

## ***TRANSPARENCY ANNEX B***

### **METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING THE BEST PLAYERS AT THEIR POSITION IN EACH LEAGUE ACROSS THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

Many avid students of baseball history are inclined to make their own list of the best players historically at each position. Like others, I've done this, but of more particular interest to me was identifying the best players at each position in both major leagues across the twentieth century for the period of time they played, leaving no year unaccounted for. This was necessarily a subjective judgment, but one *informed primarily by the wins above replacement (WAR)-level player* metric developed by Sean Smith of *BaseballProjections.com*.

To establish the foundation for selecting players as the best at their position, I prepared a “genealogy” of players for every major league team that included all players—regulars by their position, bench players, and pitchers—who played for the franchise at least five consecutive seasons, or who met certain benchmarks in games played for the franchise. Those benchmarks included 500 games for position players, 120 starts or 750 innings pitched for starting pitchers, 150 appearances for pitchers used primarily in relief before 1970, and 200 games pitched for relievers since 1970.

From among these players, and taking account of those players who played for more than one team, I used the WAR metric to determine for each league who were the best at each infield position, the three best outfielders (without distinction made between left, center, or right field), the best multi-position regular (a player who played more than one position over any given five-year period), the best catcher, the five best starting pitchers, and the best relief pitcher successively across the entire 100 years of the twentieth

century and as far into the first decade of the twenty-first century as practical. For the best at their position in the National League, some players extend back into the late nineteenth century.

- The WAR metric was used to make an informed judgment as to who was the best player at each position and when transitions occurred from one best player at his position to the next. Using a rolling average generally meant that the bias favored those who had a consistently strong performance for five or more consecutive years. I will repeat, however, that I used WAR to *inform* my choices, *not dictate* them. This means that I may not have selected the player with the highest aggregate wins above replacement over any five-year period if, for example, that player had two great seasons but three mediocre ones as well, when another player at his position was more consistently better. Alternately, there are some instances when the player I consider as the best at his position may have had an atypically poor season during the time he was best.
- Each player must have been the best at his position for a minimum of five years. I made an occasional exception of four years, such as for third base in the National League from 1901 to 1904, when Tommy Leach was the only NL player who could be considered a regular at that position all four years, and his playing more games in the outfield in 1905 precluded my giving him a fifth year as the league's best at that position. Exceptions are also made for the designated hitter in the American League because there were extended periods, 1983 through 1994 for example, where no player was almost exclusively a DH for five consecutive years.
- Each player identified as the best at his position must have played almost exclusively at that position during the time he was the best. I made exceptions for catchers like Joe Torre who, when he was the National League's best catcher from 1963 to 1967, also played elsewhere, and players like Frank Thomas, who I consider to have been the best first baseman in the American League from 1991 to 1998, but also played a significant number of games as a DH.
- I have also identified "*significant others*" to acknowledge outstanding players who were not the best at their position because someone else was even better or whose contribution over a minimum of five consecutive years was otherwise noteworthy. For example, I consider Joe Tinker, an outstanding shortstop who had the disadvantage of being a contemporary of Honus Wagner in the first decade of the twentieth century, to be a "significant other" based on both performance and his legacy as part of the Cubs' famous Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance infield.
- In rare circumstances, a player was so outstanding that while I do not consider him *the best* at his position, I nonetheless believe he should be recognized as a *best player* rather than a significant other. These players are identified at their positions with an asterisk (\*) and include most notably in the American League

first basemen Jimmie Foxx (1929-41) and Hank Greenberg (1934-39), who were both direct contemporaries of Lou Gehrig.

