

Beltrán, Jones appear on track for Baseball Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Center fielders Carlos Beltrán and Andruw Jones appear on track to gain election to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday when voting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America is announced.

As of Monday evening, Beltrán had been picked on 89.2% of the 223 ballots revealed early and tabulated on Ryan Thibodaux’s online vote-tracker, just over half of the estimated total submitted. Jones was at 83%, like Beltrán well over the 75% needed for induction to the shrine in Cooperstown, New York.

Making his fourth ballot appearance, Beltrán has moved up steadily from 46.5% in 2023 to 57.1% the following year and 70.3% in 2025, when he fell 19 votes short as Ichiro Suzuki, CC Sabathia and Billy Wagner were elected.

Jones is on the ballot for the ninth of a maximum 10 times. He received just 7.3% in his first appearance in 2018 — his 31 ballots were just over the 22 needed to remain eligible for future BBWAA votes. He didn’t get half the total until receiving 58.1%

in 2023, then increased to 61.6% and 66.2%, falling 35 votes short in 2025.

Anyone elected would be inducted on July 26 along with second baseman Jeff Kent, voted in last month by the contemporary era committee after he received a peak of 46.5% of votes from the BBWAA during his time on the ballot from 2014-23.

BBWAA members with 10 or more consecutive years in the organization were eligible to vote.

Beltrán’s case

A nine-time All-Star, Beltrán hit .279 with 435 homers and 1,587 RBIs over 20 seasons with Kansas City (1999-2004), Houston (2004, ‘17), the New York Mets (2005-11), San Francisco (2011), St. Louis (2012-13), the New York Yankees (20014-16) and Texas (2016).

He was the 1999 AL Rookie of the Year and won three Gold Gloves, also hitting .307 in the postseason with 16 homers and 42 RBIs in 65 games.

Beltrán was hired as Mets manager on Nov. 1, 2019, then fired on Jan. 16 without having managed a game, three days after he was the only Astros player mentioned by name in a report by Major League Baseball regarding the team’s illicit use of electronics to steal signs during Houston’s run to the 2017 World Series championship.

“We all did what we did. Looking back today, we were wrong,” Beltrán said on a YES Network broadcast in 2022, after he was hired as an analyst. “I wish I would’ve asked more questions about what we were doing. I wish the organization would’ve said to us, ‘Hey man, what you guys are doing, we need to stop this.’”

Jones’ case

Jones hit .254 with 434 homers, 1,289 RBIs and 152 stolen bases in 17 seasons with Atlanta (1996-2007), the Los Angeles Dodgers (2008), Texas (2009), the Chicago White Sox (2010) and the Yankees (2011-12). He finished his career with the Tohoku Rakuten Golden

Eagles of Japan’s Pacific League from 2013-14.

His batting average would be the second-lowest for a position player voted to the Hall of Fame, just above the .253 of Ray Schalk, a superior defensive catcher, and just below the .256 of Harmon Killebrew, who hit 573 homers.

A five-time All-Star, Jones earned 10 Gold Gloves.

In the 1996 World Series opener at Yankee Stadium, at 19 years, 5 months, Jones became the youngest player to homer in a Series game, beating Mickey Mantle’s old mark by 18 months. Going deep against Andy Pettitte in the second inning and Brian Boehringer in the third of a 12-1 rout, Jones became the second player to homer in his first two Series at-bats after Gene Tenace in 1972.

Appearing to fall short

Chase Utley (68.2%), Pettitte (57.4%) and Félix Hernández (56.5%) were the only other candidates to get at least half the votes

revealed on the tracker before the announcement.

Utley was on the ballot for the third time after getting 28.8% and then 39.8% last year, and Hernández received 20.6% last year in his first ballot appearance.

Pettitte, on the ballot for the eighth time, has moved up substantially. He got 9% in his initial appearance in 2019, 13.5% in 2024 and 27.9% last year.

Cole Hamels at 31.4% had the highest total among a dozen newcomers on the 27-man ballot.

Alex Rodriguez (43% in fifth appearance) and Manny Ramirez (40.4% in 10th appearance) are well shy. Both served suspensions for performance-enhancing drug violations.

Looking ahead

Buster Posey and Jon Lester are the top first-time candidates on the 2027 BBWAA ballot, followed by Albert Pujols and Yadier Molina in 2028, and Miguel Cabrera, Zack Greinke and Joey Votto in 2029.

► Hoops

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BOYS

MP 80, Rocky Grove 66

ERIE — Trent Bengel, Jake DiBello-Millimaci and Ryan Harris collaborated on a 64-point effort as Mercyhurst posted an 80-66 victory over visiting Rocky Grove in a non-region matchup.

Coach Ben Anderson’s Orioles remained within striking distance in the first half as the Lakers led 20-17 after one quarter and 40-33 at half-

time, but RG wasn’t able to gain any ground in the final two frames as Mercyhurst used a 19-14 advantage in the third and a 21-19 edge in the fourth to secure the win.

Bengel led the Lakers with 25 points, DiBello-Millimaci followed with 21 points and Harris added 18 points.

