DePorter and John Racanelli)

**GIVE THE  
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TEST DRIVE**

This game-used ball from Game Five of the 1919 World Series on display at the Chicago Sports Museum. The ball and letter were found in a 1920 time capsule uncovered at the *Chicago Tribune* printing plant in 2022. The Chicago Sports Museum is located at Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. / **Photos: John Racanelli and Jacob Pomrenke**

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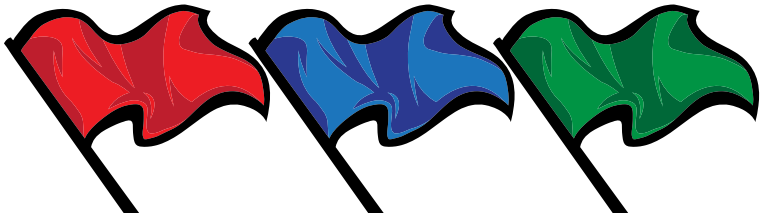
## ZEMAN'S ZINGERS



BY: DAVE ZEMAN

With the 2022 season in the books, we have a special set of questions to test your knowledge during the offseason. This issue's theme is: Life Begins at 40 ... Home Runs. Ready? Play ball!

- Who was the first American League second baseman with 40 homers in a season?
- Through 1952, only two non-Hall of Famers hit at least 40 round trippers in a season. Who were they?
- From 1931 through 1946, there were 16 40-homer seasons in the American League but only one in the Senior Circuit. What National Leaguer performed the feat?
- Who was the first 40-homer slugger to not lead his league in that category?
- Through 1946, who was the only National Leaguer with more than one 40-home run campaign?



### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2022: HOW DID YOU DO?

- Roman author of *Naturalis Historia* / Cubs Opening Day shortstop in 1962 Pliny the Elder White
- Silent era comedian known for hanging from a clock / Had 223 hits as a rookie for a pennant winner Harold Lloyd Waner
- Braveheart character / saved an even 300 games Robert the Bruce Sutter
- 1990's AL Rookie of the Year / Former Treasury Secretary and Chief Justice Tim Salmon P. Chase
- The Great Compromiser / Led NL in saves for a team that lost to Oakland in the World Series Henry Clay Carroll



# MILWAUKEE COUNTY STADIUM (CONT.)

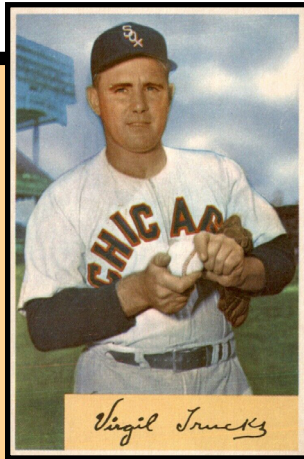
to a World Series championship in 1957, and Robin Yount and Paul Molitor won the American League pennant in 1982. Just a few feet away, there's a memorial honoring the Braves brief Cream City tenure. Speaking of Hammerin' Hank, fans will find an added treat in the parking lot with a marker commemorating where the final home run of Aaron's career landed.

Going to a game? Make sure to visit the Brewers Team Store in the Left Field Corner at American Family Field. There is a wall entirely constructed with bricks from County Stadium.

Heading to Milwaukee soon? The new SABR Baseball Map will provide the precise location of these markers, the Walk of Fame and the Wall of Honor outside of American Family Field. ♡