- Players whose names are indented, such as National League second baseman Lonny Frey (1939-43) or outfielder Sammy Sosa (1998-2002), overlap at the end of one player's years as the league's best at the position or at the beginning of another's to account for every season of the century, mostly because of my five-year requirement.
- **Multi-Position Regulars** are either players like Stan Musial in the National League, who alternated between the outfield and first base his entire career, and Harmon Killebrew in the American League, who did the same between first and third, never playing four or more consecutive years exclusively at either position, or players who changed positions like Johnny Pesky in the AL from 1942 to 1950 (shortstop to third base), or Tony Perez from 1969 to 1974 (third to first) and Pete Rose (also third to first, after eight years in the outfield) from 1975 to 1981 in the NL. In the case of players like Pesky, Perez, and Rose, their time as my choice for best multi-position regular covered the crossover of their transition; for their years as the best multi-position regular, they must have played *at least two years at one of their two positions, and no more than three or four—(four, only if he was best multi-position regular for seven or more seasons)—at the other position.* Otherwise, they would have been considered against other regulars at that position.
- Best players make provision for five starting pitchers and one ace reliever (more popularly known as closers since Oakland manager Tony LaRussa virtually redefined the role with Dennis Eckersley in the late 1980s). I decided to go with five instead of the traditional four-man rotation because, historically, most teams throughout the twentieth century used five starting pitchers, even though two or three on each team for the first half of the century started many fewer games—the back ends of double-headers, for example—than their team's top two (or three) pitchers.
- Finally, I took account of seasons lost to injury, illness, or military service during the period of time a player was the best at his position by noting, in parenthesis, the number of years missed. For example, Joe DiMaggio, 1936-51 (-3), as one of the AL's three best outfielders, served in the military for three seasons (1943-45) during World War II; pitcher Don Newcombe, 1949-57 (-2), served in the military for two seasons (1952-53) during the Korean War in the middle of his being one of the NL's five best starting pitchers; and National League second baseman Joe Morgan, 1965-82 (-1), was out nearly all of one season (1968) with a knee injury.

**BEST PLAYERS AT THEIR POSITIONS**  
**1901-2011**

**(Year +)**

indicates player has been the best at his position beginning sometime in the 2000s through at least 2011, according to me.

**(? after an identified final year in the 2000s, such as Chase Utley, 2005-09 ?)**

indicates player was best at his position for at least those years and *possibly* beyond through 2011 because it is too soon to project whether another player in the last two or three years will have a minimum five consecutive years as best at his position.

**(? *Player's Name in Italics*)**

indicates player projected by me to be best at his position for a five-year period extending beyond 2011 based on player value since at least 2009.

**BEST NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS AT THEIR POSITIONS**  
**1901-2011**

**FIRST BASE**

Jake Beckley, 1893-1902	Bill Terry, 1929-35	Steve Garvey, 1974-78
Frank Chance, 1903-08	Johnny Mize, 1936-48 (-3)	Keith Hernandez, 1979-86
Ed Konetchy, 1909-13	Gil Hodges, 1949-57	Will Clark, 1987-91
Jake Daubert, 1914-22	Orlando Cepeda, 1958-64	Jeff Bagwell, 1992-99
Jim Bottomley, 1923-28	Willie McCovey, 1965-73	Todd Helton, 2000-05
		Albert Pujols, 2006-10 *

\* Pujols was NL's best multi-position regular (OF/3B/1B) from 2001-05.

**Significant Other 1B:** Dolph Camilli, 1937-42.

**SECOND BASE**

Claude Ritchey, 1899-1905	Billy Herman, 1935-39	Bill Mazerowski, 1958-64
Johnny Evers, 1906-14 (-1)	Lonny Frey, 1939-43	Joe Morgan, 1965-82 (-1)
Larry Doyle, 1915-19	Eddie Stanky, 1944-47	Ryne Sandberg, 1983-92
Rogers Hornsby, 1920-29	Jackie Robinson, 1948-52	Craig Biggio, 1993-99
Frankie Frisch, 1930-34	Red Schoendienst, 1953-57	Jeff Kent, 2000-04
		Chase Utley, 2005-09 ?

**Significant Other 2B:** Larry Doyle, 1908-12; Frankie Frisch, 1926-29, Davey Lopes, 1973-79.

**SHORTSTOP**

Bill Dahlen, 1898-1902	Arky Vaughan, 1932-41	Dave Concepcion, 1973-81
Honus Wagner, 1903-12	Pee Wee Reese, 1942-54 (-3)	Ozzie Smith, 1982-89
Art Fletcher, 1913-19	Ernie Banks, 1955-60	Barry Larkin, 1990-99
Dave Bancroft, 1920-25	Maury Wills, 1961-65	Rafael Furcal, 2000-05
Travis Jackson, 1926-31	Bud Harrelson, 1966-72	Hanley Ramirez, 2006-10

**Significant Other SS:** Joe Tinker, 1906-13; Rabbit Maranville, 1914-21 (-1); Dave Bancroft, 1915-19; Marty Marion, 1941-46; Troy Tulowitzki, 2007-10+.

