



Strat-O-Matic Hall of Fame 2016



The enclosed cards are the culmination of an incredible amount of research and planning that were needed to complete this unique product. To create these cards, Strat-O-Matic had to first devise new methodologies to insure the most accurate set of cards possible. The obstacles were great – lack of certain data for some of the early players, devising normalization procedures to give the most accurate reflection of each player's worth, determining ballpark effects on each batter and pitcher and much more. We attacked each problem head on, and the end result is a wonderful set of cards that may be the nicest our company has ever produced. We hope you enjoy playing with these cards as much as we have enjoyed creating them.

EXTENDED PEAK

We decided that we would base these Hall Of Fame cards on each player's best 7 years. This provided a card that portrays what we call the player's "extended peak" ability. This method draws a proper balance between peak ability and career ability. Both excellence and longevity are rewarded because the longer a player's career lasted, the more seasons are available to choose the top 7 years from. NOTE: The printed cards contain the player's 7-year averages.

LEFTY/RIGHTY SPLITS & SUBJECTIVE RATINGS

We have used our proprietary library of pre-1980s lefty/righty data to help create this set. In addition we developed new methodologies to supplement our previous research. There was a tremendous amount of research devoted to reading about each of the players enclosed in this set. That helped us create the subjective ratings that Strat-O-Matic is famous for: running, bunting, hit and run, throwing, fielding and pitcher's hold. The research for this project took many man-hours to accomplish, but our goal was to have the most "legitimate" recreation of these player's abilities possible. We are proud of our research efforts – the fact that no other company even attempts to match our efforts lets you know that you have purchased the best.

NORMALIZING THE DATA

Strat-O-Matic has always normalized data to the league in which it was accomplished. A batter hitting .300 in a league that hit .280 is not nearly as impressive as a batter who hit .300 in a league that hit .230. Our normalization methods insure that both batters and pitchers will perform realistically when used against players from any era. For the Hall of Fame set we decided to normalize all players' error ratings to modern day norms. If we did not do this then the old-time players would never be able to compete against the modern Hall Of Fame players because they played in an era where, due to terrible field conditions and poor equipment, errors were many times more likely to be committed.

CLOSER RATINGS

Almost all Hall Of Fame pitchers were primarily starters. However, many of these pitchers were used in relief and recorded saves during their major league careers. The assigned Closer Ratings are legitimate, but if you feel that it is unrealistic to use closer ratings with this set then simply do not play with this rule.

ADDITIONAL CATCHERS

If needed Cap Anson and Frank Chance may both be rated defensively at catcher. Both of these players played significant time at the position, but not during their 7 peak years. Anson's rating is C-4(+2)e16,T-20(pb-20). Chance's rating is C-4(+2)e16,T-15(pb-2).

STARTING PITCHER * RATINGS

All pitchers in this set, except Hoyt Wilhelm, Rollie Fingers, Pedro Martinez and John Smoltz are allowed to start on 3 days rest (they are * rated pitchers).

BALLPARKS

A ballpark rating was generated separately for each of the 252 players in this card set based upon the 7 years that were chosen. This insures each player will accurately reflect his home ballpark(s) effect on his abilities. The average ballpark rating that was used in creating these cards was as follows:

L Single* 1-7 Lineout(2b) 8-20	L Homerun 1-9 Flyball(rf) B 10-20
R Single* 1-7 Lineout(ss) 8-20	R Homerun 1-9 Flyball(lf) B 10-20

