



Hall of Fame 2023



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 ensure 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 279 players in this card set based upon the 7 years that were chosen. This ensures 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)	Haines, Jesse	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)	Perry, Gaylord	*	1-10	E -/- (- - -)
Bender, Chief	*	1-12	C 4/- (20-6)	Halladay, Roy	*	1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Plank, Eddie	*	1-10	D 6,7/ 10 (13-6)
Blyleven, Bert		1-10	E -/- (- -)	Hoffman, Trevor		1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Radbourn, Old Hoss	*	1-14	C *5/- (20-6)
Brown, Ray	*	1-14	C *2-5, 11,12/ 7 (15-6)	Hoyt, Waite	*	1-12	E 3/- (3-1)	Rivera, Mariano		1-10	E -/- (- - -)
Brown, Three Finger	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)	Hubbell, Carl	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)	Rixey, Eppa	*	1-10	E 5/ 9 (13-2)
Bunning, Jim	*	1-10	E 7/- (3-1)	Hunter, Catfish	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)	Roberts, Robin	*	1-12	E 2/- (15-6)
Carlton, Steve	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-5)	Jenkins, Ferguson	*	1-10	E 5/- (3-1)	Rogan, Bullet Joe	*	1-15	A *2-7,11,12/- (15-13)
Chesbro, Jack	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)	Johnson, Randy		1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Ruffing, Red	*	1-10	E 2/- (13-5)
Clarkson, John	*	1-14	C *4/- (20-6)	Johnson, Walter	*	1-13	D 2-5,10/ 7,8,11 (13-4)	Rusie, Amos	*	1-13	D 3/- (20-6)
Cooper, Andy	*	1-10	E -/- (- -)	Joss, Addie	*	1-12	D 3/- (20-6)	Ruth, Babe	*	1-14	D 7/- (13-6)
Coveleski, Stan	*	1-12	E 4/- (3-1)	Kaat, Jim	*	1-10	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)	Smith, Lee		1-10	E -/- (- -)
Dihigo, Martin		1-16	B *2-8/10,11 (15-9)	Lyons, Ted	*	1-10	E 3/- (3-1)	Smoltz, John		1-10	E -/- (- - -)
Drysdale, Don	*	1-10	E 7/- (3-1)	Maddux, Greg		1-14	D 3/- (20-6)	Spahn, Warren	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-6)
Eckersley, Dennis		1-10	E -/- (- -)	Marichal, Juan	*	1-10	E 6/ 7 (13-2)	Spalding, Al	*	1-14	E -/- (- - -)
Faber, Red	*	1-12	E 3/- (16-6)	Marquard, Rube	*	1-10	E 2-4,11/ 10 (13-5)	Sutter, Bruce		1-10	E -/- (- - -)
Feller, Bob	*	1-12	E 3/ 11 (13-3)	Martinez, Pedro		1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Sutton, Don	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Fingers, Rollie		1-10	E -/- (- -)	Mathewson, Christy	*	1-12	D 3/- (20-6)	Vance, Dazzy	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Ford, Whitey	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-6)	McGinnity, Joe	*	1-13	C *5/- (20-6)	Waddell, Rube	*	1-10	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)	Walsh, Ed	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)
Foster, Rube		1-10	D *2-6, 11,12/7-10 (15-4)	Mussina, Mike	*	1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Welch, Mickey	*	1-12	D 3/- (20-6)
Galvin, Pud	*	1-14	C *5/- (20-11)	Morris, Jack	*	1-10	E -/- (- - -)	Wilhelm, Hoyt		1-10	E 2-5/- (3-1)
Gibson, Bob	*	1-15	C *3-6/ 11 (15-7)	Newhouser, Hal	*	1-12	E 5/ 12 (13-5)	Williams, Smokey Joe	*	1-12	C *2-6/ 9,10 (15-6)
Glavine, Tom		1-12	E -/- (- -)	Nichols, Kid	*	1-12	D 2/- (20-6)	Willis, Vic	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Gomez, Lefty	*	1-10	E 3/- (13-5)	Niekro, Phil	*	1-10	E 3/- (3-1)	Wynn, Early	*	1-10	E 2/- (20-6)
Gossage, Goose		1-10	E -/- (- -)	Paige, Satchel	*	1-10	C *2-6/9,10 (15-6)	Young, Cy	*	1-12	D 2/- (20-6)
Grimes, Burleigh	*	1-13	C 2-5,11/ 10 (13-6)	Palmer, Jim	*	1-12	E 2/- (20-6)				
Grove, Lefty	*	1-10	E 2/- (13-5)	Pennock, Herb	*	1-10	E -/- (- - -)				

CATCHERS

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