**THIRD BASE**

Tommy Leach, 1901-04	Stan Hack, 1934-46	Howard Johnson, 1987-91
Art Devlin, 1905-11	Bob Elliott, 1947-51	Matt Williams, 1990-95
Red Smith, 1912-16	Eddie Mathews, 1952-63	Chipper Jones, 1996-2001
Heinie Groh, 1915-21	Ron Santo, 1964-73	Scott Rolen, 1998-2004
Pie Traynor, 1922-33	Mike Schmidt, 1974-87	David Wright, 2005-09 ?

**Significant Other 3B:** Ken Boyer, 1958-64; Ron Cey, 1974-79; Chipper Jones, 2004-08.

**MULTI-POSITION REGULARS**

Honus Wagner, 1F/OF, 1898-1902	Frank Robinson, OF-1B, 1956-60
Roger Bresnahan, C/OF, 1903-10	Jim Gilliam, 3B/2B, 1959-63
Buck Herzog, IF, 1911-15	Richie Allen, 3B-OF, 1964-68
Rogers Hornsby, 3B/SS, 1916-19	Tony Perez, 3B-1B, 1969-74
Frankie Frisch, 3B/2B, 1920-25	Pete Rose, 3B-1B, 1975-81
George Grantham, 1B/2B, 1926-30	Pedro Guerrero, OF/3B/1B, 1982-87 (-1)
Pepper Martin, OF/3B, 1931-36	Bobby Bonilla, OF/3B, 1988-95
Mel Ott, 3B/OF, 1937-42	Edgardo Alfonzo, 3B/2B, 1996-2000
Stan Musial, OF/1B, 1943-55 (-1)	Albert Pujols, OF/3B-1B, 2001-05
	Lance Berkman, OF/1B, 2006+ (-½AL)

**Significant Other MPR:** Jackie Robinson, LF/3B, 1953-56; Joe Torre, 3B/1B, 1969-73.

**OUTFIELDERS**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Ed Delahanty, 1893-1901	Jesse Burkett, 1895-1901	Roy Thomas, 1899-1905
Jimmy Sheckard, 1902-12	Fred Clarke, 1902-11	Sherry Magee, 1906-16
George Burns, 1913-20	Gavy Cravath, 1912-17	Edd Roush, 1917-21
Max Carey, 1921-25	Ross Youngs, 1918-23	Zack Wheat, 1920-25
Paul Waner, 1926-34	Kiki Cuyler, 1924-28	Hack Wilson, 1926-30
Joe Medwick, 1935-39	Mel Ott, 1929-36	Wally Berger, 1931-35
	Terry Moore, 1937-42	Ival Goodman, 1936-40
Bill Nicholson, 1940-45	Enos Slaughter, 1939-49 (-3)	Dixie Walker, 1941-48
Ralph Kiner, 1946-53	Richie Ashburn, 1950-60	Duke Snider, 1949-56
Willie Mays, 1954-66	Frank Robinson, 1961-65	Henry Aaron, 1957-69
Pete Rose, 1967-74	Roberto Clemente, 1966-71	Willie Stargell, 1970-74
George Foster, 1975-80	Cesar Cedeno, 1972-77	Dave Parker, 1975-79
Tim Lincecum, 1981-87	Andre Dawson, 1978-83	Dale Murphy, 1980-85
	Tony Gwynn, 1984-97	Darryl Strawberry, 1986-91
	Sammy Sosa, 1998-2002	Larry Walker, 1992-97
Barry Bonds, 1988-2004	Jim Edmonds, 2000-05	Andruw Jones, 1998-2007
Carlos Beltran, 2005-09	Matt Holliday, '06-10 (-½AL)	? <i>Ryan Braun, 2008+</i>

**Significant Other OF:** Chuck Klein, 1929-33; Vada Pinson, 1959-63; Roberto Clemente, 1961-65; Curt Flood, 1963-68; Lou Brock, 1964-68; Billy Williams, 1965-70; Bobby Bonds, 1969-73; Dave Winfield, 1976-80; Gary Sheffield, 1996-2003; Bobby Abreu, 1998-2003.