PITCHERS	*	RUN	SUPP. STEAL	PITCHERS	*	RUN	SUPP. STEAL	PITCHERS	*	RUN	SUPP. STEAL
Alexander, Pete	*	1-10	E 5/ 9,10,12 (13-1)	Gossage, Goose		1-10	E -/- (---)	Pennock, Herb	*	1-10	E -/- (---)
Bender, Chief	*	1-12	C 4/- (20-6)	Grimes, Burleigh	*	1-13	C 2-5,11/ 10 (13-6)	Perry, Gaylord	*	1-10	E -/- (- - -)
Blyleven, Bert		1-10	E -/- (---)	Grove, Lefty	*	1-10	E 2/- (13-5)	Plank, Eddie	*	1-10	D 6,7/ 10 (13-6)
Brown, Ray	*	1-14	C *2-5,11,12/ 7 (15-6)	Haines, Jesse	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)	Radbourn, Old Hoss	*	1-14	C *5/- (20-6)
Brown, Three Finger	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)	Hoyt, Waite	*	1-12	E 3/- (3-1)	Rixey, Eppa	*	1-10	E 5/ 9 (13-2)
Bunning, Jim	*	1-10	E 7/- (3-1)	Hubbell, Carl	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)	Roberts, Robin	*	1-12	E 2/- (15-6)
Carlton, Steve	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-5)	Hunter, Catfish	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)	Rogan, Bullet Joe	*	1-15	A *2-7,11,12/- (15-13)
Chesbro, Jack	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)	Jenkins, Ferguson	*	1-10	E 5/- (3-1)	Ruffing, Red	*	1-10	E 2/- (13-5)
Clarkson, John	*	1-14	C *4/- (20-6)	Johnson, Randy		1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Rusie, Amos	*	1-13	D 3/- (20-6)
Cooper, Andy	*	1-10	E -/- (---)	Johnson, Walter	*	1-13	D 2-5,10/ 7,8,11 (13-4)	Ruth, Babe	*	1-14	D 7/- (13-6)
Coveleski, Stan	*	1-12	E 4/- (3-1)	Joss, Addie	*	1-12	D 3/- (20-6)	Ryan, Nolan	*	1-10	E 4,5/ 11 (13-5)
Cummings, Candy	*	1-12	E -/- (- - -)	Keefe, Tim	*	1-13	D 3/- (20-6)	Seaver, Tom	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Day, Leon	*	1-15	C *2-5,11,12/8 (15-6)	Koufax, Sandy	*	1-10	E 6/- (3-1)	Smith, Hilton		1-13	E 4,6/ 8-10 (13-2)
Dean, Dizzy	*	1-14	C 2/- (20-6)	Lemon, Bob	*	1-12	E 2/- (13-6)	Smoltz, John		1-10	E -/- (- - -)
Dihigo, Martin		1-16	B *2-8/10,11 (15-9)	Lyons, Ted	*	1-10	E 3/- (3-1)	Spahn, Warren	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-6)
Drysdale, Don	*	1-10	E 7/- (3-1)	Maddux, Greg		1-14	D 3/- (20-6)	Spalding, Al	*	1-14	E -/- (- - -)
Eckersley, Dennis		1-10	E -/- (---)	Marichal, Juan	*	1-10	E 6/ 7 (13-2)	Sutter, Bruce		1-10	E -/- (- - -)
Faber, Red	*	1-12	E 3/- (16-6)	Marquard, Rube	*	1-10	E 2-4,11/ 10 (13-5)	Sutton, Don	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Feller, Bob	*	1-12	E 3/ 11 (13-3)	Martinez, Pedro		1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Vance, Dazzy	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Fingers, Rollie		1-10	E -/- (---)	Mathewson, Christy	*	1-12	D 3/- (20-6)	Waddell, Rube	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Ford, Whitey	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-6)	McGinnity, Joe	*	1-13	C *5/- (20-6)	Walsh, Ed	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)
Foster, Big Bill	*	1-10	D 4-6/8,9,11 (13-4)	Mendez, Jose		1-16	A *2-12/- (15-13)	Welch, Mickey	*	1-12	D 3/- (20-6)
Foster, Rube		1-10	D *2-6,11,12/7-10 (15-4)	Newhouser, Hal	*	1-12	E 5/ 12 (13-5)	Wilhelm, Hoyt		1-10	E 2-5/- (3-1)
Galvin, Pud	*	1-14	C *5/- (20-11)	Nichols, Kid	*	1-12	D 2/- (20-6)	Williams, Smokey Joe	*	1-12	C *2-6/ 9,10 (15-6)
Gibson, Bob	*	1-15	C *3-6/ 11 (15-7)	Niekro, Phil	*	1-10	E 3/- (3-1)	Willis, Vic	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Glavine, Tom		1-12	E -/- (---)	Paige, Satchel	*	1-10	C *2-6/9,10 (15-6)	Wynn, Early	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Gomez, Lefty	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-5)	Palmer, Jim	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)	Young, Cy	*	1-12	D 2/- (20-6)