**EARLY WYNN**  
Pitcher  
Chicago White Sox

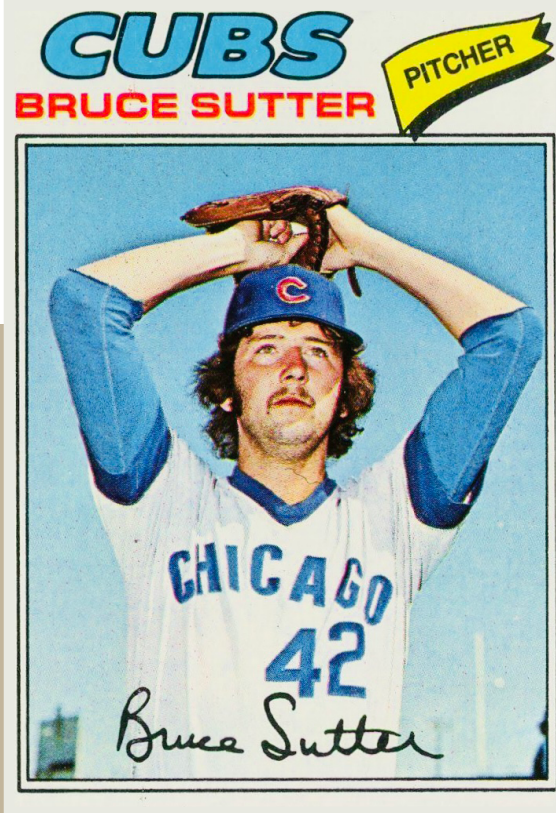


*Virgil Trucks*

## TOP TEN: CAREER SHUTOUTS FOR CHICAGO PITCHERS AGED 36 AND OLDER:

	TWIRLER	SHO	YEAR(S)	AGES	TEAM
1	EARLY WYNN	16	1958-62	38-42	WHITE SOX
2	VIRGIL TRUCKS	11	1953-55	36-38	WHITE SOX
3	CLAUDE PASSEAU	8	1945-47	36-38	CUBS
3	TED LYONS	8	1937-46	36-45	WHITE SOX
5	RED FABER	6	1925-33	36-44	WHITE SOX
6	TOM SEAVER	5	1984-86	39-41	WHITE SOX
7	EDDIE CICOTTE	4	1920	36-36	WHITE SOX
7	GEORGE HARNEY	4	1926-1931	36-41	AM. GIANTS
7	GEORGE MCCONNELL	4	1915	37-37	WHALES
7	PETE ALEXANDER	4	1923-26	36-39	CUBS

HAVE YOU COMPILED A TOP TEN LIST THAT THE CHAPTER WOULD FAWN OVER? SEND IT TO JOHN RACANELLI VIA EMAIL AT [J.RACANELLI@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:j.racanelli@hotmail.com).



## PASTIME PASSAGES

“He’s tough. His forkball is just about impossible to hit.”

— Pete Rose speaking about Bruce Sutter, *Elizabethtown (Pennsylvania) Chronicle*, July 7, 1977: 6.

Do you have a favorite baseball-related quote? Send it to John Racanelli via email at [j.racanelli@hotmail.com](mailto:j.racanelli@hotmail.com).

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# 2022 CASEY AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED



*Spitball Magazine* announced that the following books have been nominated as finalists for the 2022 CASEY Award for Best Baseball Book the Year. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the CASEY. Here are the 10 outstanding baseball books which will now compete for the 2022 CASEY Award:

- The Book of Joe: Trying Not to Suck at Baseball and Life by Joe Maddon and Tom Verducci \* Twelve Books;
- Charlie Murphy: The Iconoclastic Showman Behind the Chicago Cubs by Jason Cannon \* University of Nebraska Press;
- The Church of Baseball: The Making of Bull Durham: Home Runs, Bad Calls, Crazy Fights, Big Swings, and a Hit by Ron Shelton \* Knopf;
- The Grandest Stage: A History of the World Series by Tyler Kepner \* Doubleday;
- The Lineup: Ten Books that Changed Baseball by Paul Aron \* McFarland;
- Playing through the Pain: Ken Caminiti and the Steroids Confession that Changed Baseball Forever by Dan Good \* Abrams Press;
- Red Barber: The Life and Legacy of a Broadcasting Legend by Judith R. Hiltner and James R. Walker \* University of Nebraska Press;
- Rickey: The Life and Legend of an American Original by Howard Bryant \* Mariner;
- In Scoring Position: 40 Years of a Baseball Love Affair by Bob Ryan & Bill Chuck \* Triumph Books; and
- True: The Four Seasons of Jackie Robinson by Kostya Kennedy \* St. Martin's Press.

According to Editor-in-Chief Mike Shannon, "Through the CASEY Award, *Spitball* long ago demonstrated that baseball is an inexhaustible subject for the most talented writers and historians, and this year's finalists compose a most worthy crop of outstanding baseball books to celebrate the CASEY's 40th Anniversary. We congratulate all the nominated authors and publishers, as well as the authors and publishers of all baseball books released in 2022, and we thank everyone who has contributed to the CASEY Award process thus far.

Click the book icons to the right to watch the authors' SABR Chicago presentations.



## SCOREBOARD PUZZLER



Let's test your scoreboard identification skills. From the clues in this photo, can you successfully guess the exact date of the game? You may need to zoom in. Some of the clues might be deceiving. Good luck.

Our September–October 2022 issue had two correct guesses. The photo featured Crosley Field during the second game of a doubleheader on July 30, 1967.

Ed Hartig / Richard Smiley

Do you have a scoreboard photo that will have your fellow chapter members scratching their heads? Send it to Bill Pearch at [wpearch@comcast.net](mailto:wpearch@comcast.net). Note that photos are not limited to Chicago ballparks.

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