**CATCHERS**

Deacon McGuire, 1895-1901	Ernie Lombardi, 1938-42	Gary Carter, 1977-86
Johnny Kling, 1902-08	Walker Cooper, 1943-48	Mike Scioscia, 1987-92
Chief Meyers, 1909-14	Roy Campanella, 1949-55	Mike Piazza, 1993-2002
Ivey Wingo, 1915-19	Ed Bailey, 1956-62	Jason Kendall, 2000-04
Frank Snyder, 1920-23	Joe Torre, 1963-67	Brian McCann, 2005+
Gabby Hartnett, 1924-37 (-1)	Johnny Bench, 1968-76	

**Significant Other C:** Ernie Lombardi, 1932-37; Ted Simmons, 1973-78.

**STARTING PITCHERS**

<b>1</b>	Kid Nichols, 1890-1901	Jack Taylor, 1902-06	Nap Rucker, 1907-13
<b>2</b>	Jesse Tannehill, 1898-1902	Christy Mathewson, 1903-13	
<b>3</b>	Joe McGinnity, '99-'05 (-1)	Mordecai Brown, 1906-11	
<b>4</b>	Noodles Hahn, 1899-1904	Ed Reulbach, 1905-10	
<b>5</b>	Vic Willis, 1901-09		Babe Adams, 1910-15

<b>1</b>	Hippo Vaughn, 1914-20	Eppa Rixey, 1921-25	Burleigh Grimes, 1926-31
<b>2</b>	Jeff Pfeffer, 1914-19 (-1)	Dolf Luque, 1920-28	
<b>3</b>	Jeff Tesreau, 1912-16	Fred Toney, 1917-21	Dazzy Vance, 1922-31
<b>4</b>	Pete Alexander, 1911-28 (-1)		Charlie Root, 1929-33
<b>5</b>	Wilbur Cooper, 1916-23		Remy Kremer, 1924-29

<b>1</b>	Lon Warneke, 1932-38	Bucky Walters, 1939-46	Larry Jansen, 1947-51
<b>2</b>	Carl Hubbell, 1929-38	Claude Passeau, 1939-45	
<b>3</b>	Dizzy Dean, 1932-37	Paul Derringer, 1938-42	Harry Brecheen, 1943-49
<b>4</b>	Bill Lee, 1934-39	Mort Cooper, 1940-46	Preacher Roe, 1947-52
<b>5</b>	Larry French, 1930-40	John VanderMeer, '41-48 (-2)	

<b>1</b>	Sal Maglie, 1950-56 (-1)	Don Drysdale, 1957-66	
<b>2</b>	Warren Spahn, 1946-62	Juan Marichal, 1963-69	
<b>3</b>	Robin Roberts, 1950-55	Bob Friend, 1956-63	Bob Gibson, 1964-72
<b>4</b>	John Antonelli, 1953-59	Sandy Koufax, 1960-66	Fergie Jenkins, 1967-72
<b>5</b>	Don Newcombe, 1949-57 (-2)	Larry Jackson, 1958-65	Gaylord Perry, 1966-70

<b>1</b>	Tom Seaver, 1967-79	Nolan Ryan, 1980-87	
<b>2</b>	Steve Carlton, 1970-83	Orel Hershiser, 1984-89	
<b>3</b>	Steve Rogers, 1973-83	Doc Gooden, 1984-88	
<b>4</b>	Phil Niekro, 1973-79	Mario Soto, 1980-84	Mike Scott, 1985-89
<b>5</b>	Don Sutton, 1971-75	J.R. Richard, 1976-80	Fernando Valenzuela, '81-87

<b>1</b>	Greg Maddux, 1988-2002		Brandon Webb, 2003-08
<b>2</b>	Doug Drabek, 1990-94	Curt Schilling, 1995-2003	Jake Peavy, 2004-08
<b>3</b>	John Smoltz, 1989-98	Randy Johnson, '99-2004	Chris Carpenter, '05+ (-2)
<b>4</b>	Jose Rijo, 1990-94	Kevin Brown, 1996-2000	Roy Oswalt, 2001-10
	Pedro Martinez, '93-97		
<b>5</b>	Dennis Martinez, 1988-92	Tom Glavine, 1993-2002	Carlos Zambrano, '03-07

**STARTING PITCHERS (continued)**

<b>1</b>	? Clayton Kershaw, 2009+		
<b>2</b>	? Matt Cain, 2009+		
<b>3</b>			
<b>4</b>			
<b>5</b>	? Tim Lincecum, 2008+		