CATCHERS	INFIELDERS			OUTFIELDERS		
Bench, Johnny	Beckley, Jake	Hornsby, Rogers	Ripken Jr., Cal	Aaron, Hank	Hamilton, Billy	Roush, Edd
Berra, Yogi	Biggio, Craig	Jackson, Travis	Rizzuto, Phil	Ashburn, Richie	Heilmann, Harry	Ruth, Babe
Bresnahan, Roger	Boggs, Wade	Jennings, Hughie	Robinson, Brooks	Averill, Earl	Henderson, Rickey	Simmons, Al
Campanella, Roy	Bottomley, Jim	Johnson, Judy	Robinson, Jackie	Bell, Cool Papa	Hill, Pete	Slaughter, Enos
Carter, Gary	Boudreau, Lou	Kell, George	Sandberg, Ryne	Brock, Lou	Hooper, Harry	Snider, Duke
Cochrane, Mickey	Brett, George	Kelly, George	Santo, Ron	Brown, Willard	Irvin, Monte	Speaker, Tris
Dickey, Bill	Brouthers, Dan	Killebrew, Harmon	Schmidt, Mike	Burkett, Jesse	Jackson, Reggie	Stargell, Willie
Ewing, Buck	Carew, Rod	Lajoie, Nap	Schoendienst, Red	Carey, Max	Kaline, Al	Stearnes, Turkey
Ferrell, Rick	Cepeda, Orlando	Larkin, Barry	Sewell, Joe	Charleston, Oscar	Keeler, Wee Willie	Thompson, Sam
Fisk, Carlton	Chance, Frank	Lazzeri, Tony	Sisler, George	Clarke, Fred	Kelley, Joe	Toriente, Cristobal
Gibson, Josh	Collins, Eddie	Leonard, Buck	Smith, Ozzie	Clemente, Roberto	Kelly, King	Waner, Lloyd
Hartnett, Gabby	Collins, Jimmy	Lindstrom, Freddy	Suttles, Mule	Cobb, Ty	Kiner, Ralph	Waner, Paul
Lombardi, Ernie	Connor, Roger	Lloyd, Pop	Taylor, Ben	Combs, Earle	Klein, Chuck	Wheat, Zack
Mackey, Biz	Cronin, Joe	Maranville, Rabbit	Terry, Bill	Crawford, Sam	Mantle, Mickey	Williams, Billy
Piazza, Mike	Dandridge, Ray	Mathews, Eddie	Thomas, Frank	Cuyler, Kiki	Manush, Heinie	Williams, Ted
Santop, Louis	Davis, George	Mazeroski, Bill	Tinker, Joe	Dawson, Andre	Mays, Willie	Wilson, Hack
Schalk, Ray	Doerr, Bobby	McCovey, Willie	Traynor, Pie	Delahanty, Ed	McCarthy, Tommy	Winfield, Dave
White, Deacon	Evers, Johnny	McPhee, Bid	Vaughan, Arky	Dihigo, Martin	Medwick, Joe	Yastrzemski, Carl
INFIELDERS	Fox, Nellie	Mendez, Jose	Wagner, Honus	DiMaggio, Joe	Musial, Stan	Youngs, Ross
Alomar, Roberto	Foxx, Jimmie	Mize, Johnny	Wallace, Bobby	Doby, Larry	O'Rourke, Jim	
Anson, Cap	Frisch, Frankie	Molitor, Paul	Ward, John	Duffy, Hugh	Ott, Mel	
Aparicio, Luis	Gehrig, Lou	Morgan, Joe	Wells, Willie	Flick, Elmer	Puckett, Kirby	
Appling, Luke	Gehring, Charlie	Murray, Eddie	Wilson, Jud	Goslin, Goose	Rice, Jim	
Baker, Home Run	Gordon, Joe	Perez, Tony	Yount, Robin	Griffey Jr., Ken	Rice, Sam	
Bancroft, Dave	Greenberg, Hank	Reese, Pee Wee		Gwynn, Tony	Robinson, Frank	
Banks, Ernie	Herman, Billy			Hafey, Chick	Rogan, Bullet Joe	