Landen Carter amassed a game-high 27 points to go with seven rebounds, five assists and five steals for the Orioles, Noah Baughman collected 19 points, four assists and three boards, Connor Ritchey contributed nine points and six caroms, Landon Jones chipped in with six points while Haydon Bevier added five assists.

Hafley to take over as Dolphins’ coach

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins and Jeff Hafley have reached an agreement to make the former Boston College head coach and Packers defensive coordinator their coach, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Monday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because a contract hadn’t been finalized.

Hafley replaces Mike McDaniel, who was fired after going 35-33 in four seasons. The Dolphins also fired longtime general manager Chris Grier

during the season.

Hafley, who spent two seasons in Green Bay, met with the Dolphins for a second interview earlier Monday before he was offered the job. He will rejoin new GM Jon-Eric Sullivan in Miami.

The 46-year-old Hafley left his job at Boston College in 2024 to become defensive coordinator in Green Bay, where he worked with Sullivan for the past two seasons. Hafley also coached San Francisco’s defensive backs from 2016-2018 after spending two years as Cleveland’s secondary coach.

Sullivan, formerly Green Bay’s vice president of player personnel, spent 22 seasons with the Packers before becoming the Dolphins’ GM.

The hiring of Hafley continues Dolphins owner Stephen Ross’ trend of gambling on candidates without prior NFL head coaching experience. Ross has not hired a proven NFL coach since becoming the Dolphins’ majority owner in 2009. He previously took chances on Joe Philbin (2012-2015), Adam Gase (2016-18), Brian Flores (2019-21) and McDaniel (2022-25).

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NBA STANDINGS				
NBA Conference Glance				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	30	10	.750	—
Boston	26	15	.634	4½
New York	25	18	.581	6½
Toronto	25	19	.568	7
Phila.	23	18	.561	7½
Orlando	23	19	.548	8
Cleveland	24	20	.545	8
Miami	22	20	.524	9
Chicago	20	22	.476	11
Atlanta	20	25	.444	12½
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	13
Charlotte	24	27	.372	15½
Brooklyn	12	29	.293	18½
Washington	10	32	.238	21
Indiana	10	34	.227	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	36	8	.818	—
San Antonio	30	13	.698	5½
Denver	29	14	.674	6½
Minnesota	27	16	.628	8½
Houston	25	15	.625	9
L.A. Lakers	25	16	.610	9½
Phoenix	26	17	.605	9½
Golden State	24	19	.558	11½
Portland	22	22	.500	14
L.A. Clippers	19	23	.452	16
Memphis	18	23	.439	16½
Dallas	18	26	.409	18
Utah	14	29	.326	21½
Sacramento	12	31	.279	23½
New Orleans	10	35	.222	26½

Sunday’s Games
Memphis 126, Orlando 109
Chicago 124, Brooklyn 102
Houston 119, New Orleans 110
Charlotte 110, Denver 87
Portland 117, Sacramento 110
L.A. Lakers 110, Toronto 93

Monday’s Games
Milwaukee 112, Atlanta 110
Oklahoma City 136, Cleveland 104
L.A. Clippers 110, Washington 106
San Antonio 123, Utah 110
Dallas 114, New York 97
Phila. 113, Indiana 104
Phoenix 126, Brooklyn 117
Boston at Detroit, late
Miami at Golden State, late

Tuesday’s Games
Phoenix at Phila., 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10 p.m.
Miami at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 10 p.m.

Wednesday’s Games
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Thursday’s Games
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Houston at Phila., 7 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS										
EASTERN CONFERENCE										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Carolina	50	31	15	4	66	173	145			
Tampa Bay	47	30	13	4	64	166	120			
Detroit	50	30	16	4	64	157	153			
Montreal	49	27	15	7	61	168	164			
Boston	49	28	19	2	58	164	150			
Buffalo	48	26	17	5	57	158	150			
Pittsburgh	48	23	14	11	57	156	147			
N.Y. Islanders	48	26	17	5	57	141	134			
Toronto	49	24	17	8	56	165	164			
Washington	50	24	20	6	54	159	148			
Florida	48	25	20	3	53	146	160			
Philadelphia	47	22	17	8	52	141	149			
Ottawa	48	21	18	9	51	153	147			
Columbus	48	22	19	7	51	158	163			
New Jersey	48	24	22	2	50	127	149			
N.Y. Rangers	49	21	22	6	48	132	150			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Colorado	47	34	5	8	76	190	112			
Minnesota	50	28	13	9	65	161	143			
Dallas	49	27	13	9	63	163	139			
Vegas	47	24	11	12	60	160	145			
Edmonton	50	25	17	8	58	170	158			
Utah	49	25	20	4	54	153	135			
San Jose	48	25	20	3	53	152	169			
Seattle	48	21	18	9	51	153	147			
Anaheim	48	24	21	3	51	153	147			
Los Angeles	48	19	16	13	51	125	136			
Nashville	48	23	21	4	50	138	161			
Calgary	48	21	23	4	46	126	143			
St. Louis	49	19	22	8	46	120	168			
Chicago	48	19	22	7	45	133	154			
Winnipeg	47	19	22	6	44	144	148			
Vancouver	48	16	27	5	37	126	176			