**Significant Other SP:** Deacon Phillippe, 1900-05; Jim Maloney, 1963-68; Jim Bunning, 1964-67; Phil Niekro, 1967-72.

**ACE RELIEF PITCHERS / CLOSERS**

Doc Crandall, 1909-13	Hoyt Wilhelm, 1952-56	Lee Smith, 1982-87
	Roy Face, 1957-62	Ron Dibble, 1988-92
	Ron Perranoski, 1963-67	Trevor Hoffman, 1993-1998
Charlie Root, 1934-38	Clay Carroll, 1968-75	Billy Wagner, 1999-2006
Hugh Casey, 1940-47 (-3)	Bruce Sutter, 1976-81	Heath Bell, 2007+

**Significant Other RP:** Mace Brown, 1936-40; Mike Marshall, 1971-75; Kent Tekulve, 1974-83; Rob Nen, 1996-2002.



**NATIONAL LEAGUE POSITION PLAYERS:  
 FIVE BEST AT EACH POSITION IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
 (1901-2000)**

(Best consecutive years, based on Wins Above Replacement)  
 (Includes 15 Best Outfielders, 5 x 3 Outfield Positions)

<b>FIRST BASE</b>	<b>SECOND BASE</b>	<b>SHORTSTOP</b>
Johnny Mize, 1936-48 (-3)	Joe Morgan, 1971-77	Honus Wagner, 1903-12
Jeff Bagwell, 1993-2000	Rogers Hornsby, '20-31 (-1)	Ernie Banks, 1955-60
Willie McCovey, 1965-70	Jackie Robinson, 1948-53	Arky Vaughan, 1933-41
Frank Chance, 1903-07	Craig Biggio, 1995-99	Ozzie Smith, 1985-89
Bill Terry, 1929-34	Ryne Sandberg, 1988-92	Pee Wee Reese, '42-49 (-3)

<b>THIRD BASE</b>	<b>MULTI-POSITION</b>	<b>CATCHER</b>
Mike Schmidt, 1974-87	Stan Musial, 1B/OF, '42-57 (-1)	Johnny Bench, 1969-75
Eddie Mathews, 1953-63	Frankie Frisch, IF-2B, 1921-27	Roy Campanella, 1949-55
Ron Santo, 1963-69	Roger Bresnahan, C/OF, '03-08	Gary Carter, 1977-85
Ken Boyer, 1958-64	Frank Robinson, OF/1B, '56-60	Mike Piazza, 1993-98
Ron Cey, 1974-78	Richie Allen, 3B-OF, 1964-68	Ted Simmons, 1973-78

<b>OUTFIELDERS (1-5)</b>	<b>OUTFIELDERS (6-10)</b>	<b>OUTFIELDERS (11-15)</b>
Willie Mays, 1954-66	Roberto Clemente, 1963-71	Cesar Cedeno, 1972-76
Hank Aaron, 1955-71	Pete Rose, 1968-74	Paul Waner, 1926-34
Barry Bonds, 1987-2000	Frank Robinson, 1961-65	Joe Medwick, 1935-39
Mel Ott, 1929-36	Dale Murphy, 1982-87	Richie Ashburn, 1953-58
Duke Snider, 1952-56	Tim Lincecum, 1983-87	Ralph Kiner, 1947-51

**BEST AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYERS AT THEIR POSITIONS  
1901-2011**

**FIRST BASE**

Harry Davis, 1901-10	Rudy York, 1942-46	Eddie Murray, 1978-84
Stuffy McInnis, 1911-15	Ferris Fain, 1947-53	Don Mattingly, 1985-89
George Sisler, 1916-25 (-1)	Bill Skowron, 1954-60	Mark McGwire, 1990-96 (-2)
Lou Gehrig, 1926-37	Norm Cash, 1961-67	Frank Thomas, 1992-98
*Jimmie Foxx, 1929-41	Boog Powell, 1968-72	Jason Giambi, 1999-2003
*Hank Greenberg, '34-39 (-1)	George Scott, 1973-77	Mark Teixeira, 2004-09?(-1/NL)

**Significant Other 1B:** Rafael Palmeiro, 1991-98.

**SECOND BASE**

Napoleon Lajoie, 1901-08	Bobby Doerr, 1944-50 (-1)	Bobby Grich, 1976-81
Eddie Collins, 1909-26	Bobby Avila, 1951-55	Lou Whitaker, 1982-91
Tony Lazzeri, 1927-32	Nellie Fox, 1956-60	Chuck Knoblauch, 1992-96
Charlie Gehringer, 1933-38	Jerry Lumpe, 1961-66	Roberto Alomar, 1997-2001
Joe Gordon, 1939-43	Rod Carew, 1967-75	Alfonso Soriano, 2002-05
		Robinson Cano, 2006+

**Significant Other 2B:** Napoleon Lajoie, 1909-13; Nellie Fox, 1951-55; Willie Randolph, 1976-80.

**SHORTSTOP**

George Davis, 1902-08 (-1)	Luke Appling, 1935-42	Bert Campaneris, 1971-76
Donie Bush, 1909-15	Lou Boudreau, 1943-48	Robin Yount, 1977-82
Roger Peckinpaugh, '16-20	Phil Rizzuto, 1949-53	Cal Ripken, 1983-95
Joe Sewell, 1921-28	Chico Carrasquel, '53-57	Alex Rodriguez, 1996-2003
Joe Cronin, 1929-34	Luis Aparicio, 1958-62	*Nomar Garciaparra, '97-03 (-1)
	Jim Fregosi, 1963-70	Derek Jeter, 2004-09

**Significant Other SS:** Bobby Wallace, 1902-08; Vern Stephens, 1944-49; Alan Trammell, 1983-90; Derek Jeter, 1997-2001.

**THIRD BASE**

Bill Bradley, 1901-08	Ken Keltner, 1941-48 (-1)	George Brett, 1975-82
Frank Baker, 1909-14	George Kell, 1946-50	Wade Boggs, 1983-91
Larry Gardner, 1915-22	Al Rosen, 1950-54	Robin Ventura, 1992-98 (-1)
Willie Kamm, 1923-28	Eddie Yost, 1955-59	Eric Chavez, 1999-2003
Joe Sewell, 1929-33	Brooks Robinson, 1960-68	Alex Rodriguez, 2004-08
Harlond Clift, 1934-40	Sal Bando, 1969-74	? <i>Evan Longoria, 2009+</i>

**Significant Other 3B:** Jimmy Collins, 1901-05; Red Rolfe, 1935-39; Graig Nettles, 1970-78.

**MULTI-POSITION REGULARS**

Wid Conway, 3B/OF, 1903-08	Gil McDougald, IF, 1951-58
Roy Hartzell, OF/3B, 1909-14	Harmon Killebrew, 3B/1B/of, 1959-69
Babe Ruth, P-OF, 1915-19	Carl Yastrzemski, OF/1B, 1970-78
Jimmy Dykes, 2B/3B, 1920-27	Paul Molitor, 2B-3B-DH, 1979-89 (-1)
Marty McManus, 3B/IF, 1928-33	Tony Phillips, IF/OF, 1990-97
Cecil Travis, SS/3B, 1934-41	Jim Thome, 3B-1B, 1995-99
Johnny Pesky, SS-3B, 1942-50 (-3)	Mike Sweeney, 1B/DH, 2000-05
	Michael Young, SS-3B, 2006+

**Significant Other MPR:** none.

**CATCHERS**

Ossie Schreckengost, 1901-08	Buddy Rosar, 1943-47	Lance Parrish, 1982-86
Bill Carrigan, 1909-13	Yogi Berra, 1948-59	Carlton Fisk, 1987-91
Ray Schalk, 1914-18	Elston Howard, 1960-64	Ivan Rodriguez, 1992-99
Wally Schang, 1919-24	Bill Freehan, 1965-69	Jorge Posada, 2000-05
Mickey Cochrane, 1925-35	Thurmon Munson, 1970-75	Joe Mauer, 2006-10 ?
Bill Dickey, 1936-42	Carlton Fisk, 1976-81 (-1)	