Monday’s Games
Carolina 2, Buffalo 1
Colorado 5, Washington 2
Pittsburgh 6, Seattle 3
San Jose 4, Florida 1
Minnesota 6, Toronto 3
Philadelphia at Vegas, late
Winnipeg at Chicago, late
New Jersey at Calgary, late
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, late
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, late
Tuesday’s Games
Minnesota at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
New Jersey at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

PENGUINS SUMMARY

Pittsburgh 6, Seattle 3

	Pittsburgh	2	1	3	—	6
	Seattle	1	1	1	—	3
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Wotherspoon 3 (Mantha, Lizotte), 5:44, 2, Pittsburgh, Sewar 10, 7:50 (sh), 3, Seattle, Meyers 5 (Winterton, Schwartz), 16:12.						
Second Period—4, Seattle, Lindgren 2 (Winterton, Meyers), 13:55, 5, Pittsburgh, Kulak 1 (Crosby), 14:45.						
Third Period—6, Pittsburgh, Brazeau 14 (Clifton, Mantha), 2:21, 7, Seattle, Tolvanen 10 (Wright, Montour), 7:47 (pp), 8, Pittsburgh, Rakell 8 (Crosby), 16:48, 9, Pittsburgh, Dewar 11 (Lizotte), 19:30 (en).						
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 71-15-10—32, Seattle 6-8-9—23.						
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3; Seattle 1 of 3.						
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Skinner 16-12-4 (23 shots-20 saves), Seattle, Daccord 12-12-5 (31-26).						
A—17,151 (17,100), T—2:25.						
Referees—Michael Markovic, Brandon Schrader.						
Linesmen—Kiel Murchison, Mark Shewchuk.						

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS STATISTICS										
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THROUGH GAMES OF SATURDAY, JAN. 17, 2026										
Pittsburgh Penguins										
POS	NO.	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/−	PIM	PP	
F	87	Sidney Crosby	46	25	26	51	-1	32	10	
F	17	Bryan Rust	42	17	20	37	-3	16	4	
F	71	Evgeni Malkin	31	10	24	34	8	26	3	
D	65	Erik Karlsson	44	4	29	33	-1	14	2	
F	39	Anthony Mantha	46	14	16	30	6	15	4	
D	58	Kris Letang	46	3	21	24	2	22	1	
F	18	Thomas Novak	46	8	15	23	0	18	3	
F	16	Justin Brazeau	32	13	8	21	-1	10	3	
F	81	Ben Kindel	43	8	12	20	-13	10	4	
F	67	Rickard Rakell	26	6	12	18	0	2	2	
F	19	Connor Dewar	46	9	8	17	2	10	0	
D	5	Ryan Shea	46	2	14	16	14	18	0	
D	28	Parker Wotherspoon	46	2	13	15	2	32	0	
F	55	Noel Acciari	33	4	7	11	5	17	0	
F	46	Blake Lizotte	37	6	5	11	7	17	0	
F	13	Kevin Hayes	23	3	2	5	-5	6	0	
F	41	Ville Koivuonen	27	2	3	5	-5	8	1	
F	59	Yegor Chinakhov	8	3	1	4	2	0	0	
F	11	Filip Hallander	13	1	3	4	4	2	0	
D	24	Mathew Dumba	11	1	2	3	-5	11	0	
F	2	Rutger McGroarty	16	2	1	3	-5	0	0	
D	3	Jack St. Ivany	13	0	3	3	3	6	0	
F	43	Danton Heinen	13	1	1	2	1	8	0	
D	77	Brett Kulak	15	0	2	2	0	12	0	
D	45	Harrison Brunicie	9	1	0	1	-4	6	0	
D	27	Ryan Graves	17	1	0	1	-4	8	0	
D	82	Caleb Jones	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	
F	15	Joona Koppanen	10	0	1	1	-1	2	0	
F	53	Philip Tomasino	9	0	1	1	-2	0	0	
F	26	Tristan Broz	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	
D	75	Connor Clifton	18	0	0	0	-4	22	0	
F	14	Bokondji Imama	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	
D	38	Owen Pickering	4	0	0	0	-3	2	0	
F	8	Sam Poulin	2	0	0	0	-2	0	0	
TEAM TOTALS			46	146	253	399	-3	373	37	
OPPONENT TOTALS			46	134	224	358	-7	383	23	
POS	NO	GOALTENDER	GP	MINS	AVG	W	L	OT	SO	
37	35	Arturs Silovs	21	1215	3.06	8	6	7	1	
37	37	Tristan Jarry	14	810	2.66	9	3	1	1	
74	1	Stuart Skinner	8	470	2.42	4	4	0	0	
1		Sergei Murashov	5	281	2.56	1	1	2	1	
TEAM TOTALS			46	46	2.8	22	14	10	3	
OPPONENT TOTALS			46	46	2.93	24	18	4	4	