**Significant Other C:** Steve O'Neill, 1918-22.

**OUTFIELDERS**

1	2	3
Fielder Jones, 1901-08	Elmer Flick, 1902-06	Sam Crawford, 1903-10
Tris Speaker, 1909-23	Ty Cobb, 1907-19	Joe Jackson, 1911-20 (-1)
Goose Goslin, 1924-30	Babe Ruth, 1920-33	Harry Heilmann, 1921-27
Earl Averill, 1931-38	Bob Johnson, 1934-39	Al Simmons, 1928-35
Ted Williams, 1939-57 (-5)	Charlie Keller, 1940-46 (-2)	Joe DiMaggio, 1936-51 (-3)
	Dom DiMaggio, 1946-50	
	Larry Doby, 1950-54	
Rocky Colavito, 1958-63	Al Kaline, 1955-65	Mickey Mantle, 1952-62
Tony Oliva, 1964-68	Frank Robinson, 1966-70	Carl Yastrzemski, 1963-69
Reggie Jackson, 1969-78	Amos Otis, 1971-75	Roy White, 1970-74
Willie Wilson, 1979-84	Ken Singleton, 1976-80	Fred Lynn, 1975-79
Kirby Puckett, 1985-92	Dwight Evans, 1981-89	Rickey Henderson, 1980-91
Albert Belle, 1993-98	Ken Griffey, Jr., 1990-99	Kenny Lofton, 1992-96
		Bernie Williams, '95-'00
Manny Ramirez, 1999-2004	Ichiro Suzuki, 2001-10 ?	Manny Ramirez, 1999-2003
Grady Sizemore, 2005-09		Vladimir Guerrero, 2004-08
		? Jose Bautista, 2009+

**Significant Other OF:** Bobby Veach, 1915-22; Sam Rice, 1920-26; Ty Cobb, 1921-25; Earle Combs, 1925-32; Heinie Manush, 1926-34; Bob Johnson, 1940-44; Minnie Minoso, 1951-57; Roger Maris, 1960-64; Reggie Smith, 1967-73; Jim Rice, 1975-79; Jose Canseco, 1986-91; Johnny Damon, 1999-2004.

**DESIGNATED HITTERS**

Hal McRae, 1974-82	Harold Baines, 1987-90	Edgar Martinez, 1995-2001
Don Baylor, 1983-86	Paul Molitor, 1991-94	David Ortiz, 2002-07
		Jim Thome, 2008-11

**STARTING PITCHERS**

<b>1</b>	Eddie Plank, 1901-05	Ed Walsh, 1906-12	Eddie Cicotte, 1913-20
<b>2</b>	Cy Young, 1901-08	Chief Bender, 1909-14	Carl Mays, 1915-21
<b>3</b>	Addie Joss, 1902-09	Smoky Joe Wood, 1910-15	Stan Coveleski, 1916-22
<b>4</b>	Rube Waddell, 1902-06	Eddie Plank, 1907-12	H "Dutch" Leonard, '13-18
<b>5</b>	Doc White, 1903-07	Walter Johnson, 1908-25	

<b>1</b>	Waite Hoyt, 1921-28	Wes Ferrell, 1929-36	Bob Feller, 1937-48 (-4)
<b>2</b>	Eddie Rommel, 1922-27	Alvin Crowder, 1928-34	Red Ruffing, 1935-41
<b>3</b>	Herb Pennock, 1923-28	Firpo Marberry, 1929-33	Tommy Bridges, 1934-43
<b>4</b>	Urban Shocker, 1919-24	Ted Lyons, 1925-30	Lefty Gomez, 1931-38
<b>5</b>	(W. Johnson, 1908-25)		Lefty Grove, 1926-40

<b>1</b>	(B. Feller, 1937-48, -4)	Mike Garcia, 1949-54	Frank Lary, 1955-61
<b>2</b>	Tex Hughson, 1942-47 (-1)	Bob Lemon, 1948-56	Camilo Pascual, 1957-63
<b>3</b>	Hal Newhouser, 1944-49	Early Wynn, 1950-56	Jim Bunning, 1957-62
<b>4</b>	E "Dutch" Leonard, '39-45	Allie Reynolds, 1946-52	Billy Pierce, 1953-58
<b>5</b>	Dizzy Trout, 1941-47	Mel Parnell, 1948-53	Whitey Ford, 1954-64

<b>1</b>	Dean Chance, 1962-68		Mike Cuellar, 1969-74
<b>2</b>	Sam McDowell, 1964-70		Bert Blyleven, 1971-77 *Gaylord Perry, 1972-78
<b>3</b>	Gary Peters, 1963-67		Dave McNally, 1968-72
<b>4</b>	Milt Pappas, 1959-64	Mel Stottlemyre, '65-69	Jim Palmer, 1970-78
<b>5</b>	Denny McLain, 1965-69		Catfish Hunter, 1970-76

<b>1</b>	Dennis Eckersley, 1975-80	Dan Petry, 1981-85	Roger Clemens, 1986-92
<b>2</b>	Jack Morris, 1979-86	Bret Saberhagen, 1987-91	
<b>3</b>	Nolan Ryan, 1973-79	Dave Stieb, 1980-90	Jack McDowell, 1991-95
<b>4</b>	Tommy John, 1979-83	Frank Viola, 1984-89	Kevin Appier, 1990-96
<b>5</b>	Ron Guidry, 1977-85	Dave Stewart, 1986-90	

<b>1</b>	David Cone, 1993-99	Tim Hudson, 2000-04	Mark Buerhle, 2005-09
<b>2</b>	Mike Mussina, 1992- 2002	Johan Santana, 2003-07	? <i>Justin Verlander</i> , 2008+
<b>3</b>	Roger Clemens, 1996-'01		Roy Halladay, 2002-09
<b>4</b>	Brad Radke, 1997-2001	Barry Zito, 2002-06	Felix Hernandez, 2007+
<b>5</b>	Randy Johnson, '91-97 (-1)	Pedro Martinez, '98-2003	CC Sabathia, '04+ (-½ NL)

**Significant Other SP:** Jack Chesbro, 1903-07; Red Faber, 1915-22 (-1); Bob Shawkey, 1916-22 (-1); Mickey Lolich, 1979-73; Bert Blyleven, 1981-87 (-1); Chuck Finley, 1989-93.

**ACE RELIEF PITCHERS / CLOSERS**

Firpo Marberry, 1924-28	Hoyt Wilhelm, 1961-67	*Dan Quisenberry, 1980-86
Johnny Murphy, 1936-41	Wilbur Wood, RP-SP, 1968-70 (RP), 71-74 (SP)	Dennis Eckersley, 1987-92
Joe Page, 1945-49	Rollie Fingers, 1971-76	Jeff Montgomery, 1989-95
Ellis Kinder, 1950-55	*Sparky Lyle, 1973-77	Mariano Rivera, 1996-2011+
Gerry Staley, 1956-60	Goose Gossage, 1978-83	

**Significant Other RP:** Troy Percival, 1995-2002, Joe Nathan, 2004-09.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE POSITION PLAYERS:  
FIVE BEST AT EACH POSITION IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
(1901-2000)**

(Best consecutive years, based on Wins Above Replacement)  
(Includes 15 Best Outfielders, 5 x 3 Outfield Positions)

<b>FIRST BASE</b>	<b>SECOND BASE</b>	<b>SHORTSTOP</b>
Lou Gehrig, 1926-37	Eddie Collins, 1909-17	Cal Ripken, 1983-91
Jimmie Foxx, 1929-39	Napoleon Lajoie, 1901-10	Alex Rodriguez, 1996-2000
Hank Greenberg, '34-39 (-1)	Charlie Gehringer, 1933-38	Robin Yount, 1980-84
Frank Thomas, 1991-97	Joe Gordon, 1939-43	George Davis, 1902-07 (-1)
Eddie Murray, 1982-86	Rod Carew, 1969-74 (-1)	Luke Appling, 1935-40 (-1)

<b>THIRD BASE</b>		<b>CATCHER</b>
Wade Boggs, 1983-89		Yogi Berra, 1950-56
George Brett, 1975-80		Mickey Cochrane, 1930-35
Frank Baker, 1909-14		Pudge Rodriguez, 1996-2000
Brooks Robinson, 1964-68		Bill Dickey, 1933-39
Sal Bando, 1969-74		Carlton Fisk, 1972-78 (-1)

	<b>MULTI-POSITION</b>	
	Babe Ruth, P-OF, 1915-19	
	Harmon Killebrew, 3B/1B, 1966-70	
	Paul Molitor, 3B-DH, 1987-93	
	Gil McDougald, IF, 1951-57	
	Johnny Pesky, SS-3B, 1941-50 (-3)	

<b>OUTFIELDERS (1-5)</b>	<b>OUTFIELDERS (6-10)</b>	<b>OUTFIELDERS (11-15)</b>
Babe Ruth, 1920-34	Joe DiMaggio, 1937-50 (-3)	Joe Jackson, 1911-20 (-1)
Ty Cobb, 1907-19	Rickey Henderson, 1980-93	Al Kaline, 1955-67
Mickey Mantle, 1952-64 (-1)	Ken Griffey, Jr., 1991-98	Larry Doby, 1950-54
Ted Williams, 1939-57 (-5)	Reggie Jackson, 1971-76	Frank Robinson, 1966-70
Tris Speaker, 1909-23	Carl Yastrzemski, 1966-70	Harry Heilmann, 1921-27